

4.8 PT8TCS - ISOLATED THERMOCOUPLE INPUTS

4.8.1 Description

The PT8TCS module is an 8 isolated thermocouple input module. The module uses differential inputs to reduce effects of electrical noise and mains pickup. The thermocouple inputs are isolated from the logic and from each other.

The thermocouple voltage is read by the module circuitry, linearised and converted to degrees Centigrade. No ranging is required as the module covers the full temperature range of the thermocouple. The value that is read from the Modbus register is the actual temperature in degrees centigrade to 0.1°C resolution. ie: a value of 3451 corresponds to a temperature of 345.1°C.

The thermocouple type is setup by writing a value to the TC Type register. The value is obtained from the table below. For example to select type K thermocouples, the value "2" must be written to the TC Type register. All 8 thermocouple inputs adopt the same TC type.

A value of -32767 is used to indicate downscale burnout.

The module has built in Cold Junction Compensation. Use must be made of the correct thermocouple extension wire to avoid reading errors.

The thermocouple module can also be configured for a 0 - 50mV input range. The TC Type register must be set to 9 for this option. The value in the register which is read back over the network is 0 - 50,000.

Each PT8TCS Module has a unique Ethernet IP address which must be programmed into the PC or PLC. The IP address in the PT8TCS Module is configured via the Web Server. Any standard Web browser such as Internet Explorer can be used to access the web pages where configuration is carried out. The modules are factory programmed with a default IP address of 169.254.111.111. This address must be changed before the module is added to an existing network.

The web page address for viewing the Thermocouple input parameters is <http://169.254.111.111/index.htm> and the address for viewing the configuration data is <http://169.254.111.111/tconfig.htm>.

The web page address for configuring the module is <http://169.254.111.111/ip.htm>.

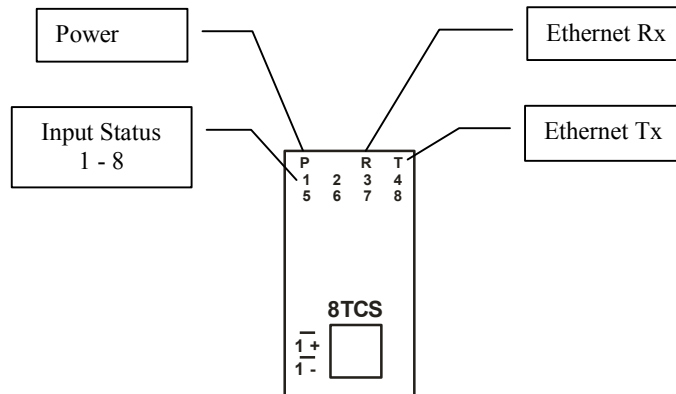


4.8.2 Technical Specification of PM8TCS

Power Supply	Logic Supply Voltage		12 -24 Vdc		
	Logic Supply Current		105mA @ 12V / 54mA @ 24V		
TC Inputs	Input Points		8		
	Resolution		0.1°C		
	Drift		100ppm/°C Typ.		
	Isolation		1500Vrms between field and logic 350Vpeak between each TC input		
TC Type	Number		Type	Range	Accuracy
	1			J	-150 to 760 °C
	2		K	-200 to 1370 °C	0.3°C
	3		E	-200 to 1000 °C	0.1°C
	4		T	-200 to 400 °C	0.3°C
	5		N	0 to 1300 °C	0.3°C
	6		B	400 to 1820 °C	0.5°C
	7		S	-50 to 1767 °C	0.6°C
	8		R	-50 to 1767 °C	0.7°C
	9		mV	0 to 50mV	0.1%
	10		C	0 to 2315.5 °C	0.7°C
	11		D	0 to 2315.5 °C	0.7°C
	12		G	0 to 2315.5 °C	0.9°C
	13		m V	+/- 100mV	0.1%
	Cold Junction	CJC Error		±0.5°C Typ. After 30 Minutes warm up time.	
Ethernet Temperature	10/100Mbps/s		Twisted pair.		
	Operating Temperature.		-40°C to + 80°C		
	Storage Temperature		-40°C to + 85°C		
Connectors	Logic Power and Comms.		4 Pin Connector on underside of unit		
	Inputs		18 Way screw connector on front		
	Ethernet		RJ45 on top side of unit.		

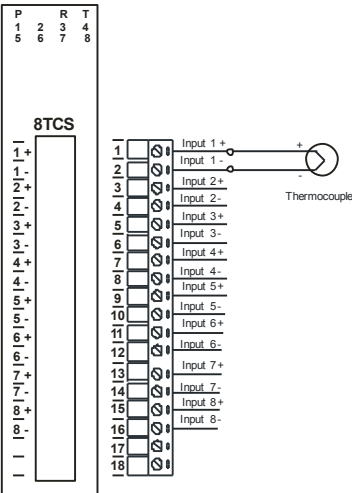
4.8.3 Status Indicators

Power: Flashes to indicate the CPU is running.
Ethernet Rx: Flashes to indicate the unit has received a valid Modbus message.
Ethernet Tx: Flashes to indicate the unit has sent a Modbus message.
Input Status: "ON" when the thermocouple is open circuit.
"OFF" when the thermocouple is connected.

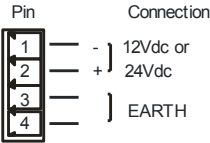


4.8.4 Wiring

The following diagram shows how the inputs are connected to a thermocouple.



The following diagram shows the wiring for the power.



4.8.5 Configuration

The Web page address "**169.254.111.111/ip.htm**" is entered into the address line of the browser window to access the configuration page. This page allows you to change the IP address of the PROMUX TCP Module, select the TC type, and to enter a Module Description Name and Input Names for identification/maintenance purposes.

IP Address - PT8TCSO
169.254.111.111/ip.htm

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Ethernet Configuration Parameters

Ethernet Configuration Parameters					
Module IP	169	254	111	111	
Default Gateway IP	169	254	111	1	
Subnet Mask	0	0	0	0	
Socket Time Out	90				X 1 second
TC Type Number	1				TC TYPE: J
Module Compatibility	0				0=PT8TCS, 1=MMTCP8TC ISO

Submit

Warning: The IP address will not be updated until the power on the module has been switched off and on again. After clicking on the Submit button check that the correct IP address has been entered. If you forget the IP address, refer to the user manual to reset the module back to the default IP value.

Module Name PT8TCS Submit

Input 1 Name INPUT_1 Submit

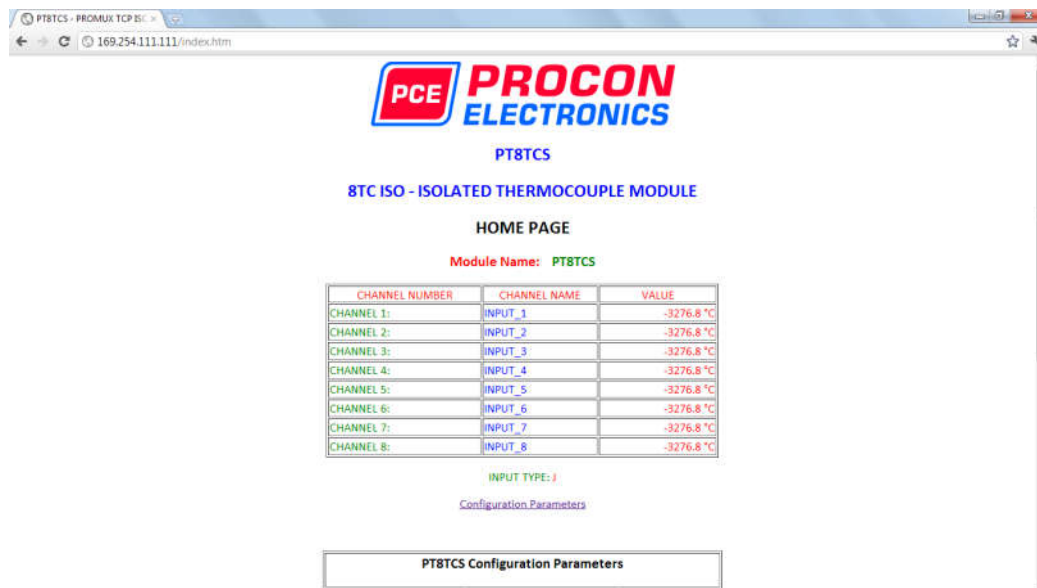
- **IP Address:** The new IP address can be entered into the web page as shown above. After this has been done, you must click the Submit button to send the values to the Module. The screen will now be updated and if successful will continue to display the new IP address. The new IP address will only be effective after the Module power has been switched off and on again. This feature allows you to check that the correct IP address has been entered before being activated. If the IP address has been entered incorrectly and the power has not been switched off, it is possible to re-enter the correct IP address. If the power has been switched off and back on again, the Module will not communicate until you enter the new IP address into the address line of the browser window.
- **Default Gateway IP Address:** A **default gateway** is a node (a router) on a computer network that serves as an access point to another network. In enterprises, however, the gateway is the computer that routes the traffic from a PC to the outside network that is serving the Web pages. It is only necessary to configure the default gateway IP address if the PC that is accessing the Module is on a different network.
- **Subnet Mask:** In computer networks, a **subnetwork** or **subnet** is a range of logical addresses within the address space that is assigned to an organization. The subnet mask is used to inform the Module that it must send its replies to the gateway if the IP address of the PC is on a different network. When the subnet mask is set to "0.0.0.0" then it is effectively disabled and the default gateway is not used. A typical subnet mask would be "255.255.255.0".
- **Socket Timeout:** If a socket connection is broken, say due to a network fault, it must timeout to free it up so that it can be used again. This timer is triggered by activity on the module, so if there is no communications activity for longer than the timeout period, the socket will close.
- **TC Type:** The thermocouple type for the module can be configured by entering the corresponding number from the list in the specifications.
- **Module Compatibility:** When the value is zero "0", the Modbus registers are configured in the format for a PROMUX TCP module. When the value is set to one "1", the Modbus registers are reconfigured to match the format of the MOD-MUX TCP modules. This is useful

if a new PROMUX TCP module is being used to replace an old MOD-MUX TCP module in an existing system.

- **Module Name:** This field allows you to enter a module description name into the PROMUX TCP Module. This is an identifier for diagnostic/maintenance purposes and is chosen to best describe the PROMUX TCP Module in the system by name or number.
- **Input Names:** These fields allow you to enter an input description name into the PROMUX TCP Module. This is an identifier for diagnostic/maintenance purposes and is chosen to best describe the particular input by name or number.

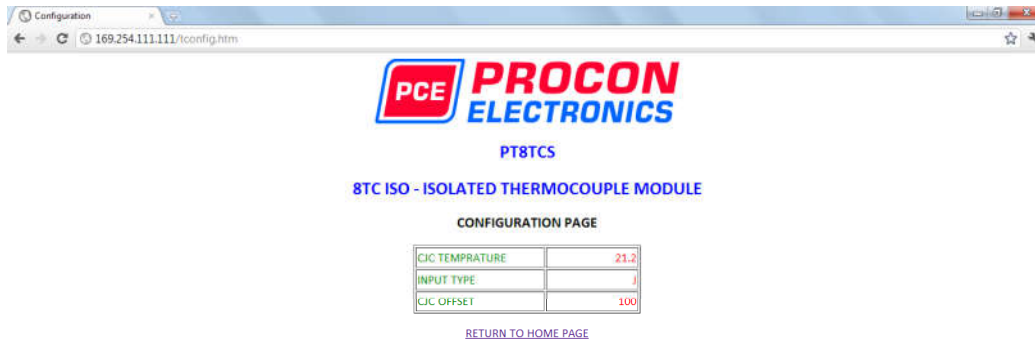
4.8.6 Viewing web pages

To view the default Web page in the PROMUX TCP Module, start the Web browser and type "169.254.111.111" into the address line of the browser window. The main page will now be displayed in the browser window.



- **Channel Number:** This refers to the actual input number on the terminals of the module.
- **Channel Name:** This is the name that was entered in the configuration page to best describe the inputs.
- **Value:** This is the current temperature of the inputs. To get an updated reading it is necessary to refresh the browser window to upload the web page again.

To view the Configuration Web page in the PROMUX TCP Module, start the Web browser and type "169.254.111.111/tconfig.htm" into the address line of the browser window.



- **CJC Temperature:** This is the temperature of the terminals inside the module.
- **Input Type:** This is the type of thermocouple the module has been configured to operate with.
- **TC OFFSET:** This is a correction factor

4.8.7 PT8TCS Data Registers (MODULE TYPE = 136)

Modbus Address	Register Name	Low Limit	High Limit	Access	Description
30001	S/W Version / Module Type	N/A	N/A	R	High Byte = Software Version Low Byte = 136
30002	TC Input 1	-xxx.x	yyyy.y	R	Thermocouple Inputs. See table for range.
30003	TC Input 2	-xxx.x	yyyy.y	R	Resolution in 0.1°C.
30004	TC Input 3	-xxx.x	yyyy.y	R	"
30005	TC Input 4	-xxx.x	yyyy.y	R	"
30006	TC Input 5	-xxx.x	yyyy.y	R	"
30007	TC Input 6	-xxx.x	yyyy.y	R	"
30008	TC Input 7	-xxx.x	yyyy.y	R	"
30009	TC Input 8	-xxx.x	yyyy.y	R	"
30010	CJC Temp.	-xxx.x	yyyy.y	R	CJC Temperature in 0.1°C resolution.
30011	Input Status	0	65535	R	bit1 = 0(OK), bit1 = 1(error or open circuit)
40101	TC Type	1	13	R/W	See TC Tables.
40102	Line Frequency	50	60	R/W	Line Frequency
40103	CJC Offset	1	199	R/W	100 = zero offset (0.0)
40104	Units Type	1	2	R/W	1=°C, 2=°F