

Model 422E05

In-Line Charge Converter

Installation and Operating Manual

For assistance with the operation of this product, contact PCB Piezotronics, Inc.

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Total Customer Satisfaction – PCB Piezotronics guarantees Total Customer Satisfaction. If, at any time, for any reason, you are not completely satisfied with any PCB product, PCB will repair, replace, or exchange it at no charge. You may also choose to have your purchase price refunded in lieu of the repair, replacement, or exchange of the product.

Service – Due to the sophisticated nature of the sensors and associated instrumentation provided by PCB Piezotronics, user servicing or repair is not recommended and, if attempted, may void the factory warranty. Routine maintenance, such as the cleaning of electrical connectors, housings, and mounting surfaces with solutions and techniques that will not harm the physical material of construction, is acceptable. Caution should be observed to insure that liquids are not permitted to migrate into devices that are not hermetically sealed. Such devices should only be wiped with a dampened cloth and never submerged or have liquids poured upon them.

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Calibration – Routine calibration of sensors and associated instrumentation is

recommended as this helps build confidence in measurement accuracy and acquired data. Equipment calibration cycles are typically established by the users own quality regimen. When in doubt about a calibration cycle, a good "rule of thumb" is to recalibrate on an annual basis. It is also good practice to recalibrate after exposure to any severe temperature extreme, shock, load, or other environmental influence, or prior to any critical test.

PCB Piezotronics maintains an ISO-9001 certified metrology laboratory and offers calibration services, which are accredited by A2LA to ISO/IEC 17025, with full traceablility to N.I.S.T. In addition to the normally supplied calibration, special testing is also available, such as: sensitivity at elevated cryogenic temperatures, phase or extended response, high or low frequency response, extended range, leak testing, hydrostatic pressure testing, and others. For information on standard recalibration services or special testing, contact your local PCB Piezotronics distributor, sales representative, or factory customer service representative.

Returning Equipment – Following these procedures will insure that your returned materials are handled in the most expedient manner. Before returning any equipment to PCB Piezotronics, contact your local distributor, sales representative, or factory customer service representative to obtain a Return Materials Authorization (RMA) Number. This RMA number should be clearly marked on the outside of all package(s) and on the packing list(s) accompanying the shipment. A detailed account of the nature of the problem(s) being experienced with the equipment should also be included inside the package(s) containing any returned materials.

A Purchase Order, included with the returned materials, will expedite the turn-around of serviced equipment. It is recommended to include authorization on the Purchase Order for PCB to proceed with any repairs, as long as they do not exceed 50% of the replacement cost of the returned item(s). PCB will provide a price quotation or replacement recommendation for any item whose repair costs would exceed 50% of replacement cost, or any item that is not economically feasible to repair. For routine calibration services, the Purchase Order should include authorization to proceed and return at current pricing, which can be obtained from a factory customer service representative.

Warranty – All equipment and repair services provided by PCB Piezotronics, Inc. are covered by a limited warranty against defective material and workmanship for a period of one year from date of original purchase. Contact PCB for a complete statement of our warranty. Expendable items, such as batteries and mounting hardware, are not covered by warranty. Mechanical damage to equipment due to improper use is not covered by warranty. Electronic circuitry failure caused by the introduction of unregulated or improper excitation power or electrostatic discharge is not covered by warranty.

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introduction

The 422E series in-line charge converters are designed to convert the high impedance of a charge mode piezoelectric transducer to a low-impedance voltage by means of an ICP ® signal conditioner. These units may be used with either quartz or ceramic charge-mode piezoelectric sensors.

description

The 422E series in-line charge amplifiers operate from an ICP ® signal conditioner. The unit employs a high gain amplifier to perform the impedance transformation. The charge output of the transducers may be scaled in terms of acceleration, pressure or force. The output is then mV/g, mV/psi or mV/lb, respectively.

installation

Connect the 422E series to the transducer with low-noise cable (003A) only. Standard coaxial or twowire cable may be used between the amplifier and the signal conditioner, and between the signal conditioner and the readout device.

Note: For optimum noise performance, the cable length between the sensor and the 422E should be minimized.

operation

To operate, simply connect the input of the 422E to the transducer using low-noise (003A) cable and the output to any ICP ® signal conditioner using standard cable. The output of the signal conditioner may then be connected to an oscilloscope or other monitoring device. This output will be an AC signal (see *specification* for actual frequency response) with a DC bias. Many PCB signal conditioners remove the bias via an AC coupling circuit.



calculation of output scaling

The 422E contains a high-gain, low-noise amplifier connected in a charge amplifier configuration. The charge output of the transducer is transferred to the feedback capacitor of the amplifier to develop a voltage which may be calculated using the following equation.

*V*_{out} = 422E Scaling (*mV*/*pC*) x Transducer Sensitivity (*pC*/Engineering Unit)

where:

Vout = Output of 422E in mV/Engineering Unit

the Engineering Unit may be g's, Newtons, psi, etc., depending on the sensor

Example: A 357A12 (3 pC/g) is used with a 422E02 (10 mV/pC). Calculate the output in mV/g.

Answer: 10 mV/pC x 3 pC/g = 30 mV/g

TEDS functionality

422E units with a "T" prefix incorporate TEDS (Transducer Electronic Data Sheet) technology. Using a TEDS capable signal conditioner, or TEDS reader, the user is able to read calibration data stored in the sensor. Some systems allow the user to also write user data and calibration information to the 422E. All data is formatted in accordance with IEEE 1451.4.



special considerations

High source capacitance may degrade the performance of the 422E (source capacitance is the input capacitance defined as transducer capacitance + cable capacitance). In particular, noise may increase and high frequency response may decrease if source capacitance exceeds the recommended level. In some cases, low frequency oscillation of the output may occur. The maximum recommended level in pF's is determined using the following formula:

maximum recommended source capacitance = 10,000/422E sensitivity in mV/pC

For example, the level for a 422E02/E12 would be 10,000/10 pF = 1,000 pF, and the level for a 422E03/E13 would be 10,000 pF. If PCB 003 type low noise cable is used, these values correspond to 10 meters and 100 meters of length respectively.

422E series models for use with high temperature sensors

The 422E35 (1 mV/pC) and 422E36 (10 mV/pC) have been specifically designed to operate with the lower insulation resistance values which piezoelectric sensors may exhibit when subjected to very high temperatures (generally greater than 500° F). Both units will operate with insulation resistances as low as $10k\Omega$.

Note: Because of the special circuitry required, the 422E35 and 422E36 have somewhat higher noise and longer turn on time than the equivalent units designed for use with sensors with high insulation resistance (the 422E03 and 422E02 respectively). Consult the **specifications** for details.

Caution! Excessive accumulated charges on the input cables can destroy the field effect transistor (FET) in the amplifier. These charges can be grounded by shorting the center pin on the cable connector plug to its knurled nut with any metallic object.



422E series models for use in radioactive environments

The 422E65 (1mV/pC) and 422E66 (10mV/pC) were designed to offer resistance to the effects of radiation exposure up to 1 Mrad Integrated Gamma Flux or 10¹⁰ N/cm² of Integrated Neutron Flux. They are also designed to operate with lower insulation values which piezoelectric sensors may exhibit when subjected to the high temperatures that generally accompany high levels of radioactivity.

warning 1 – ESD sensitivity

The power supply/signal conditioner should not be opened by anyone other than qualified service personnel. This product is intended for use by qualified personnel who recognize shock hazards and are familiar with the safety precautions required to avoid injury.

warning 2 – ESD sensitivity

This equipment is designed with user safety in mind; however, the protection provided by the equipment may be impaired if the equipment is used in a manner not specified by PCB Piezotronics, Inc.

caution 1 – ESD sensitivity

Cables can kill your equipment. High voltage electrostatic discharge (ESD) can damage electrical devices. Similar to a capacitor, a cable can hold a charge caused by triboelectric transfer, such as that which occurs in the following:

- Laying on and moving across a rug,
- Any movement through air,
- The action of rolling out a cable, and/or
- Contact with a non-grounded person.

The PCB solution for product safety:

- Connect the cables only with the AC power off.
- Temporarily "short" the end of the cable before attaching it to any signal input or output.





caution 2 – ESD sensitivity

ESD considerations should be made prior to performing any internal adjustments on the

equipment. Any piece of electronic equipment is vulnerable to ESD when opened for adjustments. Internal adjustments should therefore be done ONLY at an ESD-safe work area. Many products have ESD protection, but the level of protection may be exceeded by extremely high voltage.

warranty

PCB instrumentation is warranted against defective material and workmanship for 1 year unless otherwise expressly specified. Damage to instruments caused by incorrect power or misapplication, is not covered by warranty. *If there are any questions regarding power, intended application, or general usage, please consult with your local sales contact or distributor.* Batteries and other expendable hardware items are not covered by warranty.

service

Because of the sophisticated nature of PCB instrumentation, field repair is typically **NOT** recommended and may void any warranty. If factory service is required, return the instrumentation according to the "Return Procedure" stated below. *A repair and/or replacement quotation will be provided prior to servicing at no charge.* Before returning the unit, please consult a factory PCB applications engineer concerning the situation as certain problems can often be corrected with simple on-site procedures.

return procedure

To expedite returned instrumentation, contact a factory PCB applications engineer for a RETURN MATERIAL AUTHORIZATION (RMA) NUMBER. Please have information available such as model and serial number. Also, to insure efficient service, provide a written description of the symptoms and problems with the equipment to a local sales representative or distributor, or contact PCB if none are located in your area.



Customers outside the U.S. should consult their local PCB distributor for information on returning equipment. For exceptions, please contact the International Sales department at PCB to request shipping instructions and an RMA. For assistance, please call (716) 684-0003, or fax us at (716) 684-3823. You may also receive assistance via e-mail at **electronics@pcb.com** or visit our web site at **www.pcb.com**.

customer service

PCB guarantees **Total Customer Satisfaction**. If, at any time, for any reason, you are not completely satisfied with any PCB product, PCB will repair, replace, or exchange it at no charge. You may also choose, within the warranty period, to have your purchase price refunded.

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422E05	IN-LINE CHARGE CONVERTER					ECN #: 26184
Performance	E	NGLISH	SI		OPTIONAL VERSIONS	
Sensitivity(± 2 %)(Charge Conversi	on) 0	50 mV/pC	0.50 mV/pC		Optional versions have identical specifications and accessories as li	sted for the standard mode
Input Range		£ 5000 pC	± 5000 pC		except where noted below. More than one option ma	
Overrange		± 3 V	± 3 V			
Low Frequency Response(-5 %)		0.5 Hz	0.5 Hz		T - TEDS Capable of Digital Memory and Communication Complian	t with IEEE P1451.4
High Frequency Response(2.2 mA)		30 kHz	30 kHz	[1]	Temperature Range(Operating) -40 to +185 °F	-40 to +85 °C
High Frequency Response(4 mA)		60 kHz	60 kHz	[1]	Output Bias Voltage 13.35 to 14.85 VDC	13.35 to 14.85 VDC
High Frequency Response(20 mA)		100 kHz	100 kHz	[1]	3	
Non-Linearity	2	1.0 % FS	≤ 1.0 % FS			
Environmental						
Temperature Range(Operating)	-65	5 to +250 °F	-54 to +121 °C			
Temperature Response(Sensitivity		<1 %	<1 %			
Maximum Shock		1000 g pk	9810 m/s² pk			
Electrical		0.				
Excitation Voltage	+1	8 to 28 VDC	+18 to 28 VDC			
Constant Current Excitation	2.	2 to 20 mA	2.2 to 20 mA		NOTES:	
Output Voltage(at specified measur	ement range)	± 2.5 V	± 2,5 V		[1] Tested using voltage source and input capacitor equal to the fee	thack canacitor to simulat
Output Impedance		<20 ohm	<20 ohm		a charge output sensor.	
Output Bias Voltage	+12.7	5 to 14,25 VDC	+12.75 to 14.25 VDC		[2] Not to be used with low values of source resistance such as char	ge mode sensors at
Output Polarity		Inverted	Inverted		elevated temperatures or contaminated sensor cables (preventin	g low frequency peaking
Maximum Input Voltage		30 V	30 V		and/or output bias problems).	
Broadband Electrical Noise(1 to 10,	000 Hz)	4.0 uV	-108 dB	[1]	[3] See PCB Declaration of Conformance PS024 for details.	
Spectral Noise(1 Hz)		2.2 µV/√Hz	-113 dB	[1]		
Spectral Noise(10 Hz)).2 µV/√Hz	-134 dB	[1]		
Spectral Noise(100 Hz)) 1 µV/√Hz	-140 dB	[1]		
Spectral Noise(1 kHz)		.04 µV/√Hz	-148 dB	[1]		
Spectral Noise(10 kHz)		03 µV/√Hz	-150 dB	[1]		
Discharge Time Constant		1.0 sec	1.0 sec			
Resistance(Minimum required at in	out) 7	x10 ⁷ ohm	7x10 ⁷ ohm	[2]		
Source Capacitance Loading		0005 %/pF	0.0005 %/pF			
Physical	0.	0000 /0/01	0.0000 /0.01			
Housing Material	Sta	ainless Steel	Stainless Steel			
Sealing	04	Welded	Welded			
Electrical Connector(Input)	10-33	2 Coaxial Jack	10-32 Coaxial Jack			
Electrical Connector(Output)		BNC Jack	BNC Jack			
Size (Diameter x Length)		52 in x 3.4 in	13 mm x 86 mm			
Weight	0.0	1.1 oz	31 gm			
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