

VB-4T

VB-4T SPECIAL FUNCTION BLOCK USER'S GUIDE

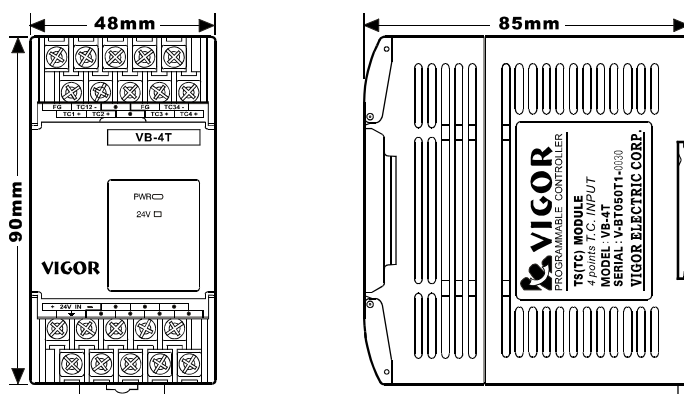
This manual contains text, diagrams and explanations which will guide the reader in the correct installation and operation of the VB-4T special function block and should be read and understood before attempting to install or use the unit.

Further information can be found in the VB PROGRAMMING MANUAL and VB SERIES HARDWARE MANUAL.

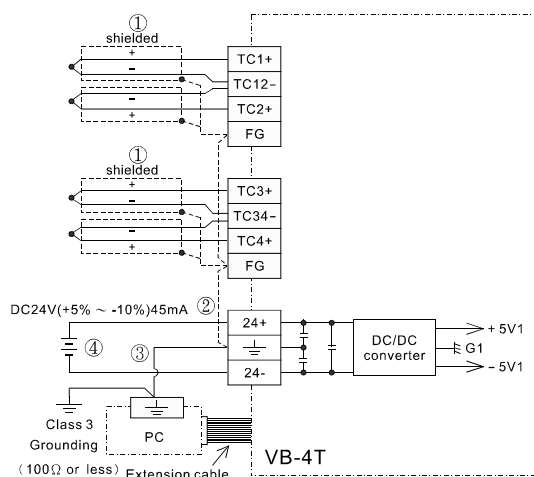
1. INTRODUCTION

- The VB-4T Temperature measurement block amplifies the analog input from 4 thermocouples (type K or J) and converts the data into nearly 18 bit (200,000 readings) digital value and then converts digital value to temperature value. Both Centigrade (°C) and Fahrenheit (°F) can be read. Reading resolution is 0.1°C (0.18°F).
- The VB-4T is equipped with instrument-class dual-slope ADC and can provide excellent accuracy and measurement stability. It also can filter white noise induced by 50/60Hz power line.
- All data transfers and parameter setups are adjusted through software control of the VB-4T by use of the TO/FROM applied instructions in the VB series PLC.
- The VB-4T doesn't occupy any points of I/O on the VB expansion bus. The VB-4T draws 45mA from the 5V rail of the MPU or powered extension unit.

1.1 External dimensions

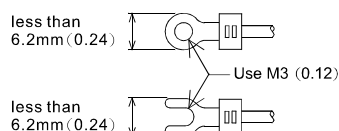


2. WIRING



- ① The compensating cables that can be used for connecting with the thermocouple are the following.
Type K: KX-G, KX-GS, KX-H, KX-HS, WX-G, WX-H, VX-G
Type J: JX-G, JX-H
For every 32Ω of line resistance, the compensating cable will indicate a temperature 0.1°C higher than actual. Check the line resistance before using. Long compensating cables are more prone to noise interference, therefore a short (less than 100m) compensating cable is recommended.
Unused channels should have a wire link connected between their + and - terminals to prevent an error being detected on that channel.
- ② If there is electrical noise, connect the frame ground terminal (FG) with the ground terminal.
- ③ Connect the ground terminal on the VB-4T unit with the grounded terminal on the base unit. Use class 3 grounding on the base unit, if grounding is possible.
- ④ Either an external or the 24V built-in supply in the programmable controller may be used.
For additional data regarding EMC considerations please see section 7.0.

2.1 Using crimp terminations



- Use crimp terminations of the type indicated on the left.
- Secure the termination using a tightening torque of between 5 and 8kg cm.
- Wire only to the module terminals discussed in this manual. Leave all others vacant.

3. INSTALLATION NOTES AND USAGE

3.1 Environmental specification

| Item | Specification |
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| Environmental specifications (excluding following) | Same as those for the VB series base unit |
| Dielectric withstand voltage | 500V AC, 1min (between all terminals and ground) |

3.2 Power supply specification

| Item | Specification |
|------------------|---|
| Analog circuits | 24V DC +5% ~ -10%, 45mA |
| Digital circuits | 5V DC, 45mA (internal power supply from base unit) |

3.3 Performance specification

Analog Inputs

| Item | | Centigrade | Fahrenheit |
|--------------------------|--------|--|-----------------|
| | | Both °C and °F readings are available by writing the appropriate value in mode selection buffer memory area. | |
| Analog input signal | | 4-channel Thermocouple (Type J or K, JIS 1602-1981) | |
| Measurement range | Type K | -270.0°C ~ 1370.0°C | -454°F ~ 2498°F |
| | Type J | -210.0°C ~ 1200.0°C | -346°F ~ 2192°F |
| Digital output | | 200,000 reading | |
| Minimum resolvable temp. | | 0.1°C | 0.18°F |
| Overall accuracy | | ±0.3 % full scale (compensated range) - see section 7.0 for special EMC considerations | |
| Conversion speed | | 0.5S ~ 2S (according to channels used) | |

Miscellaneous

| Item | Specification |
|-------------------------------|--|
| Isolation | 1. VB-4T's analog circuit supports 4 channels thermocouple inputs and has its own isolation DC/DC power supply . 2. Photo-coupler isolation between analog circuits and digital circuits. 3. No isolation between analog channels. |
| Number of occupied I/O points | 0 |

3.4 Buffer memory assignment (BFM)

The VB-4T communicates with the programmable controller through use of buffer memories.

| BFM No. | Contents | Valid range | Initial value | Access attribute |
|-----------|---|-----------------------|---------------|------------------|
| #0 ~ #3 | Mode selection of CH1~CH4 | 0,1~32 see table 1 | 7 | R/W |
| #4 ~ #7 | Not use | — | — | — |
| #8 ~ #11 | Averaging times of CH1~CH4 | 1~256 | 4 | R/W |
| #12 ~ #15 | Not use | — | — | — |
| #16 ~ #19 | PV-bias of CH1~CH4 | ±100 or ±100.0 | 0 | R/W |
| #20 ~ #23 | Not use | — | — | — |
| #24 | EEPROM write command only rising edge (\downarrow , 0 \rightarrow 1) can perform the action | 0,1 | 0 | R/W |
| #25 ~ #26 | Not use | — | — | — |
| #27 | Address of set value range error, set value out of range or write to read-only area or access to restricted area | 0~35 | -1 | R |
| #28 | Sensors disconnection or the temperature measurement value below the lowest or above the highest temperature measurement range. | See table 2 | 0 | R/W |
| #29 | Status and error flag | See table 3 | 0 | R |
| #30 | Model ID | — | 2030 | R |
| #31 | Reserve | — | — | — |
| #32 ~ #35 | PV of CH1~CH4 | | 0 | R |

- BFM # 0~3

Table 1

| Mode | Type | Unit | Reading resolution | Measurement range | Mode | Type | Unit | Reading resolution | Measurement range |
|------|------|------|--------------------|-------------------|------|------|------|--------------------|-------------------|
| K1 | K | C | 1° | R1 | K17 | J | C | 1° | R5 |
| K2 | | | | R2 | K18 | | | | R6 |
| K3 | | | | R3 | K19 | | | | R7 |
| K5 | | | 0.1° | R1 | K21 | | | 0.1° | R5 |
| K6 | | | | R2 | K22 | | | | R6 |
| K7 | | | | R3 | K23 | | | | R7 |
| K9 | | F | 1° | R1 | K25 | | F | 1° | R5 |
| K10 | | | | R2 | K26 | | | | R6 |
| K11 | | | | R3 | K27 | | | | R7 |
| K13 | | | 0.1° | R1 | K29 | | | 0.1° | R5 |
| K14 | | | | R2 | K30 | | | | R6 |
| K15 | | | | R3 | K31 | | | | R7 |

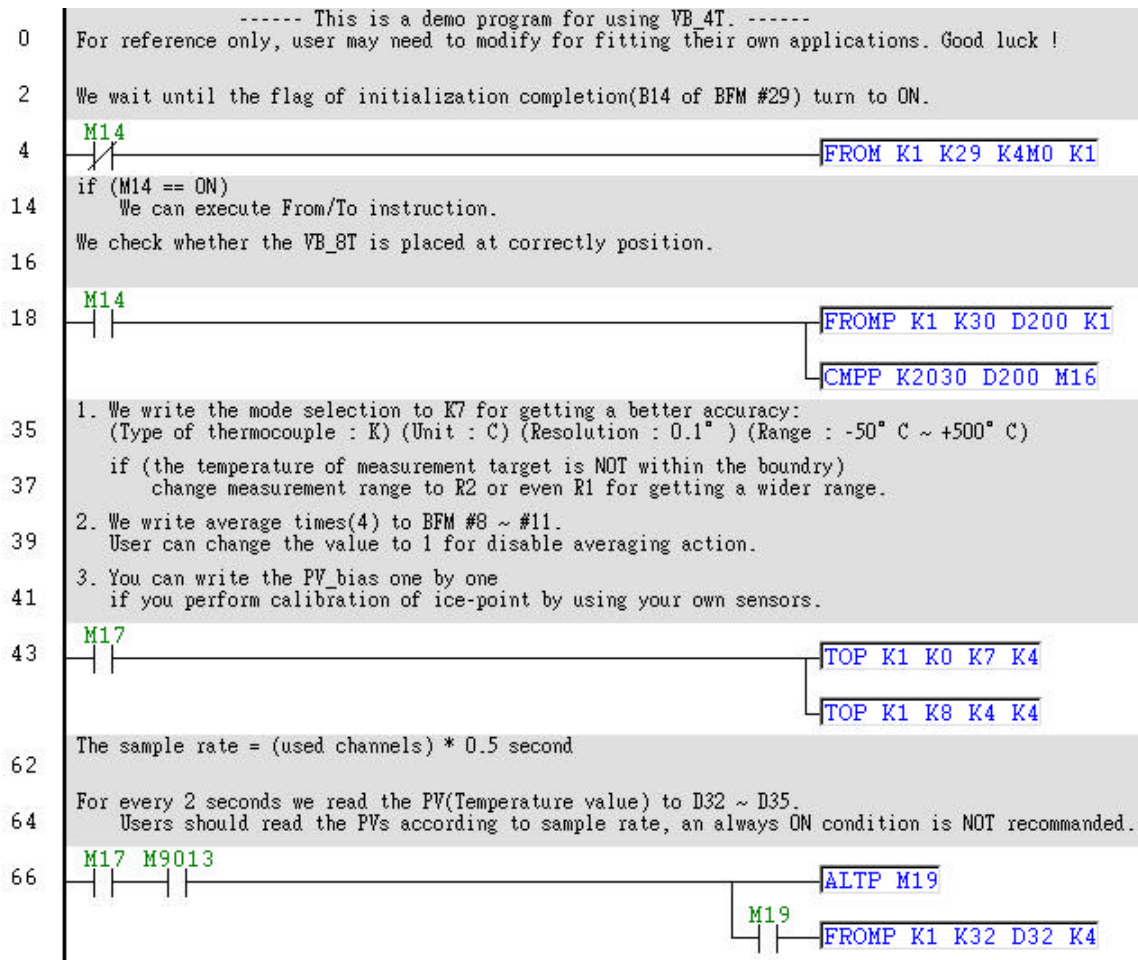
R1:-270°C ~ +1370°C or -454°F ~ 2498°F
R2:-140°C ~ +1110°C or -220°F ~ 2030°F
R3:-50°C ~ +500°C or -58°F ~ 932°F

R5:-210°C ~ +1200°C or -346°F ~ 2192°F
R6:-100°C ~ +800°C or -148°F ~ 1472°F
R7:-40°C ~ +380°C or -40°F ~ 716°F

- The mode selection BFMs will select the following 4 items:
 - 1.the type of thermocouple sensor (K or J)
 - 2.the unit of temperature (C or F)
 - 3.the reading resolution (1° or 0.1°)
 - 4.the measurement range (R1~R6)
- The change of item2 and item3 will affect the appropriate BFMs in PV (#32 ~ #35). And the PV-bias (#16 ~ #19) must be modified properly if these value are not equal to zero.
About item4, the more narrow range be select (R3 or R7), the higher accuracy can be provided. User need to make sure about the temperature range of measurement target.
- A zero value write to mode selection BFMs will inhibit the appropriate channels doing measurement action and to improve the sampling rate.
- BFM #8 ~ #11
The number of samples to be averaged are assigned in BFMs #8 to #11. Only the range 1 to 256 is valid. Values outside this range are ignored. The default value of 4 is used. A number of recently readings averaged can get a smoother read out.
- BFM #16 ~ #19
Every VB-4T is calibrated by VEC with our own sensor. Sensors may have a little bit difference (or error) among them. User can use their own sensors and perform ice-point calibration and then set the properly values in these BFMs.
- BFM #24
A rising edge (\downarrow , 0 \rightarrow 1) of b0 of BFM #24 will write the current value of BFM #0 ~ #23 to EEPROM. The values in EEPROM will work as default values when the power turn to ON next time.
If b12 of BFM #29 is not on a standby state, VB-4T will ignore the command.

5. EXAMPLE PROGRAM

In the program shown below, the VB-4T block occupies the position of special block number 1 (that is the first closest block to the programmable controller). The averaging amount is four. The averaged values in 0.1°C of input channels CH1 to CH4 are stored respectively in data registers D32~D35.



6. DIAGNOSTICS

6.1 Preliminary checks

- (1) Check whether the input/output wiring and/or extension cables are properly connected on VB-4T temperature measurement special function block.
- (2) Check that the VB system configuration rules have not been broken, i.e. the number of special function blocks does not exceed 8 for VB2 and 2 for VB0.
- (3) Ensure that the correct operating range has been selected for the application.
- (4) Check that there is no power overload on either the 5V or 24V power sources, remember the loading on an MPU or a powered extension unit varies according to the number of extension blocks or special function blocks connected.
- (5) Put the Main Processing Unit (MPU) into RUN.

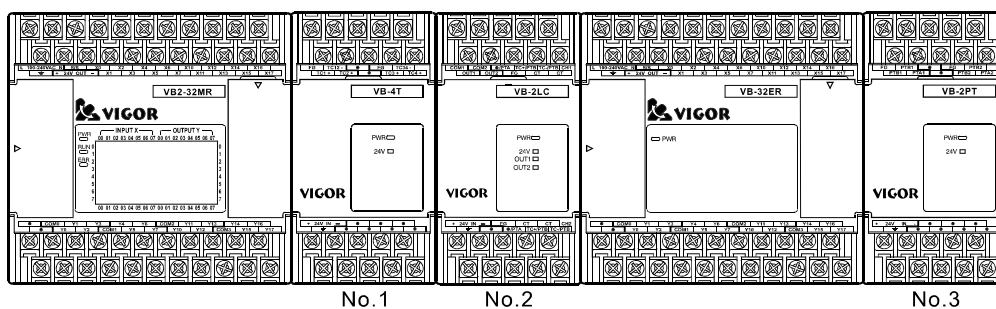
6.2 Error checking

If the VB-4T special function block does not seem to operate normally, check the following items.

- Check the status of the POWER LED.
Lit : The extension cable is properly connected.
Otherwise : Check the connection of the extension cable.
- Check the external wiring.
- Check the status for the "24V" LED.
Lit : VB-4T is ON, 24V DC power source is ON.
Otherwise : Possible 24V DC power failure or possible VB-4T failure.

6.3 Checking special function block numbers


Other special units of blocks that use FROM/TO commands, such as analog input blocks, analog output blocks and high-speed counter blocks, can be directly connected to the base unit of the VB programmable controller or to the right side of other extension blocks or units. Each special block is consecutively numbered from 1 to 8 beginning from the one closest to the base unit. A maximum of eight (VB2) special blocks can be connected.



7. EMC CONSIDERATIONS

Electromagnetic compatibility or EMC must be considered before using the VB-4T.

VEC recommend that the thermocouple sensors used, should be fitted with a form of shielded or screening as protection against EMC noise.

If some form of cable protection is used, the "Shield" must be terminated at the  terminals as shown in section 2.0.

Because of the delicate nature of all analog signals, failure to take good EMC precautions could lead to EMC noise induced errors ; up to $\pm 10\%$ of actual values. This is an absolute worst case figure, users who do take good precautions can expect operation within normal tolerances.

EMC considerations should include selection of good quality cables, good routing of those cables away from potential noise sources.

Additionally it is recommended that signal averaging is used as this will reduce the effects of random noise "spikes" .

Guidelines for the safety of the user and protection of the VB-4T

- This manual has been written to be used by trained and competent personnel. This is defined by the European directives for machinery, low voltage and EMC.
- If in doubt at any stage during the installation of the VB-4T always consult a professional electrical engineer who is qualified and trained to the local and national standards. If in doubt about the operation or use of the VB-4T please consult the nearest VEC distributor.
- Under no circumstances will VEC be liable or responsible for any consequential damage that may arise as a result of the installation or use of this equipment.
- All examples and diagrams shown in this manual are intended only as an aid to understanding the text, not to guarantee operation. VEC will accept no responsibility for actual use of the product based on these illustrative examples.

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