

ISOLATED DIGITAL INPUT & FET OUTPUT BOARDS FOR M.2 AND MINI PCI EXPRESS CARD HARDWARE MANUAL

MODELS

M.2-IDIO-8, M.2-IDO-8, M.2-IDIO-4,
mPCIe-IDIO-8 mPCIe-IDO-8 AND mPCIe-IDIO-4



CHAPTER 1: QUICK START

It is recommended that you install the software package before installing the card in your computer. You can install the software¹ using a stand-alone installer downloaded from the product page Manuals / Software tab on our website.

Run the installer you downloaded and follow the prompts to install the software for your device.

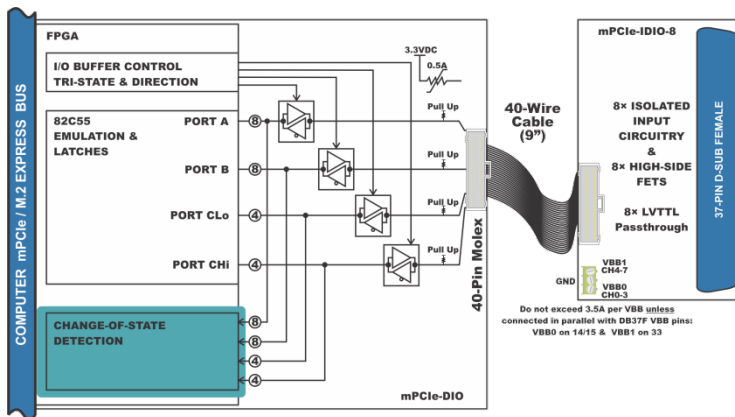
Please note: during the installation you may be prompted regarding the installation of non-WHQL-certified drivers; please carefully confirm the digitally signed source of the drivers and accept the installation.

Once the software has been installed, shut down your system and carefully install the mPCIe card.

Re-start your system. Once the computer finishes booting your new device should already be installed and ready for use; you can confirm this by launching Device Manager and looking under the “Data Acquisition” section. If, for any reason, the mPCIe displays a warning icon, right-click and select “Update Driver”.

¹ In Linux or OSX please refer to github.com/accesio/apci.

CHAPTER 2: INTRODUCTION



M.2 and PCI Express Mini Card are low-profile, small-footprint busses standard originally intended for adding peripherals to notebook computers. They have become the de-facto standards for high-performance, small form-factor devices in many applications.

The device consists of an M.2 or mPCIe interface board that connects to a Mobile-ITX-sized, panel- or plate-mountable DB-37F Isolation Module via an included 9" cable.

FEATURES

- 8 or 4 optically-isolated non-polarized inputs
- 8 or 4 FET outputs
- 8 or 4 LVTTTL I/O lines programmable as inputs or outputs in groups of 4 lines (pulled up to 3.3V via 10kΩ)
- 9" cable (228mm), standard
- Panel- or Plate-mountable DB-37F Isolation Module
- All inputs support Change-of-State (CoS) IRQs

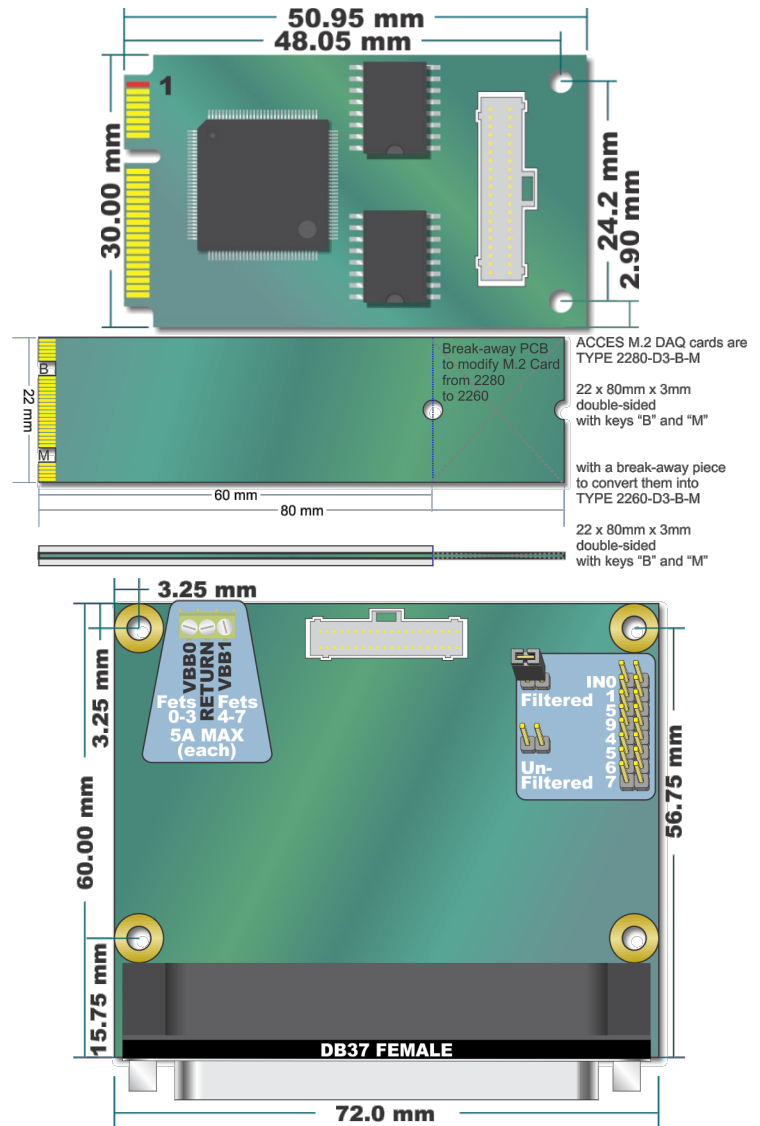
These cards are well suited to complex environments, mitigating otherwise challenging ground-loops, high-common-mode, and transient voltage spikes common in electrically-noisy industrial or

factory locations. The broad voltage compatibility and high current outputs allows use in a wide range of applications.

The non-polarized inputs support both AC and DC, and configuration jumpers allow 4.7ms input filters to be enabled per-channel, as desired – required for AC use. The Isolated Inputs support voltages from 3 to 31 VDC/VAC RMS [40Hz to 10000Hz], as well as standard 12/24 AC control transformer signals.

The outputs are High-Side Power MOSFETs capable of 2A continuous-current load.

Switching a FET from the ON to OFF or from OFF to ON is a digital operation, and is therefore relatively fast, best measured in microseconds.



CHAPTER 3: HARDWARE

This manual applies to the following models:

M.2- or mPCIe-IDIO-8 8 Isolated Input, 8 FET Output mPCIe Card

M.2- or mPCIe-IDO-8 8 FET Outputs on mPCIe Card

M.2- or mPCIe-IDIO-4 4 Isolated Input, 4 FET Output mPCIe Card

The M.2 models are M.2 B- & M-key cards in the 2280 size (22 × 80 mm) with a break-away for 2260 (22 × 60 mm). The mPCIe models

are full-length “F1” mPCIe devices (30 × 50.95 mm). Both include a required 9” (229mm) 40-conductor cable connected to a panel- or plate-mountable DB-37F Isolation Module. The Isolation Module is Mobile-ITX sized (60 x 72 mm) for broad installation compatibility. All units are RoHS compliant.

INCLUDED IN YOUR PACKAGE

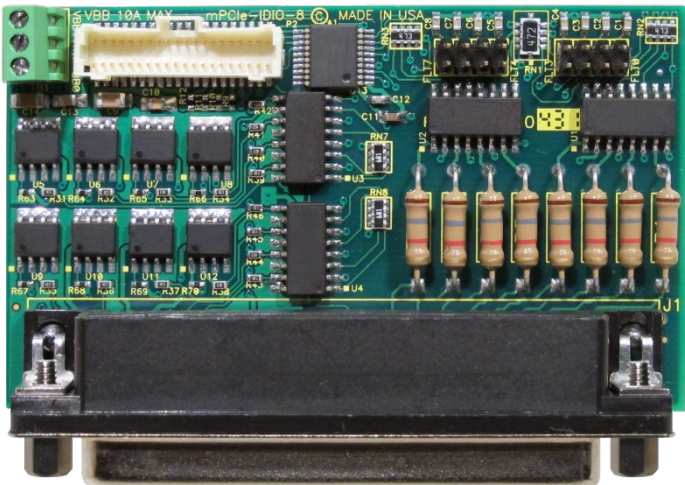
- DB-37F Isolation Module w/screw locks
- 9” 40-pin cable (228mm)
- M.2 or mPCIe Digital I/O card

Available accessories include:

- ADAP37M-MINI 37-pin Direct Connect Terminal Board
- mPCIe-HDW-KIT2 Mounting hardware for 2mm
- mPCIe-HDW-KIT2.5 Mounting hardware for 2.5mm
- M.2-HDW-KIT2 Mounting hardware for 2mm

Contact the factory for information regarding additional accessories, options, and specials that may be available to best fit your specific application requirements, such as extended temperature, conformal coating, or alternate cable lengths, to name a few. Pull down resistors on the LVTTTL I/O lines (x8) is another application specific need (these are pulled up in the default configuration).

CHAPTER 4: CONFIGURATION SETTINGS



The Isolation Module includes jumpers to enable input filters with a 4.7ms time-constant, optimized for dealing with AC signals, but useful for a wide variety of transient-mitigation tasks.

There is one filter option selection jumper per input channel; simply move the provided jumper plug to the ON position to enable filtering for the respective channel. The first group of four jumpers as shown in the above photograph apply to input channels 7 down through 4; the second group to channels 3 through 0.

CHAPTER 5: PC INTERFACE

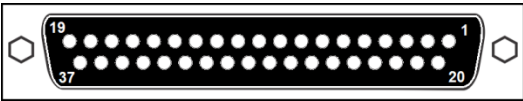
This product interfaces with a PC using either a PCI Express M.2 or PCI Express Mini Card (mPCIe) connection; a small-form-factor, high-performance, rugged peripheral interconnect technology first introduced for use in laptops and other portable computers.

The small size and powerful PCI Express performance, combined with perfect software compatibility with PCIe peripheral designs, has led to their recent adoption as go-to standards for embedded Data Acquisition and Control, and many other applications.

Although M.2 is a broadly adopted industry standard, the actual connection to the computer shares a specification with mSATA: both mSATA and M.2 use the same edge-connector. In fact, well-designed PCs can automatically detect and configure their onboard connectors to work with either M.2 or mSATA devices – and, according to the standards for M.2 and mSATA they are supposed to do so! However, some PC manufacturers ship computers that only support mSATA devices. Please confirm in your PC documentation that your edge-connector is actually PCI Express M.2 Card compliant before installing this, or any, M.2 card.

M.2 and mPCIe define mounting holes for securing the otherwise loose end of the card, so it is impossible for these cards to wiggle or flap themselves loose devices. Eliminating this concern for M.2 and mPCIe cards is a major reason these standards have seen rapid adoption by the Data Acquisition and Control industry.

CHAPTER 6: I/O INTERFACE



Signal Definitions	
Signal	Meanings
IN A #	Non-Polarized Isolated Input “A” Side (3-31VDC or AC RMS)
IN B #	Non-Polarized Isolated Input “B” Side (3-31VDC or AC RMS)
OUT +	FET Output pin
RETURN	OUT - for all FETs (0-7) (Ext Supply Return Terminal)
VBB 0*	Ext Supply (5-34VDC) for FETs 0-3
VBB 1	Ext Supply (5-34VDC) for FETs 4-7
LVTTTL I/O #	Digital I/O pin, pulled up to 3.3V via 10kΩ (3.3VDC, +5VDC tolerant)
GND**	Mandatory Ground return connection for LVTTTL I/O lines

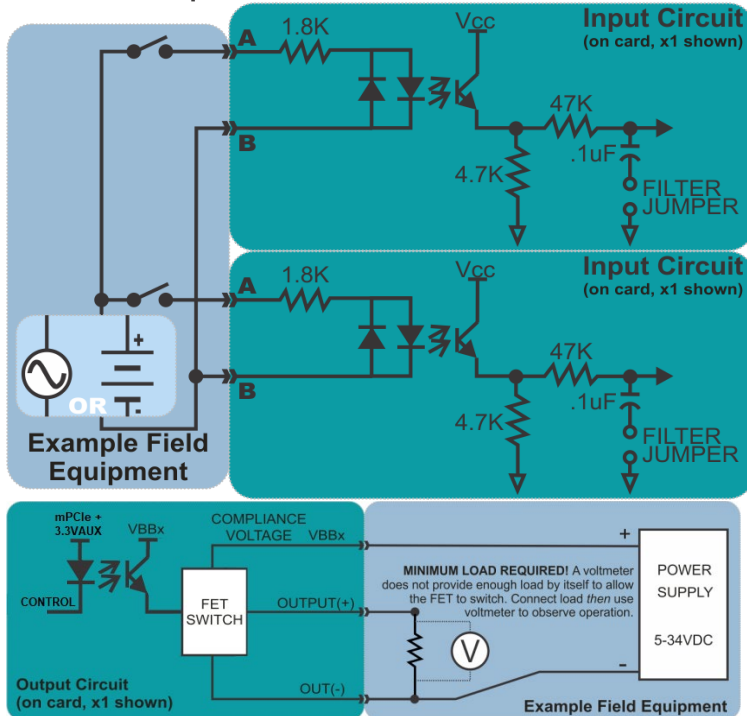
DB-37F Female Pinout			
1	IN A 7		
2	IN A 6	20	IN B 7
3	IN A 5	21	IN B 6
4	IN A 4	22	IN B 5
5	IN A 3	23	IN B 4
6	IN A 2	24	IN B 3
7	IN A 1	25	IN B 2
8	IN A 0	26	IN B 1
9	GND	27	IN B 0
10	LVTTTL 0	28	LVTTTL 4
11	LVTTTL 1	29	LVTTTL 5
12	LVTTTL 2	30	LVTTTL 6
13	LVTTTL 3	31	LVTTTL 7
14	VBB 0*	32	RETURN
15	VBB 0*	33	VBB 1
16	OUT + 0	34	OUT + 4
17	OUT + 1	35	OUT + 5
18	OUT + 2	36	OUT + 6
19	OUT + 3	37	OUT + 7

Custom hardware interfaces can be produced to fit your specific application requirement.

*If TB1 (the 3-position screw terminal on the isolation module) is the only source providing VBB, only a max of 3.5A should be used per VBB. To use the full 5A per VBB specification, you can use the extra VBB pins on the DB37F connector. The RTN on TB1 can handle the 5A. It is acceptable to always connect your source to both VBB0 pins.

** The GND connection in pin 9 is required to use the LVTTTL I/O lines on pins 10-13 and 28-31. Connect this point to the ground reference of the external device. Damage will result if this pin is not connected when trying to use the LVTTTL DIO lines, voiding the warranty.

Example: Shared AC or DC power with multiple contacts monitored



TB1 provides an alternate location for connecting VBB0 and VBB1 in parallel with the DB37F pins. You may find the screw terminals more convenient when sourcing power from inside your enclosure.

Note: FETs have two output states: Off, where the output is high impedance (no current flows between the VBB and the output — except for the FET's leakage current, amounting to a few μ A), and On, where VBB is connected to the output pin.

Therefore, if no load is connected the FET output will have a high floating voltage (due to the leakage current and no path to the VBB switching voltages return). To mitigate this, please add a load to ground at the output.

CHAPTER 7: SOFTWARE INTERFACE

The simplest way to program for the device is using legacy-compatibility mode: the device boots into this mode, and you can control it exactly like you would a PCIe-IDIO-8, or a PCI-IDIO-8 — or even a 104-IDIO-8!

I/O Registers at BAR [2]		
Register offset (decimal)	Write Operation	Read Operation
FETs [+ 0]	FET 0-7 output	FET 0-7 read-back
Isolated Inputs [+ 1]	unused	Bits 0-7 input
TTL 0-3 and 4-7 [+ 16]	Digital Output	Digital Input
TTL Control [+ 17]	Configure Port I/O	Read I/O Config.
IRQ Control [+ 40]	En- / Dis-able IRQ	
IRQ Clear/Status [+ 41]	Clear IRQ	IRQ Status

In the following bit-level register descriptions the column labeled “Dir” indicates read or write operation, with the following notation:

R: Read function, and W: Write function. RW indicates both. r: read, and w: write, but less-commonly useful than R or W

+ 0	Dir	D7	D6	D5	D4	D3	D2	D1	D0
FET #	rW	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0

Writing one byte to +0 will control all 8 FETs. Setting a bit to 1 energizes the corresponding FET, while clearing a bit to 0 turns the FET off. Reading a byte will provide the currently commanded FET state (read-back).

+ 1	Dir	D7	D6	D5	D4	D3	D2	D1	D0
Input #	R	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0

Reading from +1 returns 8 bits. Each set bit indicates current was detected at the corresponding isolated input.

+ 16	Dir	D7	D6	D5	D4	D3	D2	D1	D0
Input #	RW	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0

Writing to this register will output the bits to the TTL output pins. Any bit configured as input will ignore the operation. Reading this register will return the state of the input pins, and/or will read back the state of the any pin configured as outputs.

+ 17	Dir	D7	D6	D5	D4	D3	D2	D1	D0
TTL DIR	rW							TTL4-7	TTL0-3

Writing a “1” to bit D0 or D1 will configure the corresponding TTL bits as output. Writing a “0” will configure the port for use as inputs. All pins are configured as inputs at power-up or reset.

Reading this register will give the current input vs output configuration.

+ 40	Dir	D7	D6	D5	D4	D3	D2	D1	D0
IRQ En	rW								IRQ ENABLE

Writing “FF” will enable IRQs on the 8 Isolated Input bits, as well as any TTL bits configured as input. Write 00 to disable.

+ 41	Dir	D7	D6	D5	D4	D3	D2	D1	D0
IRQ Clr	W								Write 0xFF to clear pending IRQs
IRQ Stat	R								INT

Write “1” to each IRQ status bit to clear the pending IRQ. Bits D1 through D7 are reserved, for best results write “1” to all bits (0xFF).

Reading will give the current IRQ latch state. Bit D0 “1” means “an IRQ was generated”.

In addition to the I/O registers at BAR[2], BAR[0] contains one register for compatibility with the PCIe product line: Register +0x69 contains a read-only status bit [d7] which indicates the card is generating an IRQ when set [1], and is not generating an IRQ when clear [0].

All of these registers can be operated from any operating system using any programming language, using either no driver at all (kernel mode, Linux ioperm(3), DOS, VxWorks, etc.) or using one of the ACCES provided drivers (AIOWDM [for Windows], [APCI](#) [for Linux & OSX]), or using any 3rd party APIs such as provided with Real-Time OSes.

In Windows¹, please consult the various samples (C#, Delphi, VC6, VB6, and more) to explore how to program the device. The

¹ In Linux or OSX please refer to the documentation at github.com/accesio/APCI

Software Reference Manual.pdf provides reference material covering all AIOWDM driver APIs, and tips for simplifying tasks such as Plug-and-Play card detection. Please note that the Software Reference Manual.pdf will include numerous functions that don't apply to this device. A quick reference of the most-applicable functions is provided, below:

AIOWDM API Quick Reference	
Function name	Function Purpose
ReInPortB()	Read 8-bits of data
ReOutPortB()	Write 8-bits of data
QueryCardInfo()	Determine what cards AIOWDM has detected in the system
WaitForIRQ()	Block the thread until the device reports a change-of-state has occurred on a pin of an enabled I/O group (or the wait is aborted).

There are quite a few additional functions provided by AIOWDM.dll; please consult the Software Reference Manual (.pdf), and/or the sample programs, for more information.

Under certain circumstances the following information might prove useful:

PCI Express Mini Card Plug-and-Play Data	
Vendor / Device ID	Card Type
0x494F / 0x0100	M.2- or mPCIe DIO Base
0x494F / 0x0102	M.2- or mPCIe-IDIO-8
0x494F / 0x0103	M.2- or mPCIe-IDIO-4
0x494F / 0x0105	M.2- or mPCIe-IDO-8

Available Downloads

The latest information can always be found on the product page on the website. Here are some useful links:

Links and useful downloads	
Main site	https://acesio.com
Product's page	acesio.com/mPCIe-IDIO-8 acesio.com/M.2-IDIO-8
This manual	acesio.com/MANUALS/M.2- mPCIe-IDIO-8.pdf
Windows Software	acesio.com/files/packages/M.2- mPCIe-IDIO
Install Package	Install.exe

CHAPTER 8: SPECIFICATIONS

PC Interface

PCI Express Mini Card Type F1 "Full Length" V1.2

Note: Device's connector violates component height restrictions

M.2 PCI Express 2280/2260 B+M-key

Isolated Inputs

Number	8 (or 4)
Type	Non-polarized, optically isolated from each other and from the computer (CMOS compatible)
Voltage	3 to 31 DC or AC RMS (40 to 10000Hz)
Isolation	300V channel-to-ground and 150V ch-to-ch
Resistance	1.8K Ω in series with opto-coupler

Filter Response

Rise-time	4.7 ms
Fall-time	4.7 ms

Non-Filter Response

Rise-time	10 μ s
Fall-time	30 μ s

FET Outputs & Digital I/O Lines

Number	8 (or 4)
Type	High Side Power MOSFET Switch. Protected against short-circuit, over-temp, ESD; can drive inductive loads.
Voltage Range	5-34VDC recommended (customer supplied) for continuous use, 40VDC absolute maximum
Current Rating	2A maximum per output (10A max cumulative)
Turn On time	90 μ sec (typical)
Turn Off time	110 μ sec (typical)

CHAPTER 9: CERTIFICATIONS

CE & FCC

These devices are designed to meet all applicable EM interference and emission standards. However, as they are intended for use installed on motherboards, and inside the chassis of industrial PCs, important care in the selection of PC and chassis is important to achieve compliance for the computer as a whole.

UL & TUV

No AC or DC voltages above 31V are consumed or produced during normal operation of this device. This product is therefore exempt from any related safety standards. Use it with confidence!

ROHS / LEAD-FREE STATEMENT

All models are produced in compliance with RoHS and various other lead-free initiatives.

WARNING

A SINGLE STATIC DISCHARGE CAN DAMAGE YOUR CARD AND CAUSE PREMATURE FAILURE! PLEASE FOLLOW ALL REASONABLE PRECAUTIONS TO PREVENT A STATIC DISCHARGE SUCH AS GROUNDING YOURSELF BY TOUCHING ANY GROUNDED SURFACE PRIOR TO TOUCHING THE CARD. ALWAYS CONNECT AND DISCONNECT YOUR FIELD CABLING WITH THE COMPUTER POWER OFF. ALWAYS TURN

Leakage Current 5 μ A maximum

Digital Inputs 8 or 4 LVTTTL	Logic High	2.0V to VCCIO (3.3VDC, 5VDC tolerant)
	Logic Low	0V to 0.8V <i>Pulled up to 3.3V via 10kΩ</i>
Digital Outputs 8 or 4 LVTTTL	Logic High	2.0V (min) 24mA source
	Logic Low	0.55V (max) 24mA sink <i>Pulled up to 3.3V via 10kΩ</i>

Environmental

Temperature Operating 0°C to 70°C (order "-T" for -40° to 85°C)
Storage -65° to 150°C

Humidity 5% to 95%, non-condensing

Power required +3.3VDC @ 360mA (typical)

Physical

Card characteristics		
Weight	6.2 grams (mPCIe) 5.4 grams (M.2)	
Size, mPCIe	Length	50.95mm (2.006")
	Width	30.00mm (1.181")
Size, M.2	Length	80 mm (or 60 mm after breakaway)
	Width	22 mm
I/O connector	On-card mating	Molex 501190-4017 40-pin latching Molex 501189-4010
Isolation Module characteristics		
Weight	38.2 grams (+11.2g for the 9" cable)	
Size (Mobile-ITX sized)	Length	60 mm
	Width	72 mm
I/O connector	On-module mating	Female, D-Sub Miniature, 37-pin Male, D-Sub Miniature, 37-pin

COMPUTER POWER OFF BEFORE INSTALLING A CARD. CONNECTING AND DISCONNECTING CABLES, OR INSTALLING CARDS, INTO A SYSTEM WITH THE COMPUTER OR FIELD POWER ON MAY CAUSE DAMAGE TO THE I/O CARD AND WILL VOID ALL WARRANTIES, IMPLIED OR EXPRESSED.

WARRANTY

Prior to shipment, ACCES equipment is thoroughly inspected and tested to applicable specifications. However, should equipment failure occur, ACCES assures its customers that prompt service and support will be available. All equipment originally manufactured by ACCES which is found to be defective will be repaired or replaced subject to the following considerations:

GENERAL

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any use to which the equipment is exposed other than that use specified or intended as evidenced by purchase or sales representation. Other than the above, no other warranty, expressed or implied, shall apply to any and all such equipment furnished or sold by ACCES.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

If a unit is suspected of failure, contact ACCES' Customer Service department. Be prepared to give the unit model number, serial number, and a description of the failure symptom(s). We may suggest some simple tests to confirm the failure. We will assign a Return Material Authorization (RMA) number which must appear on the outer label of the return package. All units/components should be properly packed for handling and returned with freight prepaid to the ACCES designated Service Center, and will be returned to the customer's/user's site freight prepaid and invoiced.

COVERAGE

FIRST THREE YEARS: Returned unit/part will be repaired and/or replaced at ACCES option with no charge for labor or parts not excluded by warranty. Warranty commences with equipment shipment.

FOLLOWING YEARS: Throughout your equipment's lifetime, ACCES stands ready to provide on-site or in-plant service at reasonable rates similar to those of other manufacturers in the industry.

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