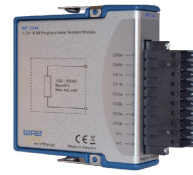


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## Specifications

- **Number of Channels:** 4
- **Max Voltage:** 60V
- **Max Power:** 100mW/channel
- **Range:**
  - **R < 100:** 0.03% Max Error
  - **R < 1k:** 0.1% Max Error
  - **R < 10k:** 1% Max Error
  - **R < 160k:** 10% Max Error
  - **32 < R < 160k:** 0.25% Max Error (Enhanced mode)
- **Update Rate:** 200S/s

## Product Usage Instructions

### Calibration

Each module is delivered calibrated. If the module no longer stays within the Max Error range specified in the specifications section, it can be re-calibrated by WireFlow. For questions regarding calibration, please contact WireFlow's support.

### Pinout

The pinout for the WF 3144 module in normal mode and enhanced mode is as follows:

Normal Mode	Enhanced Mode
Ch0 a – 0	Ch0 a – 0
Ch0 b – 1	Ch0 b – 1
Ch1 a – 2	Ch1 a – 2
Ch1 b – 3	Ch1 b – 3
Ch2 a – 4	Ch2 a – 4
Ch2 b – 5	Ch2 b – 5
Ch3 a – 6	Ch3 a – 6
Ch3 b – 7	Ch3 b – 7
n.c. – 8	n.c. – 8
n.c. – 9	n.c. – 9
a – External jumper cables	a – 32-160k Max 60V Max 100mW
b – External jumper cables	b – 32-160k Max 60V Max 100mW

## Software

- The WF 3144 module comes with a LabVIEW driver for managing the module using FPGA property nodes and IO nodes. The driver requires the LabVIEW FPGA toolkit. The software for the WF 3144 is delivered as a VIPM packet (\*.vip) and requires the free version of VI Package Manager (VIPM) to be installed.

## Requirements

- The WF 3144 driver supports LabVIEW 2011 or later versions. The previous version of the driver (v2.0.4) is available on [www.wireflow.se](http://www.wireflow.se).

## FAQ

### 1. Where can I get technical support and product information?

- You can visit WireFlow's website at [www.wireflow.se](http://www.wireflow.se) for technical support and product information. You can also refer to the appendix in the user manual for more information.

### 2. Where can I find the Declaration of Conformity for the WF 3144 module?

- Please contact WireFlow to get a copy of the Declaration of Conformity for the WF 3144 module.

## Support information

### Technical support and Product information

[www.wireflow.se](http://www.wireflow.se)

### WireFlow headquarters

## **WireFlow AB**

- Theres Svenssons gata 10 SE-417 55 Göteborg
- Please see appendix “Technical support and Services” for more information.
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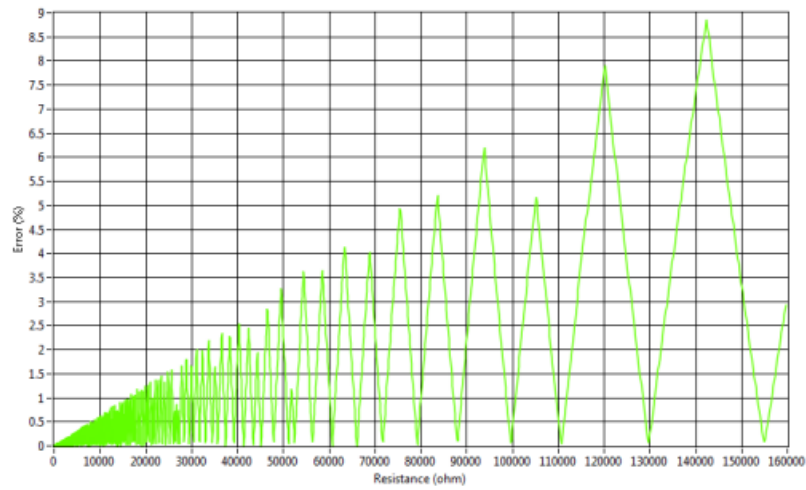
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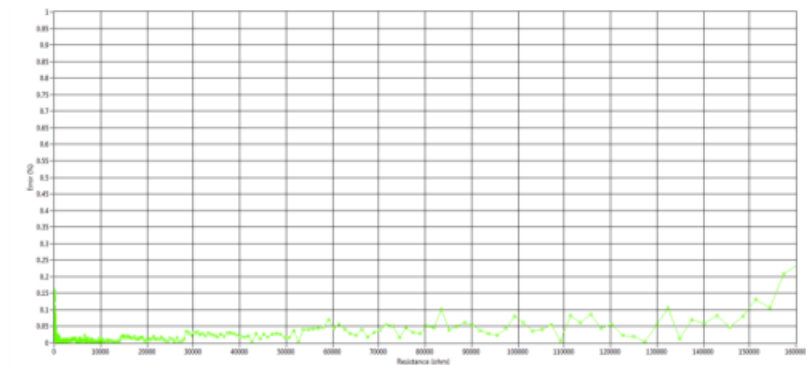
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- This product meets the essential requirements of applicable European Directives, as follows:
- Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC) Directive 2004/108/EC
- RoHS Directive 2011/65/EU

Please contact WireFlow to get a copy of the Declaration of Conformity for the WF 3144 module

### **Device information**



*Figure 1 – Error (%) versus Resistance in normal mode*



*Figure 2 – Error (%) versus Resistance in enhanced mode*

## Features

- Four independent, galvanically isolated channels
- Entirely solid-state simulation
- High resolution with non-linear scaling
- Wide resistance range
- Enhanced accuracy mode
- On-board calibration memory
- LabVIEW driver included
- Compatible with NI VeriStand
- Combines permutations of real resistors to achieve the desired value

## Specifications

- Number of Channels / 4
- Max Voltage / 60V
- Max Power / 100mW/channel
- Range / 16Ω – 160kΩ

## Max Error

- **R < 100  $\Omega$**  / 0.03%
- **R < 1 k** / 0.1%
- **R < 10 k $\Omega$**  /1%
- **R < 160 k $\Omega$**  /10%
- **32  $\Omega$  < R < 160 k $\Omega$**  / 0,25% (Enhanced mode)
- **Update Rate** /200S/s

## Calibration

- Each module is delivered calibrated. Modules that no longer stay within the Max
- Error range given in the specifications section can be re-calibrated by WireFlow.
- For questions regarding calibration, please contact WireFlow's support, "Technical Support and Professional Services".

## Pinout

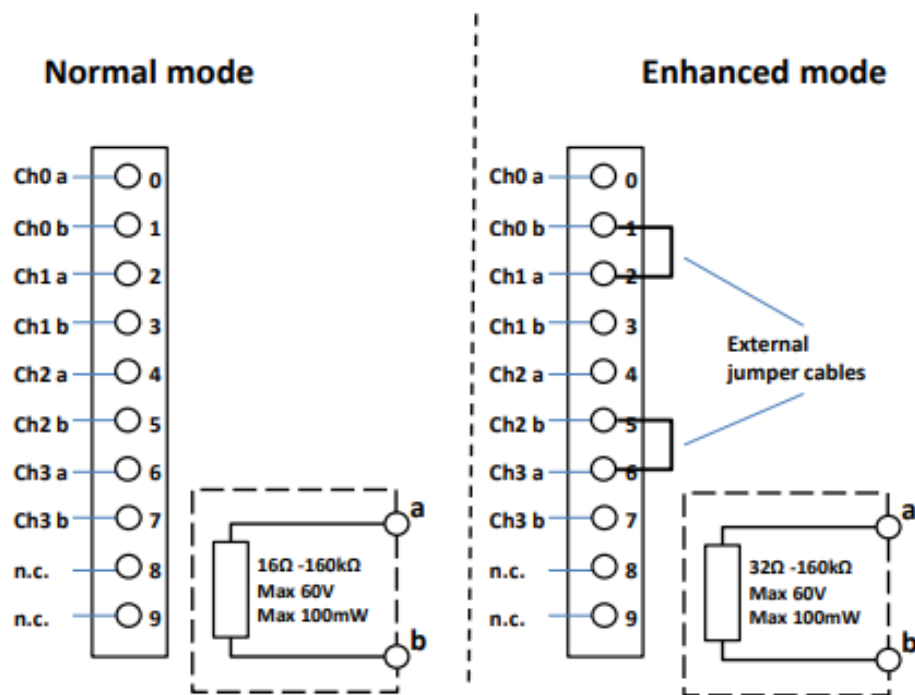


Figure 3 – Pinout and connection diagram

## Software

- The WF 3144 is delivered with a LabVIEW driver to manage the module using FPGA property nodes and IO nodes. This chapter describes the installation, requirements and basic usage.

## Requirements

- LabVIEW Full (version >= 2017 SP1\* )
- LabVIEW FPGA module
- NI RIO (version >= 17.6)
- VI Package Manager (for installation)

- Previous version of this driver (v2.0.4) is available on [www.wireflow.se](http://www.wireflow.se) and supports LabVIEW2011
- The WF 3144 driver currently requires the LabVIEW FPGA toolkit. The software for the WF 3144 is delivered as a VIPM packet (\*.vip) and requires the free version of VI Package Manager (VIPM) to be installed (available at [jki.net](http://jki.net) or from [ni.com](http://ni.com)).

## Installation

The easiest way to install/update the WF 3144 software is (when VIPM is already installed);

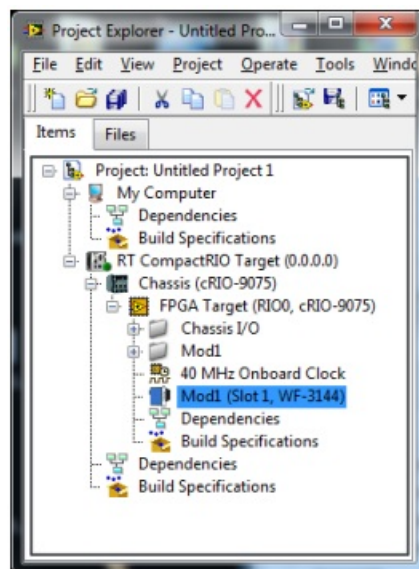
1. Double-click the \*.vip package
2. Follow the instructions in VIPM to select the LabVIEW version where to install the driver
3. Restart LabVIEW

Once installed the necessary files should be installed in the LabVIEW application folders, see the API section for details.

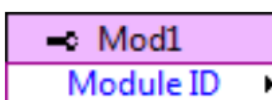
## Supported Platforms

- The WF 3144 module can be used in any C Series chassis, with LabVIEW FPGA programming enabled. This currently excludes the CompactDAQ series of chassis, but includes cRIO, EtherCAT and FPGA expansion chassis.

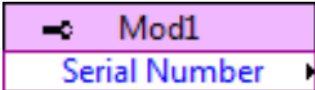
## API

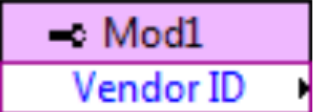


- Once the WF 3144 module has been added to the project the module can be controlled using property nodes and IO nodes.
- The property nodes return information about the current firmware, the information returned is;



- This is the identification number of the WF-3144 module

-  Serial number of the module

-  Vendor identification number (in this case WireFlow)



The output resistance is set by the FPGA IO nodes.

- To set infinite resistance (Open Circuit), use -1 (or any negative number) as the resistance input.

### Normal operation mode

- In the normal operation mode each channel is managed separately (see IO nodes in Figure 3), and the output resistance is available between the a- and b- terminals of each channel. This mode has a non-linear accuracy scaling, with better accuracy at lower resistance values.

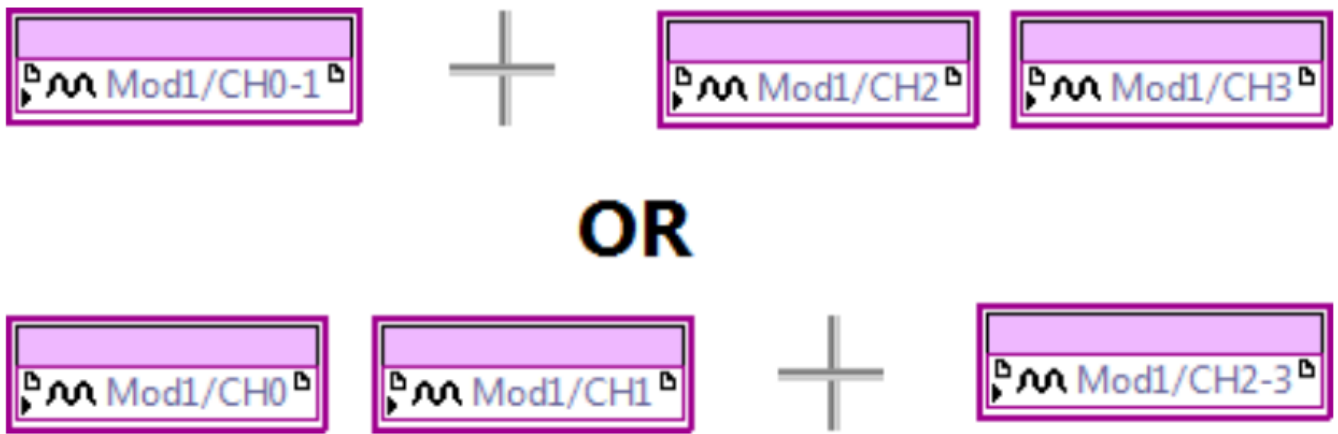
### Enhanced accuracy mode



- The enhanced accuracy mode uses two resistance channels in series (CH0-CH1 or CH2-CH3).
- In this mode the enhanced mode IO nodes should be used (see Figure 4). The IO nodes for the separate channels should not be used.
- Please note that the enhanced mode requires external cabling to get the corresponding channels in series, i.e. a jumper cable between terminal b on the first channel and terminal a on the second channel. The requested resistance is then available between terminal a on the first channel and terminal b on the second channel.

### Mixed mode





*Figure 7 – Mixed mode operation*

- The WF-3144 driver allows mixing of operation modes, e.g. CH0 and CH1 can be used in normal mode while CH2 and CH3 are used in enhanced mode.

## Examples

The screenshot shows the 'WF3144\_FPGA.vi' software interface. The title bar indicates it is running on 'WF3144 Example.lvproj/FPGA Target \*'. The menu bar includes File, Edit, View, Project, Operate, Tools, Window, and Help. The main panel displays two use cases:

**Use case 1 - Potentiometer (channel 0 and 1)**  
 The WF3144 is used to act as a 470 Ohm potentiometer by using two channels.  
 Pin Ch0a and Ch1b act as the two end terminals.  
 The connected pins Ch0b and Ch01a act as the wiper terminal.

Prerequisites:  
 - Connect pin Ch0b and Ch01a

Instruction:  
 - Compile the bfile and run it  
 - Adjust to desired output on the front panel

On the right side of the panel, there is a control for the 'Potentiometer (0-100%)' with a slider set to 0.

**Use case 2 - High accuracy resistor (channel 2 and 3)**  
 The WF3144 has a special mode where two channels are connected in series to increase the accuracy.  
 Pin Ch2a and Ch3b will form the resistor terminals.

Prerequisites:  
 - Connect pin Ch2b and Ch3a

Instructions:  
 - Compile the bfile and run it  
 - Run the application and set the desired resistance.

On the right side of the panel, there is a control for the 'High accuracy resistor (Ohm)' with a slider set to 0.

The status bar at the bottom shows 'WF3144 Example.lvproj/FPGA Target'.

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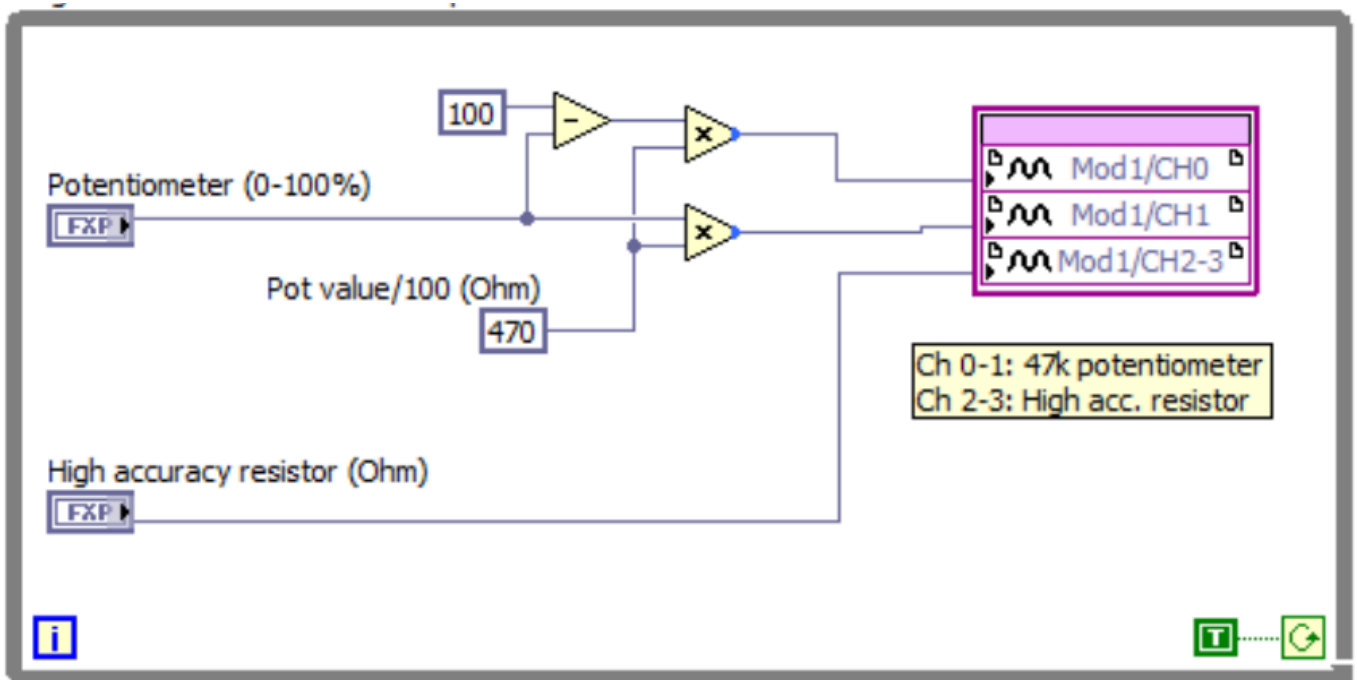


Figure 9 – Block diagram of WF 3144 example

- The shipping examples demonstrate the usage of the API driver methods. To find the examples, open LabVIEW example finder and search for the WF 3144. The example below shows how to simulate a potentiometer using two channels in normal mode. It also shows how to the WF 3144 can act as a high accuracy resistor by using two channels in enhanced accuracy mode.

## Troubleshooting

### Enhanced mode output

- Enhanced mode resistance requires an external jumper cable between the first channel b-terminal and the second channel a-terminal. Failing to do this result in an infinite resistance between CH0a and CH1b (or CH2a and CH3b). Installation During the installation progress the program folder is modified (new files are added to the directory). On some operating systems or Windows installations it might therefore be necessary to install the driver package with administrator rights.

### Technical support and Professional services

If you need to contact support please include the following information for faster handling

- Product number printed on the side of the module, ACxxxx
- Serial number printed on the side of the module, s/n XXXXXX
- HW version printed on the side of the module, vX.X.X
- Driver version (as indicated in VIPM)
- LabVIEW version
- NI-RIO version
- NI-FPGA version
- Target platform

- General description of the problem.

If possible, please include sample code that exemplifies the problem.

Please send support questions to [support@wireflow.se](mailto:support@wireflow.se), and set the subject to “Support WF 3144”

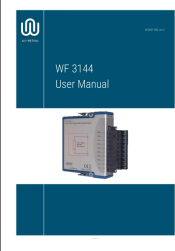
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