## **DAC-02**

# 2-Channel Analog Output Board



- 2 analog output channels
- 12-bit resolution
- +5, +10, ±5, ±10V output ranges
- 4-20mA current loop capability

### **Ordering Information**

DAC-02 2-Channel Analog **Output Board with** Software on 3.5 inch disks

### **Functional Description**

The DAC-02 is ideal for controlling setpoints. It provides two independent double-buffered, 12-bit multiplying D/A channels plus interface circuitry. The D/A converters can be used with a fixed DC reference as conventional D/A. Onboard references of -5V and -10V provide output ranges of 0-5V, 0-10V, ±5V, ±10V and 4-20mA for process control current loops. Alternatively, the D/A may be operated with a variable or AC reference signal as multiplying D/A; where the output is the product of reference and digital inputs. With an AC reference, the unipolar outputs provide 2-quadrant multiplication and the bipolar outputs provide 4-quadrant operation. Twelve-bit accuracy is maintained up to 1kHz.

Since data is represented in 12 bits, it is written to each D/A in 2 consecutive bytes. The first byte contains the 4 least significant bits of data. The second byte contains the most significant 8 bits of data. The least significant byte is written first and is stored in an intermediate register in the D/A (having no effect on the output). When the most significant byte is written, its data is combined with the stored least significant data and presented to the D/A converter, thus assuring a single-step update. This process is known as double buffering.

The DAC-02 is a 5-inch-long half-slot board suitable for use in IBM PC/XT/AT and all compatibles. The DAC-02 is addressed as an I/O device using eight I/O locations and may have its I/O address set to any 8-bit boundary in the 255–1023 (decimal) I/O address space. The board uses the internal +5V, +12V, and -12V computer supplies.

### 4-20mA Current Loop Output

The 4-20mA current loop output consists of a precision current sink formed by a VMOS power FET and reverse protection diode.

A minimum voltage of 8V must be maintained across this output circuit to insure correct operation. The maximum voltage should not exceed 36 volts for power dissipation reasons. A 24V or 36V loop supply is ideal. There are 2 ways of connecting the process loop: grounded load with floating supply, or floating load with grounded supply. The second method allows many loops to be powered by the same supply, but constrains the load to be 2-wire floating. The alternative connections are shown to the left.

#### **ACCESSORIES AVAILABLE**

K1802 3.5 ft. Cable with Female DB25 STA-U Universal Screw Terminal Accessory TESTPOINT TestPoint™ Software Package

### **APPLICATIONS**

- Servo control
- Programmable amplifier
- · 12-bit resolution voltage source
- · Function generator

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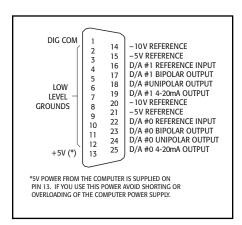


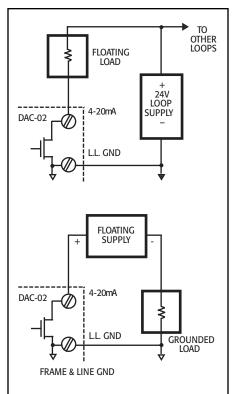
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### **Connector Pin Assignments**

A rear view of the 25-pin D connector is shown at left. The DAC-02 board has a female DB25 socket, and a DB25P solder cup plug is required to make connections (Keithley part # SMC-25). Usually only 3 or 4 wires (D/A outputs and ground) will be required for connections, so that a multi-wire flat cable is not required. (Note: 25-pin D connectors are identical to RS-232C connectors.) Output range selection is controlled by jumpering pins on the I/O connector or on the STA-U screw terminal board.





### **SPECIFICATIONS**

### **OUTPUT RANGES**

CHANNELS: 2

I/O ADDRESS: DIP switch selected on any 8-bit boundary.

RESOLUTION: 12 bits (1 part in 4095).
RELATIVE ACCURACY: ½ LSB (0.01%) max.
DIFFERENTIAL LINEARITY: ½ LSB max.

FIXED REFERENCE RANGES: 0 to +5V (unipolar)

0 to +10V (unipolar) ±5V (bipolar) ±10V (bipolar) 4–20mA current loop.

Variable reference ranges:  $\pm 10V$  (2 or 4 quadrant). Reference input resistance:  $7k\Omega$  min,  $11k\Omega$  typ,  $20k\Omega$ 

max

**VOLTAGE OUTPUT IMPEDANCE:**  $< 0.1\Omega$  max. **VOLTAGE OUTPUT:**  $\pm 5$ mA min drive current.

**4–20 mA COMPLIANCE (FOR CURRENT LOOP):** 8–36V. **SETTLING TIME:** 150 $\mu$ s to 0.001% typ (for a full-scale step).

TEMPERATURE COEFFICIENT OF GAIN:

±25ppm/°C (with reference). ±5ppm/°C (external reference). **ZERO DRIFT:** ±3ppm/°C.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL**

**OPERATING TEMPERATURE:** 0–70°C. **STORAGE TEMPERATURE:** –55 to +125°C. **HUMIDITY:** 0–95% non-condensing.

WEIGHT: 4oz (120g).

**DIMENSIONS:**  $5 \text{ in L} \times 4.25 \text{ in H} \times 0.75 \text{ in D} (12.7 \text{ cm} \times 10.8 \text{ cm} \times 1.9 \text{ cm})$ 

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