The Art of Measuring.



Standard-Signal Multiplier

VariTrans A20340

Signal Quadrupling/Load Increase



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Signal multiplier with four calibrated outputs, also for applications with high output loads.

The Task

Isolation and transmission of 0(4) ...
20 mA standard signals in four 0(4) ...
20 mA output channels with galvanic isolation between input, outputs, and power supply.

The Problems

Measuring and control engineering frequently requires an analog standard signal to be processed at several points, i.e., by multiple devices, all of which need to receive the same signal. To prevent falsified signals and in particular, in the event of errors, interaction or even damage, it makes sense to isolate signals and devices galvanically from one another.

The Solution

The VariTrans A 20340 signal multiplier is an extremely compact product that also provides a cost-effective solution to the problem. In this module, the input, all 4 outputs, and the power supply are safely decoupled from one another (six-port isolation).

The Advantages As a Signal Multiplier:

In addition to "quadrupling" the analog signal, the VariTrans A 20340 is capable of calibrated signal transmission with signal isolation.

To Increase the Load:

The VariTrans A 20340 can also be used when a particularly high output load is required. Standard signal sources can often drive a load of up to 500 ohms, i.e., supply 10 V at 20 mA. Sometimes, certain devices, such as actuators, require a higher voltage; i.e., their input resistance is higher. The signal multiplier can also solve this problem:

The four output signals are not used separately in this case, but are connected in series to form two signals. This doubles the available voltage, making it possible to drive a higher load of up to 1000 Ω (20 V at 20 mA). Of course, the signal-defining 0/4 to 20 mA current is retained in the series configuration.

The Technology

To implement the high level functionality of an A 20340 in the smallest of spaces - in a 22.5-mm wide modular housing with correspondingly small volume - a patented circuit design is used. The energy balance (four active outputs), in particular, must be optimized for all operating conditions. As all products in the VariTrans A 20XXX series, the signal multiplier also provides protective separation in accordance with EN 61140 to ensure high-level protection of persons and installations. This is achieved by means of increased insulation in compliance with EN 61010-1. Despite being just 22.5 mm wide, the VariTrans A 20340 thus makes no compromises regarding its insulation properties.

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Facts and Features

- Safety in the smallest space
 6-port isolation in 22.5 mm modular housing
- Signal multiplication combined with signal conversion
- Load increase up to 1000 ohms possible for inputs with high input impedances
- Standards-compliant personal protection
 through protective separation
 according to EN 61140
- **Precise signal reproduction** thanks to a short response time of $T_{90} = 1$ ms, even dynamic signal changes are accurately reproduced
- Low-cost solution only one compact, low-cost device is required instead of four conventional signal conditioners



Product Line

Device	Input	Output	Order No.
VariTrans A 20340	0/4 20 mA	4 x 4 20 mA	A 20340 P3-0001

Power Supply

24 V DC

Accessories

Spacer



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Order No.

ZU 0945

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Input data	1 input	4 20 mA	
	Input resistance	Voltage drop \leq 0.2 V at 20 mA (with power failure approx. 700 mV)	
	Overload capacity	Self-resetting overcurrent protection (PTC characteristic), max. input voltage 30 V. Input cable limited to approx. 0.5 W when overcurrent protection is enabled.	
Output data	4 outputs	4 20 mA	
	1:1 transmission of input signal on 4 outputs.		
	Load	Individual assignment $4 x \le 500 \Omega$ of the 4 outputs	
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		With extended temperature $4 x \le 100 \Omega$	
		range	
	Offset	< 30 µA	
	Ripple	< 10 mV _{rms} (at 500 Ω load)	
		$<$ 20 mV $_{rms}$ (at 1000 Ω load; two outputs in series)	
Transmission behavior	Gain error	< 0.2 % meas.val., also for outputs connected in series	
	Temperature influence < 100 ppm/K full scale (reference temperature 23 °C) (Average TC in specified operating temperature range)		
	Cutoff frequency	approx. 100 Hz	
	Response time	T ₉₀ : approx. 1 ms T ₉₉ : approx. 1.5 ms	
Power supply	24 V DC (± 15 %), ap	prox. 2.5 W	
Isolation	Test voltage	1.5 kV AC, 50 Hz: among all circuits (1 input, 4 outputs, power supply.)	
	Working voltage (basic insulation)	Up to 300 V AC/DC across all circuits for overvoltage category II and pollution degree 2 (1 input, 4 outputs, power supply).	
		For applications with high working voltages, comply with adequate distance or insulation between adjacent devices and shock-hazard-protection.	
	Protection against	Protective separation according to EN 61140 by reinforced	
	electric shock	insulation according to EN 61010-1.	
	electric shock	Working voltage up to 300 V AC/DC for overvoltage	
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Specifications (Continued)

Further Data

Ambient temperature	Operation	0 65 °C	
	Extended temperature range for loads \leq 100 Ω per channel: 0 70 °C		
	Storage	-25 85 ℃	
Ambient conditions	Indoor use; relative humidity 5 95 %, no condensatior Max. altitude 2000 m (air pressure: 790 1060 hPa)		
Protection	IP 20		
Tightening torque	0.6 Nm		
Mounting	For 35 mm DIN rail acc. to EN 50022		
	NOTICE: Device must be installed together with spacers in order to ensure a minimum clearance of 4 mm from adjacent device. Failure to do so can result in product failure.		
Weight	200 g		

Block Diagram



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Typical Applications







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Dimension Drawing



Terminal Assignments

1.1 Power supply +	1.2 Power supply –	1.3 Do not connect	1.4 Do not connect
2.1 Output 3 +	2.2 Output 3 –	2.3 Output 4 +	2.4 Output 4 –
3.1 Output 1 +	3.2 Output 1 –	3.3 Output 2 +	3.4 Output 2 –
5.1 Input +	5.2 Input –	5.3 Do not connect	5.4 Do not connect
Conductor cross-sections:	solid	0.2 2.5 mm ²	
	stranded	0.2 2.5 mm ²	
	24-14 AWG		





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