

# 8-channel bridge measurement amplifier for multi-channel strain gauge applications

The DCB2-8 is an DC bridge amplifier. With 8 differential analog inputs, it allows the measurement of:

- Voltage and current (20 mA)
- Strain gauges, bridge sensors
- IEPE/ICP sensors (with optional DSUB-15 plug)

For powering external sensors or bridge measurements, a software selectable sensor supply is integrated.

#### **Highlights**

- Medium signal bandwidths of up to 5 kHz
- Sensor supply with adjustable voltage supply
- ullet Software selectable quarter-bridge completion between 120 and 350  $\Omega$
- Graphical configuration wizard to set strain gauge bridges
- Supports imc Plug & Measure (Transducer Electronic Data Sheets)

#### **Typical applications**

- Strain gauge measurements, load cells, pressure sensors and
- universal voltage measurements



CRXT/DCB2-8



CRXT/DCB2-8-L

#### imc CRONOS-XT - Maximizes flexible modularity

An imc CRONOS-XT system is composed of a base unit and one or more imc CRONOS-XT modules. The imc click mechanism offers a mechanically strong connection between several imc CRONOS-XT modules. At the same time, the "click" establishes an electrical connection to the system bus and the power supply.



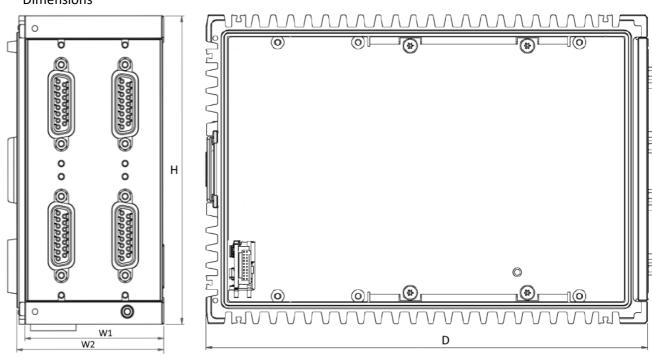


### **Models and Options**

#### **Overview of available variants**

Order Code	Signal connections	power consumption	weight	housing	article no.
CRXT/DCB2-8	DSUB-15	10 W	1.1 kg	XT2	11100016
CRXT/DCBC2-8	DSUB-26-HD	10 W	0.8 kg	XT1	11100024
CRXT/DCB2-8-L	LEMO	10 W	1.1 kg	XT2	11100026

#### **Dimensions**



Shown in standard operating orientation: housing type XT2

Housing type:	XT1	XT2	XT3	XT4	Remarks
W: Width in mm	30.5	61	91.5	116.9	W1: modular spacing (effective stacking width)
	34	64.5	95	120.4	W2: complete width
H: Height in mm	130				
D: Depth in mm	186.5				

#### Sealing, IP rating and environmental specs

A single CRXT slice cannot achieve an IP protection level at first because it is functionally open at the side. The specified specifications are always only valid for a complete in a controlled environment clicked (closed) CRXT system. Only after it has been combined with a CRXT base unit (plus power module), CRXT slices if applicable, and the final handles to form a CRXT system can an evaluation be made. The specification for shock, vibration and IP degree of protection applicable to the entire device is then derived from the weakest specification of the CRXT slices used in this combination. They assume that the individual CRXT slices are each mounted in conjunction with the additional stabilizing interconnect brackets (included in the standard accessories supplied).

The module variants with LEMO sockets are equipped with LEMO.1B connection sockets, which meet the IP65 degree of protection. This determines the upper limits for the sealing of the complete system equipped with it.

#### **Technical Data Sheet**



According to IEC 60529 the Ingress Protection (IP) rating refer to protection classes provided by a housing, the protection of the electrical parts within the housing shell. If all functionally accessible contacts of the sockets are also to be protected, the corresponding plugs must be connected to all sockets. In many cases, a protective cover can also be used alternatively on unused sockets.

### **Accessories and Plugs**

#### **Included accessories**

Sealing Caps and mounting accessories				
4x ACC/CAP-DSUB-15-IP67	Sealing Cap IP67 for the variant with DSUB-15 and DSUB-26-HD sockets	13500342		
2x CRXT/BRACKET-CON	interconnect brackets, intended for increased stability	11100040		

Miscellaneous
Calibration certificate with test equipment verification as per ISO 9001 (manufacturer's calibration certificate, PDF)
Getting started with imc CRONOS-XT (one copy per delivery)

#### **Optional accessories**

IP67 DSUB-15 plug male	11100073
IP65 DSUB-15 plug with screw terminals for 2-channel measurement of strain gauges, bridges and voltage	13500218
sealed IP65 TEDS version	13500331
IP65 DSUB-15 plug with screw terminals for 2-channel current measurement of up to 50 mA (50 $\Omega$ shunt, scaling factor: 0.02A/V)	13500329
sealed IP65 TEDS version	13500334
two IEPE transducers (IP65)	
IP65 DSUB-15 plug with 2 PG for cable with diameter 2.5 to 3 mm <sup>2</sup>	11100064
or two IEPE transducers (no IP65 rating)	
ICP2I (isolated, 2x BNC), slow	13500293
ICP2I (isolated, 2x BNC), fast	13500294
rating)	
DSUB-26 plug with screw terminals for 4-channel measurement of strain gauges, bridges and voltage	13500197
DSUB-26 plug with screw terminals for 4-channel current measurement of up to 50 mA (50 $\Omega$ shunt, scaling factor: 0.02 A/V)	13500195
dust protection cap for DSUB-15 and DSUB-26-HD	13500339
dust protection cap for LEMO.1B sockets (and XT-Con)	13500233
	IP65 DSUB-15 plug with screw terminals for 2-channel measurement of strain gauges, bridges and voltage sealed IP65 TEDS version  IP65 DSUB-15 plug with screw terminals for 2-channel current measurement of up to 50 mA (50 Ω shunt, scaling factor: 0.02A/V) sealed IP65 TEDS version  **Two IEPE transducers (IP65)*  IP65 DSUB-15 plug with 2 PG for cable with diameter 2.5 to 3 mm²  **Two IEPE transducers (no IP65 rating)*  ICP2I (isolated, 2x BNC), slow  ICP2I (isolated, 2x BNC), fast  **Tating*  DSUB-26 plug with screw terminals for 4-channel measurement of strain gauges, bridges and voltage  DSUB-26 plug with screw terminals for 4-channel current measurement of up to 50 mA (50 Ω shunt, scaling factor: 0.02 A/V)  dust protection cap for DSUB-15 and DSUB-26-HD



Miscellaneous		
CRXT/CAL-P Calibration report set for each device	Report set with manufacturer's calibration certificate and individual readings, as well as list of test equipment used (PDF). Meets requirements of ISO 17025	11100071
ACC/DSUBM-LOCKING-BOLT-L	extended length locking bolts (2 pcs) For the slices with DSUB-15 sockets, the sealed terminal plugs ACC/DSUBM-xxx-IP65 must be used - regardless of the sealing properties:	13500327
	The simple standard plug (ACC/DSUBM-xxx without suffix [-IP65]) have shorter locking screws and therefore cannot be fixed to CRXT slices. However, they can be retrofitted with the long bolts. With long bolts: only for CRXT, with short standard bolts: only for CRFX, CRC, C-SERIE etc.	



## **Technical Specs - DCB2-8**

Channels, measurement modes, terminal connection				
Parameter	Value	Remarks		
Inputs	8			
Measurement modes	voltage measurement			
DSUB-15	current measurement	shunt-plug ACC/DSUBM-I2(-IP65) or single end (internal shunt)		
	bridge sensor			
	strain gauges	full, half, quarter bridge		
	current-fed sensors (IEPE/ICP)	with DSUB-15 expansion plug: e.g. ACC/DSUBM-ICP2I-BNC-S/-F, isolated		
Measurement modes	voltage measurement			
DSUB-26-HD	current measurement	ACC/DSUBM-HD-I4 shunt-plug or Single-ended (internal shunt)		
	bridge sensor			
	strain gauges	full, half, quarter bridge		
Measurement modes	voltage measurement			
LEMO	bridge sensor			
	strain gauges	full, half, quarter bridge		
	current measurement	Single-ended (internal shunt)		
Terminal connection				
DSUB-15	4x DSUB-15	2 channels per plug		
DSUB-26-HD	2x DSUB-26-HD	4 channels per plug		
LEMO	8x LEMO.1B.307	1 channel per plug		

Sampling rate, Bandwidth, Filter, TEDS				
Parameter	Value	Remarks		
Sampling rate	≤100 kHz	per channel, max system throughput of all module channels: 800 kHz including monitor channels		
Bandwidth	0 Hz to 5 kHz	-3 dB		
Filter (digital)  cut-off frequency characteristic order	10 Hz to 5 kHz	Butterworth, Bessel (digital) low pass or high pass filter 8th order band pass, LP 4th and HP 4th order Anti-aliasing filter: Cauer 8.order with f <sub>cutoff</sub> = 0.4 f <sub>s</sub>		
Resolution	16 Bit 24 Bit	output format is selectable for each channel individually: a) 16 Bit Integer b) 32 Bit Float (24 Bit Mantissa)		
TEDS only with DSUB-15	conforming IEEE 1451.4 Class II MMI	esp. with ACC/DSUBM-TEDS-xx (DS2433) supports also: DS2431 (typ. IEPE/ICP sensor)		
Characteristic curve linearization	user defined (max. 1023 supporting points)			



General				
Parameter	Value typ.	min. / max.	Remarks	
Overvoltage protection		±40 V	permanent	
Input coupling	DC			
Input configuration	differential			
Input impedance	20 ΜΩ	±1%		
Auxiliary supply			for IEPE/ICP expansion plug	
voltage	+5 V	±5%	independent of integrated	
available current	0.26 A	0.2 A	sensor supply, short-circuit protected	
internal resistance	1.0 Ω	<1.2 Ω	power per DSUB-plug	

Voltage measurement				
Parameter	Value typ.	min. / max.	Remarks	
Input range	±10 V, ±5 V, ±2.5	5 V, ±1 V ±5 mV		
Gain error	0.02%	0.05%	of the measured value, at 25°C	
Gain drift	10 ppm/K·⊿T <sub>a</sub>	30 ppm/K·⊿T <sub>a</sub>	$\Delta T_a =  T_a - 25$ °C ; ambient temperature $T_a$	
Offset error			of the input range at 25°C	
	0.02%	≤0.05%	range >±50 mV	
		≤0.06%	range ≤±50 mV	
		≤0.15%	range ≤±10 mV	
Offset drift	±0.7 μV/K⋅⊿T <sub>a</sub>	±6 μV/K⋅⊿T <sub>a</sub>	range ±10 V to ±0.25 V	
	±0.1 μV/K·⊿T <sub>a</sub>	±1.1 μV/K·⊿T <sub>a</sub>	range ≤±0.1 V	
			$\Delta T_a =  T_a - 25$ °C ; ambient temperature $T_a$	
Nonlinearity	10 ppm	50 ppm		
CMRR (common mode rejection			DC and f≤60 Hz	
ratio)	110 dB	>90 dB	range ±10 V to ±50 mV	
	138 dB	>132 dB	range ±25 mV to ±5 mV	
Noise	0.6 μV <sub>RMS</sub>	1.0 μV <sub>RMS</sub>	bandwidth 0.1 Hz to 1 kHz	
(RTI)	0.14 μV <sub>RMS</sub>	0.26 μV <sub>RMS</sub>	bandwidth 0.1 Hz to 10 Hz	

Current measurement with shunt plug				
Parameter	Value typ.	min. / max	Remarks	
Input range		, ±10 mA, ±5 mA, , ±1 mA		
Shunt impedance	50	Ω	external plug ACC/DSUBM-I2	
Over load protection		±60 mA	permanent	
Input configuration	differential			
Gain error	0.02%	0.06% 0.1%	of reading, at 25°C plus error of 50 Ω shunt	
Gain drift	15 ppm/K·∆T <sub>a</sub>	55 ppm/K·∆T <sub>a</sub>	$\Delta T_a =  T_a - 25^{\circ}C $ ambient temperature $T_a$	
Offset error	0.02%	0.05%	of range, at 25°C	
Noise (current)	0.6 nA <sub>RMS</sub> 0.15 nA <sub>RMS</sub>	10 nA <sub>RMS</sub> 0.25 nA <sub>RMS</sub>	bandwidth 0.1 Hz to 1 kHz bandwidth 0.1 Hz to 10 Hz	



Current measurement with internal shunt				
Parameter	Value typ.	min. / max	Remarks	
Input range	±50 mA, ±20 mA, ±10 mA, ±5 mA, ±2 mA, ±1 mA			
Shunt impedance	12	0 Ω	internal	
Over load protection		±60 mA	permanent	
Input configuration	Single	-ended	internal current backflow to -VB	
Gain error	0.02%	0.06%	of reading, at 25°C	
Gain drift	15 ppm/K·∆T <sub>a</sub>	55 ppm/K·∆T <sub>a</sub>	$\Delta T_a =  T_a - 25$ °C  ambient temperature $T_a$	
Offset error	0.02%	0.05%	of range, at 25°C	
Noise (current)	0.6 nA <sub>RMS</sub> 0.15 nA <sub>RMS</sub>	10 nA <sub>RMS</sub> 0.25 nA <sub>RMS</sub>	bandwidth 0.1 Hz to 1 kHz bandwidth 0.1 Hz to 10 Hz	

Bridge measurement							
Parameter	Value typ.	min. / max.	Remarks				
Mode	С	)C					
Measurement modes	full-, half-, q	uarter bridge	bridge supply ≤5 V with quarter bridge				
Input ranges	1	/, ±500 mV/V, ±100 mV/V					
bridge supply: 10 V	±0.	5 mV/V					
bridge supply: 5 V	±1	. mV/V					
bridge supply: 2.5 V	±2	. mV/V	(as an option)				
bridge supply: 1 V	±5	mV/V	(as an option)				
Bridge excitation voltage	10 V 5 V	±0.5% ±0.5%	The actual value will be dynamically captured and compensated for in bridge mode.				
(as an option)	(2.5 V and 1 V)		_				
Min. bridge impedance	1	H full bridge I half bridge					
Max. bridge impedance	5	kΩ					
Internal quarter bridge completion	120 Ω	, 350 Ω	internal				
Input impedance	20 ΜΩ	±1 %	differential, full bridge				
Gain error	0.02%	0.05%	of reading				
Offset error	0.01%	0.02%	of input range after automatic bridge balancing				
automatic shunt calibration	0.5 mV/V	±0.2%	for 120 $\Omega$ and 350 $\Omega$				
Cable resistance for bridges	<(	6 Ω	10 V excitation 120 Ω				
(without return line)	<1	2 Ω	5 V excitation 120 Ω				



Sensor supply						
Parameter	Value typ	).		max.	Remarks	
Configuration options	5 selectable settings			ngs	The sensor supply module always has 5 selectable voltage settings. default selection: +5 V to +24 V	
Output voltage	Voltage (+1 V) (+2.5 V) +5.0 V +10 V +12 V +15 V +24 V (±15 V)	580 m 580 m 580 m 300 m 250 m 200 m 120 m	1A 1A 1A 1A 1A 1A 1A	Power 0.6 W 1.5 W 2.9 W 3.0 W 3.0 W 3.0 W 2.9 W 3.0 W	set jointly for all eight channels upon request, also 2.5 V and 1 V settings are available, for example by replacing the +12 V or +15 V setting. An arbitrary set of 5 setting can be chosen preferred selections: +24 V, +12 V, +10 V, +5.0 V, +2.5 V +15 V, +10 V, +5.0 V, +2.5 V, +1 V upon request, special order: +15 V can be replaced by ±15 V. This eliminates the internal current- and quarter bridge measurement.	
Short-circuit protection	unlir	mited d	luratio	on	to output voltage reference ground: "-VB"	
Accuracy of output voltage	<0.25 % 0.5 % 0.9 % 1.5 %			0.9 %	at terminals, no load at 25 °C over entire temperature range plus with optional bipolar output voltage	
Compensation of cable resistances	SENS	line co E line a supply	s refe	eed	calculated compensation with bridges	
Max. capacitive load	>4000 μF >1000 μF >300 μF				2.5 V to 10 V 12 V, 15 V 24 V	