This document describes how to use the National Instruments 9263 and includes specifications and terminal assignments for the NI 9263. Visit ni.com/info and enter rdsoftwareversion to determine which software you need for the modules you are using. For information about installing, configuring, and programming the system, refer to the system documentation. Visit ni.com/info and enter cseriesdoc for information about C Series documentation.

**Note** The safety guidelines and specifications in this document are specific to the NI 9263. The other components in the system might not meet the same safety ratings and specifications. Refer to the documentation for each component in the system to determine the safety ratings and specifications for the entire system. Visit ni.com/info and enter cseriesdoc for information about C Series documentation.

**Safety Guidelines**

Operate the NI 9263 only as described in these operating instructions.

⚠️ **Hot Surface** This icon denotes that the component may be hot. Touching this component may result in bodily injury.
Safety Guidelines for Hazardous Voltages

If hazardous voltages are connected to the module, take the following precautions. A hazardous voltage is a voltage greater than 42.4 Vpk or 60 VDC to earth ground.

⚠️ **Caution**  Ensure that hazardous voltage wiring is performed only by qualified personnel adhering to local electrical standards.

⚠️ **Caution**  Do *not* mix hazardous voltage circuits and human-accessible circuits on the same module.

⚠️ **Caution**  Make sure that devices and circuits connected to the module are properly insulated from human contact.

⚠️ **Caution**  When module terminals are hazardous voltage LIVE (>42.4 Vpk/60 VDC), you must ensure that devices and circuits connected to the module are properly insulated from human contact. You must use the NI 9932 connector backshell kit to ensure that the terminals are *not* accessible.
Figure 1 shows the NI 9932 connector backshell.

![Figure 1. NI 9932 Connector Backshell](image)

**Safety Guidelines for Hazardous Locations**

The NI 9263 is suitable for use in Class I, Division 2, Groups A, B, C, D, T4 hazardous locations; Class I, Zone 2, AEx nA IIC T4, and Ex nA IIC T4 hazardous locations; and nonhazardous locations only. Follow these guidelines if you are installing the NI 9263 in a potentially explosive environment. Not following these guidelines may result in serious injury or death.
Caution  Do not disconnect I/O-side wires or connectors unless power has been switched off or the area is known to be nonhazardous.

Caution  Do not remove modules unless power has been switched off or the area is known to be nonhazardous.

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

Caution  For Zone 2 applications, install the 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

This equipment has been evaluated as Ex nA IIC T4 equipment under DEMKO Certificate No. 07 ATEX 0626664X. Each module is marked II 3G and is suitable for use in Zone 2 hazardous locations, in ambient temperatures of $-40 \, ^\circ C \leq Ta \leq 70 \, ^\circ C$. If you are using the NI 9263 in Gas Group IIC hazardous locations, you must use the device in an NI chassis that has been evaluated as Ex nC IIC T4, EEx nC IIC T4, Ex nA IIC T4, or Ex nL IIC T4 equipment.
Special Conditions for Marine Applications

Some modules are Lloyd’s Register (LR) Type Approved for marine applications. To verify Lloyd’s Register certification, visit ni.com/certification and search for the LR certificate, or look for the Lloyd’s Register mark on the module.

⚠️ Caution  To meet radio frequency emission requirements for marine applications, use shielded cables and install the system in a metal enclosure. Suppression ferrites must be installed on power supply inputs near power entries to modules and controllers. Power supply and module cables must be separated on opposite sides of the enclosure and must enter and exit through opposing enclosure walls.
Connecting the NI 9263

The NI 9263 has a 10-terminal, detachable screw-terminal connector that provides connections for 4 analog output channels.

![Diagram of NI 9263 Terminal Assignments]

*Figure 2. NI 9263 Terminal Assignments*
Each channel of the NI 9263 has an AO terminal to which you can connect the positive lead of a load. Each channel also has a common terminal, COM, and there is an additional COM terminal at the bottom of the connector. All of the COM terminals are internally connected to the isolated ground reference of the module. When connecting a load to the NI 9263, connect the positive lead of the load to the AO terminal, and the ground of the load to the corresponding COM terminal. Refer to Figure 3 for an illustration of connecting a load to the NI 9263.

![Figure 3. Connecting a Load to the NI 9263](image)

**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 9263.
Each channel has a digital-to-analog converter (DAC) that produces a voltage signal. Each channel also has overvoltage and short-circuit protection. Refer to the Specifications section for more information about the overvoltage and short-circuit protection. Refer to Figure 4 for an illustration of the output circuitry for one channel of the NI 9263.

![Diagram of output circuitry for one channel of NI 9263](image)

**Figure 4.** Output Circuitry for One Channel of the NI 9263

When the module powers on, the channels output the startup voltage. Refer to the Specifications section for more information about startup voltage. Refer to the software help for information about configuring startup output states in software.
Wiring for High-Vibration Applications

If an application is subject to high vibration, National Instruments recommends that you either use ferrules to terminate wires to the detachable screw-terminal connector or use the NI 9932 backshell kit to protect the connections. Refer to Figure 5 for an illustration of using ferrules. Refer to Figure 1 for an illustration of the NI 9932 connector backshell.

![10-Terminal Detachable Screw-Terminal Connector with Ferrule](image-url)
Sleep Mode

This module supports a low-power sleep mode. Support for sleep mode at the system level depends on the chassis that the module is plugged into. Refer to the chassis manual for information about support for sleep mode. If the chassis supports sleep mode, refer to the software help for information about enabling sleep mode. Visit ni.com/info and enter cseriesdoc for information about C Series documentation.

Typically, when a system is in sleep mode, you cannot communicate with the modules. In sleep mode, the system consumes minimal power and may dissipate less heat than it does in normal mode. Refer to the Specifications section for more information about power consumption and thermal dissipation.
Specifications
The following specifications are typical for the range –40 to 70 °C unless otherwise noted. All voltages are relative to COM unless otherwise noted.

Output Characteristics
Number of channels .................... 4 analog output channels
DAC resolution .......................... 16 bits
Type of DAC .............................. String
Power-on output state .................. Channels off
Startup/power-down voltage .......... 0 V
Output voltage range
  Nominal .................................. ±10 V
  Minimum .................................. ±10.3 V
  Typical ................................ .. ±10.7 V
  Maximum ................................. ±11 V
Current drive ........................................ ±1 mA per channel max
Output impedance ....................... 0.1 Ω

Accuracy

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<th>Percent of Range* (Offset Error)</th>
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* Range equals ±10.7 V

Stability
Gain drift ........................................ 6 ppm/°C
Offset drift ........................................ 80 μV/°C

Protection
Overvoltage ........................................ ±30 V
Short-circuit................................. Indefinitely
Update time

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<td>4</td>
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Noise................................................. 260 μV<sub>rms</sub>
Slew rate ........................................... 4 V/μs
Crosstalk ........................................... 76 dB

Settling time (100 pF load, to 1 LSB)
  - Full-scale step......................... 20 μs
  - 3 V step..................................... 10 μs
  - 0.1 V step.................................... 8 μs

Glitch energy
  (256 steps, worst case)...................... 2 mV for 2 μs
Capacitive drive .......................... 1,500 pF min
Monotonicity ............................. 16 bits
DNL ............................................ –1 to 2 LSBs max
INL (endpoint) ............................. 16 LSBs max
MTBF ........................................... 1,732,619 hours at 25 °C; Bellcore Issue 2, Method 1, Case 3, Limited Part Stress Method

Note  Contact NI for Bellcore MTBF specifications at other temperatures or for MIL-HDBK-217F specifications.

**Power Requirements**

Power consumption from chassis
- Active mode ............................. 625 mW max
- Sleep mode ............................. 25 μW max

Thermal dissipation (at 70 °C)
- Active mode ............................. 625 mW max
- Sleep mode ............................. 25 μW max
Physical Characteristics

If you need to clean the module, wipe it with a dry towel.

Note  For two-dimensional drawings and three-dimensional models of the C Series module and connectors, visit ni.com/dimensions and search by module number.

Screw-terminal wiring ...................... 12 to 24 AWG copper conductor wire with 10 mm (0.39 in.) of insulation stripped from the end

Torque for screw terminals ............... 0.5 to 0.6 N · m
(4.4 to 5.3 lb · in.)

Ferrules ............................................. 0.25 mm² to 2.5 mm²

Weight............................................... 150 g (5.3 oz)
Safety

Safety Voltages
Connect only voltages that are within the following limits.

Isolation
  Channel-to-channel .................... None
  Channel-to-earth ground
    Continuous ....................... 250 V_{rms}, Measurement Category II
    Withstand ....................... 2,300 V_{rms}, verified by a 5 s dielectric withstand test

Measurement Category II is for measurements performed on circuits directly connected to the electrical distribution system. This category refers to local-level electrical distribution, such as that provided by a standard wall outlet, for example, 115 V for U.S. or 230 V for Europe.

⚠️ Caution Do not connect the NI 9263 to signals or use for measurements within Measurement Categories III or IV.
Hazardous Locations

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

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

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

Safety Standards

This product meets 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

Note  For UL and other safety certifications, refer to the product label or the Online Product Certification section.
Electromagnetic Compatibility

This product meets the requirements of the following EMC standards for electrical equipment for measurement, control, and laboratory use:

- EN 61326 (IEC 61326): Class A emissions; Industrial 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

Note For the standards applied to assess the EMC of this product, refer to the Online Product Certification section.

Note For EMC compliance, operate this device with shielded cabling.
CE Compliance

This product meets the essential requirements of applicable European Directives as follows:

- 2006/95/EC; Low-Voltage Directive (safety)
- 2004/108/EC; Electromagnetic Compatibility Directive (EMC)

Online Product Certification

Refer to the product Declaration of Conformity (DoC) for additional regulatory compliance information. To obtain product certifications and the DoC for this product, visit ni.com/certification, search by module number or product line, and click the appropriate link in the Certification column.

Shock and Vibration

To meet these specifications, you must panel mount the system and either affix ferrules to the ends of the terminal wires or use the NI 9932 backshell kit to protect the connections.

Operating vibration

- Random (IEC 60068-2-64).......... $5 \text{ g}_{\text{rms}}, 10 \text{ to } 500 \text{ Hz}$
- Sinusoidal (IEC 60068-2-6) ...... $5 \text{ g}, 10 \text{ to } 500 \text{ Hz}$
Operating shock
(IEC 60068-2-27).............................. 30 g, 11 ms half sine,
50 g, 3 ms half sine,
18 shocks at 6 orientations

Environmental
National Instruments C Series modules are intended for indoor use
only but may be used outdoors if installed in a suitable enclosure.
Refer to the manual for the chassis you are using for more
information about meeting these specifications.
Operating temperature
(IEC 60068-2-1, IEC 60068-2-2) .....–40 to 70 °C
Storage temperature
(IEC 60068-2-1, IEC 60068-2-2) .....–40 to 85 °C
Ingress protection.........................IP 40
Operating humidity
(IEC 60068-2-56)..............................10 to 90% RH,
noncondensing
Storage humidity
(IEC 60068-2-56)..............................5 to 95% RH,
noncondensing
Maximum altitude.......................... 2,000 m

Pollution Degree (IEC 60664)......... 2

Environmental Management
National Instruments is committed to designing and manufacturing products in an environmentally responsible manner. NI recognizes that eliminating certain hazardous substances from our products is beneficial to the environment and to NI customers.

For additional environmental information, refer to the *NI and the Environment* Web page at ni.com/environment. This page contains the environmental regulations and directives with which NI complies, as well as other environmental information not included in this document.

Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE)

EU Customers  At the end of the life cycle, all products **must** be sent to a WEEE recycling center. For more information about WEEE recycling centers and National Instruments WEEE initiatives, visit ni.com/environment/weee.
Calibration

You can obtain the calibration certificate and information about calibration services for the NI 9263 at ni.com/calibration.

Calibration interval ......................... 1 year
Where to Go for Support

The National Instruments Web site is your complete resource for technical support. At ni.com/support you have access to everything from troubleshooting and application development self-help resources to email and phone assistance from NI Application Engineers.

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