Small Instrumentation Modules

SIM970 — Quad digital voltmeter

- **True 5½-digit performance**

- **Four isolated channels**

- **Bright 7-segment LED displays**

- **3 decade autoranging to ±19.9999 V**

- **10 MΩ input impedance**

- **Trigger input for data synchronization**

- **Unique continuous auto-calibration**

- **90 dB power line frequency rejection**

SIM970 Quad Digital Voltmeter

The SIM970 Quad Digital Voltmeter is designed to make precision DC voltage measurements with excellent long-term accuracy.

For applications in which many voltages must be monitored, up to 16 DVM channels can be put into one SIM900 mainframe. Four voltage ranges from ±199.999 mV to ±19.9999 V can be autoranged or manually selected. An external trigger input allows synchronization of voltage readings on all four channels for critical applications requiring coincidental readings. A BUSY output gives a TTL (logic high) signal when readings are being taken.

Auto-calibration is performed with every reading by sequentially measuring not only the input voltage, but also the ground and the full-scale voltages against a calibrated internal reference. This auto-calibration routine virtually eliminates offsets and scale errors, and ensures smooth range-to-range transitions.

The bright, front-panel LED display shows updated readings three times per second. Computer access through the SIM900 mainframe (RS-232 or GPIB) permits data logging with 24 bits of resolution. All channels are isolated from ground and from each other. The SIM970 uses isolated BNC connectors for inputs so coaxial cables can be used for reduced noise pickup.

Full-scale DC voltage ranges

Range	Voltage	Resolution	Noise, counts rms [1,2]
1	±19.9999 V	100 μV	1.0
2	±1.99999 V	10 μV	0.6
3	±999.99 mV	10 μV	0.6
4	±199.999 mV	1 μV	1.0

Measurement accuracy, ±(% of reading + counts) [3]

Range	24 hour, (23 ± 1) °C	90 day, (23 ± 5) °C (typ.)	1 year, (23 ± 5) °C (typ.)
1 [4]	0.0004 + 1	0.0050 + 1	0.0080 + 1
2	0.0004 + 2	0.0050 + 2	0.0080 + 2
3	0.0004 + 2	0.0050 + 2	0.0080 + 2
4	0.0004 + 4	0.0050 + 6	0.0080 + 6

Number of channels	4
Number of digits	5½ (±199999 counts) [1]
Transfer accuracy	(24 hour counts error)/2 [3][5] (typ.)
Input resistance	10 MΩ ± 1 %, >3 GΩ selectable on ranges 2 to 4 [6]
Input terminals	BNC (Amphenol 31-10 or similar)
Input protection	±60 V center to shield ±200 V shield to earth
Triggering	Internal, external (TTL), or remote
BUSY output	TTL logic high when busy
Update rate at line freq. [7]	3.6/s (60 Hz), 3.0/s (50 Hz)
Normal mode rejection at line freq.	90 dB (59 to 61 Hz or 49 to 51 Hz)
CMRR at DC	125 dB (for 1 kΩ unbalance in the shield)
Settling time	1 s to within 3 counts of final reading on ranges 1 to 3, 8 s on range 4
Display	Red LED, 0.40", with polarity indication. Green LEDs for range and autorange indication.
Operating temp.	0 °C to 40 °C, non-condensing
Interface	Serial via SIM interface
Connectors	BNC (4 front, 2 rear) DB15/M SIM interface
Power	+5 V (480 mA)
Dimensions	3.0" × 3.6" × 7.0" (WHD)
Weight	2.3 lbs.
Warranty	One year parts and labor on defects in materials and workmanship

SIM970 rear panel

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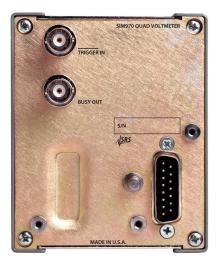
[1] One count is a unit change in the least-significant-digit. Greater resolution is available through the remote interface

[2] Measured over 360 consecutive readings

[3] Inside SIM900 mainframe following a two hour warm-up, autozero ON

[4] Scale calibration ON

[5] Within 10 minutes and ±0.5 °C, within ±10 % of the initial value, fixed range, input between 10 % and 100 % of full scale

[6] Input bias current is <1 pA at 23 °C

[7] Internal triggering, autozero ON. Rate is double for autozero OFF

Ordering Information

SIM970   4-channel digital voltmeter