

QLS Quad Output 4-20 mA Current Loop Splitter / Retransmitter



Features

- Accepts a 4-20 mA, 1-5V, 0-5V or 0-10V input signal.
- Drives four (4) independent 4-20 mA outputs proportional to input
- Outputs can share a common ground
- Grounds of input and outputs can differ by up to ±10V
- Opening any output loop does not affect the other loops
- ±10% zero and span fine adjustments for each output loop
- Loop current test point for each output, where 200 mV = 20 mA
- Indicator LED for each connected output
- Powered by 85-264 Vac (Model QLS-1) or 10-48 Vdc (Model QLS-2)
- Powers a 2- or 3-wire input transmitter at 24V with up to 30 mA
- 22.5 mm (0.9") wide case snaps to 35 mm DIN rail
- Weighs only 159 g (5.6 oz)





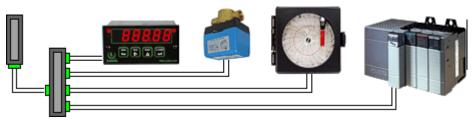


Not so good: A single 4-20 mA loop from a sensor is connector to a panel meter, a control valve, a recorder and a PLC in series. If the loop opens, all devices in the loop fail.

- 1. All devices in the loop cannot share a common ground, but must be electrically floating. This is often not possible.
- When any device in a loop is removed, fails or if a wiring fault occurs, all other devices in the loop loose their 4-20 mA signal.
- The transmitter voltage compliance limit may be exceeded, since the voltage drops across loads in series are additive.
- The 4-20 mA signal to each load device cannot be individually adjusted for calibration purposes.

The QLS Loop Splitter / Retransmitter Solution

Problems with Current Loop Loads in Series



Much better: Four independent 4-20 mA loops with ±10V common mode isolation. If any of the output loops opens, only a single device is affected. The output loops can share a common ground.

- Up to four (4) independently adjustable 4-20 mA outputs are generated from a single input, which can be 4-20 mA, 1-5V, 0-5V or 0-10V, as selected by jumpers.
- If any device in an output loop is removed from a loop or fails, or if a wiring fault occurs in any loop, the other loops continue to operate properly.
- The outputs can share a common ground. The input and outputs are mutually isolated to ±10V by means of active circuitry to accommodate differences in local grounds with normal industrial grounding practices.
- Each loop only drives a single load, thus avoiding voltage compliance problems.

- **5.** ±10% of zero and span adjustment are provided for each output loop to allow for independent loop calibration.
- 6. Diagnostics for each output loop are provided by a yellow LED lamp to indicate loop continuity and by a test point across a 10Ω series resistor, where 200 mV corresponds to 20 mA. The test point allows a multimeter to measure the loop current without breaking the loop.
- 7. Power for the loop splitter can be 85-264 Vac (Model QLS-1) or low voltage 10-48 Vdc or 12-32 Vac (Model QLS-2). An excitation output is provided on the signal input side to a drive a 2- or 3-wire transmitter at 24 Vdc and up to 30 mA.



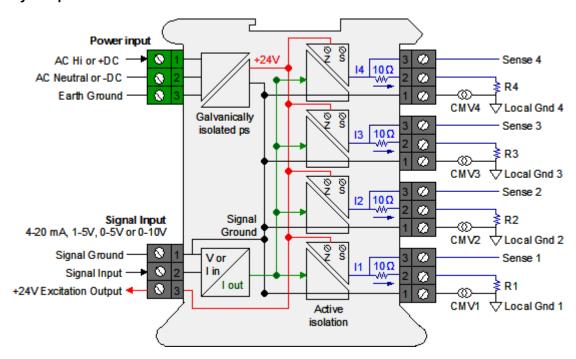
Specifications

Signal Input				
Signal Type Input Resistance Transmitter Excitation	4-20 mA, 1-5V, 0-5V, 0-10V (jumper selectable) 50 Ω for 4-20 mA, 412 k Ω for 1-5V, 464 k Ω for 0-5V, 935 k Ω for 0-10V 24 Vdc nominal, 30 mA max			
Signal Outputs				
Number of Outputs Signal Type Zero & Span Adjustments Signal Isolation Voltage Compliance Load Regulation Accuracy Zero Tempco Span Tempco AC Rejection Response Speed Loop Current Sense Loop Continuity Indication	4 4-20 mA \pm 10% for each output with 25-turn potentiometers \pm 10V active isolation between input and output grounds 12V (600Ω per loop at 20 mA) \pm 0.005% of span from 0Ω to 600Ω \pm 0.02% max span error at 23°C \pm 0.1 μA/°C typical, \pm 0.2 μA/°C max \pm 10 ppm/°C (0.16 μA/°C) typical, \pm 20 ppm/°C (0.32 μA/°C) max 90 dB from DC to 60 Hz 2 ms risetime, 7 ms settling time to 0.1% of final value 10Ω \pm 0.5% series resistor to generate 200 mV at 20 mA Yellow LED lamp per loop, brightness proportional to current			
Power Input				
Standard Power (QLS-1) Low Power Option (QLS-2) Power Frequency Power Isolation Power Consumption Power On Indication	85-264 Vac or 90-300 Vdc (DC operation not ETL approved) 10-48 Vdc or 12-32 Vac DC or 47-63 Hz 250V AC working, 1.0 kV AC for 60 sec, 1.7 kV DC for 2 sec 3.5 W max, all loops delivering 20 mA Green LED lamp			
Mechanical				
Mounting Dimensions Weight Connectors Wire Size	35 mm DIN Rail per EN50 022 22.5 x 103 x 128 mm (0.9" x 4.1" x 5.0") W x H x D 140 g (5 oz) Detachable plug-in screw-clamp connectors 28-12 AWG, 2.5 sq. mm max			
Environmental				
Operating Temperature Storage Temperature Relative Humidity Cooling Required	-40°C to 70°C -40°C to 85°C 95% at 40°C, non-condensing Mount units with ventilation holes at top and bottom. Leave 6 mm (1/4") between units, or force air with a fan.			

Ordering Guide

QLS-1	Quad Isolated Output Loop Splitter Retransmitter, 95-264 Vac power	
QLS-2	Quad Isolated Output Loop Splitter Retransmitter, 10-48 Vdc or 12-32 Vac power	

QLS Theory of Operation

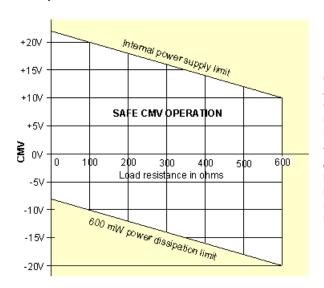


Galvanic & Active Isolation: A single input current loop is split into four independent output loops I1, I2, I3 and I4 by four current generators. The input and output signals are galvanically isolated from power and earth ground by up to 275 Vac. Active circuitry isolates the input Signal Ground and the four output Local Grounds from each other to a common mode voltage of ±10V, thereby avoiding ground loops. Common mode voltages, labeled CMV1 to CMV4 in the diagram, reflect actual voltage differences between Signal Ground and Local Ground. Such differences can be caused by current flows in the factory.

Floating loads: Any output load R that is floating (not connected to Earth Ground or a Local Ground) can be connected between current output (Pin 1) and current return (Pin 2). Current return is internally tied to Signal Ground, which can be floating or be connected to earth ground.

Grounded loads: Any output load R can be connected to a Local Ground instead of current return. The Local Grounds can each be different, but can only differ from Signal Ground by a safe common mode voltage CMV. Signal Ground should be tied to Earth Ground to minimize noise pickup.

QLS Safe Operation



Common mode voltage: If a load R is grounded to a Local Ground, the available common mode voltage CMV is limited on the positive side by the unit's internal power supply and on the negative side by the 600 mW power dissipation limit of an output transistor.

The diagram shows allowable CMV as a function of output load resistance R. For example, with a 250Ω load, CMV can range from -13V to +17V. With a 500Ω load, CMV can range from -18V to +12V. The unit will not work correctly if CMV limits are exceeded or load resistance is greater than 600Ω .