

CALIBRATION PROCEDURE

NI 9250 with BNC

2 AI, ± 5 V, 24 Bit, 102.4 kS/s/ch Simultaneous

This document contains the verification and adjustment procedures for NI 9250 with BNC. For more information about calibration solutions, visit ni.com/calibration.

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Software

Calibrating the NI 9250 with BNC requires the installation of NI-DAQmx 17.1 or later on the calibration system.

You can download NI-DAQmx from ni.com/downloads. NI-DAQmx supports LabVIEW, LabWindowsTM/CVITM, ANSI C, and .NET. When you install NI-DAQmx, you only need to install support for the application software that you intend to use.

Documentation

Consult the following documents for information about the NI 9250 with BNC, NI-DAQmx, and your application software. All documents are available on ni.com and help files install with the software.



NI cDAQ-9174/9178 USB Chassis Quick Start

NI-DAQmx installation and hardware setup



NI 9250 with BNC Getting Started Guide

NI 9250 with BNC connection information



NI 9250 with BNC Datasheet

NI 9250 with BNC circuitry and specifications



NI-DAQmx Readme

Operating system and application software support in NI-DAQmx



LabVIEW Help

LabVIEW programming concepts and reference information about NI-DAQmx VIs and functions



NI-DAQmx C Reference Help

Reference information for NI-DAQmx C functions and NI-DAQmx C properties



NI-DAQmx .NET Help Support for Visual Studio

Reference information for NI-DAQmx .NET methods and NI-DAQmx .NET properties, key concepts, and a C enum to .NET enum mapping table

Test Equipment

The following table lists the equipment recommended for the performance verification and adjustment procedures. If the recommended equipment is not available, select a substitute using the requirements listed.

Table 1. Recommended Equipment

Equipment	Recommended Model	Requirements
Calibrator	Fluke 5502A, Fluke 5522A, Fluke 5730A	Use a high-precision voltage source with gain error of <100 ppm and offset error <0.1 mV.
BNC (F) to Banana Adapter	Pomona Electronics 1269	—

Table 1. Recommended Equipment (Continued)

Equipment	Recommended Model	Requirements
BNC (M) to BNC (M) Coupler	Pomona Electronics 3533	Characteristic impedance : 50 Ω
BNC F-F-F-T-Connector	Pomona Electronics 3284	Characteristic impedance : 50 Ω
BNC (M) to BNC (M) Cable (quantity 2)	Pomona Electronics 2249	Characteristic impedance : 50 Ω
Chassis	NI cDAQ-9178	—

Test Conditions

The following setup and environmental conditions are required to ensure the device meets published specifications.

- Keep connections to the device as short as possible. Long cables and wires act as antennas, picking up extra noise that can affect measurements.
- Verify that all connections to the device are secure.
- Maintain an ambient temperature of $23\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 5\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$. The device temperature will be greater than the ambient temperature.
- Keep relative humidity below 80 %.
- Allow a warm-up time of at least 10 minutes to ensure that the device measurement circuitry is at a stable operating temperature.

Initial Setup

Complete the following steps to set up the NI 9250 with BNC.

1. Install NI-DAQmx.
2. Make sure that the NI cDAQ-9178 power source is not connected to the chassis.
3. Connect the NI cDAQ-9178 chassis to the system safety ground.
 - a) Attach a ring lug to a 14 AWG (1.6 mm) wire.
 - b) Connect the ring lug to the ground terminal on the side of the NI cDAQ-9178 using the ground screw.
 - c) Attach the other end of the wire to the system safety ground.
4. Install the module in slot 8 of the NI cDAQ-9178 chassis. Leave slots 1 through 7 of the NI cDAQ-9178 chassis empty.
5. Connect the NI cDAQ-9178 chassis to your host computer.
6. Connect the power source to the NI cDAQ-9178 chassis.

- 7. Launch Measurement & Automation Explorer (MAX).
- 8. Right-click the device name and select **Self-Test** to ensure that the module is working properly.

Verification

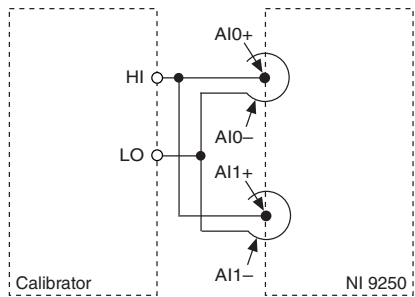
The following performance verification procedure describes the sequence of operation and provides test points required to verify the NI 9250 with BNC. The verification procedure assumes that adequate traceable uncertainties are available for the calibration references.

Accuracy Verification

Complete the following procedure to determine the As-Found status of the NI 9250 with BNC.

- 1. Set the calibrator to Standby mode (STBY).
- 2. Connect the NI 9250 with BNC to the calibrator as shown in the following figure.

Figure 1. Analog Input Verification Connections



Note The chassis ground lug connection to ground is the NI 9250 with BNC ground connection.

- 3. Set the calibrator voltage to a Test Point value indicated in the *NI 9250 with BNC Verification Test Limits* table.
- 4. Set the calibrator to Operate mode (OPR).
- 5. Acquire and average samples for each channel.
 - a) Create and configure an AI voltage task according to the following *NI 9250 with BNC AI Voltage Task Configuration* table.

Table 2. NI 9250 with BNC AI Voltage Task Configuration

Minimum (V)	Maximum (V)	Scaled Units	Physical Channels	Channel Configuration
-5	5	Volts	AI0:1	DC Coupled

- b) Configure the task timing according to the following *NI 9250 with BNC Timing Configuration* table.

Table 3. NI 9250 with BNC Timing Configuration

Sample Mode	Samples Per Channel	Rate (kS/s)
Finite Samples	10240	102.4

- c) Start the task.
 - d) Read the samples from the NI 9250 with BNC.
 - e) Average the samples for each AI channel.
 - f) Clear the task.
6. Set the calibrator to Standby mode (STBY).
7. Compare the averaged samples to the limits in the *NI 9250 with BNC Verification Test Limits* table to verify the input accuracy. If the value is within these limits, the device passes the test.
8. Repeat steps 3 through 7 for each test point in the *NI 9250 with BNC Verification Test Limits* table.
9. Disconnect the calibrator from the device.

Table 4. NI 9250 with BNC Verification Test Limits

Test Point		2-Year Limits	
Location	Value (V)	Lower Limit (VDC)	Upper Limit (VDC)
Minimum	-4.9	-4.908695	-4.891305
Mid-scale	0	-0.003183	0.003183
Maximum	4.9	4.891305	4.908695



Note The test limits listed in the *NI 9250 with BNC Verification Test Limits* table are derived using values from the *NI 9250 with BNC Accuracy Under Calibration Conditions* table.

Adjustment

The following performance adjustment procedure describes the sequence of operation required to adjust the NI 9250 with BNC.

Accuracy Adjustment

Complete the following procedure to adjust the accuracy performance of the NI 9250 with BNC.

1. Set the calibrator to Standby mode (STBY).
2. Connect the NI 9250 with BNC to the calibrator as shown in the *Accuracy Verification* section.

3. Adjust the NI 9250 with BNC.
 - a) Initialize a calibration session on the NI 9250 with BNC. The default password is NI.
 - b) Input the external temperature in degrees Celsius.
 - c) Call the NI 9250 with BNC get C Series adjustment points function to obtain an array of recommended calibration voltages for the NI 9250 with BNC.
 - d) Set the calibrator to a reference value determined by the array of recommended calibration voltages.
 - e) Set the calibrator to Operate mode (OPR).
 - f) Call and configure the NI 9250 with BNC adjustment function according to *NI 9250 with BNC Adjustment Configuration* table.

Table 5. NI 9250 with BNC Adjustment Configuration

Physical Channel	Reference Value
cDAQ1Mod8/AI0:1	The actual value of the voltage output of the calibrator

- g) Set the calibrator to Standby mode (STBY).
 - h) Repeat steps d through g for each point in the array.
 - i) Close the calibration session.
4. Disconnect the NI 9250 with BNC from the calibrator.

EEPROM Update

When an adjustment procedure is completed, the NI 9250 with BNC internal calibration memory (EEPROM) is immediately updated.

If you do not want to perform an adjustment, you can update the calibration date and onboard calibration temperature without making any adjustments by initializing an external calibration, setting the C Series calibration temperature, and closing the external calibration.

Reverification

Repeat the *Verification* section to determine the As-Left status of the device.



Note If any test fails Reverification after performing an adjustment, verify that you have met the Test Conditions before returning your device to NI. Refer to the *Worldwide Support and Services* section for assistance in returning the device to NI.

Accuracy under Calibration Conditions

The values in the following table are based on calibrated scaling coefficients, which are stored in the onboard EEPROM.

The following accuracy table is valid for calibration under the following conditions:

- Ambient temperature $23\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 5\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$
- NI 9250 with BNC installed in slot 8 of an NI cDAQ-9178 chassis
- Slots 1 through 7 of the NI cDAQ-9178 chassis are empty

Table 6. NI 9250 with BNC Accuracy under Calibration Conditions

Device	Percent of Reading (Gain Error)	Percent of Range ¹
NI 9250 with BNC	$\pm 0.1125\%$	$\pm 0.0637\%$



Note For operational specifications, refer to the most recent *NI 9250 with BNC Datasheet* online at ni.com/manuals.

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¹ Range equals 5 V.

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