MPS4264
Miniature Pressure Scanner

FEATURES

• Integral processor for direct Ethernet connection
• New valve design provides „isolate-purge“
• Dynamic zero correction for unmatched sensor stability
• Standard or „Normal Px“ valve control
• IEEE1588-2008v2 PTP compatible
• Up to 2,500 samples/channel/second*
• Simple LabVIEW® integration
• Removable input headers
• Wide operating voltage (9-36Vdc)
• Integral web server

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The MPS4264 miniature pressure scanner represents the forefront of pressure measurement technology. It has been designed from the ground up with size, accuracy and functionality in mind. It boasts 64 pressure channels, small footprint, TCP/IP Ethernet connectivity, and a wealth of other innovative features.

The MPS4264 is designed around a core sensor pack that uses a custom packaged, ultra-stable sensor. Scanivalve engineers evaluated known causes of non-repeatability in piezoresistive pressure transducers. Designing a double isolation method of bonding the sensors to the base substrates (patent pending) minimizes the mechanical influences of assembly and thermal expansion. This process dramatically improves the stability and the resulting accuracy of the sensors.

Scanivalve engineers also developed a proprietary means of maximizing sensor stability for span and offset. This technique of “Dynamic Zero Correction” greatly improved the sensor’s stability over time and temperature (patent pending). The increase in overall sensor stability reduces the need for zero offset and span calibrations, resulting in significantly reduced test interruptions and down time. A brand new valve has been designed that fully isolates the sensors from purge pressure and provides long term, maintenance free operation. Not only is the valve design an improvement over legacy products, but two different valve actuation options are available. The „standard“ actuation uses opposing 65psi control pressures to shift the valve into whichever state is desired. The new „normal Px“ option uses a spring to default the valve into measurement mode and 90psi to shift it into calibrate mode.

The electronics are designed around a high performance DSP processor to produce 64 channel data in excess of 850 Hz (readings per channel per second). “Fast mode” can achieve rates of 2500 Hz. The onboard flash holds the pressure-temperature matrix that converts raw A/D counts to precise engineering unit data over a wide range of temperatures. The power conditioning circuit allow a wide power supply range and minimize module self-heating.

The MPS makes communication simple by including an integrated web server and supporting a wide variety of protocols. The MPS also supports IEEE-1588v2 Precision Time Protocol. Leveraging this technology allows the user to synchronize multiple MPS units and any other devices supporting IEEE-1588 sub-microsecond resolve. While IEEE-1588 support essentially eliminates the need for an external trigger, the MPS still retains support for both a frame trigger and a scan trigger.

* When limiting the channel scan list to 16 channels using the „Fast Scan“ feature

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APPLICATIONS

The MPS4264 electronic pressure scanning module is specifically designed for use in wind tunnel and flight tests where operational conditions are very space constrained and pressures do not exceed 50 psi. It is ideal for use inside small supersonic wind tunnel models.

The very low pressure ranges offered and small size also make it an ideal fit for wind engineering applications where the measurement pressures are very low.

It may be mounted in any position so the pressure sensors may be close coupled to the pressure sources to be measured. Removable headers allow for easy installation and removal without breaking the pneumatic lines.

When the MPS4264 is used for flight test, it must be installed in a Thermal Control Unit (TCU). This allows the unit to be operated in high vibration environments down to -50°C.

SUPPORTING ACCESSORIES

To make integration of the MPS4264 simple, Scanivalve has a full line of supporting accessories including:

- Desktop power supply, supporting 5 units
- Thermal Control Unit for extreme environments
- Miniature 4 and 8 port Ethernet Switch
- Custom Ethernet and power cables

COMMUNICATIONS

Communication to the MPS is through a miniature Ethernet connection with an impressive array of protocols. The user can connect to the MPS using a Web Browser. This graphical interface allows the operator to change settings, scan data to the screen or scan binary or ASCII data to a file on the host machine with a click of a mouse. The MPS can also stream data to an FTP server. ASCII commands may be issued via a Telnet client connected to the MPS Telnet server. A Multicast protocol is employed that allows multiple MPS devices to all start scanning in concert by sending a command to a single device. The MPS also supports a binary server that is optimized for a LabVIEW® interface. Example LabVIEW VIs are available.

The MPS uses the latest Precision Time Protocol (IE-EE-1588v2) standard to time correlate data. This exciting protocol allows any 1588 slave device to synchronize its time to submicrosecond accuracy without the use of external trigger signals. PTP can synchronize any IEEE-1588 compliant physical measurement device or a computer to a common Grand Master time.

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**IMPROVED SENSORS, IMPROVED ACCURACY**

The primary focus of the MPS4264 was to improve the unit’s overall accuracy across the entire temperature range. Scanivalve worked directly with a leading sensor designer to create a custom sensor package specifically for the MPS scanner. This design uses two layers of RTV to isolate the pressure sensor from mechanical influences like those caused by thermal expansion or assembly. Piezoresistive sensors also change greatly in span and zero over temperature so we placed eight individual digital temperature chips in very close proximity to the sensors. Combined with the design placing the sensors in an aluminum housing in the center of the module to prevent rapid temperature changes, these chips allow us to accurately correct for any change in the sensor’s behavior due to temperature.

Along with the pressure sensors, all components in the measurement circuit are effected by temperature and drift over time. Scanivalve designed a patent-pending architecture which continuously corrects for these changes over time, while the unit is scanning. This technique of “Dynamic Zero Correction” greatly improves the stability of the entire system over time and temperature. This is accomplished completely “behind the scenes,” does not affect performance and requires nothing of the user.

The advanced sensor technology, careful packaging and innovative “Dynamic Zero Correction” function greatly improve the stability and repeatability of the system. With these improvements the need for zero offset calibrations (CALZ) and span calibrations is dramatically reduced. This results in fewer test interruptions, less down time and increased overall efficiency.

**PNEUMATIC CALIBRATION VALVE**

The valve design is a sliding-type valve. An aluminum shuttle, populated with self-lubricating O-rings cycles back and forth between two positions to achieve each of the pneumatic states. The „bearing plate“ between the sliding O-rings and the aluminum stationary portion of the valve is a proprietary compound that is extremely low friction. The O-rings are supported completely to prevent any deformation during a state change. The valve shuttle is supported on ball bearings to provide minimal friction and maximum support. This design allows for low actuation force and minimal “stiction“ - meaning the actuation force does not noticeably increase after long periods of dormancy. Samples of the valve design were tested to over 1,000,000 cycles without maintenance.

Existing pressure scanners require outside pneumatic pressure as a force to switch the valve logic. In most applications, this „control pressure“ must be continuously supplied to the scanner to maintain the desired valve state. The MPS4264 offers a unique option with a valve that defaults to the „measurement“ mode, allowing sample pressures to be read without any outside pneumatic control pressure. This option, called „Normal Px,“ is another way the MPS4264 simplifies system architecture.

An optical valve position sensor has been integrated allowing the valve state to be queried with a simple software command.
SPECIFICATIONS (for MPS4264 version)

Inputs (Px): 0.042" [1.067mm] OD (standard)
              0.031" [.787mm] OD (optional)

Inputs (Cal, Ref, CTL, Prg): 0.063" [1.600mm] OD

Full Scale Ranges:
- 4 inH₂O, 8 inH₂O, 1psid, 5psid, 15psid
  [995.4Pa, 1990.7Pa, 6.89kPa, 34.5kPa, 103.4kPa]

Accuracy:
- 4 inH₂O: 0.20%FS
- 8 inH₂O: 0.15%FS
- 1psid: 0.06%FS
- 5psid: 0.06%FS
- 15psid: 0.06%FS

Overpressure Capability:
- 4 inH₂O: 25x
- 8 inH₂O: 15x
- 1psid: 10x
- 5psid: 5x

A/D Resolution: 24bit

Media Compatibility: Gases compatible with silicon, silicone, aluminum, and Buna-N

Maximum Reference Pressure: 50 psig (345kPa)
Maximum Environment Pressure: 100 psia (690kPa absolute)

Ethernet Connection: 100baseT, MDIX auto-crossing
External Trigger: 5-15Vdc, 6.5mA

Data Output Rate:
- TCP/IP Binary: 850Hz
- "Fast Mode": 2500Hz

Power Requirements: 9-36Vdc, 3.5W

Control Pressure Requirements:
- 65psi min. (standard)
- 90psi min. (normal Px version)

Mating Connectors:
- Ethernet: TE Connectivity PLG 8P8C Mini2
- Power: TE Connectivity PLG 8P8C Mini1

Weight: 6.59oz [186.9g]

Operating Temperature: 0° to 70°C
- 0° to 80°C with TCU

Storage Temperature: 0° to 80°C

DIMENSIONS (for MPS4264 version) Inches [mm]

ORDERING INFORMATION

MPS4264 / 64 CPx - 1psid

Model 4264 - Ethernet
Valve CPx - (65psi)
Npx - (90psi)

Full Scale Range Please see pressure ranges on next page

MPS4264's come standard with a 3ft MPS Power/Trigger flying leads cable and MPS Premium Ethernet cable.
The ES4000 is an unmanaged Ethernet switch to support the Scanivalve MPS4264 series of Ethernet pressure scanners. It is designed specifically to be as small as possible to enable it to be installed in wind tunnel models along with MPS4264 scanners. This allows the user to simply bring a single Ethernet cable from the control network or host computer into the test article. This minimizes test setup time and the number of cables that must pass through the critical, high demand space in the sting. The ES4008 is a 9 port switch, providing support for 8 MPS4264 scanners and a single ‘uplink’ RJ45 connection back to the host computer or control network. The ES4004 is a 5 port version of similar design.

The aluminum case provides a rugged, reliable package. All connectors, both power and Ethernet are latching to provide reliable connections in high vibration environments. Multiple threaded mounting holes as well as the overall small size and light weight make installation flexible and easy.
FEATURES

- Maintains a stable temperature environment for MPS4264 series pressure scanners
- For use with MPS4264/64CPx and MPS4264/64NPx models
- Quick disconnects for electrical and pneumatic I/O
- Rugged IP-54 rated aluminum case

The MPS (Miniature Pressure Scanner) line of Thermal Control Units is designed to provide a controlled temperature environment for MPS4264 series electronic pressure scanners. The MPS4264 pressure scanners incorporate temperature compensated piezoresistive pressure sensors which must remain in a controlled temperature environment to provide the most accurate pressure measurement. All MPS4264TCU’s include a rugged anodized aluminum enclosure, pneumatic connectors, mating pneumatic connector, a single electrical/data connector, and breakout cable with flying leads.

The MPS4264TCU offers an optional heater circuit for use in environments as cold as -60°C. This heater circuit utilizes two 20 watt heaters to keep the MPS4264 scanner within its temperature compensated range (0-70°C). Exceeding the compensated temperature range can induce errors in the pressure measurements.

For higher temperature applications (60-125°C) the Cooling Kit variant of the MPS4264TCU is required. The cooling kit variant contains the same heater circuit as the heater only MPS4264TCU variant. With the addition of the cooling kit, the MPS4264TCU can keep the MPS in the compensated range while the environmental temperatures range from -60°C to 125°C. Approximately 3.0 CFM of 23°C cooling air is required to properly cool the MPS while subject to the 125°C environment.

The electrical connector is a 17 contact M12 series connector which provides module power, heater power, scan triggering, and Ethernet data. The pneumatic connector is a Scanivalve 70MPS series connector. These features make for easy use and adaptability when implementing the MPS4264TCU into a complex system.
APPLICATION

Thermal Control Units are most commonly utilized in flight test, automotive, wind turbine, wind tunnel, and engine test applications where temperatures tend to vary and are often extreme. Thermal Control Units may also be used anywhere a stable temperature environment is not available for MPS pressure scanners. Although the environmental temperatures are within the compensated range of the scanner, a Thermal Control Unit can be used to improve measurement accuracy and limit any effects from temperature. Thermal Control Units also provide a ruggedized enclosure to protect the scanner’s components from moisture, dust, debris, and other contaminants that could harm the scanner.

ORDERING INFORMATION

MPS4264TCU-X
Where X is:
-1 MPS4264TCU with Cooling Kit and Heater
-2 MPS4264TCU with Heater Only
-3 MPS4264TCU no Heater or Cooling Kit

*Scanivalve recommends use of the MPS4264TCU with Cooling Kit in environments above 60°C. 3.0 CFM of 23°C cooling air is required at 125°C.
**X inputs are 0.040” tubulations. CAL, REF, CALCTL, PXCTL and PURGE are 0.063” tubulations

SPECIFICATIONS

- Mechanical Capacity: MPS4264/64CPx
- Case Material: 6063 Anodized Aluminum
- Operating Temperature Range: -60°C to +125°C*
- Pneumatic I/O: 70 Port connector with 0.063" tubulations (standard) or 70 Port connector with 0.040" tubulations** (optional)
- Electrical I/O: 17 contact M12 Series
- Heater Rating: Two 20 watt heaters
- Power Required:
  - Without heater: 9-36Vdc, 3.5W
  - With heater option: 20-30Vdc, 45W
- Cooling Air Required (125°C Environment): 3.0 CFM
- Temperature Sense: 4 wire RTD
- Mounting Position: Any
- Ingress Protection: IP-54 rating
- Shock and Vibration: MIL-STD-810G Category 24
- Weight:
  - (Including MPS Scanner and connector)
    - MPS4264TCU: 1.97 lbs. (.89 kgm)
  - Minimum Environmental Pressure:
    - MPS4264TCU: 0.5psia

DIMENSIONS INCHES [mm]
MPS4264- ETHERNET MINIATURE PRESSURE SCANNER

The MPS4264 is a unique 64 channel pressure scanner versatile enough to be used for many applications. It is the perfect choice where space is limited such as wind tunnel models where it is also important to keep tubing length as short as possible. Significant improvements have been made in this next generation product with regard to accuracy when used in dynamic temperature environments. This also makes the MPS an excellent choice for flight test or other demanding applications.

- 64 channels
- Integral processor for direct Ethernet connection
- Scan rates up to 2500Hz
- IEEE1588-2008v2 PTP Compatible
- Integral web server
- Dynamic zero correction for unmatched sensor stability
- New valve design provides “isolate-purge”
- Wide operating voltage (9-36Vdc)
**MPS CAL/REF HEADER KIT**

The MPS CAL/REF Header Kit allows users to quickly change tubing between model measurements. By simply replacing the CAL/REF header, the user can quickly attach control, CAL, and REF pressure tubes to the module without the need to physically plumb each tube to the module. The MPS CAL/REF Header kit consists of one Header, and three cap screws.

- PN: 20463-01(NPx) or 20463-02 (CPx)
- Available in 0.063”
- Allows for quick tubing change
- Available for CPx and NPx modules

**MPS PX INPUT HEADER KIT**

The MPS Px Input Header Kit allows users to quickly change tubing between model measurement. By simply replacing the input headers, the user can quickly attach 64 different pressure tubes to the module without the need to physically plumb each tube to the module. The MPS Px Input Header kit consists of two Input Headers, and six cap screws. PN: 20462-01

- Available in 0.040” and 0.031”
- Allows for quick tubing change

**MPS PLUMBING DUMMY**

The MPS Plumbing Dummy eliminates downtime of an MPS4264 when a model shop would typically need to plumb a MPS into a model. PN: 20435-01

- Exact size dimensionally as an MPS4264 Scanner
- All mounting holes the same as an actual MPS4264 allowing
- for use of the mounting plate on the side or bottom
- Allows standard Px and Control headers to be installed
- O-ring seal of the Px headers allows leak tests to be performed
- Cutouts for electrical connectors
- Headers not included
POWER CABLE OPTIONS

The MPS offers multiple power cable options made from extremely flexible wire. These small diameter cables (.160 inch/4.1mm O.D) are protected by a PVC jacket and have a maximum operating temperature of 105°C.

- PN: 156085-01 Premium MPS Power, Serial, and Trigger cable utilizes connectors at both ends and is intended for use between an MPS or ES4000 and the MPS PD4500. Cable length must be specified at time of order (150 ft maximum length).
- PN: 155625-01 MPS Power/Trigger Cable is a small diameter cable with flying leads and comes as a standard accessory with each MPS. The standard length of this cable is 3ft. This cable can be purchased separately and is intended for users who choose to supply their own power to the MPS or ES4000. (150 ft maximum length)

ETHERNET CABLE OPTIONS

Multiple Ethernet cable options are available for the MPS. The cables labeled as “Premium” utilize the highly flexible wire. The “Premium” cables are small diameter (.160 inch/4.1mm O.D.) cables protected by a PVC jacket and have a maximum operating temperature of 105°C.

- PN:156091-01 Premium MPS Ethernet Patch Cable (MPS-ES4000) is intended for use between an MPS and an ES4000 switch. This small diameter cable complements the compact size of the MPS and ES4000 (150 ft maximum length).
- PN:156062-01 Premium MPS Ethernet Patch Cable (MPS-RJ45) is intended for use between an MPS and any standard network hub, switch, or host computer (150 ft maximum length).
- PN: 155635-xx MPS Ethernet Patch Cable (MPS-RJ45) is a standard quality patch cable intended for use between an MPS and any standard network hub, switch or host computer. Standard lengths are 10, 25 and 100 ft. (Not Pictured)
- PN: 156110-01 MPS Ethernet Extender Cable (MPS to RJ45 Female) is a standard quality cable intended to be used with an MPS and an existing patch cable. This cable comes as a standard accessory with each MPS. The standard length of this cable is 3ft.
### POWER SUPPLY - 5 PORT

The five port MPS power supply allows for multiple MPS modules or the ES4000 to be powered by a single supply. This makes powering the modules convenient whether on the workbench, in the wind tunnel, or during flight test. This 5 port supply offers a single serial connection for the module plugged into the first position for advanced module configuration. PN:20030-01
- Provides power for up to 5 MPS or ES4000 modules
- 90-240 VAC / 50-60 Hz input
- 24 Vdc output
- Serial and trigger connections on rear panel
- Rugged aluminum case
- Individual power switch for each port

### POWER SUPPLY

The MPSPDM4000 and MPSPDM4100 power supplies allow for a single MPS module or ES4000 to be powered. These individual power supplies are an excellent choice for users that utilize a single MPS. The MPSPDM4100 allows for a serial connection as well as external scan triggering capabilities, while the MPSPDM4000 provides power only. MPSPDM4000 PN:20046-01, MPSPDM4100 PN:20045-01
- Provides power for a single MPS or ES4000 module
- 90-240 VAC / 50-60 Hz input
- 24 Vdc output
- Serial and trigger connections available on MPSPDM4100

### MPS BLANKING COVER

The MPS Blanking Cover allows for the MPS to be removed from a test section and stored in a safe location, without having to unplug the module. Simply remove the headers and install the blanking cover over the pneumatic inputs. MPS Blanking Cover PN:20437
- Covers all pneumatic and electrical connectors when not in use
- Leaves CAL and REF input ports open to atmosphere to prevent unexpected pressurization of the sensors
- Compatible with CPx and NPx variants
- Works with the mounting plate mounted on the bottom or side

### MPSTCU BREAKOUT BOX

The MPSTCU Breakout Box allows users of the MPSTCU a simple means to connect Ethernet, trigger, and module/heater power to the MPSTCU. The MPSTCU Breakout Box power connector is compatible with Scanivalve PDM1500 and PDM3200 power supplies while the Ethernet connector accepts a standard RJ-45 patch cable.
- Rugged aluminum case
- Mounting strap included as a standard accessory