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CALIBRATION PROCEDURE **SCXI™-1102/B/C**

For NI-DAQmx

This document contains information and instructions for calibrating the National Instruments SCXI-1102/B/C signal conditioning module.

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Conventions

	The following conventions are used in this document:
»	The » symbol leads you through nested menu items and dialog box options to a final action. The sequence File » Page Setup » Options directs you to pull down the File menu, select the Page Setup item, and select Options from the last dialog box.
	This icon denotes a note, which alerts you to important information.
bold	Bold text denotes items that you must select or click in the software, such as menu items and dialog box options. Bold text also denotes parameter names.
italic	Italic text denotes variables, emphasis, a cross-reference, or an introduction to a key concept. Italic text also denotes text that is a placeholder for a word or value that you must supply.
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monospace italic	Italic text in this font denotes text that is a placeholder for a word or value that you must supply.
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Software

The SCXI-1102/B/C calibration procedure requires the NI-DAQmx driver. NI recommends using the latest driver that supports both your development environment and the SCXI-1102/B/C. NI-DAQmx includes high-level function calls to simplify the task of writing software to calibrate devices. NI-DAQmx supports many programming languages, including LabVIEW, LabWindows[™]/CVI[™], C/C++, C#, and Visual Basic .NET.

Documentation

The following documents are the primary references for writing your calibration utility:

- The *NI-DAQmx Help* includes information about creating applications that use NI-DAQmx.
- The *NI-DAQmx C Reference Help* includes information about the functions in NI-DAQmx.
- The *DAQ Getting Started* guides include information about installing and configuring NI-DAQmx devices.

You can access these documents by selecting Start»All Programs»National Instruments»NI-DAQmx after installing NI-DAQmx.

For more information about the SCXI-1102/B/C, refer to the *SCXI-1102/B/C User Manual*. For information about installing and configuring SCXI modules, refer to the *SCXI Quick Start Guide*.

Calibration Interval

Calibrate the SCXI-1102/B/C at a regular interval as defined by the measurement accuracy requirements of your application. NI recommends that you perform a complete calibration at least once every year. You can shorten this interval based on the accuracy requirements of your application.

Password

The default password for password-protected operations is NI.

Test Equipment

NI recommends that you use the equipment in Table 1 to calibrate the SCXI-1102/B/C. If these instruments are not available, use the requirements listed in Table 1 to select a suitable substitute.

Equipment	Recommended Model	Requirements
Calibrator	Fluke 5700A	50 ppm
DAQ Device	NI 6281	16-bit minimum
DMM	NI 4070	6 1/2 digit, 15 ppm
Terminal Block	SCXI-1300	—

Table 1. Test Equipment

Test Conditions

Follow these guidelines to optimize the connections and the environment during calibration:

- Keep connections to the SCXI-1102/B/C as short as possible. Long cables and wires can act as antennas, picking up extra noise and thermal offsets that affect measurements.
- Use shielded copper wire for all cable connections to the SCXI-1102/B/C. Use twisted-pair wire to eliminate noise and thermal offsets.
- Maintain the ambient temperature between 18 °C and 28 °C.
- Keep relative humidity below 80%.
- Allow a warm-up time of at least 15 minutes for the SCXI-1102/B/C and 30 minutes for the DAQ device to ensure that the measurement circuitry is at a stable operating temperature.

Calibration Process

The calibration process has the following steps:

- 1. *Initial Setup*—Configure the SCXI-1102/B/C for calibration.
- 2. *Verification Procedure*—Verify the existing operation of the SCXI-1102/B/C. This step determines whether the SCXI-1102/B/C is operating within its test limits.
- 3. *Adjustment Procedure*—Perform an external calibration that adjusts the SCXI-1102/B/C calibration constants with respect to a known voltage source.
- 4. *Verifying Adjusted Values*—Perform another verification to ensure that the SCXI-1102/B/C is operating within its test limits after adjustments.

Initial Setup

Complete the following steps to configure the SCXI-1102/B/C for calibration:

- 1. Make sure that all the appropriate driver and application software is installed.
- 2. Make sure all components involved in the calibration procedure are powered off.
- 3. Assemble the SCXI-1102/B/C, SCXI chassis, terminal blocks, and DAQ device as shown in Figure 1. You must cable the SCXI-1102/B/C directly to the DAQ device.

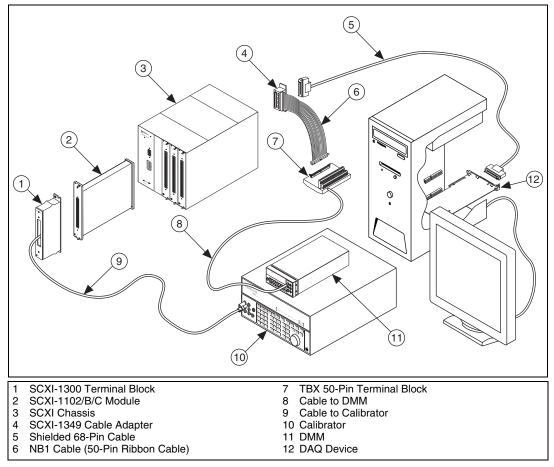


Figure 1. Calibration Connections

- 4. Power on the SCXI chassis and the external computer.
- 5. You must configure the hardware properly with Measurement & Automation Explorer (MAX). Refer to the *SCXI Quick Start Guide* for details about configuring the SCXI chassis.

Note When you configure a device in MAX, the device is assigned a device identifier. In this calibration document, the functions used for demonstrating the calibration process use the device identifiers *Dev1* for the DAQ device and *SC1Mod1* for the SCXI-1102/B/C.

Verification Procedure

The verification procedure determines how well the SCXI-1102/B/C is meeting its test limits. You can use this information to select the appropriate calibration interval for your application.

The SCXI-1102/B/C stores gain and offset calibration constants for each gain setting per analog input channel. A complete verification of the inputs involves measuring the accuracy at all possible gain settings on all channels of the SCXI-1102/B/C.

To view the calibration VIs in LabVIEW, select **Measurement** I/O»DAQmx - Data Acquisition»DAQmx Advanced»DAQmx Calibration on the Functions palette. You can also use the Search button, shown in Figure 2, to look for a specific VI.

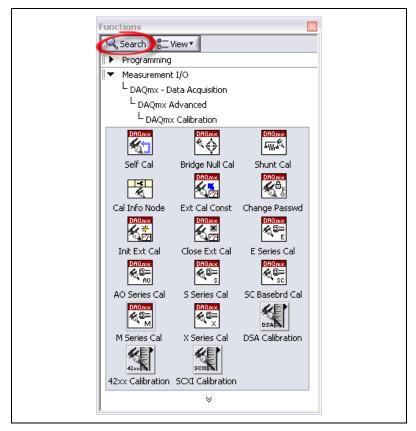


Figure 2. DAQmx Calibration Palette and the Search Button

Complete the following steps to verify the accuracy of each SCXI-1102/B/C analog input channel:

1. Use the DAQmx Self Calibrate VI to verify the DAQ device. This VI measures the onboard reference voltage of the DAQ device and adjusts the self-calibration constants to account for any errors caused by short-term fluctuations in the operating environment.

Note Throughout the verification procedure, refer to the function call parameters for the LabVIEW input values.

LabVIEW Block Diagram	NI-DAQmx Function Call
device in DAQmx Self	Call DAQmxSelfCal with the following parameter:
Calibrate.vi	Device_Name: "Dev1"

- Connect the calibrator output to pins AI– and AI+ for all channels. Refer to the SCXI-1300/1301 Terminal Block Installation Guide for connection instructions. If you are not using the recommended SCXI-1300, refer to Table 8 for the front signal pin assignments of the SCXI-1102/B/C. If the calibration signal source is floating, connect AI – to the SCXI chassis ground using the ground lug available on the SCXI terminal block.
- 3. Set the calibrator voltage to the desired test point indicated in Tables 6 or 7.
- 4. Create a task using DAQmxCreateTask.

LabVIEW Block Diagram	NI-DAQmx Function Call
LabVIEW does not require this step.	Call DAQmxCreateTask with the following parameters:
	taskName: "AIVerificationTask"
	<pre>taskHandle: &taskHandle</pre>



5. Add a voltage channel using the DAQmx Create Virtual Channel VI.

LabVIEW Block Diagram	NI-DAQmx Function Call
minimum value	Call DAQmxCreateAIVoltageChan with the following parameters:
maximum value	taskHandle: taskHandle
DBL DAQmx Create Virtual Channel.vi	physicalChannel: "SC1Mod1/aiX" [†]
Image: State of the second s	nameToAssignToChannel: "myVoltageChannel"
AI Voltage V	<pre>terminalConfig: DAQmx_Val_Cfg_Default</pre>
	minVal : -10 V
	maxVal: 10 V
	units: DAQmx_Val_Volts
	customScaleName: " "
	[†] Where X refers to the channel you are verifying.

 Set the gain value to 1 or 100 using the DAQmx Channel Property Node. You can find the AI.Gain property by selecting Analog Input»General Properties»Advanced»Gain. Use the gain setting that corresponds to the current test point.

LabVIEW Block Diagram	NI-DAQmx Function Call
Property Node task in >> → DAQmx Channel → → >> task out error in >> → AI.Gain AI.Gain	Call DAQmxSetAIGain with the following parameters: taskHandle: taskHandle Channel: "" Data: (gain value for particular test point) float64

7. Configure timing for the voltage acquisition using the DAQmx Timing VI.

LabVIEW Block Diagram	NI-DAQmx Function Call
samples per channel	Call DAQmxCfgSampClkTiming with the following parameters:
rate	taskHandle: taskHandle
DAQmx Timing.vi	source: " "
task in >>	rate: 1000.0
error in >>	<pre>activeEdge: DAQmx_Val_Rising</pre>
	<pre>sampleMode: DAQmx_Val_FiniteSamps</pre>
	sampsPerChan: 1000

8. Commit the verification changes using the DAQmx Control Task VI.

LabVIEW Block Diagram	NI-DAQmx Function Call
action DAQmx commit Control Task.vi task in >>	Call DAQmxTaskControl with the following parameters: taskHandle: taskHandle
error in >>> error out	action: DAQmx_Val_Task_Commit

9. For each new test point, use the Time Delay Express VI to account for the settling time of the SCXI-1102/B/C. Refer to Table 2 for the settling time of the SCXI-1102/B/C.

Table 2.	Settling	Time	of the	SCXI-1102/B/C
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SCXI-1102	SCXI-1102B, SCXI-1102C
3 minutes (first test point)	5 second
1 minute (all other test points)	

LabVIEW Block Diagram	Function Call
Delay Time (s)	Call a sleep or wait function to suspend
Time Delay	execution for the necessary settling time listed
error in >>	in Table 2.

10. Acquire 1000 points of voltage data using the Analog 1D DBL 1Chan NSamp instance of the DAQmx Read VI.

LabVIEW Block Diagram	NI-DAQmx Function Call
data DAQmx Read.vi task in >>	Call DAQmxReadAnalogF64 with the following parameters:
	taskHandle: taskHandle
	numSampsPerChan: -1
	timeout: 10.0
·	fillMode: DAQmx_Val_GroupByChannel
	readArray: data
	arraySizeInSamples: 1000
	sampsPerChanRead: &read
	reserved: NULL

- 11. Compute the mean of the 1000 voltage values that you acquired.
- 12. Compare the resulting average to the upper and lower limits listed in Tables 6 or 7. If the result is between the upper and lower limits, the SCXI-1102/B/C passes the test.
- 13. Clear the acquisition using the DAQmx Clear Task VI.

LabVIEW Block Diagram	NI-DAQmx Function Call
DAQmx Clear Task.vi task in >> error out error in >>	Call DAQmxClearTask with the following parameter: taskHandle : taskHandle

- 14. Repeat steps 4 through 13 for the remaining channels.
- 15. Repeat steps 3 through 14 for all test points in Tables 6 or 7.

You have finished verifying the analog input accuracy of the SCXI-1102/B/C.

Adjustment Procedure

The adjustment procedure adjusts the gain and offset calibration constants on the SCXI-1102/B/C. Complete the *Verification Procedure* prior to the adjustment procedure to determine the pre-calibration accuracy and whether adjustments are necessary.

Complete the following steps to adjust the gain and offset of the SCXI-1102/B/C:

- 1. Connect the calibrator output pins AI- and AI+ for all channels. Refer to the *SCXI-1300/1301 Terminal Block Installation Guide* for connection instructions. If you are not using the recommended SCXI-1300, refer to Table 8 for the front signal pin assignments of the SCXI-1102/B/C. If the calibration signal source is floating, connect AI- to the SCXI chassis ground using the ground lug available on the SCXI terminal block.
- 2. Connect the DMM to CH 0+ and CH 0- (pin 3 and 4) on the rear connector. Refer to Table 9 for the rear signal pin assignments of the SCXI-1102/B/C.

Note You can access these pins using a 50-pin cable connected to an SCXI-1349.

3. Start an external calibration session using the DAQmx Initialize External Calibration VI.

Note Throughout the adjustment procedure, refer to the function call parameters for the LabVIEW input values.

LabVIEW Block Diagram	NI-DAQmx Function Call
device in DAQmx Initialize External Calibration.vi password MI	Call DAQmxInitExtCal with the following parameters: deviceName: "SC1Mod1" password: "NI" calHandle: &calHandle



4. Set the SCXI-1102/B/C to a gain value of 1 or 100 using the DAQmx Setup SCXI Calibration VI.

LabVIEW Block Diagram	NI-DAQmx Function Call
physical channel	Call DAQmxSetup1102Cal with the following parameters:
gain	calHandle: calHandle
DAQmx Setup SCXI Calibration.vi	channelNames : "SC1Mod1/aiX" [†]
calhandle in >> -	gain: 1 or 100
error in >> Scoll >> error out	[†] Where X refers to the channel you are calibrating.

5. Set the calibrator to the desired voltage for the gain value you set in the previous step. Refer to Table 3 or 4 for appropriate voltage set points.

Gain	Set Points (V)						
1	-9	-6	-2	0	2	6	9
100	-0.09	-0.06	-0.02	0.00	0.02	0.06	0.09

 Table 3.
 SCXI-1102
 Voltage
 Set
 Points

 Table 4.
 SCXI-1102 B and SCXI-1102 C Voltage Set Points

	Gain	Set Points (V)						
Ī	1	-9	-6	-3	0	3	6	9
	100	-0.09	-0.06	-0.03	0.00	0.03	0.06	0.09

6. Wait for the settling time to elapse and then record the measured output from the DMM. Refer to Table 5 for the settling time of the SCXI-1102/B/C.

Table 5. Settling Time of the SCXI-1102/B/C

SCXI-1102	SCXI-1102B, SCXI-1102C
60 seconds	5 second

7. Adjust the external calibration constants using the DAQmx Adjust SCXI Calibration VI.

LabVIEW Block Diagram	NI-DAQmx Function Call
reference voltage measured output DAQmx Adjust SCXI Calibration.vi calhandle in >>	Call DAQmxAdjust1102Cal with the following parameters:
	calHandle: calHandle
	refVoltage: (calibrator output
	voltage) float64
	measOutput : (voltage measured by DMM) float64

- 8. Repeat steps 5 through 7 for the seven voltage test points at the current gain value in Table 3 or 4.
- 9. Commit the calibration changes you made in the session using the DAQmx Close External Calibration VI. The data is written to the hardware in this step.

LabVIEW Block Diagram	NI-DAQmx Function Call
commit DAQmx Close External Calibration.vi calhandle in >> error out error in >>	Call DAQmxCloseExtCal with the following parameters: calHandle: calHandle action: DAQmx_Val_Action_Commit

- 10. Repeat steps 3 through 9 for both gain values in Table 3.
- 11. Repeat steps 1 through 10 for the remaining channels.

You have finished adjusting the gain and offset of the SCXI-1102/B/C.

Verifying Adjusted Values

After calibrating the SCXI-1102/B/C, NI recommends that you verify the analog input operation by repeating the steps listed in the *Verification Procedure* to ensure that the SCXI-1102/B/C is operating within its test limits.

Test Limits

Refer to the *SCXI-1102/B/C User Manual* for the specifications of the SCXI-1102/B/C.

Gain and Offset

Table 6 contains the test limits to use when verifying and adjusting the gain and offset of the SCXI-1102 and SCXI-1102B. Table 7 contains the test limits to use when verifying and adjusting the gain and offset of the SCXI-1102C. If the SCXI-1102/B/C was calibrated within the last year, the test point value should fall between the Lower Limit and Upper Limit values found in Tables 6 or 7.

Note The values in Tables 6 and 7 do not include DAQ device errors.

Gain	Test Point (V)	Upper Limit (V)	Lower Limit (V)
1	9.800000	9.80345	9.79655
	0.000000	0.001002	-0.001002
	-9.800000	-9.79655	-9.80345
100	0.098000	0.098060	0.097940
	0.000000	0.000030	-0.000030
	-0.098000	-0.097940	-0.098060

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i adie o.	SCXI-1102 and SCXI-1102 B Test Limits

Table 7. SCXI-1102 C Test Limits

Gain	Test Point (V)	Upper Limit (V)	Lower Limit (V)
1	9.800000	9.80345	9.79655
	0.000000	0.001002	-0.001002
	-9.800000	-9.79655	-9.80345
100	0.098000	0.098060	0.097940
	0.000000	0.000030	-0.000030
	-0.098000	-0.097940	-0.098060

SCXI-1102/B/C Front and Rear Panel Diagrams

Table 8 shows the pin assignments for the SCXI-1102/B/C front panel connector. Table 9 shows the pin assignments for the SCXI-1102/B/C rear signal connector.

Table 8. Front Signal Pin Assignments

Front Connector Diagram				Pin Number	Column A	Column B	Column C
				32	CH GND	AI 0-	AI 0+
	C	Colum	n	31	NC	AI 1–	AI 1+
АВС				30	NC	AI 2–	AI 2+
32	0	0	0	29	NC	AI 3-	AI 3+
31	0	0	0	28	NC	AI 4–	AI 4+
30	0	0	0	27	NC	AI 5-	AI 5+
29 28	0	0 0	0	26	NC	AI 6–	AI 6+
27	0	0	0	25	NC	AI 7–	AI 7+
26	0	0	0	23	CH GND	AI 8–	AI 8+
25	0	0	0	23	NC		AI 9+
24	0	0	0			AI 9-	
23	0	0	0	22	NC	AI 10-	AI 10+
22	0	0 0	0	21	NC	AI 11–	AI 11+
21 20	0	0	0	20	NC	AI 12–	AI 12+
19	0	0	0	19	NC	AI 13–	AI 13+
18	0	0	0	18	NC	AI 14–	AI 14+
17	0	0	0	17	NC	AI 15–	AI 15+
16	0	0	0	16	CH GND	AI 16–	AI 16+
15	0	0	0	15	NC	AI 17–	AI 17+
14 13	0	0 0	0	14	NC	AI 18–	AI 18+
13	0	0	0	13	NC	AI 19–	AI 19+
11	0	0	0	12	NC	AI 20–	AI 20+
10	0	0	0	11	NC	AI 21–	AI 21+
9	0	0	0	10	NC	AI 22–	AI 22+
8	0	0	0	9			
7	0	0	0		NC	AI 23-	AI 23+
6 5	0	0 0	0	8	NC	AI 24-	AI 24+
4	0	0	0	7	NC	AI 25–	AI 25+
3	0	0	0	6	NC	AI 26–	AI 26+
2	0	0	0	5	CH GND	AI 27–	AI 27+
1	0	0	0	4	CJ SENSOR	AI 28–	AI 28+
				3	CJ SENSOR	AI 29–	AI 29+
NC	—No	Conne	ection	2	CH GND	AI 30-	AI 30+
				1	+5 V	AI 31-	AI 31+

Rear Connector	C:	Pin Number	Pin Number	C:1 N
Diagram	Signal Name			Signal Name
	AI GND	1	2	AI GND
	CH 0+	3	4	CH 0-
	NC	5	6	NC
1 2	NC	7	8	NC
3 4 5 6	NC	9	10	NC
7 8	NC	11	12	NC
9 10	NC	13	14	NC
11 12	NC	15	16	NC
15 16	NC	17	18	NC
17 18 19 20	OUT REF	19	20	NC
21 22	NC	21	22	NC
23 24				
25 26	NC	23	24	D GND
27 28	SER DAT IN	25	26	SER DAT OUT
29 30	DAQ D*/A	27	28	NC
31 32 33 34	SLOT 0 SEL*	29	30	NC
35 36	D GND	31	32	NC
37 38 39 40	NC	33	34	NC
41 42	NC	35	36	AI HOLD COMP, AI HOLD
43 44	SER CLK	37	38	NC
45 46 47 48	NC	39	40	NC
49 50	NC	41	42	NC
NC—No	RSVD	43	44	NC
Connection	NC	45	46	RSVD
RSVD—Reserved	NC	47	48	NC
	NC	49	50	NC

Table 9. Rear Signal Pin Assignments

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