

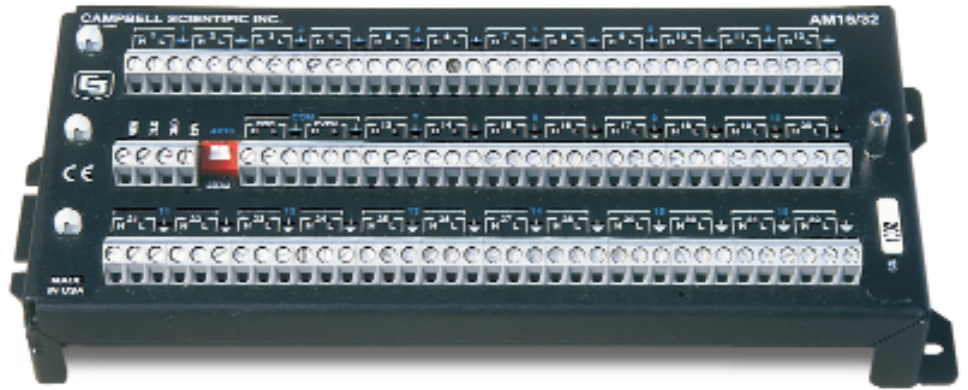
Relay Multiplexer

Model AM16/32

The AM16/32 Multiplexer increases the number of sensors that can be measured by a CR10(X), 21X, CR23X, CR5000, or CR7 datalogger. The AM16/32 sequentially multiplexes 16 groups of four lines (a total of 64 lines) through four common (COM) terminals. A manual switch setting allows it to multiplex 32 groups of two lines (also a total of 64 lines) through two COM terminals.

Compatible sensors include thermistors, potentiometers, load cells, strain gages, vibrating wires, water content reflectometers, and gypsum soil moisture blocks.

The AM16/32 not only increases system channel capacity, it also reduces the cost of cabling individual sensors on long wire runs. The maximum distance between the datalogger and the AM16/32 is determined by the sensors used, the datalogger's scan rate, and the cable used in the application.



The AM16/32 combines the attributes of our AM416 and AM32 multiplexers. It can be manually configured to multiplex channels in 16 groups (four lines at a time) or 32 groups (two lines at a time).

Maximum Number of Sensor Connections

The maximum number of sensors multiplexed through one AM16/32 depends on the type(s) of sensors measured. For example, assuming identical sensors, the AM16/32 can multiplex:

- Up to 32 single-ended or differential sensors that require two wires (e.g., thermistors, half bridges)
- Up to 16 single-ended or differential sensors that require four wires (e.g., full bridges, four-wire half bridges)
- Up to 48 half-bridge measurements (assumes common excitation and completion resistors at the datalogger)
- Up to 32 vibrating wire sensors (16 with temperature) in conjunction with a CR10(X) or CR23X and AVW1, AVW4, or AVW100 Vibrating Wire Sensor Interface
- Up to 32 gypsum soil moisture blocks (model 223 or 253). The AM16/32 eliminates the requirement for dc blocking capacitors, significantly reducing sensor cost
- Up to 48 CS615 Water Content Reflectometers (assumes common excitation)

Datalogger programs written for the AM416 or AM32 multiplexers will work with the AM16/32. The new version of SCWIN software version 1.1 (available free of charge from our Web site) supports simple programs and generates wiring diagrams for AM16/32 applications. Mixing sensor types may require special considerations. Contact Campbell Scientific for assistance.

Datalogger Connections

When used in 4 x 16 mode, a four-conductor cable (with shield) connects the measurement/excitation channels of the datalogger with the COM terminals of the multiplexer. When used in 2 x 32 mode, a two-conductor cable (with shield) is required. Campbell Scientific offers the MUXSIGNAL-L cable that supports use in either mode.

A four-conductor cable (with shield) supplies power and control signals from the datalogger to the AM16/32. The AM16/32 requires one datalogger control port for enable (reset terminal), and a second control port to advance through the channels (clock terminal). Either the datalogger's power supply or a separate 12 V supply is used to power the multiplexer. Campbell Scientific offers the MUXPOWER-L cable to connect the AM16/32 to the datalogger's power terminals and control ports.



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Scanning Multiple AM16/32s

Several AM16/32s may be connected to the same datalogger depending on the number of control ports and analog inputs available. For example, some customers have connected six multiplexers to one datalogger. This assumes that adequate analog inputs, plus eight control ports, two for clock lines and six for enable lines, are available.

Environmental Enclosures

The AM16/32 operates in most field conditions but requires a non-condensing environment. A weather-resistant enclosure equipped with desiccant is required for field use. The AM ENC Multiplexer Enclosure is recommended. The enclosure houses up to two AM16/32s and has conduit bushings for cable entry. The white fiberglass enclosures can be attached to a 1.25" IPS pipe or lag-bolted to a flat surface.

If the AM16/32 is to be housed in the datalogger's enclosure, a CR23X or CR10X/PS12LA, and one AM16/32 will fit in an ENC 12/14. For convenience in wiring, a larger enclosure (e.g. ENC 16/18) is recommended.

Specifications

Electrical

- Power: 9.6 to 16 Vdc (under load), unregulated
- Current drain: < 210 μ A quiescent; 6 mA active (typical)
- Reset levels: < 0.9 V inactive; 3.5 to 16 V active
- Clock levels: Scan advance occurs on the leading edge of the clock pulse transition (from below 1.5 V to above 3.5 V)
- Minimum clock pulse width: 1 ms
- Maximum actuation time for relay: 20 ms
- Relay operation: break before make
- Initial relay resistance, closed: 0.1 Ohm
- Maximum switching current: 500 mA. Switching currents greater than 30 mA (occasional 50 mA acceptable) degrade the suitability of that channel for switching low-voltage signals.
- Minimum contact life: 10^7 closures
- CE Compliance:
EN 61326: 1998
EN 55022: 1998 Class B

Physical

- Operating temperature: -25° to +50°C (standard)
-55° to +85°C (extended)
- Operating humidity: 0 to 95%, non-condensing
- Size: 4.0"W x 9.4"L x 1.8"D (10.2 x 23.9 x 4.6 cm)
Weight/shipping: 1.5 lbs/6.0 lbs (0.7 kg/2.7 kg)

Mounting

- AM16/32 in enclosure: compatible with 1" on center hole grid (see foot print below)
- Enclosure to pipe: 1.25" IPS pipe (1.660" OD)
3.175 cm (4.22 cm OD)



If you have questions concerning the use of the AM16/32 in your application, please call Campbell Scientific at (435) 753-2342.

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