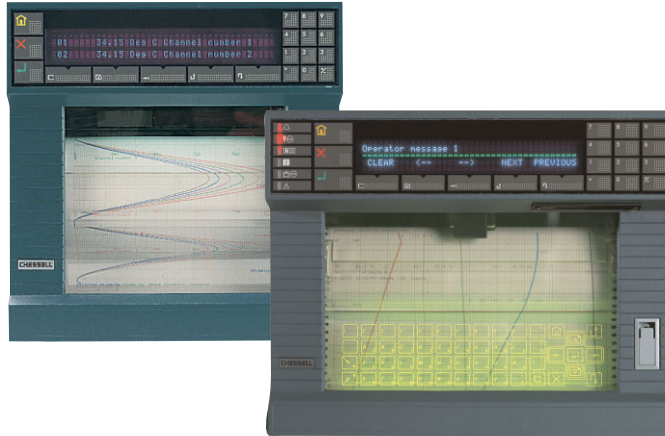


# 4181M, 4250M

## MODELS

- **Multi-point Recording**  
Up to 96 Channels  
Providing 6 Colour traces
- **High Visibility Display**
- **Isolated Universal Inputs**  
Select from mA, mV, V,  
Thermocouples and RTD
- **Annotation**  
Clear text printing of time/  
date and custom messages
- **Data Archiving Facility**  
Store data on a PCMCIA card
- **Powerful Maths Pack**  
Calculate relative humidity,  
Fo value and more
- **Communications**  
Modbus,RS232 or RS485



## Large Frame Paper Recorders Specification Sheet

The 4181M and 4250M are high specification, 180/250mm strip chart recorders, providing multi-point recording for up to 96 Process Variables (48 for the 4181M). Information such as Channel descriptor, alarm status and scale details can be viewed on a high-resolution Vacuum Fluorescent Display. Advanced maths functions allow for complex configurations to be carried out and the results annotated using custom messages to print along side the raw data. Process variables including messages can be archived to an optional integral card reader. The units can be programmed on site via the user interface or a configuration file can be transferred using a PCMCIA card.

### Display

As well as displaying the process variables as a numeric value the 4181M/4250M can provide bargraph indication. The display will automatically cycle through configured PV's, within the selected display group configured

### Configuration

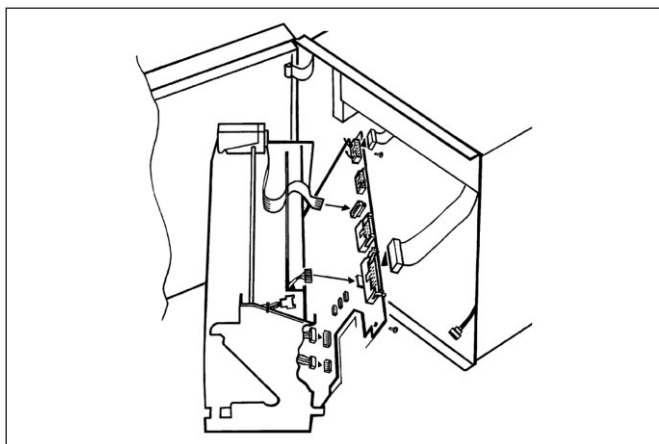
In order to prevent unauthorised access the configuration is password protected. Entry of the password provides access to the instrument configuration pages. It is possible to provide the operator access to certain parameters, for example you may require the operator to be able to change the chart speed. These fields can be enabled in the operator access menu.

### Adaptive Recording

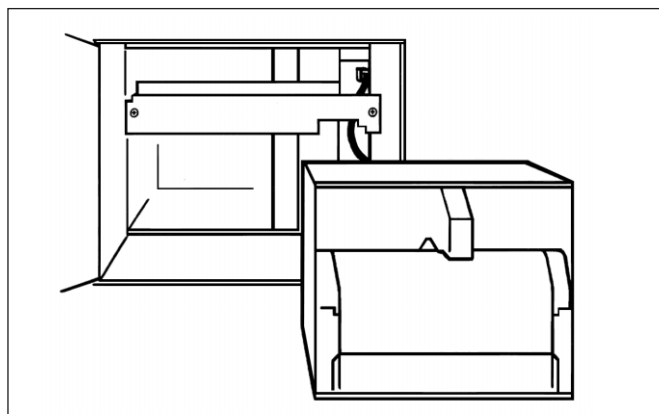
At slow chart speeds it is possible that the input circuit, between chart increments will pick up a spike or other brief disturbance in the measured signal, but that this disturbance will not appear on the chart, even though they may trigger an alarm. With adaptive recording enabled, if a sudden change in the input signal is detected, the recorder will place an additional dot on the chart without the chart being moved. This means that even at the lowest chart speed, unexpected signal changes can still be trended.

### Modular Design - All

The modular design of the 4181M and 4250M allows for upgrades to be carried out in situ thus reducing downtime.



4181M Exploded view



4250M Exploded view

### Data Archiving

Two log groups are available for sending tabular data to the chart or PCMCIA card. Both log groups can be initiated to print on a chart. However Log group 2 can also be archived to a PC Card automatically at predetermined intervals. Data can be archived as either ASCII for use in spreadsheet, or Packed for viewing using Eurotherm Review software.

### Maths Pack

The addition of the advanced maths pack option provides up to 96 derived channels and the ability to carry out complex calculations such as relative humidity and mass flow. Derived channels can be added to the log and display groups for trending and archiving as required.

### Communications

Supporting either RS232 or RS485 the Serial Communications board provides the means of establishing a link between a recorder and a host computer (using the Gould Modicon MODBUS protocol).

### Analogue Output

If required, an input signal or the resulting calculation of a maths channel can be retransmitted to another device. The 4181/4250 provide up to eight analogue outputs per board, each capable of generating a voltage or current output.

### Events

As standard, there are 24 internal events (12 for the 4181), which can be triggered by two configurable input sources. Input sources can be logically ANDed or ORed allowing the use of multiple inputs. An example of the event input would be to provide external chart or logging control.

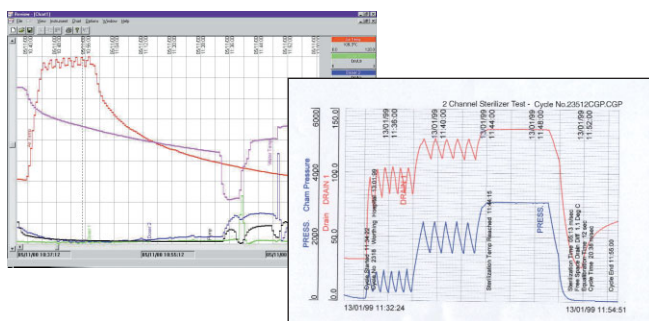
### Custom Curve

This option allows the user to enter a Non standard linearisation table. The curve is entered as pairs of points up to a maximum of 32, one representing the input value which will be applied to the recorder (X), the other the output value (Y) which will appear on the display.

### Review Package

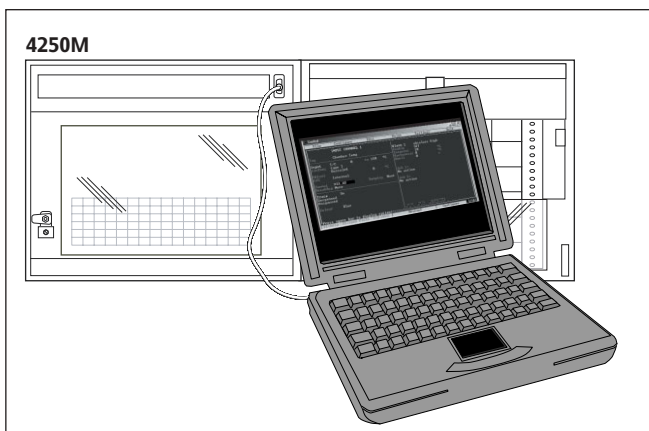
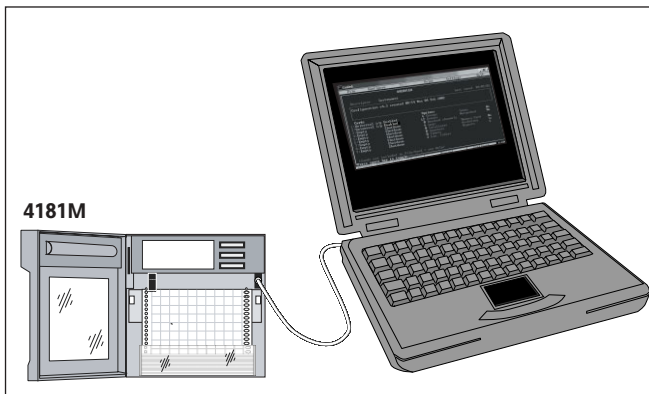
Offline printing and viewing is made possible by the use of the Review Software package.

It uses the packed data files from the recorders local storage media and imports them into a PC database. Data from one or more archive files can easily be viewed. This data can then be printed or exported as a CSV file.



### Configuration Editor

An offline configuration package that allows a recorder configuration to be set up on a PC and transferred either by the standard integral 9-way D-type connector or if fitted the Communications board. Alternatively a configuration file can be transferred using the optional PC card.



## TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION

### Recorder

#### Board types

Input board types		8-channel universal; 16-channel dc*
Output board type		8-channel relay; 4/8 channel analogue output (AO)
Max no. of I/O boards per type	4181M	3 x 8-channel input, 3 x relay output; 3 x 16-channel input, 1 x analogue output
Max no. of I/O boards per type	4250M	7 x 8-channel input, 7 x relay output; 6 x 16-channel input, 4 x 8-channel analogue output 7 x 4-channel analogue output
Max number of inputs	4181M	48 dc inputs*; 24 resistance inputs; 39 contact closure.
	4250M	96 dc inputs*; 56 resistance inputs; 78 contact closure
Max number of outputs	Relay o/p	8 x no of free slots.
	4181M Analogue o/p	8
	4250M Analogue o/p	32
Max no. of trended channels	4181M	24 total input/derived
	4250M	45 total input/derived

\* Volts, mV, mA, thermocouple and contact closure, but not resistance inputs.

#### SBC memory size

4181M	256kB RAM + 64kB EEPROM
4250M	512kB RAM + 64kB EEPROM

#### Environmental Performance

General		To BS2011: 1981
Temperature limits	Operation:	0 to + 50°C
	Storage:	-20 to +70°C
Humidity	4250M Operation/Storage	5 to 85% RH; non-condensing
	4181M Operation:	5 to 80% RH; non-condensing
	4181M Storage	5 to 90% RH; non-condensing
Max. altitude		2000 meters
Protection		IP54 (door and bezel); IP31 (sleeve).
Shock/ Vibration		BS EN61010 1990 (safety); IEC 873: 1986 Also recovers from 2g peak at 10 to 150Hz

#### Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC)

Emissions	BS EN50081-2
Immunity	BS EN50082-2

#### Electrical Safety

To BS EN61010: 1990 Class 1.

#### INSTALLATION CATEGORY II

The rate impulse voltage for equipment on nominal 230V mains is 2500V.

#### POLLUTION DEGREE 2

Normally, only non-conductive pollution occurs. Occasionally, however, a temporary conductivity caused by condensation shall be expected

#### Physical

4250M	Bezel size (mm)	288mm x 360mm x 53mm deep
	Panel cutout size	273.5mm x 348mm (+ 1.4 - 0mm.)
	Depth behind bezel rear face	450mm. (including rear cover); 410mm. (no rear cover)
	Weight (8-channel instrument)	20kg. max.
4181M	Bezel size (mm)	288mm x 288mm x 45mm deep.
	Panel cutout size	281mm x 281mm (+ 1.4 - 0mm.)
	Depth behind bezel rear face	304mm. (including rear cover); 275mm. (no rear cover)
	Weight (8-channel instrument)	12.5kg. max.
	Panel mounting angle	Up to ± 30° from vertical.

#### 4181M Printing system

Method		Printhead with black, brown, red, green, blue and violet dotting nibs > 1.5 million dots per colour (recorder continuously powered)
Printhead life		0.35 to 0.6mm.
Dot diameter		0.25mm (chart speed <300mm/hr); 0.5mm (600mm/hr); 1mm (1200mm/hr); 1.25mm (1500mm/hr)
Dot spacing	(vertical)	0.39mm
	(horizontal)	0.39mm
Characters per line		77
Noise level		55dBA max (door closed)
Maximum trending rate		24 channels per pass (3 seconds)

#### 4250M Printing system

Method		14-needle dot-matrix printhead with 6-colour disposable ribbon cartridge (red, orange, green, blue, violet, black)
Ribbon life		> 5 million dots per colour
Print needle diameter		0.35mm
Dot spacing	(vertical)	0.083mm (chart speed <300mm/hr); 0.17mm (600mm/hr); 0.33mm (1200mm/hr); 0.42mm (1500mm/hr)
	(horizontal)	0.4mm
Characters per line		104
Noise level		55dBA max (door closed)
Maximum trending rate		45 channels/sec (trending)

#### 4181M Paper transport

Type	Tractor feed with selectable chart speed from 1 to 1500mm/hr. (0.4 to 60 inches/hour)
Chart length	22 meters (z-fold - fold depth 75mm)
Chart width	224mm. overall; 180mm. calibrated
Pen-to-paper accuracy	0.25% of calibrated chart width
Transport accuracy	Better than 10mm in 22 meters

#### 4250M Paper transport

Type	Tractor feed with selectable chart speed from 1 to 1500 mm/hr (4250M) 22 m x 75mm (z-fold); 32m (roll)
Chart length	274.5mm overall; 250mm. calibrated
Chart width	155mm
Chart visible length	±0.2mm
Resolution (horizontal)	0.25% of calibrated chart width
Pen-to-paper accuracy	Better than 10mm in 32 meters
Transport accuracy	

#### Performance

Maximum scan and update rate	All parameters in 1 second
Maximum print rate (trending)	4181M 24 channels in 3 seconds
	4250M 45 channels per second
Clock accuracy better than	4181M 60ppm
	4250M 50ppm

#### Power requirements

Line voltage (45 to 65 Hertz)		90 to 132 Volts or 180 to 264 Volts (User selectable)
Maximum power	4181M	70W
	4250M	120W
Fuse type		Ceramic 20mm. 3.15 Amp. Fast blow
Interrupt protection		100ms at 60% load

#### Memory Protection

Memory protection	EEPROM (for configuration) Battery-backed RAM for volatile data
RAM / clock-support battery type	Nickel-Cadmium (rechargeable)
Support period (no power to recorder)	3 months min. at 25°C; 1 month min. at 50°C

### 8-Channel Universal Input Board Specification

#### General specification

Number of inputs	8
Termination	Edge connector / terminal block
Input types	DC Volts, dc millivolts, dc milliamps (with shunt). Thermocouple, RTD (2- or 3-wire), Ohms, Contact closure
Input type mix	User selectable during configuration
Measurement frequency	All channels in 1 second
Step response to within resolution	2 seconds
Noise rejection	Common mode: 150dB above 45Hz. (Channel-to-channel and Channel-to-ground.) Series mode: 67dB above 45Hz.
Maximum common mode voltage	250 Volts
Maximum series mode voltage	10mV at lowest range; 500mV peak at highest range.
Isolation (dc to 65 Hz; BS EN61010)	Installation cat.II Pollution degree 2
	Channel-to-channel 300V (double insulation)
	Channel-to-ground 300V (basic insulation)
Dielectric strength	Channel-to-channel 2350V ac (1 minute type test)
	Channel-to-ground 1350V ac (1 minute type test)
Insulation resistance	50MΩ at 500V dc
Input impedance	>10MΩ (68.8kΩ for 10V ranges)
Over-voltage protection	60 Volts peak; 500 Volts through 50kΩ resistor
Open cct detection (to 200mV range)	65nA current max. 8 seconds recognition time (max.) 40MΩ minimum break resistance

#### DC input ranges

Ranges available	See table 1
Temperature performance (worst case)	
	-10 to +40mV (80ppm reading + 27.9ppm range)/°C
	-50 to +200mV (80ppm reading + 12.4ppm range)/°C
	-0.5 to +1.0V (80ppm reading + 2.1ppm range)/°C
	-5 to +10V (100V with attenuator) (272ppm reading + 4.7ppm range)/°C
Shunt/Attenuator	Externally mounted resistor modules
Additional error due to above	0.1% (shunt); 0.2% (attenuator)
Performance	See Table 1

Range	Resolution	Performance (worst case) in instrument at 20 °C
-10 mV to + 40 mV	1.4 μV	0.083% reading + 0.056% range
-50 mV to + 200 mV	14 μV	0.072% reading + 0.073% range
-0.5 V to + 1 V	37 μV	0.070% reading + 0.032% range
-5 to + 10 V	370 μV	0.223% reading + 0.034% range

Table 1 DC performance – 8-channel board

## TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION (continued)

### Thermocouple data

Linearisation errors	0.15°C or better
Bias current	<2nA (<10nA at 70°C)
Cold Junction (CJ) types (selectable)	Off, internal, external, remote
CJ error	0.5°C or better
CJ rejection ratio	25:1 minimum
Remote CJ	Via any user-selected input channel
Upscale/downscale drive	Configurable for each channel
Types and ranges	See Table 2

### 8-Channel Universal Input Board Specification (cont)

T/C type	Range (°C)	Standard
B	+ 200 to + 1800	IEC584.1:1977
C	0 to + 2300	Hoskins
E	- 200 to + 1000	IEC584.1:1977
J	- 200 to + 1200	IEC584.1:1977
K	- 200 to + 1370	IEC584.1:1977
L	-200 to + 900	DIN 43710
N	- 200 to + 1300	IEC584.1:1977
R	- 200 to + 1760	IEC584.1:1977
S	- 50 to + 1760	IEC584.1:1977
T	- 250 to + 400	IEC584.1:1977
U	- 100 to + 600	DIN 43710-85
NiMoNiCo	-50 to + 1410	ASTM E 1751-95
Platinel II	-100 to + 1300	Engelhard R83

Table 2 Thermocouple types and ranges

### 3-wire RTD data

RTD linearisations	Pt100, Pt1000, Cu10, Ni100, Ni120
Linearisation errors	0.012°C or better
Influence of lead resistance error:	0.15% of lead resistance mismatch: 1 ohm per ohm.
Types and ranges	See Table 3
Pt100 performance (worst case)	See Table 4

RTD type	Range (°C)	Standard
Pt 100	- 200 to + 850	IEC751: 1981
Pt1000	- 200 to + 850	Based on IEC751: 1981
Cu 10	- 20 to + 250	General Electric
Ni 100	- 50 to + 170	DIN43760
Ni 120	- 50 to + 170	Based on DIN43760

Table 3 RTD types and ranges

Range °C	Resolution	Performance (worst case) in instrument at 20 °C
- 200 to + 200	0.02°C	0.033% reading + 0.32°C
- 200 to + 1000	0.14°C	0.033% reading + 1.85°C

Table 4 Pt 100 performance

### Ohms ranges

Ranges	See Table 5
Temperature performance (worst case)	0 to 180Ω (35ppm reading+34.3ppm range)/°C
	0 to 1.8kΩ (35ppm reading+14.6ppm range)/°C
	0 to 10kΩ (35ppm reading+1.9 ppm range)/°C

Range	Lead resistance	Resolution	Performance (worst case) instrument at 20 °C
0 to 180Ω	10Ω	5mΩ	0.033% reading + 0.070% range
0 to 1.8kΩ	10Ω	55mΩ	0.033% reading + 0.041% range
0 to 10kΩ	10Ω	148mΩ	0.037% reading + 0.020% range

Table 5 Ohms ranges

### Other linearisations

Tables available	$\sqrt{\text{value}}$ ; $(\text{value})^{3/2}$ ; $(\text{value})^{5/2}$ ; User defined tables (up to 3 off)
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### Contact closure (switch) inputs

Type	Volt-free contact
Wetting voltage	2.5 Volts nominal
Minimum latched pulse width	125 ms.
De-bounce	Inherent 1 second

### 16-Channel DC Input Board Specification

#### General specification

Number of inputs	16
Termination	Edge connector/terminal block
Input types	DC volts, dc mV, dc mA (with shunt), thermocouple, contact closure (not channels 1, 8 or 16)
Input mix	Software selected on configuration for each channel. (Max. eight different linearisations (including linear) per board)
Measurement frequency	All channels in 1 second
Step response to within resolution	1.5 seconds
Noise rejection	Common mode: 150dB above 45 Hz. (Channel-to-channel) and Channel-to-ground.)
	Series mode: > 60dB between 10 to 100Hz
Maximum series mode voltage	Hardware range +50 mV

Safety isolation (BS EN61010)	Installation cat.II; Pollution degree 2
Channel-to-channel	300V (double insulation)
Channel-to-ground	300V (basic insulation)
Dielectric strength	Channel-to-channel: 2350V ac continuous
	Channel-to-ground: 1350V ac
Input impedance	> 10MΩ (68.8kΩ for 5V range)
Over-voltage protection	60 Volts peak, 500V through 50kΩ resistor
Open cct detection (85 mV range only)	65nA current max. 8 seconds recognition time (max.)
Damping	40MΩ minimum break resistance. 2, 4, 8, 16, 32, 64, 128 or 256 secs. time constant, as configured

### DC input ranges

Ranges available	-15mV to +85mV; -1.0V to +5V
Temperature performance (worst case)	-15mV to +85mV (80ppm reading+12.9ppm range)/°C
	-1V to +5V (272ppm reading+7.8ppm range)/°C
Shunt	Externally mounted resistor modules
Additional error due to shunt	0.1%.
Performance (worst case)	See Table 6

Range	Resolution	Performance (worst case) in instrument at 20 °C
-15mV to + 85mV	± 5.5µV	0.072% reading + 0.071% range
- 1.0V to + 5V	± 280µV	0.223% reading + 0.055 range

Table 6 DC performance (16-channel board)

### Thermocouple data (in addition to the above)

Linearisation errors	0.15°C or better
Bias current	< 2nA (< 10nA at 70°C)
Cold Junction (CJ) types (selectable)	Off, internal, external, remote
CJ error	1°C or better
CJ rejection ratio	25:1 minimum
Remote CJ	Via any user-selected input channel
Upscale drive	Configurable for each channel
Types and ranges	See Table 2

### Other linearisations

Tables available	$\sqrt{\text{value}}$ ; $(\text{value})^{3/2}$ ; $(\text{value})^{5/2}$ ; User defined tables (up to 3 off)
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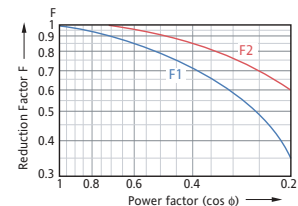
### Contact closure inputs (not channels 1, 8 or 16)

Type	Volt-free contact
Wetting voltage	2.5 Volts nominal
Minimum latched pulse width	250ms
De-bounce	Inherent 1 second

### Relay Output Board Specification

No of relays per board	8
Contact format	Single pole change-over (single set of common, normally open and normally closed contacts)
Estimated life at 60VA load	1,000,000 operations
Max contact voltage*	250 Volts ac
Max contact current*	Make: 8 Amp
	Continuous: 3 Amps
	Break: 2 Amps
Maximum switchable power*	60 watts or 500VA
Isolation (BS EN61010)	Installation cat. II, Pollution degree 2
Channel-to-channel	300V ac (double insulation)
Channel-to-ground	300V ac (basic insulation)
Dielectric strength	Contact-to-contact: 1350V ac for 1 min.
	Channel-to-channel: 2350V ac for 1 min.
	Channel-to-ground: 1350V ac for 1 min.

\* With resistive loads. Derate with reactive or inductive loads according to the graph in which: F1 = measured on representative samples F2 = typical values (according to experience) Contact life = resistive life x Reduction factor



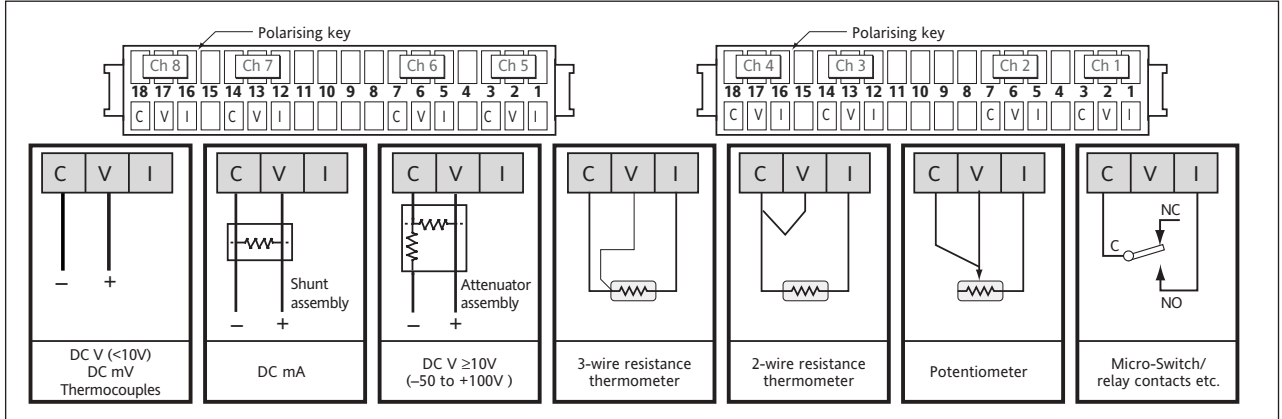
### Analogue Output Board Specification

#### General specification

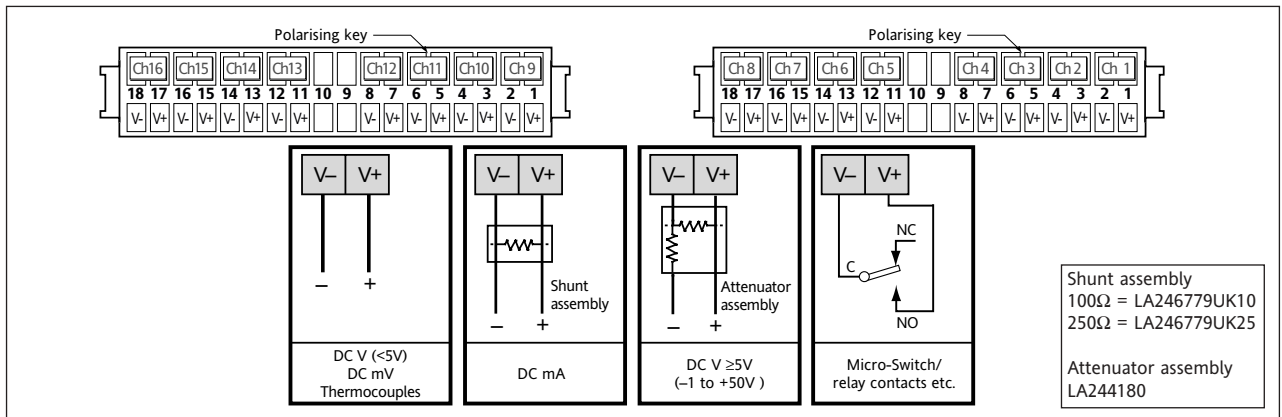
Number of outputs	Four or eight as ordered
Termination	Edge connector / terminal block
Output types	Current or Voltage as configured for each channel
	Current: 0 to 25mA max. at up to 24V
	Voltage: -1 to 11V at up to 5mA
Output frequency	All channels in 1 second
Output damping	250msec rise time (10% to 90%)
Resolution	0.025% full scale, monotonic.
Isolation (dc to 65 Hz; BS EN61010)	Installation cat. II; Pollution degree 2
Channel-to-channel:	300V RMS or dc (double insulation)
Channel-to-ground:	300V RMS or dc (basic insulation)
Dielectric strength (BS EN61010)	(1 minute type tests)
Channel-to-channel:	2350V ac
Channel-to-ground:	1350V ac
Insulation resistance	50MΩ at 500V dc

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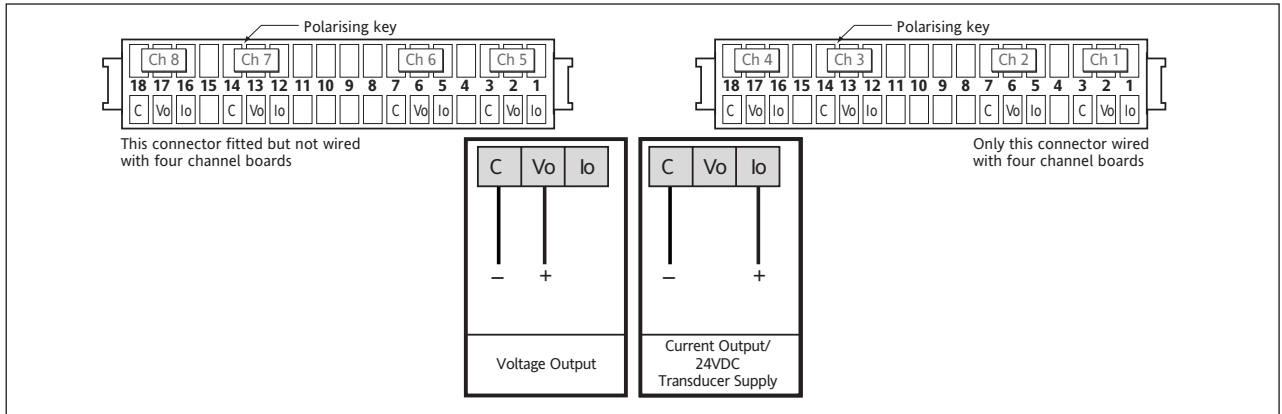
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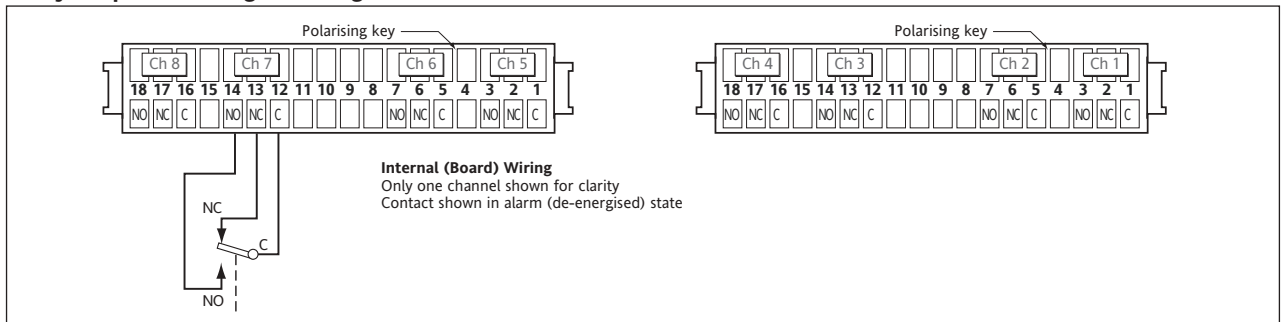
### 16-channel dc input board (typical inputs)



### 4- / 8-channel analogue output board (typical outputs)



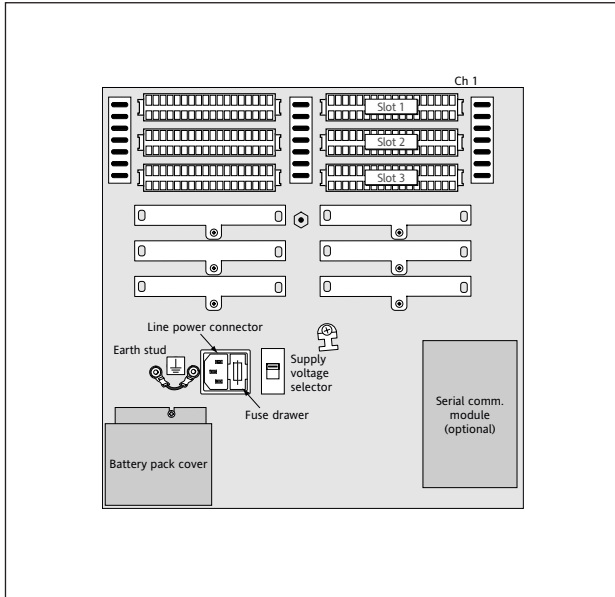
### Relay output board signal wiring



**Note:** For ease of presentation, the orientation of connector blocks are shown horizontal, as installed on model 4181M. For model 4250M the connector blocks are installed vertically.

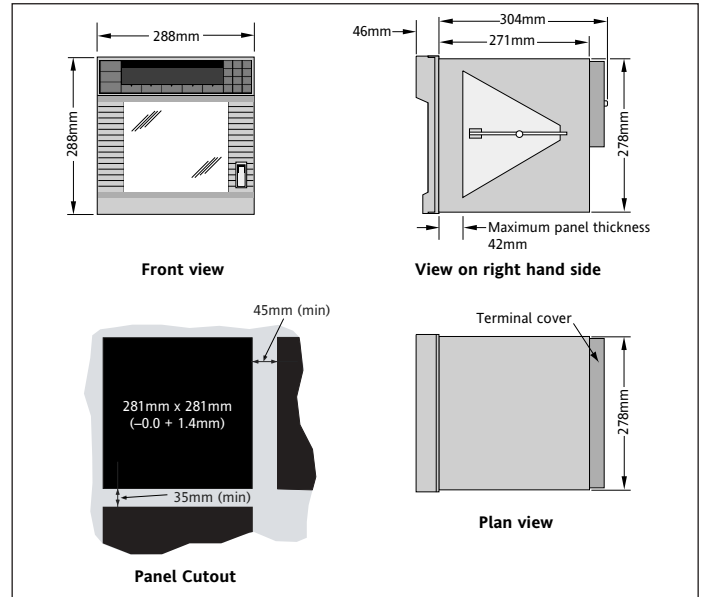
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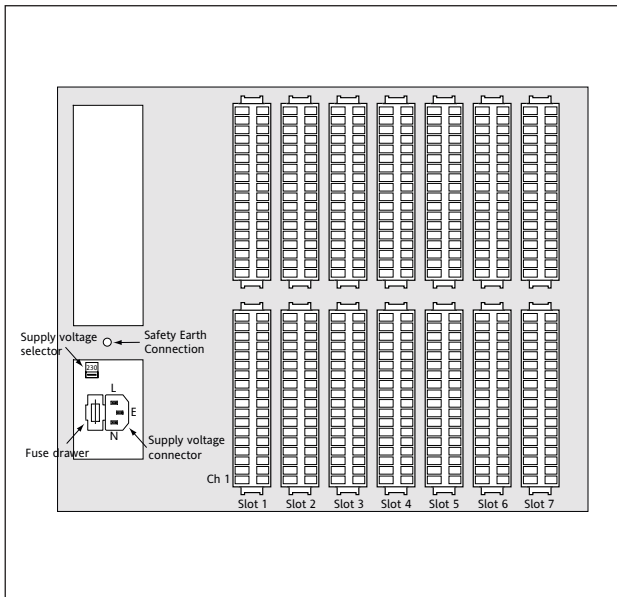


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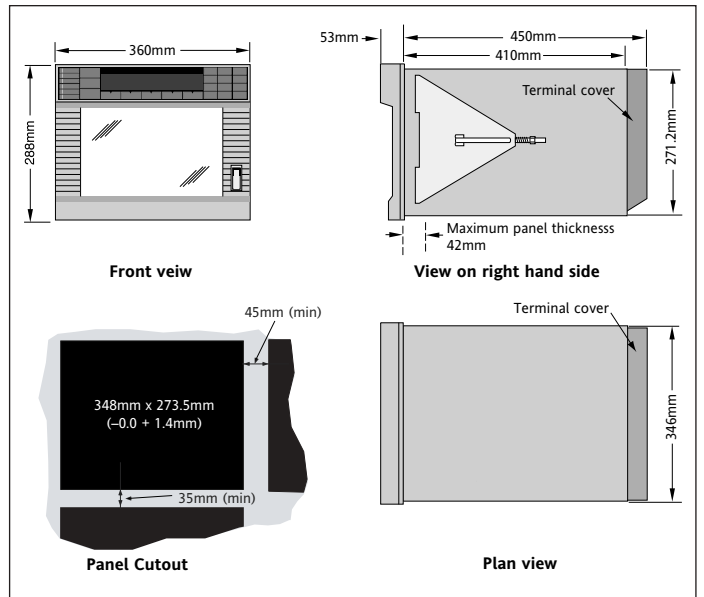
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### 4250M



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