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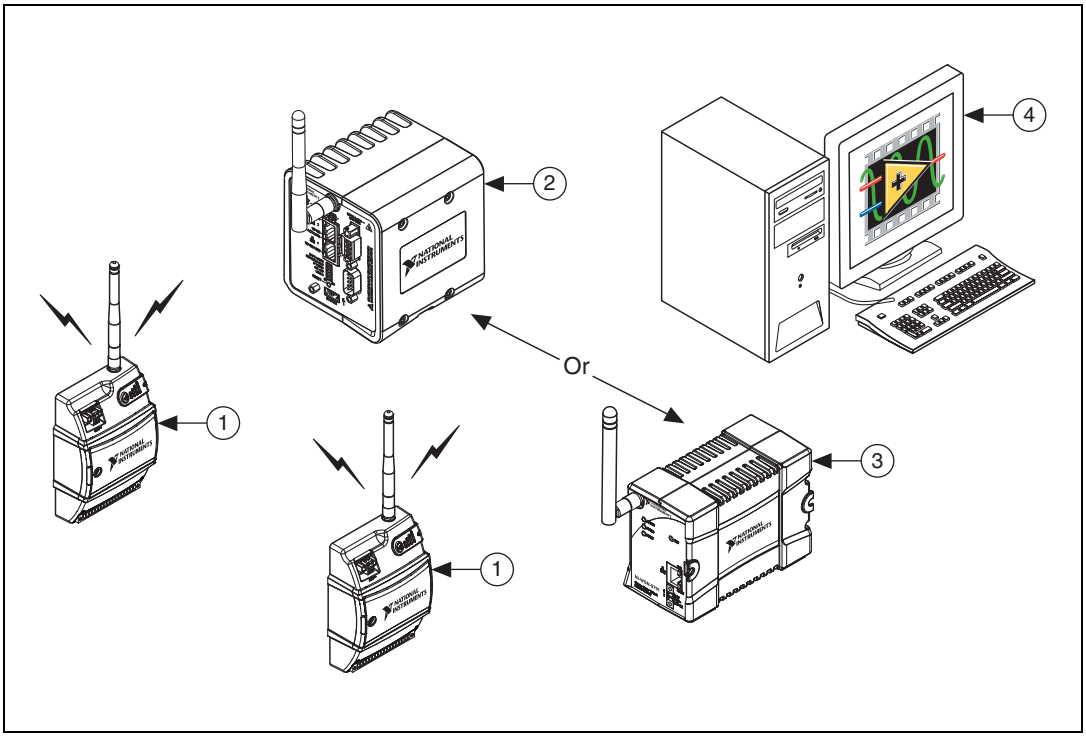
USER GUIDE AND SPECIFICATIONS

NI WSN-3212

NI Wireless Sensor Network 4-Channel, 24-Bit Thermocouple Input Node

This user guide describes how to use the NI WSN-3212 thermocouple input node and lists its specifications. Figure 1 shows the NI WSN system components.



1	NI WSN-32*xx* Nodes	3	NI WSN-9791 Ethernet Gateway
2	NI 9792 WSN Real-Time Gateway	4	PC Running NI Software

Figure 1. NI WSN System Components

The NI WSN-3212 is a four-channel, low-power, wireless thermocouple input device that works with other NI WSN-32*xx* nodes and gateways to form a wireless sensor network. The NI WSN system consists of one or more NI WSN gateways, up to 36 NI WSN-32*xx* nodes per gateway, and multiple PCs or Programmable Automation Controllers (PACs) to receive and analyze the distributed sensor data. For more information about PACs, visit `ni.com`.

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When you connect the NI WSN gateway, you can use a separate host PC running Windows, or a PAC running NI LabVIEW Real-Time, to display measurement results, status information, and to change the NI gateway and NI WSN-3212 device settings. Figure 2 shows the NI WSN-3212 device block diagram.

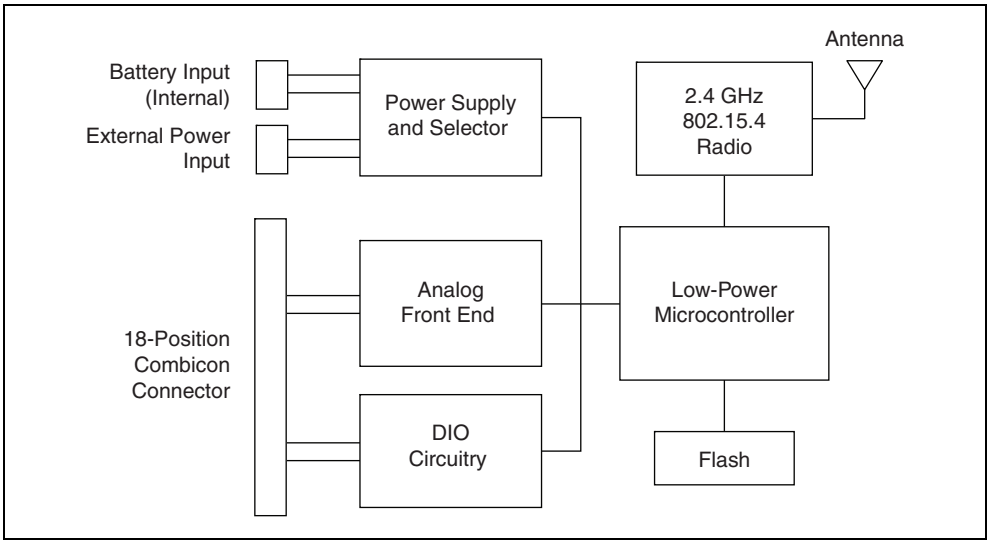


Figure 2. NI WSN-3212 Device Block Diagram

Dimensions

Figure 3 shows the NI WSN-3212 device dimensions.

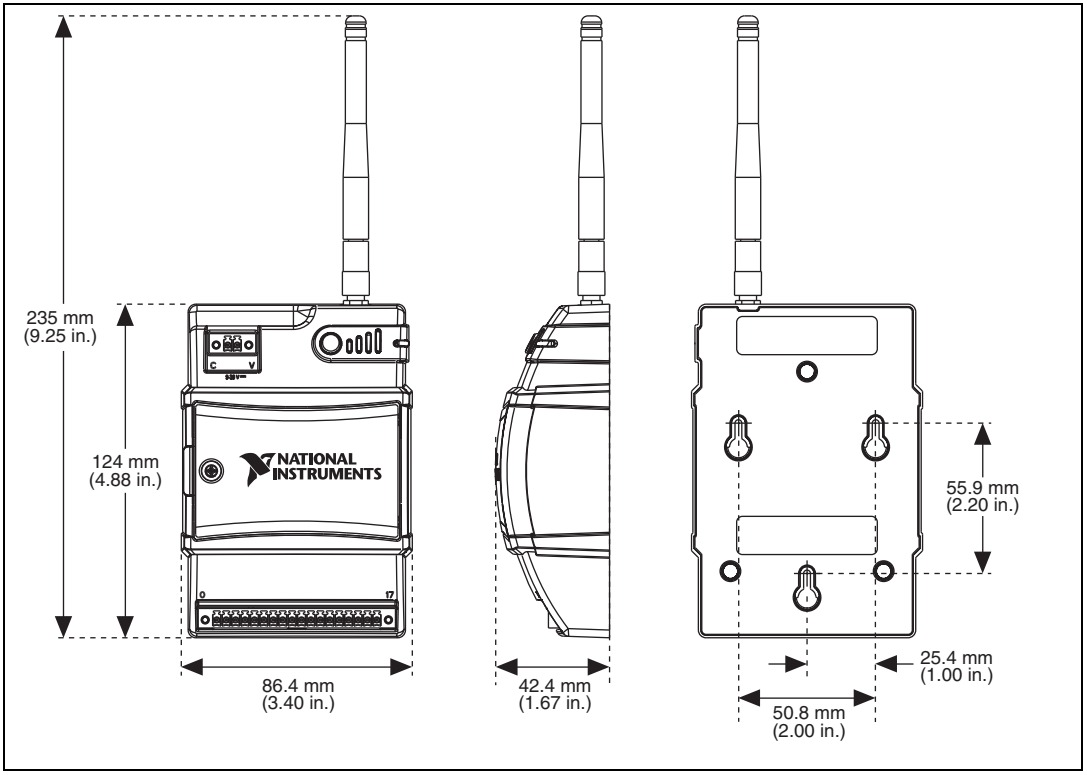


Figure 3. NI WSN-3212 Device Dimensions

Safety Guidelines

Operate the NI WSN-3212 device only as described in this user guide.

Hot Surface This icon denotes that the component may be hot. Touching this component may result in bodily injury.

NI WSN Safety Information

The following section contains important safety information that you *must* follow when installing and using NI WSN products.

Caution Do *not* operate the NI WSN product in a manner not specified in the user manual or operating instructions. Product misuse can result in a hazard. You can compromise the safety protection built into the product if the product is damaged in any way. If the product is damaged, return it to National Instruments for repair.

Caution Do *not* substitute parts or modify the NI WSN product. Use the product only with the devices, accessories, and cables specified in the installation instructions.

Caution Do *not* operate NI WSN products in an explosive atmosphere or where there may be flammable gases or fumes.

Caution If you need to clean a NI WSN product, use a soft dry towel. The product *must* be completely dry and free from contaminants before you return it to service.

Caution Operate the product indoors only at or below Pollution Degree 2. Pollution is foreign matter in a solid, liquid, or gaseous state that can reduce dielectric strength or surface resistivity.

Caution You *must* insulate signal connections for the maximum voltage for which the NI WSN product is rated. Do *not* exceed the maximum ratings for the product. Do *not* install wiring while the product is live with electrical signals. Do *not* remove or add connector blocks when power is connected to the NI WSN system. Avoid contact between your body and the connector block signal wiring when hot-swapping devices.

Caution To comply with safety regulations, use only recommended batteries with this product. Refer to the *Battery Power* section for the recommended battery types.

Safety Guidelines for Hazardous Locations

The NI WSN-3212 is suitable for use in Class I, Division 2, Groups A, B, C, D, T4 hazardous locations; Class I, Zone 2, AEx nC IIC T4 and Ex nL IIC T4 hazardous locations; and nonhazardous locations only. Follow these guidelines if you are installing the NI WSN-3212 in a potentially explosive environment. Not following these guidelines may result in serious injury or death.

Caution Observe the battery manufacturers' operating temperature ratings listed in the *Battery operating temperature range* specification section.

Caution Do not disconnect the power supply wires and connectors from the de unless power has been switched off.

Caution Do not install or remove the device unless power has been switched off.

Caution Substitution of components may impair suitability for Class I, Division 2.

Caution For Zone 2 applications, install the WSN system in an enclosure rated to at least IP 54 as defined by IEC 60529 and EN 60529.

Special Conditions for Hazardous Locations Use in Europe

The NI WSN-3212 has been evaluated as Ex nA nL IIC T4 equipment under DEMKO Certificate No. 07 ATEX 0626664X. Each device is marked II 3G and is suitable for use in Zone 2 hazardous locations, in ambient temperatures of –40 °C ≤ Ta ≤ 70 °C.

Electromagnetic Compatibility Guidelines

This product was tested and complies with the regulatory requirements and limits for electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) as stated in the product specifications. These requirements and limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference when the product is operated in its intended operational electromagnetic environment.

This product is intended for use in industrial locations. There is no guarantee that harmful interference will not occur in a particular installation, when the product is connected to a test object, or if the product is used in residential areas. To minimize the potential for the product to cause interference to radio and television reception or to experience unacceptable performance degradation, install and use this product in strict accordance with the instructions in the product documentation.

Furthermore, any changes or modifications to the product not expressly approved by National Instruments could void your authority to operate it under your local regulatory rules.

The following statements contain important EMC information needed before installing and using this product

Caution To ensure the specified EMC performance, product installation requires either special considerations or user-installed, add-on devices. See the product installation instructions for further information.

Caution To ensure the specified EMC performance, operate this product only with shielded cables and accessories.

Caution The inputs/outputs of this product can be damaged if subjected to Electrostatic Discharge (ESD). To prevent damage, industry-standard ESD prevention measures must be employed during installation, maintenance, and operation.

Caution This product may become more sensitive to electromagnetic disturbances in the operational environment when test leads are attached or when connected to a test object.

Related Documentation

Check `ni.com/manuals` for the most recent documentation. For a complete list of documentation related to the NI WSN system, refer to `ni.com/info` and enter `rdwsnrd`.

In addition to this guide, the following documents may be useful when configuring your NI WSN system:

- *NI Wireless Sensor Network Getting Started Guide*
- *NI WSN-9791 Ethernet Gateway User Guide and Specifications*
- *NI 9792 WSN Real-Time Gateway User Guide and Specifications*
- *Configuring WSN in MAX*, available from **Start»All Programs»National Instruments»NI-WSN**
- *LabVIEW Help for WSN Devices*, available in LabVIEW from **Help»LV Help»WSN Devices Help**
- *NI-WSN Readme*, available on the software installation disc included with your gateway.

Training Courses

If you need more help getting started developing an application with NI products, NI offers training courses. To enroll in a course or obtain a detailed course outline, refer to `ni.com/training`.

Technical Support on the Web

For additional support, refer to `ni.com/support` or `zone.ni.com`.

Software Overview

Note Refer to the *NI WSN Readme*, available on the software installation disc included with your device, for NI software application version support.

NI-WSN software includes NI Measurement & Automation Explorer (MAX) as well as server and driver software for easy integration into application software packages. These software component manage the low-level communications and hardware configurations, simplifying programmatic access to I/O channels. The NI-WSN software is on the software installation disc included with your NI WSN gateway device. The NI-WSN software is supported by Windows 7/Vista/XP and contains the following components:

- NI MAX
- NI-WSN

You can download a current version of NI-WSN software from `ni.com/support`. Using your Web browser, go to `ni.com/support` and select **Drivers and Updates»Distributed I/O»Wireless Sensor Networks**, and then select the latest version of NI-WSN software. If you are using other software, refer to the installation instructions that accompany your software.

What You Need to Get Started

To set up and use NI LabVIEW with the NI WSN-3212 device, you need the following:

- NI WSN gateway
- NI WSN-32*xx* devices with a 9–30 V power supply or four AA 1.5 V alkaline batteries for each node. Refer to the *Battery Power* section for recommended batteries.
- Mounting hardware (DIN rail, panel-mount, or rack mount accessory)
- Ethernet cable/connection
- 1/8 in. flathead and number 2 Phillips screwdrivers
- NI-WSN software version 1.1 or later
- Host PC running Windows 7/Vista/XP
- NI LabVIEW 8.6.1 (32-bit) or later
- **(NI 9792 WSN Real-Time Gateway Only)**—NI LabVIEW 2009 SP1 (32-bit) Real-Time Module or later
- Related hardware and software documentation

Unpack the Device and Install the Antenna

Remove the device from the package and inspect the device. Contact NI if the device appears damaged. Do *not* install a damaged device.

Caution The device is static sensitive. Always properly ground yourself and the equipment when handling or connecting to the device.

To attach the antenna, align the antenna with the mount and screw it on, as shown in Figure 4.

Caution The antenna must be attached to the NI WSN devices in order for the NI WSN devices to function correctly.

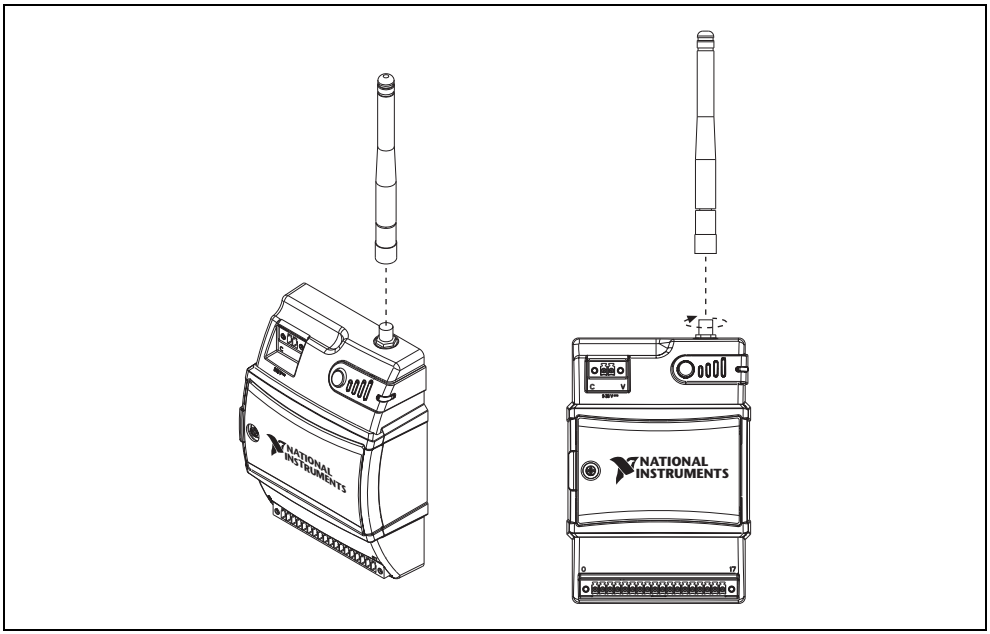


Figure 4. Attach the Antenna to the Device

Mounting the NI WSN-3212 Device

You can mount the NI WSN-3212 on a panel or on a 35 mm DIN rail. For kit accessory ordering information, refer to the NI WSN product page accessory section at `ni.com`. Before using any of these mounting methods, remove and save the serial number sticker located on the back of the NI WSN-3212 device for future use when configuring your device in software. For the NI WSN-3212 device dimensions, refer to Figure 3.

Caution Your installation *must* allow 50.8 mm (2 in.) of clearance in front of devices for common connector cabling, such as the 18-terminal detachable screw terminal connector.

Attaching the NI WSN-3282 DIN Rail (Optional)

You can mount the NI WSN-3212 on a standard 35 mm DIN rail using a NI WSN-3282 DIN rail clip, NI part number 781074-01. Complete the following steps to mount the NI WSN-3212 on a DIN rail:

Caution Power off the device before mounting it to the DIN rail.

Note Use thread-forming screws to permanently affix the DIN rail clip to the device. Unscrewing and reinstalling the thread-forming screws will produce a compromised connection between the DIN rail clip and the device.

1. Fasten the DIN rail clip to the NI WSN-3212 using a number 2 Phillips screwdriver and the four 8-32 × 5/16 in. thread-forming screws that shipped with the DIN rail clip(s). Figure 5 shows how to fasten the DIN rail clip to the NI WSN-3212.

Caution Do *not* use screws longer than 5/16 in. to fasten the DIN rail clip to the NI WSN-3212.

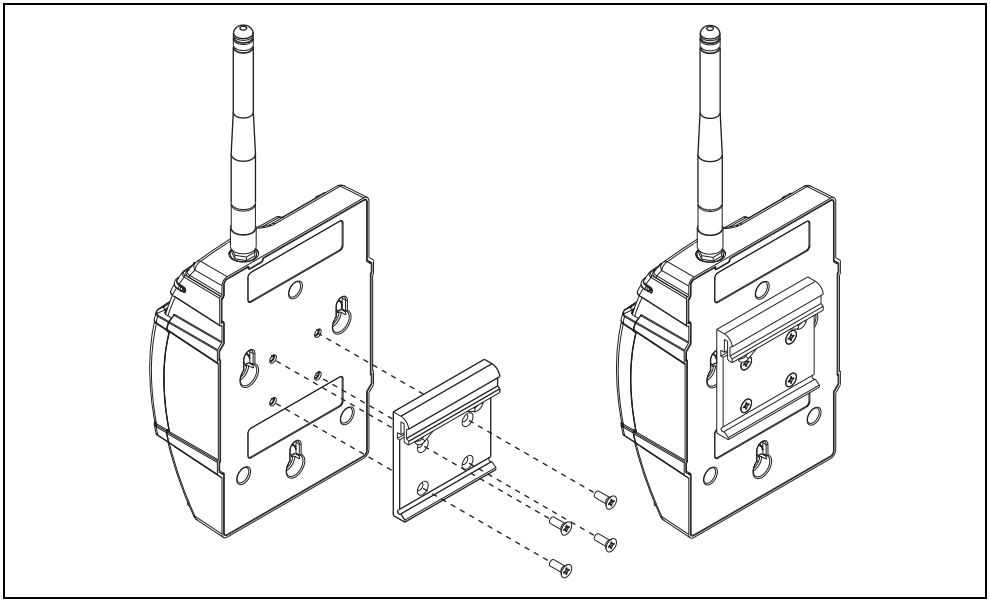
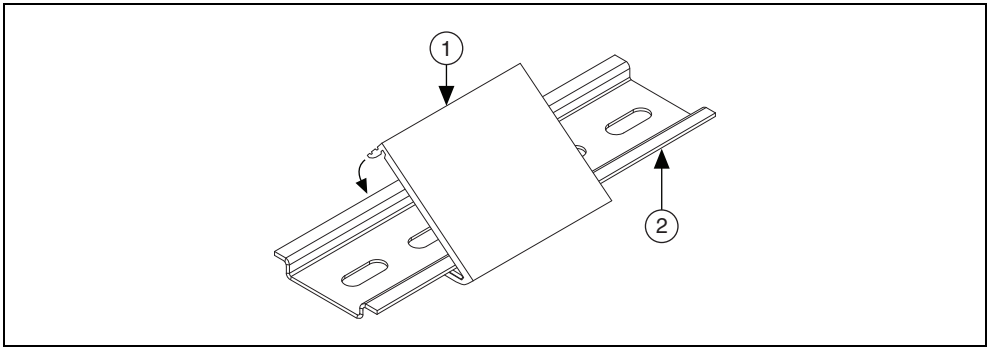


Figure 5. NI WSN-3212 Device DIN Rail Installation

2. Insert one edge of the DIN rail into the deeper opening of the DIN rail clip, as shown in Figure 6.



1	DIN Rail Clip (Without Device)	2	DIN Rail

Figure 6. DIN Rail Clip Installation

3. Press down firmly on the NI WSN-3212 to compress the spring until the clip locks into place on the DIN rail.

Using a Panel Mount Accessory

The NI WSN-3280/3281 panel mount accessories, part numbers 780999-01 and 781073-01, each include a retention clip and knob and integrated strain relief for power and I/O wires. You can use the NI WSN-3280 panel mount accessory to attach the NI WSN-3212 device to a panel or other flat surface. The NI WSN-3281 panel mount accessory also includes a magnetic mount for attaching the NI WSN-3212 device to metallic surfaces. Figure 7 shows the NI WSN-3212 panel mounting dimensions.

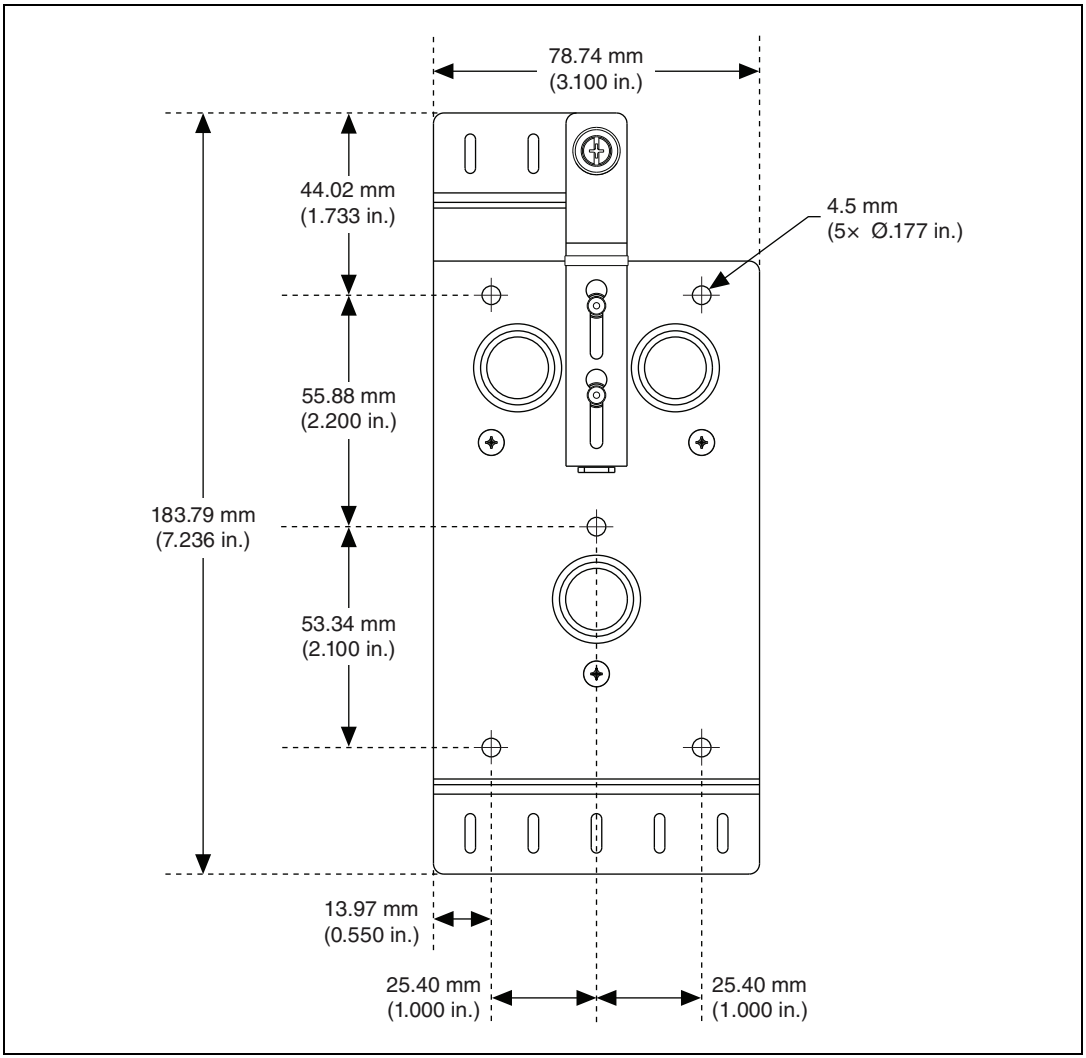
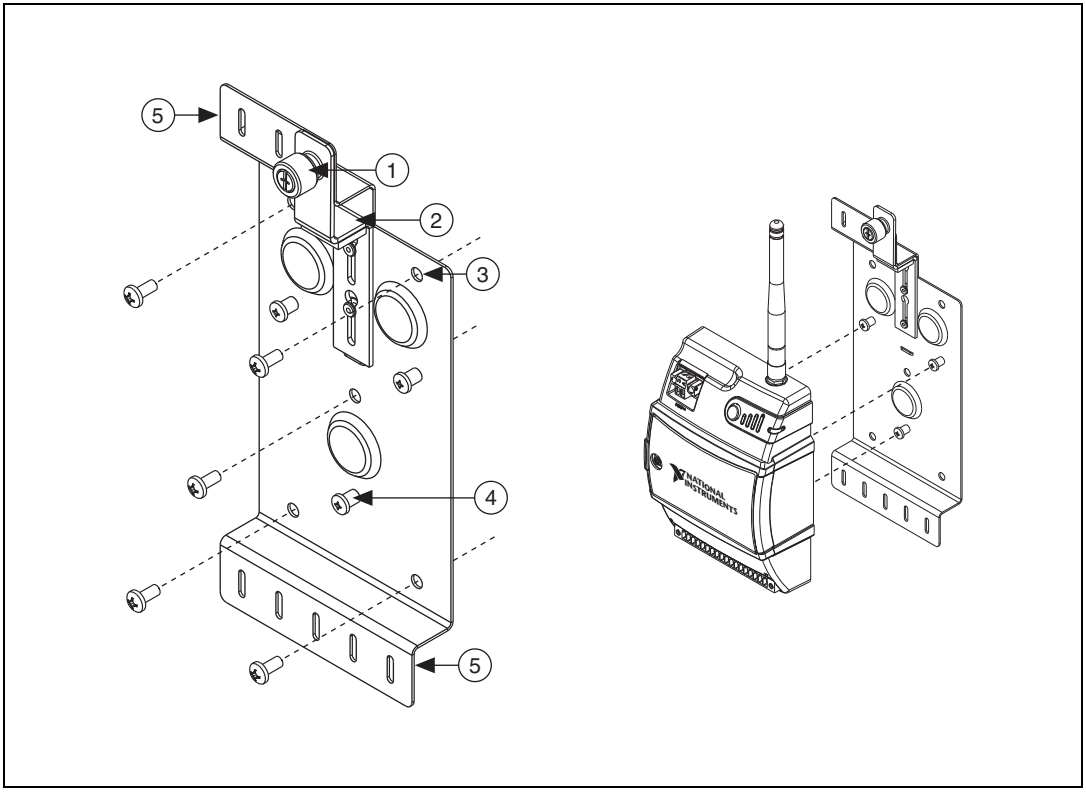


Figure 7. NI WSN-3212 Device Panel Mount Dimensions



1	Retention Knob	4	Integrated Mounting Pin
2	Retention Clip	5	Power and I/O Strain Relief
3	Mounting Hole		

Figure 8. Panel Mount Accessory

Refer to Figure 8 while completing the following steps to mount the NI WSN-3212 on a panel:

1. **(NI WSN-3280)** Bolt or screw the panel mount accessory to a panel using five 8-32 or M4 screws.
   (NI WSN-3281) Attach the panel mount accessory using the integrated magnet.
2. Slide the NI WSN-3212 device into the panel mount accessory as shown in Figure 8.

3. Slide the retention clip down and tighten the panel mount knob to secure the NI WSN-3212 device as shown in Figure 9.

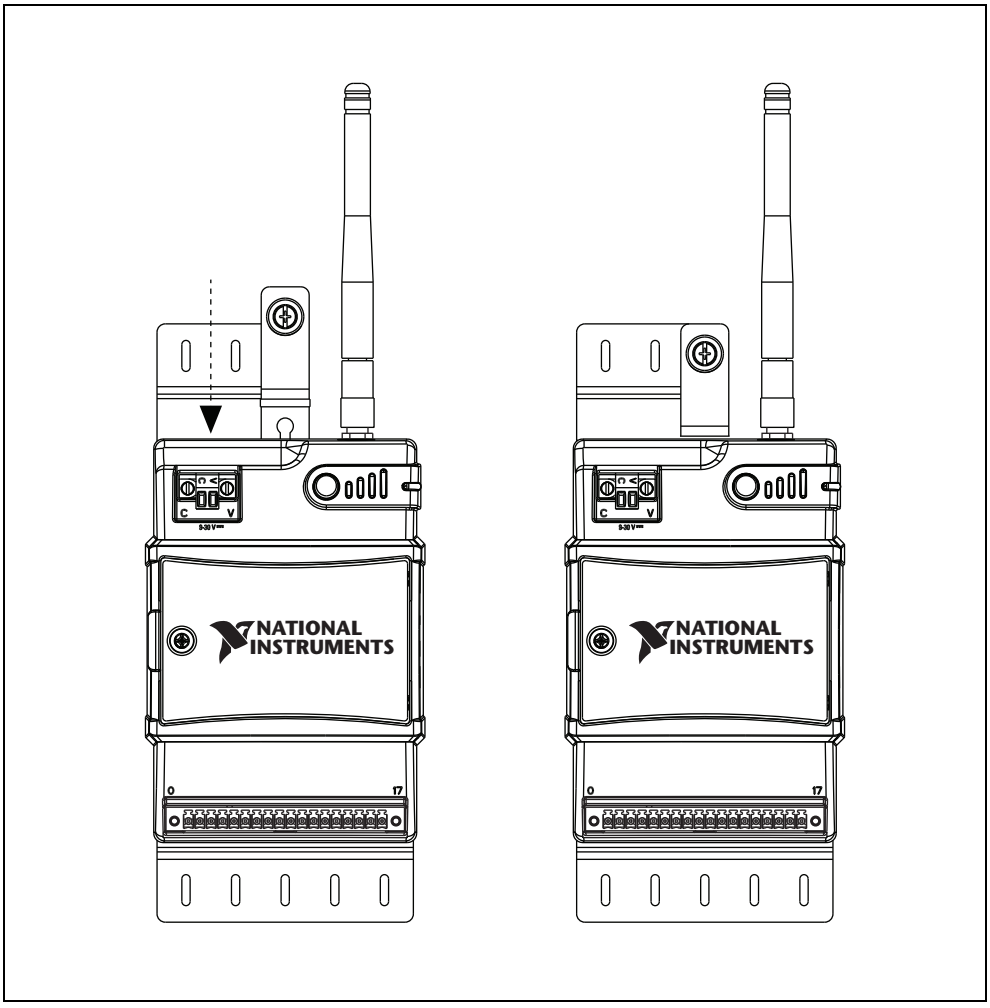


Figure 9. Slide Retention Clip Down and Tighten Panel Mount Knob

4. (Optional) Secure any I/O signal or power supply cabling to the panel mount accessory using a zip-tie and the integrated strain relief slots.

Using the Integrated Panel Mount Slots

You can also mount the NI WSN-3212 to a panel using the integrated panel mount slots as shown in Figure 10.

1. Attach three number 8 or M4 pan head screws in the mounting panel leaving 0.1 in. space under the head of each screw. Refer to Figure 3 for the correct hole pattern and dimensions.
2. Slide the NI WSN-3212 device onto the panel.

Note In this configuration, the NI WSN-3212 is held in place only by the weight of the device and the friction of the screw attachment. Use the DIN rail clip or panel mount accessories in high vibration environments.

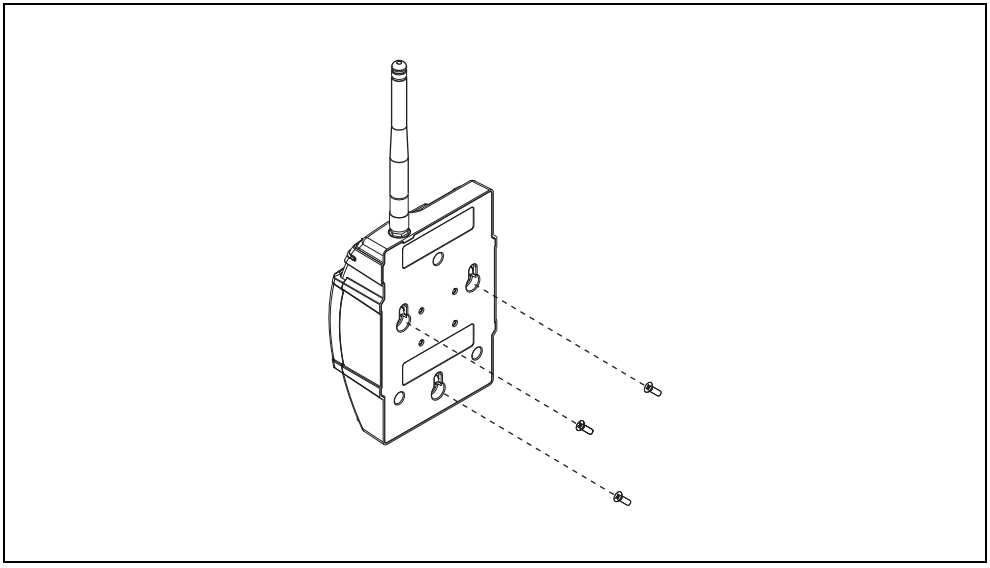


Figure 10. Integrated Panel Mount Slots

Caution Disconnect power before removing the device from the panel.

Setting Up the NI WSN-3212 Device

The following sections discuss setting up the NI WSN-3212 for use.

Installing the Software

You must be an Administrator to install NI software and devices on your computer. Before connecting the hardware, install the following software in the following order:

1. NI LabVIEW, available at `ni.com/support`.
2. NI-WSN and NI MAX, which are included on the software installation disc included with your NI WSN gateway and are also available for download at `ni.com/support`.

Note After installation of NI-WSN, the *NI Wireless Sensor Network Getting Started Guide* is available from **Start»All Programs»National Instruments»NI-WSN**.

Powering the NI WSN-3212 Device

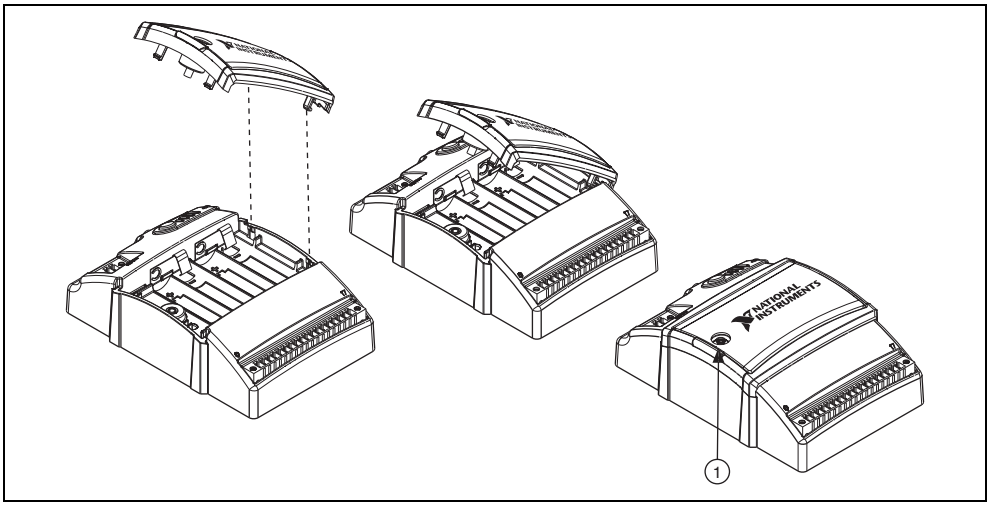
The NI WSN-3202 device can be powered on by either an external power supply or four AA alkaline batteries. Refer to the *Specifications* section for details about the input power and battery requirements.

If both battery and external power are connected, the NI WSN-3212 functions from the external power input. The device is designed to provide battery backup in the event of loss of external power and will automatically switch to battery power when external power is lost.

Installing Batteries

To install batteries in the NI WSN-3212 device, complete the following steps:

1. Loosen the battery compartment retention screw and remove the compartment cover, as shown in Figure 11.



1	Battery Retention Screw

Figure 11. NI WSN-3212 Battery Compartment

Caution Using the incorrect battery type causes an explosion risk. Do *not* use rechargeable batteries. Refer to the *Battery Replacement and Disposal* section for information about how to dispose of used batteries.

Note When using the NI WSN-3212 device on battery power, you should configure the device as an end node so that it sleeps most of the time. Running a device configured as a router mode from battery power greatly reduces the battery life. The device ships from the factory configured as an end node. For more information about how to switch the node from an end mode to a router mode, refer to *Configuring WSN in MAX*, available from **Start»All Programs»National Instruments» NI-WSN**.

2. Install four AA alkaline batteries in the device, making sure to install them with the correct polarity. Figure 13 shows the battery polarity markings inside the device battery compartment.
3. Reinstall the battery compartment cover and tighten the retention screw.

Connecting External Power to the NI WSN-3212 Device

To connect an external power supply to the NI WSN-3212, complete the following steps:

1. Remove the 2-position mini-combicon plug from the device, loosening the retaining screws if necessary.

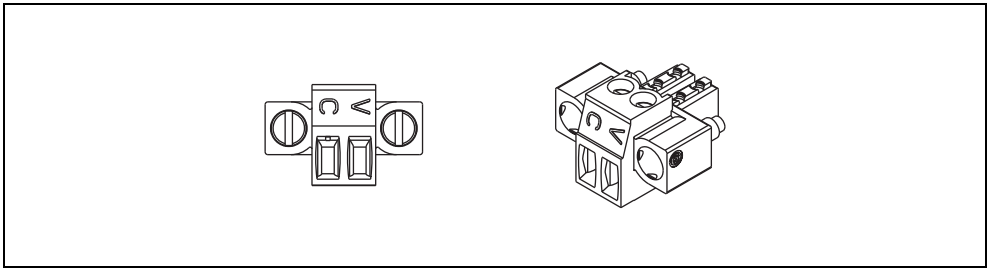
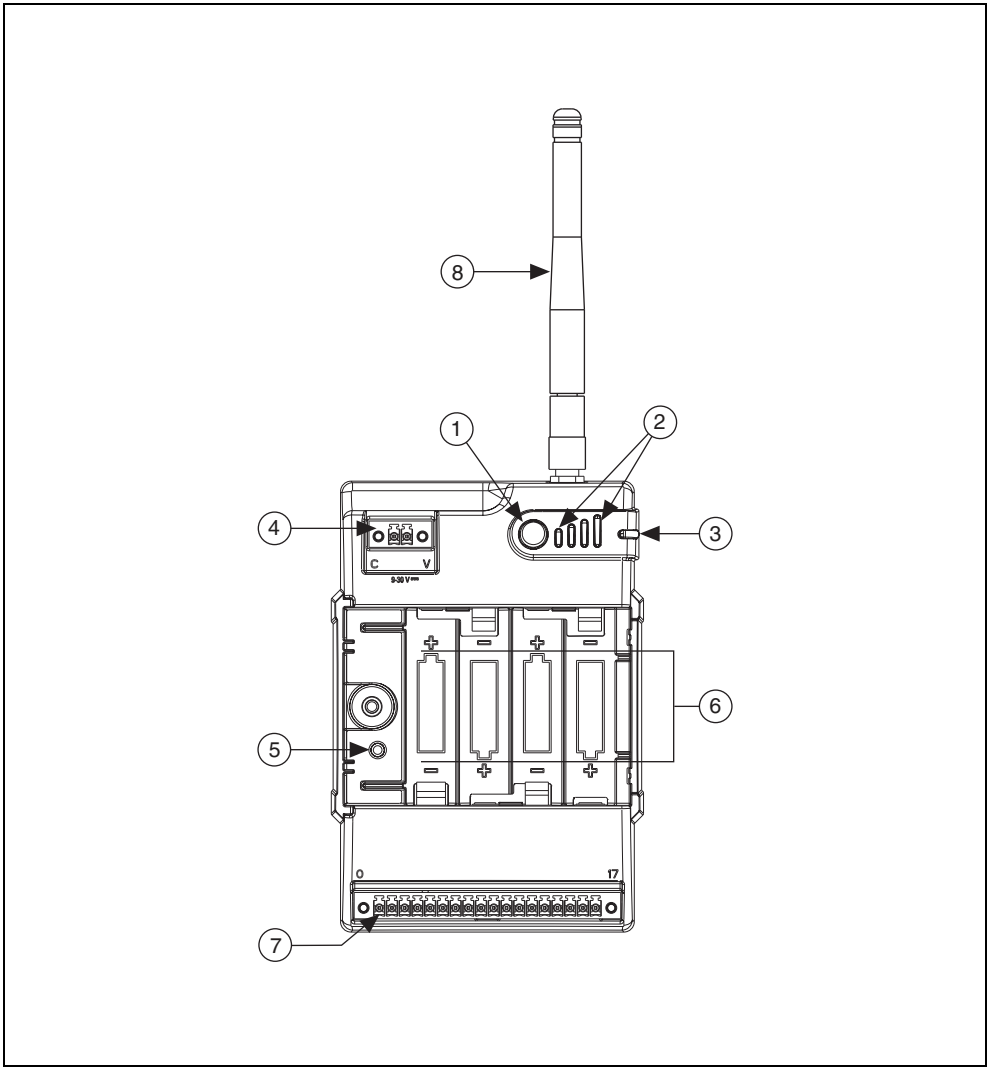


Figure 12. 2-Position Mini-Combicon Plug

2. Connect the external power supply positive lead to the V terminal.
3. Connect the negative (common) lead to the C terminal.
4. Reinstall the 2-position mini-combicon plug in the device and tighten the retaining screws.

Caution You must use a UL Listed ITE power supply marked LPS with the NI WSN-3212. The power supply must also meet any safety and compliance requirements for the country of use.

Figure 13 shows the NI WSN-3212 device interface.



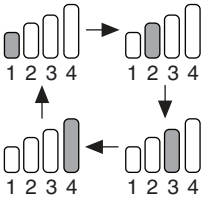
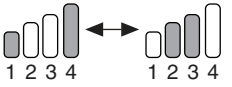
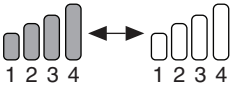
1	WSN Connect Button	5	Reset Button
2	Signal Strength/Status LEDs	6	Battery Slots/Polarity Indicators
3	User LED	7	I/O Connector
4	9–30 V External Power Input	8	Antenna

Figure 13. NI WSN-3212 Node Interface

Signal Strength/Status LED Indicators

The NI WSN-3212 has four signal strength/status LED indicators, which flash twice before displaying signal strength information. Table 1 shows the status and signal strength LED patterns.

Table 1. Signal Strength and Status LED State/Node Status

LED Indication Mode	LED State	LED Pattern	Device Status
Signal Strength—LEDS 1–4 blink twice and then display the signal strength for three seconds	LED 1–4 OFF		Low Signal
	LED 1 ON, LED 2–4 OFF		Poor
	LED 1–2 ON, LED 3–4 OFF		Fair
	LED 1–3 ON, LED 4 OFF		Good
	LED 1–4 ON		Excellent
Status Indication	Each LED 1–4 blinking in succession		Searching for network
	LED 1, 4 and 2, 3 alternate blinking		Updating firmware
	LED 1–4 continuously blinking		Error. Reboot device. If problem persists, reset device to factory default settings. Go to `ni.com/support` for additional troubleshooting steps.

WSN Connect Button

Note Refer to your NI WSN gateway documentation for detailed instructions about how to connect a NI WSN-3212 to the NI WSN gateway.

The NI WSN-3212 is equipped with a WSN connect button as shown in Figure 13. The button controls network connection and the LEDs, which display connection status.

Pressing the WSN connect button results in the device responses shown in Table 2.

Table 2. WSN Connect State/Device Status

Current Device State	Duration of Button Press	Result
Initial power on, not connected	Any duration	Node turns on and searches for an available network.
Connected to a NI WSN-9791	<5 seconds	Node blinks all four signal strength LEDs twice, and then displays the signal strength as shown in Table 1.
	≥5 seconds	Node leaves current network and searches for a new network.

Reset Button

The NI WSN-3212 is equipped with a reset button as shown in Figure 13.

Pressing the reset button results in the following device responses:

- When pressed for fewer than 5 seconds, the device reboots with the current configuration.
- When pressed for 5 seconds or more, the device reboots into Factory Default Mode, which returns the device user configuration to the factory-set defaults.

Using the NI WSN-3212 Device

Analog Input Circuitry

Terminals 0–7 on the 18-position screw terminal connector are analog input. The NI WSN-3212 channels share a common ground that is not isolated from other system parts. Each channel has some impedance between the TC+ and COM terminal and between the TC– and the COM terminal. Each channel is filtered, and then sampled by a 24-bit analog-to-digital converter (ADC). There is a current source between the TC+ and TC– terminals. If an open thermocouple is connected to the channel, the current source forces a full-scale voltage across the terminals. Refer to your software documentation for more information about detecting open thermocouples in software.

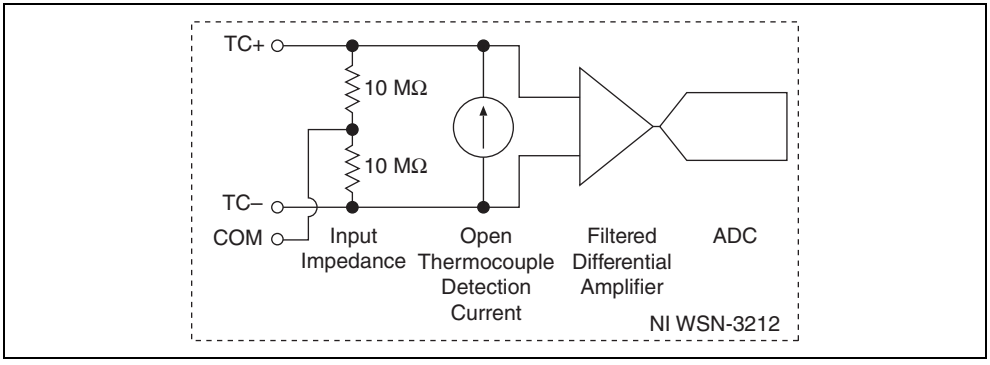


Figure 14. Analog Input Circuitry for One Channel

Connecting Thermocouples

Thermocouples attached to the NI WSN-3212 must be electrically isolated from the device digital I/O ground (D GND) and earth ground.

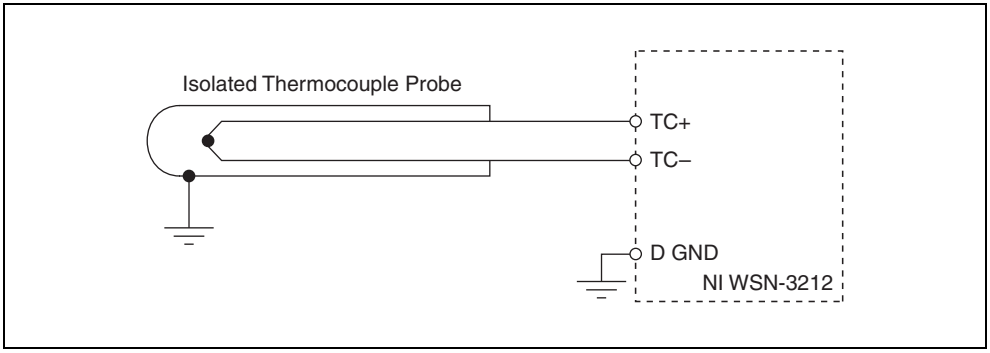


Figure 15. Connecting an Isolated Thermocouple Probe

In Figure 15, the thermocouple junction is isolated from the outer metal probe sheath and even though the sheath is earth grounded, the junction itself is isolated from earth ground. Many thermocouple product manufacturers refer to this as an ungrounded thermocouple. Connect the thermocouple positive lead to the TC+ terminal and the negative lead to the TC– terminal. Check the thermocouple documentation or wire spool to determine the polarity of each lead. If using shielded thermocouple wire with the shield not connected to earth ground, connect the shield to the COM terminal as shown in Figure 16.

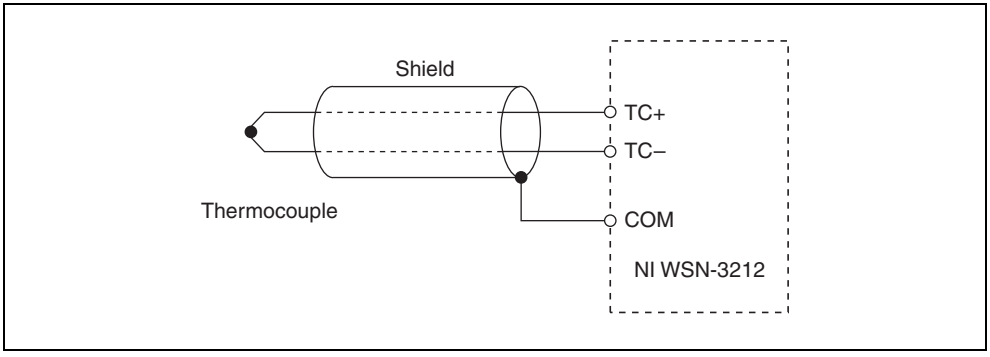


Figure 16. Connecting an Ungrounded, Shielded Thermocouple Probe

If the shield connects to earth ground, leave the shield disconnected from the NI WSN-3212.

Caution Connecting a non-isolated, earth grounded thermocouple causes corrupted temperature measurements.

Determining Temperature Measurement Accuracy and Minimizing Errors

Temperature measurement errors depend, in part, on the thermocouple type, the temperature being measured, the thermocouple accuracy, and the cold-junction temperature. Figures 17 through 21 shows the typical and maximum errors for the different thermocouple types when used with the NI WSN-3212 over the full temperature range. The figures account for gain errors, offset errors, differential and integral nonlinearity, quantization errors, noise errors, and isothermal errors. The figures do not account for the thermocouple accuracy itself. Temperature gradients across the NI WSN-3212 terminals affect the

cold-junction temperature accuracy. For the best accuracy results, keep temperature gradients across NI WSN-3212 terminals to a minimum. Refer to the *Minimizing Thermal Gradients* section for more information.

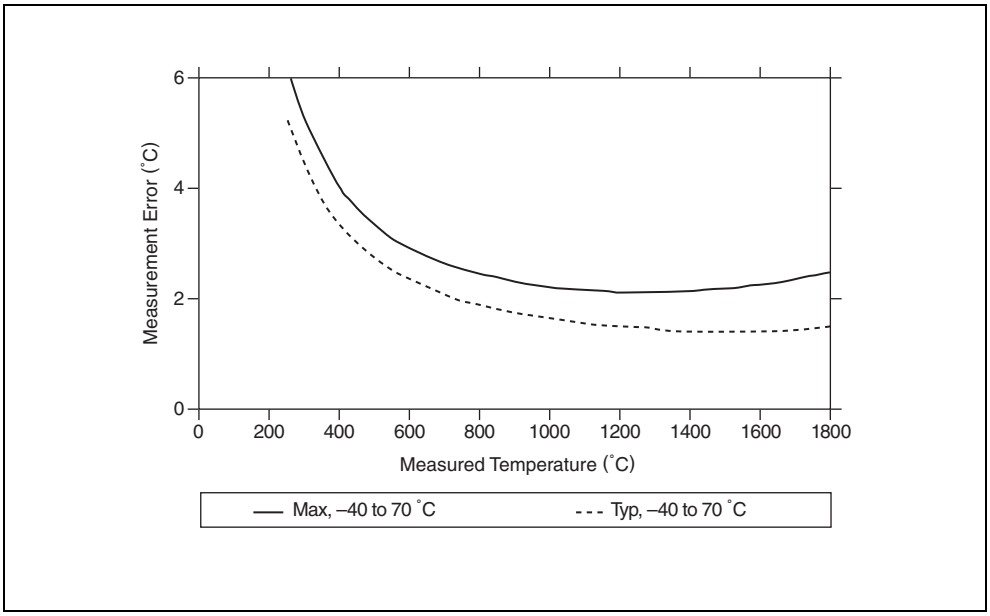


Figure 17. Type B Errors

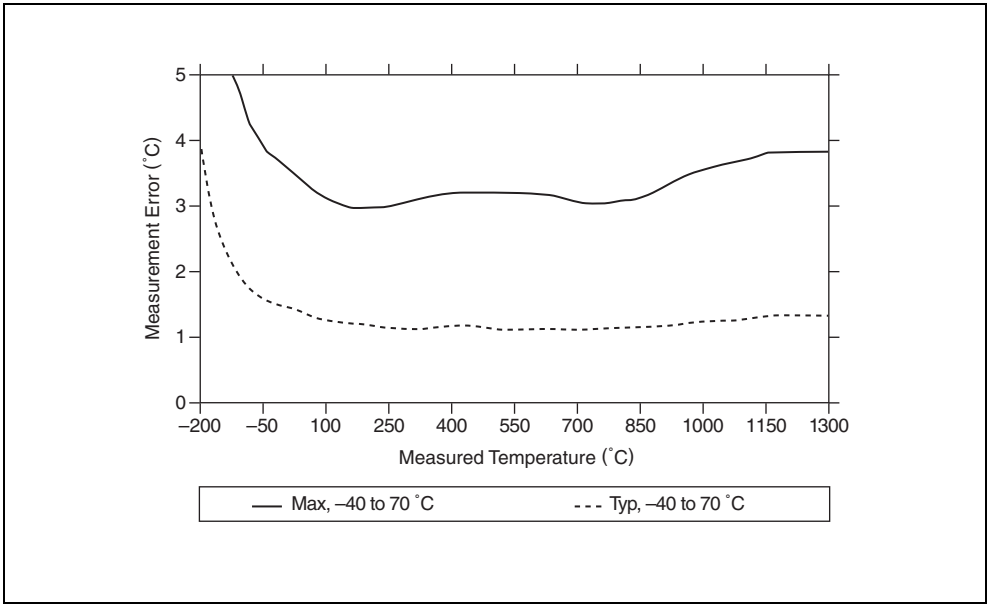
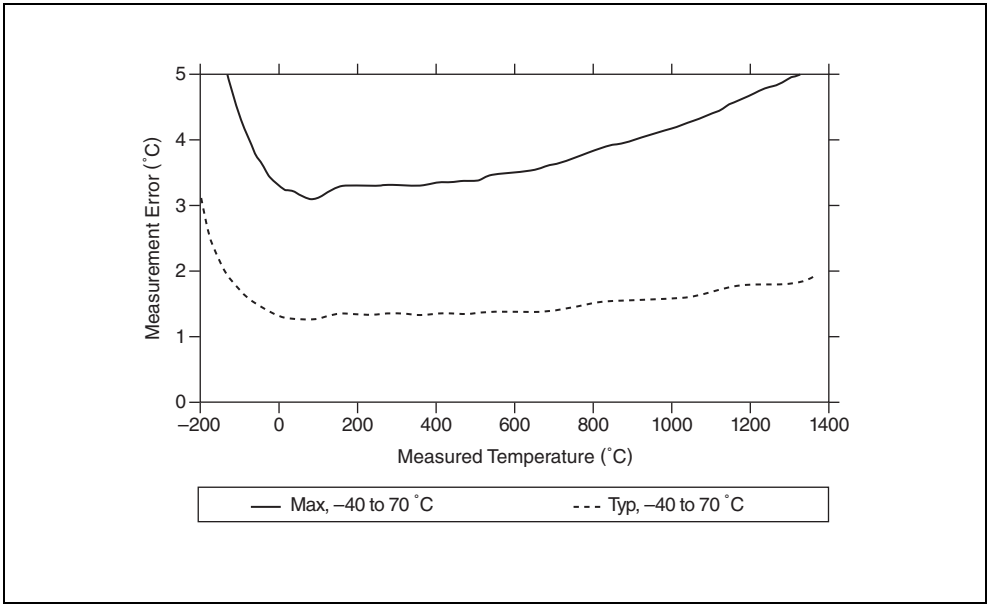


Figure 18. Type J and N Errors



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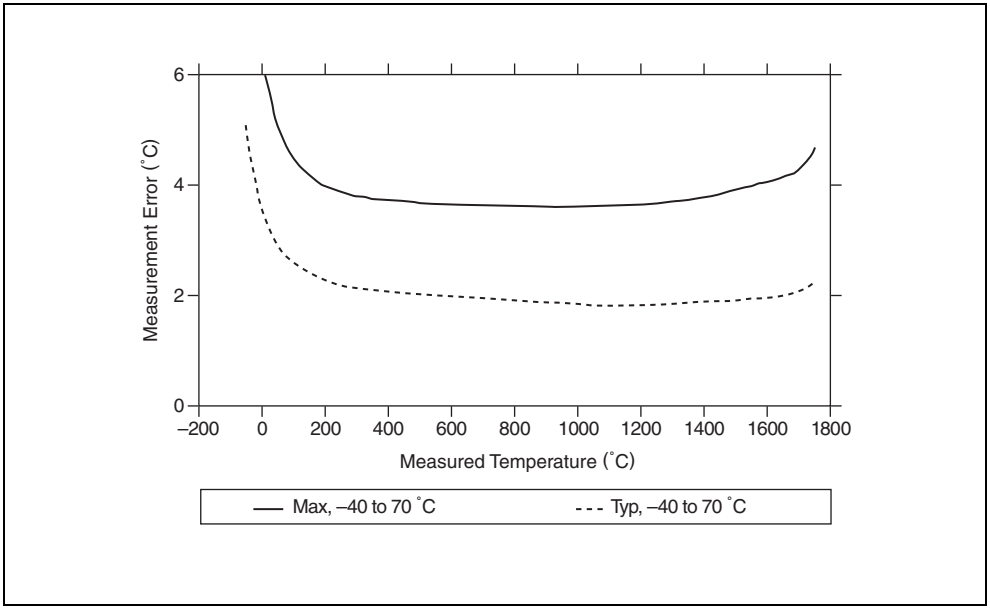

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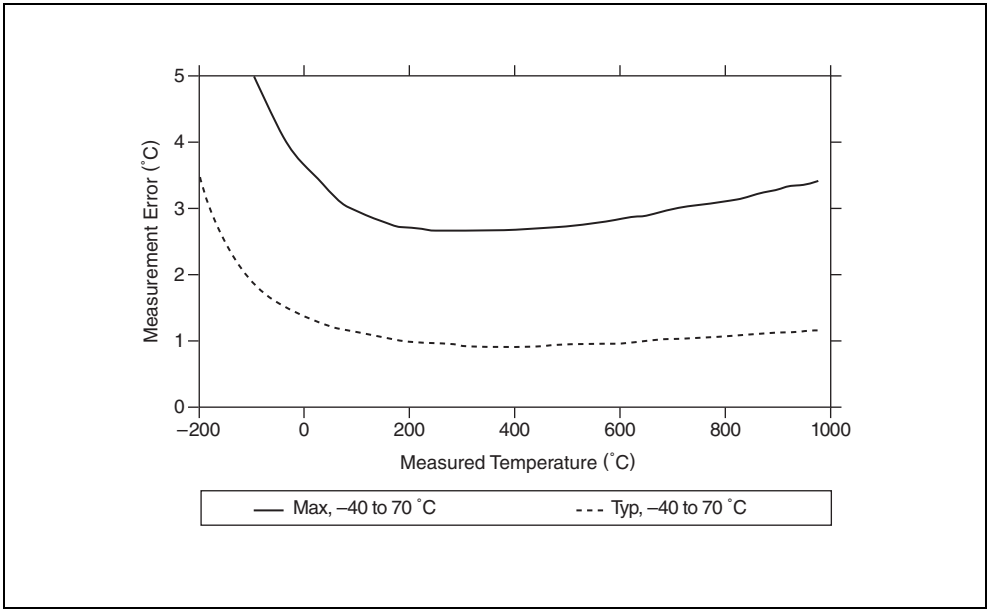

Figure 21. Type T and E Errors

Cold-Junction Temperature Measurement Accuracy

Heat dissipated by adjacent heat sources can cause errors in thermocouple measurements by heating up the terminals so that they are at a different temperature than the cold-junction compensation sensor used to measure the cold junction. The thermal gradient generated across the terminals can cause the terminals of different channels to be at different temperatures, so the resulting measurement creates errors not only in absolute accuracy but also in the relative accuracy between channels. If the system is mounted as recommended in the WSN device user guides, the NI WSN-3212 accuracy specifications include the errors caused by the gradient across the device terminals.

Minimizing Thermal Gradients

To minimize these errors, follow these guidelines:

- Use small-gauge thermocouple wire. Smaller wire transfers less heat to or from the measuring junction.
- Run thermocouple wiring together near the screw-terminal connector to keep the wires at the same temperature.
- Avoid running thermocouple wires near hot or cold objects.
- Keep the ambient temperature of the device as stable as possible.
- Minimize adjacent heat sources and airflow across the device.

Controlling Digital Inputs and Outputs

The NI WSN-3212 device has four bi-directional digital I/O channels, and each channel supports four operational modes: Drive High Only, Drive Low Only, Drive High and Low, and Tristate. Use the **Node Properties** dialog box in the LabVIEW Project Explorer window to change DIO settings.

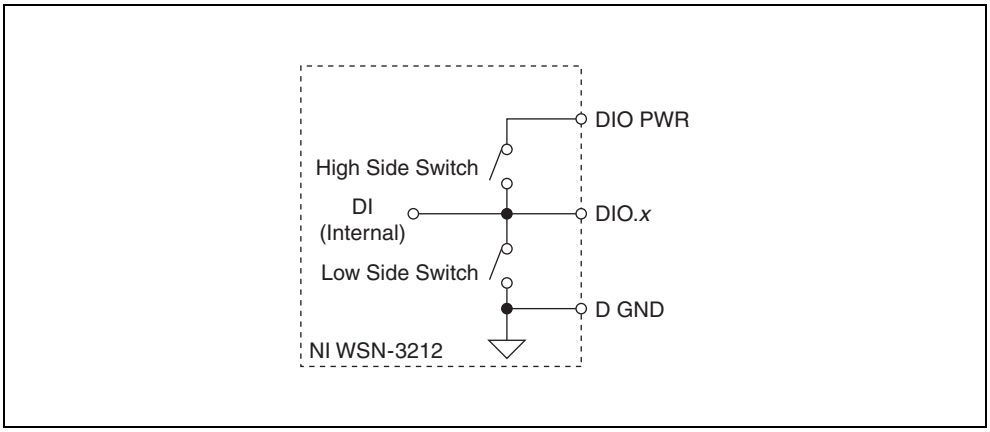

Figure 22. Simplified Circuit Diagram of One DIO Channel

Terminals 9–17 are the DIO section on the 18-position screw terminal connector. Each DIO channel has a signal terminal (DIO.*x*) and a ground terminal (D GND). There is also a terminal for the positive terminal of DIO Power (DIO PWR), which is only required when one of the DIO channels is configured for sourcing output. There is an internal digital input terminal which reads the digital output current state or the value of DIO.*x* when configured for Tristate mode. The NI-WSN software controls the different modes of operation by turning on and off the high side and low side switches.

You can connect a variety of industrial devices such as solenoids, relays, and indicators to the NI WSN-3212 device. Refer to the *Specifications* section to ensure compatibility. The Drive High Only and the Drive High and Low modes require an external power supply connected to the DIO PWR terminal.

The following sections discuss how to configure the NI WSN-3212 device for different types of input and output and how to connect external devices to the NI WSN-3212 DIO terminals.

Connecting Sourcing Digital Outputs

You must connect an external power supply to the NI WSN-3212 to source digital outputs. This power supply provides the current for the devices you connect to the NI WSN-3212. Connect the power supply positive lead to DIO PWR terminal and the power supply negative lead to one of the D GND pins. The DIO PWR terminal on the NI WSN-3212 is internally connected to each digital channel. You can connect only one external voltage supply to the device. Refer to the *Specifications* section for information about the power supply voltage range.

Note You must use 2-wire ferrules to create a secure connection when connecting more than one wire to a single terminal on the NI WSN-3212.

You can connect sourcing digital outputs to the NI WSN-3212 in either Drive High Only Mode or Drive High and Low Mode. In either mode, connect the device to DIO.*x* and connect the device common to the D GND terminal closest to that DIO.*x* terminal.

Drive High Only Mode

In Drive High Only Mode, the DIO.*x* terminal is driven to the voltage supplied to DIO PWR when you turn on the channel. Writing a digital value of 1 turns on the channel, and 0 turns off the channel. The channel is high impedance (refer to the *Specifications* section for more information about the maximum input current) when the channel is turned off (0). Use this mode for devices that require high side drive or a sourcing output.

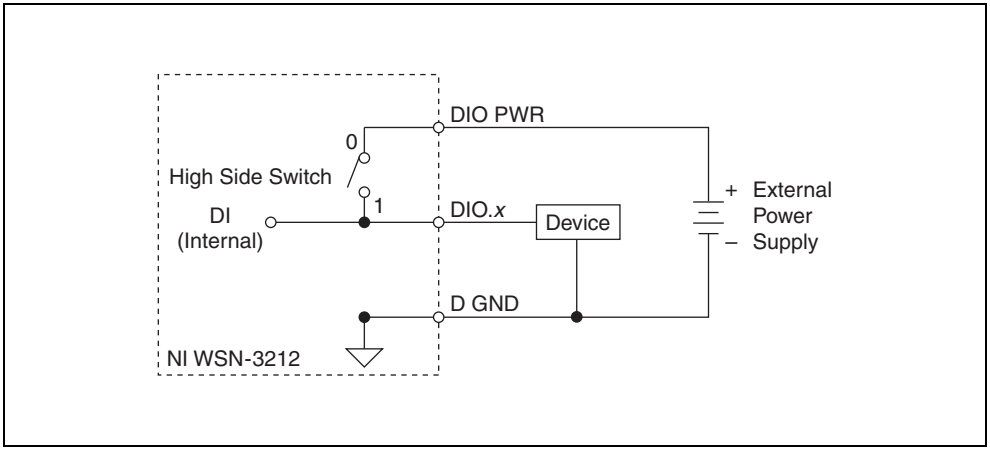

Figure 23. Connecting a Device to the NI WSN-3212 in Drive High Only Mode

Drive High and Low Mode

In Drive High and Low mode, the DIO.*x* terminal is driven to the voltage supplied to DIO PWR when you turn on the channel, and is driven to D GND when you turn off the channel. Writing a digital value of 1 turns on the channel, and 0 turns off the channel.

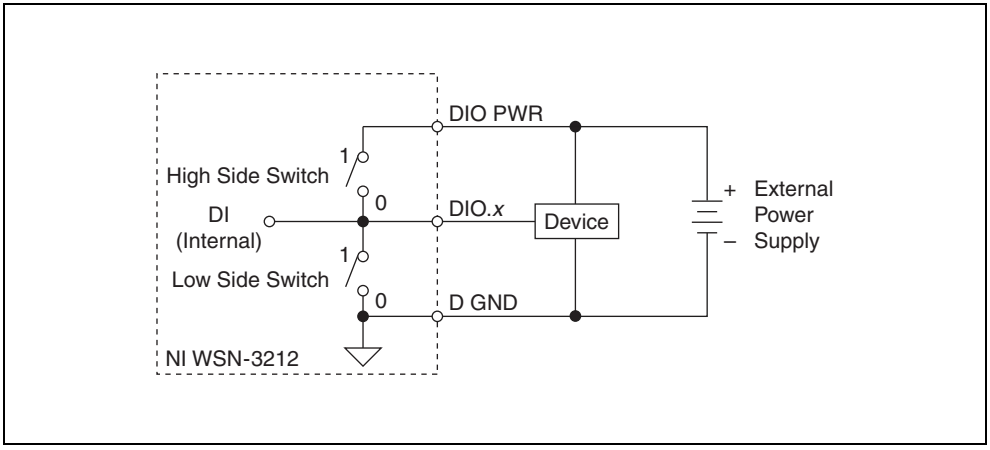

Figure 24. Connecting a Device to the NI WSN-3212 in Drive High and Low Mode

Connecting Sinking Digital Outputs

Drive Low Only Mode

In Drive Low Only mode, the DIO.*x* terminal is pulled to D GND when you turn on the channel. Writing a digital value of 0 turns on the channel, and 1 turns off the channel. The channel is high impedance when the channel is turned off (1). Use this mode for devices that require low side drive or a sinking output.

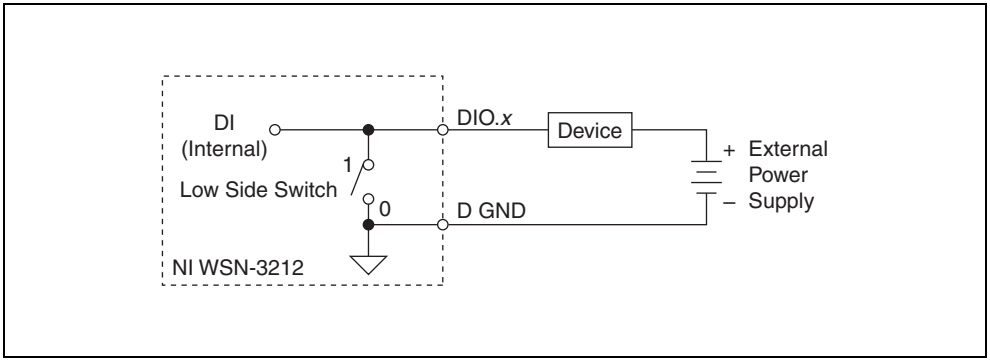

Figure 25. Connecting a Device to the NI WSN-3212 in Drive Low Only Mode

Connecting Digital Inputs

Tristate Mode

Use this mode to configure the channel as digital input, or for contact to ground sensing, as shown in Figure 26. In Tristate mode, when DIO.*x* terminal is read, a weak pull-up resistor to internal 3.3 V is enabled for about 1 ms.

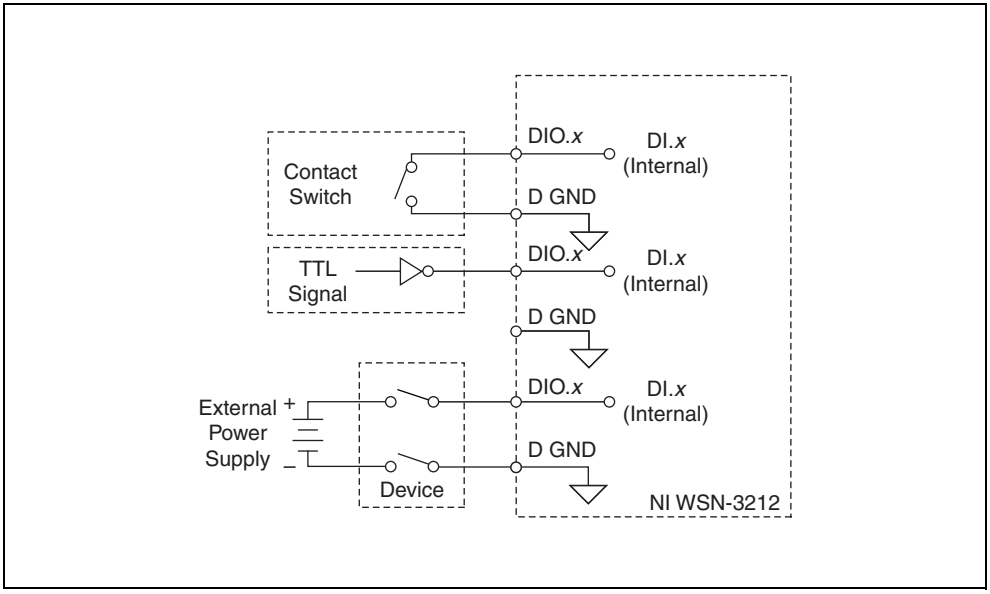

Figure 26. Example of Using the NI WSN-3212 in Tristate Mode

Digital I/O Protection

Each digital I/O channel has overcurrent protection specifically to prevent damage due to short circuit faults.

Understanding Short Circuit Protection

A short circuit fault at the DIO.*x* terminal may cause a resettable fuse internal to the digital I/O channel to increase in resistance preventing damage to the equipment. Whether the fuse increases in resistance depends on factors such as the current level, the temperature, and power supply voltage. High inrush currents that exist for a short time do not trip the fuse. Refer to the *Specifications* section for more information about the maximum continuous output current, short circuit behavior, and short circuit trip time.

Preventing an Overcurrent Condition

Follow these recommendations to prevent an overcurrent condition:

- Do *not* connect DIO PWR to ground.
- Do *not* ground unused terminals.
- Do *not* exceed the output current rating of the channel.

Detecting a Overcurrent Condition

If the node has detected an overcurrent condition, it immediately stops driving the DIO line, goes to a safe power down state, and blinks a four blink error code. The node must be manually reset or power-cycled to resume operation. A DIO line can be in overcurrent if it is driving high, or driving low, but not if it is tristated. To identify which DIO line tripped the overcurrent protection, set all the DIO lines to tristate and one by one set them to the desired drive mode and value until the protection is tripped.

Resetting Channels After an Overcurrent Condition

After you have identified and removed the cause of the overcurrent condition, to resume normal operation, you must reset the node by pressing the RESET button or by removing and reapplying power to the node.

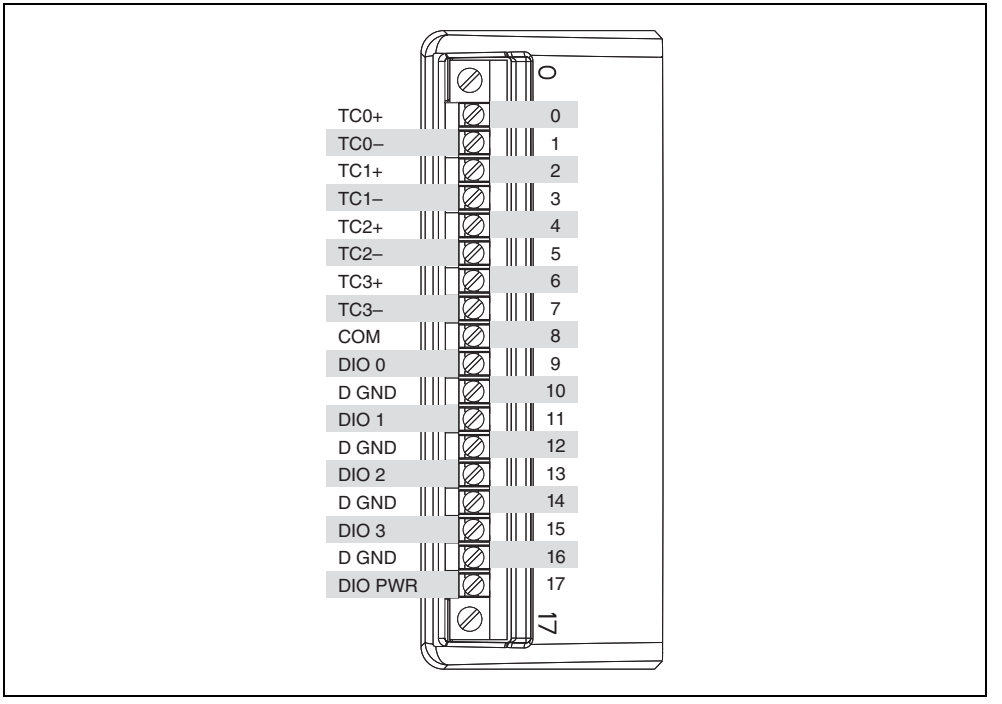

Figure 27. NI WSN-3212 Pinout

Specifications

These specifications are typical from –40 to 70 °C unless otherwise noted.

For the NI WSN gateway specifications, refer to the gateway documentation.

Analog Input Characteristics

Number of channels .....4, thermocouple input

ADC resolution .....24 bits

Type of ADC .....Delta-Sigma

Voltage measurement range .....±73 mV

Common-mode range

Channel-to-common .....±700 mV

Common-mode rejection ratio (0 to 60 Hz)

Channel-to-common .....95 dB

Temperature measurement ranges

Thermocouple types J, K,
R, S, T, N, and B .....Works over temperature ranges defined by NIST

Thermocouple type E.....–270 to 950 °C

Minimum sample interval ..... 2 s

Input bandwidth (–3 dB) ..... 1 Hz

Noise rejection ..... 65 dB minimum at 50/60 Hz

Overvoltage protection ..... ±30 V between any input and common

Differential input impedance ..... 20 MΩ

Input current ..... 50 nA

Input noise ..... 0.5 μV_{rms}

Gain error ..... 0.02% maximum at 25 °C,
0.03% typical at –40 to 70 °C,
0.1% maximum at –40 to 70 °C

Offset error (with autozero) ..... 11 µV typical at –40 to 70 °C,
12.5 µV maximum –40 to 70 °C

Digital I/O

Number of channels 4

Modes (per channel) ..... Bi-directional

Modes (configurable per channel) ..... Drive High Only, Drive Low Only,
Drive High and Low, and Tristate

Power-on output state ..... High Impedance, Tristate

DIO power supply voltage range (V_{DIO_PWR}) ..... 5 to 30 V

Digital Input (Tristate Mode)

Input voltage range ..... 0 to 30 V

Input logical levels

- High level input voltage ..... 1.7 to 30 V
- Low level input voltage ..... 0 to 0.45 V

Input current (0 to 30 V) ..... –160 µA to 400 µA maximum

Contact to ground detection

- Contact close resistance (to ground) ..... <2.5 KΩ
- Contact open resistance (to ground) ..... >40 KΩ

Contact capacitance ..... <20 nF

Digital Output

Total DIO current (all channels) ..... 0.5 A maximum

Output current (one channel) (I_{OUT}) ..... 0.5 A maximum

Output voltage

- Sourcing ..... $V_{DIO\ PWR}$ – 0.5 V – (0.9 Ω × I_{OUT}) minimum
- Sinking ..... 0.9 Ω × I_{OUT} maximum

Protection

Voltage ..... 30 VDC maximum

Reversed voltage ..... 30 VDC maximum

Short circuit

Trip current ..... 0.57 A minimum, 3.5 A maximum

Trip time ..... 2.5 s at 5 A typical at 25 °C

Switching time

Sinking, 10 KΩ pull-up ..... 15 µs

Sourcing, 10 KΩ pull-down ..... 3.5 ms

Node Resources for LabVIEW WSN

User flash size ..... 248 Kbytes

Number of flash erase cycles per sector 100,000

Wireless Characteristics

Radio mode ..... IEEE 802.15.4

RF data rate ..... 250 kbit/s

Frequency band[1] ..... ISM 2.4 GHz (2400 MHz to 2483.5 MHz)

Channels[2] 11–24

TX power

Americas ..... +17 db (50 mW)

International ..... +10 db (10 mW)

Range

Americas ..... Up to 300 m

International ..... Up to 150 m

Modulation type ..... DSSS (O-QPSK)

Receiver sensitivity ..... –102 dBm

Antenna

Connector ..... Female RP-SMA connector

VSWR MAX.2.0

Impedance ..... 50 Ω

Directivity ..... Omni

Nominal gain ..... 1.5 dBi

[1] Due to regulations, the frequency bands depend upon country of operation.

[2] Due to regulations, the valid channels depend upon country of operation.

Power Requirements

The power requirements specifications are typical at 25 °C.

Battery Power

Caution Do *not* use rechargeable batteries.

Internal battery ..... 4 AA 1.5 V alkaline only

Recommended batteries ..... Energizer EN 91 AA, alkaline
Duracell MN1500 AA, alkaline

Battery operating temperature range
- Energizer E91 ..... –18 °C to 55 °C
- Duracell MN1500 ..... –20 °C to 54 °C

Voltage range ..... 3.6 to 7.5 V

Power consumption[1]
- 60 second sample interval ..... 0.4 mW at 6 V
- 2 second sample interval ..... 7.4 mW at 6 V

Battery life[1]
- 60 second sample interval ..... Up to 3 years
- 2 second sample interval ..... Up to 2 months

External Power

Caution You *must* use a UL Listed ITE power supply marked LPS with the NI WSN-3212. The power supply must also meet any safety and compliance requirements for the country of use.

Voltage range ..... 9 to 30 V

Power input mating connector ..... 2-position mini-combicon,
Phoenix Contact part number: 1714977

Power consumption
- End node mode
  - 60 second sample interval ..... 15 mW at 24 V
  - 2 second sample interval ..... 25 mW at 24 V
- Router mode[2] ..... 300 mW at 24 V

Physical Characteristics

Screw-terminal wiring ..... 14 to 24 AWG wire

Torque for screw terminals ..... 0.2 to 0.25 N · m

Dimensions ..... Refer to Figure 3 for device dimensions

Weight ..... Approximately 242 g (8.5 oz)

Weight with antenna ..... Approximately 256 g (9 oz)

[1] Device executing NI-WSN firmware. End node mode.

[2] Router connected directly to gateway. Routing messages for one end node at a one minute sample interval.

Calibration

You can obtain the calibration certificate and information about calibration services for the NI WSN-3212 at `ni.com/calibration`. The *NI WSN-3212 Calibration Procedure* is available from `ni.com/manuals`.

Calibration interval .....3 years

Safety Standards

Note For UL and other safety certifications, refer to the product label, or go to `ni.com/certification`, search by model number or product line, and click the appropriate link in the Certification column.

The NI WSN-3212 is designed to meet the requirements of the following standards of safety for electrical equipment for measurement, control, and laboratory use:

- IEC 61010-1, EN 61010-1
- UL 61010-1, CSA 61010-1

Hazardous Locations

U.S. (UL) .....Class I, Division 2, Groups A, B, C, D, T4; Class I, Zone 2, AEx nC IIC T4

Canada (C-UL) .....Class I, Division 2, Groups A, B, C, D, T4; Class I, Zone 2, Ex nL IIC T4

Europe (DEMKO).....Ex nA nL IIC T4

Safety Voltages

Connect only voltages that are within these limits.

V terminal to C terminal .....30 V max, Measurement Category I

Measurement Category I is for measurements performed on circuits not directly connected to the electrical distribution system referred to as MAINS voltage. MAINS is a hazardous live electrical supply system that powers equipment. This category is for measurements of voltages from specially protected secondary circuits. Such voltage measurements include signal levels, special equipment, limited-energy parts of equipment, circuits powered by regulated low-voltage sources, and electronics.

Caution Do *not* connect the system to signals or use for measurements within Measurement Categories II, III, or IV.

RF Safety Warning

This product complies with FCC radiation exposure limits set for uncontrolled equipment and meets the FCC radio frequency (RF) Exposure Guidelines in Supplement C to OET65. This product generates and radiates radio frequency energy. To comply with the radio frequency radiation exposure guidelines in an uncontrolled environment, this equipment should be installed and operated with at least 20 cm between the radiator and the person's body (excluding extremities: hands, wrists, feet, and legs).

This product complies with the European Council Recommendation (1995/519/EC) on the limitation of exposure of the general public to electromagnetic fields. Compliance was determined in accordance with the requirements in EN 50371.

Environmental

Operating temperature
(IEC-60068-2-1 and IEC-60068-2-2) .....–40 to 70 °C

Storage temperature
(IEC-60068-2-1 and IEC-60068-2-2) .....–40 to 85 °C

Operating humidity (IEC-60068-2-56).....10 to 90% RH, noncondensing

Storage humidity (IEC-60068-2-56).....5 to 95% RH, noncondensing

Pollution Degree (IEC 60664) 2

Maximum altitude.....2,000 m

Indoor use only

Shock and Vibration

Operating vibration, random (IEC 60068-2-64) ....5 g_{rms}, 10 to 500 Hz

Operating shock (IEC 60068-2-27) .....30 g, 11 ms half sine,
50 g, 3 ms half sine,
18 shocks at 6 orientations

Operating vibration,
sinusoidal (IEC 60068-2-6) .....5 g, 10 to 500 Hz

Electromagnetic Compatibility

Caution Electromagnetic interference can adversely affect the measurement accuracy of this product. The input/output terminals of this product are not protected for electromagnetic interference. As a result, this device may experience reduced measurement accuracy or other temporary performance degradation when connected cables are routed in an environment with radiated or conducted radio frequency electromagnetic interference. To limit radiated emissions and to ensure that this device functions within specifications in its operational electromagnetic environment, take precautions when designing, selecting, and installing measurement probes and cables.

This product is designed to meet the requirements of the following standards of EMC for electrical equipment for measurement, control, and laboratory use:

- EN 61326-2-1 (IEC 61326-2-1): Class A emissions; Basic immunity
- EN 55011 (CISPR 11): Group 1, Class A emissions
- AS/NZS CISPR 11: Group 1, Class A emissions
- FCC 47 CFR Part 15B: Class A emissions
- ICES-001: Class A emissions

This product also meets the requirements of the following EMC standards for intentional radiators:

- EN 300 328
- EN 301 489-1 and EN 301 489-17
- FCC 47 CFR Part 15C
- IC RSS-210

Note For EMC certification and additional information, refer to the product label or the *Online Product Certification* section.

CE Compliance CE

This product meets the essential requirements of applicable European Directives, as amended for CE marking, as follows:

- 2006/95/EC; Low-Voltage Directive (safety)
- 2004/108/EC; Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC) Directive
- 1999/5/EC; Radio and Telecommunications Terminal Equipment (R&TTE) Directive

Regulatory Information

United States

This product complies with Part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to these two conditions: (1) this device may not cause harmful interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

Canada

This product complies with Industry Canada RSS-210.

Cet appareil est conforme aux norme RSS210 d'Industrie Canada.

Europe—EU Declaration of Conformity CE

Marking by the above CE symbol on the label indicates compliance with the Essential Requirements of the R&TTE Directive of the European Union (1999/5/EC). This equipment meets the following conformance standards: EN300 893, EN300 328, EN301 489-17, EN60950.

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Deutschland:	License required for outdoor installations. Check with reseller for procedure to follow.
	Anmeldung im Outdoor-Bereich notwendig, aber nicht genehmigungspflichtig.Bitte mit Händler die Vorgehensweise abstimmen.
France:	Restricted frequency band: only channels 1 to 7 (2400 MHz and 2454 MHz respectively) may be used outdoors in France.
	Bande de fréquence restreinte : seuls les canaux 1–7 (2400 et 2454 MHz respectivement) doivent être utilisés endroits extérieur en France. Vous pouvez contacter I'Autorité de Régulation des Télécommuniations (`http://www.art-telecom.fr`) pour la procédure à suivre.
Italia:	License required for indoor use. Use with outdoor installations not allowed.
	E'necessaria la concessione ministeriale anche per l'uso interno. Verificare con i rivenditori la procedura da seguire.

Nederland:	License required for outdoor installations. Check with reseller for procedure to follow. Licentie verplicht voor gebruik met buitenantennes. Neem contact op met verkoper voor juiste procedure.

Japan

The certified radio equipment is embedded in this device.

201WW 08215142 本機器には認証済み無線設備が内蔵されています

Singapore

Complies with IDA Standards DA105692

Taiwan R.O.C.

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