Datasheet

Interface Modules For Use With a Primary Safety Device

- Interface Modules provide isolated safety output contacts for a primary safety device (for example, a safety light screen or safety module) which has solid-state or hard contact outputs and external device monitoring (EDM) capability.
- Model IM-T-9A features three normally open 6 amp redundant-output channels.
- Model IM-T-11A features two normally open redundant-output channels and one normally closed non-safety auxiliary output channel, all rated at 6 amps.
- Normally closed outputs for connection to the primary safety device’s monitoring input.
- 24 V dc operation
- 22.5 mm (0.9 inch) DIN-rail-mountable housing
- Convenient plug-in terminal blocks

WARNING: Not a Stand-Alone Safeguarding Device

This Banner device is not a stand-alone point-of-operation guarding device, as defined by OSHA regulations. It is necessary to install point-of-operation guarding devices, such as safety light screens and/or hard guards, to protect personnel from hazardous machinery. Failure to install point-of-operation guards on hazardous machinery can result in a dangerous condition which could lead to serious injury or death.

Overview

Interface Modules IM-T-9A and IM-T-11A (the Interface Modules) operate on 24V dc inputs and provide isolated redundant output channels for interfacing dc safety controls (such as safety light screens or other safety modules) to safety circuits. These modules can also be used to switch low power capacity of safety controls with low current output rating (see hookup figures and the output configuration specifications).

The outputs of the Interface Module will follow the action of the safety outputs from the primary safety device which control it, within a 20 millisecond switching delay time. The Interface Module’s normally open outputs each are rated for up to 250V ac/dc at up to 6 amps.

The Interface Module offers a series connection of normally closed contacts (labeled Y1-Y2 and Y3-Y4) for monitoring by the external device monitoring (EDM) function of the primary safety device. These forced-guided (mechanically-linked) contacts allow the safety device to detect failures of the Interface Module, and at a minimum, must be monitored in applications requiring Control Reliability per OSHA/ANSI or Category 3 or 4 per ISO13849-1.

Important... read this before proceeding

The user is responsible for satisfying all local, state, and national laws, rules, codes, and regulations relating to the use of this product and its application. Banner Engineering Corp. has made every effort to provide complete application, installation, operation, and maintenance instructions. Please contact a Banner Applications Engineer with any questions regarding this product.

The user is responsible for making sure that all machine operators, maintenance personnel, electricians, and supervisors are thoroughly familiar with and understand all instructions regarding the installation, maintenance, and use of this product, and with the machinery it controls. The user and any personnel involved with the installation and use of this product must be thoroughly familiar with all applicable standards, some of which are listed within the specifications. Banner Engineering Corp. makes no claim regarding a specific recommendation of any organization, the accuracy or effectiveness of any information provided, or the appropriateness of the provided information for a specific application.

Applicable U.S. Standards

ANSI B11 Standards for Machine Tools Safety

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ANSI NFPA 79 Electrical Standard for Industrial Machinery
Contact: National Fire Protection Association, 1 Batterymarch Park, P.O. Box 9101, Quincy, MA 02269-9101, Tel.: 800-344-3555

ANSI/RIA R15.06 Safety Requirements for Industrial Robots and Robot Systems
Contact: Robotic Industries Association, 900 Victors Way, P.O. Box 3724, Ann Arbor, MI 48106, Tel.: 734-994-6088

Applicable International Standards
ISO 12100-1 & -2 (EN 292-1 & -2) Safety of Machinery – Basic Concepts, General Principles for Design
IEC 60204-1 Electrical Equipment of Machines Part 1: General Requirements
ISO 13849-1 Safety-Related Parts of Control Systems
Contact: Global Engineering Documents, 15 Inverness Way East, Englewood, CO 80112-5704, Tel.: 800-854-7179

Status Indicators
Two green indicator LEDs on the front of each Interface Module indicate the output status of internal relays K1 and K2.

![Figure 1. Interface Module Status Indicators](image)

Primary Safety Device Requirements
Interface Modules IM-T-9A and IM-T-11A are driven by one or two safety output channels of a primary safety device. For higher risk applications, the design of the primary safety device must meet OSHA/ANSI control reliability requirements (U.S. applications) or ISO/IEC/EN Category 3 or 4, Performance Level d or e, and SIL 2 or 3 requirements for European applications. IM-T-..A Modules must be used only with primary safety devices that have External Device Monitoring capability (see wiring figures and the Warning Interfacing MPCEs).

At a minimum, each output channel of the primary safety device must:
- Include one normally open forced-guided (mechanically linked) contact (FSD), or
- Include one solid-state 24V dc sourcing safety output (OSSD), and
- Be self-monitored to result in a safe (OFF) condition in the event of a failure, and
- Be capable of switching 50 mA @ 24V dc ± 15%.

NOTE: As OSSD solid-state outputs on primary safety devices very often are pulsed, it is possible that the relay coils will produce an audible buzzing. This relay buzzing does not affect the function of the Interface Module, as long as the pulse width is below 500 μs (microseconds) and the duty cycle (t1/ t2) is greater than 500.

Final Switching Device (FSD): The component of the machine’s safety-related control system that interrupts the circuit to the machine primary control element (MPCE) when the output signal switching device (OSSD) goes to the OFF-state.

Output Signal Switching Device (OSSD): The component of the electro-sensitive protective equipment (ESPE) connected to the control system of the machine which, when the sensing device is actuated during normal operation, responds by going to the OFF-state.

![Figure 2. Requirements for pulsed output signals from a primary safety device](image)
WARNING: Not for use as a stand-alone safety module.

1. DO NOT connect E-stop switches, 2-hand control actuators switches, safety interlock switches, or similar devices directly to this Interface Module.
2. ALWAYS connect terminals Y1-Y2 and Y3-Y4 of this Interface Module to the monitoring input of the primary safety device that controls it.

This Module does not have the circuitry required to perform a self-check. A single fault inside the unit or in external devices (like switches or E-stop buttons) can go undetected and create an unsafe condition. Failure to properly connect this Interface Module to a primary safety device with a monitoring function could result in serious injury or death.

Mechanical Installation

The Safety Module must be installed inside an enclosure.

It is not designed for exposed wiring. It is the user's responsibility to house the Safety Module in an enclosure with NEMA 3 (IEC IP54) rating, or better. The Safety Module mounts directly to standard 35 mm DIN rail.

Heat Dissipation Considerations: For reliable operation, ensure that the operating specifications are not exceeded. The enclosure must provide adequate heat dissipation, so that the air closely surrounding the Module does not exceed the maximum operating temperature stated in the Specifications. Methods to reduce heat build-up include venting, forced airflow (for example, exhaust fans), adequate enclosure exterior surface area, and spacing between modules and other sources of heat.

Electrical Installation

CAUTION: Shock Hazard

Always disconnect power from the Banner device and the guarded machine before making any connections or replacing any component. Electrical installation and wiring must be made by qualified personnel and must comply with the NEC (National Electrical Code), ANSI NFPA79 or IEC 60204-1 and -2, and all applicable local standards and codes. Use extreme caution to avoid electrical shock at all times. Serious bodily injury or death could result.

WARNING: Risk Assessment

The level of safety circuit integrity can be greatly affected by the design and installation of the safety devices and the means of interfacing of those devices. A risk assessment must be performed to determine the appropriate level of safety circuit integrity to ensure the expected risk reduction is achieved and all relevant regulations and standards are complied with.

CAUTION: When FSD1 switches +24 V dc and FSD2 switches 0 V dc (Figures 4 and 5), a short circuit between the wires leading to S1, S2, S3 and S4 is detected immediately and K1 and K2 de-energize. However, a short circuit can result in a high current through the FSD1 and FSD2 contacts, so the current coming from the 24 V dc supply connected to FSD1 and FSD2 must be fused or limited to 6 amps max. Otherwise, damage to the primary safety device may result.

It is not possible to give exact wiring instructions for a Safety Module that interfaces to a multitude of machine control configurations. The following guidelines are general in nature.

The Safety Module has no delay function. Its output relay contacts open within 20 milliseconds after a safety input opens. This classifies the Safety Module as functional stop “Category 0” control, as defined by ANSI NFPA 79 and IEC/EN 60204-1.

The inputs can be connected to (that meet the requirements for primary safety device above):
- A +24 V dc solid-state (PNP) outputs in single-channel or dual-channel hookup configuration, or
- A +24 V/0 V dc source that is switched by hard/relay contacts in single-channel or dual-channel hookup configuration.

The dual-channel hookup configuration allows the primary safety device to detect certain failures and faults, such as short circuits, that could result in a loss of the safety function. Two-channel control should be used whenever unsafe failure of the control wires cannot be eliminated. The first circuit shown below can meet ISO 13849-1 Category 2, 3, or 4 requirements, depending on the safety rating and the installation of the primary safety device.

The outputs of the primary safety device must, at minimum, comply with the requirements described. These outputs must be monitored for failure by the primary safety device. In addition, a single output failure cannot prevent normal stopping action, and a successive cycle cannot be initiated until the failure has been corrected.
Figure 3. Generalized hookup to a 2-channel primary safety device with two hard-contact safety outputs (FSD1 and FSD2) and two monitoring inputs.

Figure 4. Generalized hookup to a 2-channel primary safety device with two hard-contact safety outputs and one monitoring contact feedback input.

Although these hookups show model IM-T-9A, the hookups for model IM-T-11A are identical.
Figure 5. Generalized hookup to a 2-channel primary safety device with two current-sourcing safety outputs and two monitoring inputs. Figure 6. Generalized hookup to a 2-channel primary safety device with two current-sourcing safety outputs and one monitoring input.

Although these hookups show model IM-T-9A, the hookups for model IM-T-11A are identical.

WARNING: Use of Arc Suppressors

If arc suppressors are used, they MUST be installed as shown across the coils of the Machine Primary Control Elements (MPCEs). **NEVER install suppressors directly across the output contacts of the Safety Module.** It is possible for suppressors to fail as a short circuit. If installed directly across the output contacts of the Safety Module, a short-circuited suppressor creates an unsafe condition which may result in serious injury or death.

WARNING: Wiring of Arc Suppressors

**If arc suppressors are used, they MUST be installed as shown** across the actuator coil of the stop control elements (MSCs or MPCEs). **NEVER install suppressors directly across the output contacts of the Safety Device or Module.** It is possible for suppressors to fail as a short circuit. If installed directly across the output contacts, a short-circuited suppressor creates an unsafe condition which may result in serious injury or death.
Figure 7. Generalized hookup to a primary safety device with one redundant relay safety output (one-channel control) and one monitoring input.

Although this hookup shows model IM-T-9A, the hookup for model IM-T-11A is identical.

The single-channel input hookup configuration can not detect short circuits to secondary sources of +24 V dc or detect the loss of the switching function of the primary safety device (i.e., it is not redundant) and thus this circuit typically can meet only ISO 13849-1 Category 2.

It is recommended that in all circumstances the installation of the Interface Module and its associated primary safety device are installed to eliminate or minimize the possibility of failures and faults that could result in the loss of the safety function(s). Methods to eliminate or minimize the possibility of these failures include, but are not limited to:

- Physically separating interconnecting control wires from each other and from secondary sources of power.
- Routing interconnecting control wires in separate conduit, runs, or channels.
- Locating all elements (modules, switches, and devices under control) within one control panel, adjacent to each other, and directly connected with short wires.
- Properly installing multi-conductor cabling and multiple wires through strain-relief fittings. (Overtightening of a strain-relief can cause short circuits at that point.)
- Using positive-opening components as described by IEC 60947-5-1 installed and mounted in a positive mode.
- Periodically checking the functional integrity / safety function and training operators, maintenance personnel, and others associated with the operation of the machine to recognize and immediately correct such failures.

If you have any questions about your intended use, please contact a Banner applications engineer at the numbers listed on the last page.

**Connection to the Machine to be Controlled**

The wiring diagrams show a generic connection of two safety output channels of the Interface Module to Machine Primary Control Elements MPCE1 and MPCE2. A Machine Primary Control Element is an electrically powered device, external to the Interface Module, which stops the machinery being controlled by immediately removing electrical power from the machine and (when necessary) by applying braking to dangerous motion.
External Device Monitoring

To satisfy the requirements of Control Reliability (OSHA and ANSI), Category 3 and 4 of ISO 13849-1 (EN 954-1), the Machine Primary Control Elements (MPCEs) must each offer a normally closed, forced-guided (mechanically linked) monitor contact. Connect one normally closed monitor contact from each Machine Primary Control Element as shown in the appropriate hookup drawing (on previous pages).

In operation, if one of the switching contacts of either MPCE fails in the energized condition, the associated monitor contact will remain open. Therefore, it will not be possible to reset the Primary Safety Device. If no MPCE-monitor contacts are monitored, it is the user's responsibility to ensure that any single failure will not result in a hazardous condition and will prevent a successive machine cycle.

Overvoltage Category II and III Installations (EN 50178 and IEC 60664-1)

The Safety Module is rated for Overvoltage Category III when voltages of 1 V to 150 V ac/dc are applied to the output relay contacts. It is rated for Overvoltage Category II when voltages of 151 V to 250 V ac/dc are applied to the output relay contacts and no additional precautions are taken to attenuate possible overvoltage situations in the supply voltage. The Module can be used in an Overvoltage Category III environment (with voltages of 151 V to 250 V ac/dc) if care is taken either to reduce the level of electrical disturbances seen by the Module to Overvoltage Category II levels by installing surge suppressor devices (for example, arc suppressors), or to install extra external insulation in order to isolate both the Safety Module and the user from the higher voltage levels of a Category III environment.

For Overvoltage Category III installations with applied voltages from 151 V to 250 V ac/dc applied to the output contact(s): the Safety Module may be used under the conditions of a higher overvoltage category where appropriate overvoltage reduction is provided. Appropriate methods include:

- An overvoltage protective device
- A transformer with isolated windings
- A distribution system with multiple branch circuits (capable of diverting energy of surges)
- A capacitance capable of absorbing energy of surges
- A resistance or similar damping device capable of dissipating the energy of surges

When switching inductive ac loads, it is good practice to protect the Safety Module outputs by installing appropriately-sized arc suppressors. However, if arc suppressors are used, they must be installed across the load being switched (for example, across the coils of external safety relays), and never across the Safety Module’s output contacts (see WARNING, Arc Suppressors).

Auxiliary Monitor Contact (Model IM-T-11A Only)

The action of the auxiliary monitor contact, terminals 31-32, inversely “follows” the action of the safety outputs. The 31-32 auxiliary monitor contact is to be used only for control functions that are NOT safety-related. A typical use is to communicate the status of the Safety Module output to a programmable logic controller (PLC).

Many types of mechanisms are used to arrest dangerous machine motion. Examples include mechanical braking systems, clutch mechanisms, and combinations of brakes and clutches. Additionally, control of the arresting scheme may be hydraulic or pneumatic. As a result, an MPCE may be one of several control types, including a wide variety of contactors.
and electromechanical valves. If your machine documentation leaves any doubt about the proper connection points for the Interface Module output contacts, do not make any connections. Contact the machine builder for clarification regarding connection to the MPCEs.

**Two-Channel Control:** Two-channel control allows the Primary Safety Device to detect an unsafe failure of the control wires. Two-channel control should be used whenever unsafe failure of the control wires cannot be eliminated.

The outputs of the primary safety device must at minimum, comply with the requirements described on page 5. These outputs must be monitored for failure by the primary safety device. In addition, a single output failure cannot prevent normal stopping action, and a successive cycle cannot be initiated until the failure has been corrected.

**NOTE:**

**NOTICE regarding MPCEs** To achieve control reliability, two Machine Primary Control Elements (MPCEs) are required to control each machine hazard. Each MPCE must be capable of immediately stopping the dangerous machine motion, irrespective of the state of the other. Some machines offer only one primary control element. For such machines, it is necessary to duplicate the circuit of the single MPCE to add a second MPCE.

MPCEs must offer at least one forced-guided auxiliary contact which is wired to the monitoring contact feedback input of the primary safety device (see hookup diagrams).

**WARNING: Interfacing MPCEs.**

NEVER wire any intermediate device(s) (e.g., PLC, PES, PC), between the Interface Module outputs and the Machine Primary Control Elements (MPCE1 to MPCE3) it switches, in such a manner that in the event of a failure there is the loss of the safety stop command, OR in such a manner that the safety function can be suspended, overridden, or defeated, unless accomplished with the same or greater degree of safety. Whenever forced-guided, mechanically linked relays are added as intermediate switching devices, a normally closed forced-guided monitor contact from each relay must be added to the series feedback loop between Interface Module terminals Y1, Y2, Y3, and Y4.

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**Initial and Periodic Checkout Procedure**

The Interface Module can be used safely only when its operation is controlled via an appropriate primary safety device, connected to the Interface according to the wiring diagrams shown in the wiring diagrams.

**CAUTION: Disconnect Power Prior to Checkout**

Before performing the initial checkout procedure, make certain all power is disconnected from the machine to be controlled.

Dangerous voltages may be present along the Safety Module wiring barriers whenever power to the machine control elements is On. **Exercise extreme caution whenever machine control power is or may be present. Always disconnect power to the machine control elements before opening the enclosure housing of the Safety Module.**

The functioning of the Safety Module and the device(s) connected to it must be verified at initial installation and on a regular periodic basis to ensure proper operation (see also the machine manufacturer’s recommendations).

1. Remove the power controlling (and switched by) the machine control elements (see Caution).
2. Verify the primary safety device that will be controlling the Interface Module is operating correctly, according to its product documentation and manufacturer’s recommendations.
3. Confirm proper connection of the Interface Module to the controlling primary safety device according to the wiring diagram.
4. Verify all Interface Module output contacts follow exactly the operation of the safety output contacts of the controlling primary safety device, when the primary safety device is operated according to its product documentation and manufacturer’s recommendations.

**Repairs**

Contact Banner Engineering for troubleshooting of this device. **Do not attempt any repairs to this Banner device; it contains no field-replaceable parts or components.** If the device, device part, or device component is determined to be defective by a Banner Applications Engineer, they will advise you of Banner’s RMA (Return Merchandise Authorization) procedure.

**Important:** If instructed to return the device, pack it with care. Damage that occurs in return shipping is not covered by warranty.
CAUTION: Abuse of Module After Failure

If an internal fault has occurred and the Module will not reset, **do not tap, strike, or otherwise attempt to correct the fault by a physical impact to the housing.** An internal relay may have failed in such a manner that its replacement is required.

If the Module is not immediately replaced or repaired, multiple simultaneous failures may accumulate such that the safety function can not be guaranteed.

### Specifications

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<td>10 Hz to 55 Hz @ 0.35 mm displacement per IEC 60068-2-6</td>
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### Output Configuration

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<td><strong>IM-T-9A:</strong> 3 normally open output channels</td>
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<td><strong>IM-T-11A:</strong> 2 normally open output channels and 1 normally closed auxiliary output channel</td>
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<td>Each normally open output channel is a series connection of contacts from two forced-guided (mechanically linked) relays, K1-K2. The normally closed contact 31-32 is a parallel connection of contacts from K1-K2.</td>
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<td><strong>Contacts</strong></td>
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**Low Current Rating**

The 5 μm gold-plated contacts allow the switching of low current/low voltage. In these lowpower applications, multiple contacts can also be switched in series (e.g., “dry switching”). To preserve the gold plating on the contacts, do not exceed the following max. values at any time:

| Min. voltage: | 1 V ac/dc |
| Max. voltage: | 60 V |
| Min. current: | 5 mA ac/dc |
| Max. current: | 300 mA |
| Min. power: | 5 mW (5 mVA) |
| Max. power: | 7 W (7 VA) |

**High Current Rating**

If higher loads must be switched through one or more of the contacts, the minimum and maximum values of the contact(s) changes to:

| Min. voltage: | 15 V ac/dc |
| Max. voltage: | 250 V ac / 24 V dc, 6A resistive |
| Min. current: | 30 mA ac/dc |
| Min. power: | 0.45 W (0.45 VA) |
| Max. power: | 150 W (1,500 VA) |

| IEC 60947-5-1: AC-15: | DC-13: |
| 230 V ac, 3A: | 24 V dc, 4 A |

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**NOTE:** Transient suppression is recommended when switching inductive loads. Install suppressors across load. Never install suppressors across output contacts (see Warning).
Environmental Certifications

Operating Conditions
Temperature: 0° to +50°C (+32° to 122°F)
Max. Relative Humidity: 90% @ 50°C (non-condensing)

Certifications
Design Standards: EN 60947-1, EN 60947-5-1, EN 60068-2-6, EN 60068-2-27

Required Overcurrent Protection

WARNING: Electrical connections must be made by qualified personnel in accordance with local and national electrical codes and regulations.

Overcurrent protection is required to be provided by end product application per the supplied table. Overcurrent protection may be provided with external fusing or via Current Limiting, Class 2 Power Supply. Supply wiring leads < 24 AWG shall not be spliced. For additional product support, go to http://www.bannerengineering.com.

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Dimensions for IM-T-9A and IM-T-11A

Figure 9. Interface module dimensions
EC Declaration of Conformity (DoC)

Banner Engineering Corp. herewith declares that the IM-T-9A and IM-T-11A Interface Modules are in conformity with the provisions of the Low Voltage Directive 2014/35/EU and all essential health and safety requirements have been met.

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