



**Model 483C05**

**Eight-Channel, ICP® Sensor Signal Conditioner**

**Installation and Operating Manual**

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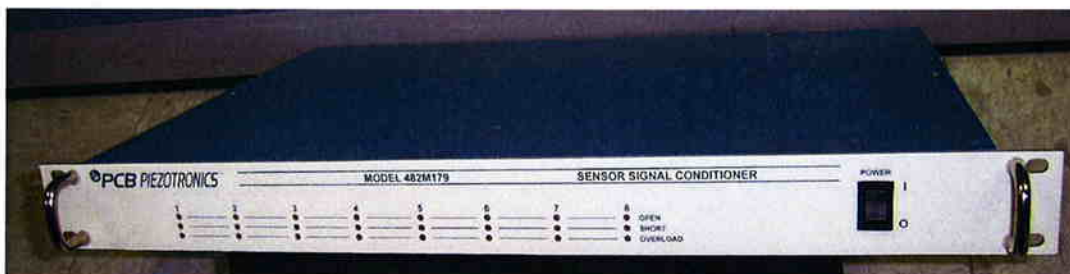
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# SIGNAL CONDITIONER

Models 483C05/483C15

## GENERAL OPERATION MANUAL

For powering ICP<sup>®</sup> sensors and in-line charge converters, this signal conditioner provides a cost effective method for powering large numbers of sensor channels.

The 483C Series is available with many different options from PCB. This manual describes the functions of the most economical signal conditioner with unity gain (483C05) and x1, x10, x100 jumper selectable gain (483C15), of that series.



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## 1-1. Introduction

The Model 483C05 is a basic ICP<sup>®</sup> signal conditioner that provides an adjustable current source to drive ICP<sup>®</sup> sensors. Additionally it has Open, Short and Overload Input fault condition indicators.

The Model 483C15 is an ICP<sup>®</sup> signal conditioner that has all the features of the 483C05 plus jumper selectable (x1, x10, and x100) Gain options and an Overload range selection. An easy to open cover, allows access to the jumper selections.

The following sections describe these devices in more detail.

## 1-2. Safety Considerations

### WARNING SYMBOLS AND TERMS

The following symbols and terms may be found on the equipment described in this manual.



This symbol on the unit indicates that the user should refer to the operating instructions located in the manual.



This symbol on the unit indicates that high voltage may be present. Use standard safety precautions to avoid personal contact with this voltage.



This symbol indicates that the test fixture, Model 483C15/483C05, must be connected to earth ground via the power cord.

The **WARNING** heading used in this manual explains dangers that might result in personal injury or death. Always read the associated information very carefully before performing the indicated procedure.

The **CAUTION** heading used in this manual explains hazards that could damage the instrument.

**WARNING 1:** *The power supply/signal conditioner should not be opened by anyone other than qualified service personnel.* This product is intended for service by qualified personnel who recognize shock hazards and are familiar with the safety precautions required to avoid injury.

**WARNING 2:** 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:** *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.
- Contact to a non-grounded person

The solution for product safety: 1) Connect the cables only with the AC power off. 2) Temporarily “short” the end of the cable before attaching it to any signal input or output.

**CAUTION 2:** *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 that is typically present in normal situations.

### 1-3. Equipment Rating

For complete specifications, please refer to the enclosed Specification Sheet. This equipment operates optimally at +32 to +120°F (0 to +50°C), in an environment having <85% relative humidity. Its line power frequency range is 47-63 Hz.

The 483C15/483C05 devices require 100-240 VAC with 0.7A to operate. In turn, they supply 26 VDC @ 2 to 20 mA excitation voltage to connected ICP® sensors or in-line charge converters. The units get power via Standard IEC AC power cord PCB Model 017AXX.

### 1-4. Model 482C15 System Description

The Model 483C15 is a eight channel signal conditioning rack mount unit designed to interface measurement signals to readout or recording devices.

The following are features that come standard on 483C15 units:

- Input fault and overload LED's with jumper selectable overload level of +/-5V or +/-10V
- Variable ICP® source current, 0 to 20 mA
- Jumper selectable Voltage input mode
- Jumper selectable gain of x1, x10, x100 (483C15 Only)
- Lighted power indicator on the front panel
- Rear panel BNC input/output connectors
- Optional L.P. plug in filters (477A series type) various 2-pole frequencies avail. Consult factory
- Rack mountable enclosure.

#### 1-4.1. Model 483C15 ICP® Input/Output Mode

The Model 483C15 contains a regulated 26 VDC power supply that provides constant current for up to 8 individual channels. Both the output and input connections utilize BNC connectors and are brought out through the rear panel. The unit is AC coupled only. The 482C series offers optional DC Coupling. Consult factory

#### 1-4.2. Adjusting the Current Source

The Current adjustments are located on the rear of the unit. Use a standard small flat screwdriver to adjust the "I ADJ" potentiometers. Turning the adjustment slot clockwise will increase the current, while counterclockwise will decrease the current. Do this adjustment only while a DC mA meter or DMM set to mA is connected to any of the group of 4 "ICP" BNC's. One adjustment controls 4 channels. The unit is factory set to 4mA and can be adjusted between 0mA-20mA.

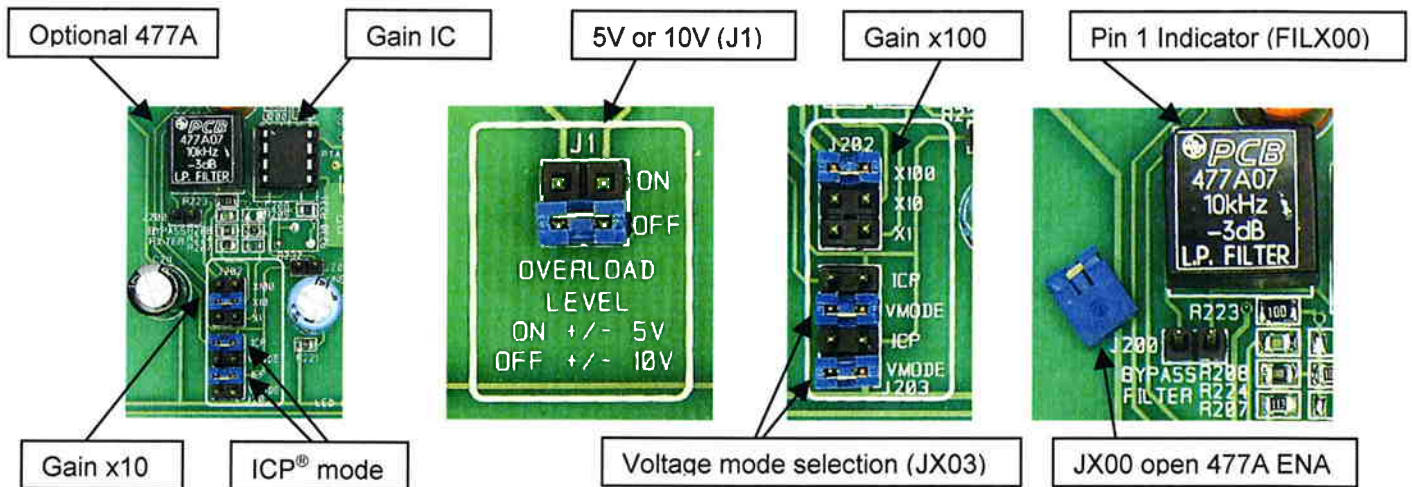
#### 1-4.3. Fault Indications

The three red LED's on the front panel are all indicators of some type of problem. The normal good operation state is when all fault lights are off. The "OPEN" light indicates that the Bias voltage is over that of most sensors and is close to an open circuit voltage of 26VDC. The "SHORT" light indicates a very low Bias voltage close to 0VDC. The

“OVERLOAD” light indicates a signal level of +/-10V Peak has been detected and the signal may be in danger of clipping. These fault lights are active for all channels, at the same time.

**1-4.4. Gain selection / Jumper definition**

The 483C15 has internal jumpers that are accessed by opening the top cover. Remove all the Phillips screws, allowing the cover to be opened. The various jumpers are all labeled on the PC Boards. Each channel can be set to your selected gain and other options. The selection of all these features with jumpers allows the 483C15 to have the functionality of many other higher priced units. See the table that explains the function and number of each jumper. Place the blue jumpers in various locations as shown below.



. “X” represents channel number on each bd. Channels 5-8 are controlled by the bd. on the right side of the unit.

Gain 1 10 100	JX02	1 jumper per channel
Overload 5V/10V	J1	Controls all channels
Voltage Mode	JX03	2 jumpers per channel
Bypass Filter	JX00	Remove to install filter module
477A Filter	FILX00	Install filter here per channel



## 1-5. Model 483C05 System Description

The Model 483C05 is a basic eight channel signal conditioning rack mount unit designed to interface measurement signals to readout or recording devices.

The following are features that come standard on every 483C05:

- Unity gain
- Input fault and overload LED's
- Variable ICP® source current, 0 to 20 mA
- Lighted power indicator on the front panel
- Rear panel BNC input/output connectors
- Rack mountable enclosure.

### 1-5.1. Model 483C05 ICP® Input/Output Mode

The Model 483C05 contains a regulated 26 VDC power supply that provides constant current for up to 8 individual channels. Both the output and input connections utilize BNC connectors and are brought out through the rear panel. The unit is AC coupled only. The 482C series offers optional DC Coupling. Consult factory

### 1-5.2. Adjusting the Current Source

The Current adjustments are located on the rear of the unit. Use a standard small flat screwdriver to adjust the "I ADJ" potentiometers. Turning the adjustment slot clockwise will increase the current, while counterclockwise will decrease the current. Do this adjustment only while a DC mA meter or DMM set to mA is connected to any of the group of 4 "ICP" BNC's. One adjustment controls 4 channels. The unit is factory set to 4mA and can be adjusted between 0mA-20mA.

### 1-5.3. Fault Indications

The three red LED's on the front panel are all indicators of some type of problem. The normal good operation state is when all fault lights are off. The "OPEN" light indicates that the Bias voltage is over that of most sensors and is close to an open circuit voltage of 26VDC. The "SHORT" light indicates a very low Bias voltage close to 0VDC. The "OVERLOAD" light indicates a signal level of +/-10V Peak has been detected and the signal may be in danger of clipping. These fault lights are active for all channels, at the same time.

## 1-6. Installation

Both the Model 483C15 and the Model 483C05 come packaged in a standard 19" 1U rack mount enclosure and require very little in term of installation. The box should be located in such a way as to allow convenient access to the power outlet for disconnect purposes. Since these units have low power consumption, they can be located in confined environments.

**NOTE:** Specific installation is available; contact PCB

## 1-7. Grounding Techniques

Integrating either of these Models into an application that links the outputs to other test equipment powered by line voltages may lead to errors or loss of signal-to-noise ratio due to ground loops. The evidence of ground loops is easily seen whenever the fundamental frequency (50 or 60 Hz) or a multiple of the fundamental frequency is present in the system when the sensors are “at rest.” In order to maintain the operating specification of noise and reduce the effects of line interference, proper grounding techniques should be used. The following procedure may be helpful:

1. Make sure the signal ground lines of all equipment are tied together. The signal grounds of the channels are typically tied together via the case of the input and output BNC connectors. The individual channels of the Model 483C15 and 483C05 have their signal ground line tied together internally at the power supply.
2. Insure that the sensor does not pick up line noise from the body under test. The case of the sensor should be isolated from the body under (ground) using an isolation pad. The isolation pad breaks the loop formed by the signal path of the sensor to the unit and the return (ground) from the unit back to the sensor.
3. Make sure that all equipment signal grounds of the test system are tied to the Earth ground at a single point and the connections linking the equipment ground are made using a wire that can provide a very low impedance connection.

## **1-8. Unit Power**

### **1-8.1. Power: Standard AC Line power**

Plug the unit into any 100-240VAC 47-63Hz power source, attach the supplied ferrite clamp on the AC cord to ensure CE conformance, and press the “ON/OFF” – “IN/OUT” switch.

**CAUTION 3: Refer to the rear panel for proper input voltage. Standard IEC 320 input connector with internal fuse.**

## **1-9. Maintenance and Repair**

It is not recommended that the customer attempt repairs of the Model 483C15 or 483C05. Should trouble occur, contact the factory for assistance.

	<u>ENGLISH</u>	<u>SI</u>	
<b>Performance</b>			
Channels	8	8	
Sensor Input Type(s)	ICP®	ICP®	
Output Range(Maximum)	± 10 V	± 10 V	
Low Frequency Response(-5 %)	<0.1 Hz	<0.1 Hz	
High Frequency Response(-5 %)	>1000 kHz	>1000 kHz	
Phase Response(at 1 kHz)	± 1 °	± 1 °	
Cross Talk(maximum)	-72 dB	-72 dB	
Fault/Bias Monitor/Meter(LED)	Open/Short/Overload	Open/Short/Overload	
<b>Environmental</b>			
Temperature Range(Operating)	+32 to +122 °F	0 to +50 °C	
<b>Electrical</b>			
Power Required	AC Power	AC Power	
AC Power(47 to 63 Hz)	100 to 240 VAC	100 to 240 VAC	
AC Power	≤ 0.7 amps	≤ 0.7 amps	
Excitation Voltage(± 1 VDC)(To Sensor)	+26 VDC	+26 VDC	
DC Offset	<20 mV	<20 mV	
Constant Current Excitation(To Sensor)	0 to 20 mA	0 to 20 mA	[1]
Output Impedance	50 Ohm	50 Ohm	
Overload Threshold(± 1.0 Vpk)	± 10 Vpk	± 10 Vpk	
Broadband Electrical Noise(1 to 10,000 Hz)	3.5 µV rms	3.5 µV rms	[2]
Spectral Noise(1 Hz)	1.30 µV/√Hz	1.30 µV/√Hz	[2]
Spectral Noise(10 Hz)	0.10 µV/√Hz	0.10 µV/√Hz	[2]
Spectral Noise(100 Hz)	0.08 µV/√Hz	0.08 µV/√Hz	[2]
Spectral Noise(1 kHz)	0.07 µV/√Hz	0.07 µV/√Hz	[2]
Spectral Noise(10 kHz)	0.07 µV/√Hz	0.07 µV/√Hz	[2]
<b>Physical</b>			
Electrical Connector(ICP® Sensor Input)	BNC Jack	BNC Jack	
Electrical Connector(Output)	BNC Jack	BNC Jack	
Electrical Connector(AC Power Input)	IEC 320	IEC 320	
Size (Height x Width x Depth)(nominal)	1.75 in x 19 in x 13.7 in	44.5. mm x 482.6 mm x 348 mm	
Weight	6.25 lb	2.83 Kg	

**OPTIONAL VERSIONS**

Optional versions have identical specifications and accessories as listed for the standard model except where noted below. More than one option may be used.

**NOTES:**

[1] User adjustable, factory set at 4 mA (± 0.5 mA). Each control adjusts 4 channels.  
 [2] Typical.  
 [3] See PCB Declaration of Conformance PS024 for details.

**SUPPLIED ACCESSORIES:**  
 Model 017AXX Power Cord (1)

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All specifications are at room temperature unless otherwise specified.  
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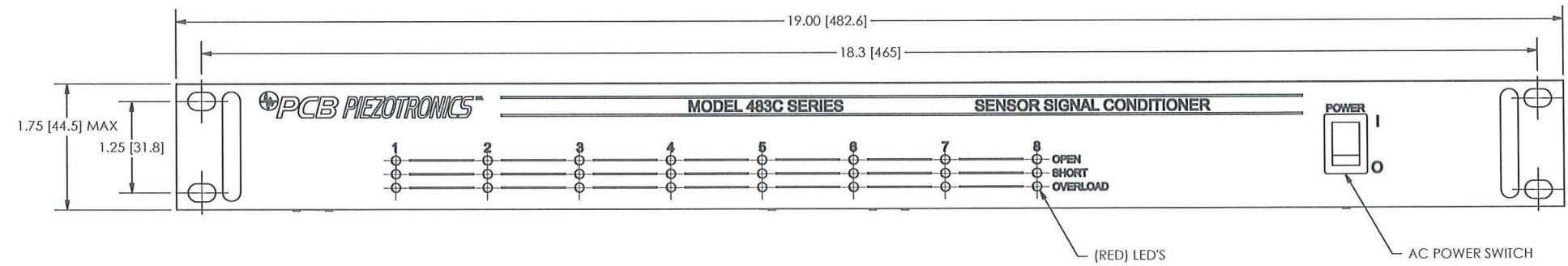
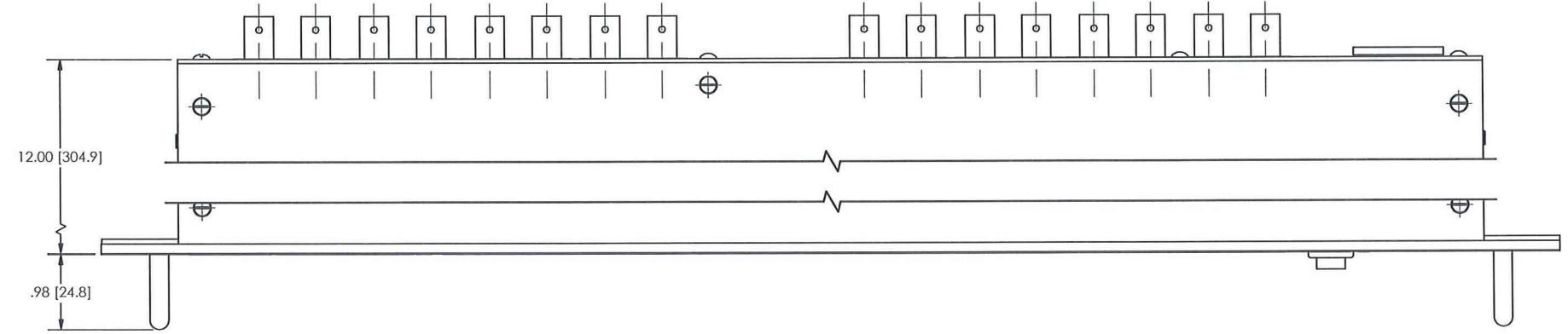
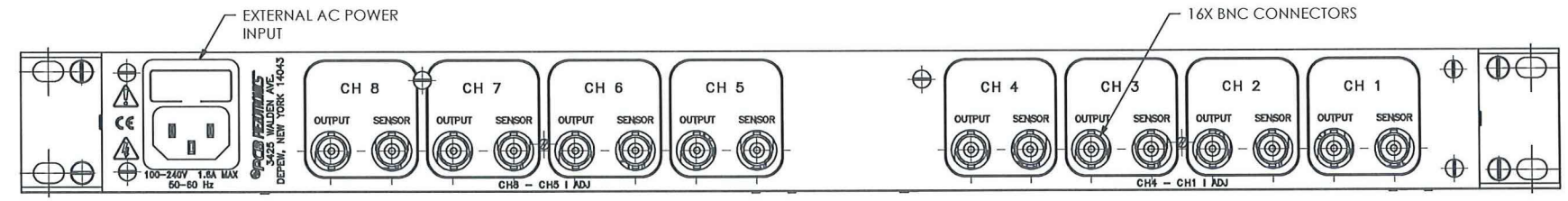


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DIMENSIONS IN INCHES	DIMENSIONS IN MILLIMETERS [IN BRACKETS]	JDM	3/27/13	AJP
DECIMALS XX ±.03 XXX ±.010	DECIMALS X ±0.8 XX ±0.25	 		
ANGLES ± 2 DEGREES	ANGLES ± 2 DEGREES	TITLE OUTLINE DRAWING MODEL 483C05/15 SENSOR SIGNAL CONDITIONER		
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