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# NI-9472 Getting Started

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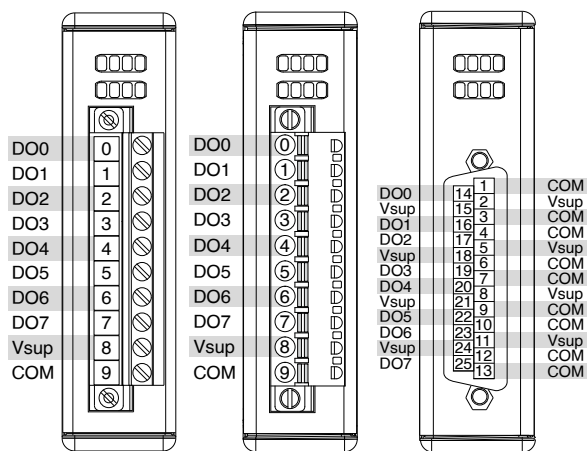
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## Connector Types

The NI-9472 has more than one connector type: NI-9472 with screw terminal, NI-9472 with spring terminal, and NI-9472 with DSUB. Unless the connector type is specified, NI-9472 refers to all connector types.

## NI-9472 Pinout



 **Note** You must use 2-wire ferrules to create a secure connection when connecting more than one wire to a single terminal on the NI-9472 with screw terminal or NI-9472 with spring terminal.

**Table 1.** NI-9472 Signal Descriptions

Signal	Description
COM	Common reference connection to isolated ground
DO	Digital output signal connection
V <sub>sup</sub>	Voltage supply connection

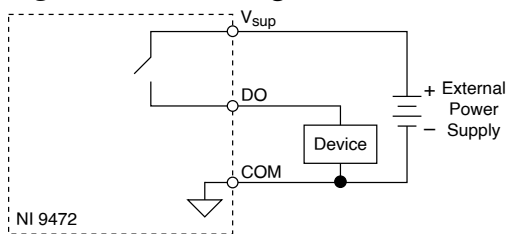
Table 2. LED Indicators

LED Pattern	Indication
Solid	The channel has been programmed to be in the ON state.
Off	The channel has been programmed to be in the OFF state.

## Connecting Digital Devices

You can connect a variety of industrial devices, such as solenoids, motors, actuators, relays, and lamps to the NI-9472. You must connect an external power supply to the NI-9472. The power supply provides the current for the output channels.

Figure 1. Connecting an Industrial Device to the NI-9472



**Caution** Do not install or remove C Series modules from your system if any external power supplies connected to the  $V_{sup}$  and COM pins are powered on.



**Attention** Ne pas installer ou retirer les modules de la Série C de votre système si une alimentation externe connectée aux broches  $V_{sup}$  et COM est sous tension.

Ensure that the devices you connect to the NI-9472 are compatible with the output specifications of the NI-9472. Refer to the device datasheet at [ni.com/manuals](http://ni.com/manuals) for output specifications.



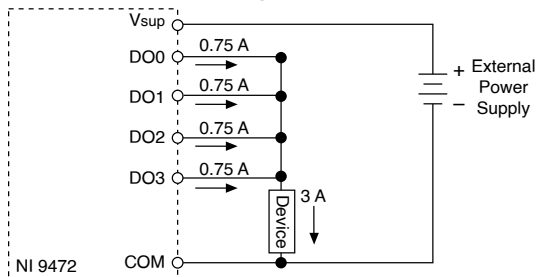
**Note** When the industrial device is off, DO is not connected to COM. For large source impedances, you must use a pull-down resistor between DO and COM. Go to [ni.com/r/cseriesdopulsegen](http://ni.com/r/cseriesdopulsegen) for more information.

## Increasing Current Drive

Each channel of the NI-9472 has a continuous output current of 0.75 A. If you want to increase the output current to a device, you can connect any number of channels together in parallel.

For example, if you want to drive 3 A of current, connect DO0 through DO3 in parallel, as shown in the following figure. You must turn all parallel channels on and off simultaneously so that the current on any single channel cannot exceed the 0.75 A rating.

**Figure 2.** Increasing the Current to a Device Connected to the NI-9472



## High-Vibration Application Connections

If your application is subject to high vibration, NI recommends that you follow these guidelines to protect connections to the NI-9472:

- Use ferrules to terminate wires to the detachable connector.
- Use the NI 9927 backshell kit with the NI-9472 with screw terminal or the NI 9981 backshell kit with the NI-9472 with spring terminal.

## I/O Protection

The NI-9472 provides short-circuit protection.

Each channel has circuitry that protects it from current surges resulting from short circuits over 14 A.



**Note** Refer to the module specifications at [ni.com/docs](https://ni.com/docs) for maximum continuous output current, short-circuit behavior, and short-circuit trip time

specifications and information about conditions that may damage the module.



**Note** Refer to the IEC 61131-2 standard for more information about short-circuit-proof devices.



**Note** Because the NI-9472 includes internal flyback diodes, you do not need to add external diodes when connecting to switching devices that store energy.

## Power Supplies and Overcurrent Conditions

If a short circuit occurs, the current through DO can exceed the current rating for the power supply and the maximum continuous output current for the NI-9472.

If the power supply you are using with the NI-9472 cannot supply more than 14 A, the module may be damaged if a short circuit condition occurs.

## Detecting an Overcurrent Condition

If a device connected to the module is not working while the channel is on, the module channel may be in an overcurrent state. Neither the software nor the module LEDs indicate if an overcurrent condition occurs. A channel LED may be on even if the channel is off because of an overcurrent condition.

To determine if the channel is in an overcurrent state, measure the voltage between DO and Vsup. If the voltage is equal to the voltage of the external power supply connected to the module, the channel is in an overcurrent state.

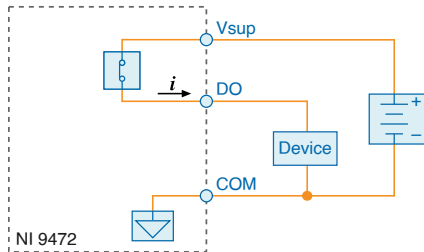
## Resetting Channels after an Overcurrent Condition

After you have determined and fixed the cause of an overcurrent condition, reset the channel by turning it off.

Alternatively, you can disconnect the external power supply from the chassis. However, doing so disconnects power from all the module channels.

Normal operation can resume after you correct the overcurrent condition and reset the channel.

## NI-9472 Block Diagram



- The DO channels are internally referenced to COM.
- The NI-9472 has sourcing outputs. Sourcing outputs drive current from Vsup to DO when the channel is on.



**Tip** For more information about sourcing outputs, visit [ni.com/info](https://ni.com/info) and enter the Info Code `sinksource`.

## Conformal Coating

The NI-9472 is available with conformal coating for additional protection in corrosive and condensing environments, including environments with molds and dust.

In addition to the environmental specifications listed in the ***NI-9472 Safety, Environmental, and Regulatory Information***, the NI-9472 with conformal coating meets the following specification for the device temperature range. To meet this specification, you must follow the appropriate setup requirements for condensing environments. Refer to ***Conformal Coating and NI RIO Products*** for more information about conformal coating and the setup requirements for condensing environments.

Operating humidity (IEC 60068-2-30 Test Db)	80 to 100% RH, condensing
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### Related information:

- [Conformal Coating and NI RIO Products](#)