# **DUALCON-3**

#### **MAINS POWERED**

# ISOLATING SIGNAL CONVERTER



#### **CAUTION:**

This equipment is designed for connection to mains voltages and must be used in accordance with this guide. If it is not, the safety protection provided by the equipment may be impaired.



This equipment relies on double / reinforced insulation for safety and does not require a protective earth.

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#### 1. INTRODUCTION

#### 1.1 Hardware Features

The DUALCON-3 is a universal input Isolating Signal Converter. It can accept virtually every type of analogue input signal from millivolts to 40Vdc, mA, thermocouples, RTD's etc. It also produces 3 types of analogue output; voltage, mA source, or mA sink on either of 2 analogue outputs. The unit can be powered by any AC voltage between 90 and 264Vac at 50 or 60Hz. For DC voltage the DUALCON-6 is available which can be powered from any supply from 16 to 36Vdc or 18 to 32Vac.

The instrument is packaged in a very compact 17.5mm wide enclosure which can be mounted on standard TS35 DIN-rail.

#### 1.1.1 Isolation Details

The DUALCON-3 has full 3 port isolation of 1000V between the Input Stage, Output Stage 1, Output Stage 2 and Power Supply. The process input and output are double insulated internally from the power supply for <u>safety</u> reasons. Additionally the process input and output are isolated from each other for functional reasons.

#### 2. UNPACKING

The instrument should be carefully inspected for signs of damage which may have occurred in transit. In the unlikely case that damage has been sustained, DO NOT use the instrument, as the safety insulation may have been compromised, but please retain all packaging for our inspection and contact your supplier immediately.

The instrument comes with the following items as standard:

- 1 Dualcon-3 Isolating Signal Converter
- 1 Dualcon-3 User Guide

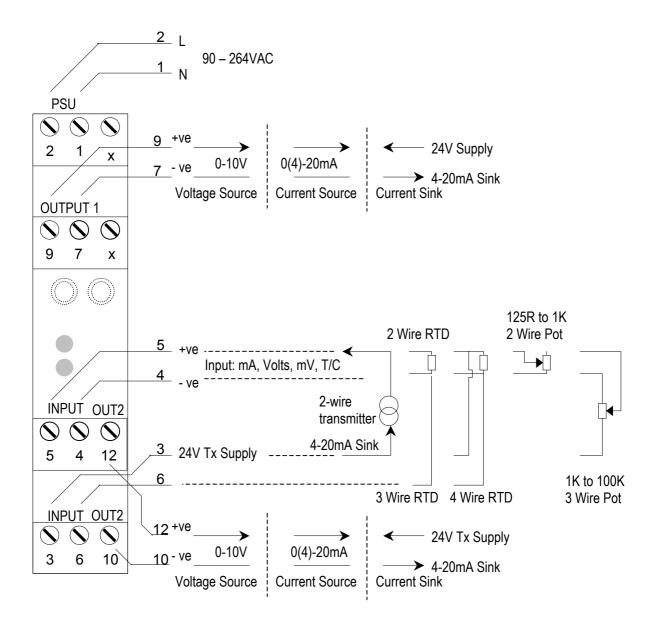
If the instrument has been factory configured the input and output details will be listed on the Serial number label on the side of the unit. If this label is blank then the unit will be set to its default configuration which is 4-20mA input and 2, 4-20mA source outputs. Please check that the details on the side label are correct, especially the power supply voltage and frequency.

If re-configuration is required please refer to Section 4 of this manual.

#### 3. CONNECTIONS

The DUALCON is housed in a compact DIN rail mounting enclosure, with 12 terminals, arranged in 4 rows of 3 terminals. Two rows are at the top of the front panel and 2 rows are at the bottom. All the sensor input terminals are on the bottom rows together with the second analogue output, and the power supply and first analogue output are on the top terminals.

The diagram below shows how to connect all the different input, output and power supply types.



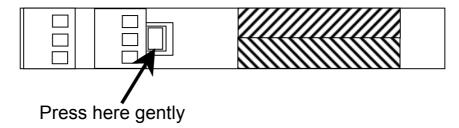
#### 4. CONFIGURING THE DUALCON



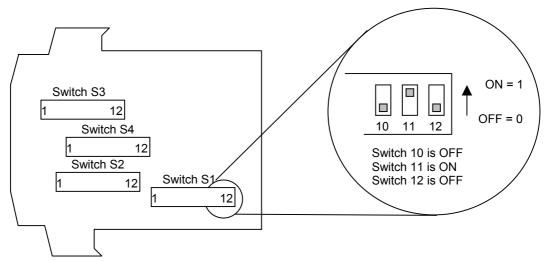
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The DUALCON is an extremely versatile device which can support many different types of input. The unit is configured by turning the power off, selecting the internal switch settings required and turning the power back on.

To open the DUALCON, 2 catches just below the outer terminal blocks must be pushed in gently, one at a time. The front of the case can then be pulled and the unit will come out of the box.



There are 4 switch banks, S1, S2, S3 and S4, located inside the DUALCON as shown below:



Switch S1 and S2 configure the input type and range, and switch S3 and S4 configure the output types, ranges and a few additional functions. The switch settings are explained in the next few pages. The diagrams refer to switch positions 0 and 1, with 0 being OFF and 1 being ON. This is illustrated in the picture above.

# 4.1.1 Voltage Input:

Select the range from the table below and set Switch S1 to the required values.

Voltage		Switch S1												
Range														
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12		
0-1V	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0		
0-2V	0	0	0	1				<del>\</del>				0		
0-4V	0	0	1	0								0		
0-5V	0	1	0	0								0		
0-7.5V	1	0	0	0								0		
0-8V	0	0	1	1								0		
0-10V	0	1	0	1								0		
0-15V	1	0	0	1								0		
0-20V	0	1	1	0								0		
0-30V	1	0	1	0								0		
0-40V	0	1	1	1								0		
1-5V	0	1	0	0								1		
-5 to +5V	1	1	0	0				$\downarrow$				1		
-10 to +10V	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0		

Then select the required setting from the table below for switch S2

					(	Swite	ch S	2				
Voltage Range	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
0-30V & 0-40V Ranges	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
All other Ranges Listed Above	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0



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# 4.1.2 Current Input

Select the range from the table below and set Switch S1 to the required values.

		Switch S1											
mA Rang	е												
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
0-1mA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	
0-2mA	0	0	0	1	)			<del></del>			_	0	
0-4mA	0	0	1	0								0	
0-5mA	0	1	0	0								0	
0-8mA	0	0	1	1								0	
0-10mA	0	1	0	1								0	
0-15mA	1	0	0	1								0	
0-20mA	0	1	1	0								0	
0-30mA	1	0	1	0								0	
4-20mA	0	1	1	0								1	
4-40mA	0	1	1	1								1	
4-30mA	1	0	1	0								1	
-5 to +5mA	1	1	0	0				lacktriangle				1	
-10 to +10mA	. 1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	

Then select the required setting from the table below for switch S2

		Switch S2												
mA Range														
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12		
Using Internal 24V														
Tx Supply for														
4 to 20mA	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0		
Unipolar Ranges														
(e.g. 0-20mA,														
4-20mA)	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0		
,														
Bipolar Ranges														
(e.g.														
-10 to +10mA)	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0		



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Please note that PC Software is available to provide information on switch settings for your input and output requirements.

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# 4.1.3 Millivolt (mV) Input

Select the range from the table below and set Switch S1 to the required values.

		Switch S1											
mV Range													
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
0-25mV	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	
0-50mV	0	0	0	1								_	
0-100mV	0	0	1	0									
0-125mV	0	1	0	0									
0-150mV	1	0	0	0									
0-200mV	0	0	1	1									
0-250mV	0	1	0	1									
0-300mV	1	0	0	1									
0-500mV	0	1	1	0									
0-600mV	1	0	1	0									
0-1000mV	0	1	1	1									
0-1200mV	1	0	1	1									
-125 to +125mV	1	1	0	0				1	7				
-125 to +1000mV	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	

And then select the required setting from the table below for switch S2

		Switch S2													
mV Range															
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12			
All Unipolar Ranges (e.g. 0-500mV)	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0			
Bipolar Ranges (e.g.	0	4	0	0	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	•			
-125 to +125mV)	U	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	U	0			



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# **4.1.4 Potentiometer Input**

Select the range from the table below and set Switch S1 to the required values.

Potentiometer		Switch S1											
Input													
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
2 Wire 0-125R	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	
2 Wire 0-250R	0	0	0	1									
2 Wire 0-500R	0	0	1	0									
2 Wire 0-625R	0	1	0	0									
2 Wire 0-750R	1	0	0	0				1	7				
2 Wire 0-1K	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	
3 Wire from 0-1K to 0-100K	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	

Then select the required setting from the table below for switch S2

Potentiometer Input		Switch S2												
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12		
2 Wire Potentiometer	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1		
3 Wire Potentiometer	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0		



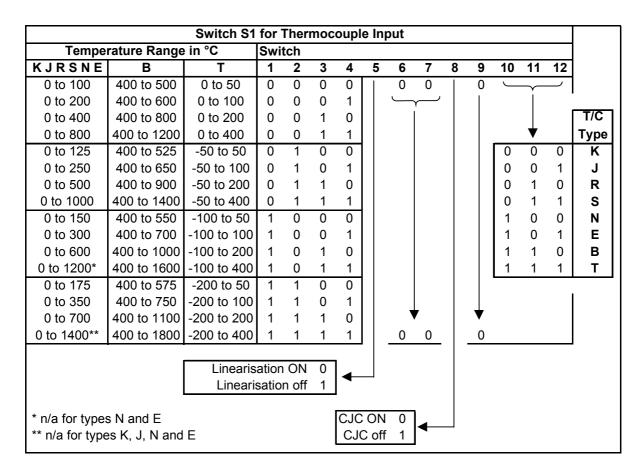
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# 4.1.5 Thermocouple Input

Select the range from the table below and set Switch S1 to the required values.



Then select the required setting from the table below for switch S2

					Ç	Swite	ch S	2							
Thermocouple															
	1	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12													
All Ranges	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0			



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# **4.1.6 RTD Input**

Select the range from the table below and set Switch S1 to the required values.

Range in °C						Swite	ch S1	1				
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
0 to 100	0	0	0	0		0	0		1	0	0	П
0 to 200	0	0	0	1		$\overline{}$				$\overline{}$		
0 to 400	0	0	1	0								
0 to 800	0	0	1	1								
-50 to 50	0	1	0	0								
-50 to 150	0	1	0	1								
-50 to 250	0	1	1	0								
-50 to 350	0	1	1	1								
-100 to 50	1	0	0	0								
-100 to 100	1	0	0	1								
-100 to 200	1	0	1	0								
-100 to 400	1	0	1	1								
-200 to 200	1	1	0	0								
-200 to 400	1	1	0	1								
-200 to 600	1	1	1	0		4	7			•		
-200 to 800	1	1	1	1		_0	0		1	0	0	
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And then select the required setting from the table below for switch S2

RTD					,	Swite	ch S	2				
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
2 Wire RTD	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
3 Wire RTD	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
4 Wire RTD	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0



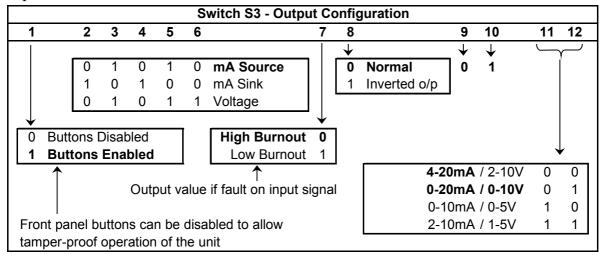
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### 4.1.7 Output Configuration

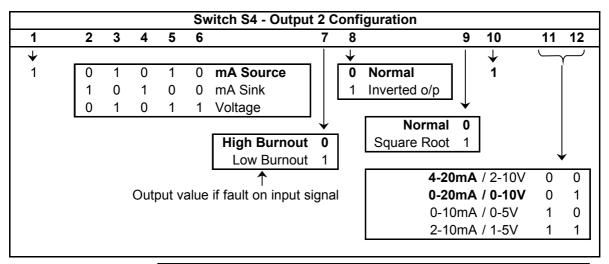
Select the range for Output 1 from the table below and set Switch S3 to the required values.



#### Examples:

Switch S3 Examples												
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
4-20mA Source	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0-20mA Source	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
0-10V	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
4-20mA Sink	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Repeat the process for Output 2 using the table below for switch S4:





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#### 5. CALIBRATING THE DUALCON

When the unit is shipped the DUALCON will be calibrated for the input and output types and ranges noted on the side label. If this label is blank then the unit will be calibrated for 4-20mA input and 2 x 4-20mA source outputs. If the unit is re-ranged by the user it is necessary to re-calibrate the unit to obtain the maximum accuracy. The calibration is achieved by using both switches on the front panel to select the zero or span adjust mode and then using the switches as raise/lower buttons to adjust the output to the value required.

The mode the unit is in is indicated by the colour of the LED's for both channels:

Green - Normal Operation

Red - Span Adjust Yellow - Zero Adjust

Setting of the zero and span points is non-interactive, so each point need only be set once. A typical calibration sequence would be as follows:

LED CH1	LED CH2	Mode	Action			
			Apply full scale input.			
Green	Green	Normal	Press and release both buttons together to			
			enter output 1 span mode			
		Output 1	Press raise / lower buttons to adjust			
RED	Green	Span	output 1 value. Press and release both			
		Adjust	buttons together to return to normal mode			
			Apply zero scale input			
Green	Green	Normal	Press and release both buttons together to			
			enter output 1 zero mode			
		Output 1	Press raise / lower buttons to adjust			
YELLOW	Green	Zero	output value. Press and release both			
		Adjust	buttons together to return to normal mode			
			Apply full scale input.			
Green	Green	Normal	Press and release both buttons together to			
			enter output 2 span mode			
		Output 2	Press raise / lower buttons to adjust			
Green	RED	Span	output 2 value. Press and release both			
		Adjust	buttons together to return to normal mode			
			Apply zero scale input			
Green	Green	Normal	Press and release both buttons together to			
			enter output 2 zero mode			
		Output 2	Press raise / lower buttons to adjust			
Green	YELLOW	Zero	output 2 value. Press and release both			
		Adjust	buttons together to return to normal mode			
Green	Green	Normal	Use product			

The unit is now calibrated and ready for use.

Note: The unit will retain the new settings on power down.

When the unit is used to convert a thermocouple input it is important when calibrating to ensure that the thermocouple simulator employed is switched to automatic cold junction compensation and is at the same ambient temperature as the DUALCON. Note that this is not always easy to achieve, especially if the DUALCON is mounted in a warm cabinet. An altenative method is to use an icepoint reference and a mV source.

#### 6. INSTALLATION

The DUALCON's input and output circuits are classed as Separated Extra Low Voltage (SELV). This means that they must not be externally connected to voltages exceeding 30V ac or 60V dc, nor do they generate voltages above these limits internally. Where a higher voltage input is required a specially designed DIVIDER unit can be used to condition the input signal prior to connection to the process input terminals.

The DUALCON unit clips directly onto 'Top Hat' (TS35) symmetrical DIN rail. Ideally, mounting orientation should be vertical, with the power supply situated on the top face to minimise temperature rise. Good airflow around the unit will maximise reliability of the instrument.

The use of bootlace ferrules is recommended on wiring terminations. Do not exceed terminal torque rating of 0.4 Nm – use an appropriate screwdriver. The unit can be removed from the DIN rail by sliding a small screwdriver into the slot at the rear of the enclosure on the lower face and gently levering the metal clip, whilst lifting the unit from the rail.

Although the unit is protected by a non-resettable internal fuse, it is essential that the following provisions are made in the installation:

An anti-surge fuse with a voltage rating of 250V ac and a breaking capacity of 35A at 250V ac shall be wired in series with the supply live conductor (terminal 2). For 230V supplies T63mA should be used and for 115V supplies T125mA should be used. An appropriately marked or labelled switch or circuit breaker meeting the requirements of IEC947-1 and IEC947-3 shall be included in the supply installation in close proximity to the equipment, within easy reach of the operator. The supply neutral (terminal 1) should be connected to the mains supply neutral.

#### 7. TROUBLESHOOTING

The DUALCON has some built in self diagnostic functions. If the LED's on the front panel are flashing then the fault mode can be found by counting the number of flashes between gaps and using the table below to locate the problem.

**NOTE:** Even if the LED is not lit, <u>mains voltages</u> could still be present – ALWAYS isolate the mains supply before removing or examining the unit.

No of	Nature of Fault	Corrective Action				
Flashes						
0	Unit working – no suspected	Check wiring and switch				
(Green On)	fault	settings				
2,3,4,5,6,8,9,	Hardware error, extreme	Switch off unit, check switch				
10,11,12	noise, poor supply	settings, and wiring, and retry.				
Green		If still faulty please contact				
		supplier				
7 Green	RTD / Thermocouple	Repair RTD, T/C or wiring				
	burnout					
3 or 4 Red	Span point is too close to	Change input span value and				
	zero point	retry				
3 or 4	Zero point is too close to	Change input zero value and				
Yellow	span point	retry				
No LED	Power Failure	Check supply lines and voltage				

# 7.1 Incorrect Reading

- Check that Unit is configured for the correct Sensor
- Check that Input Scaling is as required.
- Check that Linearisation has not been set incorrectly.
- Check that Thermocouples have correct compensation cables, and polarity.
- Check that RTD is set for correct option 2, 3 or 4 Wire.
- Check that RTD leads are connected to appropriate terminal pins.

#### 7.2 Sensor Failure

- Check that sensor wiring is correct.
- Check Thermocouple polarity.
- Check that all RTD leads are connected to correct terminals.
- Check that the DUALCON is configured for correct sensor.
- Check that applied voltage is not out of range.
- Check that applied current is not out of range.
- Check that applied millivoltage is not out of range.

# 8. SPECIFICATIONS ( @ 25°C)

Operating Temperature 0 to 55 °C (Storage: -40 to +100°C)

Operating Altitude Sea Level to 2000m

Humidity 0-90% RH

Power Requirements AC Supply 90 to 264Vac 50 or 60Hz

VA Rating  $2.6\text{VA} \pm 10\% \text{ typ } (20\text{mA in } \& \text{ out})$ 

 $4.7VA \pm 10\%$  (maximum load)

Transmitter Power Supply 21V to 28V @ up to 24mA

Dependant on supply voltage and load

Calibration accuracy  $\pm 0.05\%$  full scale Linearity  $\pm 0.05\%$  full scale

Temperature Stability 50ppm / °C

Input Impedance:

Current Input 15 ohms Voltage Input 1 Mohm

Millivolt Input Greater Than 10 Mohm

Thermocouple Burn Out Current: 500nA Nominal

Cold junction compensation accuracy  $\pm 0.5$ °C over operating range

Maximum Voltage Output 11.5 V into a minimum of 7Kohm

Maximum Current Output 23.0 mA into a maximum of

1Kohm

Time Response (90% of step change):  $50 \text{ms} \pm 10 \text{ms}$ 

Unit has full 3 port Isolation to 1kV between Power Supply, Input and Outputs. The unit can also withstand transients of 2.5kV for 50 µsecs.

Dimensions 114.5 mm x 99mm x 17.5mm (H x D x W)

Mounting DIN Rail TS35

Connections Screw Clamp with pressure plate

Conductor Size 0.5 to 4.0 mm

Insulation Stripping 12 mm
Maximum Terminal Torque 0.4 Nm

Weight Approx. 115g
EMC Emissions EN50081-2:1993
EMC Immunity EN61000-6-2:1999

EMC, Voltage Fluctuations EN61000-3-2:1995 CLASS A,

EN61000-3-3:1995

LVD Standards EN61010-1:1993

Installation Category (IEC 664) II Pollution Degree (EN61010-1:1993) 2 Equipment Class (IEC 536) II