

CALIBRATION PROCEDURE

NI 9252

8 AI, ± 10 V, 24 bit, 50 kS/s/ch Simultaneous

This document contains the verification and adjustment procedures for NI 9252. For more information about calibration solutions, visit ni.com/calibration.

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Software

Calibrating the NI 9252 requires the installation of NI-DAQmx 19.1 or later on the calibration system.

You can download NI-DAQmx from ni.com/downloads. NI-DAQmx supports LabVIEW, LabWindows™/CVI™, 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 9252, 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 9252 Getting Started Guide

NI 9252 connection information



NI 9252 Datasheet

NI 9252 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 | Use a high-precision DC voltage source with a gain uncertainty of <57 ppm and an offset uncertainty of <0.6 mV. |
| Chassis | NI cDAQ-9178 | — |
| DSUB Connection Accessory ¹ | NI 9923 | — |

¹ For NI 9252 with DSUB variant

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.
- Use shielded copper wire for all cable connections to the device. Use twisted-pairs wire to eliminate noise and thermal offsets.
- Maintain an ambient temperature of $23\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 5\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$.
- 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 9252.

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

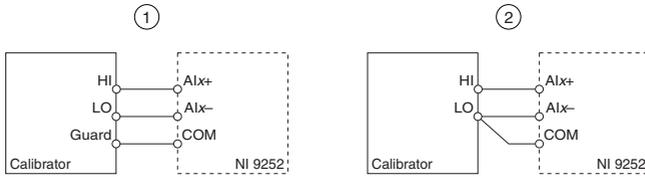
The following performance verification procedure describes the sequence of operation and provides test points required to verify the NI 9252. The verification procedure assumes that adequate traceable uncertainties are available for the calibration references.

Accuracy Verification

Complete the following procedure to determine the As-Found status of the NI 9252.

1. Set the calibrator to Standby mode (STBY).
2. Connect the NI 9252 to the calibrator as shown in the following figure.

Figure 1. Analog Input Verification Connections



1. Connections when using a calibrator with a guard connection.
2. Connections when using a calibrator with no guard connection.



Note If the calibrator outputs are truly floating, connect the negative output to a quiet earth ground as well as COM to give the entire system a ground reference.

3. Set the calibrator voltage to a Test Point value indicated in the *NI 9252 Verification Test Limits* table.
4. Set the calibrator to Operate mode (OPR).
5. Acquire and average samples.
 - a) Create and configure an AI voltage channel according to the following *NI 9252 AI Voltage Task* table.

Table 2. NI 9252 AI Voltage Task

| Physical Channels | Range | Terminal Configuration |
|-------------------|---------|------------------------|
| cDAQMod8/AI0:7 | ±10.5 V | Differential |

- b) Configure the AI voltage channel timing according to the following *NI 9252 Task Timing* table.

Table 3. NI 9252 Task Timing

| Samples Per Channel | Acquisition Mode | Rate (kS/s) |
|---------------------|------------------|-------------|
| 1000 | Finite Samples | 50 |

- c) Set the filter frequency to 3125 Hz using the Channel Property (**Analog Input » General Properties »Filter »Frequency**).
 - d) Start the task.
 - e) Read the samples from the NI 9252.
 - f) Average the samples.
 - g) Clear the task.
6. Compare the averaged samples to the limits in the *NI 9252 Verification Test Limits* table to verify the input accuracy. If the values are within these limits, the device passes the test.
 7. Set the calibrator to Standby mode (STBY).

8. Repeat steps 3 through 7 for each test point in the *NI 9252 Verification Test Limits* table.
9. Disconnect the calibrator from the device.

Table 4. NI 9252 Verification Test Limits

| Test Points | | 2-Year Limits | |
|-------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Location | Value (VDC) | Lower Limit (VDC) | Upper Limit (VDC) |
| Min | -10.0000 | -10.0166 | -9.9834 |
| Mid | 0.0000 | -0.0026 | 0.0026 |
| Max | 10.0000 | 9.9834 | 10.0166 |



Note The test limits listed in the *NI 9252 Verification Test Limits* table are derived using values from the *NI 9252 Accuracy Under Calibration Conditions* table.

Adjustment

The following performance adjustment procedure describes the sequence of operation required to adjust the NI 9252.

Accuracy Adjustment

Complete the following procedure to adjust the accuracy performance of the NI 9252.

1. Set the calibrator to Standby mode (STBY).
2. Connect the NI 9252 to the calibrator as shown in the *Accuracy Verification* section.
3. Adjust the NI 9252.
 - a) Initialize a calibration session on the NI 9252. The default password is NI.
 - b) Input the external temperature in degrees Celsius.
 - c) Call the NI 9252 get C Series adjustment points function to obtain an array of recommended calibration voltages for the NI 9252.
 - 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 9252 adjustment function according to *NI 9252 Adjustment Configuration* table.

Table 5. NI 9252 Adjustment Configuration

| Physical Channel | Reference Value |
|------------------|--|
| cDAQ1Mod8/AI0:7 | The actual value of the voltage output of the calibrator |



Note The module acquisition is started each time the adjust function is called. There is a delay of approximately 550 μ s from the acquisition start until module data becomes available.

- 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.
 - j) Clear the task.
4. Disconnect the NI 9252 from the calibrator.

EEPROM Update

When an adjustment procedure is completed, the NI 9252 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 9252 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 9252 Accuracy under Calibration Conditions

| Device | Percent of Reading (Gain Error) | Percentage of Range (Offset Error) ² |
|---------|---------------------------------|---|
| NI 9252 | 0.14% | 0.025% |



Note For operational specifications, refer to the most recent *NI 9252 Datasheet* online at ni.com/manuals.

² Range equals 10.5 V.

Revision History

| Part Number | Edition Date | Section | Changes |
|-------------|--------------|-----------------------|---|
| 378062B-01 | August 2020 | Accuracy Verification | Added callout notes to the analog input verification connections figure |
| | | | Updated Channel Property setting sequence in step 5.c) |
| | | | Updated the verification test limits table |

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