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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 CONTACT

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1.2 COMPLIANT USE

Vitals is an aid only and should not be used as the sole method of decision making. Vitals will not protect the systems that it is monitoring. Vitals utilizes digital and analog data and electronic information from the various marine electronic instruments or sensors on-board the vessel. This device is only intended for use by persons trained in operating marine systems and only as an operational aid.

The installer shall:

- Only use non-defective products.
- Check the safety of operation and the condition of the device before each use.
- Verify that the product is operational at all times and keep it in good working conditions.

Only Kobelt Manufacturing Co. Ltd. Authorized Dealers or Authorized Technicians are to repair Vitals.

1.3 COPYRIGHTS & TRADEMARKS




All product names, logos and brands are property of their respective owners. All company, product and service names used in this manual are for identification purposes only. Use of these names, logos, and brands does not imply endorsement.

2 SAFETY

Throughout this manual, the following symbols are used to alert the installer to special instructions concerning a service or operation that may be hazardous if performed incorrectly or carelessly. The associated risk levels are

2.1 SAFETY ALERTS

Throughout this manual, the following symbols, and their accompanying explanation, are used to alert the user to special instructions concerning a service or operation that may be hazardous if performed incorrectly or carelessly. The associated risk levels are stated below.

| | |
|--|---|
|  DANGER | This symbol indicates an imminently hazardous situation which, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury. |
|  WARNING | This symbol indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury. |
|  CAUTION | This symbol indicates a hazardous situation, which if not avoided, could result in minor or moderate injury. |
| NOTICE | This symbol informs the reader of events not related to personal injury but which there is a risk of damage to property or equipment. |
| SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS | This symbol informs the reader of safety-related instructions or procedures. |

2.2 NOTICE TO INSTALLER

Disregarding the following safety measures can result in an accident causing severe injury to personnel and damage to material assets.

- Only use the product as directed in this manual.
- Never put the product into service if there is evidence of visible damage.
- Never put the product into service before fully completing installation and commissioning.
- Do not carry out any modifications to the product.
- Only use authentic Kobelt spare parts.
- Observe all local regulations, directives and laws during the installation of this product.
- All installation, commissioning, and maintenance work must only be conducted by qualified personnel. (For the purpose of this manual, qualified personnel are persons who are familiar with the assembly, installation, commissioning, and operation of the product and who have the qualifications necessary for their occupation.)
- Observe all specifications in this manual. If these guidelines are not followed and damage occurs, the warranty will be voided.

2.3 PRODUCT HAZARDS



WARNING

Disconnect Power: Turn off power at distribution panel before beginning installation to protect installer from electrical hazards.



CAUTION

Voltage and Current Compatibility: Confirm that the power source is compatible with the maximum voltage and current ratings of is product variant. Failure to do so could result in damage or fire.

3 ABOUT THE DIGITAL INPUT EXPANSION MODULE

3.1 PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

The Digital Input Expansion Module allows the user to connector up to twelve (12) additional digital inputs. The inputs are separated into three banks to allow inputs with different references.

3.2 INTENDED USE

Vitals is designed to aid the installer to quickly identify possible issues and malfunctions of systems on the vessel, thus help the installer make a timely decision to protect equipment from sudden failure.

3.3 TECHNICAL DATA

Table 1: Digital Input Expansion Module Technical Data

| Electrical | |
|--|---|
| Operating Voltage | 12 VDC and 24 VDC Nominal |
| Operating Current | Less than 50 mA (1 LEN) |
| Short Circuit Protection | Yes. |
| Reverse Battery Protection | Yes. Indefinite. |
| Voltage Surge Protection | Yes. |
| Interfaces | NMEA 2000 |
| Connectors | 1x NMEA 2000 M12 3x Digital Input Banks (4 Channels per Bank) |
| Digital Input Limits | 0 – 32VDC |
| Digital Switching Levels | 12 VDC, 24 VDC |
| Mechanical | |
| Physical Dimensions (L x W x H) | 126 mm x 50 mm x 35 mm [5.0" x 2.0" x 1.4"] |
| Mounting Dimensions (L x W) | 113.4 mm x 31.8 mm [4.465" x 1.252"] 4.5 mm [0.17"] Thru-Holes |
| Product Weight | 0.1 kg [0.22 lbs] |
| Enclosure Material | Plastic, Polycarbonate |
| Shipping Dimensions (L x W x H) | 216 mm x 140 mm [8.5" x 5.5"] |
| Shipping Weight | 0.2 kg [0.44 lbs] |
| Environmental | |
| Operating Temperature | -20°C to 55°C [-4°F to 131°F] |
| Storage Temperature | -30°C to 70°C [-22°F to 158°F] |
| Operating Humidity | 95% Non-condensing |
| Storage Humidity | 75% Non-condensing |
| Ingress Protection | IP40 |
| Certifications | |
| Certifications | NMEA 2000 (Pending) |

4 UNPACKING THE PRODUCT

When unpacking the box containing the Digital Input Expansion Module, the box should include the following additional items:

- 1x Digital Input Expansion Module
- 1x Quick Start Guide

If any of these items are missing or damaged, please contact Kobelt to arrange replacements.

5 MECHANICAL INSTALLATION

5.1 CHOOSING THE INSTALLATION LOCATION

The installer should consider the following parameters when choosing a mounting location:

1. The Module should be protected from direct water exposure.
2. The Module should be mounted near the digital signals to be measured.
3. The Module should be mounted away from any AC cabling or power sources.
4. The Module should be mounted away from any large sources of Electromagnet Interference (EMI).
5. Wiring between the Module and digital signals should not run parallel to high voltage or high current carrying wires or cables.

5.2 MOUNTING THE PRODUCT

Securing the Digital Input Expansion Module is a crucial step in the installation process. This ensures safety to the product while providing ease of access to the installer.

There are two steps to securing the Digital Input Expansion Module:

1. Ensure that there is enough room to accommodate the depth of the product and the attached cables. Note, the NMEA 2000 connection exits from the top of the unit and requires a substantial bend radius for the cable.
2. Use recommended M4 or #8-32 screws to secure it into place at each side. Do not over-tighten the screws as it can lead to damaging the enclosure.

5.3 3D MODEL REFERENCE

A 3D Model of the unit is available on the Kobelt product page for download (<http://www.kobelt.com/products/6700-0310/>).

6 CONNECTING THE ELECTRICAL

The Digital Input Expansion Module requires cables to connect all the required instruments to the appropriate connectors on the unit. Cables are supplied separately and are available through a Vitals dealer or local marine installer.

6.1 ELECTRICAL CONNECTORS

Connectors are indicated as ① to ④. Connection to ④ is required for basic operation. All other connections are optional and based on the users' specific installation needs.

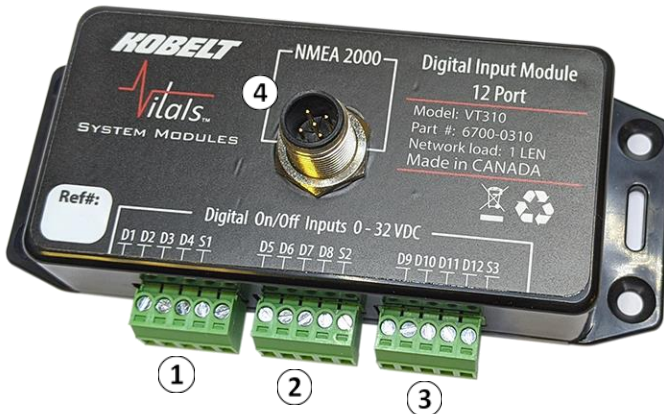


Figure 1: Digital Input Expansion Module Connector Layout

Table 1: Digital Input Expansion Module Connectors

| No. | Connector Name |
|-----|---------------------------------|
| 1 | Digital Input Bank #1 Connector |
| 2 | Digital Input Bank #2 Connector |
| 3 | Digital Input Bank #3 Connector |
| 4 | NMEA 2000 M12 Connector |

6.1.1 Digital Input Bank #1 Connector

The Digital Inputs #1-4 Connector allows the connection of up to four (4) digital signals and the signal reference.

Table 2: Digital Input Bank #1 Connector

| 1 Digital Input Bank #1 Connector | | | |
|--|----------------|-----------|---------------------------------|
| Pin # | Pin Designator | Pin Type | Function |
| 1 | D1 | Input | Digital input #1 |
| 2 | D2 | Input | Digital input #2 |
| 3 | D3 | Input | Digital input #3 |
| 4 | D4 | Input | Digital input #4 |
| 5 | S1 | Reference | External Reference for D1 to D4 |

6.1.2 Digital Input Bank #2 Connector

The Digital Input Bank #2 Connector allows the connection of up to four (4) digital signals and the signal reference.

Table 3: Digital Input Bank #2 Connector

| 2 Digital Input Bank #2 Connector | | | |
|--|----------------|-----------|---------------------------------|
| Pin # | Pin Designator | Pin Type | Function |
| 1 | D5 | Input | Digital input #5 |
| 2 | D6 | Input | Digital input #6 |
| 3 | D7 | Input | Digital input #7 |
| 4 | D8 | Input | Digital input #8 |
| 5 | S2 | Reference | External Reference for D5 to D8 |

6.1.3 Digital Input Bank #3 Connector

The Digital Input Bank #3 Connector allows the connection of up to four (4) digital signals and the signal reference.

Table 4: Digital Input Bank #3 Connector

| 3 Digital Input Bank #3 Connector | | | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|-----------|----------------------------------|
| Pin # | Pin Designator | Pin Type | Function |
| 1 | D9 | Input | Digital input #9 |
| 2 | D10 | Input | Digital input #10 |
| 3 | D11 | Input | Digital input #11 |
| 4 | D12 | Input | Digital input #12 |
| 5 | S3 | Reference | External Reference for D9 to D12 |

6.1.4 NMEA 2000 M12 Connector

The NMEA 2000 M12 Connector is used to directly connect to standard NMEA 2000 networks based on circular connector cabling standards. The connector has the following pin-out.

Table 5: NMEA 2000 M12 Connector

| 4 NMEA 2000 M12 Connector | | | |
|---------------------------|----------------|----------|---------------------------------|
| Pin # | Pin Designator | Pin Type | Function |
| 1 | SHIELD | Power | NMEA 2000 Shield Pin |
| 2 | NET-S | Power | NMEA 2000 Power Supply Positive |
| 3 | NET-C | Power | NMEA 2000 Power Supply Ground |
| 4 | NET-H | Comms | NMEA 2000 CAN High Signal |
| 5 | NET-L | Comms | NMEA 2000 CAN Low Signal |

6.2 CONNECTING THE DIGITAL INPUTS

The digital inputs can be configured to be triggered either by connecting the input to positive voltage, referred to as “Active High”, or by connecting to ground, referred to as “Active Low”. The digital inputs on Vitals are configured from the factory as “Active High” and it will trigger by positive DC voltage between 5 VDC and 30 VDC. This is the most common use as majority of the switches on the boat interrupt the battery power to the load.

The reference signal can be set using terminals **S1**, **S2**, and **S3**.

- Terminal **S1** controls the reference for **D1-D4**.
- Terminal **S2** controls the reference for **D5-D8**.
- Terminal **S3** controls the reference for **D9-D12**.

If set to VDC (HIGH), digital inputs need to short to GND (LOW).

If set to GND (LOW), then switches need to go to VDC (HIGH).

NOTICE

When connecting **S1**, **S2** or **S3** to VDC as reference. An appropriate fuse protection (1A or less) is required to protect the wire and source. Protection fuse should be within 12" of the power source.

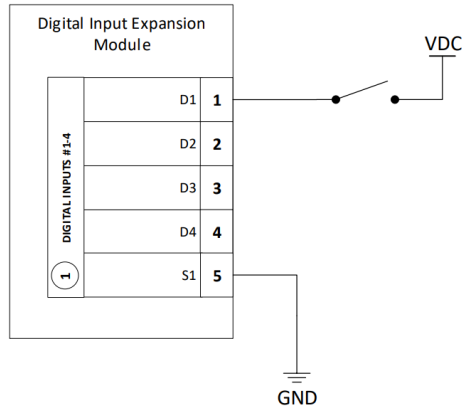


Figure 2: Terminal S1 Set to GND Configuration.

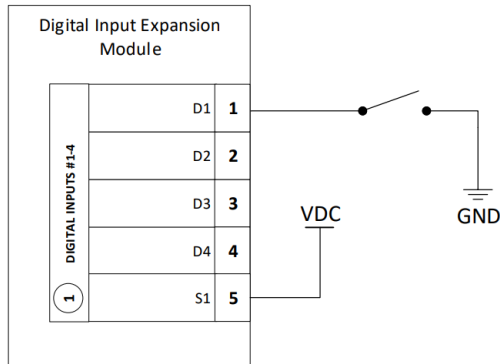


Figure 3: Terminal S1 Set to VDC Configuration.

6.3 CABLING RECOMMENDATIONS

If the ground connection is shared throughout the vessel, including the ground to Vitals, all that is needed to activate a digital input is to connect it on the load side of the switch for the device being monitored. Make sure that the reference terminals, **S1**, **S2**, or **S3** are connected to the appropriate reference.

Consider grounding during installation. Ensure that there are no large ground loops. Follow recommended wiring practices and standards as per relevant local codes.

6.4 APPLICATION EXAMPLES

6.4.1 Connecting to a bilge pump switch

The following diagram shows an example where a bilge pump is monitored by Vitals, through the Digital Input Expansion Module. In this example, the vessel has a secondary battery for the bilge pump, an automatic float switch, and a manual bilge toggle. In this configuration, the bilge pump is triggered either by the manual switch or, when switched in auto mode, by the float switch. This causes the bilge pump to turn on and activates the digital input on the Digital Input Expansion Module. When using another power source, the grounds must be connected.

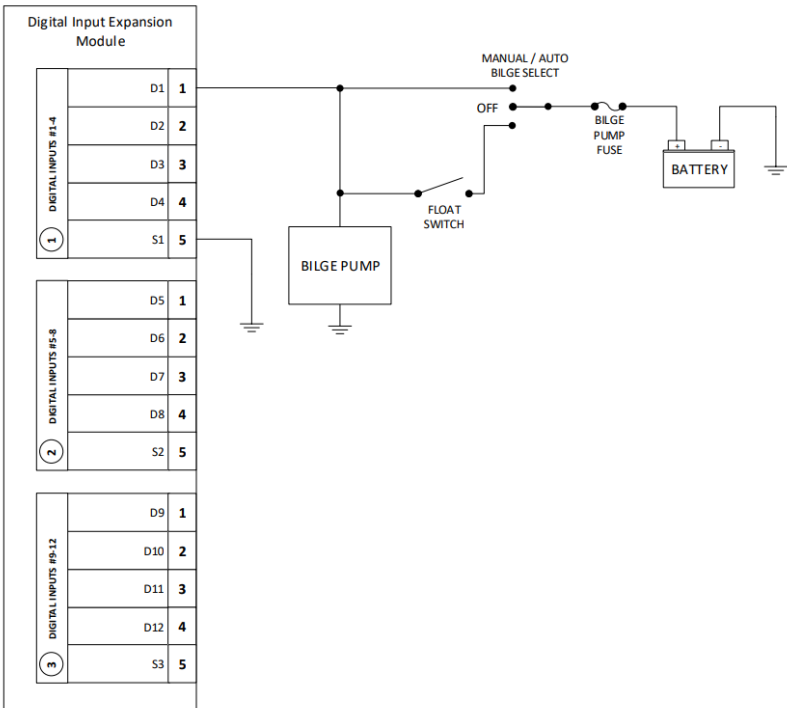


Figure 4: Connecting single wire digital input to bilge pump arrangement

7 CONFIGURATION & OPERATION

Once installed onto a properly configured NMEA 2000 network and power has been connected to the Digital Input Expansion Module it will begin to transmit sensor messages on the network.

Further instructions are found in the Vitals Owner's Operation Manual for configuration of sensor values on your Vitals Display Panel. Manual available on the Kobelco product page for download (<http://www.kobelco.com/products/vitals/>).

8 TROUBLESHOOTING

If you encounter problems with the operation of your product, please refer to the troubleshooting suggestions before contacting Kobelt for assistance. If the steps below do not resolve your issue, please reach out either Kobelt directly or our Dealers in your area.

Table 6: Common Solutions

| Problem (Issue encountered) | Cause (What it means) | Corrective Action (What to do) |
|--|----------------------------------|---|
| Module not responding | Module power not supplied | 1. Check that NMEA 2000 cable is providing power to module. |

9 WARRANTY

Kobelt Manufacturing Co. Ltd. (“Kobelt”) warrants the Products and Parts manufactured by Kobelt to be free from defects in workmanship or material and that said products are designed mechanically and functionally to perform to specifications.

This warranty is effective providing:

- The equipment is used within the intended operating conditions and in accordance with Kobelt recommendations
- The equipment is installed according to equipment diagrams, specifications and recommendations which Kobelt has provided

This warranty becomes invalid if the factory supplied serial number has been removed or altered on the product. This warranty does not cover cosmetic damage or damage caused by an act of God, accident, misuse, abuse, negligence or modification of any part of the product. This warranty does not cover damage due to improper operation or maintenance, connection to inappropriate equipment or attempted repair by anyone other than an authorized Kobelt representative.

Upon identification of a potential issue or defect with a Kobelt Product or Part, the Warranty Applicant (“Applicant”) must immediately contact Kobelt and describe the issue in writing, by letter, fax, email or other electronic conveyance. Kobelt will then assess the cause of the defect and determine warranty applicability and appropriate remediation.

If any part is found to be defective, Kobelt will replace said part FOB the Kobelt factory provided that any such defective part is returned by the Buyer with freight and applicable forwarding charges prepaid by the Buyer. Kobelt’s sole obligation to the Applicant will be to repair or replace the defective part with same or similar product, to a maximum value of the list price of the product or part. The Kobelt warranty does not cover labour charges, travel or any other associated expenses.

All Products and Parts manufactured by Kobelt, are subject to a warranty against manufacturer’s defects in materials or workmanship for a period of two (2) years from the date of purchase.

Kobelt will be responsible for all Products or Parts sold by Kobelt but manufactured by 3rd party manufacturing companies. However, these products and parts are subject to applicable 3rd party warranties and may not be the same as the Kobelt warranty.

10 APPENDIX A: NMEA 2000 PGN LIST

The following NMEA 2000 Program Group Numbers (PGN) are transmitted by this unit.

- 127501 // Binary Switch Bank Status

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