Strain Gauge/Bridge/Load Cell/Pressure Transducer to DC Transmitters, Field Rangeable — APD 4059

Input: 100 Ω to 10,000 Ω Bridges, 0.5 mV/V to 40 mV/V, 1-10 VDC Excitation

Output: 0-1 V to ±10 V or 0-2 mA to 4-20 mA (Sink or Source)

- *Drive up to Four 350 Ω Bridges*
- *Adjustable Excitation Power Supply*
- *Sense Lead Compensation*
- *One Minute Setup for Hundreds of I/O Ranges*
- *Removable Plugs for Faster Installation*
- *Non-Interactive Zero and Span*
- *Full 3-Way Input/Output/Power Isolation*
- *Input and Output LoopTracker® LEDs*
- *Adjustable Output Test*
- *Internal or External Calibration Resistor Options*

Applications

- *Load Cell Weighing Systems and Scales*
- *Strain Gauge Pressure Sensors and Transducers*
- *Tanks, Scales, Extruder Melt Pressure, Crane Loads*

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1 Minute Setup!

Free Factory I/O Setup!

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Strain Gauge Input Ranges
100 Ω to 10,000 Ω bridges at 10 VDC
Up to four 350 Ω bridges at 10 VDC

Minimum:	0 to 5 mV range	0.5 mV/V sensitivity
Maximum:	0 to 400 mV range	40 mV/V sensitivity

Millivolt output range is determined by the sensor sensitivity (mV/V) and the excitation voltage:
mV/V sensitivity X excitation voltage = total mV range

Input Impedance
200 kΩ typical

Common Mode Rejection
100 dB minimum

Excitation Voltage

Switch Selectable:	0-10 VDC in 1 V increments
Maximum Output:	10 VDC maximum at 120 mA
Drive Capability:	Up to four 350 Ω bridges at 10 VDC
Fine Adjustment:	±5% via multi-turn potentiometer
Stability:	±0.01% per °C

Sense Lead Compensation
Better than ±0.01% per 1 Ω change in leadwire resistance
Maximum leadwire resistance: 10 Ω with 350 Ω at 10 VDC

LoopTracker
Variable brightness LEDs for input/output loop level and status

DC Output Ranges

Voltage (10 mA max.):	0-1 VDC	to	0-10 VDC
Bipolar Voltage (±10 mA max.):	±5 VDC	or	±10 VDC
Current:	0-2 mADC	to	0-20 mADC
Compliance, drive at 20 mA:	20 V, 1000 Ω drive		

Current output can be selectively wired for sink or source

Output Calibration
Multi-turn zero and span potentiometers
±15% of span adjustment range typical
Zero offset switch: ±100% of span in 15% increments

Output Ripple and Noise
Less than 10 mVRMS ripple and noise

Output Test
Sets output to test level when pressed, adjustable 0-100% of span. Not available with M01 or M02 option

Accuracy
±0.1% of span (includes adjustment resolution and linearity)

Response Time
70 milliseconds typical (14.2 Hz)
DF option: 10 millisecond response time typical (100 Hz)
Contact factory for custom response times

Isolation
1200 VRMS min.
Full isolation: power to input, power to output, input to output

Ambient Temperature Range and Stability
–10°C to +60°C operating ambient
Better than ±0.02% of span per °C stability

Housing and Connectors
IP 40, requires installation in panel or enclosure
Mounts to 35 mm DIN rail
Four 4-terminal removable connectors, 14 AWG max wire size

Dimensions
0.89" W x 4.62" H x 4.81" D
22.5 mm W x 117 mm H x 122 mm D
Height includes connectors

Power

Standard:	85-265 VAC, 50/60 Hz or 60-300 VDC
D option:	9-30 VDC (either polarity) or 10-32 VAC
Power:	2 to 5 Watts depending on number of load cells

Description
The APD 4059 accepts an input from one to four strain gauges, bridge type sensors, load cells, or pressure transducers. It filters, amplifies, and converts the resulting millivolt signal into the selected DC voltage or current output that is linearly related to the input.

The full 3-way (input, output, power) isolation makes this module useful for ground loop elimination, common mode signal rejection or noise pickup reduction.

The adjustable excitation power supply generates a stable source of voltage to drive from one to four 350 Ω (or greater) devices. Sense lead circuitry is included to cancel the effects of leadwire resistance, if required.

Input, output, excitation and zero offset are field configurable, via external rotary and slide switches. Offsets up to ±100% of span can be used to cancel sensor offsets or non-zero deadweights (taring). Non-interactive zero and span simplifies calibration.

Sink/Source Versatility
For maximum versatility the APD 4059 milliamp output can be selectively wired for sinking or sourcing. This allows connection to any type of mA input receiving device.

LoopTracker
API exclusive features include two LoopTracker LEDs (green for input, red for output) that vary in intensity with changes in the process input and output signals. These provide a quick visual picture of your process loop at all times and can greatly aid in saving time during initial startup and/or troubleshooting.

Output Test
An API exclusive feature includes the test button to provide a fixed output (independent of the input) when held depressed. The test output level is potentiometer adjustable from 0 to 100% of output span.

The output test button greatly aids in saving time during initial startup and/or troubleshooting. Not available with M01 or M02.

Model	Input	Output	Power
APD 4059	Field configurable—specify mV/V and excitation voltage if factory is to set switches	Field configurable—specify range if factory is to set switches	85-265 VAC or 60-300 VDC
APD 4059 D			9-30 VDC or 10-32 VAC

Options–add to end of model number

M01	Built-in calibration resistor. Specify resistor value.
M02	Switch for external calibration resistor.
DF	10 millisecond response time, or consult factory
U	Conformal coating for moisture resistance

Accessory—order as separate line item

API BP4 Spare removable 4 terminal plug, black

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Range Selection

It is generally easier to select ranges before installing the module on the DIN rail. The tables below list available settings and ranges. The table on the next page is used for offsets. The module side label lists common ranges. See the model/serial number label if a custom range was specified.

Rotary switches and a slide switches on the side of the module are used to select input and output ranges to match your application.

Switch A: Excitation voltage
Switch B: Input range
Switch C: Input offset (see table on next page)
Switch D: Output range
Switch E : Set to "V" for voltage output or
Set to "I" for current output

Determine how much output in millivolts the load cell will produce at full load. Multiply the manufacturer's mV/V sensitivity specification by the applied excitation voltage.

For example, a load cell rated for 3 mV/V sensitivity using 10 VDC excitation will produce an output of 0 to 30 mV for load variations from 0 to 100%.

3 mV/V sensitivity X 10 VDC excitation = 30 mV range

Excitation Voltage Setup

Refer to the sensor manufacturer's recommendations to determine what excitation voltage to use.

Set Excitation rotary switch A to desired excitation voltage.

After installation the excitation fine adjust potentiometer may be used to precisely trim this voltage, if desired.

Excitation	Switch A
10 V	A
9 V	9
8 V	8
7 V	7
6 V	6
5 V	5
4 V	4
3 V	3
2 V	2
1 V	1
0 V	0

I/O Range Selection B, C, D, E

1. From the table below, find the rotary switch combination that matches your I/O ranges and set rotary switches B, C, and D.
2. Set switch E to "V" for voltage output or "I" for current output.
3. For ranges that fall between the listed ranges use the next highest setting and trim the output signal with the zero and span potentiometers as described in the Calibration section.

Electrical Connections and Installation

WARNING! All wiring must be performed by a qualified electrician or instrumentation engineer. See diagram below for terminal designations and wiring examples. Consult factory for assistance.

Avoid shock hazards! Turn signal input, output, and power off before connecting or disconnecting wiring. Connect power last.

Check white model/serial number label for module operating voltage to make sure it matches available power.

Module Power Terminals

When using DC power, either polarity is acceptable, but for consistency with similar API products, positive (+) can be wired to terminal 13 and negative (–) can be wired to terminal 16. Connect I/O wiring before power wiring.

Signal Input Terminals

Refer to strain gauge manufacturer's data sheet for wire color-coding. Polarity must be observed when connecting inputs.

CAUTION: Never short the excitation leads together. This will cause internal damage to the module.

A five- or six-lead bridge has one or two sense leads respectively. Sense leads allow the APD 4059 to compensate for leadwire resistance effects. Connect the sense leads if used. Polarity must be observed.

If no sense lead is used, jumper sense (+) terminal 6 and excitation (+) 12.

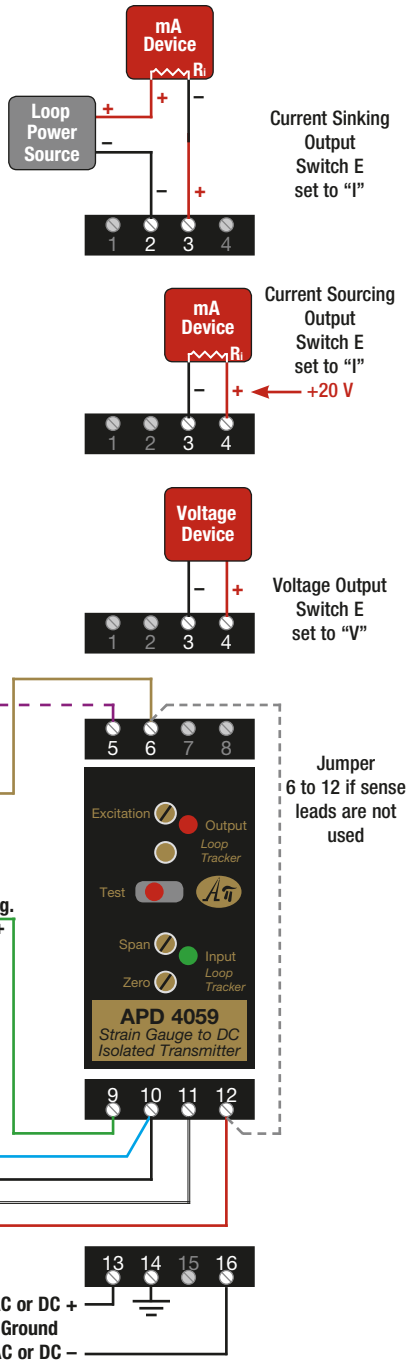
Final trim adjustment should be done after all connections are made.

Signal Output Terminals

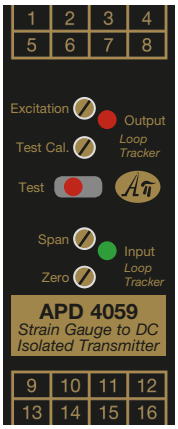
Polarity must be observed when connecting the signal output.

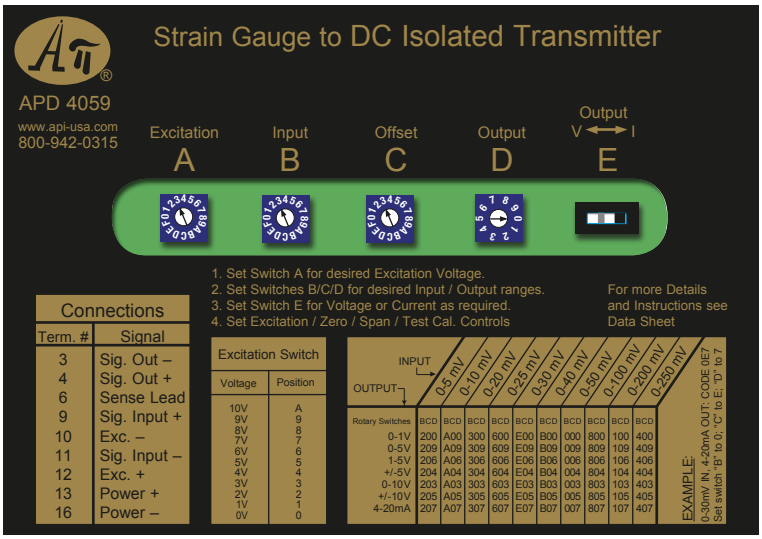
If your device accepts a current input, determine if it provides power to the current loop or if it must be powered by the APD module. Use a multi-meter to check for voltage at the device's input terminals. Typical voltage may be 9-24 VDC.

Type of Device for Output	– Terminal	+ Terminal
Measuring/recording device accepts a mA (current) input and provides power to the current loop.	2 (–)	3 (+) switch E set to "I"
Measuring/recording device accepts a mA (current) input and the input is unpowered or passive. APD module provides the loop power.	3 (–)	4 (+20 V) switch E set to "I"
Measuring/recording device accepts a voltage input.	3 (–)	4 (+) switch E set to "V"



Output	0-1 V	0-2 V	0-4 V	1-5 V	0-5 V	0-8 V	2-10 V	0-10 V	±5 V	±10 V	0-2 mA	0-4 mA	0-8 mA	2-10 mA	0-10 mA	0-16 mA	4-20 mA	0-20 mA
Switches	BCDE	BCDE	BCDE	BCDE	BCDE	BCDE	BCDE	BCDE	BCDE	BCDE	BCDE	BCDE	BCDE	BCDE	BCDE	BCDE	BCDE	BCDE
Input																		
0-5 mV	200V	208V	201V	206V	209V	202V	207V	203V	204V	205V	200I	208I	201I	206I	209I	202I	207I	203I
0-10 mV	A00V	A08V	A01V	A06V	A09V	A02V	A07V	A03V	A04V	A05V	A00I	A08I	A01I	A06I	A09I	A02I	A07I	A03I
0-20 mV	300V	308V	301V	306V	309V	302V	307V	303V	304V	305V	300I	308I	301I	306I	309I	302I	307I	303I
0-25 mV	600V	608V	601V	606V	609V	602V	607V	603V	604V	605V	600I	608I	601I	606I	609I	602I	607I	603I
0-30 mV	E00V	E08V	E01V	E06V	E09V	E02V	E07V	E03V	E04V	E05V	E00I	E08I	E01I	E06I	E09I	E02I	E07I	E03I
0-40 mV	B00V	B08V	B01V	B06V	B09V	B02V	B07V	B03V	B04V	B05V	B00I	B08I	B01I	B06I	B09I	B02I	B07I	B03I
0-50 mV	000V	008V	001V	006V	009V	002V	007V	003V	004V	005V	000I	008I	001I	006I	009I	002I	007I	003I
0-100 mV	800V	808V	801V	806V	809V	802V	807V	803V	804V	805V	800I	808I	801I	806I	809I	802I	807I	803I
0-120 mV	F00V	F08V	F01V	F06V	F09V	F02V	F07V	F03V	F04V	F05V	F00I	F08I	F01I	F06I	F09I	F02I	F07I	F03I
0-200 mV	100V	108V	101V	106V	109V	102V	107V	103V	104V	105V	100I	108I	101I	106I	109I	102I	107I	103I
0-250 mV	400V	408V	401V	406V	409V	402V	407V	403V	404V	405V	400I	408I	401I	406I	409I	402I	407I	403I
0-300 mV	C00V	C08V	C01V	C06V	C09V	C02V	C07V	C03V	C04V	C05V	C00I	C08I	C01I	C06I	C09I	C02I	C07I	C03I
0-400 mV	900V	908V	901V	906V	909V	902V	907V	903V	904V	905V	900I	908I	901I	906I	909I	902I	907I	903I





Calibration

The Zero, Span, and Excitation potentiometers are used to calibrate the output. This calibration procedure does not account for offsets or tare weights. If your system has an offset, tare weight or deadweight, refer to the Offset Switch procedure.

To achieve optimum results, the system should be calibrated using an accurate bridge simulator, pressure calibrator, or calibration weights depending on the application.

1. Apply power to the module and allow a minimum 20 minute warm up time.
2. Using an accurate voltmeter across terminals 10 and 12, adjust the excitation voltage potentiometer for the exact voltage desired.
3. Provide an input to the module equal to zero or the minimum input required for the application.
4. Using an accurate measurement device for the module output, adjust the Zero potentiometer for the exact minimum output signal desired. The Zero control should only be adjusted when the input signal is at its minimum.
5. Set the input at maximum, and then adjust the Span pot for the exact maximum output desired. The Span control should only be adjusted when the input signal is at its maximum.

Using Offset Switch C

Offset switch C allows canceling or taring of non-zero deadweights or other sensor offsets such as:

- Compensate for tare weights or scale deadweight to get zero output when a load is on the platform.
- Compensate for low-output sensors (e.g., less than 1 mV/V) that may have large zero offsets. Switch C can realign the zero control so it has enough range to produce the desired zero output.
- Raising the offset to allow calibration of bipolar sensors such as ±10 mV.
- Lowering the offset to compensate for elevated input ranges such as 10-20 mV.

1. Switch C does not interact with any other switch and is the only switch needed to correct zero offsets. Its only purpose is to adjust or cancel effects of the low end of the input range not corresponding nominally to 0 mV. Setting this switch to "0" results in no offset.
2. To RAISE the output zero, rotate switch C from "1" thru "7", until the Zero control can be set for your application.
3. To LOWER the output zero, rotate switch C from "9" thru "F", until the Zero control can be set for your application.
4. After all switches are set, repeat the calibration procedure as described above.

Offset % of Span	Switch C
105%	7
90%	6
75%	5
60%	4
45%	3
30%	2
15%	1
0%	0
–15%	9
–30%	A
–45%	B
–60%	C
–75%	D
–90%	E
–105%	F

Calibration Resistor Option M01

The M01 option uses a shunt resistor installed internally in the APD 4059. The resistance is specified by the transducer manufacturer. Before starting calibration, ensure that the correct resistance value was specified when the APD 4059 was ordered.

The sensor manufacturer should provide the percentage of full-scale output for the transducer when using the internal resistor for calibration.

1. With the APD 4059 powered and the transducer at operating temperature, adjust the zero pot located on top of the APD 4059 for a zero or low-end output (for example, 4 mA for a 4-20 mA output).
2. The zero pot may also be adjusted for a zero reading on the output display instrumentation, e.g. control system or process indicator. Adjusting the zero pot this way eliminates calibration errors in the display instrumentation.
3. Set the APD 4059 TEST toggle switch to the TEST position. The internal shunt resistor is switched into the circuit to unbalance the bridge.
4. Adjust the span pot to the for an 80% FS output or 80% reading on the process indicator.
5. Return the TEST switch to the opposite position and readjust the zero pot if necessary.

Calibration Resistor Option M02

The M02 option is specified when the transducer incorporates an internal calibration resistor. The transducer must be connected per the manufacturer's specifications.

The sensor manufacturer should provide the percentage of full-scale output for the transducer when using the transducer's internal calibration resistor.

The transducer's calibration resistor wires are connected to terminals 5 and 11 (Signal –) if there are two wires or terminal 5 if there is one calibration resistor wire. See wiring diagram on previous page.

1. With the APD 4059 powered and the transducer at operating temperature, adjust the zero pot located on top of the APD 4059 for a zero or low-end output, e.g. 4 mA (assuming the selected output is 4-20 mA).
2. The zero pot may also be adjusted for a zero reading on the output display instrumentation, e.g. control system or process indicator. Adjusting the zero pot this way eliminates calibration errors in the display instrumentation.
3. Set the APD 4059 TEST toggle switch to the TEST position. The transducer's shunt resistor is switched into the circuit to unbalance the bridge.
4. Adjust the span pot to the for an 80% FS output or 80% reading on the process indicator, or per the manufacturer's percentage of FS output.
5. Return the TEST switch to the opposite position and readjust the zero pot if necessary.

Output Test Function

Note that models with the M01 option or the M02 option do not have a TEST function. When either of these options is specified the Test switch operates the calibration resistor and the Test Cal. potentiometer is non-functional.

The output test potentiometer is factory set to provide approximately 50% output. When the test button is depressed it will drive the output with a known good signal that can be used as a diagnostic aid during initial start-up or troubleshooting. When released, the output will return to normal.

The Test Cal. potentiometer can be used to set the test output to the desired level. It is adjustable from 0 to 100% of the output span. Press and hold the Test button and adjust the Test Cal. potentiometer for the desired output level.

Operation

Strain gauges and load cells are normally passive devices that are commonly referred to as "bridges" due to their four-resistor Wheatstone bridge configuration. These sensors require a precise excitation source to produce an output that is directly proportional to the load, pressure, etc. that is applied to the sensor.

The exact output of the sensor (measured in millivolts) is determined by the sensitivity of the sensor (mV/V) and the excitation voltage applied.

An additional input, the sense lead, monitors the voltage drop in the sensor leads and automatically compensates the excitation voltage at the module in order to maintain a constant excitation voltage at the sensor.

The APD 4059 provides the excitation voltage to the sensors and receives the resulting millivolt signal in return. This input signal is filtered and amplified, then offset, if required, and passed to the output stage. Depending on the output configuration selected, a DC voltage or current output is generated.

GREEN LoopTracker® Input LED – Provides a visual indication that a signal is being sensed by the input circuitry of the module. It also indicates the input signal level by changing in intensity as the process changes from minimum to maximum. If the LED fails to illuminate, or fails to change in intensity as the process changes, this may indicate a problem with module power or signal input wiring.

RED LoopTracker Output LED – Provides a visual indication that the output signal is functioning. It becomes brighter as the input and the corresponding output change from minimum to maximum. For current outputs, the RED LED will only light if the output loop current path is complete. For either current or voltage outputs, failure to illuminate or a failure to change in intensity as the process changes may indicate a problem with the module power or signal output wiring.

Installation Precautions

WARNING! Avoid shock hazards! Turn signal input, output, and power off before connecting or disconnecting wiring, or removing or installing module.

Installation continued on next page. ☛

API maintains a constant effort to upgrade and improve its products. Specifications are subject to change without notice. Consult factory for your specific requirements.

Installation
The housing clips to a standard 35 mm DIN rail. The housing is IP40 rated and should be mounted inside a panel or enclosure.

Precautions
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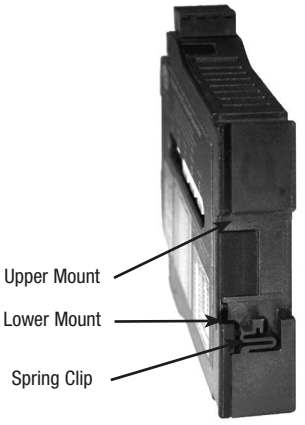
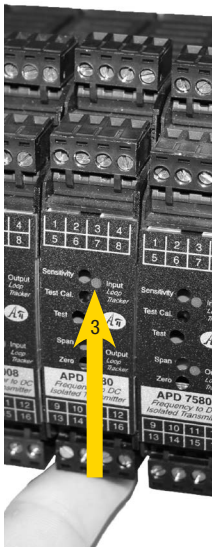


Installation

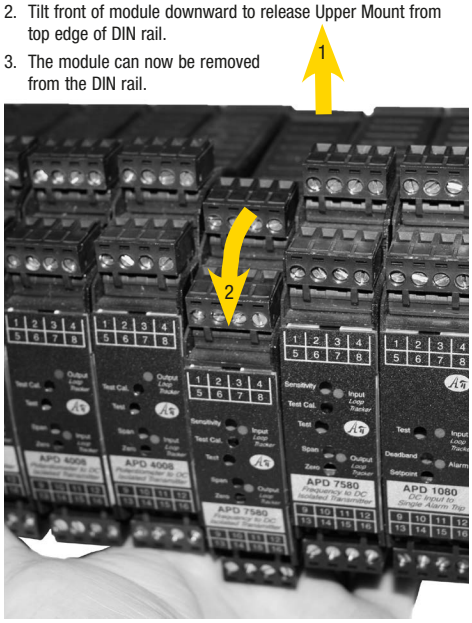
1. Tilt front of module downward and position against DIN rail.
2. Clip Lower Mount to bottom edge of DIN rail.



3. Push front of module upward until Upper Mount snaps into place.

Removal
Avoid shock hazards! Turn signal input, output, and power off before removing module.

1. Push up on bottom back of module.
2. Tilt front of module downward to release Upper Mount from top edge of DIN rail.
3. The module can now be removed from the DIN rail.



Diagnostic Voltage Measurements
Using a meter with at least 10 megaohm input impedance, measure the voltage coming from the strain gauge at the locations shown. Sensitivity is measured in mV/V.

Positive Meter Lead	Negative Meter Lead	Meter Reading No pressure/load	Meter Reading Full pressure/load
+ Exc.	– Exc.	Excitation Voltage	Excitation Voltage
+ Sig.	– Exc.	+ ½ Excitation Voltage	½ Excitation Voltage + (½ x Excitation Voltage x Sensitivity)
– Sig.	– Exc.	+ ½ Excitation Voltage	½ Excitation Voltage – (½ x Excitation Voltage x Sensitivity)
+ Sig.	– Sig.	Zero Volts	Excitation Voltage x Sensitivity

Typical Wiring Color Codes for Load Cells
Always consult manufacturer. Exceptions and/or custom wire colors exist!

Manufacturer	+ Exc.	– Exc.	+ Signal	– Signal	Shield	+ Sense	– Sense
A & D	Red	White	Green	Blue	Yellow		
Allegany	Green	Black	White	Red	Bare		
American/Amcell	Green	Black	White	Red	Bare		
Artech	Red	Black	Green	White	Bare		
Beowulf	Green	Black	White	Red	Bare		
BLH	Green	Black	White	Red	Yellow		
Cardinal	Green	Black	White	Red	Bare		
Celtron	Red	Black	Green	White	Bare		
Digi Matex	Red	White	Green	Yellow	Silver		
Dillon (DQ+)	Green	White	Black	Red	Orange		
Electroscale	Red	Black	Green	White	Bare		
Entran	Red	Black	Yel./Grn.	White			
EverGreen	Green	Black	White	Red	Bare		
Flintec	Green	Black	White	Red	Yellow		
Force Measurement	Red	Black	Green	White	Bare		
Futek	Red	Black	Green	White			
General Sensor	Red	Black	Green	White	Bare		
GSE	Red	Black	White	Green	Bare		
HBM	Green	Black	White	Red	Yellow		
HBM (PLC/SBE)	Red	Black	Green	White	Yellow		
Interface	Red	Black	Green	White	Bare		
Kubota	Red	White	Green	Blue	Yellow		
LeBow	Red	Black	Green	White	Bare		
Mettler Toledo	White	Blue	Green	Black	Orange	Yellow	Red
National Scale	Green	Black	White	Red	Yellow		
NCI	Red	Black	White	Green	Bare	Yellow	Blue

Manufacturer	+ Exc.	– Exc.	+ Signal	– Signal	Shield	+ Sense	– Sense
Nikkei	Red	Black	Green	White	Bare		
OmegaDyne	Red, D, F	Blk., C, E	Green A	White B	Bare		
Pennsylvania	Orange	Blue	Green	White	Bare		
Philips	Red	Blue	Green	Gray	Bare		
Presage Promotion	Blue	White	Red	Black	Yellow		
Revere	Green	Black	White	Red	Orange		
Revere	Red	Black	Green	White	Orange		
Rice Lake	Red	Black	Green	White	Bare		
Sensortronic	Red	Black	Green	White	Bare		
Sensortronic (col.)	Green	Black	White	Red	Bare		
Sensotec/Honeywell	Red	Black	White	Green	Bare		
Sentran	Red	Black	Green	White	Bare		
SMD	Red	Black	White	Green	Bare		
Strainsert	Red	Black	Green	White	Bare		
Stellar STI	Red	Black	White	Green	Bare		
Stellar STI	Red	Black	Green	White	Bare		
Stellar STI	A	D	B	C	Bare		
Stellar STI	A, B	C, D	F	E	Bare		
T-Hydronics	Red	Black	Green	White	Bare		
Tedea Huntleigh	Green	Black	Red	White	Bare	Blue	Brown
Thames Side	Red	Blue	Green	Yellow	Bare		
Toledo	Green	Black	White	Red	Yellow		
Totalcomp	Red	Black	Green	White	Bare		
Transducer Tech.	Red A	Black D	Green C	White B	Bare G		
Transducers Inc.	Red	Black	Green	White	Orange		
Weigh-Tronix	Green	Black	White	Red	Or./Wh.	Yellow	Blue