

# PDA1500

High Voltage AC/DC to Logic Level Converter



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Ideal For Use with  
Vigilante® II Annunciators

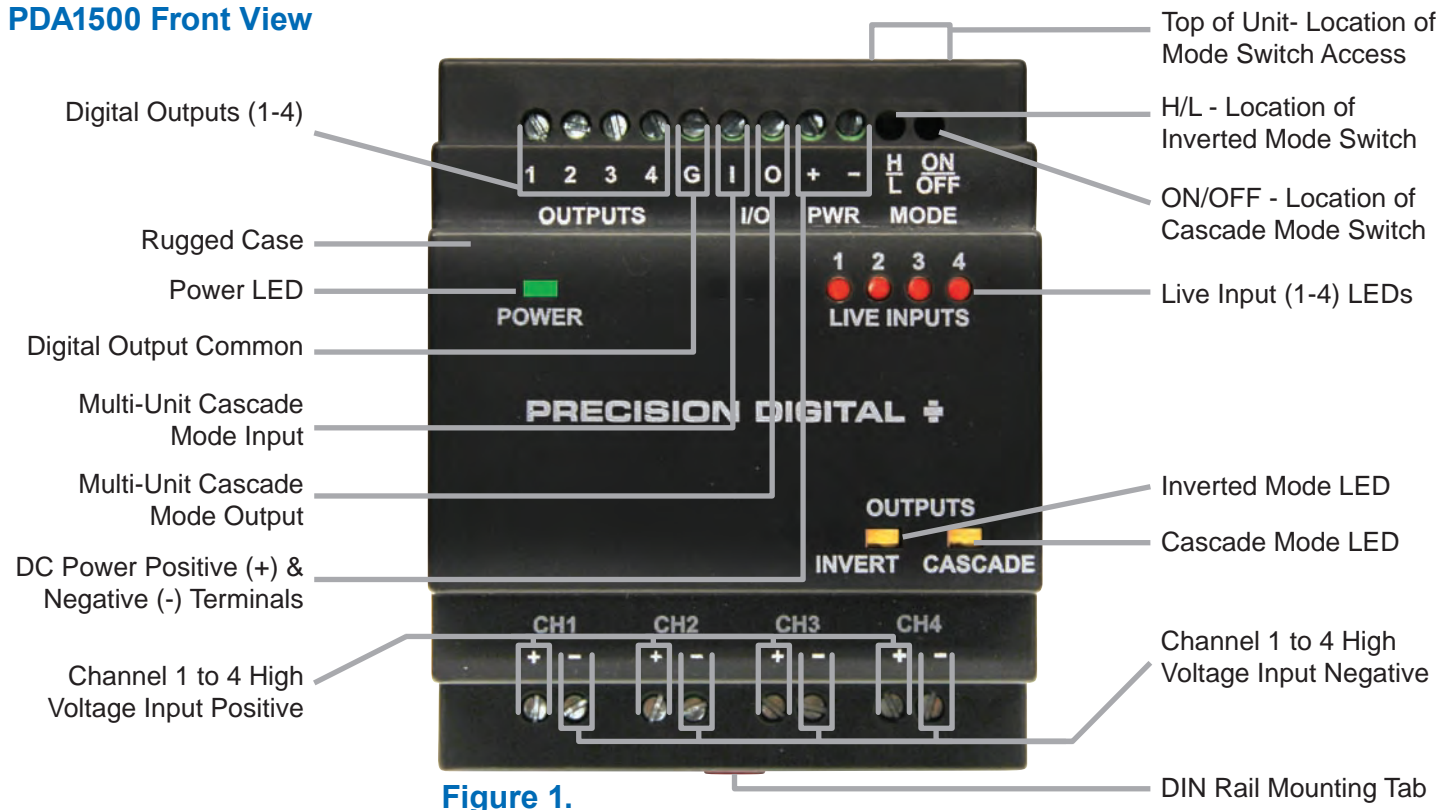
**SIGNAL CONVERTER**

- Combine with the Vigilante® II Annunciator to Monitor High Voltages
- Four High Voltage Inputs - Up to 265 VAC or VDC
- Four 5 VDC Digital Outputs
- Easy DIN Rail Mounting
- Simple Two-Button Setup
- Cascade Mode for Series Break Configurations
- Multi-Unit Cascade Mode

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## PDA1500 Front View



## INTRODUCTION

The PDA1500 High VAC/VDC to Logic Level Converter is an easy to use DIN rail mounted device for converting high voltage signals into logic level signals for use as a digital input to a wide range of process control and display equipment.

The PDA1500 accepts up to four high voltage AC or DC signals. The PDA1500-115 inputs accept 85-130 VAC or VDC, and the PDA1500-230 inputs accept 185-265 VAC or VDC. Powered from 12-24 VDC, the PDA1500 can drive outputs even when no high voltage inputs are present. The outputs are user selectable for high or low states when voltage is present at the inputs.

Cascade mode is ideal for monitoring signals that can result in cascading or subsequent failures. This mode monitors the point of failure, when a failure in a single input causes a failure in all alarm points in a "series" system.

The PDA1500 is mounted in an ABS plastic DIN rail mounted enclosure for easy mounting inside a panel or instrument enclosure.

## PDA1500 Mounted to DIN Rail

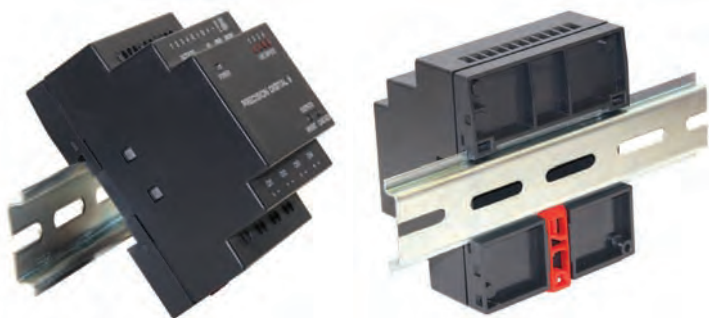


Figure 2.

## DIN RAIL MOUNTING

The converter requires a length of 35 mm "top hat" DIN rail 3.00" (76.3 mm) wide.

The converter may be installed between other equipment on the same DIN rail without removing the other equipment.

Clearance: allow at least 1.0" (25.4 mm) clearance above and below the PDA1500 on the installation back-panel for wiring.

## Snap-On Mounting Method

The converter may be snap-fit onto a DIN rail. The design of the mounting tab allows for tool-free mounting as seen in **Figure 2**.

Hook the upper part of the converter onto the DIN rail at the desired location. Press the converter flat onto the DIN rail. The mounting tab will snap into position, securing the converter in place.

## Removing the Converter from the DIN Rail

Insert a small slotted screwdriver or similar tool into the DIN rail mounting tab, and gently pull down on it, as seen in **Figure 3**. While pulling down on the mounting tab, rotate the bottom of the converter up until the top of the converter is freed from the DIN rail.



Figure 3.

## CONNECTIONS & SETUP

### Wiring & Connections

All connections are made to fixed position screw terminal connectors located on the top and bottom of the enclosure. Use copper wire with 60°C or 60/75°C insulation for all line voltage connections. Observe all safety regulations. Electrical wiring should be performed in accordance with all applicable national, state, and local codes to prevent damage to the converter and ensure personnel safety, as hazardous voltages are present.

### Power Connections

Power connections are made to the two terminals labeled PWR, as seen in **Figure 1**. 12-24 VDC is applied with the polarity shown by the + and - symbols.

### Input Signal Connections

High voltage input channel 1-4 signal connections are made to the terminals labeled CH1, CH2, CH3, and CH4, as seen in **Figure 1**.

### Digital Output Connections

Low voltage digital outputs 1-4 signal connections are made to the terminals labeled OUTPUTS 1, 2, 3, 4, and G, as seen in **Figure 1**. The terminal labeled G is the common for all four digital outputs.

For input devices with a + and – terminal for every input channel, output terminal G will be connected to all negative digital input terminals.

### Cascade Mode Multiple I/O Connections

When using Cascade Mode, I/O terminals I and O shown in **Figure 1** may be used to link together multiple converters, and provide additional inputs and outputs for monitoring. An unlimited number of units may be connected in this way.

To connect multiple units in Cascade Mode, connect terminal O on the first converter to the I terminal of the second. Continue to connect converters in this way until the last converter's O terminal is connected to the first converter's I terminal, as seen in **Figure 6**.

### Mode Selection Latching Pushbuttons

There are two latching pushbuttons located on the top of the unit within the enclosure. These are located next to the ON/OFF and H/L labels, inside the terminal connection openings. These pushbuttons are used to enable/disable Cascade Mode and/or Inverter Mode.

### Normal/Cascade Mode ON/OFF Button

To activate Cascade Mode, press the latching pushbutton located in the terminal opening labeled MODE, ON/OFF. Normal Mode operation is active when the button is in the forward/ON position. Cascade Mode is active when the button is latched into the recessed/OFF position.

### Output H/L Inverter Mode

The H/L latching pushbutton is used to invert the output states. For example, in Normal Mode, when input channels CH1-CH4 detect high voltage, the corresponding output will provide an active high. When high voltage is not detected on an input, the corresponding output will provide an active low signal.

This default output state may be inverted with the Output H/L button. When the H/L button is latched into the recessed/L position, the output condition will be inverted. When input channels CH1-CH4 detect high voltage, the corresponding output will provide an active low. When high voltage is not detected on an input, the corresponding output will provide an active high signal. Inverter Mode may be applied to Cascade Outputs as well.

### LED Indicators

Please refer to the following table for LED descriptions:

LED Indicator	Color	Description
POWER	Green	LED ON indicates unit is powered
LIVE INPUTS (1 - 4)	Red	LED ON indicates high voltage is present on corresponding input channel (CH1 – CH4)
INVERT	Yellow	LED ON if Inverted Mode is enabled (low output when input high)
CASCADE	Yellow	LED ON if Cascade Mode is enabled

## OPERATION

The PDA1500 High Voltage AC/DC to Logic Level Converter accepts up to four high voltage input signals and outputs a TTL logic (5 V) signal representative of each input's status, whether high voltage is present or not.

### Normal Mode

In Normal Mode operation, the converter detects the presence of high voltage on input channels CH1 to CH4. If high voltage is present, the corresponding output 1-4 will be high, as seen in **Figure 4**. If voltage is below the detection range, the corresponding output will be low.

### Inverted Mode

In Inverted Mode operation, the state of all outputs is the inverse of what they would be in Normal Mode. The converter detects the presence of high voltage on input channels CH1 to CH4. If high voltage is present on an input channel, the corresponding output 1 to 4 will be low, as seen in **Figure 5**. If voltage is below the detection range on an input channel, the corresponding output will be high.

### Cascade Mode

Cascade Mode is a special operation mode used for the monitoring of high voltage interlocks where one failure causes a failure of all monitoring points further down in the system. Examples of this include the many interlocks on boiler systems, where a single failure can cause a cascade of failures later in the system. Cascade Mode will indicate the single point of failure in these series systems, as seen in **Figure 6**.

Cascade mode provides a digital output alarm state if the corresponding input channel is active, but the next subsequent input channel is inactive. This can be used to identify the single point of system failure, without indicating every alarm state throughout the linked series interlock system. Cascade mode utilizes exclusive NOR (inverting OR) logic.



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## Inverted Cascade Mode

Inverted Mode may be applied to Cascade Mode. When the H/L pushbutton is latched in the recessed position, Inverted Mode is active. The outputs behave using the same logic as in Cascade Mode, but the output states are all inverted. This makes the Cascade Mode output function using exclusive OR (XOR) logic. Inverted Cascade Mode will also work across multiple units.

## Application Example: Normal Mode for AC Limiter Switches

Normal Mode may be used to set alarm conditions on a Vigilante II annunciator when high voltage is not present on an input channel, such as when an interlock relay has opened.

In this example, since limit switch 3 (relay 3) is open, high voltage is not present at input channel 3 (CH3). The resulting low output from output 3 triggers the Vigilante II annunciator to alarm the corresponding input, as well as sound the 85dB alarm in order to alert the operator of the alarm condition.

This setup can be used to alarm based on safety interlocks, fuse failures, or any other condition that would break the high voltage line.

In this mode, the converter's output condition matches the input condition.

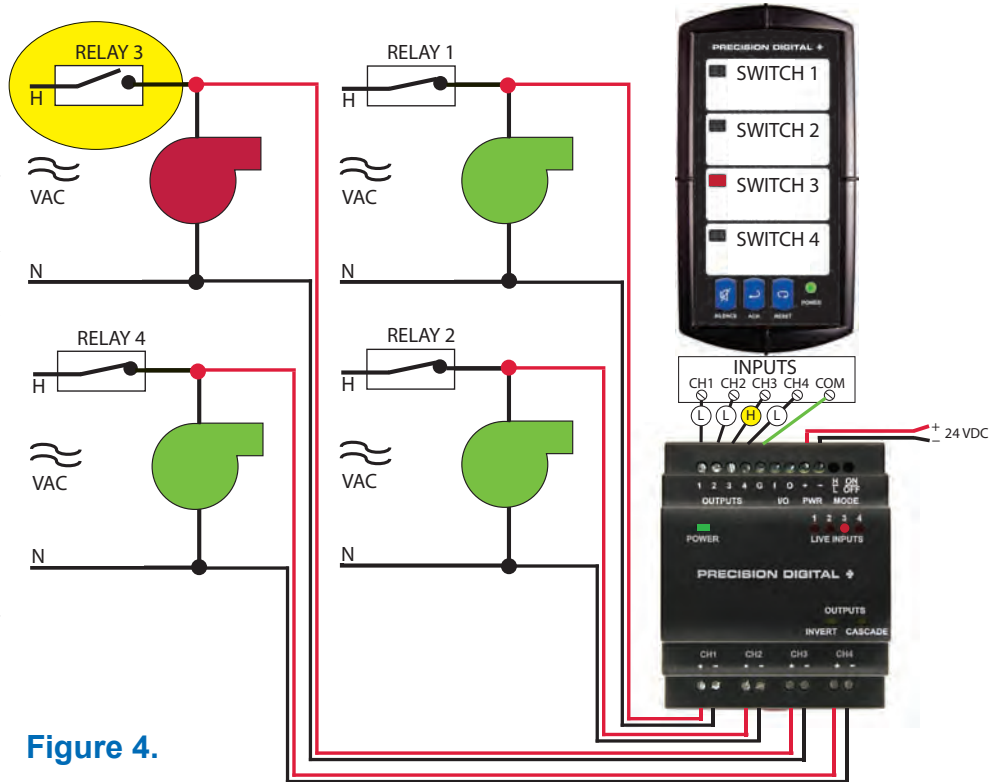


Figure 4.

## Application Example: Inverted Mode for Pumps

Inverted Mode may be used to set alarm conditions on a Vigilante II annunciator when high voltage is present on an input channel, such as when a relay closure supplied power to a pump.

In this example, relay 2 has closed, applying power to pump 2. Input channel 2 (CH2) will detect high voltage. Because the converter is in Inverted Mode, the output is in the "Low" state, the opposite state of the input. Output channel 2 is subsequently Low. The Vigilante II is configured to light an LED on an input Low signal, and therefore the annunciator shows that pump 2 is active. The Vigilante II is configured to sound an 85 dB audible alarm while the alarm condition is present, and automatically clear when the alarm condition clears.

In this mode, the converter's output condition is the opposite of the input condition.

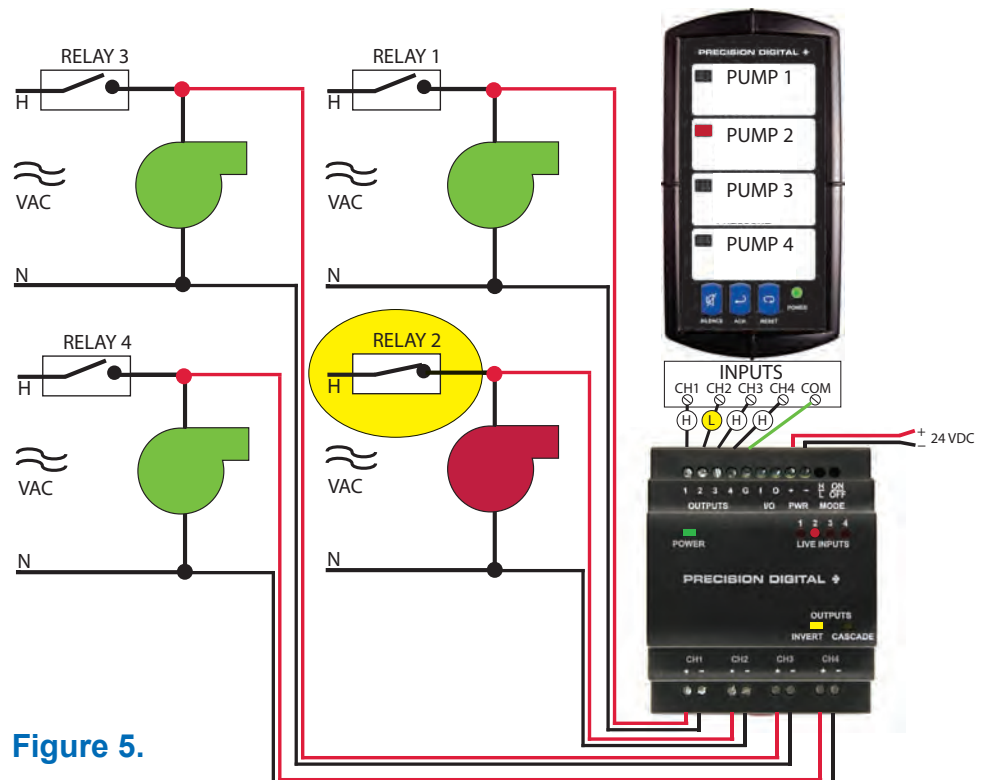


Figure 5.

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## Application Example: Cascade Mode for Boiler System Control

Cascade Mode may be used to set alarm conditions for multiple relays or interlocks wired together in a series. In this configuration, the first interlock in a system to encounter a problem opens the high voltage circuit, and is the only alarm output triggered by the PDA1500.

In this example, since the signal output for Interlock 2 is now cut, the interlock triggers the Vigilante II annunciator to turn off the entire system, and sound the 85dB alarm in order to alert the operator of the alarm condition.

The LED indicating the point of failure on the Vigilante II Annunciator can remain lit until reset. In this case, the point of failure is pump-related at Interlock 2, so investigation into the problem can begin there. The corresponding LED on the PDA1500 is independent of the Vigilante II; LEDs on the PDA1500 (Live Inputs) are always ON when high voltage is present and always OFF when high voltage is not present.

Notice how PDA1500 #1's output (O) is wired to PDA1500 #2's input (I) and vice versa. This allows the two PDA1500 units to properly monitor the inputs for Cascade Mode.

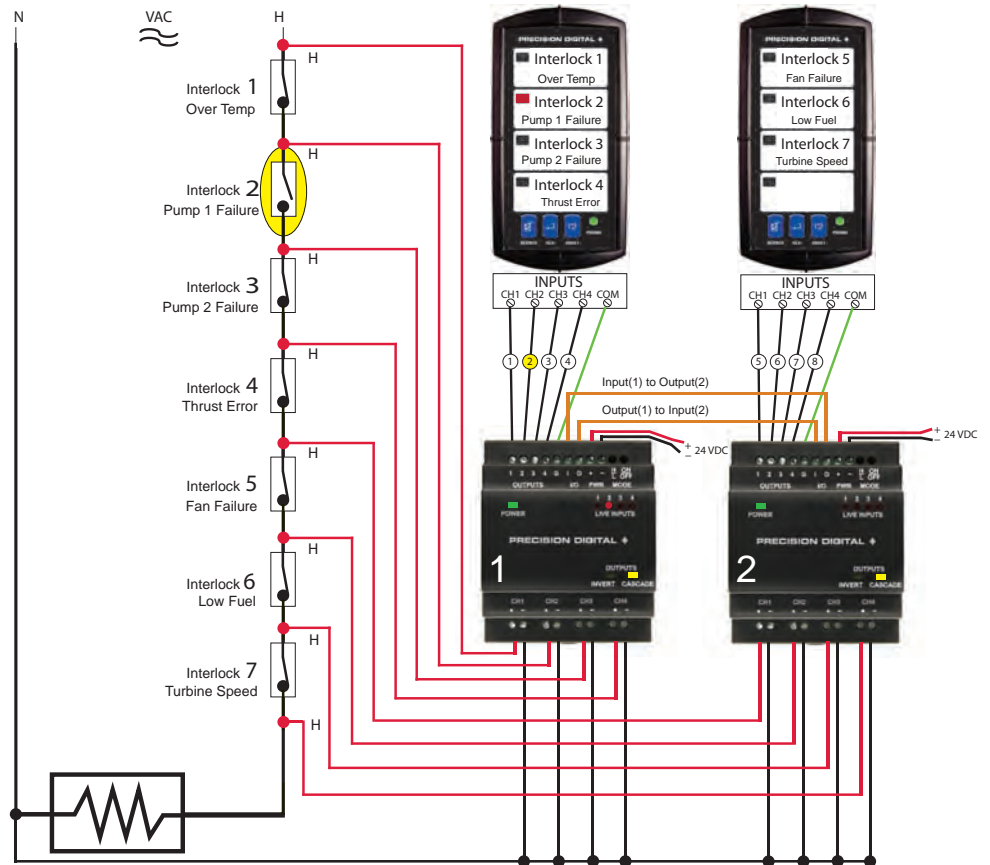


Figure 6.

## SPECIFICATIONS

Except where noted all specifications apply to operation at +25°C.

### General

**Configuration Method:** Two latching pushbuttons for selection of output state inversion and cascade mode selection. No other programming required.

**Indicators:** One green power LED. Four red LED indicators to monitor live inputs on channels 1-4. Two yellow LED indicators for inverted output and/or cascade output mode.

**Input Channels:** Four independent, isolated input channels CH1 to CH4

Model	Input Voltage
PDA1500-115	85-130 VAC or VDC
PDA1500-230	185-265 VAC or VDC

Inputs feature high common mode rejection, ideal for noisy environments.

**Input Voltage Threshold:** Input high voltage levels are different for AC and DC voltages. Instantaneous value is used to determine threshold for AC input - RMS equivalents are shown below.

#### PDA1500-115

Input High Threshold Range:  
60 VAC RMS (85 VAC peak) or 85 VDC  
Input Low Threshold Range:  
31 VAC RMS (44 VAC peak) or 44 VDC

#### PDA1500-230

Input High Threshold Range:  
131 VAC RMS (185 VAC peak) or 185 VDC  
Input Low Threshold Range:  
66 VAC RMS (94 VAC peak) or 94 VDC

**Input Current:** 1.2 mA (typical) at "turn-on" or high input voltage

**Propagation Delays:** Input Propagation Delay to Logic Low: 4μs (typ); 15μs (max); Input Propagation Delay to Logic High: 8μs (typ); 40μs (max).

**Input Impedance:** PDA1500-115: >60kΩ total impedance per channel; PDA1500-230: >140kΩ total impedance per channel.

**Input Overload:** Must not exceed 50 mA DC (35 mA RMS) on input channels. Maximum input power dissipation is 230 mW. Surge protection included for up to 140 mA. Transient protection included for up to 500 mA.

**Digital Outputs:** Four TTL Logic (5V) independent digital outputs.

**Output Logic Levels:** Output Low: 0 to 0.33 V  
Output High: 4.4 to 5.0 V

**Cascade Mode:** Typically used in Boiler applications to monitor for and detect fault conditions.

**Power:** 12-24 VDC ± 10%, 1.5 W max. Polarity sensitive. Short-circuit protected. Isolated.

**Max Power Dissipation:** PDA1500-115: 3W (total dissipation of unit)  
PDA1500-230: 4W (total dissipation of unit)

**Isolation:** 630 VRMS between input channels; 3750 VRMS input-to-power line; 3750 VRMS input-to-output; 1000 VRMS output-to-power line  
**Overvoltage:** Maximum overvoltage (transient) allowable is 6000 V peak for 60 seconds.

**Environmental:** Operating temperature range: 0 to 65°C

Storage temperature range: 0 to 65°C

Relative humidity: 0 to 90% non-condensing

**Connections:** Fixed screw terminal blocks accept 12 to 30 AWG solid or stranded wire.

**Enclosure:** DIN rail-mountable ABS plastic enclosure. Color: black

**DIN Rail Specification:** 35mm "top hat" DIN rail required

**Tightening Torque:** Screw terminal connectors: 4.3 lb-in (0.56 Nm)

**Overall Dimensions:** 3.00" x 3.63" x 2.38"  
(76.3 mm x 92.3 mm x 60.5 mm)(W x H x D)

**Weight:** 12 oz (340.2 g)

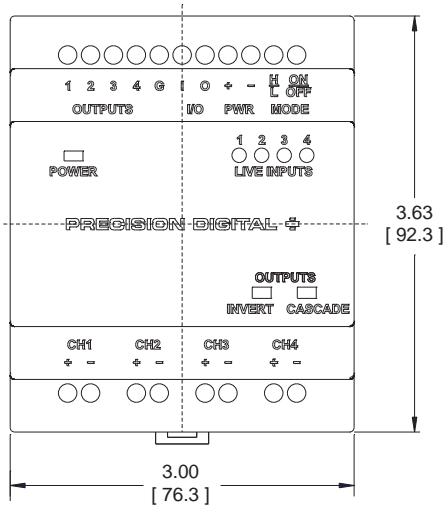
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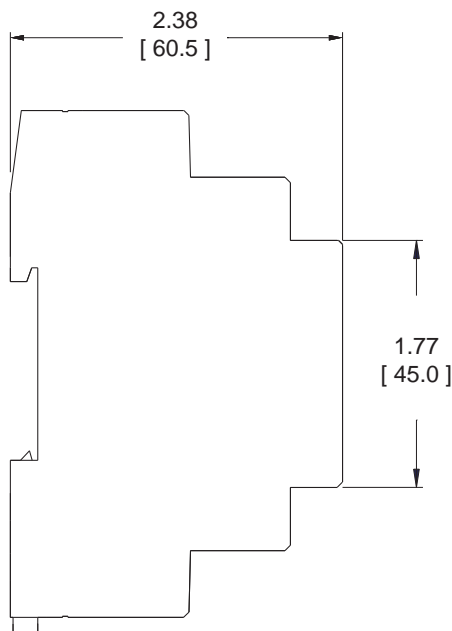
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## DIMENSIONS

Units=Inches [mm]



Front View



Side View

Figure 7.

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PDA1500 Models	
Model	Description
PDA1500-115	85-130 VAC or VDC to Logic Level Converter
PDA1500-230	185-265 VAC or VDC to Logic Level Converter

The **PDA1500** High Voltage to Logic Level Converter is ideal for providing alarm and status indication to the following Precision Digital monitoring and control products.

Recommended Associated Products	
Model	Description
PD154-6R2-1	Vigilante II 4-Point Alarm Annunciator Powered from 85-265 VAC
PD154-7R2-0	Vigilante II 4-Point Alarm Annunciator Powered from 12-36 VDC
PD158-6R2-1	Vigilante II 8-Point Alarm Annunciator Powered from 85-265 VAC
PD158-7R2-0	Vigilante II 8-Point Alarm Annunciator Powered from 12-36 VDC
PDA1044	ProVu 4 Digital Inputs and 4 Digital Outputs M-Link Expansion Module

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