



Instruction Manual

IEPE Supply Module M29

Application

The IEPE Supply Module M29 is designed to connect piezoelectric sensors to measuring instruments or data acquisition systems which do not have IEPE compatible inputs. It supplies the power for the sensor electronics and de-couples DC components from the sensor signal. The M29 can be combined with the IEPE Conditioning Module M33 featuring additionally selectable gain, filtering and integration. The M29 is suited for both laboratory applications and DIN rail attachment in switch cabinets. The wide supply voltage range of the M29 allows power supply from external batteries, 5 VDC USB voltage, mains plug adapters or from industrial 24 VDC supplies.

Figure 1 shows the principle circuit diagram. The integrated sensor electronics is supplied with constant current. This should not be confused with a 4-20 mA current loop. The constant current I_{const} is fed into the signal cable of the sensor. A de-coupling capacitor C_c keeps DC components away from the input of the connected instrument.

Providing the constant current supply and de-coupling the output is the purpose of the IEPE Supply Module M29.

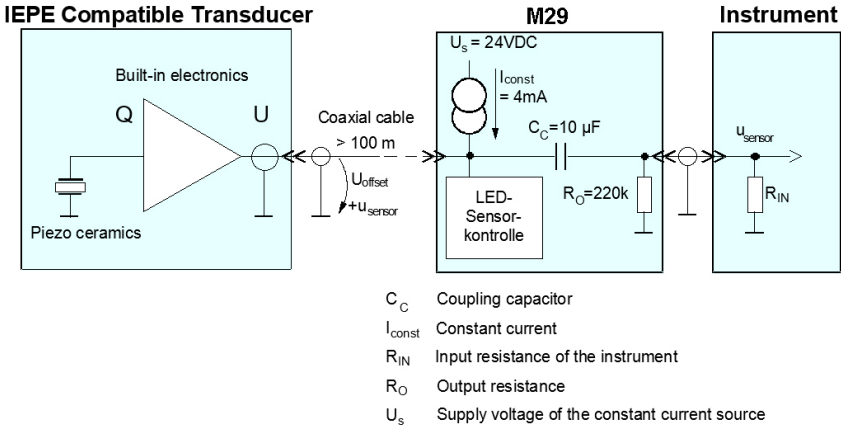


Figure 1: IEPE principle and functional diagram of the M29

What is IEPE?

IEPE is a well-established standard for the output of piezoelectric transducers and microphones. It stands for "Integrated Electronics Piezo Electric". Other brand names for the same principle are ICP®, CCLD, Isotron®, Deltatron®, Piezotron® etc. By supplying the sensor with constant current, a positive DC offset voltage arises at the sensor output. This DC voltage depends on the manufacturer and the specimen and reaches 5 V to 14 V. Round this bias voltage the measuring signal of the transducer may oscillate. The output voltage of the transducer never changes to negative values. Its minimum value is the saturation voltage of the integrated electronics (about 1V). The maximum value of the output voltage is limited by the supply voltage of the constant current source (24 VDC with the M29). Figure 2 shows the dynamic range of the transducer.

The output of the M29 is free of DC components. It provides the unaltered AC sensor output signal.

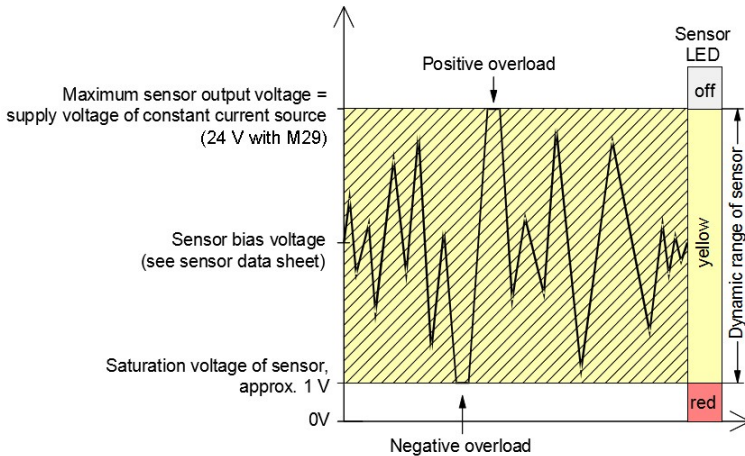


Figure 2: Dynamic range of IEPE sensors

Description

The IEPE Supply Module M29 (Figure 3) contains the electronic circuit for supplying one sensor. For multi-channel applications additional M29 modules can be plugged into one another by means of screwed in banana plugs at the side wall of the instrument. These plugs connect the power supply voltage to all modules.

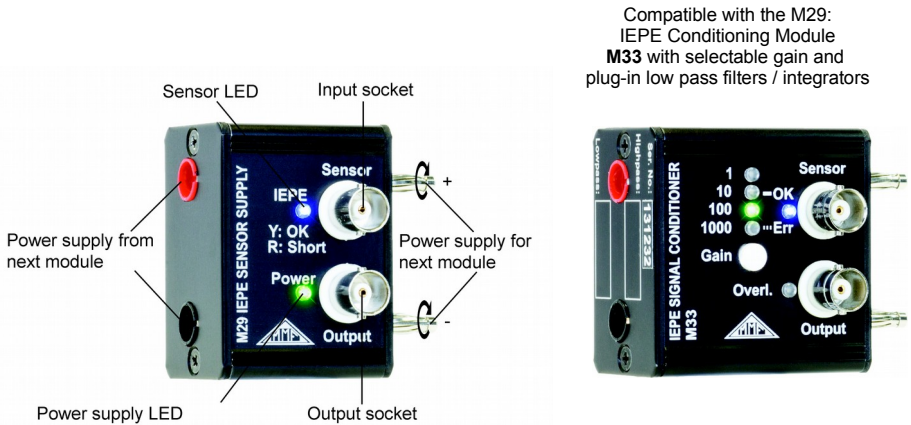


Figure 3: Functions of the M29

The M29 needs for operation a supply voltage between 5 and 28 VDC. It can be powered, for example, from:

- Industrial 24 VDC supplies
- The optionally available mains plug adapter **PS1600** (for up to 10 M29)
- USB voltage (5 VDC)
- Batteries with more than 5 VDC

The operating voltage is connected via a circular power connector to DIN 45323 on the left side of the M29. The tip (inner conductor) is the positive terminal. Alternatively the two banana sockets on the left side

of the case can be used for power supply. Their polarity is shown in Figure 3. A green “Power” LED indicates the connected supply voltage.

The M29 is protected against false polarization and line transients up to 60 V. Insulation between power supply and measuring signal is provided.

Internally a supply voltage of 24 VDC for the constant current source is generated. This voltage is sufficient for an optimal dynamic range with all available IEPE compatible transducers. The constant current of the M29 is approximately 4 mA.

An LED sensor status indicator informs the user of the following conditions: (compare Figure 2):

- LED off: No sensor connected or sensor circuit interrupted.
- LED yellow: Sensor connected properly with bias voltage between 1 and 24 VDC.
- LED red: Input shorted, voltage below 1 VDC.

The M29 is suited for applications with piezoelectric transducers over a frequency range from 0.1 Hz to 100 kHz. Thus seismic measurements at low frequencies with accelerometers or quasi static pressure and force measurements can be performed. Also shock measurements involving high frequencies and amplitudes are possible with the M29.

To reach the lower frequency limit of 0.1 Hz (-3 dB) the input resistance of the instrument connected to the output of the M29 must not be lower than 1 M Ω . At 100 k Ω input resistance the lower frequency limit would increase to approximately 0.3 Hz.

In series to the output is a 100 Ω resistor and in parallel to the output a 10 nF capacitor.

The M29 is well suited for 35 mm DIN rail attachment. For this purpose the adapter **M29+33DIN** is available as shown in Figure 4. The adapter base is mounted on the M29 by 2 screws M3. Two tapped holes are provided at the rear of the instrument.

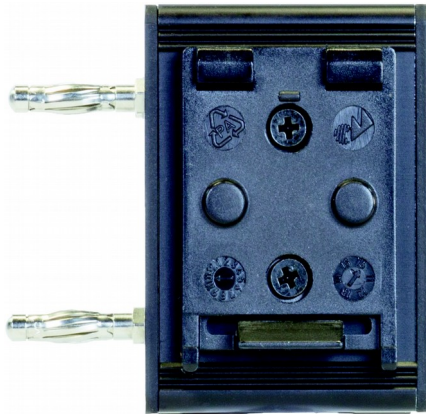


Figure 4: DIN Rail Adapter M29+33DIN

Technical Data

Input / Output:	BNC sockets
Output circuit:	AC coupled over 10 μ F; 220 k Ω parallel with output Load resistance > 1 M Ω for lower frequency limit 0.1 Hz (-3 dB)
Dynamic range:	up to \pm 10 V (depending on sensor type)
Constant current source:	3.5 .. 4.5 mA, compliance voltage >22 V
IEPE sensor status indicator:	bi-color LED; off = input open; yellow = 1 .. 24 V = OK; red = shorted
Gain / Accuracy:	1 \pm 0,5 %
Output noise:	< -120 dBV / < 1 μ V (0.3 Hz .. 40 kHz)
Frequency range (- 3 dB):	0.1 Hz .. 100 kHz
Power supply:	U _S = 5 .. 28 VDC; 100 .. 15 mA; insulated from signal path; via DIN 45323 circular power connector (positive terminal at tip) or two banana plugs
Case:	Aluminum
Supplied accessories:	2 screw-in banana plugs for power supply connection with other modules
Optional accessories:	PS1600: mains plug adapter for 100 .. 240 VAC; 12 VDC / 500 mA sufficient for up to 10 units M29 M29+33DIN: 35 mm DIN rail adapter
Operating temperature range:	-10 .. 55 °C; 95 % relative humidity; no condensation
Weight:	100 g
Dimensions (W x H x D):	40 mm x 55 mm x 45 mm

Warranty

Metra warrants for a period of

24 months

That its products will free from defects in material and workmanship and shall conform to the specifications current at the time of shipment. The warranty period starts with the date of invoice.

The invoice must be presented as proof of purchase.

The warranty period ends after 24 months.

Repairs do not extend the warranty period.

The limited warranty only covers defects which arise as a result of normal use according to the instruction manual.

Metra's obligations under this warranty do not apply in cases of improper or inadequate maintenance or modification and operation outside the product's specifications

Shipment to Metra will be paid by the customer.

The repaired or replaced product will be sent back to the customer at Metra's expense.

Declaration of Conformity

According to EMC Directive 2014/30/EC

Product: IEPE Supply Module

Type: M29

It is hereby certified that the above mentioned product complies with the demands pursuant to the following standards:

DIN EN 61326-1: 2013

DIN EN 61010-1: 2011

DIN 45669-1: 2010

The producer is responsible for this declaration

Metra Mess- und Frequenztechnik
in Radebeul e.K.

Meißner Str. 58, D-01445 Radebeul

declared by



Michael Weber

Radebeul, September 12, 2016