



SAFETY MANUAL

MTL4500/MTL5500 Series Solenoid / Alarm Drivers

MTL4521, 4521L, 5521, 5522, 4523L, 5525
MTL4523, 4523R, 4523V, 4523VL, 5523V, 5523VL
MTL5523, 5524. MTL4524, 4524S, 4525



FUNCTIONAL SAFETY MANAGEMENT



These products are for use as a sub-system within a Safety System conforming to the requirements of IEC 61508:2010 and enable a Safety Integrity Level of up to SIL2 or SIL3 to be achieved for the instrument loop in a simplex architecture.



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This manual supports the application of the products in functional-safety related loops. It must be used in conjunction with other supporting documents to achieve correct installation, commissioning and operation. Specifically, the data sheet, instruction manual and applicable certificates for the particular product should be consulted, all of which are available on the MTL web site.

In the interest of further technical developments, we reserve the right to make design changes.



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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Application and function

The MTL452x and MTL552x are isolator modules which enable a device located in the hazardous area to be controlled from the safe area. Some models are simply loop-powered while others have additional input logic signals to enable power to be supplied to the output. The output current available to the hazardous area is limited to comply with the requirements of the process explosion hazard. They are also designed and assessed according to IEC 61508 for use in safety instrumented systems up to SIL2 or in loop-powered variant up to SIL3 when the required function is to **de-energise** the output.

When used in a safety instrumented function where the required operation is to **energise** the output on demand then a SIL1 rating is achieved.

The modules can drive a certified intrinsically safe low-power load, such as a solenoid valve or a non-energy-storing simple apparatus such as an LED lamp.

There are no configuration switches or operator controls to be set on the modules - they perform a fixed function related to the model selected.

These modules are members of the MTL4500 and MTL5500 Series of products.



1.2 Variant Description

Functionally the MTL4500 and MTL5500 Series modules are the same but differ in the following way:

- the MTL4500 modules are designed for backplane mounted applications
- the MTL5500 modules are designed for DIN rail mounting.

In both models the hazardous area field-wiring connections (terminals 1-3, and 4-6) are made through the removable blue connectors on the top of the modules, but the safe area and power connections for the MTL452x modules are made through the connector on the base, while the MTL552x uses the removable grey connectors on the top and side of the module.

Note that the safe-area connection terminal numbers differ between the backplane and DIN-rail mounting models.

The solenoid/alarm driver output models covered by this manual are:

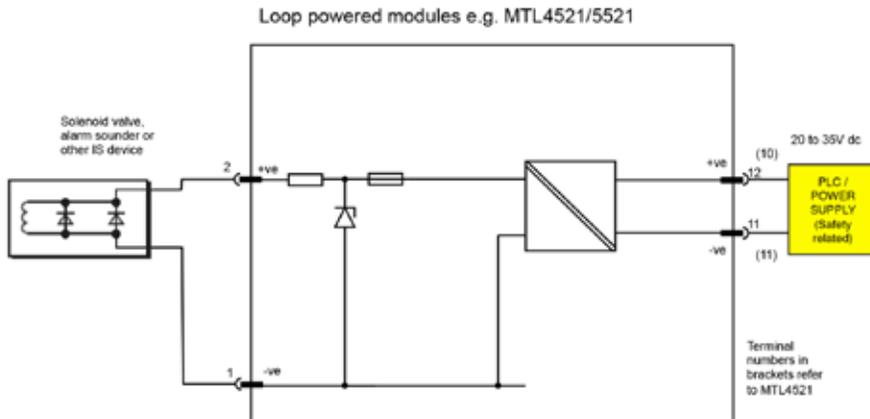
MTL4521, MTL4521L, and MTL5521	loop powered, IIC gas group output
MTL5522	loop powered, IIB gas group output
MTL4523, MTL4523R, and MTL5523	powered, with LFD output
MTL4523L	loop powered, with LFD output
MTL4523V, MTL4523VL, MTL5523V, and MTL5523VL	powered, with LFD output
MTL4524, and MTL5524	powered, two control inputs
MTL4524S	powered, switch and voltage controls
MTL4525, and MTL5525	low power output

Note: To avoid repetition, further use of **MTLx52x** in this document can be understood to include both DIN-rail and backplane models. Individual model numbers will be used only where there is a need to distinguish them.

2 SYSTEM CONFIGURATION

An MTLx52x loop-powered module may be used in single-channel (1oo1) safety functions up to SIL3 and an MTLx52x separately powered module may similarly be used up to SIL2 where the safe state is to de-energise the output.

The figure below shows the system configuration and specifies detailed interfaces to the safety related and non safety-related system components. It does not aim to show all details of the internal module structure, but is intended to support understanding for the application.



The MTLx52x modules are designed to power a field device such as a solenoid valve in the hazardous area and are driven from a safe-area source. The yellow (hatched) area shows the safety relevant system connection when using the loop-powered configuration. For simplicity the term 'PLC' has been used to denote the safety system performing the driving function of the process loop.

2.1 Associated System Components

There are many parallels between the loop components that must be assessed for intrinsic safety as well as functional safety where in both situations the contribution of each part is considered in relation to the whole.

The MTLx52x module is a component in the signal path between safety-related actuators and safety-related control systems.

The solenoid valve, or other field device, must be suitable for the process and have been assessed and verified for use in functional safety applications as well as its certification for hazardous area mounting.

3 SELECTION OF PRODUCT AND IMPLICATIONS

For the loop-powered modules there is only one function - to energize the output when power is applied to the input. This may be used as a safety function, preferably with power off as the safe state, i.e de-energise to safe.

When the module is loop powered, the output cannot be energised if the input is de-energised.

There is no significant energy storage within the module that could delay the de-energising of the output. The module can be considered as a dc transformer where the output will de-energise to within 10% of its final value within 100msec with a load up to 4kohms.

Thus, when used in a de-energise to safe function, as identified in the next section the dangerous undetected failures rate λ_{DU} for the loop-powered MTL4/5521 modules is less than the maximum failure rate normally applied for SIL3 systems with 1oo1 architecture.

This is considering the hardware failure rate only and the user must consider the systematic implications of applying this equipment in safety functions where a number of safety-related subsystem channels are implemented to achieve the requisite hardware fault tolerance.

For the separately powered modules which are controlled by a logic signal, the hardware failure rate and systematic considerations indicate limiting the use of such modules to simplex (1oo1) loops achieving up to SIL2 for a de-energise to safe function.

Note: When using the modules that are not loop-powered it is important that the solenoids being driven be chosen to ensure that the residual field current that flows in the module OFF state does not cause the solenoid to remain energised. There is a small field current that is used by the module to determine the line condition and some low-power solenoids are capable of remaining in their energised state, once energised, with very small loop currents. If the safe state of the loop is for the solenoid to be OFF then it must be able to drop out, despite the monitoring of line state.

It is important that the effect of electromagnetic interference on the operation of any safety function is reduced where possible. For this reason it is recommended that the cable connections from the logic solver to the isolator modules be a maximum of 30 metres and are not exposed to possible induced surges, keeping them inside a protected environment.

Similarly, operation of the equipment outside of its environmental ratings induces component stress and in particular temperatures below -20°C are to be avoided to ensure required performance.

4 ASSESSMENT OF FUNCTIONAL SAFETY

The design features and the techniques/measures used to prevent systematic faults are suitable for the use of the loop-powered modules (MTL4/5521/21L/22/23L/25) in safety functions up to SIL3 and for the separately powered modules (MTL4/5523/23x/24/24x/25) up to SIL2 to de-energise the output. When the safety function is to energise the output then a SIL1 rating can be determined.

The hardware assessment shows that MTLx52x solenoid/alarm drivers:

- have a hardware fault tolerance of 0
- are classified as Type A devices (“Non-complex” component with well-defined failure modes)
- There are no internal diagnostic elements of these products.

The definitions for product failure of the modules at an ambient temperature of 45°C were determined as follows:-

Loop-powered modules

Failure mode	Failure rate (FIT)				
	MTLx521	MTL4521L	MTL4523L	MTL5522	MTL5525
Output stuck ON	0	0	0	0	0
Output stuck OFF (no output)	189	194	191	228	201
Output uncertain (OK or OFF)	17	17	17	24	18
Correct operation but reduced output voltage when ON	49	50	50	60	50
Correct operation (failures have no effect)	100	101	73	108	103

Separately-powered modules

Failure mode	Failure rate (FIT)		
	MTLx523/23x/23VL	MTLx524/4524S	MTL4525
Output stuck ON	8	20	21
Output stuck OFF (no output)	234	227	241
Output uncertain (OK or low) when ON	23	28	30
Correct operation but reduced output voltage when ON	50	50	51
Correct operation (failures have no effect)	100	111	116

The above failure rates apply to the hazardous area output only. The line fault detection function is not included in these figures.

- FITs means failures per 10⁹ hours or failures per thousand million hours.
- Reliability data for this analysis is taken from IEC TR 62380:2004 Reliability Data Handbook.
- Failure mode distributions are taken principally from IEC 62061:2005 Safety of Machinery.

It is assumed that the module is powered from a nominal 24Vdc supply. The product has been assumed to operate at a maximum ambient temperature of 45°C under normal conditions.

Example of use in a safety function

In this example for a **loop-powered** module the application context is assumed to be:

- the safety function is to **de-energise** the output on demand

The failure modes shown above can then be defined as

Failure mode	Category
Output stuck ON	Dangerous undetected, λ_{du}
Output stuck OFF (no output)	Safe undetected, λ_{su}
Output uncertain (OK or OFF)	Safe undetected, λ_{su}
Correct operation but reduced output voltage when ON	Safe undetected, λ_{su}
Correct operation (failures have no effect)	Safe undetected, λ_{su}

The failure rates for these categories are then (FITs)

Model	λ_{sd}	λ_{su}	λ_{dd}	λ_{du}
MTL4521 or MTL5521	0	355	0	0

In this example, the safe failure fraction is 100%.

Note, as previously stated, the design features and the techniques/measures used to prevent systematic faults are suitable for the use of the MTL4/5521 in an instrument loop implementing safety functions up to SIL3 where the OFF state is the safe state. The simple fact is that with no power applied to the isolator then power will not be passed to the field.

4.1 EMC

The MTL4500 and MTL5500 modules are designed for operation in normal industrial electromagnetic environment but, to support good practice, modules should be mounted without being subjected to undue conducted or radiated interference, see Appendix A for applicable standards and levels.

It is important that the effect of electromagnetic interference on the operation of any safety function is reduced where possible. For this reason it is recommended that the cable connections from the logic solver to the isolator modules be a maximum of 30 metres and are not exposed to possible induced surges, keeping them inside a protected environment.

Any maintenance or other testing activity should only be conducted when the field loop is not in service, to avoid any possibility of introducing a transient change in the field signal.



4.2 Environmental

The MTL4500 and MTL5500 modules operate over the temperature range from -20°C to +60°C, and at up to 95% non-condensing relative humidity.

The modules are intended to be mounted in a normal industrial environment without excessive vibration, as specified for the MTL4500 & MTL5500 product ranges. See Appendix A for applicable standards and levels.

Continued reliable operation will be assured if the exposure to temperature and vibration are within the values given in the specification.

5 INSTALLATION

There are two particular aspects of safety that must be considered when installing the MTL4500 or MTL5500 modules and these are:

- **Functional safety**
- **Intrinsic safety**

Reference must be made to the relevant sections within the instruction manual for MTL4500 Series (INM4500) or MTL5500 Series (INM5500) which contain basic guides for the installation of the interface equipment to meet the requirements of intrinsic safety. In many countries there are specific codes of practice, together with industry guidelines, which must also be adhered to.

Provided that these installation requirements are followed then there are no additional factors to meet the needs of applying the products for functional safety use.

To guard against the effects of dust and water the modules should be mounted in an enclosure providing at least IP54 protection degree, or the location of mounting should provide equivalent protection such as inside an equipment cabinet.

In applications using MTL4500 Series, where the environment has a high humidity, the mounting backplanes should be specified to include conformal coating.

6 MAINTENANCE

To follow the guidelines pertaining to operation and maintenance of intrinsically safe equipment in a hazardous area, yearly periodic audits of the installation are required by the various codes of practice.

In addition, proof-testing of the loop operation to conform with functional safety requirements should be carried out at the intervals determined by safety case assessment.

Proof testing must be carried out according to the application requirements, but it is recommended that this be carried out at least once every three years.

Refer to Appendix B for the proof testing procedure of the MTL4500 or MTL5500 modules.

Note that there may also be specific requirements laid down in the E/E/PE operational maintenance procedure for the complete installation.

If an MTL4500 or MTL5500 module is found to be faulty during commissioning or during the normal lifetime of the product then such failures should be reported to MTL. When appropriate, a Customer Incident Report (CIR) will be notified to enable the return of the unit to the factory for analysis. If the unit is within the warranty period then a replacement unit will be sent.

Consideration should be made of the normal lifetime for a device of this type which would be in the region of ten years.

7 APPENDICES

7.1 Appendix A: Summary of applicable standards

The annex lists together all standards referred to in the previous sections of this document:

IEC 61508:2010	Functional safety of electrical/electronic/programmable electronic safety-related systems. Parts 1 and 2 as relevant.
EN 61131-2:2003	Programmable controllers – Part 2: Equipment requirement and tests (EMC requirements).
EN 61326-1:2006	Electrical equipment for measurement, control and laboratory use – EMC requirements. (Criterion A).
IEC 61326-3-1:2008	Electrical equipment for measurement, control and laboratory use - EMC requirements - Part 3-1: Immunity requirements for equipment performing or intended to perform safety-related functions (functional safety) - General industrial applications. (Criterion FS).
NE21 : 2007	Electromagnetic Compatibility of Industrial Process and Laboratory Control Equipment. (Criterion A).
Lloyds Register Type Approval System : 2002, Test Specification Number 1.	(Specifically vibration: 1.0mm displacement @ 5 to 13.2Hz and 0.7G acceleration @13.2Hz to 100Hz per IEC60068-2-6, test Fc).
IEC 60068-2-6	Environmental testing - Part 2-6: Tests - Test Fc: Vibration (sinusoidal)
IEC 60068-2-27	Environmental testing - Part 2-27: Tests - Test Ea and guidance: Shock



7.2 Appendix B: Proof Test Procedure, MTL45/5500 Digital Output Modules

Example MTLx521 Proof Test Procedure

Solenoid driver module Proof Test Procedure:

1. System - Normal operation test
2. Input /Output characteristic functional safety test
3. System - Normal operation test

1. System - Normal operation test

Make sure that the module to be tested is operating normally in the target system, without errors and in energised mode. If the module is connected in a faulty or de-energised loop, restore normal fault free and energised conditions before testing.

2. Input/Output characteristic functional safety test

Observe normal anti-static precautions when handling equipment during device testing.

Remove the unit from the target system and connect as shown in Figure 1. Please note, that it is acceptable to leave the unit in the target system, when it is secured, that the terminals are disconnected from the system and available for test. Alternatively, for the backplane mounted MTL4521 modules, use a separate backplane for this purpose to facilitate access to the power and output connections.

a) Loop powered modules: MTL4521, 4521L, 5521, 5522, 4523L, 5525

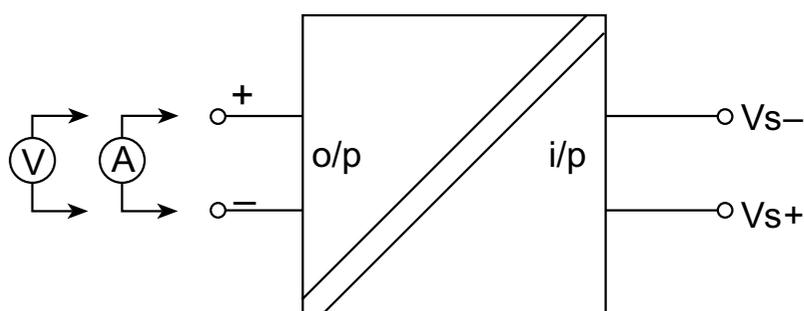


Figure 1 Basic test arrangement - loop powered

- 1 Connect a voltmeter between the + & - output terminals of the module, observing polarity.
- 2 Apply 24V dc between the input drive terminals.
- 3 The voltmeter on the output terminals should indicate a value between 21.4 and 24 volts.
- 4 Switch off the power to the module.
- 5 Connect an ammeter between the + and - output terminals of the module, observing polarity.
- 6 Apply 24V dc between the input drive terminals.
- 7 The ammeter should indicate a value of at least 48mA and a maximum of 60mA (76mA for MTL5522)

Operate the test sequence and confirm expected operation of the module.

It is recommended that the results are recorded in a table such as that shown on page 11.

b) Powered modules: MTLx523, 4523R, x523V, x523VL, x524, 4524S, 4525

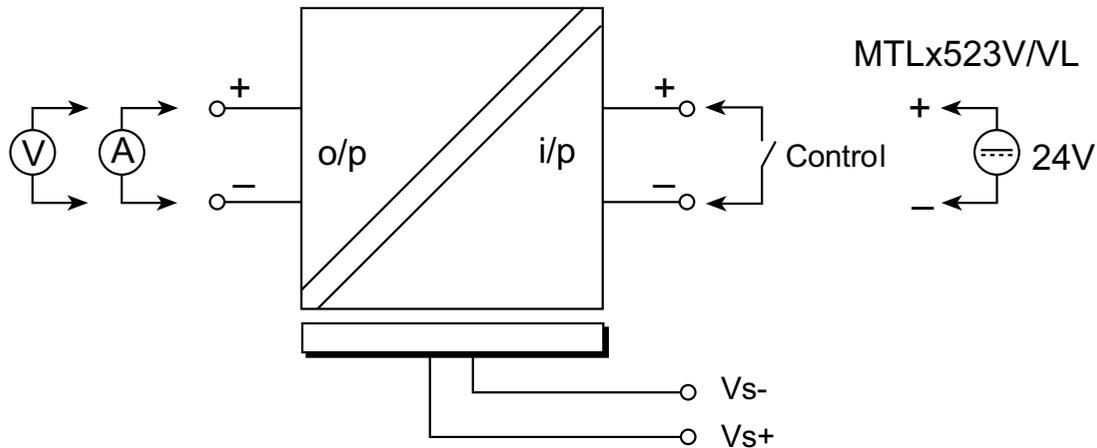


Figure 2 Basic test arrangement - separately powered

During testing, the power supply, V_s - nominal 24.0V, min/max. range 20.0 to 35.0V - should be connected between terminals 13 and 14 (+ve to terminal 14).

- 1 Connect a voltmeter between the + & – output terminals of the module, observing polarity.
- 2 Apply 24V between the supply terminals V_{s+} , V_{s-} .
- 3 Close the Control switch, or apply the 24V source for the MTLx523V/VL.
- 4 The voltmeter should now indicate a value between 21.4 and 24 volts.
- 5 Switch off the power to the module.
- 6 Connect an ammeter between the + & – output terminals of the module, observing polarity.
- 7 Close the Control switch, or apply the 24V source for the MTLx523V/VL.
- 8 The ammeter should indicate between 48mA and 60mA.
- 9 Switch off the power to the module.

Operate the test sequence and confirm expected operation of the module.

It is recommended that the results are recorded in a table such as that shown overleaf.

3. System - Normal operation test

Disconnect the test setup from the unit and connect the original system configuration. Make sure, similar as before, that the tested unit is operating normally in the target system, without errors and in energised mode.

Loop Powered Modules:

Date: ____/____/____

Supply voltage Vs: _____ V dc

Module type: _____

Serial No: _____

Test step #	Description	Actual	Target
1	Output voltage, off state		0V
2/3	Output voltage, on state		21.4 to 24V
5	Output current, off state		0mA
6/7	Output current, on state		>48mA and <76mA

Separately Powered Modules:

Date: ____/____/____

Supply voltage Vs: _____ V dc

Module type: _____

Serial No: _____

Test step #	Description	Actual	Target
2	Output voltage, off state		<4V
3/4	Output voltage, on state		21.4 to 24V
6	Output current, off state		<22mA
7/8	Output current, on state		>48mA and <60mA

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