

Switch & Sense 8/8

USB-based Isolated Input and Relay Output

User's Guide

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About this User's Guide

What you will learn from this user's guide

This user's guide describes the Measurement Computing Switch & Sense 8/8 data acquisition device and lists device specifications.

Conventions in this user's guide

For more information

Text presented in a box signifies additional information related to the subject matter.

Caution! Shaded caution statements present information to help you avoid injuring yourself and others, damaging your hardware, or losing your data.

bold text **Bold** text is used for the names of objects on a screen, such as buttons, text boxes, and check boxes.

italic text *Italic* text is used for the names of manuals and help topic titles, and to emphasize a word or phrase.

Where to find more information

Additional information about Switch & Sense 8/8 hardware is available on our website at www.mccdaq.com. You can also contact Measurement Computing Corporation with specific questions.

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Introducing the Switch & Sense 8/8

Overview: Switch & Sense 8/8 features

This user's guide contains all of the information you need to install, configure, and program the Switch & Sense 8/8.

The Switch & Sense 8/8 is a USB 1.1 low-speed device used for data acquisition and control. It is designed for USB 1.1 ports, and was tested for full compatibility with both USB 1.1 and USB 2.0 ports. The Switch & Sense 8/8 is supported under popular Microsoft® Windows® operating systems.

The Switch & Sense 8/8 offers eight single pole double throw (SPDT) Form C relays and eight isolated inputs. You can configure each of the isolated inputs with an optional input filter. The input filters are enabled and disabled by software control.

The Switch & Sense 8/8 is shown here. All I/O connections are made to four sets of screw terminals.



Functional block diagram

Switch & Sense 8/8 functions are illustrated in the block diagram shown here.

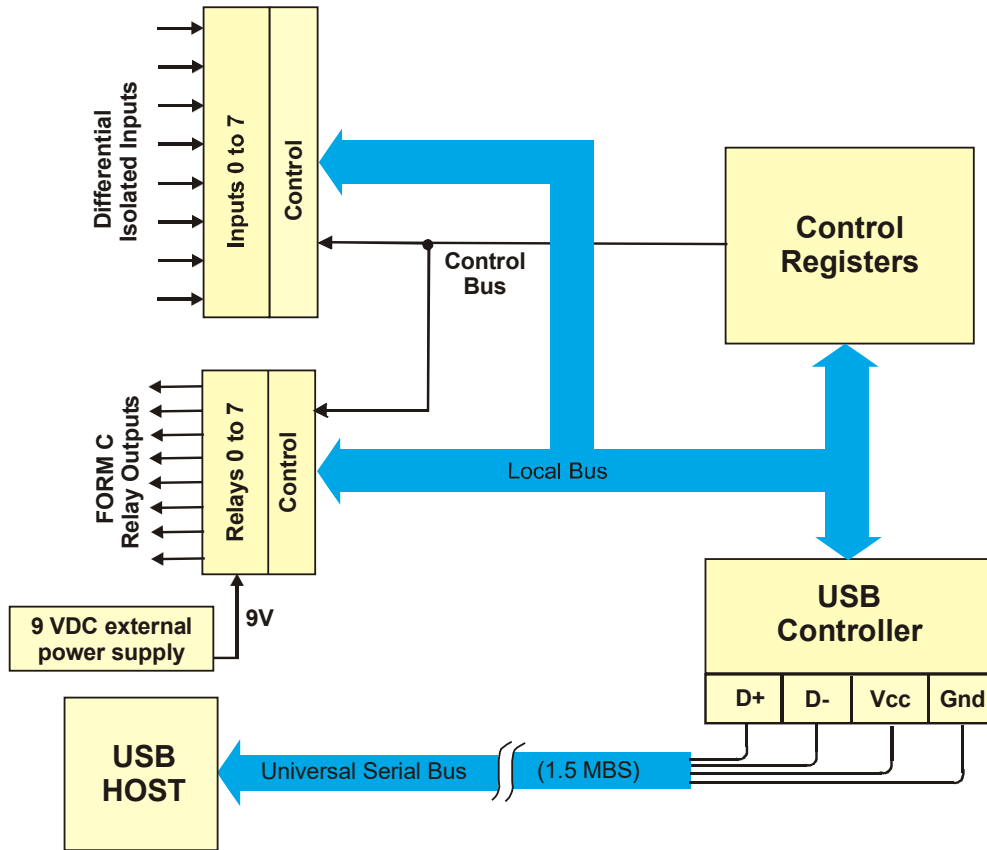


Figure 1. Switch & Sense 8/8 functional block diagram

Installing the Switch & Sense 8/8

Unpacking

As with any electronic device, you should take care while handling to avoid damage from static electricity. Before removing the board from its packaging, ground yourself using a wrist strap or by simply touching the computer chassis or other grounded object to eliminate any stored static charge.

Installing the software

Refer to the Switch & Sense 8/8 product page on our website for information about the software supported by the Switch & Sense 8/8.

Install the software before you install the hardware

The driver needed to run the device is installed when you install the software. Therefore, you need to install the software package you plan to use before you install the hardware.

Connecting the external power supply

Power to the Switch & Sense 8/8 is provided with the 9 V, 15 W external power supply (CB-PWR-9). To connect the power supply to your Switch & Sense 8/8, do the following:

1. Connect the external power cord to the power connector labeled **7.5-20Vdc** on the back of the Switch & Sense 8/8.
2. Plug the AC adapter into a power outlet.

The **EXTERNAL POWER** LED illuminates green when 9 V power is supplied to the Switch & Sense 8/8. If the voltage supply is less than 7.5 V or more than 20 V, the LED does not light.

Installing the hardware

Install the software before you install your device

A driver needed to run the Switch&Sense 8/8 is installed when you install the software. Therefore, you need to install the software package you plan to use before you install the hardware.

We recommend that you run Windows Update to update your operating system with the latest USB drivers.

To connect the Switch & Sense 8/8 to your system, turn on your computer and connect the USB cable to an available USB port on the computer or to an external USB hub connected to the computer. Connect the other end of the USB cable to the USB connector on the device. No external power is required.

When you connect the device for the first time to a computer running Windows, a **Found New Hardware** dialog opens when the operating system detects the device. The dialog closes after the device is installed.

A green **Status** LED indicates the device status. When the LED is on, the device is powered and ready for operation. When the LED is off, the device is not powered or did not initialize.

Contact technical support if your system does not detect the Switch & Sense 8/8.

Functional Details

The Switch & Sense 8/8 expands the capabilities of desktop personal computers by providing SPDT relay control and isolated inputs in a plug-and-play package. Screw terminals provide easy field wiring to the three output lines for each of the eight on-board relays.

In addition, two terminals are provided for the differential input signals associated with each of the eight isolated inputs.

External components

The Switch & Sense 8/8 has the following external components, as shown below.

- Direct current (dc) power connector
- External power LED
- Status LED
- USB connector /cable

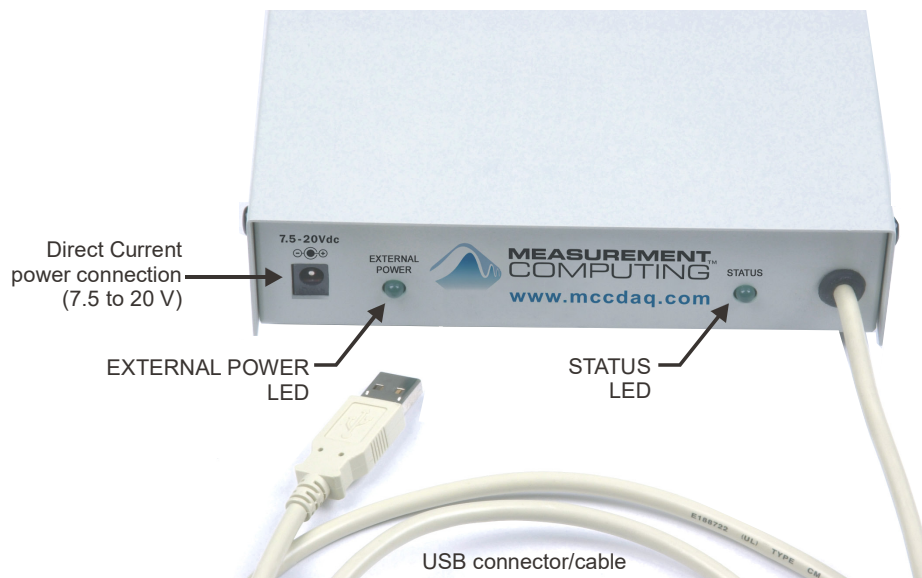


Figure 2. Switch & Sense 8/8 external components (rear view)

Direct current (dc) power connector and +9 V power supply

The Switch & Sense 8/8 requires between +7.5 V and +20 V of external power. Your computer can configure the Switch & Sense 8/8 without external power. However, external power connection is required to activate the relays and to run tests in *InstaCal*.

The USB specification allows high power devices to draw up to 500 mA. When all eight relays are energized, the collective current draw exceeds the maximum allowed for high power USB devices. Therefore, external power is required.

Use the +9-volt (V) DC power supply cord shipped with the Switch & Sense 8/8 to provide external power to this connector.

External power LED

The LED labeled **EXTERNAL POWER** lights up when the Switch & Sense 8/8 is connected to an external power source. It uses up to 5 mA of current and cannot be disabled.

Status LED

The LED labeled **STATUS** indicates the communication status of the Switch & Sense 8/8. It uses up to 5 mA of current and cannot be disabled.

Status LED illumination

LED Illumination	Indication
Steady green	The Switch & Sense 8/8 is connected to a computer or external USB hub.
Blinks continuously	Data is being transferred.
Blinks three times	Initial communication is established between the Switch & Sense 8/8 and the computer.

USB connector

The USB connector on the back of the Switch & Sense 8/8 enclosure provides +5 V power and communication.

Internal components

Screw terminals and relays

The Switch & Sense 8/8 has four rows of screw terminals — two outer rows containing 12 terminals each, and two inner rows containing eight terminals each.

- The outer rows of terminals connect to the eight relays available from the Switch & Sense 8/8.
- The inner rows connect to the differential isolated digital inputs. No additional components are required to terminate any of the input or output signals.

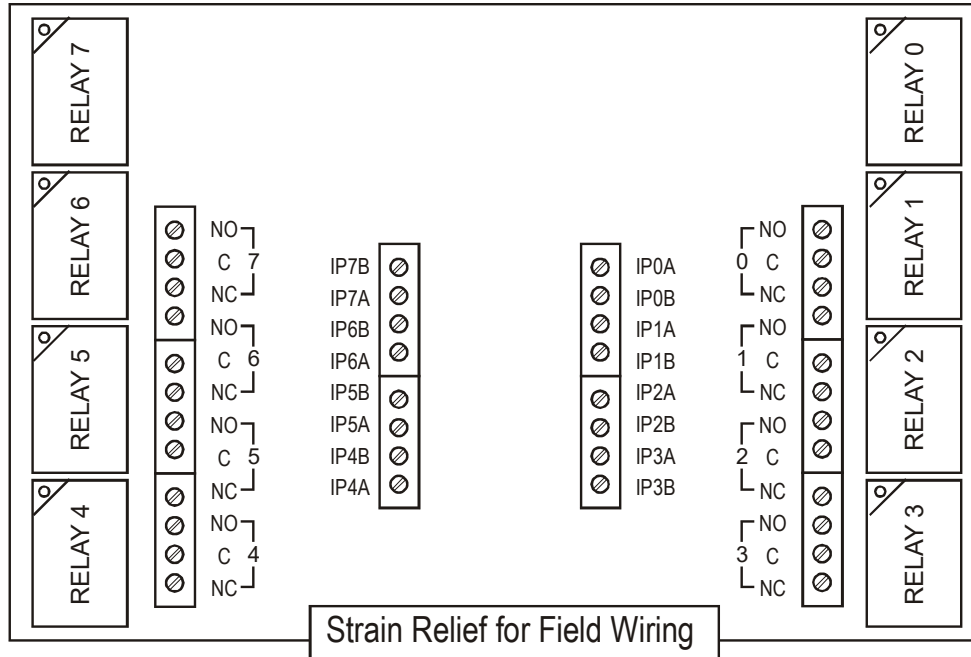


Figure 3. Switch & Sense 8/8 screw terminals and relays

Main connector and pinout

Connector specifications

Connector type	Screw terminal
Wire gauge range	12 AWG to 20 AWG

Screw terminal pin out

Pin	Signal Name	Pin	Signal Name
IP0A	Input 0 terminal A	IP4A	Input 4 terminal A
IP0B	Input 0 terminal B	IP4B	Input 4 terminal B
IP1A	Input 1 terminal A	IP5A	Input 5 terminal A
IP1B	Input 1 terminal B	IP5B	Input 5 terminal B
IP2A	Input 2 terminal A	IP6A	Input 6 terminal A
IP2B	Input 2 terminal B	IP6B	Input 6 terminal B
IP3A	Input 3 terminal A	IP7A	Input 7 terminal A
IP3B	Input 3 terminal B	IP7B	Input 7 terminal B
0-NO	Relay 0 Normally Open contact	4-NO	Relay 4 Normally Open contact
0-C	Relay 0 Common contact	4-C	Relay 4 Common contact
0-NC	Relay 0 Normally Closed contact	4-NC	Relay 4 Normally Closed contact
1-NO	Relay 1 Normally Open contact	5-NO	Relay 5 Normally Open contact
1-C	Relay 1 Common contact	5-C	Relay 5 Common contact
1-NC	Relay 1 Normally Closed contact	5-NC	Relay 5 Normally Closed contact
2-NO	Relay 2 Normally Open contact	6-NO	Relay 6 Normally Open contact
2-C	Relay 2 Common contact	6-C	Relay 6 Common contact
2-NC	Relay 2 Normally Closed contact	6-NC	Relay 6 Normally Closed contact
3-NO	Relay 3 Normally Open contact	7-NO	Relay 7 Normally Open contact
3-C	Relay 3 Common contact	7-C	Relay 7 Common contact
3-NC	Relay 3 Normally Closed contact	7-NC	Relay 7 Normally Closed contact

Relay contact terminals (NO, C, NC (0) to NO, C, NC (7))

The two outer groups of 12 screw terminals connect to the normally open (NO), common (C), and normally closed (NC) contacts for relays 0 through 7.

Form C relay output

A schematic for Form C relay contacts is shown here. The Form C relay has a C, NO, and NC contact.

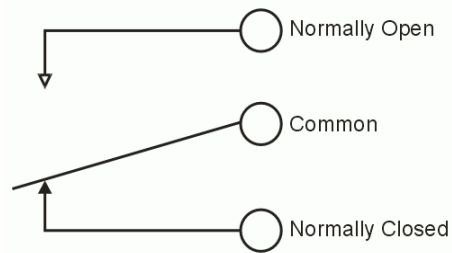


Figure 4. Form C SPDT relay

- When a (0) is written to the output bit, the C and NC are in contact.
- When a (1) is written to the output bit, the C and NO are in contact.

At power-up, the relays are put into a non-energized state (NC in contact to Common).

Relay contact protection circuit for inductive loads

If you are using the relays to control inductive loads, place a diode across the load terminals to suppress the kickback voltage. If the diode is not present, the kickback voltage could cause the on-board processor to enter an unstable state. To return the processor to a stable state, unplug the power cable from the Switch & Sense 8/8 and then reconnect.

A contact protection circuit is shown here. For AC loads, install a metal oxide varistor (MOV).

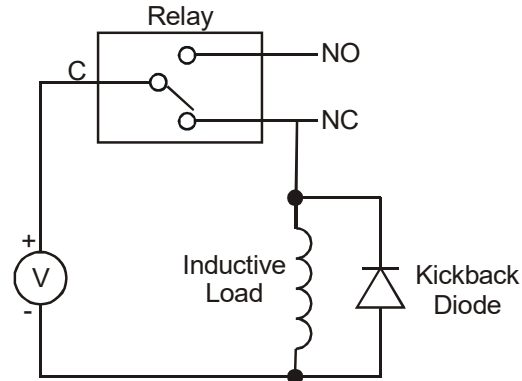


Figure 5. Relay contact protection circuit

Differential isolated digital input terminals (IP0A to IP7B)

Connect up to eight isolated digital input signals using the following screw terminal pairs:

- IP0A and IP0B
- IP1A and IP1B
- IP2A and IP2B
- IP3A and IP3B
- IP4A and IP4B
- IP5A and IP5B
- IP6A and IP6B
- IP7A and IP7B

A schematic of a single channel is shown below. Each signal is applied to a bridge rectifier so that the input is not polarity sensitive. It can be driven by either AC (50 - 1000 Hz) or DC voltage.

The eight optically isolated (500 V) inputs can be read back as a single byte. Each input has a software-controlled filter with a time constant of 5 ms (200 Hz). The filter is required for AC inputs and recommended for almost all DC inputs. Unless you have a good reason to turn off a filter, we recommend that you enable it.

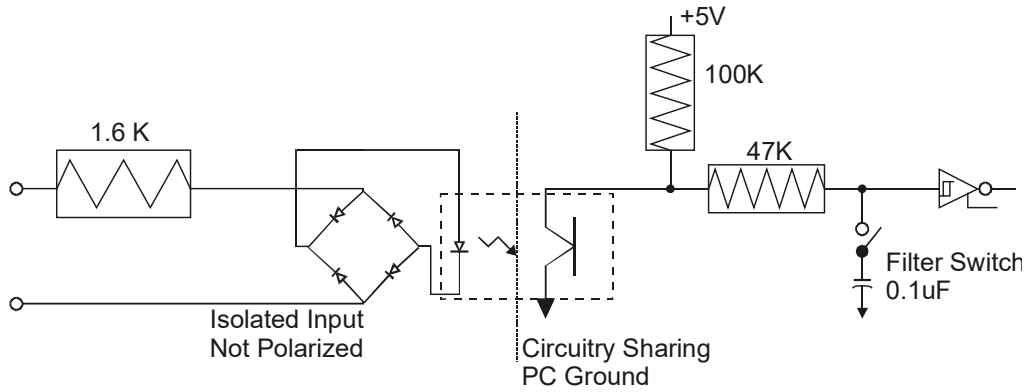


Figure 6. Switch & Sense 8/8 single-channel configuration

The figure below shows a simple connection from a +9 V battery to the relay 4 terminals. When the relay is energized, the relay 4 NO terminal connects the battery voltage to the input 4 terminal (IP4B).

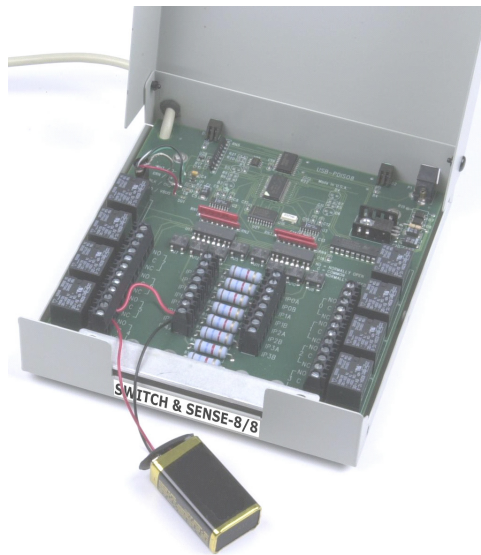


Figure 7. Simple battery-to relay connection

The figure below shows the schematic of this connection.

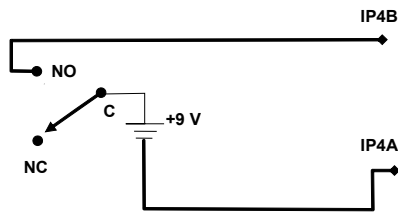


Figure 8. Schematic of battery-to relay connection

Extending the input range

You can extend the input range beyond the 5 to 30 V specified by adding an external resistor. Figure 9 shows the external resistor (R_{ext}).

The equation $R_{ext} = 100 * (V_{in} - 30)$ calculates the resistor value for a given V_{in} .

Make sure the external resistor is capable of handling the power generated by the input. Calculate the power requirement in watts (P_w) using the equation $P_w = R_{ext}/10000$.

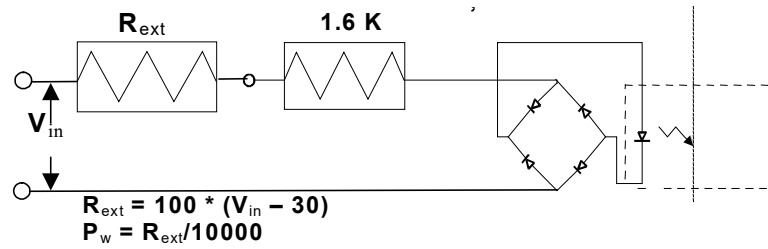


Figure 9. External resistor added to extend input range

Specifications

Typical for 25 °C unless otherwise specified.

Specifications in *italic text* are guaranteed by design.

USB compliance

<i>Device type</i>	<i>USB version 1.1 low speed (1.5 Mbs) device</i>
Device compatibility	USB 1.1, USB 2.0

Power consumption

5 V USB Bus power	20 mA typical , 25 mA max.	
External 9V unregulated supply (Power supply included)	All relays off	30 mA typical, 40 mA max.
	All relays on	500 mA typical, 625 mA max.
Power supply voltage range	7.5V – 20V	

Output specification

Number	8	
Contact configuration	8 FORM C (SPDT) NO, NC and Common available at connector	
<i>Contact rating</i>	<i>6 amperes (A) @ 120 volts AC (VAC) or 28 volts DC (VDC) resistive</i>	
Contact resistance	100 milliohms (mΩ) max	
<i>Operate time</i>	<i>10 milliseconds(ms) max</i>	
<i>Release time</i>	<i>5 ms max</i>	
<i>Vibration</i>	<i>10 to 55 hertz (Hz) (Dual amplitude 1.5 millimeters (mm))</i>	
<i>Shock</i>	<i>10 G (11 ms)</i>	
<i>Dielectric isolation</i>	<i>500 V (1 minute)</i>	
<i>Life expectancy</i>	<i>10 million mechanical operations, min</i>	
Power on RESET state	Not energized. NC in contact to Common.	

Isolated inputs

Number	8	
<i>Isolation</i>	<i>500 volts (V)</i>	
Resistance	1.6K ohms (Ω) min.	
Voltage range	DC	Input high: +5.0 VDC min or –5.0 VDC min
		Input low: +1.5 VDC max. or –1.5VDC max.
		Input range: ± 30 VDC max
	AC (with filter)	Input high: 3.0 Vrms min (50-1000 Hz)
		Input low: 1.5 Vrms max (50-1000 Hz)
Response	w/o filter	20 μs
	w/ filter	5 ms
Filters	Time constant	5 ms (200 Hz)
	Filter control	Software programmable at each input.
	Power-up /reset	Filters off

USB connection

<i>Captive pigtail cable</i>	<i>USB Type A connector</i>
<i>Length</i>	<i>2 meters</i>

Environmental

Operating temperature range	0 to 70 °C
Storage temperature range	-40 to 100 °C
Humidity	0 to 95% non-condensing

Mechanical

Card dimensions	165 mm long x 150 mm wide x 20 mm high, 6.5 in. long x 5.9 in. wide x 0.8 in. high
Case dimensions	185 mm long x 160 mm wide x 46 mm high, 7.3 in. long x 6.3 in. wide x 1.8 in. high
<i>Case material</i>	<i>20 gage steel</i>
Weight of complete unit	2.1 lbs.
Weight of card alone	0.6 lbs.

Screw terminal

<i>Wire sizes</i>	<i>12-22 AWG</i>
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Miscellaneous

Case strain relief rating	20 lbs.
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Screw terminal pinouts

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