
The Tricon controller supports a comprehensive range of modules to meet customers' needs.

Product Specifications

The Triconex product family includes a comprehensive range of modules. This section includes: a summary of the system components and their uses, a table that lists standard products and their model numbers, and a summary of specifications for each standard product in the Tricon controller family.

See the *Planning and Installation Guide for Tricon v9-v10 Systems* for complete information.

Summary of Tricon System Components

Chassis

- *Main Chassis*—houses Main Processors, memory back-up batteries, communication modules and I/O modules.
- *Expansion Chassis*—for additional I/O modules with up to 100 feet (30 meters) total cable length between the Main Chassis and the last Expansion Chassis.
- *RXM Chassis*—for I/O modules up to 7.5 miles (12 kilometers) away from the Main Chassis.
- *Mechanical Keying*—Each slot in the Tricon controller is mechanically keyed to correspond with a specific type of module. This prevents the installation of modules into improper slots.

For chassis mounting and enclosure specifications, see page 31.

Power Supply Modules

- Provide logic power to modules in the Main, Expansion or RXM Chassis. Available in 24 VDC, 115 VAC and 230 VAC versions. The power rating of each power supply is 175 watts at 140° F (60° C).

Main Processors

The Main Processors execute the system diagnostics and the user-written control program.

Communication Modules

- *Tricon Communication Modules (TCM)* support a number of Triconex protocols and applications and user-written applications on Ethernet (802.3) networks, including TriStation, Modbus TCP, and OPC. It also supports RS-232 and RS-485 serial communication with Modbus devices, TriStation 1131, and GPS for time synchronization.
- *Enhanced Intelligent Communication Modules (EICM)* support RS-232, RS-422 and RS-485 serial communication with Modbus devices and TriStation 1131 applications.
- *Network Communication Modules (NCM)* support a number of Triconex protocols and applications and user-written applications on Ethernet (802.3) networks, including the TriStation 1131 software.
- *Safety Manager Modules (SMM)* act as an interface between a Tricon controller and a Honeywell Universal Control Network (UCN), one of three principal networks of the TDC-3000 DCS.
- *Hiway Interface Modules (HIM)* act as an interface between a Tricon controller and a Honeywell TDC-3000 Hiway Gateway and Local Control Network (LCN).
- *Advanced Communication Modules (ACM)* allow a Tricon controller to interface with a Foxboro Industrial

Automation (I/A) Series DCS and a TriStation 1131 application.

Fiber-Optic Remote Extender Modules (RXM)

For operation of Expansion Chassis up to 7.5 miles (12 kilometers) away from the Main Chassis, with exceptional immunity against electro-static and electro-magnetic interference.

Interface Modules

- *HART Analog Input Interface Modules* act as an interface between 4-20 mA analog input points from HART smart devices in the field and HART Host software running on a PC.
- *HART Analog Output Interface Modules* act as an interface between 4-20 mA analog output points from HART smart devices in the field and HART Host software running on a PC.

I/O Modules

- *Digital Input Modules* receive discrete signals of these nominal voltages: 115 VAC/VDC, 48 VAC/VDC, and 24 VAC/VDC. All voltages are available in TMR modules. Non-TMR modules are available in 24 VDC and 48 VDC only. Speed input and totalization modules are also available.
- *Supervised Digital Output Modules* produce discrete output signals of these nominal voltages, with diagnostic coverage of the field circuit and load device: 115 VAC, 120 VDC, 48 VDC, and 24 VDC.
- *Digital Output Modules* produce discrete output signals of these nominal voltages: 115 VAC, 120

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VDC, 24 VDC, and 48 VDC. Dual output modules are also available.

- *Analog Input Modules* receive analog signals of these types: 0-5 VDC, -5 to +5 VDC, 0-10 VDC, and Thermocouple types J, K, T and E. Available in both isolated and DC-coupled versions.
- *Analog Output Modules* are available in these versions: eight output points at 4-20 mA; six output points at 4-20 mA and two at 20-320 mA; and four output points at -60 to 60 mA.

Conformal Coating

Most of the Tricon hardware models in the *Planning and Installation Guide for Tricon v9-v10 Systems* and the *Field Terminations Guide for Tricon v9-v10 Systems* can be ordered with conformal coating by adding the letter “C” to the end of the standard model number.

The following equipment *cannot* be ordered with conformal coating:

- Equipment certified for use in nuclear 1E applications
- All types of cables; including interface cables, I/O bus cables, and fanned-out cables

- Blank slot covers

Neoprene dust covers are provided with external termination panels and chassis that are conformal coated. You can install the dust covers on unused external termination panel connectors and unused backplane connectors, at your discretion.

Some of the Tricon hardware with conformal coating has been certified for use in marine environments. For more information, see “Tricon Equipment Certified for Use in Marine Environments” on page 21.

Network Communication Module

With a Model 4329 Network Communication Module (NCM) installed, the Tricon controller can communicate with other Tricon controllers and with external hosts over Ethernet (802.3) networks. The NCM supports a number of Triconex proprietary protocols and applications as well as user-written applications, including those that use the TSAA protocol.

The NCMG module has the same functionality as the NCM, as well as the ability to synchronize time based on a GPS system. For more information, see the *Communication Guide for Tricon Systems*.

The NCM provides two BNC connectors as ports: NET 1 supports Peer-to-Peer and Time Synchronization protocols for safety networks comprised of Tricon controllers only. NET 2 supports open networking to external systems using Triconex applications such as the TriStation 1131

software, SOE, OPC Server, and DDE Server or user-written applications. See “Communication Capabilities” on page 67 for more information about Triconex protocols and applications.

Two NCMs can reside in one logical slot of the Tricon chassis, but they function independently, not as hot-spare modules. External hosts can read or write data only to Tricon variables to which Alias numbers have been assigned. (See “Enhanced Intelligent Communication Module” on page 35 for more information about Aliases.)

The NCM is compatible with Ethernet (IEEE 802.3 electrical interface) and operates at 10 megabits per second. The NCM connects with external host computers by means of coaxial cable (RG58) at typical distances up to 607 feet (185 meters). Distances up to 2.5 miles (4,000 meters) are possible using repeaters and standard (thick-net or fiber-optic) cabling.

The Main Processors typically refresh data on the NCM once per scan.

NCM Specifications

Model Number	4329, 4329G
Ethernet (802.3) ports	2, BNC connectors, RG58 50-ohm thin cable
External Transceiver Ports	2, 15-pin D-connectors
Serial port	1, RS-232 compatible
Port Isolation	500 VDC
Protocol	TSAA (TCP(UDP)/IP/802.3)
Functions supported	TRICON_DATA (Frame Type 1) TRICON_DATA_REQ (Frame Type 2) WRITE_TRICON_DATA (Frame Type 3) WRITE_TRICON_DATA_RSP (Frame Type 4) READ_TRICON_CLOCK (Frame Type 5) READ_TRICON_CLOCK_RSP (Frame Type 6) SET_TRICON_CLOCK (Frame Type 7) SET_TRICON_CLOCK_RSP (Frame Type 8) READ_TRICON_DATA (Frame Type 11) READ_TRICON_RSP (Frame Type 12)
Communication speed	10 megabits per second (for Ethernet ports)
Status indicators	PASS, FAULT, ACTIVE TX (Transmit) — 1 per port RX (Receive) — 1 per port

