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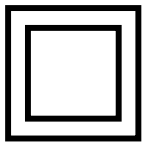
ISOCON-3

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.



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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Hardware Features

The ISOCON-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. The unit can be powered by any AC voltage between 90 and 264Vac at 50 or 60Hz. For DC voltage the ISOCON-6 is available which can be powered from any supply from 12 to 36Vdc and 12 to 32Vac.

The instrument is packaged in a very compact 12.5mm wide enclosure which can be mounted on standard TS35 DIN-rail.

The unit can also be equipped with 1 digital output which can be either a relay or an open collector output, or a second analogue output (see DUALCON-3). Note, units with above options are housed in a 17.5mm wide box.

1.1.1 Isolation Details

The ISOCON-3 has full 3 port isolation of 1000V between the Input Stage, Output Stage and Power Supply. The process input and output are double insulated internally from the power supply for safety 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 Isocon-3 Isolating Signal Converter
1 Isocon-3 User Guide

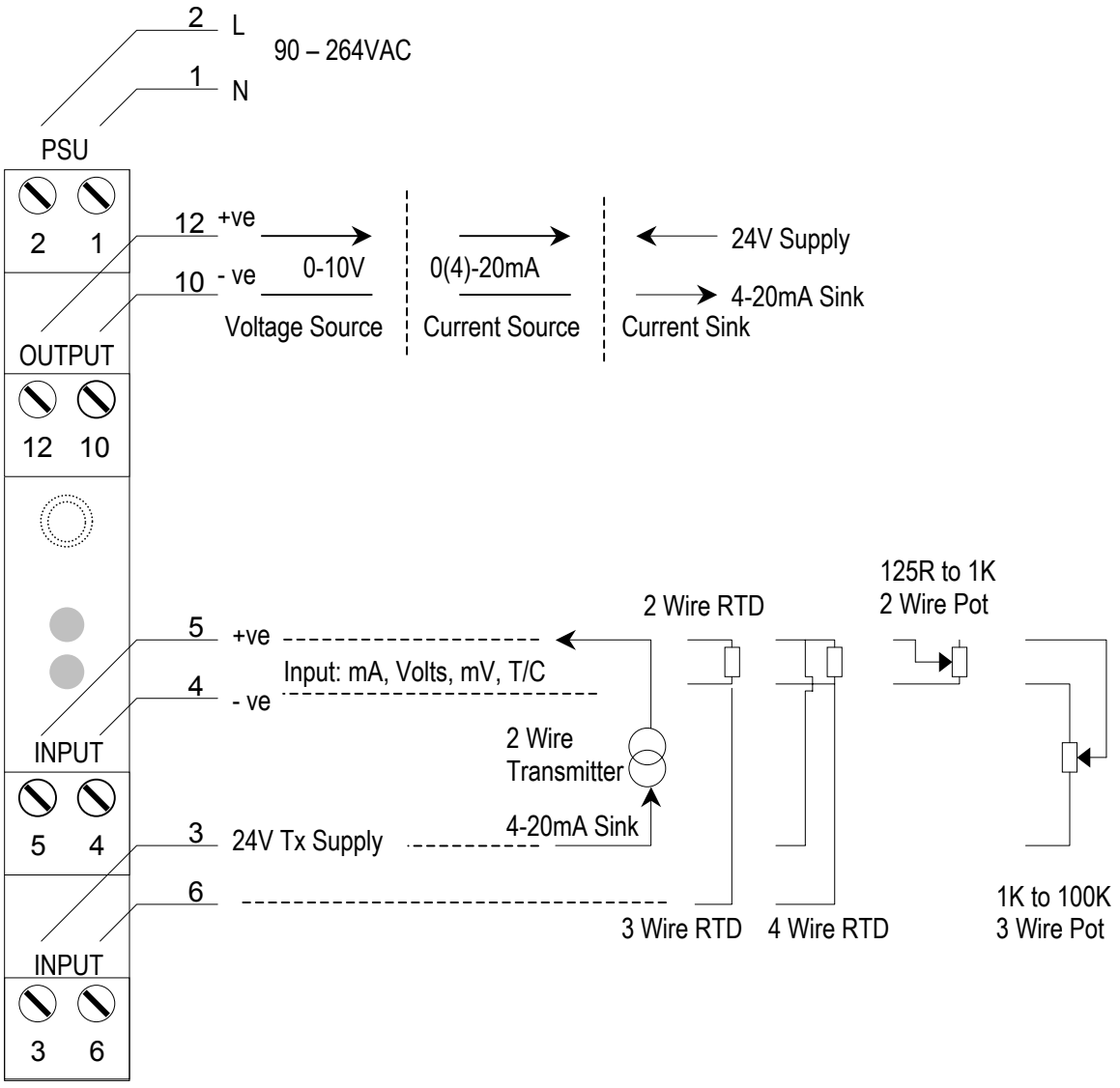
If the instrument has been factory configured the input and output details will be listed on the Serial number label on the side of the unit. If this label is blank then the unit will be set to its default configuration which is 4-20mA input and 4-20mA source output. Please check that the details on 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 ISOCON is housed in a compact DIN rail mounting enclosure, with 8 terminals, arranged in 4 rows of 2 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 and the power supply and analogue outputs are on the top terminals.

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



4. CONFIGURING THE ISOCON

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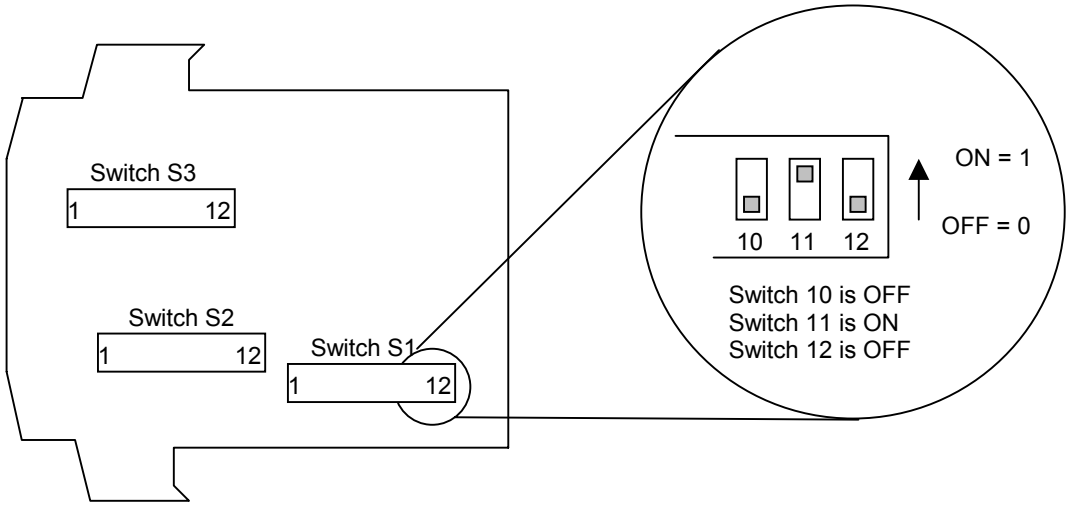
The ISOCON is an extremely versatile device which can support many different types of input. The unit is configured by turning the power off, selecting the internal switch settings required and turning the power back on.

To open the ISOCON, 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 3 switch banks, S1, S2, and S3, located inside the ISOCON as shown below:



Switch S1 and S2 configure the input type and range, and switch S3 configures the output type, range 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 Range	Switch S1											
	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								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								**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

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Voltage Ra...	Switch S2											
	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

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

4.1.2 Current Input

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

mA Range	Switch S1											
	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								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								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

mA Range	Switch S2											
	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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4.1.3 Millivolt (mV) Input

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

mV Range	Switch S1											
	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								
-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

mV Range	Switch S2											
	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. -125 to +125mV)	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	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 Input	Switch S1											
	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								
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.

Switch S1 for Thermocouple Input

Temperature Range in °C			Switch											
K J R S N E	B	T	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
0 to 100	400 to 500	0 to 50	0	0	0	0		0	0		0			
0 to 200	400 to 600	0 to 100	0	0	0	1								
0 to 400	400 to 800	0 to 200	0	0	1	0								
0 to 800	400 to 1200	0 to 400	0	0	1	1								
0 to 125	400 to 525	-50 to 50	0	1	0	0								
0 to 250	400 to 650	-50 to 100	0	1	0	1								
0 to 500	400 to 900	-50 to 200	0	1	1	0								
0 to 1000	400 to 1400	-50 to 400	0	1	1	1								
0 to 150	400 to 550	-100 to 50	1	0	0	0								
0 to 300	400 to 700	-100 to 100	1	0	0	1								
0 to 600	400 to 1000	-100 to 200	1	0	1	0								
0 to 1200*	400 to 1600	-100 to 400	1	0	1	1								
0 to 175	400 to 575	-200 to 50	1	1	0	0								
0 to 350	400 to 750	-200 to 100	1	1	0	1								
0 to 700	400 to 1100	-200 to 200	1	1	1	0								
0 to 1400**	400 to 1800	-200 to 400	1	1	1	1		0	0		0			

T/C Type	10	11	12
K	0	0	0
J	0	0	1
R	0	1	0
S	0	1	1
N	1	0	0
E	1	0	1
B	1	1	0
T	1	1	1

Linearisation ON 0
Linearisation off 1

CJC ON 0
CJC off 1

* n/a for types N and E
** n/a for types K, J, N and E

Then set switch S2 to the setting shown in the table below.

Thermocouple	Switch S2											
	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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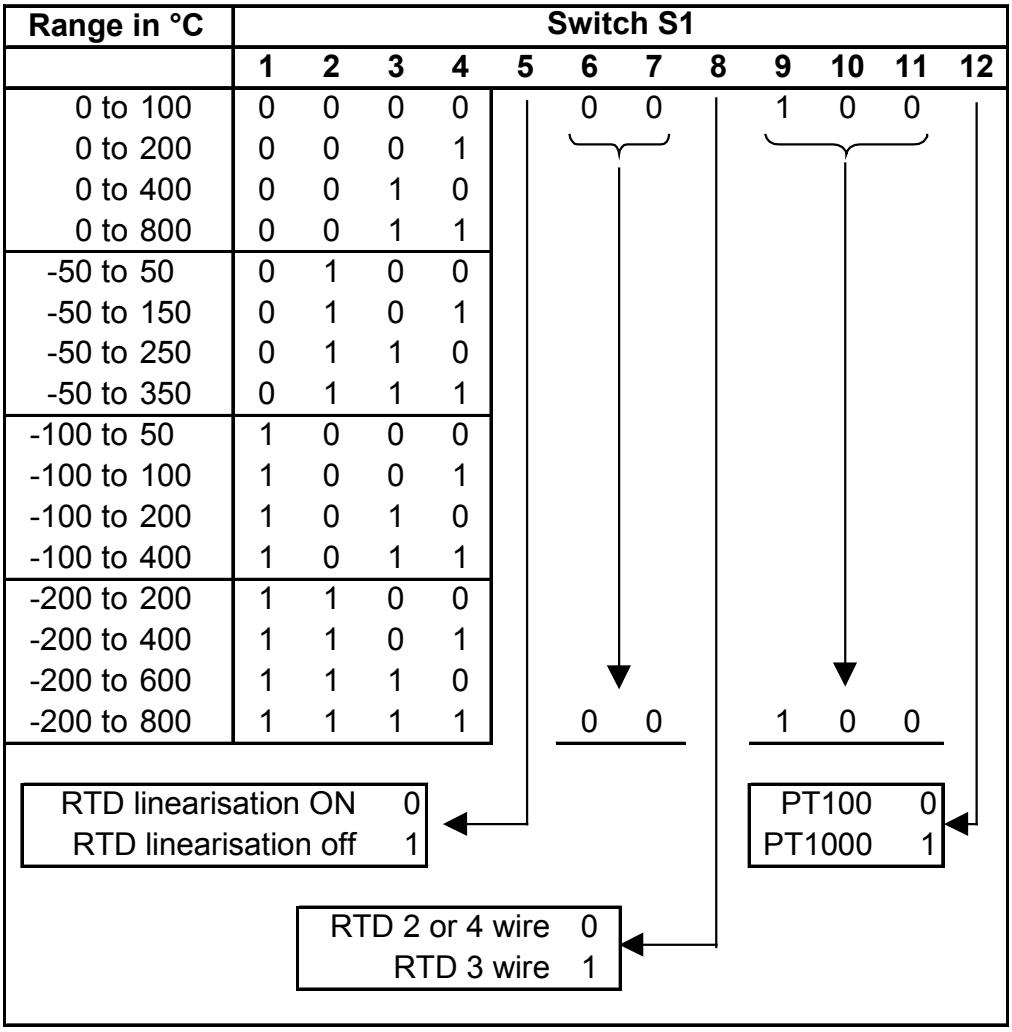
4.1.6 RTD Input

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

Range in °C	Switch S1											
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
0 to 100	0	0	0	0		0	0		1	0	0	
0 to 200	0	0	0	1								
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								
-200 to 800	1	1	1	1		0	0		1	0	0	



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

RTD	Switch S2											
	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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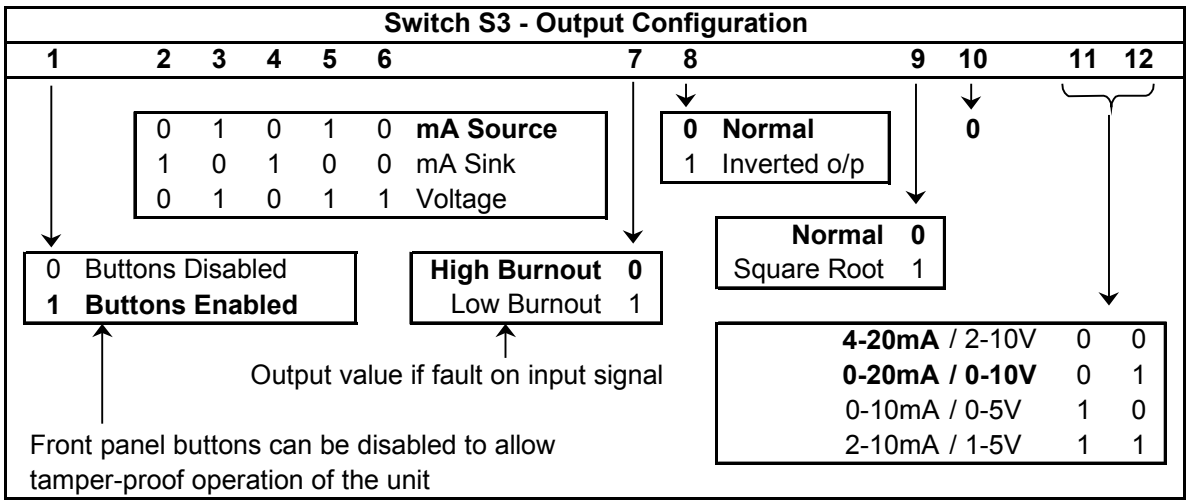
4.1.7 Output Configuration

Select the range 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

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

5. CALIBRATING THE ISOCON

When the unit is shipped the ISOCON 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 4-20mA source output.

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 input 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:

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 Colour	Mode	Action
Green	Normal	Apply full scale input. Press and release both buttons together to enter span mode
RED	Span Adjust	Press raise / lower buttons to adjust output value Press and release both buttons together to return to normal mode
Green	Normal	Apply zero scale input Press and release both buttons together to enter zero mode
YELLOW	Zero Adjust	Press raise / lower buttons to adjust output value Press and release both buttons together to return to normal mode
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 ISOCON. Note that this is not always easy to achieve, especially if the ISOCON is mounted in a warm cabinet. An altenative method is to use an ice-point reference and a mV source.

6. INSTALLATION

The ISOCON'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 ISOCON 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 T32mA should be used and for 115V supplies T63mA 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 ISOCON has some built in self diagnostic functions. If the LED on the front panel is 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, mains voltages could still be present – ALWAYS isolate the mains supply before removing or examining the unit.

No of Flashes	Nature of Fault	Corrective Action
0 (Green On)	Unit Working – no suspected fault	Check Wiring and switch settings
2,3,4,5,6,8,9, 10,11,12 Green	Hardware Error, extreme noise, poor supply	Switch off unit, check switch settings, and wiring, and retry. If still faulty please contact supplier
7 Green	RTD / Thermocouple burnout	Repair RTD, T/C or wiring
3 or 4 Red	Span point is too close to zero point	Change input span value and retry
3 or 4 Yellow	Zero point is too close to span point	Change input zero value and 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 ISOCON 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	1.6VA ±10% typ (20mA in & out)
	2.8VA ±10% (maximum load, tx supply)
Transmitter Power Supply	21V to 28V @ up to 24mA
	Dependant on supply voltage and load
Calibration accuracy	±0.05% full scale
Linearity	±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	±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):	50ms ± 10ms

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

Dimensions	114.5 mm x 99mm x 12.5mm (HxDxW)
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. 95g
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