USER MANUAL

NI 9760

NI Powertrain Controls VR/Hall Sensor Module (Rev C)

Contents

Introduction

The National Instruments 9760 offers a set of automotive style inputs to interface with standard automotive position sensors. It provides six channels which may be software selected as a VR sensor or Hall-Effect sensor input.

Features

- 6 ch. channels software configured as VR sensor or Hall-effect senor inputs
  - 600 kHz lowpass filter
  - VR sensor inputs
    - §+/- 60V input range
    - §Adaptive or manually/programmable arming thresholds
  - Hall-effect sensor or general purpose digital inputs
    - §Over/under voltage protection
    - §Optional software selectable pull-up resistor
- External output for each channel according to software configuration
- Sensor Power output: 5V @ 200mA
- LabVIEW FPGA and LabVIEW Real Time VIs for quick integration with application.

Pinout

Figure 1. NI 9760 Pin Assignments
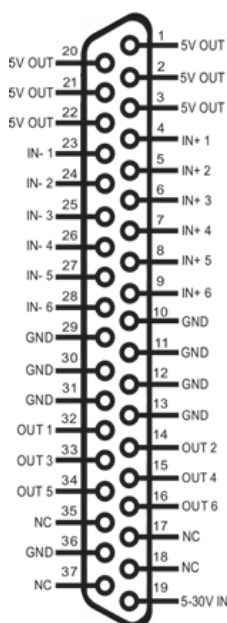
Powering the Module

The NI 9760 requires power from each for the following sources:
- The CompactRIO backplane male high density DSUB 15-pin (HD15) connector, which mates with the female HD15 connector on the module. This power source provides a regulated 5 V and ground to various digital logic functions. The CompactRIO 5 V source is active whenever the CompactRIO or R Series Expansion Chassis is properly powered. You can power the NI 9760 only at the HD15 connector by plugging it into a CompactRIO or R Series Expansion Chassis. Do not connect the HD15 connector to any other device.

• If the 5V OUT lines or internal pull-up resistors are to be used for Hall-effect sensors, then the external DB-37 connector pins labeled 5-30V IN (19) and GND (36) must be connected to an external supply of 5V to 30V. The module is reverse battery protected to -30V.

The NI 9760 external power ground and CompactRIO backplane power ground are isolated and have no internal connection.

⚠ **CAUTION** The external battery supply input terminals are reverse voltage protected to -30 V. Connecting the NI 9760 in reverse polarity at voltages greater than -30 V or forward polarity at greater than +30 V will result in damage. This event is not covered by warranty.

Platform Compatibility

NI Powertrain Control modules require a hardware support system to function. You cannot use the modules independently or interfaced with third-party devices at the backplane HD15 connector. NI Powertrain Control modules are compatible with the following National Instruments platforms:

- CompactRIO, which consists of a CompactRIO controller, chassis, or integrated controller/chassis.
- NI PXI, which consists of any NI PXI chassis, NI PXI RT controller, and NI PXI-78*xx*R R Series FPGA card. The NI Powertrain Control modules insert into an NI R Series expansion chassis. Connect an NI R Series expansion chassis to the NI PXI FPGA card using a SHC68-68-RDIO cable.
- MXI-Express, Ethernet and EtherCAT expansion chassis.

Note NI Powertrain Control modules are not compatible with the National Instruments CompactDAQ chassis.

Note NI Powertrain Control modules do not support Scan Interface mode.

Input Channels used for VR Sensor Inputs

The VR Hall module provides up to six identical VR sensor inputs. A Variable Reluctance (VR) sensor is a standard production automotive speed sensor. It is an electromagnetic sensing device containing a winding of wire around a permanent magnetic core. It relies on the movement of ferrous material (steel teeth) past the tip of the sensor to change the magnetic flux of the sensor. This creates a voltage pulse across the leads of the sensor's wire coil. Figures 4 and 5 below show a typical VR signal with respect to toothed wheels, as shown in figures 2 and 3. The VR signal will go positive as a tooth approaches the sensor tip. The signal will then rapidly swing back through zero precisely at the center of the tooth. As the tooth moves away from the sensor tip the voltage will continue in the negative direction and then return to zero.
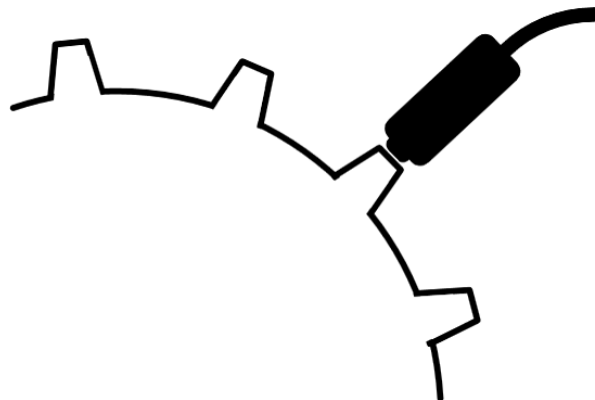

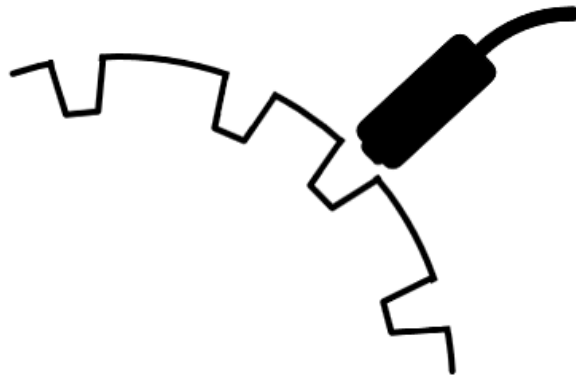**Figure 2. Positive tooth trigger wheel**

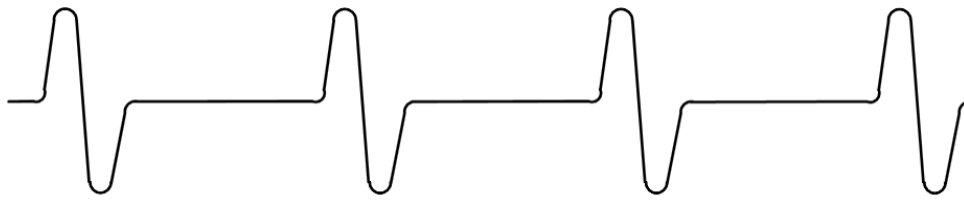**Figure 3. Negative tooth trigger wheel**

Figure 4. Correct signal polarity for VR input circuit
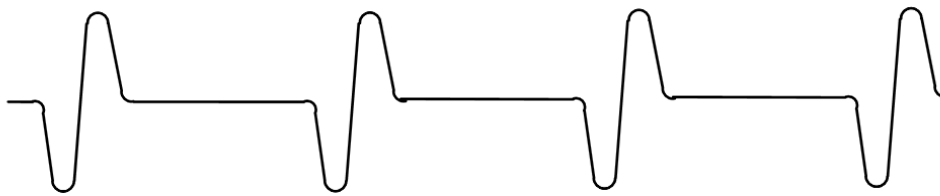

Figure 5. Incorrect signal polarity for VR input circuit

Each VR sensor input requires two connections. The VR Hall module pins labeled IN 1+ through IN 6+ are the positive sensor inputs. The negative sensor inputs must be connected module pins labeled IN 1- through IN 6-. The polarity of the sensor connection to the module is critical. The leads of the sensor should be connected such that the positive input of the VR circuit sees the waveform shown in Figure 4. The waveform shown Figure 5 is incorrect, and the VR circuit will not properly respond to this waveform. The rapid zero crossing of the VR signal must be in the negative direction.

The polarity of the physical tooth or gap on the trigger wheel will contribute to the polarity of the voltage pulse from the sensor. Figure 2 demonstrates a positive physical tooth polarity and Figure 3 demonstrates a negative physical tooth polarity. Assuming the lead polarity of a sensor remained the same, one of the configurations would generate the waveform shown in Figure 4, while the other configuration would generate the waveform shown in Figure 5.
Triggers wheels are designed so that the physical center of each tooth or gap corresponds to a known angular position of the wheel. This physical center of the tooth or gap always corresponds to the rapid zero-crossing of the generated voltage pulse.

The VR circuit is designed so that the rapid negative zero-crossing of the raw sensor signal corresponds to the rising edge of a digital pulse sent to the RIO FPGA. The VR output signal to the FPGA will go TRUE at the rapid negative zero crossing of the external VR pulse and remain TRUE until the external VR pulse rises above the arming threshold voltage. An example of this is shown in Figure 6. Within LabVIEW FPGA the system designer can route this digital signal to the EPT CrankSig or CamSig input. The signal can also be routed to any other speed measurement sub-VI.
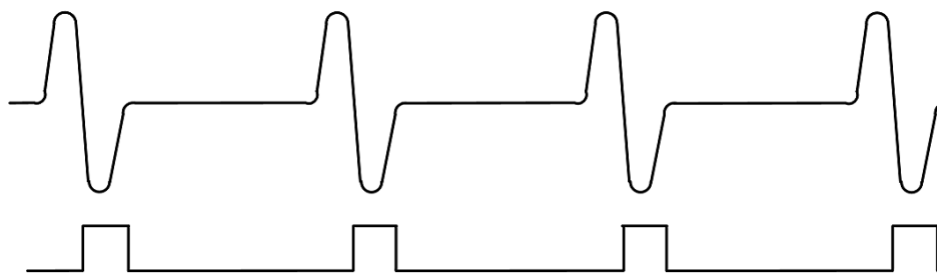
Figure 6. VR input pulse and resulting digital output from VR circuit

The absolute maximum VR pulse amplitude allowed by the circuit is +/- 60 volts. If the input signal exceeds this voltage, damage may occur to the circuit. The amplitude should not exceed +/- 60 volts at maximum engine speed. The minimum VR pulse amplitude that will generate a digital output by the VR circuit is +/-30 millivolts.

The VR circuit implements adaptive noise rejection features during continuous incoming VR pulses while in adaptive threshold mode. In general, an adaptive arming threshold voltage is generated with each VR pulse at 33% of the previous pulse amplitude. The next pulse must have an amplitude that exceeds the arming threshold in order for a digital output to be generated at the rapid zero-crossing. If no arming event occurs for 85ms, the arming threshold is reset to 30 millivolts.

Alternately, a manually set arming threshold can be defined.

Given a constant gap between the sensor and the trigger teeth, the amplitude of a VR pulse is directly proportional to the speed of the trigger wheel. For example, if the VR amplitude at 1000 RPM is +/-10 volts, then the amplitude at 2000 RPM will be +/-20 volts. By using an oscilloscope to measure the VR amplitude at a low speed, this relationship can be used to determine what the maximum amplitude will be at the maximum speed. If the maximum amplitude of +/- 60 volts will be exceeded at maximum speed, then the sensor gap must be increased.

Input Channels used for Hall-Effect Sensor Inputs

The VR Hall module provides up to six identical hall-effect sensor input circuits. When using hall sensors, the ground of the sensor should be connected to the IN - side of an input channel and one of the GND pins. If the hall sensor has an open-collector output, requiring a pull-up resistor at the collector, a pull-up resistor can be engaged through software. You must use an external power supply to use the pull-up resistor.

The circuit's output to the RIO FPGA goes high when the input voltage is greater than the manually set threshold voltage. The output goes low when the input is less than the manually set threshold voltage.

Physical Specifications and Characteristics

Weight	....................................170g
Max. Altitude	...................................2000m
Max. Ambient Temperature	...................................60 °C
Operating Humidity	...................................10 % to 90% RH, non-condensing
Pollution Degree	2
Ingress Protection	...................................IP40

For indoor use only.

If you need to clean the module, wipe it with a dry towel.

Electrical Specifications and Characteristics

External Power

Input Range ....5 to 30 VDC Max

Reverse Polarity Protection ....-30V

5V regulated output

Voltage Tolerance ....5V 3%, V_{sup} 6V

Current 200mA

Short-circuit Protection 400mA

Inputs

Arming Threshold Digital-to-Analog Conversion Range ....0 to 4.096

Arming Threshold Digital-to-Analog Resolution ....10 bit

Arming Threshold Range(differential voltage at external pins) ....0 to 2.97V

Lowpass Filter ....600 kHz

Lag time from VR negativezero crossing event to Digital output rising edge 3us

Peak Voltage ....+/- 60V

Outputs

Votage Standard ....5V TTL

Reverse Polarity Protection ....+/- 8mA