

PRESENTATION

The TxBlock is a 2-wire in-head temperature transmitter. Microprocessor based, it was designed for flexibility, accepting mV, Pt100 and a variety of thermocouples as the input sensor. The TxBlock delivers a scalable linear 4-20mA output current proportional to the sensor temperature. A user-friendly configuration software is provided for parameter setup, including sensor type, temperature range, filter, etc.

SPECIFICATIONS

Sensor input: User defined. The supported sensors are listed in table 01, along with their maximum ranges.

Thermocouples: Types J, K, R, S, T, N and E, according to NBR 12771.

Impedance >> 1M Ω

Pt100: Excitation:180 μ A. $\alpha= 0.00385$, according to NBR 13773. 2 or 3-wire connection (for 2-wire sensors, tie terminals 2 and 3 together).

Voltage: 0 a 50mVdc. Impedance >> 1M Ω .

Sensor Type	Range	Minimum measurement span
Thermocouple K	0 a 1370°C	100°C
Thermocouple J	0 a 760°C	100°C
Thermocouple R	0 a 1760°C	400°C
Thermocouple S	0 a 1760°C	400°C
Thermocouple T	0 a 400°C	100°C
Thermocouple N	0 a 1300°C	100°C
Thermocouple E	0 a 720°C	100°C
Pt100	-200 a 530°C	40°C
Voltage	0 a 50mV	5mV

Table 1 – TxBlock input sensors

Output: 2-wire 4-20mA, linear with respect to the measured temperature.

Total accuracy: better than 0,3% of the maximum range for thermocouples and 0,2% for Pt100 and voltage;

Response Time: < 100 ms;

Power supply: 12 to 35Vdc, across the transmitter;

Maximum load (RL): $RL (max.) = (V_{cc} - 12) / 0,02 [\Omega]$, where: V_{cc} = Power supply voltage

Operating Temperature: -40 to 85°C

Humidity: 0 a 90% RH

Electromagnetic compatibility: EN 50081-2, EN 50082-2

No isolation between the sensor and the 4-20mA loop.

Internal protection against polarity inversion.

Cold junction compensation for thermocouples.

Housing: ABS plastic. **Dimensions:** 44mm (diameter) x 25mm (height).

CONFIGURATION

Please check the configuration parameters programmed in theTxBlock, using the TxConfig software. A communication path needs to be established between the TxBlock and the serial port of a PC. The 1.5m long TxConfig Adaptor is provided for this purpose. Connect its DB9 end to the PC COMM port and the other end to the transmitter as shown in Figure 1.

Once configured, the transmitter is ready to be installed in the process.

Note: The TxConfig Adaptor and Software can be purchased separately from Novus or one of its distributors. The latest release of this software can be downloaded from our web site www.novus.com.br. Do not save the TxConfig software into a file which contains accent marks. To install, run the Tx_setup.exe and follow the instructions. To install de configurator, run the Tx_setup.exe file.

Serial port configuration errors may occur when other devices are sharing the same port (ex.: Palm Hot Synch). Close all serial port applications prior to using the TxConfig software.

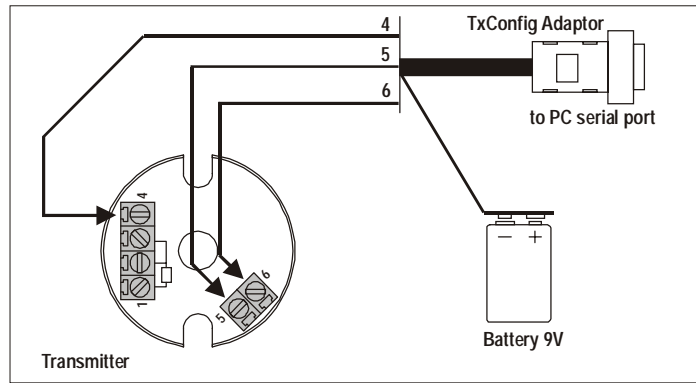


Figure 1 – Adaptor connections to the TxBLOCK

The transmitter requires to be powered during the configuration. Depending on the PC used, the power can be supplied by the serial port. To assure proper communication, it is recommended to apply external power to the TxBLOCK. The TxConfig Adaptor provides a 9V battery socket for powering the transmitter during the configuration.

Do not use the battery if the transmitter is being powered by another supply or connected to the process, as in Figure 2.

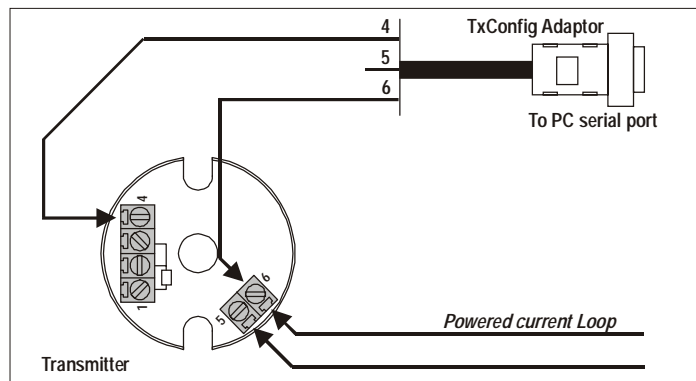


Figure 2 – TxBLOCK-TxConfig Adaptor wiring (loop powered). Terminal 5 is left opened.

The TxConfig screen is shown in Figure 3. All user parameters can be seen and/or modified by either typing a value or selecting among the available options. The help menu provides further information about the software and the transmitter.

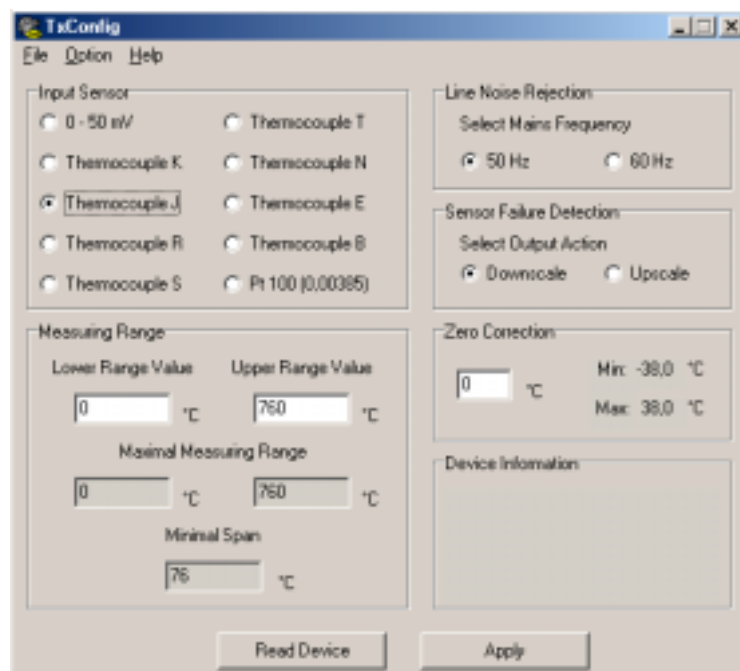


Figure 3 –TxConfig main screen

The fields in the screen mean:

1. **Input Sensor:** Choose the desired temperature sensor among the available options.
2. **Measuring range:** Defines the beginning and the end of the range.
Lower Range Value: sets the value of the input signal (temperature or mV) associated to the 4mA output.
Upper Range Value: sets the value of the input signal that will correspond to the 20mA output
The values configured in these fields can not be beyond the sensor measuring range. The minimum span value has to be observed as well (see Table 1).
3. **Line Noise Rejection:** The TxBlock incorporates a digital filter to cancel the induced noise from the 50 or 60 Hz systems. For better performance, select the line frequency used in your country.
4. **Sensor Failure Detection:** establishes the transmitter output behavior (upscale or down-scale) in the presence of a sensor fail.
5. **Zero Correction:** Allows for small sensor corrections.
6. **Read Configuration:** Brings to the screen the current TxBlock parameters configuration.
7. **Apply:** Sends a new configuration to the transmitter.
8. **Device Information:** The Device Information box contains relevant data concerning a particular TxBlock transmitter. Please pass along this information when contacting the technical assistance department.

Note: The factory default configuration is (unless otherwise specified or ordered):

- Pt100 input, 0 to 100°C
- 60Hz filtering and upscale (20mA) output for sensor fail.

INSTALLATION

The TxBlock transmitter is intended for in head mounting. Its drawing is presented in figure 3.

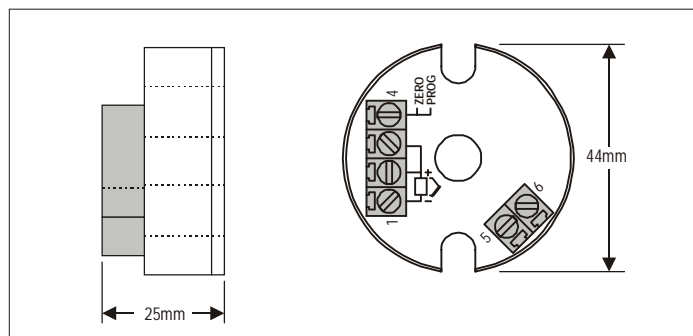


Figure 4 – TxBlock dimensions

ELECTRICAL CONNECTIONS

Connector specification:

- Insulating material: Polyamide, self-extinguishing to UL 94, V-0
- Connection wire cross section: 0,14-1,5 mm² / AWG 28-14
- Screw tightening torque: 0,8 Nm / 7.0 lb-in

Terminal block: CuZn

It is important to follow the recommendations below:

- Signal wires should be installed in grounded conduits and away from power or contactor wires.
- The instrument should have its own power supply wires, which should not be shared with electrical motors, coils, contactors, etc.
- Installing RC filters is strongly recommended at contactor coils or any other inductors.
- System failure should always be taken into account when designing a control panel to avoid irreversible damage to equipment or people.

Figure 5 below shows the Txblock connections to the sensor and power supply. Terminals 1, 2 e 3 are used for sensor input. For 2-wire Pt100, terminals 2 and 3 shall be connected together.

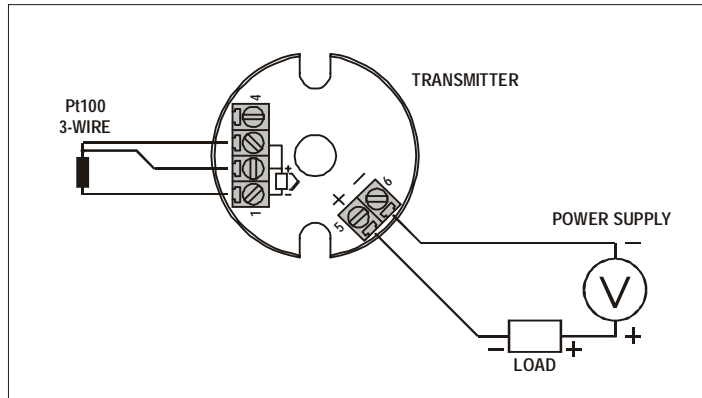


Figure 5 – TxBLOCK wiring (Pt100)

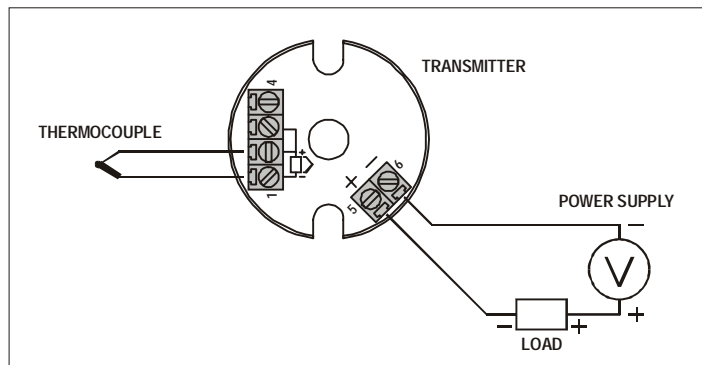


Figure 6 – TxBLOCK wiring (Thermocouple)

The **LOAD** represents the input shunt of an instrument measuring the 4-20 current loop.

OPERATION

All input types and the 4-20mA output current are factory calibrated. However, a manual offset trim is implemented to provide fine adjustments to the signal in the field. This is accomplished by means of short circuiting terminals 4 (Zero) and 1(-). The transmitter waits 2 seconds before it starts changing the offset. The offset adjustment is capable of varying the output current by an amount equal to $\pm 0.80\text{mA}$ relative to the original calibration. After reaching the maximum value (0.80mA above the original current), the output is driven instantly to -0.80mA below the original current, and continues increasing. When the desired output current (offset) is reached, opening the jumper will cause the TxBLOCK to acknowledge the new offset value. Fine trimming is possible with momentary (2s minimum) jumper contact.

The offset correction can also be accomplished by the TxConfig software. See in Figure 3 the **Zero Correction** field for this purpose. The serial adaptor can be connected to the transmitter while it is operating in the process.

Note: when using a Pt100 simulator, make sure the Txblock Pt100 excitation current (0.18mA) is compatible with the simulator specification.

The input types are listed in Table 1, along with the maximum and minimum ranges accepted by each one. The TxConfig software will allow only configurations that are consistent with the data in this table.

Please note that the specified accuracy is referenced to the maximum span of each input type. For instance, for the Pt100 input, the 0.2% accuracy results in 1.7°C total accuracy $[(650 - (-200)) \times 0.2]$.

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