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# **8B38** Strain Gage Input Modules, Wide and Narrow Bandwidth

# Description

8B modules are an optimal solution for monitoring real-world process signals and providing high-level signals to a data acquisition system. Each 8B38 module isolates, filters, and amplifies a full-bridge strain gage input signal and provides an analog voltage output.

The 8B38 can interface to transducers with a nominal resistance of  $100\Omega$  to  $2k\Omega$ . Bridge excitation is provided from the module with a stable 10.00V or 3.33V source. Full scale sensitivities of 2mV/V and 3mV/V are offered as standard.

Signal filtering is accomplished with a 5-pole filter optimized for time and frequency response which provides 100dB per decade of normal-mode rejection above the filter cutoff frequency. One pole of this filter is on the field side of the isolation barrier for anti-aliasing, and the other four are on the system side.

A special input circuit on the 8B38 module provides protection against accidental connection of power-line voltages up to 240VAC. Clamp circuits on the I/O and power terminals protect against harmful transients.

Isolation is provided by transformer coupling to suppress transmission of common mode spikes or surges. The module is powered from +5VDC,  $\pm$ 5%.

The modules are designed for installation in Class I, Division 2 hazardous locations and have a high level of immunity to environmental noise.

## **Features**

- Interfaces to 100  $\!\Omega$  through 2k  $\!\Omega$  Full-Bridge Strain Gages
- High-Level Voltage Outputs
- 1500Vrms Isolation
- ANSI/IEEE C37.90.1 Transient Protection
- Input Protection to 240VAC Continuous
- 100dB CMR
- 3Hz or 8kHz Signal Bandwidth
- ±0.05% Accuracy
- ±0.02% Linearity
- Low Drift with Ambient Temperature
- · CE Compliant
- C-UL-US Listed
- ATEX Compliance Pending
- Mix and Match Module Types on Backpanel



Figure 1: 8B38 Block Diagram

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#### **Specifications** Typical at $T_A = +25^{\circ}C$ and +5V power

Module	8B38-0x	8B38-3x
Input Range Input Bias Current Input Resistance Normal Power Off Overload	±10mV to ±100mV ±0.5nA	*
	50ΜΩ 100kΩ 100kΩ	* * *
Input Protection Continuous <sup>(1)</sup> Transient	240VAC ANSI/IEEE C37.90.1	*
Excitation Output (-x1) Load Resistance Excitation Output (-x2,-x5) Load Resistance Excitation Load Regulation Excitation Stability Excitation Protection	+3.333V ±2mV 100Ω to 2kΩ +10V ±5mV 300Ω to 2kΩ 15ppm/mA 50ppm/°C 120VAC	* * * * *
CMV, Input to Output Transient, Input to Output CMR (50Hz or 60Hz) NMR	1500Vrms max ANSI/IEEE C37.90.1 100dB 100dB per decade above 8kHz	* * 70dB at 60Hz
Accuracy <sup>(2)</sup> Linearity Stability Offset Gain Noise Output, 100kHz Bandwidth, –3dB	±0.05% Span ±0.02% Span ±25ppm/°C ±100ppm/°C 1500µVrms 8kHz	* * ±75ppm/°C 200µVrms 3Hz
Output Range Output Protection Transient	70μs ±5V Continuous Short to Ground ANSI/IEEE C37.90.1	160MS * *
Power Supply Voltage Power Supply Current Power Supply Sensitivity	+5VDC ±5% 110mA No Exc. Load 150mA Full Exc. Load ±75ppm/%	* * * *
Mechanical Dimensions (h)(w)(d)	1.11" x 1.65" x 0.40" (28.1mm x 41.9mm x 10.2mm)	*
Environmental Operating Temp. Range Storage Temp. Range Relative Humidity Emissions EN61000-6-4 Radiated, Conducted Immunity EN61000-6-2 RF ESD,EFT	-40°C to +85°C -40°C to +85°C 0 to 95% Noncondensing ISM, Group 1 Class A ISM, Group 1 Performance A ±0.5% Span Error Performance B	* * * * * * *

#### NOTES:

\* Same specification as 8B38-0x.

240VAC between +Input terminal and –Input, +EXC, or –EXC terminals.
 120VAC between –Input and +EXC or –EXC terminals.
 120VAC between +EXC and –EXC terminals.

(2) Includes linearity, hysteresis and repeatability.

### **Ordering Information**

Model	Bandwidth	Input Range	Exc.	Sens.	Output Range
8B38-01	8kHz 8kHz	-10 mV to $+10$ mV	+3.333V	3mV/V 3mV/V	-5V to +5V
8B38-05	8kHz	-20mV to +20mV	+10.0V	2mV/V	-5V to +5V
8B38-31 8B38-32	3Hz 3Hz	-10mV to +10mV -30mV to +30mV	+3.333V +10.0V	3mV/V 3mV/V	-5V to +5V -5V to +5V
8B38-35	3Hz	-20mV to +20mV	+10.0V	2mV/V	-5V to +5V