



Foxboro™ DCS

FBM211, 0 to 20 mA Input Module

PSS 41H-2S211

Product Specifications

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Overview

The FBM211, 0 to 20 mA Input Module contains sixteen 20 mA DC analog input channels, each channel accepting a 2-wire analog sensor input such as a 4 to 20 mA transmitter, a line-monitored digital input signal with end of line resistors, or a self-powered 20 mA source. The input channels are galvanically isolated from ground and module logic. The module performs the signal conversion required to interface the electrical input signals from the field sensors to the redundant module Fieldbus.

FBM211 executes an analog input application program, which provides configurable options for Conversion Time and Rate of Change Limits.

Features

- Sixteen 20 mA DC analog input channels
- Each group of eight input channels is group isolated
- Rugged design suitable for enclosure in Class G3 (harsh) environments
- Execution of an analog input application program that provides conversion time and configurable options for Rate of Change Limits
- High accuracy achieved by sigma-delta data conversions for each channel
- Termination Assemblies (TAs) for locally or remotely connecting field wiring to the FBM211
- Termination Assemblies for external or fieldbus module (FBM) powered transmitters

High Accuracy

For high accuracy, the module incorporates a multiplexed Sigma-Delta converter shared by all channels, which can provide new analog input readings every 100 ms, and a configurable integration period to remove any process noise and power line frequencies. Each time period, the FBM converts each analog input to a digital value, averages these values over the time period and provides the averaged value to the controller.

Standard Design

FBM211 has a rugged extruded aluminum exterior for physical protection of the circuits. Enclosures specially designed for mounting the FBMs provide various levels of environmental protection, up to harsh environments, per ISA Standard S71.04.

Visual Indicators

Red and green light-emitting diodes (LEDs) incorporated into the front of the module provide visual status indications of FBM functions.

Easy Removal / Replacement

The module can be removed/replaced without removing field device termination cabling, or power or communication cabling.

Fieldbus Communication

A Fieldbus Communications Module or a Control Processor interfaces to the redundant 2 Mbps module Fieldbus used by the FBMs. The FBM211 accepts communication from either path (A or B) of the 2 Mbps Fieldbus. If one path is unsuccessful or is switched at the system level, the module continues communication over the active path.

Modular Baseplate Mounting

The module mounts on a 200 Series baseplate, which accommodates up to four or eight FBMs. The Modular baseplate is either DIN rail mounted or rack mounted, and includes signal connectors for redundant Fieldbus, redundant independent DC power, and termination cables.

Termination Assemblies

Field I/O signals connect to the FBM subsystem via DIN rail mounted TAs. The TAs used with the FBM211 are described in Termination Assemblies and Cables, page 10.

Functional Specifications

Input	16 group isolated and independent channels
Input Range (each channel)	0 to 20.4 mA DC (each channel current limited to 33 mA)
Accuracy (includes linearity)	$\pm 0.03\%$ of span Accuracy temperature coefficient: $\pm 50 \text{ ppm}/^\circ \text{C}$
Input Signal A/D Conversion	Each channel performs A/D signal conversion using a multiplexed Sigma-Delta converter.
Integration Period	Software configurable
Common Mode Rejection	>100 dB at 50 or 60 Hz
Normal Mode Rejection	>35 dB at 50 or 60 Hz
Input Channel Impedance	61.9 Ω nominal
Field Device Cabling Distance	Maximum distance of the field device from the FBM is a function of compliance voltage (23 V for internal power), wire gauge, and voltage drop at the field device.
Loop Power Supply Protection	Each channel is current limited and voltage regulated when used with TA RH916BT or P0916BU that limits short circuit current to 35 mA. If the current limit circuit shorts out, the current is limited to about 385 mA.
HART® Protocol Compatibility	The channels meet the impedance requirements for a HART High Impedance Device and can be used in a HART loop without interfering with the HART signals between the field device and a Hand-Held Communicator (HHC). If a FoxCom of HART transmitter is used with FBM211, a 200 ohm in-line resistor (assembly part number RH902VY) must be added in series with the transmitter.
Input Channel Isolation	The channels are not galvanically isolated from each other, but are galvanically isolated from ground and module logic. Group isolated inputs use the FBM subsystem power supply for field power. The module withstands, without damage, a potential of 600 VAC applied for one minute between the group isolated channels and earth (ground). <div style="text-align: center;">⚠️ DANGER</div> <div style="text-align: center;">HAZARD OF ELECTRIC SHOCK, EXPLOSION, OR ARC FLASH</div> <p>Although the module can withstand a maximum of 600 VAC applied for one minute between any channel, DO NOT apply voltages beyond the published input ranges. The channels are NOT intended for permanent connection to hazardous voltage circuits. Understand that connection of these channels to voltages greater than 30 VAC or 60 VDC violates electrical safety code requirements and may expose users to electric shock.</p> <p>Failure to follow these instructions will result in death or serious injury.</p>
Communication	Communicates with its associated FCM or FCP via the redundant 2 Mbps module Fieldbus
Power Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Input voltage range (redundant) 24 VDC +5%, -10%

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consumption: 7 W (maximum) at 24 VDC 11 W (maximum) at 24 VDC with all inputs at 20.4 mA (internal power) Heat Dissipation: 3 W (maximum) at 24 VDC
Calibration Requirements	Calibration of the module and termination assembly is not required.
Regulatory Compliance: Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>European EMC Directive 2004/108/EC (Prior to April 20, 2016) and 2014/30/EU (Beginning April 20, 2016):</i> Meets: EN61326-1:2013 Class A Emissions and Industrial Immunity Levels
Regulatory Compliance: Product Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Underwriters Laboratories (UL) for U.S. and Canada:</i> UL/UL-C listed as suitable for use in UL/UL-C listed Class I, Groups A-D; Division 2; temperature code T4 enclosure based systems when connected to specified Foxboro DCS processor modules. Communications circuits also meet the requirements for Class 2 as defined in Article 725 of the National Electrical Code (NFPA No.70) and Section 16 of the Canadian Electrical Code (CSA C22.1). For more information, see <i>Standard and Compact 200 Series Subsystem User's Guide</i> (B0400FA). <i>European Low Voltage Directive 2006/95/EC (Prior to April 20, 2016) and 2014/35/EU (Beginning April 20, 2016) and Explosive Atmospheres (ATEX) directive 94/9/EC (Prior to April 20, 2016) and 2014/34/EU (Beginning April 20, 2016):</i> DEMKO certified as Ex nA IIC T4 for use in certified Zone 2 enclosure when connected to specified I/A Series processor modules as described in the <i>Standard and Compact 200 Series Subsystem User's Guide</i> (B0400FA). Also, see Table 1, page 11.
RoHS Compliance	Complies with European RoHS Directive 2011/65/EU, including amending Directives 2015/863 and 2017/2102.
IECEx Certification	IECEx Certified

Environmental Specifications

	Operating	Storage
Temperature	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Module: -20 to +70° C (-4 to +158° F)Termination Assembly - PVC⁽¹⁾: -20 to +50° C (-4 to +122° F)Termination Assembly - PA: -20 to +70° C (-4 to +158° F)	-40 to +70° C (-40 to +158° F)
Relative Humidity	5 to 95% (noncondensing)	5 to 95% (noncondensing)
Altitude	-300 to +3,000 m (-1,000 to +10,000 ft)	-300 to +12,000 m (-1,000 to +40,000 ft)
Contamination	Suitable for use in Class G3 (Harsh) environments as defined in ISA Standard S71.04, based on exposure testing according to EIA Standard 364-65, Class III.	
Vibration	0.75g (5 to 500 Hz)	

NOTE: The environmental limits of this module may be enhanced by the type of enclosure containing the module. See the applicable Product Specification Sheet (PSS) that describes the type of enclosure to be used.

Physical Specifications

Mounting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Module: FBM211 mounts on a Modular baseplate. The Modular baseplate can be mounted on a DIN rail (horizontally or vertically), or horizontally on a 19-inch rack using a mounting kit. See <i>Standard 200 Series Baseplates</i> (PSS 41H-2SBASPLT) for details. Termination Assembly: The TA mounts on a DIN rail and accommodates multiple DIN rail styles including 32 mm (1.26 in) and 35 mm (1.38 in).
Weight	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Module: 284 g (10 oz) approximate Termination Assembly: Compression: 272 g (0.60 lb, approximate)
Dimensions - Module	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Module: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Height: 102 mm (4 in), 114 mm (4.5 in) including mounting lugs Width: 45 mm (1.75 in) Depth: 104 mm (4.09 in) Termination Assemblies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> See Dimensions - Nominal, page 13.
Part Numbers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FBM211 Module: RH914TN Termination Assemblies: See Functional Specifications - Termination Assemblies, page 11
Termination Cables	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cable Lengths: Up to 30 m (98 ft) Cable Materials: Polyurethane or Low Smoke Zero Halogen (LSZH) Termination Cable Type: Type 4 — See Table 2, page 12 Cable Connection: 37-pin male D-subminiature
Construction - Termination Assembly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Material: Polyamide (PA), compression Terminal Blocks: Inputs - 2 tiers, 16 positions

Field Termination Connections	<p>Compression - Accepted Wiring Sizes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Solid/Stranded/AWG: 0.2 to 4 mm²/0.2 to 2.5 mm²/24 to 12 AWG• Stranded with Ferrules: 0.2 to 2.5 mm² with or without plastic collar
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Termination Assemblies and Cables

Field I/O signals connect to the FBM subsystem via DIN rail mounted termination assemblies, which are electrically passive. TAs for the FBM211 module are available in these forms:

- Compression screw type using Polyamide (PA) material

Each FBM211 TA and its associated termination cable provide feedthrough connection between sixteen 2-wire analog input signals and the FBM211.

Loop power is provided to the field devices by a customer-supplied external DC power supply or by the FBM auxiliary +24 VDC power supply depending on the TA selected.

A removable termination cable connects the DIN rail mounted TA to the FBM via a field connector on the baseplate in which the FBM is installed. Termination cables are available in these materials:

- Polyurethane
- Low Smoke Zero Halogen (LSZH)

Termination cables are available in a variety of lengths, up to 30 meters (98 feet), allowing the TA to be mounted in either the enclosure or in an adjacent enclosure. See Table 2, page 12 for a list of termination cables used with the TAs for the FBM211.

Functional Specifications - Termination Assemblies

FBM Type	Input Signal	TA Part Number ^(a)	TA Part Number ^(b)	Termination Type ^(c)	TA Cable Type ^(d)	TA Cert. Type ^(e)
		PA	PVC			
FBM211	Loop power is provided to the field devices by a customer-supplied external DC power supply.	RH916JT	P0916PQ ^(f)	C RL	4	1,2
FBM211	Loop power is provided to the field devices by the FBM auxiliary +24 VDC power supply.	RH916BT	P0916BU ^(f)	C RL	4	1,4

(a) PA is polyamide rated from -20 to +70°C (-4 to +158°F).

(b) PVC is polyvinyl chloride rated from -20 to +50°C (-4 to +122°F).

(c) C = TA with compression terminals.

(d) See Cables Types and Part Numbers, page 12 for cable part numbers.

(e) See Certification for Termination Assemblies for TA certification definitions.

(f) This is not a RoHS part.

Table 1 - Certification for Termination Assemblies

Type	Certification
Type 1	TAs are UL/UL-C listed as suitable for use in Class I; Groups A-D; Division 2 temperature code T4 hazardous locations. They are DEMKO certified EEx nA IIC T4 for use in Zone 2 potentially explosive atmospheres.
Type 2	TAs are UL/UL-C listed as associated apparatus for supplying non-incendive field circuits Class I; Groups A-D; Division 2 hazardous locations when connected to specified 200 Series FBMs and field circuits meeting entity parameter constraints specified in <i>Standard and Compact 200 Series Subsystem User's Guide</i> (B0400FA). They are also DEMKO certified as associated apparatus for supplying field circuits for Group IIC, Zone 2 potentially explosive atmospheres. Field circuits are also Class 2 limited energy (60 VDC, 30 VAC, 100 VA or less) if customer-supplied equipment meets Class 2 limits.
Type 4	All field circuits are Class 2 limited energy (60 VDC, 30 VAC, 100 VA or less) if customer-supplied equipment meets Class 2 limits.

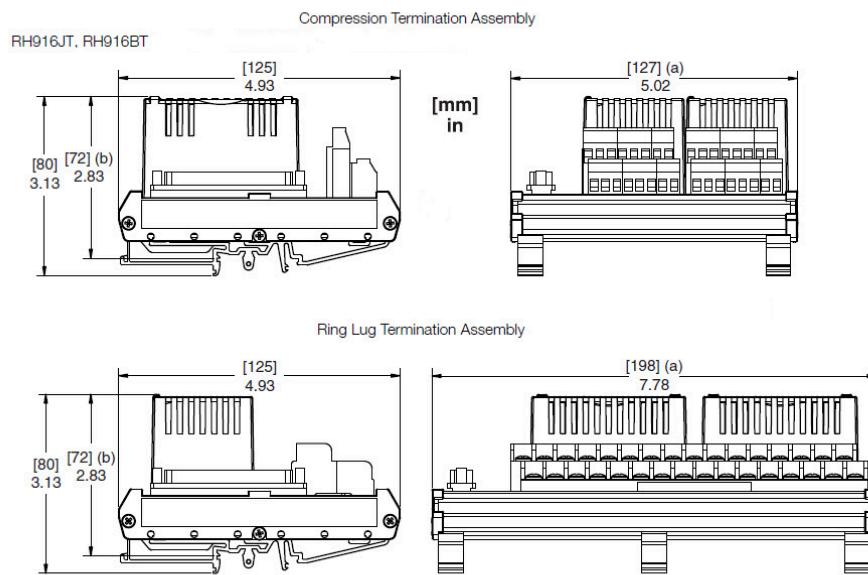
Table 2 - Cables Types and Part Numbers

Cable Length m (ft)	Type 4 P/PVC ^(a)	Type 4 LSZH ^(b)
0.5 (1.6)	RH916FG	RH928BA
1.0 (3.2)	RH916FH	RH928BB
2.0 (6.6)	RH931RQ	RH928BC
3.0 (9.8)	RH916FJ	RH928BD
5.0 (16.4)	RH916FK	RH928BE
10.0 (32.8)	RH916FL	RH928BF
15.0 (49.2)	RH916FM	RH928BG
20.0 (65.6)	RH916FN	RH928BH
25.0 (82.0)	RH916FP	RH928BJ
30.0 (98.4)	RH916FQ	RH928BK

(a) P/PVC is polyurethane outer jacket and semi-rigid PVC primary conductor insulation. PVC is rated from -20 to +50°C (-4 to 122°F).

(b) Low smoke zero halogen or low smoke free of halogen (LSZH) is a material classification used for cable jacketing. LSZH is composed of thermoplastic or thermoset compounds that emit limited smoke and no halogen when exposed to high sources of heat. Temperature range: -40 to +105°C (-40 to +221°F).

Dimensions - Nominal



(a) Overall width — for determining DIN rail loading.

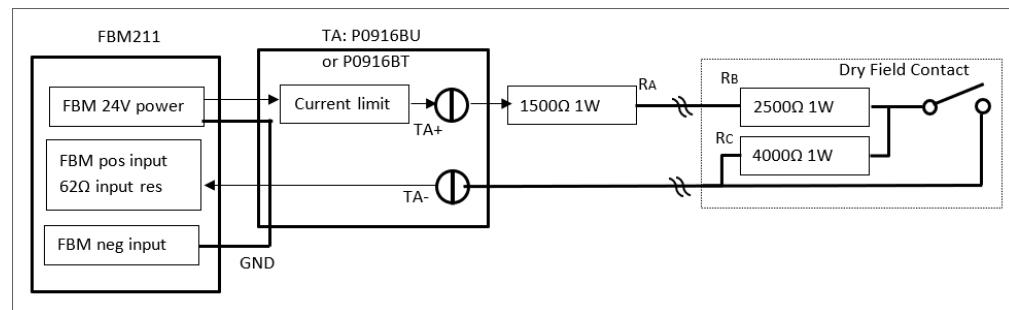
(b) Height above DIN rail (add to DIN rail height for total).

Supervised Digital Inputs

FBM211 can monitor the state of a field switch being a potential-free, "dry" contact including simultaneous line monitoring of the field loop wiring. The state of the dry contact and line continuity are reported through an AIN Block connected to the FBM211 input channel. The AIN block indicates different input currents to differentiate between a broken cable, a short between the two field loop wires, and valid open and close states of the connected switch. The line monitoring requires installing external resistors to enable monitoring of the loop current for several levels.

The external resistors may be installed in any convenient way, but they should be at least 1 watt, 1%, wired resistors. Safety ratings might be required depending on the installations. The wire lines monitored are between resistors RA and RB and between the TA and RC. Mount RA close to the TA. Mount RB and RC immediately next to the field switch.

Figure 1 - FBM211 Supervised Digital Input Connections



The setup shown here is also compatible with TAs RH916JT and RH916BT.

Table 3 - Loop Current Range

Dry Contact State / Wiring Fault	Loop Current
Contact open = $V_{24}/(RA+RB+RC)$	3 mA
Contact closed = $V_{24}/(RA+RB)$	6 mA
Field wiring open	0.00 mA
Field wiring shorted to GND = V_{24}/RA	16mA
Field wiring shorted together = V_{24}/RA	16mA

For more details on how to install and configure supervised digital inputs, see *Standard and Compact 200 Series Subsystem* (B0400FA).

Related Documents

Document Number	Description
PSS 41H-2SOV	<i>Standard 200 Series Subsystem Overview</i>
B0400FA	<i>Standard and Compact 200 Series Subsystem User's Guide</i>
PSS 41H-2CERTS	<i>Standard and Compact 200 Series I/O, Agency Certifications</i>
PSS 41H-2SBASPLT	<i>Standard 200 Series Baseplates</i>
PSS 41S-3FCPICS	<i>Field Control Processor 280 (FCP280) Integrated Control Software</i>

Proposition 65



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