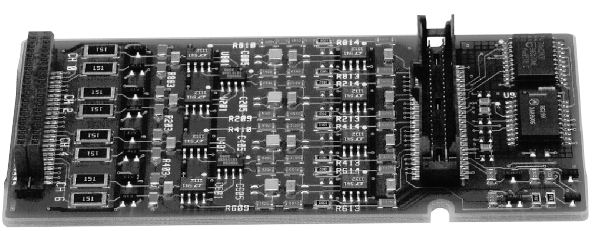
Agilent E1508A
8-Channel x16 Gain & 7 Hz Fixed Filter SCP

Data Sheet

- **Use with Agilent E1413C/E1415A/E1419A**
- **x16 amplifier and fixed 7 Hz filter**
- **± 1 V maximum input with over-voltage protection**
- **Open transducer detection**



Agilent E1508A

Description

The Agilent E1508A 8-Channel x16 Gain & 7 Hz Fixed Filter SCP provides eight fixed, 2-pole, low-pass filters with a 3 dB cutoff frequency of 7 Hz and eight amplifiers with a gain of 16. It also provides input over-voltage protection and open transducer detection on each channel.

Use the E1508A with the following VXI modules:

Model	Description
E1413C	64-Channel Scanning A/D Converter
E1415A	Algorithmic Closed Loop Controller
E1419A	Multifunction Measurement and Control Module

Refer to the Agilent Technologies Website for recent product updates, if applicable.

Voltage Measurements

The E1508A is ideal for measuring signals from sensors with full-scale voltage outputs from 3.9 mV to 1 V. The 2-pole, low-pass filter reduces sensor-based noise in the measurement.

Temperature Measurements

The E1508A can be used to make temperature measurements with thermocouples, thermistors, or RTDs. Temperature measurements with thermistors or RTDs require the E1505A 8-Channel Current Source SCP. Engineering units conversion to degrees C are made at full speed.

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Resistance Measurements

Resistance is measured using the E1505A 8-Channel Current Source SCP with the E1508A SCP. Measurements are made by applying a dc current to the unknown resistance and measuring the voltage drop across the unknown resistance. The current source is provided through the E1505A. The recommended application is as shown here using 4-wire Ω connections. Two-wire Ω measurements are possible but not recommended since two 150 Ω series resistors protecting the input FET multiplexer are included in the measurement.

Strain Measurements

The E1508A can be used to make strain measurements when combined with either the E1506A or 1507A Strain Completion SCPs. Refer to the E1506A/E1507A *Technical Specifications* for more information.

Product Specifications

These specifications for the E1508A reflect the combined performance of the scanning A/D and the E1508A SCP.

Measurement Ranges

DC Volts:	± 3.9 mV to ± 1 V Full Scale
Temperature:	
Thermocouples:	–200 to + 1700 °C
Thermistors: *	–80 to + 160 °C
RTD's: *	–200 to + 850 °C
Resistance: **	8 Ω to 32.7 kΩ
Strain: **	25,000 με or limit of linear range of strain gage

*Requires Agilent E1505A.
**Requires Agilent E1506A/E1507A.

Input Characteristics

Maximum input voltage (normal mode plus common mode):	
Operating:	<± 16 V peak
Damage level:	>± 42 V peak
Maximum common mode voltage:	
Operating:	<± 16 V peak
Damage level:	>± 42 V peak
Input Impedance:	Greater than 100 MΩ differential

Maximum Tare Cal Offset

Maximum tare cal offset depends on A/D range and SCP gain.

A/D Range ±V F. Scale	Maximum Offset
16	0.20009
4	0.05007
1	0.01317
0.25	0.00349
0.0625	0.00112

Measurement Accuracy DC Volts

If autoranging is ON, add ± .02% FS to accuracy specifications.

Fixed Gain x16 Range ±V FS	Linearity % of Reading	Offset Error	Noise 3σ	Noise* 3σ
.0039	0.01%	3.8 μV	3.4 μV	2.9 μV
.0156	0.01%	4.2 μV	4.4 μV	3.8 μV
.0625	0.01%	4.9 μV	7.5 μV	6.3 μV
.256	0.01%	8 μV	28 μV	23 μV
1.0	0.01%	31 μV	113 μV	64 μV

* A/D filter ON (min sample period ≥145 μs: ≤100 Hz scan rate 64 ch).

Temperature Coefficients:

	Temp Range	Tempco
Gain:		15 ppm/°C
Offset:	0-30 °C	0.16 μV/°C
	30-40 °C	0.18 μV/°C
	40-55 °C	0.39 μV/°C

Normal Mode Rejection

10 Hz LP filter:	
10 Hz:	–6 dB
50 Hz:	>–23 dB
60 Hz:	>–25 dB

Common Mode Rejection

0 to 60 Hz:	
Typical:	>–108 dB
Minimum:	>–100 dB

Temperature Measurement Accuracy

The thermocouple graphs following this description include the errors due to measuring the voltage output of the thermocouple, and the algorithm errors due to converting the thermocouple voltage to temperature or the Measurement/ Conversion Error (MCE). To this error the Reference

Junction Measurement Error (RJME) must be added due to measuring the reference junction temperature with an RTD or thermistor (this measurement requires an E1505A). Also, the Isothermal Reference Gradient Errors (IRGE) must be added due to gradients across the isothermal reference. If an external isothermal reference panel is used, consult the manufacturer's specifications. If Agilent terminal blocks are used as the isothermal reference, see the notes below.

Total Temperature Error = $[(MCE)^2 + (RJME)^2 + (IRGE)^2]^{1/2}$

NOTES:

1) When using the Terminal Block as the isothermal reference, add ± 0.6 °C to the thermocouple accuracy specs to account for temperature gradients across the Terminal Block. The ambient temperature of the air surrounding the Terminal Block must be within ± 2 °C of the temperature of the inlet cooling air to the VXI mainframe.

2) When using the Agilent E1586A Rack Mount Terminal Panel as the isothermal reference, add ± 0.2 °C to the thermocouple accuracy specs to account for temperature gradients across the E1586A. The E1586A should be mounted in the bottom part of the rack, below and away from other heat sources, for best performance.

All specifications for the following were measured with the A/D filter off.

The following temperature accuracy graphs include instrument and firmware linearization errors. The linearization algorithm used is based on the ITS-90 transducer curves. Add your transducer accuracy to determine total measurement error.

Conversion Chart

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Opt 012	=	E1502A
Opt 013	=	E1503A
Opt 015	=	E1505A
Opt 016	=	E1506A
Opt 017	=	E1507A
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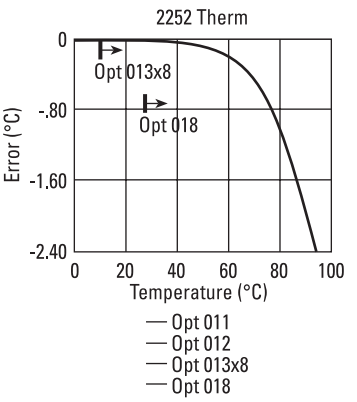

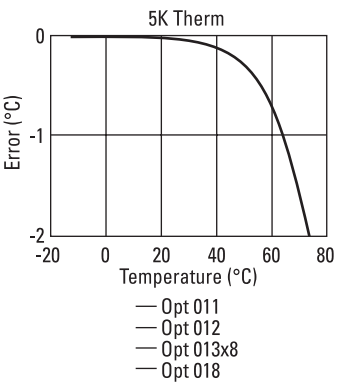

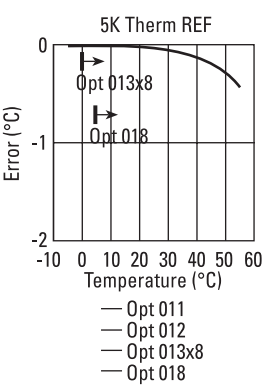

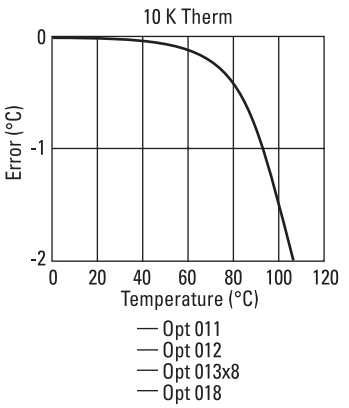
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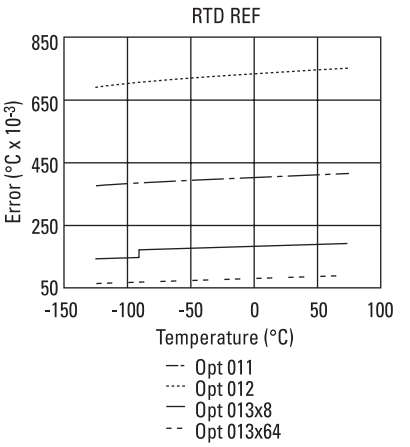
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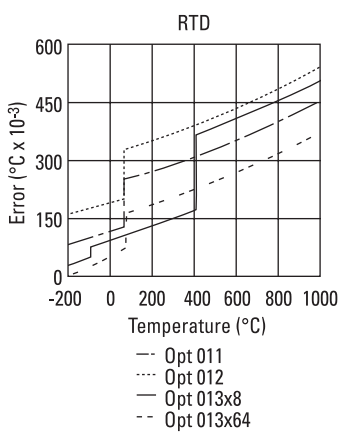
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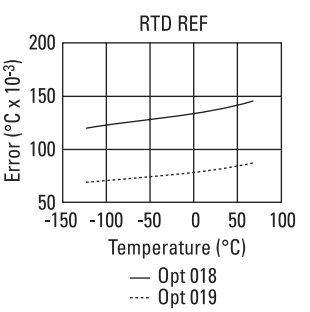
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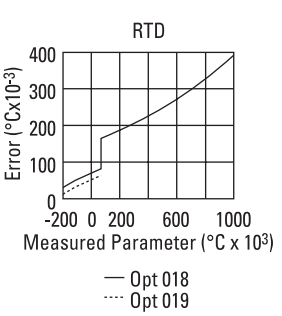
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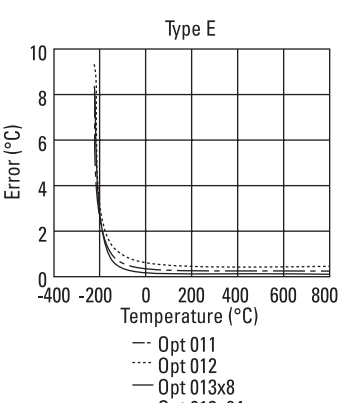
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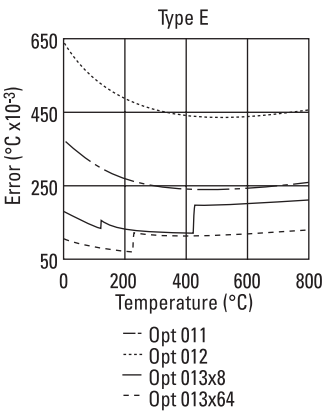
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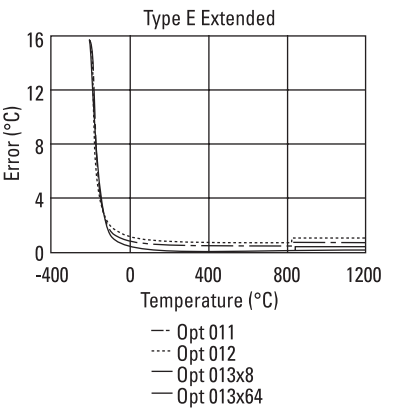
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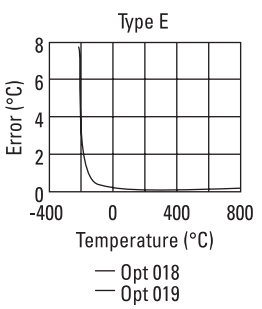
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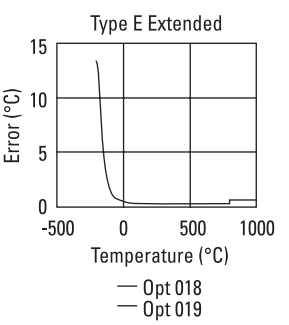
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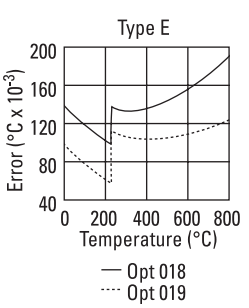
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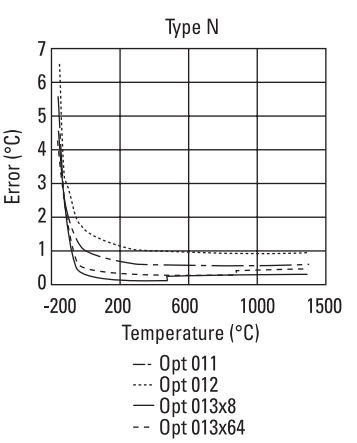
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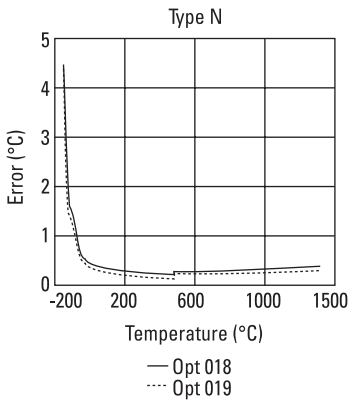
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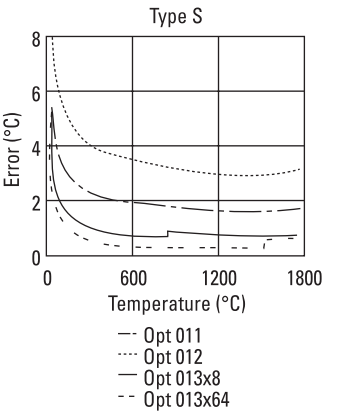
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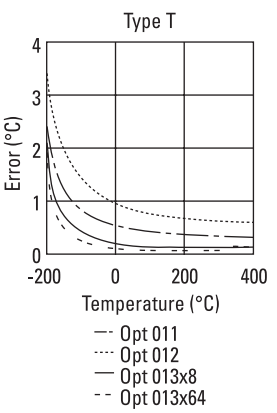
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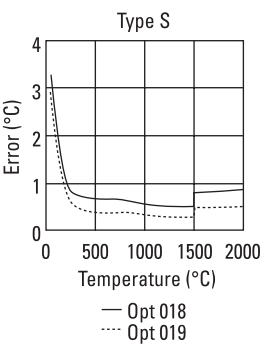
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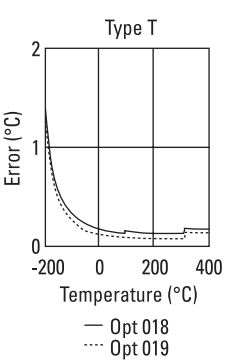
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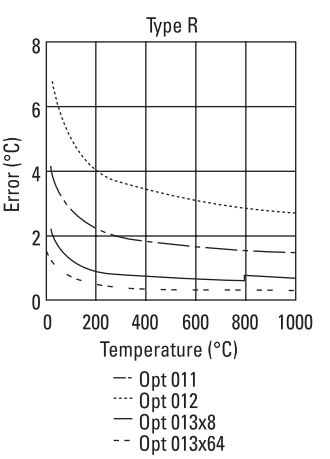
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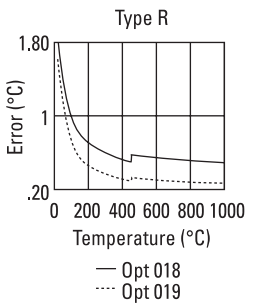

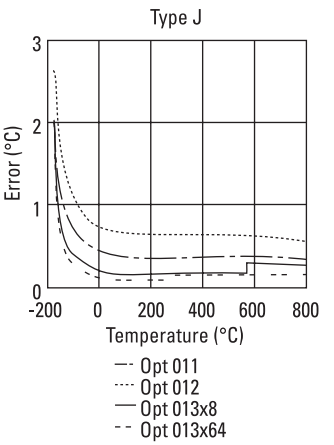

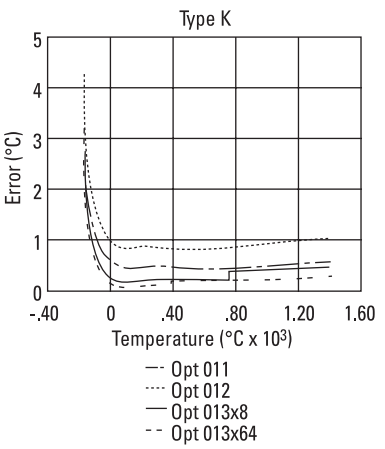

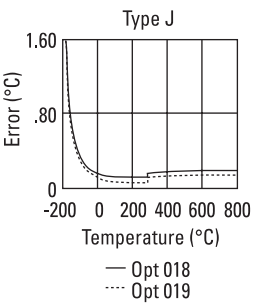

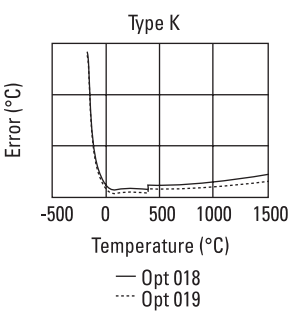

Current Requirements (Amps)

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Ordering Information

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Related Literature

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