



Measurement & Control Peripheral

# VDIV10:1 and VDIV2:1

### Voltage Divider Terminal Input Modules



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<b>Area:</b> $1 \text{ in}^2$ (square inch) = 64.	$5 \text{ mm}^2$ <b>Mass:</b>	1 oz. (ounce) = 28.35 g 1 lb (pound weight) = 0.454 kg
Length: 1 in. (inch) = 25.4 m 1 ft (foot) = 304.8 m 1 yard = 0.914 m	m Pressure:	$1 \text{ psi} (\text{lb/in}^2) = 68.95 \text{ mb}$
1 mile = 1.609 km	Volume:	1 UK pint = 568.3 ml 1 UK gallon = 4.546 litres 1 US gallon = 3.785 litres

In addition, while most of the information in the manual is correct for all countries, certain information is specific to the North American market and so may not be applicable to European users.

Differences include the U.S standard external power supply details where some information (for example the AC transformer input voltage) will not be applicable for British/European use. *Please note, however, that when a power supply adapter is ordered it will be suitable for use in your country.* 

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Some brackets, shields and enclosure options, including wiring, are not sold as standard items in the European market; in some cases alternatives are offered. Details of the alternatives will be covered in separate manuals.

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### General

- Prior to performing site or installation work, obtain required approvals and permits. Comply with all governing structure-height regulations, such as those of the FAA in the USA.
- Use only qualified personnel for installation, use, and maintenance of tripods and towers, and any attachments to tripods and towers. The use of licensed and qualified contractors is highly recommended.
- Read all applicable instructions carefully and understand procedures thoroughly before beginning work.
- Wear a hardhat and eye protection, and take other appropriate safety precautions while working on or around tripods and towers.
- **Do not climb** tripods or towers at any time, and prohibit climbing by other persons. Take reasonable precautions to secure tripod and tower sites from trespassers.
- Use only manufacturer recommended parts, materials, and tools.

### **Utility and Electrical**

- You can be killed or sustain serious bodily injury if the tripod, tower, or attachments you are installing, constructing, using, or maintaining, or a tool, stake, or anchor, come in contact with overhead or underground utility lines.
- Maintain a distance of at least one-and-one-half times structure height, or 20 feet, or the distance required by applicable law, whichever is greater, between overhead utility lines and the structure (tripod, tower, attachments, or tools).
- Prior to performing site or installation work, inform all utility companies and have all underground utilities marked.
- Comply with all electrical codes. Electrical equipment and related grounding devices should be installed by a licensed and qualified electrician.

#### **Elevated Work and Weather**

- Exercise extreme caution when performing elevated work.
- Use appropriate equipment and safety practices.
- During installation and maintenance, keep tower and tripod sites clear of un-trained or non-essential personnel. Take precautions to prevent elevated tools and objects from dropping.
- Do not perform any work in inclement weather, including wind, rain, snow, lightning, etc.

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# 1. Function

Voltage dividers are a type of terminal input module that reduce voltage to a fraction of the original voltage. Reducing voltage output is necessary if an expected output is greater than the maximum range a data logger can measure.

The VDIV10:1 and VDIV2:1 are compatible with GRANITE 6, VOLT 108, VOLT 116, CR6, CR3000, CR1000X, CR800-series, and CR300-series data loggers. Each voltage divider module may be used to measure one differential voltage or two single-ended voltages.

As the VDIV10:1 is a 10:1 voltage divider, the output voltage is one-tenth the input voltage. This allows a maximum of  $\pm$ 50 volts to be measured on data loggers with a  $\pm$ 5000 mV range (GRANITE 6, VOLT 108, VOLT 116, CR6, CR3000, CR1000X, and CR800-series data loggers). The VDIV2:1 is a 2:1 voltage divider, allowing a maximum of  $\pm$ 10 volts to be measured on data loggers with a  $\pm$ 5000 mV range.

The CR300-series data loggers have an input range of –100 to +2500 mV. This allows a maximum of 25 volts to be measured with the VDIV10:1, or 5 volts with the VDIV2:1.



Figure 1-1. Terminal input module

# 2. Specifications

### 2.1 VDIV10:1

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10:1 resistive divider	
Resistors:	90 kW/10 kW
Ratio tolerance @ 25 °C:	±0.02%
Ratio temperature coefficient:	2 ppm/°C
Power rating:	0.1 W per element (@ 70 °C)
Maximum input voltage:	50 volts
Compliance:	View compliance documents at:
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Figure 2-1. VDIV10:1 schematic

### 2.2 VDIV2:1

2:1 resistive divider	
Resistors:	10 kW/10 kW
Ratio tolerance @ 25 °C:	±0.02%
Ratio temperature coefficient:	2 ppm/°C

Power rating: Maximum input voltage: Compliance: 0.1 W per element (@ 70 °C)
10 volts
View compliance documents at:
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Figure 2-2. VDIV2:1 schematic

## 3. Wiring

Each voltage divider module may be used to measure one differential voltage (Figure 3-1 [p. 4]) or two single-ended voltages (Figure 3-2 [p. 4]).



Figure 3-1. Wiring for differential voltage measurement



Figure 3-2. Wiring for single-ended voltage measurements

Table 3-1: Data logger wiring			
Function	VDIV	CR3000, CR1000X, CR800 series, CR300 series	GRANITE 6, CR6
Output high	Н	Н	U (odd)
Output low	L	L	U (even)
Ground	÷	÷	÷

# 4. Programming

The output of the voltage divider is measured with the appropriate voltage measurement instruction. A differential input is measured with the VoltDiff() instruction. A single-ended input is measured with the VoltSE() instruction. Select the smallest input voltage range that will accommodate the maximum expected output. Using the smallest possible range provides the best measurement resolution.

The following is a typical voltage divider measurement using the VoltDiff() instruction for the CR1000X data logger. In this example, the instruction can safely measure a voltage of up to 50 VDC using the mV5000 input range and the VDIV10:1.

VoltDiff(DiffVolt,1,mV5000,1,True,500,60,.01,0)

### 4.1 Example

A downloadable example program is available at www.campbellsci.eu/downloads/vdiv-example-program. The rogram is written for the CR1000X. Other data loggers will be very similar.

The example uses the VoltDiff() instruction to measure the voltage of a 12 volt battery system that may actually experience voltages in excess of 14 volts. Using the VDIV10:1 10:1 voltage divider, the 14 volt output will be divided to 14/10 = 1.4 volts, or 1400 mV. Thus the voltage range on which to make the measurement is the ±5000 mV range on the GRANITE 6, VOLT 108, VOLT 116, CR6, CR3000, and CR1000X, or the ±2500 mV range on the CR800 series and CR300 series.

The multiplier to use with the voltage measurement must take into account the divisor, the calibration of the sensor, and the units desired for the result. In the example, voltage is divided by 10 and read by the data logger as millivolts (i.e.,  $(V/10) \times 10^3 = V \times 10^2$ ). To output directly in volts, use a multiplier of 0.01.



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