# VIGOR — VS-4TC Thermocouple Temperature Input Module

Forward

The VS-4TC Thermocouple Temperature Input Module can receive external 4 channels of thermocouple (TC) signals and convert those into digital temperature values. When the FROM instruction is executed, the VS Main Unit reads out temperature data from the VS-4TC module and stores that into registers. Thus, it provides the reference data for digital monitoring and related controls.

Since the conversion circuit for those input channels is not divided, the isolated (ungrounded) thermocouple sensors and reducing interference are required.

The VS-4TC Thermocouple Temperature Input Module requires a DC 24V external power input for the isolated DC to DC regulated power to provide its temperature converter. Also, between the PLC inner circuit and the converter are isolated by the Magnetic-coupler thus the module can get a stable temperature conversion. Please read following instructions before use.

Component Designation

Module Weight (N.W. / G.W.): 160g/235g
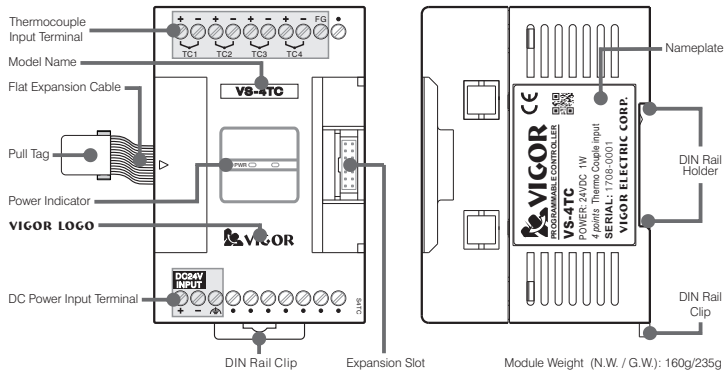
Specification

Temperature Input Specification

Item		Specification
Sensor Type		K, J, R, S, T, E, B or N type isolated (ungrounded) thermocouple
Measurable Range	K	−200 ℃ ~ 1200 ℃ (−328 ℉ ~ 2192 ℉)
	J	−160 ℃ ~ 1200 ℃ (−256 ℉ ~ 2192 ℉)
	R	0 ℃ ~ 1768 ℃ (32 ℉ ~ 3214.4 ℉)
	S	0 ℃ ~ 1768 ℃ (32 ℉ ~ 3214.4 ℉)
	T	−220 ℃ ~ 400 ℃ (−364 ℉ ~ 752 ℉)
	E	−220 ℃ ~ 1000 ℃ (−364 ℉ ~ 1832 ℉)
	B	300 ℃ ~ 1800 ℃ (572 ℉ ~ 3272 ℉)
	N	−200 ℃ ~ 1300 ℃ (−328 ℉ ~ 2372 ℉)
Converted Value		The measurement results are indicated by the unit of 0.1 ℃ or 0.1 ℉
Resolution		0.1 ℃ (0.1 ℉)
Overall Accuracy		±0.5 % (full scale.) ±1 ℃
Response Time		500 ms

Basic Specification

Item	Specification
Isolation Method	The external DC 24V input through an isolated DC/DC power to provide temp. convert circuits; Magnetic-coupler isolation between PLC and temperature converters; No isolation between input channels (ungrounded thermocouple is required)
Power Consumption	DC 24V ± 20%, 30mA (Max.) from external + DC 5V 15mA from PLC's inner power

Definition of Buffer Memory BFM in the VS-4TC Module

The VS-4TC module uses the BFMs to communicate with the VS Main Unit for the parameter setting and converted value access.

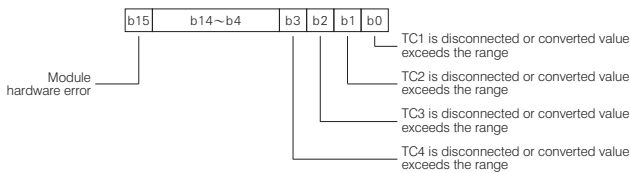| BFM No.	Component Description	
#0	To assign the thermocouple types for TC1~TC4. When the power is turned from OFF to ON, the default value is H0000.	
#2	To assign the scale of temperature measurement. 0: ℃ ; 1: ℉ ; other values: ℃ . When the power is turned from OFF to ON, the default value is 0.	
#3	To set the average times of TC1.	When the power is turned from OFF to ON, the default value is 1. The available range is 1~32,767, otherwise it is equivalent to 1.
#4	To set the average times of TC2.	
#5	To set the average times of TC3.	
#6	To set the average times of TC4.	
#11	Converted temperature value of TC1, with unit as 0.1 ℃ or 0.1 ℉.	
#12	Converted temperature value of TC2, with unit as 0.1 ℃ or 0.1 ℉.	
#13	Converted temperature value of TC3, with unit as 0.1 ℃ or 0.1 ℉.	
#14	Converted temperature value of TC4, with unit as 0.1 ℃ or 0.1 ℉.	
#29	Status and error flag.	
#30	Identification code: VS-4TC = K205 (can use the FROM instruction to check whether the place is this module or not)	
#31	The version number of this module. (the content value XX indicates Ver. X.X)	

BFM #0 To appoint the types of thermocouples:

Value of Nibble	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Thermocouple Type	K	J	R	S	T	E	B	N

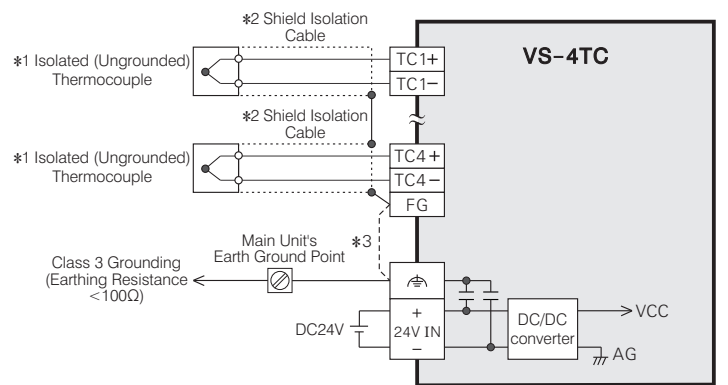If Value of Nibble is not 0~7, the channel is disabled.

Example: If the BFM #0 of a VS-4TC is set to be H8100, then
TC1 & TC2: K Type thermocouple input;
TC3: J Type thermocouple input; TC4: disabled.

BFM #29 Status and Error Flag: (0: normal; 1: error)

Module hardware error

TC1 is disconnected or converted value exceeds the range
TC2 is disconnected or converted value exceeds the range
TC3 is disconnected or converted value exceeds the range
TC4 is disconnected or converted value exceeds the range

External Wiring

*1: Always use isolated (ungrounded) thermocouple sensor.

*2: Please use the shield isolation cable for every temperature input, and keep the signal cable away from power lines to minimize external interference.

*3: Please connect the end of cable shield to the FG terminal. If the noise is huge, should connect the FG to the ⏚ terminal at the Main Unit.

*4: Please use appropriate compensating cables for thermocouple extension.

Example Program

The VS-4TC is installed next to the Main Unit and became the 1st. special module.
Its TC1~TC2 are used for K type thermocouples, TC3~TC4 are used for J type thermocouples.
Temperature converted values of TC1~TC4 are sequentially stored at D100~D103.


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M9002
─┤├──────────[ FROM K1 K30 D0 K1 ]   Read the 1st. special module's identification code at the beginning

─[= D0 K205]──[ MOVP H1100 U1G0 ]    Assign the types of the TC1~TC4 thermocouples for the VS-4TC

              [ FROM K1 K11 D100 K4 ] Read the converted temperature values of VS-4TC to D100~D103
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