



## Modbus/RS-485



## 924MB Multi-Channel Temperature Control Modules

### Thermocouple or Millivolt Input

### Limit Alarms or Discrete Outputs

#### Model

924MB: 4 input channels

#### Input

Four input channels:  
Thermocouple (types J, K, T, R, S, E, B, N),  
±100mV DC

#### Output

Four output channels:  
Open-drain MOSFETs (1A DC loads)  
0 to 35V DC

#### Network Communication

Modbus-RTU high-speed RS-485

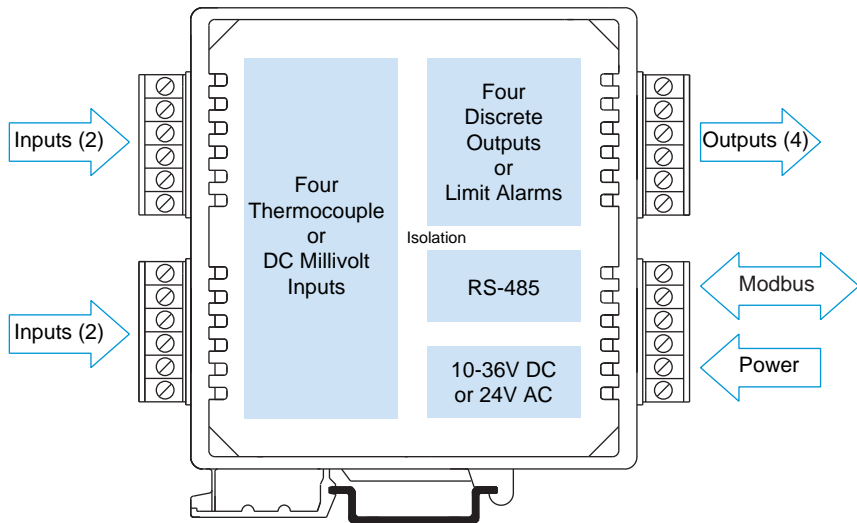
#### Power Requirement

10 to 36V DC,  
24V AC

#### Approvals

CE marked. UL, cUL listed  
Class I; Division 2; Groups A, B, C, D.

## Thermocouple/Millivolt Input Module



### Description

This signal conditioner is a four-channel analog input module with four discrete outputs. It filters and linearizes thermocouple inputs while providing isolation between input, output, power, and network circuits. Cold junction compensation and upscale/downscale sensor break detection are standard. AC and DC power sources are supported with nonpolarized, diode-coupled terminals.

The programmable inputs accommodate eight thermocouple types plus wide-range millivolt signals. Flexible discrete outputs operate as alarms or on/off controllers. As limit alarms, each discrete output can be configured with high and/or low setpoints exclusively tied to an analog input channel. Alarm trips function without host communication enabling low-cost stand-alone alarms as well as local backup for the primary control system. Otherwise, on/off control is based on commands issued by the host system.

Combining flexible transmitter functions, mixed signal I/O, alarm support, and a network interface in a single package, makes this instrument extremely powerful. Multi-channel design adds cost-efficiency and allows high-density mounting. Plus, safe, rugged construction makes these modules reliable for use in both control room and distributed field I/O applications. Custom module configurations are also possible (consult factory for details).

### Special Features

- Standard Modbus RTU protocol with high-speed RS-485 communication (up to 115K bps)
- 16-bit sigma-delta A/D yields 0.1°C resolution and 0.5°C measurement accuracy
- Thermocouple linearization and sensor break detection ensure reliable measurements
- Four discrete outputs enable local temperature limit alarms or host-controlled on/off switching
- Heavy-duty 1A solid-state relays provide dependable on/off control of industrial devices
- Self-calibration lowers maintenance costs by reducing periodic manual calibration checks
- Watchdog timers provide a configurable failsafe output state for use when host I/O communication is lost
- Four-way isolation eliminates potential ground loops between power, input, output and network circuitry
- Self-diagnostics monitor microcontroller activity to detect operational failures (lock-up) and execute a reset to restore communication



## Performance

### General Input

#### Resolution

±100mV DC input: 0.1%.  
Thermocouple input: 0.1°C (0.18°F).

#### Ambient Temperature Effect

Better than ±0.005% of input span per °C, or ±1.0uV/°C, whichever is greater.

#### Noise Rejection

Normal mode: 40dB @ 60Hz, typical.  
Common mode: 140dB @ 60Hz, typical.

#### Input Filter Bandwidth

-3dB at 3Hz, typical.

#### Input Conversion Rate

90ms per channel.

### Thermocouple Input

#### Thermocouple Input Ranges

Thermocouple type user-configured. Type selected applies to all channels. Signal linearization, cold-junction compensation, and open circuit or lead break detection are included.

TC	°C Range (°F Range)	Accuracy
J	-210 to 760°C (-346 to 1400°F)	±0.5°C
K	-200 to 1372°C (-328 to 2502°F)	±0.5°C
T	-260 to 400°C (-436 to 752°F)	±0.5°C
R	-50 to 1768°C (-58 to 3214°F)	±1.0°C
S	-50 to 1768°C (-58 to 3214°F)	±1.0°C
E	-200 to 1000°C (-328 to 1832°F)	±0.5°C
B	260 to 1820°C (500 to 3308°F)	±1.0°C
N	-230 to 1300°C (-382 to 2372°F)	±1.0°C

Note 1: Accuracy is given with CJC switched off.  
Relative inaccuracy with CJC enabled may increase by ±0.5°C.

#### Thermocouple Break Detection

TC sensor failure can be configured for either upscale or downscale. Selection applies to all channels.

### DC Millivolt Input

#### Millivolt Input Ranges

±100mV DC.

#### Millivolt Input Accuracy

±0.1% of input range.

### Discrete Output

#### Output Type

Four independent open drain MOSFET switches with a common return that operate as low-side switches.

#### Output Voltage Range

0 to 35V DC, 1A DC maximum for each output.  
External voltage source required.

#### Output ON Resistance

0.15 ohms maximum.

#### Operation

Digital outputs are set to their OFF state following a software or power-on reset. Outputs can optionally be set to user-defined states following a watchdog timeout. Watchdog timeout output control takes precedence over limit alarm control. Alarm control takes precedence over host control.

#### Output Response Time

4.1ms typical, from receipt of command to gate transition of the output MOSFET.

### Communication

#### Supported Modbus Commands

The command/response protocol for communicating with this module adheres to the Modbus/RTU standard for the following Modbus Functions.

- Read Coil
- Read Holding Registers
- Read Input Registers
- Force Single Coil
- Preset Single Register
- Force Multiple Coils
- Preset Multiple Registers
- Report Slave ID
- Reset Slave

### LED Indicators

LEDs indicate power, status, and discrete level/alarm.

### Power and Isolation

#### Power Requirements

10 to 36V DC,  
22 to 26V AC.

#### Supply Current

Supply	Current Draw
10V DC	100mA maximum
24V DC	45mA maximum
24V AC	85mA rms maximum

#### Isolation

1500V AC for 60 seconds or 250V AC continuous.  
4-way isolation between input, network, power and discrete I/O circuits. Inputs are isolated channel-to-channel for common mode voltage to ±5V DC.

## Ordering Information

#### 924MB-0900

Thermocouple/millivolt input module

#### 900C-SIP

Configuration Software Interface Package (includes software CD-ROM for Windows, RS-232/485 converter, and RS-485/three-wire cable)

#### 4001-095

USB-to-RS232 adapter

#### TBK-B01

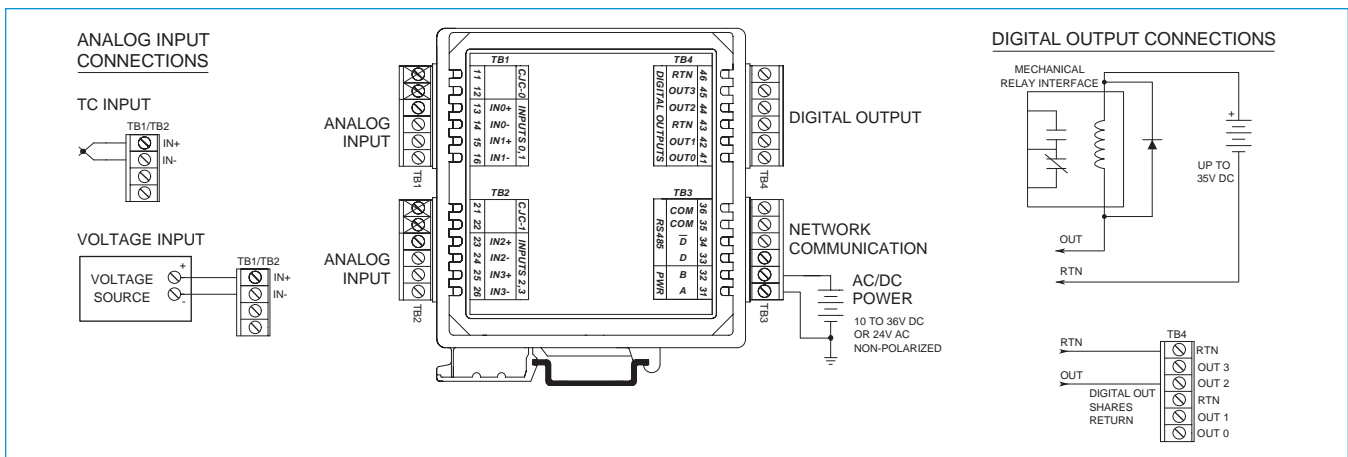
Optional terminal block kit, barrier strip style, 2 pcs. (Does not include terminal block for input wiring.)

#### TBK-S02

Optional terminal block kit, spring clamp style, 2 pcs. (Does not include terminal block for input wiring.)

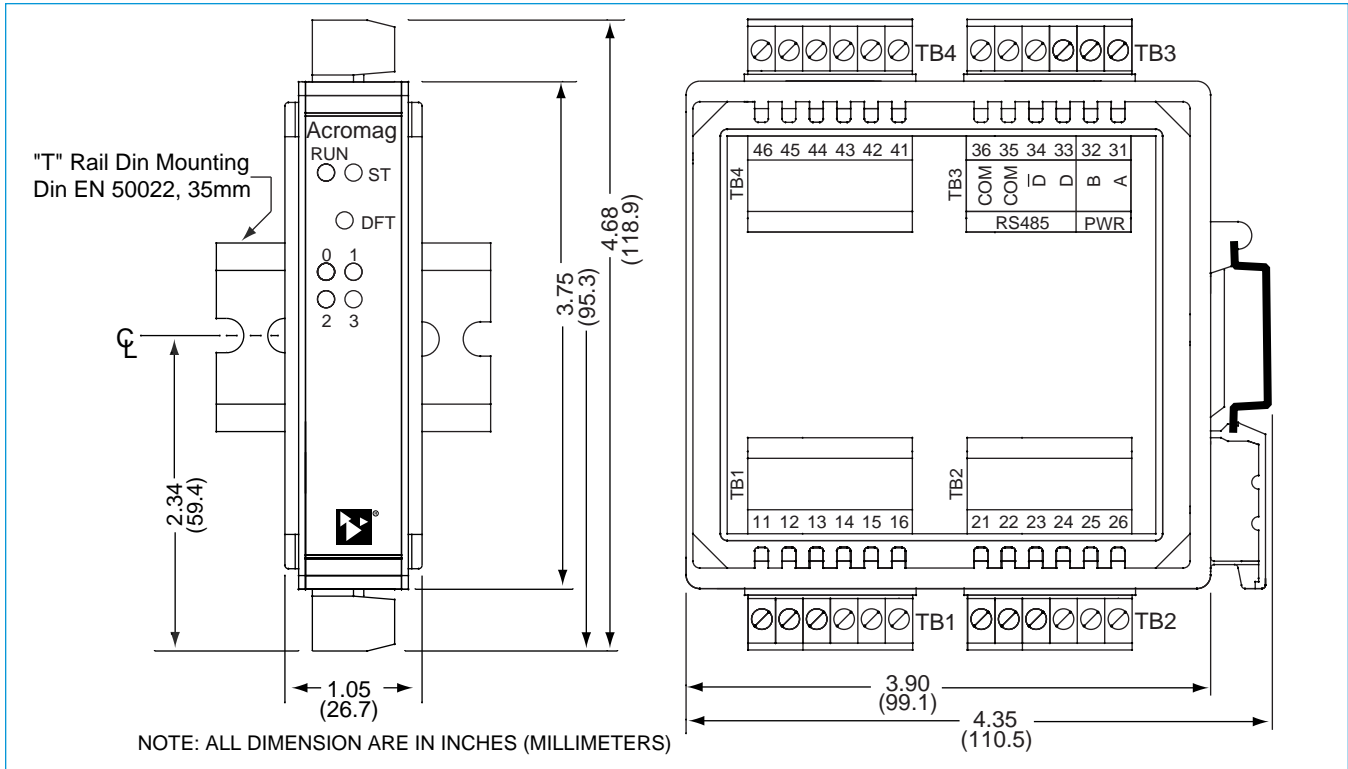
#### PS5R-VB24

Power supply (24V DC, 2.1A)

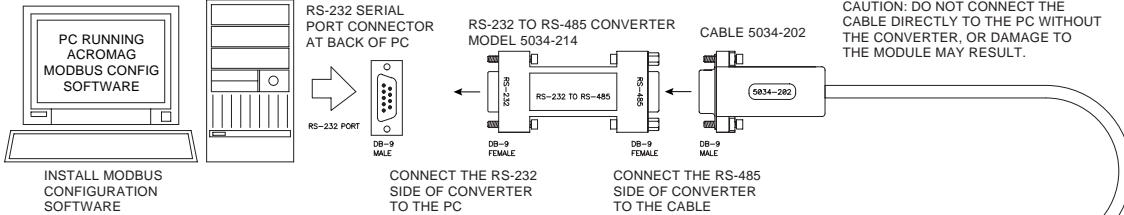




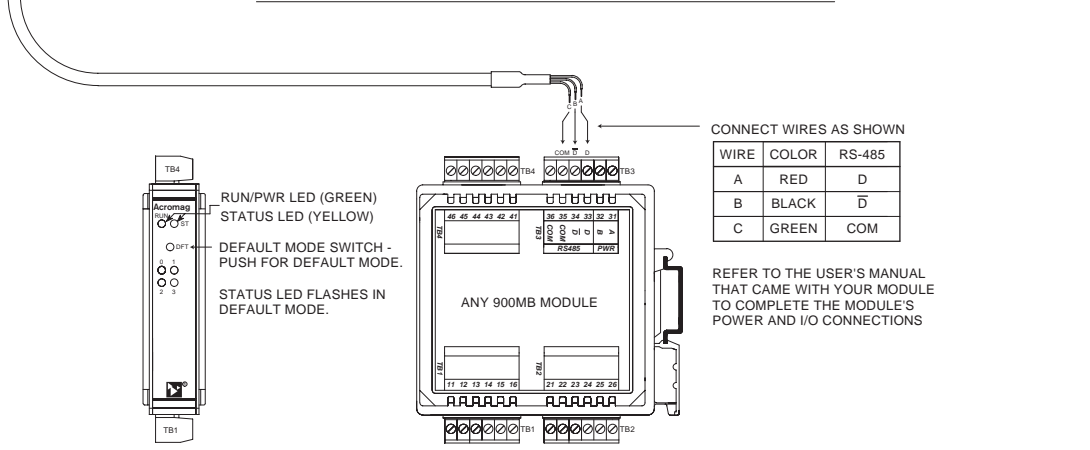
## 900MB Series Technical Diagrams



PERSONAL COMPUTER  
W/ WINDOWS 95/98 OR NT



### 900C-SIP COMMUNICATION CONNECTIONS





## ■ Accessories

### ■ Configuration Tools

Acromag provides a full set of tools to help you get your modules set up and ready to install.

#### Software Interface Package

Includes the following:

- Configuration Software Utility
- Instruction manuals
- Serial port converter
- Interface cable

### ■ Network Devices

Everything you need to drive your network is available from Acromag: isolators, converters, signal boosters, and power sources.

Universal 50W Power Supply Isolated  
RS-232/485 Converter Isolated RS-485  
Network Repeater

### ■ Mounting Hardware

Installation is a snap with Acromag accessories.

DIN RAIL Bars  
19" Rack-Mount Kit

## ■ General Module Specifications

### ■ Communication Interface

#### Network Communication

Modbus-RTU protocol, RS485 (3-Wire). Standard Protocol implementation as defined under "Modicon Modbus Reference Guide" PI-MBUS-300 Rev. J. Reference: <http://public.modicon.com>. Search on: PI-MBUS-300 for technical publication.

#### Baud Rate

2400, 4800, 9600, 14.4k, 19.2k, 28.8k, 38.4k, 57.6k, 76.8k, or 115.2k baud. Default 9600 baud.

#### Module Addressing

0 to 247, selectable. Default address 247.

#### Network Distance

4000 feet without network repeater.

#### Nodes

Supports up to 32 modules without the use of a network repeater.

#### Parity

Odd, even, or none. Default setting none.

#### Stop Bits

One with parity, one or two with no parity. Default setting is two stop bits with no parity.

#### Watchdog Timer (Hardware)

A hardware watchdog timer is built into each module to perform a reset if the microcontroller fails to return from an operation in a timely manner or "locks up."

#### Watchdog Timer (Network Communication)

All modules have a communication watchdog timer function. The watchdog timer is configurable for timeout periods of up to 18 hours. This timer function monitors I/O communications with the host controller. In the event of lost communications, output ports optionally reset to a user-defined state or level. The watchdog timer restarts with a read/write to an I/O channel.

### ■ Environmental

#### Ambient Temperature

Operation: -25°C to +70°C (-13°F to +158°F).  
Storage: -40°C to +85°C (-40°F to +185°F).

#### Relative Humidity

5 to 95% non-condensing.

#### Radiated Field Interference Immunity (RFI)

Complies with EN61000-4-3 Level 2 and EN50082-1 (3V/M, 80 to 1000MHz AM and 900MHz keyed).

#### Electrical Fast Transient Immunity (EFT)

EN61000-4-4 Level 1 and EN50082-1 (0.5KV power, signal lines).

#### Electrostatic Discharge (ESD) Immunity

EN61000-4-2 Level 3 and EN50082-1 (8KV/4KV air/direct discharge).

#### Surge Immunity

EN61000-4-5 (0.5KV) and EN50082-1.

#### Radiated Emissions

Meets EN50081-1 for Class B equipment.

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### ■ Enclosure/Physical

#### Enclosure

Self-extinguishing NYLON type 6.6 polyamide thermoplastic UL94 V-2, color beige; general purpose NEMA Type 1 enclosure.

#### Connectors (Removable Terminal Blocks)

Wire Range: AWG #12-24, stranded or solid copper.

#### Dimensions

1.05W x 4.68H x 4.35D inches  
26.7W x 118.9H x 110.5D mm.

#### DIN Rail Mounting

DIN rail mount, Type EN50022; "T" rail (35mm).

#### Shipping Weight

1 pound (0.45 Kg) packed.

