

# CALIBRATION PROCEDURE

# NI 9264

16-Channel,  $\pm 10$  V, 16-Bit Analog Voltage Output Module

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This document contains the verification and adjustment procedures for the National Instruments 9264. For more information on calibration solutions, visit [ni.com/calibration](http://ni.com/calibration).

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## Software

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Calibrating the NI 9264 requires the installation of NI-DAQmx 9.6 or later on the calibration system. You can download NI-DAQmx from [ni.com/downloads](http://ni.com/downloads). NI-DAQmx supports LabVIEW, LabWindows™/CVI™, ANSI C, and .NET. When you install NI-DAQmx, you only need to install support for the application software that you intend to use.

# Documentation

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Consult the following documents for information about the NI 9264, NI-DAQmx, and your application software. All documents are available on [ni.com](http://ni.com) and help files install with the software.



*NI cDAQ-9174/9178 USB Chassis Quick Start*

NI-DAQmx installation and hardware setup



*NI 9264 Operating Instructions and Specifications*

NI 9264 specific information, specifications, and calibration interval



*NI-DAQmx Readme*

Operating system and application software support in NI-DAQmx



*LabVIEW Help*

LabVIEW programming concepts and reference information about NI-DAQmx VIs and functions



*NI-DAQmx C Reference Help*

Reference information for NI-DAQmx C functions and NI-DAQmx C properties



*NI-DAQmx .NET Help Support for Visual Studio*

Reference information for NI-DAQmx .NET methods and NI-DAQmx .NET properties, key concepts, and a C enum to .NET enum mapping table

# Test Equipment

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National Instruments recommends that you use equipment in Table 1 for calibrating the NI 9264. If the recommended equipment is not available, select a substitute using the requirements listed in Table 1.

**Table 1.** Recommended Equipment

Equipment	Recommended Model	Requirements
DMM	NI 4070 DMM	Use a multiranging 6 1/2 digit DMM with voltage measurement accuracy of $\pm 40$ ppm.
Chassis	NI cDAQ-9178	—
Connection Accessory	NI 9974	Use for NI 9264 with spring terminal.
	NI 9923	Use for NI 9264 with DSUB.

## Test Conditions

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The following setup and environmental conditions are required to ensure the NI 9264 meets published specifications.

- Keep connections to the NI 9264 as short as possible. Long cables and wires act as antennas, picking up extra noise that can affect measurements.
- Verify that all connections to the NI 9264 are secure.
- Use shielded copper wire for all cable connections to the NI 9264. Use twisted-pair wire to eliminate noise and thermal offsets.
- Maintain an ambient temperature of  $23 \pm 5$  °C. The NI 9264 temperature will be greater than the ambient temperature.
- Keep relative humidity below 80%.
- Allow a warm-up time of at least 10 minutes to ensure that the NI 9264 measurement circuitry is at a stable operating temperature.

## Initial Setup

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Complete the following steps to set up the NI 9264.

1. Install NI-DAQmx.
2. Make sure that the NI cDAQ-9178 power source is not connected.
3. Insert the module into slot 8 of the NI cDAQ-9178 chassis. Leave slots 1 through 7 of the NI cDAQ-9178 chassis empty.
4. Connect the NI cDAQ-9178 chassis to your host computer.

5. Connect the power source to the NI cDAQ-9178 chassis.
6. Launch Measurement & Automation Explorer (MAX).
7. Right-click the device name and select **Self-Test** to ensure that the device is working properly.

## Verification

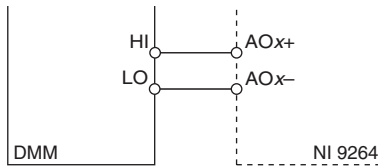
The following performance verification procedure describes the sequence of operation and provides test points required to verify the NI 9264. The verification procedure assumes that adequate traceable uncertainties are available for the calibration references.

## Accuracy Verification

Complete the following procedure to determine the As-Found status of the NI 9264.

1. Set the DMM to Standby mode (STBY).
2. Connect the DMM to the NI 9264 as shown in Figure 1.

**Figure 1. Accuracy Verification Connections**



3. Set the DMM to read DC voltage in the minimum range required to cover the NI 9264 output range of  $\pm 10$  V.
4. Acquire a sample
  - a. Create and configure an AO voltage channel according to Table 2.

**Table 2. NI 9264 AO Voltage Channel Configuration**

Input Range		Scaled Units	Terminal Configuration
Min	Max		
-10	10	Volts	Single Ended

- b. Start the task.
- c. Generate a voltage output according to Table 3.

**Table 3. NI 9264 Output Configuration**

Samples Per Channel	Timeout	Data
1	10.0	A Test Point value from Table 4

- d. Wait the appropriate time for the DMM measurement to settle.
  - e. Read the NI 9264 output voltage measurement from the DMM.
  - f. Clear the task.
5. Compare the DMM measurement to the test limits in Table 4.
  6. Repeat steps 3 through 5 for each test point in Table 4.
  7. Disconnect the DMM from the NI 9264.
  8. Repeat steps 1 through 7 for each channel on the NI 9264.

**Table 4.** NI 9264 Test Limits

Range (V)		Test Point		1-Year Limits	
Min	Max	Location	Value (V)	Lower Limit (V)	Upper Limit (V)
-10.000	10.000	Max	9.500000	9.490000	9.510000
-10.000	10.000	Mid	0.000000	-0.005250	0.005250
-10.000	10.000	Min	-9.500000	-9.510000	-9.490000



**Note** Test limits in Table 4 are derived using the values in Table 6.

## Adjustment

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The following performance adjustment procedure describes the sequence of operation required to adjust the NI 9264.

### Accuracy Adjustment

Complete the following procedure to adjust the accuracy performance of the NI 9264.

1. Connect the DMM to the NI 9264 as shown in Figure 1.
2. Adjust the NI 9264.
  - a. Initialize a calibration session on the NI 9264. The default password is NI.
  - b. Input the external temperature in degrees Celsius.
  - c. Call the NI 9264 get C Series adjustment points function to obtain an array of recommended calibration voltages for the NI 9264.
  - d. Set the DMM to read DC voltage in the minimum range required to cover the NI 9264 output range of  $\pm 10$  V.
  - e. Call and configure the NI 9264 setup calibration function with the DAC value obtained from the array of recommended calibration voltages.
  - f. Wait the appropriate amount of time for the DMM measurement to settle.
  - g. Read the NI 9264 output voltage measurement from the DMM.

- h. Call and configure the NI 9264 adjustment function according to Table 5.

**Table 5. Adjustment Configuration**

Physical Channel	Reference Value
cDAQMod8/aox	The NI 9264 output voltage measured from the DMM.

- i. Repeat steps e to h for each calibration voltage in the array.
- j. Close the calibration session.
3. Disconnect the DMM from the NI 9264.
4. Repeat step 1 for each channel on the NI 9264.

## EEPROM Update

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When an adjustment procedure is completed, the NI 9264 internal calibration memory (EEPROM) is immediately updated.

If you do not want to perform an adjustment, you can update the calibration date and onboard calibration temperature without making any adjustments by initializing an external calibration, setting the C Series calibration temperature, and closing the external calibration.

## Reverification

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Repeat the [Verification](#) section to determine the As-Left status of the device.



**Note** If any test fails Reverification after performing an adjustment, verify that you have met the [Test Conditions](#) before returning your device to NI. Refer to [Worldwide Support and Services](#) for assistance in returning the device to NI.

## Accuracy Under Calibration Conditions

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The values in the following table are based on calibrated scaling coefficients, which are stored in the onboard EEPROM.

The following accuracy table is valid for calibration under the following conditions:

- Ambient temperature  $23\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 5\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$
- NI 9264 installed in slot 8 of an NI cDAQ-9178 chassis
- Slots 1 through 7 of the NI cDAQ-9178 chassis are empty

**Table 6.** NI 9264 Accuracy

<b>Percent of Reading (Gain Error)</b>	<b>Percent of Range* (Offset Error)</b>
0.05%	0.05%
* Range equals 10.5 V	

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