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AM25T Solid State Multiplexer

1. General

The AM25T Multiplexer increases the number of channels for measuring thermocouples or voltage sensors with Campbell Scientific dataloggers. The AM25T is positioned between the sensors and the datalogger. The datalogger controls the AM25T's solid state relays, sequentially connecting each sensor to the datalogger.

The AM25T is not suitable for resistive bridge measurements (high impedance of the solid state relays) or multiplexing power (25 mA maximum switching current).

A maximum of 25 thermocouples (differential voltage measurement) can be multiplexed by an AM25T. Single-ended voltage measurements are not recommended (Appendix A).

The AM25T must be used in a non-condensing environment. An enclosure is required for field use. In applications where one or two multiplexers are deployed in the field, the ENC 12/14 can be used. The ENC 16/18 can be used to house several multiplexers at the same site.

1.1 AM25T Specifications

POWER

Unregulated 9.6 V to 16 V; 12 VDC Nominal

CURRENT DRAIN

Quiescent:	0.5 mA
Active:	1.0 mA (typical)

ENABLE

Inactive:	< 0.9 V
Active:	3.5 to 5.0 V (7 V max.)

CLOCK

The relays are advanced on the falling edge of the clock pulse (transition from >3.5 V to <1.5 V; 7 V max.). The minimum clock pulse width is limited by the datalogger.

Minimum ON time	50 microseconds
Minimum OFF time	60 microseconds

OPERATING TEMPERATURE

Standard:	-25°C to +50°C RTD accuracy $\pm 0.2^\circ\text{C}$
Optional:	-40°C to +85°C RTD accuracy $\pm 0.4^\circ\text{C}$

OPERATING HUMIDITY

Noncondensing:	0 – 95%
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DIMENSIONS

Length:	30.5 cm (12.0")
Width:	5.10 cm (2.0")
Depth:	15.3 cm (6.0")

WEIGHT

0.91 kg (2.0 lbs)
2.7 kg (6.0 lbs); Shipping

EXPANDABILITY

4 AM25Ts/CR10(X)
7 AM25Ts/CR7 725 Excitation Card
6 AM25Ts/21X

MAXIMUM CABLE LENGTH

Multiplexers can be located up to 305 m (1000 ft) from the datalogger. When lightning protection is required, do not exceed 152 m (500 ft) in cable length. The spark gaps will not fire if the heavy ground wire is longer than 152 m (500 ft).

TYPICAL RELAY RESISTANCE

500 Ω

MAXIMUM SWITCHING CURRENT

25 mA; Switching currents greater than 25 mA will damage the relays and render them unusable.

1.2 Physical Description

The AM25T is housed in an anodized aluminum case with a cover that will help reduce temperature gradients across the AM25T's terminal strips (Figure 1).

The terminal strips that run the length of the AM25T are for sensor connections. All inputs are protected by spark gaps. All terminals accept stripped and tinned lead wires up to 1.5 mm (0.059 inches) in diameter. A strain-relief flange is located between the input terminals.

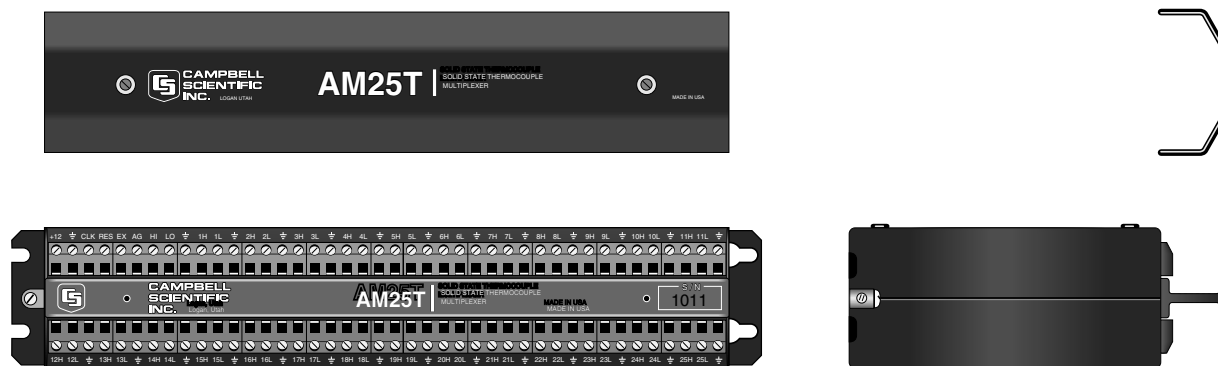


FIGURE 1. AM25T Thermocouple Multiplexer

1.3 Operation

The AM25T is connected to the datalogger with eight insulated wires and a large ground wire. These wires are used to power and control the multiplexer, and connect the common analog inputs to the datalogger.

Measurement Terminals

There are 25 differential channels on the AM25T. These channels are labeled 1H and 1L through 25H and 25L. The channels are sequentially connected and reversed to the common channels HI and LO.

Excitation Terminal

This terminal is used to excite the reference temperature (RTD) on the AM25T. The excitation line is protected from transients with a transorb. (Earlier versions of the AM25T, prior to 1839, used a zener diode for protection. The diode limited the negative excitation voltage to -400 mV).

Power (12 V)

The AM25T requires a 9.6 to 16 VDC (12 VDC nominal) power supply.

In low current drain applications, it is convenient to power the AM25T from the datalogger's battery. For power intensive operations, use a high Amp hour 12 VDC battery.

See Campbell Scientific's application note on power supplies for information on calculating the power requirements of your system.

Ground (GND)

Each differential input channel has a ground terminal located next to it. The ground terminal is common with the power ground and the ground lug on the base. Connect the sensor shields to the ground terminals (\equiv). Always tie the datalogger and multiplexer to a common earth ground via the grounding lug.

Analog Ground (AG)

The analog ground (AG) terminal is the ground reference for the AM25T reference temperature measurement. AG ground is not common with the other ground terminals labeled (\equiv). **Terminal AG must be connected to datalogger ground** as shown in Table 3-1.

Reset (RES)

A control port is used to operate the RES channel. The AM25T is reset and activated by applying and holding 5 VDC to the RES channel. Once the AM25T is activated, the AM25T reference temperature can be immediately measured. The AM25T enters its quiescent state when the RES channel is set to 0 VDC.

Clock (CLK)

Pulsing the CLK channel sequentially advances the relays. A control port is used to operate the CLK channel.

The first CLK pulse advances the relays to the reference temperature excitation channel. The second CLK pulse advances the relays and connects HI and LO to 1H and 1L on the multiplexer.

NOTE

Two clock pulses are required to advance to the next adjacent sensor input channel on the AM25T.

The fourth CLK pulse advances the relays and connects HI and LO to 2H and 2L. The sixth CLK pulse advance the relays and connects HI and LO to 3H and 3L. This sequence is continued for the remaining input channels.

2. Installation

The standard AM25T may be operated in a non-condensing environment. An enclosure is required for field use.

Campbell Scientific's ENC 12/14 and ENC 16/18 enclosures offer a degree of protection against dust, spraying water, oil, falling dirt, or dripping non-corrosive liquids. The enclosures contain plates for multiplexer mounting and conduit bushings for cable entry. These enclosures are rain tight but not waterproof.

The enclosure lids have water resistant gaskets. Electricians putty is shipped with the enclosures to seal around the cable entry to reduce the moisture entering the enclosure. Desiccant should be kept in the enclosure and exchanged regularly or as indicated by the humidity indicator.

U-bolts are used to attach the enclosures to a 1.25" NPT pipe. The enclosure may also be lag-bolted to a wall or similar flat surface.

Fasten the AM25T to the enclosure backplate. Securely fasten the leads to the strain relief flange running between the AM25T terminal strips and install the cover to reduce temperature gradients during thermocouple measurements.

3. Datalogger to AM25T Wiring

When powering the AM25T from the same battery as the datalogger, connect the datalogger to the AM25T as shown in Table 3-1.

WARNING

Do not reverse the polarity of the +12 Volt and Ground leads. Damage to the multiplexer, sensors, and datalogger will occur.

A separate battery can be used to power the AM25T. A separate battery might be used when the AM25T is installed some distance from the datalogger. Ground must be connected between the datalogger and the AM25T (Figure 2).

When leads in excess of 152 m (500 feet) are used to connect the datalogger to the AM25T, it may be necessary to compensate for the drop in RTD excitation voltage (program examples 2 and 4).

Caution

All AM25T inputs are spark gap protected. To ensure that the spark gaps fire, the large ground wire between the AM25T and datalogger must not be greater than 152 m (500 ft). In applications where lightning protection is not required, limit the cable length between the AM25T and datalogger to 305 m (1000 ft).

TABLE 3-1. Datalogger to AM25T Wiring

Function	AM25T	CR10(X)	21X/CR7	CR23X
+12V Power	12 V	12 V	12 V	12 V
Power and Shield Ground	≡	G	≡	G
Clock	CLK	Control Port	Control Port	Control Port
Reset	RES	Control Port	Control Port	Control Port
RTD Excitation	EX	Excitation	Excitation	Excitation
Analog Ground	AG	AG	≡	≡
Common High	HI	Diff. Chan. H	Diff. Chan. H	Diff. Chan. H
Common Low	LO	Diff. Chan. L	Diff. Chan. L	Diff. Chan. L

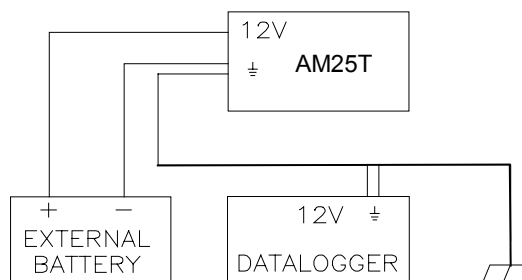


FIGURE 2. External Battery Connections

4. Sensor to AM25T Wiring

This section and the examples describe differential voltage measurements of thermocouples. It is possible to make single-ended measurements with the AM25T, however they are more likely to have problems (Appendix A).

Shield wires are connected to the ground terminal next to the measurement channel and left unattached at the sensor.

4.1 Thermocouple Measurement

An internal reference RTD is located in the AM25T. This reference temperature does not require an additional datalogger input to measure the reference. The RTD is located in the center of the multiplexer on the strain relief flange.

Thermal gradients between the AM25T's sensor input terminals and the RTD cause errors in thermocouple readings. For example, a one degree gradient between input terminals and the RTD will result in a one degree measurement error. The central aluminum (strain relief) bar and the cover are designed to reduce gradients.

Heat conduction along the thermocouple wire, into the terminal strips, can be reduced by coiling some excess lead wire inside the enclosure.

The datalogger manual contains a thorough discussion on thermocouple measurements and error analysis. Consult the datalogger manual for more details.

For a differential voltage measurement of a thermocouple, wire the high side of the thermocouple to the high side of a differential input channel and the low side of the thermocouple to the low side of the channel. Thermocouples that follow the U.S. industry standards use red insulation on the low side of the thermocouple. Wire one thermocouple per differential input channel (Figure 3).

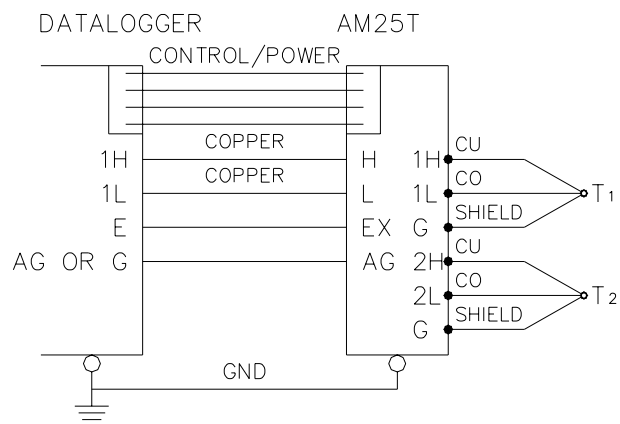


FIGURE 3. Differential Measurement of Type T Thermocouple

4.2 Differential Analog Measurements

Connect one differential sensor to a differential AM25T input channel. Connect the sensor shields to the ground terminals next to the input channel. Up to 25 differential sensors may be measured by one differential channel on the datalogger (Figure 4).

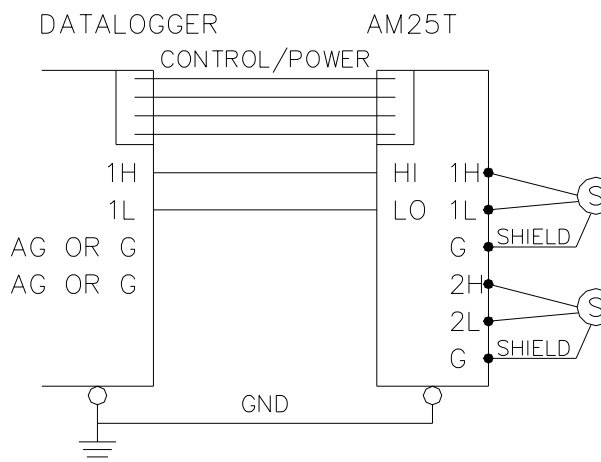


FIGURE 4. Differential Voltage Measurement

4.3 Mixed Sensor Types

Different sensors may be mixed on the AM25T. Additional loops and measurement instructions will be required.

5. General Measurement Considerations

Cables have additional capacitance that increases the time required for a signal to settle its true value. To reduce settling time, Campbell Scientific recommends use of Teflon, polyethylene, or polypropylene insulation around individual conductors. Do not use PVC as conductor insulation. PVC may be used as a cable jacket.

With long lead lengths, a delay within the measurement instruction will allow the capacitance of the lead wires to discharge before the measurement is made. Consult the Measurement Section of your datalogger manual for more information.

6. Datalogger Programming

The CR23X and CR9000 each have a special instruction for measuring the AM25T. While such an instruction may be added to the CR10X operating system in the future, the CR10(X), 21X and CR7 use a program that contains a loop in which the multiplexer is advanced to the next channel and the datalogger makes a measurement.

An outline of the looping datalogger program appears below. **Steps two through seven are used to measure the reference temperature for thermocouples and could be skipped for voltage measurements.**

1. Turn on the AM25T
2. Measure the output of the RTD full bridge
3. Find the resistance of the RTD
4. Calculate the reference temperature
5. Pulse the CLK line once (long lead length compensation only)
6. Measure the excitation at the full bridge (long lead length compensation only)
7. Reset the AM25T by pulsing the RES line (long lead length compensation only)
8. Loop through the measurements
 - a) Pulse the CLK line twice
 - b) Measure the sensor
 - c) Convert the engineering units
 - d) Go to a) until all the sensors have been measured
9. Turn off the AM25T

Earlier versions of the AM25T had a zener diode for transient protection on the RTD excitation. This diode limited the negative excitation to -400 mV. Instruction 6 used to measure the RTD uses both a positive and negative excitation voltage. Table 6-1 lists recommended excitation voltages and measurement ranges to use with these early multiplexers. The newer multiplexers will work with the excitation voltages in Table 6-1, but the higher excitations used in the example programs provide more immunity to noise. AM25T multiplexers starting with serial number 1839 allow an excitation voltage up to ± 5000 mV.

6.1 Example CR10(X) Programs

The two example CR10(X) programs in this section cover measuring thermocouples and low level voltage sensors with the differential measurement instruction.

Input locations within the measurement loops must be indexed (--), see Instruction 87 in the datalogger manual. To index a location, using Edlog ver 6.0 or greater, move the cursor to the Input location label and press "F4". To index a location with the datalogger keyboard, press the "C" key when entering the location number and before the "A" key is pressed.

TABLE 6-1. RTD Excitation Voltage and Measurement Range for AM25T Multiplexers Prior to Serial Number 1839

Datalogger	Temperature Range	Excitation voltage	Vs Range	Vx Range
21X	-40 to 85°C	250 mV	± 5 mV	± 500 mV
	-24 to 65°C	350 mV	± 5 mV	± 500 mV
CR10(X)	-40 to 85°C	350 mV	± 7.5 mV	± 2500 mV
	-11 to 52°C	250 mV	± 2.5 mV	± 250 mV
CR7	-40 to 85°C	350 mV	± 15 mV	± 500 mV

TABLE 6-2. Wiring for CR10(X) Examples

Function	AM25T	CR10(X)
+12V Power	12 V	12 V
Power and Shield Ground	\equiv	G
Clock	CLK	C1
Reset	RES	C2
RTD Excitation	EX	E1
Analog Ground	AG	AG
Common High	HI	1H
Common Low	LO	1L

Example 1. CR10(X) Program for Measuring 25 Type T Thermocouples or Voltage Sensors Using a Differential Instruction

*Table 1 Program

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01: 10           Execution Interval (seconds)

01: Set Port(s) (P20)           ;Configure Control Ports for 1 millisecond pulse
   1: 9999           C8..C5 = nc/nc/nc/nc
   2: 9933           C4..C1 = nc/nc/1ms/1ms

02: Do (P86)                   ;Turn On AM25T
   1: 42             Set Port 2 High

03: Full Bridge (P6)           ;Measure the output of the reference temp. full bridge
   1: 1              Reps
   2: 23             25 mV 60 Hz Rejection Range ;See Table 6-1 for older AM25T multiplexers
   3: 1              DIFF Channel
   4: 1              Excite all reps w/Exchan 1
   5: 1200           mV Excitation ;See Table 6-1 for older AM25T multiplexers
   6: 1              Loc [ RefTemp_C ]
   7: -0.001         Mult
   8: 0.09707        Offset

04: BR Transform Rf[X/(1-X)] (P59) ;Calculate RTD resistance R/R0
   1: 1              Reps
   2: 1              Loc [ RefTemp_C ]
   3: 10.025         Multiplier (Rf)

05: Temperature RTD (P16)      ;Calculate reference temperature
   1: 1              Reps
   2: 1              R/R0 Loc [ RefTemp_C ]
   3: 1              Loc [ RefTemp_C ]
   4: 1.0            Mult
   5: 0.0            Offset

06: Beginning of Loop (P87)    ;Loop through thermocouple channels
   1: 0              Delay
   2: 25             Loop Count

07: Do (P86)                   ;Clock the AM25T twice

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1: 71          Pulse Port 1

08: Do (P86)
1: 71          Pulse Port 1

09: Thermocouple Temp (DIFF) (P14)      ;Measure the connected thermocouple
1: 1           Reps
2: 21          2.5 mV 60 Hz Rejection Range
3: 1           DIFF Channel
4: 1           Type T (Copper-Constantan)
5: 1           Ref Temp (Deg. C) Loc [ RefTemp_C ]
6: 2--         Loc [ TC_1      ]
7: 1.0         Mult
8: 0.0         Offset

10: End (P95)                                ;End loop

11: Do (P86)                                ;Turn off AM25T
1: 52          Set Port 2 Low

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Example 2. CR10(X) Program for Measuring 25 Type T Thermocouples with the Differential Thermocouple Instruction and Long Lead Length Compensation on the RTD Measurement

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*Table 1 Program
01: 10          Execution Interval (seconds)

01: Set Port(s) (P20)                      ;Configure Control Ports for 1 millisecond pulse
1: 9999         C8..C5 = nc/nc/nc/nc
2: 9933         C4..C1 = nc/nc/1ms/1ms

02: Do (P86)
1: 42          Set Port 2 High              ;Turn On AM25T

03: Full Bridge (P6)                      ;Measure the output of the reference temp. full bridge, Vs
1: 1           Reps
2: 23          25 mV 60 Hz Rejection Range ;See Table 6-1 for older AM25T multiplexers
3: 1           DIFF Channel
4: 1           Excite all reps w/Exchan 1
5: 1200        mV Excitation                ;See Table 6-1 for older AM25T multiplexers
6: 27          Loc [ Vs      ]
7: 1           Mult
8: 0           Offset

04: Do (P86)                                ;Clock to advance to measure excitation
1: 71          Pulse Port 1

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05: Full Bridge (P6)	;Measure the Excitation at the full bridge, V_x	
1: 1	Reps	
2: 25	2500 mV 60 Hz Rejection Range	;See Table 6-1 for older AM25T multiplexers
3: 1	DIFF Channel	
4: 1	Excite all reps w/Exchan 1	
5: 1200	mV Excitation	;See Table 6-1 for older AM25T multiplexers
6: 28	Loc [V_x]	
7: .001	Mult	
8: 0	Offset	
06: $Z=X/Y$ (P38)	;Calculate V_s/V_x	
1: 27	X Loc [V_s]	
2: 28	Y Loc [V_x]	
3: 1	Z Loc [RefTemp_C]	
07: $Z=X \cdot F$ (P37)		
1: 1	X Loc [RefTemp_C]	
2: -0.001	F	
3: 1	Z Loc [RefTemp_C]	
08: $Z=X+F$ (P34)		
1: 1	X Loc [RefTemp_C]	
2: .09707	F	
3: 1	Z Loc [RefTemp_C]	
09: BR Transform $R_f[X/(1-X)]$ (P59)	;Calculate RTD resistance R/R_0	
1: 1	Reps	
2: 1	Loc [RefTemp_C]	
3: 10.025	Multiplier (R_f)	
10: Temperature RTD (P16)	;Calculate reference temperature	
1: 1	Reps	
2: 1	R/R_0 Loc [RefTemp_C]	
3: 1	Loc [RefTemp_C]	
4: 1.0	Mult	
5: 0.0	Offset	
11: Do (P86)	;Reset multiplexer	
1: 72	Pulse Port 2	
12: Beginning of Loop (P87)	;Loop through thermocouple channels	
1: 0	Delay	
2: 25	Loop Count	
13: Do (P86)	;Clock the AM25T twice	
1: 71	Pulse Port 1	
14: Do (P86)		
1: 71	Pulse Port 1	

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15: Thermocouple Temp (DIFF) (P14)      ;Measure the connected thermocouple
1:  1      Repts
2:  21      2.5 mV 60 Hz Rejection Range
3:  1      DIFF Channel
4:  1      Type T (Copper-Constantan)
5:  1      Ref Temp (Deg. C) Loc [ RefTemp_C ]
6:  2--     Loc [ TC_1      ]
7:  1.0     Mult
8:  0.0     Offset

16: End (P95)                               ;End loop

17: Do (P86)                               ;Turn off AM25T
1:  52      Set Port 2 Low

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6.2 Example 21X Programs

The two example 21X programs in this section cover measuring thermocouples with the differential measurement instruction.

Input locations within the measurement loops must be indexed (--), see Instruction 87 in the datalogger manual. To index a location, using Edlog ver 6.0 or greater, move the cursor to the Input location label and press “F4”. To index a location with the datalogger keyboard, press the “C” key when entering the location number and before the “A” key is pressed.

TABLE 6-3. Wiring for 21X Examples

Function	AM25T	21X
+12V Power	12 V	12 V
Power and Shield Ground	\equiv	\equiv
Clock	CLK	C1
Reset	RES	C2
RTD Excitation	EX	E1
Analog Ground	AG	\equiv
Common High	HI	1H
Common Low	LO	1L

Example 3. 21X Program for Measuring 25 Type T Thermocouples or Voltage Sensors Using a Differential Instruction

*Table 1 Program

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01: 10          Execution Interval (seconds)

01: Do (P86)                                ;Turn On AM25T
  1: 42          Set Port 2 High

02: Full Bridge (P6)                        ;Measure the output of the reference temp. full bridge
  1: 1           Reps
  2: 3           50 mV Slow Range          ;See Table 6-1 for older AM25T multiplexers
  3: 1DIFF Channel
  4: 1           Excite all reps w/Exchan 1
  5: 2400        mV Excitation             ;See Table 6-1 for older AM25T multiplexers
  6: 1           Loc [ RefTemp_C ]
  7: -0.001      Mult
  8: 0.09707     Offset

03: BR Transform Rf[X/(1-X)] (P59)          ;Calculate RTD resistance R/R0
  1: 1           Reps
  2: 1           Loc [ RefTemp_C ]
  3: 10.025      Multiplier (Rf)

04: Temperature RTD (P16)                  ;Calculate reference temperature
  1: 1           Reps
  2: 1           R/R0 Loc [ RefTemp_C ]
  3: 1           Loc [ RefTemp_C ]
  4: 1           Mult
  5: 0           Offset

05: Beginning of Loop (P87)                ;Loop through thermocouple channels
  1: 0           Delay
  2: 25          Loop Count

06: Do (P86)                                ;Clock the AM25T twice
  1: 41          Set Port 1 High           ;Setting high then low is faster than pulsing w/21X

07: Do (P86)
  1: 51          Set Port 1 Low

08: Do (P86)
  1: 41          Set Port 1 High

09: Do (P86)
  1: 51          Set Port 1 Low

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10: Thermocouple Temp (DIFF) (P14)      ;Measure the connected thermocouple
    1: 1          Reps
    2: 1          5 mV Slow Range
    3: 1          DIFF Channel
    4: 1          Type T (Copper-Constantan)
    5: 1          Ref Temp (Deg. C) Loc [ RefTemp_C ]
    6: 2--        Loc [ TC_1    ]
    7: 1.0        Mult
    8: 0.0        Offset

11: End (P95)                          ;End of loop

12: Do (P86)                            ;Turn off AM25T
    1: 52 Set Port 2 Low

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Example 4. 21X Program for Measuring 25 Type T Thermocouples with the Differential Thermocouple Instruction and Long Lead Length Compensation on the RTD Measurement

```

*Table 1 Program
01: 10          Execution Interval (seconds)

01: Do (P86)    ;Turn On AM25T
    1: 42        Set Port 2 High

02: Full Bridge (P6)      ;Measure the output of the reference temp. full bridge,
Vs
    1: 1          Reps
    2: 3          50 mV Slow Range      ;See Table 6-1 for older AM25T multiplexers
    3: 1          DIFF Channel
    4: 1          Excite all reps w/Exchan 1
    5: 2400        mV Excitation        ;See Table 6-1 for older AM25T multiplexers
    6: 27          Loc [ Vs_____ ]
    7: 1          Mult
    8: 0          Offset

03: Do (P86)    ;Clock to advance to measure excitation
    1: 41        Set Port 1 High

04: Do (P86)
    1: 51        Set Port 1 Low

05: Full Bridge (P6)      ;Measure the Excitation at the full bridge, Vx
    1: 1          Reps
    2: 5          5000 mV Slow Range    ;See Table 6-1 for older AM25T multiplexers
    3: 1          DIFF Channel
    4: 1          Excite all reps w/Exchan 1
    5: 2400        mV Excitation        ;See Table 6-1 for older AM25T multiplexers
    6: 28          Loc [ Vx_____ ]
    7: .001        Mult
    8: 0          Offset

```

```

06: Z=X/Y (P38)                                ;Calculate Vs/Vx
   1: 27      X Loc [ Vs_____ ]
   2: 28      Y Loc [ Vx_____ ]
   3: 1       Z Loc [ RefTemp_C ]

07: Z=X*F (P37)
   1: 1       X Loc [ RefTemp_C ]
   2: -0.001  F
   3: 1       Z Loc [ RefTemp_C ]

08: Z=X+F (P34)
   1: 1       X Loc [ RefTemp_C ]
   2: .09707  F
   3: 1       Z Loc [ RefTemp_C ]

09: BR Transform Rf[X/(1-X)] (P59)             ;Calculate RTD resistance R/R0
   1: 1       Reps
   2: 1       Loc [ RefTemp_C ]
   3: 10.025  Multiplier (Rf)

10: Temperature RTD (P16)                      ;Calculate reference temperature
   1: 1       Reps
   2: 1       R/R0 Loc [ RefTemp_C ]
   3: 1       Loc [ RefTemp_C ]
   4: 1.0     Mult
   5: 0.0     Offset

11: Do (P86)                                    ;Reset multiplexer
   1: 52      Set Port 2 Low

12: Do (P86)
   1: 42      Set Port 2 High

13: Beginning of Loop (P87)                    ;Loop through thermocouple channels
   1: 0       Delay
   2: 25      Loop Count

14: Do (P86)                                    ;Clock the AM25T twice
   1: 41      Set Port 1 High                ;Setting high then low is faster than pulsing w/2IX

15: Do (P86)
   1: 51      Set Port 1 Low

16: Do (P86)
   1: 41      Set Port 1 High

17: Do (P86)
   1: 51      Set Port 1 Low

```

```
18: Thermocouple Temp (DIFF) (P14)      ;Measure the connected thermocouple
1:  1      Repts
2:  1      5 mV Slow Range
3:  1      DIFF Channel
4:  1      Type T (Copper-Constantan)
5:  1      Ref Temp (Deg. C) Loc [ RefTemp_C ]
6:  2--    Loc [ TC_1      ]
7:  1.0    Mult
8:  0.0    Offset

19: End (P95)                          ;End loop

20: Do (P86)                            ;Turn off AM25T
1:  52      Set Port 2 Low
```

6.3 Example CR23X Program

The CR23X has a special instruction for measuring thermocouples or voltages with the AM25T. Example 5 uses the instruction to measure 25 type T thermocouples. Instruction 134 automatically compensates for long lead lengths.

TABLE 6-4. Wiring for CR23X Example		
Function	AM25T	CR23X
+12V Power	12 V	12 V
Power and Shield Ground	\equiv	G
Clock	CLK	C1
Reset	RES	C2
RTD Excitation	EX	E1
Analog Ground	AG	\equiv
Common High	HI	1H
Common Low	LO	1L

Example 5. CR23X Program for Measuring 25 Type T Thermocouples

```

;{CR23X}
;
;
*Table 1 Program
  01: 1          Execution Interval (seconds)

01: AM25TMultiplexer (P134)
  1: 25          Repts
  2: 21          10 mV, 60 Hz Reject, Slow Range
  3: 1           AM25T Channel
  4: 1           DIFF Channel
  5: 21          Exchan 1, 60 Hz Reject
  6: 1           Clock Control
  7: 2           Reset Control
  8: 1           Type T (Copper-Constantan)
  9: 1           Ref Temp (Deg. C) Loc [ RefTemp  ]
 10: 2           Loc [ TC_1    ]
 11: 1.0         Mult
 12: 0.0         Offset

```


Appendix A. Single-Ended Measurements

Single-ended measurements with the AM25T are not recommended. This is not due to any problem with the AM25T. Single-ended measurements have some problems that differential measurements avoid. The problems with single-ended measurements are:

- *Reduced noise rejection.*
- *Ground reference and Ground Loops.*

A differential voltage measurement measures the voltage difference between two inputs. Current is not allowed to flow through either input. A single-ended voltage measurement measures the voltage of an input with respect to datalogger ground. Current can flow to ground if there is a voltage potential to drive it. When current is flowing, the voltage will change along the current path. For example, if a thermocouple's measurement junction is in electrical contact with a point on a car that is at +1 millivolt with respect to datalogger ground, that voltage will be added to the thermocouple's output, about a 2.5 degree error on a copper-constantan thermocouple. Likewise, current flowing through the datalogger's ground can cause the ground reference to vary slightly along the terminal strip.

Despite the shortcomings, single-ended voltage measurements are possible with the AM25T.

A.1 Directions for Single-Ended Measurements

If single-ended measurements are required, take the following precautions.

1. Use only shielded wire (this advice is just as pertinent for differential measurements). Tie the sensor shields to the datalogger earth ground through the multiplexer's ground terminals.
2. Electrically insulate the measurement junctions of thermocouples. This must be done to avoid errors caused by different ground potentials.
3. With a CR10(X), connect the AM25T ground to analog ground (AG) instead of ground (G). Make sure any other power returns are connected to ground (G).

CAUTION

When making single-ended measurements with a 21X, power the AM25T, and any other peripherals, with a separate power supply. Connect a single wire between a 21X ground and the negative terminal of the external battery.

A.1.1 Thermocouple Measurements

Wire the high side of each thermocouple into an input terminal. The low side of each thermocouple is wired into the adjacent ground terminal (Figure A-1).

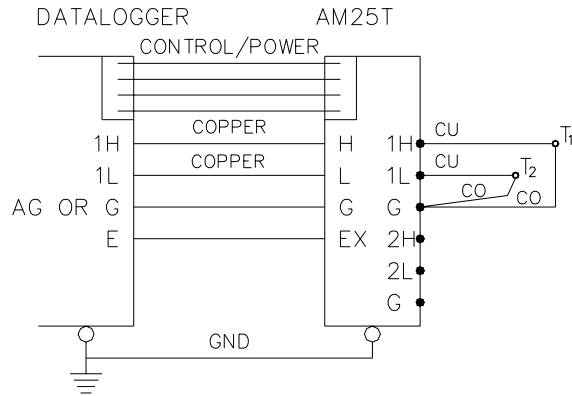


FIGURE A-1. Single-ended Measurement of a Type T Thermocouple

Example A-1. CR10 Program for Measuring 50 Type T Thermocouples or Voltage Sensors Using a Single-Ended Instruction

*Table 1 Program		
01: 10	Execution Interval (seconds)	
01: Set Port(s) (P20)		;Configure Control Ports for 1 millisecond pulse
1: 9999	C8..C5 = nc/nc/nc/nc	
2: 9933	C4..C1 = nc/nc/1ms/1ms	
02: Do (P86)		;Turn On AM25T
1: 42	Set Port 2 High	
03: Full Bridge (P6)		;Measure the output of the reference temp. full bridge
1: 1	Reps	
2: 24	250 mV 60 Hz Rejection Range	;See Table 6-1 for older AM25T multiplexers
3: 1	DIFF Channel	
4: 1	Excite all reps w/Exchan 1	
5: 1200	mV Excitation	;See Table 6-1 for older AM25T multiplexers
6: 1	Loc [RefTemp_C]	
7: -0.001	Mult	
8: 0.09707	Offset	
04: BR Transform Rf[X/(1-X)] (P59)		;Calculate RTD resistance R/R0
1: 1	Reps	
2: 1	Loc [RefTemp_C]	
3: 10.025	Multiplier (Rf)	

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05: Temperature RTD (P16)                ;Calculate reference temperature
    1: 1      Repts
    2: 1      R/R0 Loc [ RefTemp_C ]
    3: 1      Loc [ RefTemp_C ]
    4: 1.0    Mult
    5: 0.0    Offset

06: Beginning of Loop (P87)              ;Loop through thermocouple channels
    1: 0      Delay
    2: 25     Loop Count

07: Step Loop Index (P90)                ;Set index to advance 2 locations/loop
    1: 2      Step

08: Do (P86)                            ;Clock the AM25T twice
    1: 71     Pulse Port 1

09: Do (P86)
    1: 71     Pulse Port 1

10: Thermocouple Temp (SE) (P13)         ;Measure the connected thermocouple
    1: 2      Repts
    2: 21     2.5 mV 60 Hz Rejection Range
    3: 1      SE Channel
    4: 1      Type T (Copper-Constantan)
    5: 1      Ref Temp (Deg. C) Loc [ RefTemp_C ]
    6: 2--    Loc [ TC_1 ]
    7: 1.0    Mult
    8: 0.0    Offset

11: End (P95)                           ;End loop

12: Do (P86)                            ;Turn off AM25T
    1: 52     Set Port 2 Low

```

Example A-2. 21X Program for Measuring 50 Type T Thermocouples or Voltage Sensors Using a Single-ended Instruction

```

*Table 1 Program
01: 10      Execution Interval (seconds)

01: Do (P86)                ;Turn On AM25T
    1: 42      Set Port 2 High

02: Full Bridge (P6)        ;Measure the output of the reference temp. full bridge
    1: 1      Repts
    2: 3      50 mV Slow Range ;See Table 6-1 for older AM25T multiplexers
    3: 1      DIFF Channel
    4: 1      Excite all reps w/Exchan 1
    5: 2400    mV Excitation ;See Table 6-1 for older AM25T multiplexers
    6: 1      Loc [ RefTemp_C ]
    7: -0.001  Mult
    8: 0.09707 Offset

03: BR Transform Rf[X/(1-X)] (P59) ;Calculate RTD resistance R/R0

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```

1: 1      Repts
2: 1      Loc [ RefTemp_C ]
3: 10.025 Multiplier (Rf)

04: Temperature RTD (P16)           ;Calculate reference temperature
1: 1      Repts
2: 1      R/R0 Loc [ RefTemp_C ]
3: 1      Loc [ RefTemp_C ]
4: 1.0    Mult
5: 0.0    Offset

05: Beginning of Loop (P87)         ;Loop through thermocouple channels
1: 0      Delay
2: 25     Loop Count

06: Step Loop Index (P90)           ;Set index to advance 2 locations/loop
1: 2      Step

07: Do (P86)                        ;Clock the AM25T twice
1: 41     Set Port 1 High           ;Setting high then low is faster than pulsing w/21X

08: Do (P86)
1: 51     Set Port 1 Low

09: Do (P86)
1: 41     Set Port 1 High

10: Do (P86)
1: 51     Set Port 1 Low

11: Thermocouple Temp (SE) (P13)    ;Measure the connected thermocouples
1: 2      Repts
2: 1      5 mV Slow Range
3: 1      SE Channel
4: 1      Type T (Copper-Constantan)
5: 1      Ref Temp (Deg. C) Loc [ RefTemp_C ]
6: 2--    Loc [ TC_1 ]
7: 1.0    Mult
8: 0.0    Offset

12: End (P95)                       ;End of loop

13: Do (P86)                         ;Turn off AM25T
1: 52     Set Port 2 Low

```

A.1.2 Single-Ended Voltage Measurement

Connect two single-end sensors to the differential AM25T input channel. Connect the sensor shields to the ground terminals next to the input channel. Up to 50 single-ended voltage sensors may be measured by two single-ended datalogger channels (Figure A-2).

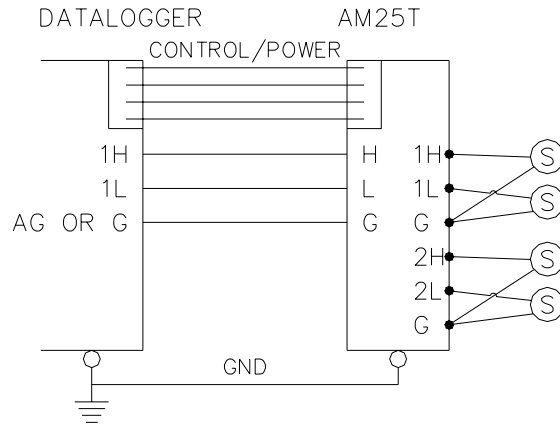


FIGURE A-2. Single-Ended Measurement

A.2 Indexing with Loops

When a multiplexer is measured with a measurement instruction within a loop, the input locations in which to store measurements must be indexed to the loop counter so the measurement is stored in the next input location each pass through the loop. When more than one repetition is used on the measurement instruction, as in examples A-1 and A-2, Instruction 90 is used to set the increment of the loop index. With Instruction 90 correctly used, each measurement will occupy its own input location, without being overwritten by subsequent passes through the loop.

Take the following measurement case. Six Type T thermocouples are measured with a CR10 and AM25T. The thermocouples are wired into the AM25T as shown in Figure A-1. Instruction 13, with two repetitions, is used to measure the thermocouples inside a loop. With a Loop Count of three and no indexing on the thermocouple location (Example A-3), the measurements would be stored in Input Storage as shown in Table A-1.

Note that after the third pass through the loop, only the last two measurements are in Input Storage. The temperatures for TC_1 through TC_4 have been overwritten.

NOTE

The multiplexer control instructions are not included in the example program fragment.

TABLE A-1. Values in Input Storage; Input Location Not Indexed

Pass	18	19	20	21	22	23
First	TC_1	TC_2				
Second	TC_3	TC_4				
Third	TC_5	TC_6				

When the Input Location is indexed (see Instruction 87 in the datalogger manual), the Loop Index counter is added to the specified input location, each pass through the loop, to determine where the measurement is stored. By default, the index advances by one with each pass through the loop. Simply indexing a measurement instruction's Input Location works, when the

instruction has one repetition. If the instruction has two repetitions, then every other Input Location will be over written. This effect is illustrated in Table A-2. The program fragment in Example A-4 generated this effect.

NOTE The multiplexer control instructions are not included in the example program fragment.

TABLE A-2. Values in Input Storage; with Input Location Index and without Step Loop Index Instruction						
Pass	18	19	20	21	22	23
First	TC_1	TC_2				
Second		TC_3	TC_4			
Third			TC_5	TC_6		

By adding Instruction 90 (Step Loop Index) with a value of two, the measurements will be stored sequential in Input Storage. See Table A-3 and the program fragment in Example A-5.

NOTE The multiplexer control instructions are not included in the example program fragment.

TABLE A-3. Values in Input Storage; with Input Location Index and Step Loop Index Instruction						
Pass	18	19	20	21	22	23
First	TC_1	TC_2				
Second			TC_3	TC_4		
Third					TC_5	TC_6

Example A-3. Single Ended Thermocouples, Input Location Not Indexed

01: Beginning of Loop (P87)	
1: 0	Delay
2: 6	Loop Count
02: Thermocouple Temp (SE) (P13)	
1: 2	Reps
2: 21	2.5 mV 60 Hz Rejection Range
3: 1	SE Channel
4: 1	Type T (Copper-Constantan)
5: 1	Ref Temp (Deg. C) Loc [RefTemp]
6: 18	Loc [TC_1]
7: 1.0	Mult
8: 0.0	Offset
03: End (P95)	

Example A-4. Measuring Single Ended Thermocouples with the Input Location Indexed and no Step Loop Index

```

01: Beginning of Loop (P87)
    1: 0      Delay
    2: 6Loop Count

02: Thermocouple Temp (SE) (P13)
    1: 2      Repts
    2: 21      2.5 mV 60 Hz Rejection Range
    3: 1      SE Channel
    4: 1      Type T (Copper-Constantan)
    5: 1      Ref Temp (Deg. C) Loc [ RefTemp ]
    6: 18--    Loc [ TC_1 ]
    7: 1.0     Mult
    8: 0.0     Offset

03: End (P95)

```

Example A-5. Measuring Single Ended Thermocouples with the Input Location Indexed and Step Loop Index

```

01: Beginning of Loop (P87)
    1: 0      Delay
    2: 6      Loop Count

02: Step Loop Index (P90)
    1: 2      Step

03: Thermocouple Temp (SE) (P13)
    1: 2      Repts
    2: 21      2.5 mV 60 Hz Rejection Range
    3: 1      SE Channel
    4: 1      Type T (Copper-Constantan)
    5: 1      Ref Temp (Deg. C) Loc [ RefTemp ]
    6: 18--    Loc [ TC_1 ]
    7: 1.0     Mult
    8: 0.0     Offset

04: End (P95)

```


Appendix B. Differences Between the AM25T, AM416, and the AM32

The AM25T differs from Campbell Scientific's AM416 and AM32 multiplexers in the following ways:

1. The AM25T cannot be used to multiplex power and is not suitable for bridge measurements because of the high impedance of the solid state relays.
2. The AM25T switches 25 sets of 2 lines at time, (HI and LO) (2 x 25), unlike the AM416 which switches 16 sets of 4 lines at a time (4 x 16). The AM32 switches 32 sets of 2 lines at a time (2 x 32).
3. The AM25T has a built-in temperature reference RTD for thermocouple measurements. It is 1000 Ohm RTD and has a temperature specification of $\pm 0.2^{\circ}\text{C}$ and α of 0.00385.
4. The AM25T is packaged in an aluminum case that will decrease temperature gradients across the multiplexer terminal strip. It has a large aluminum bar through the center of the unit for temperature stabilization and sensor cable strain relief.
5. The AM25T is smaller than the AM416 and AM32. It is packaged in a vertical manner for a smaller footprint and requires less space for mounting.
6. The AM25T has a ground path back to the datalogger for spark gap firing and sensors shields via the grounding lug on the side. The AM25T contains terminals and circuitry for sensor shield wires. This circuitry allows sensor shield wires to be routed through the multiplexer and grounded at the datalogger.
7. The AM25T contains spark gaps on all inputs and like the AM416 contains diodes between shields and power ground for transient protection.

