# BRX MOTION CONTROL, COMMUNICATIONS & SPECIALTY MODULES

# CHAPTER 9

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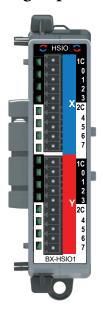
#### **Overview**

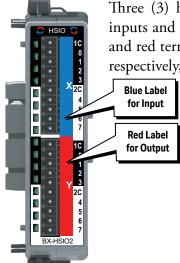
One key feature of the BRX platform is its ability to easily expand its capability to fit your application solution. One of the ways the BRX platform can do this is by using expansion modules that conveniently "snap-on" to the side of any BRX MPU.

The motion control, communications and specialty expansion modules currently include high-speed I/O modules, serial communications modules and an active padding module.

# **Module Types**

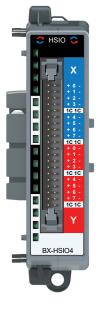
#### **High-Speed Input/Output Modules**





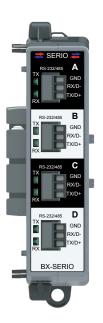
Three (3) high-speed input/output modules are available, with eight inputs and eight outputs. High-speed I/O module faceplates have blue and red terminal bar sections to distinguish input and output terminals, respectively, and have the symbol to signify high-speed I/O.

> The table below shows the high-speed I/O modules and their input/output types.



High-Speed Input/Output Module										
Identifier	HSIO1	HSIO2	HSIO4							
Input Type	12-24 VDC Sink/Source	12-24 VDC Sink/Source	2.5-5 VDC Sink/Source							
Number of Inputs	8	8	8							
Output Type	12-24 VDC Sinking	12–24 VDC Sourcing	5VDC Differential							
Number of Outputs	8	8	8							
Max Frequency	250kHz	250kHz	2MHz							

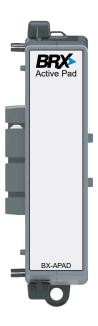
#### **Serial Communications Modules**



Three (3) serial communications modules are available, with four serial ports. Serial communications module faceplates have black and white terminal sections to distinguish serial terminals, and have the symbol to signify serial I/O. The table below shows the serial I/O module and its port types.

Serial Input/Output Module									
Identifier	SERIO	SERIO-2	SERIO-4						
Port Type	RS-232 / RS-485	RS-232 with Flow Control	RS-422						
Number of Ports	4	4	4						

#### **Active Padding Module**



One (1) active padding module is available. This module emulates other BRX modules in the I/O configuration of a BRX system. It is configured in software to emulate the address space of a specific BRX module. The padding module can be used to reserve address space so that addressing in subsequent modules does not change if a module is removed.

# **Wiring Termination Options**

The BRX high-speed input/output expansion modules ship without wiring terminal blocks. This allows you to select the termination style that best fits your application. There are several wiring options available, including screw type terminal connectors with either 90° or 180° (straight) termination angle, and a 180° (straight) spring clamp type connector. The BX-HSIO1 and HX-HSIO2 high-speed I/O modules are not compatible with the **ZIP**Link Wiring System. The BX-HSIO4 high-speed I/O module **requires** the **ZIP**Link Wiring System.



**NOTE:** The BX-HSIO4 high-speed I/O module requires the ZIPLink Wiring System.

The BRX serial communications expansion modules ship with four (4) removable screw terminal connectors. Replacement terminal connectors are available.

#### **Terminal Block Connectors**

The terminal block connectors for the high-speed I/O modules include (2) 10-pin 3.81-mm connectors in kits as a single part number. Replacement terminal block connectors for the serial communications module are sold individually.

Terminal block kit part numbers and connector specifications are listed in the following table.

Terminal Block Specifications									
Module	E	3X-HSIO1/BX-HSIO	2	BX-SERIO	BX-SERIO-2 BX-SERIO-4				
Part Number	BX-RTB10	BX-RTB10-1	BX-RTB10-2	BX-RTB03S	BX-RTB05S				
Connector Type	Screw Type 90 degree	Spring Clamp Type 180 degree	Screw Type 180 degree	Screw Type 90 degree	Screw Type 90 degree				
Wire Exit	180 degree	180 degree	180 degree	180 degree	180 degree				
Pitch	3.81 mm	3.81 mm	3.81 mm	3.5 mm	3.5 mm				
Screw Size	M2	N/A	M2	M2	M2				
Screw Torque Recommended	<1.77 lb·in (0.2 N·m)	N/A	<1.77 lb·in (0.2 N·m)	<1.77 lb·in (0.2 N·m)	<1.77 lb·in (0.2 N·m)				
Screwdriver Blade Width	2.5 mm	2.5 mm	2.5 mm	2.5 mm	2.5 mm				
Wire Gauge (Single Wire)	28–16 AWG	26–18 AWG	30–16 AWG	28–16 AWG	28–16 AWG				
Wire Gauge (Dual Wire)	28_18 Δ///(-		30–18 AWG	28–16 AWG	28–16 AWG				
Wire Strip Length	0.24 in (6mm)	0.35 in (9mm)	0.26 in (6.5 mm)	0.24 in (6mm)	0.24 in (6mm)				
Equiv. Dinkle P/N	EC381V-10P-BK	ESC381V-10-BK	EC381F-10P-BK	EC350V-03P-BK	EC350V-05P-BK				











**BX-RTB10 Kit** 

BX-RTB10-1 Kit

BX-RTB10-2 Kit

**BX-RTB03S Kit** 



**NOTE:** Four (4) BX-RTB03S terminal blocks are included with BX-SERIO expansion module. Four (4) BX-RTB05S terminal blocks are included with BX-SERIO-2 and BX-SERIO-4 expansion modules.

# ZIPLink Wiring System

BRX digital expansion modules can be quickly connected to convenient **ZIP**Link remote terminal blocks for ease of wiring remote I/O devices. Your **ZIP**Link selection is dependent on the number of expansion module terminal points. The following tables list the connector options.

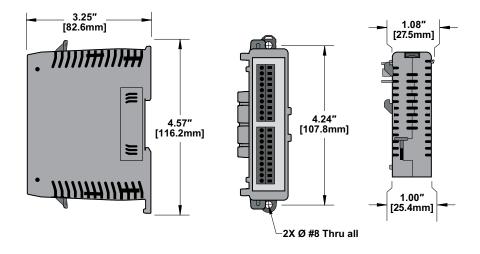
16-Point BRX High Speed I/O Expansion Module <i>ZIP</i> Link Selector									
Expansion Module Part No.	ZIPLink Module	ZIPLink Module Part No.	Qty Needed	ZIPLink Cable Part No.	Qty Needed				
BX-HSIO4	Feedthrough	ZL-RTB40 (standard) -OR- ZL-RTB40-1 (compact)	1	ZL-BX-CBL40-S ZL-BX-CBL40-1S	1				

# **General Specifications**

All BRX motion control and communications expansion modules have the same general specifications listed in the table below.

General Specifications								
Operating Temperature	0° to 60°C (32° to 140°F)							
Storage Temperature	-20° to 85°C (-4° to 185°F)							
Humidity	5 to 95% (non-condensing)							
Environmental Air	No corrosive gases permitted							
Vibration	IEC60068-2-6 (Test Fc)							
Shock	IEC60068-2-27 (Test Ea)							
Enclosure Type	Open Equipment							
Noise Immunity	NEMA ICS3-304							
EU Directive	See the "EU Directive" topic in the BRX Help File.							

# **Dimensional Information**

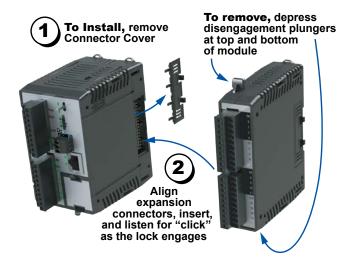


# **Module Installation**



WARNING: Do not apply field power until the following steps are completed. The BRX expansion modules are NOT hot swappable.

To install an expansion module, remove the connector cover on the right side of the MPU or expansion module the new module is to be connected to. Align the expansion connectors, insert the module until you hear a "click", indicating the module expansion connectors have engaged.



To remove an expansion module locate the two disengagement plungers. One is located at the top of the of the expansion module and a second one at the bottom of the expansion module. Depressing both plungers at the same time will release the locking mechanism and disengage the unit from the system.



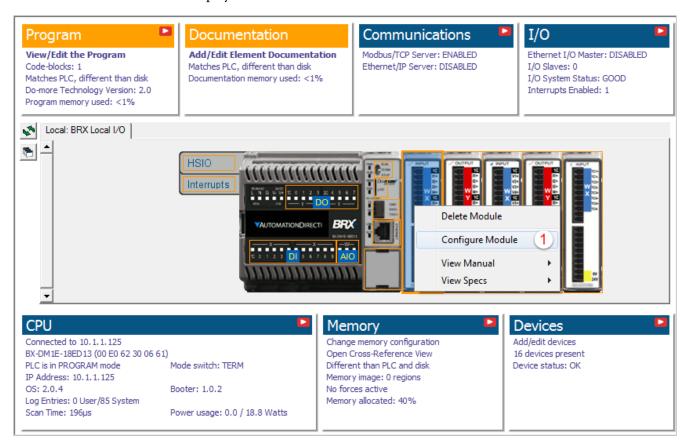
**NOTE:** Allow a minimum of 45mm (1.75 in) to the right of MPU chassis or any subsequent expansion modules for mounting and dismounting of the modules.

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# **Module Configuration**

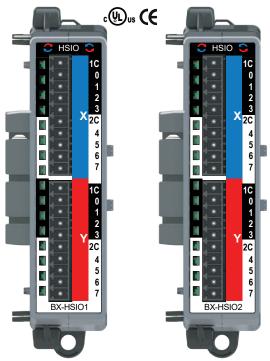
Once the expansion module has snapped in place and is added to the project, it instantly adds additional I/O and features to the MPU with minimal additional setup required.

To configure a newly attached module, load the Do-more! Designer software and connect to the BRX MPU, as discussed in the Do-more! Designer Software Getting Started Guide (DMD-GSG-M) which can be found at <a href="http://support.automationdirect.com/products/domore.html">http://support.automationdirect.com/products/domore.html</a>. A graphical representation of the BRX unit with its attached modules is displayed in the Dashboard of the software.



To access the module configuration dialogs, left-click or right-click on the module in the Dashboard and select (1) **Configure Module**. The configuration dialogs for each module are discussed in the corresponding section of this chapter.

# **BX-HSIO1** and **BX-HSIO2** High Speed Input/Output Modules







NOTE: This device does not support ZIPLink Wiring Systems.



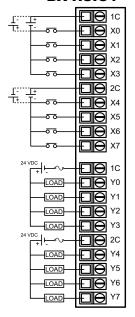
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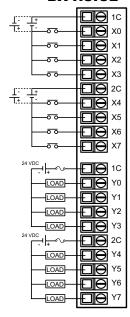
#### **IMPORTANT!**



Hot-Swapping Information
NOTE: This device cannot be
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# High Speed Input/Output Wiring BX-HSIO1 BX-HSIO2



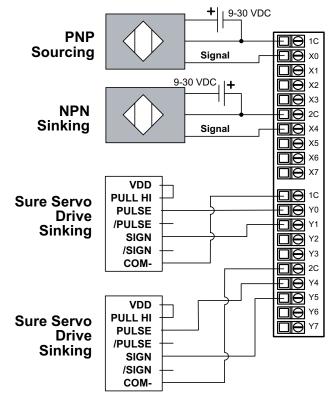


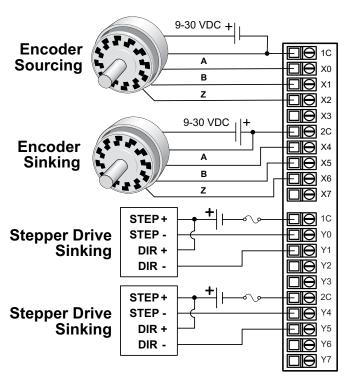
High Speed Input/Out	put Specifications
Specification	BX-HSIO1 BX-HSIO2
High Speed	I Input Specifications
Туре	Sink/Source
Total Input Points per Module	8
Commons	2 (4 points/common) Isolated
Nominal Voltage Range*	12–24 VDC
Input Voltage Range*	9–30 VDC
Maximum Voltage	30VDC
DC Frequency	0–250 kHz
Minimum Pulse Width	0.5 μs
Input Impedance	3kΩ @ 24VDC
Input Current (typical)	4mA @ 24VDC
Maximum Input Current	8mA @ 30VDC
ON Voltage Level	> 9.0 VDC
OFF Voltage Level	< 2.0 VDC
Minimum ON Current	3.0 mA (9V req'd to guarantee ON state)
Maximum OFF Current	1.5 mA
Status Indicators	Logic Side, Green
OFF to ON Response	< 2µs
ON to OFF Response	< 2µs
High Speed	Output Specifications
Туре	Sinking Sourcing
Total Output Points per Module	8
Commons	2 (4 points/common) Isolated
Maximum Current per Common	2A
Nominal Voltage Range*	12–24 VDC
Operating Voltage Range*	5–36 VDC
Maximum Voltage	36VDC
Minimum Output Current	0.1 mA @ 24VDC
Maximum Load Current	0.5 A per Output, No derating over temperature range
Maximum Inrush Current	5A for 50ms
Maximum Leakage Current	10μΑ
ON Voltage Drop	0.5 VDC
Status Indicators	Logic Side, Green
OFF to ON Response	< 2µs
ON to OFF Response	< 2µs
Maximum Switching Frequency	250kHz (1m cable), 100kHz (10m cable)
Overcurrent, Short Circuit Protection and Short to Ground	Protected by common group of 4 outputs. If tripped, Common terminal Red LED will be ON, others OFF. Self-Resetting.
Overcurrent Trip Level	4A minimum, 8A maximum
Fuse Type	User-supplied external fuse
	General
Backplane Power Consumption	2.2 W
Heat Dissipation	5.7 W
Weight	85g (3oz)
Agency Approvals	UL 61010-2-201 File #E185989 Canada and USA, CE (Immunity: EN61131-2: 2007)
Software Version Required	Do-more! Designer v2.5 or later
* Class 2 or LPS Power Supply required	l.

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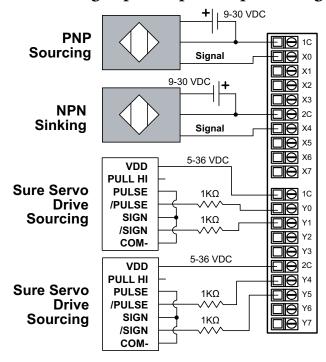
# BX-HSIO1 and BX-HSIO2 High Speed I/O Modules, continued

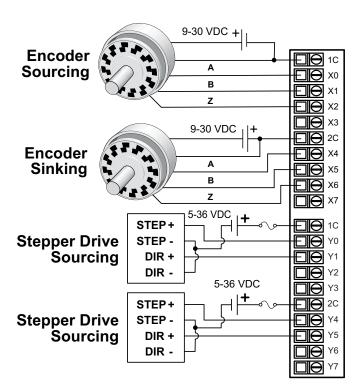
#### **BX-HSIO1 High Speed Input/Output Wiring**





#### **BX-HSIO2 High Speed Input/Output Wiring**



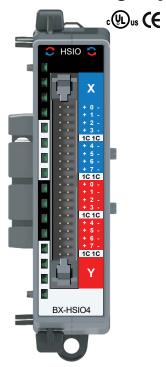


Note:  $VDD = 24VDC - 1K\Omega$  resistor is needed for servo to handle this voltage. The 1K $\Omega$  resistors are not needed if a 5VDC source is used.



**NOTE:** Stepper power supplies should be separated from other components. Never place a stepper drive on the same power supply as the PLC or it's I/O.

# **BX-HSIO4** High Speed Input/Output Module





NOTE: This device **requires** ZIPLink Wiring Systems.



NOTE: Cannot be used in Remote I/O Bases.

#### **IMPORTANT!**



**Hot-Swapping Information** 

NOTE: This device cannot be Hot Swapped.

High Speed Input/Output Specifications										
High Speed Input Specifications										
Туре	High Speed TTL Differential or Single Ended									
Total Input Points per Module	8									
Commons	1									
Nominal Voltage Range	5VDC									
Input Voltage Range	-5.5 to 5.5 VDC									
Maximum Voltage	5.5 VDC									
DC Frequency	0–2 MHz									
Minimum Pulse Width	125ns									
Input Impedance	694Ω @ 5VDC									
Input Current (typical)	±7mA @ 5VDC									
Maximum Input Current	10mA @ 5.5 VDC									
ON Voltage Level	> +2.5 VDC differential									
OFF Voltage Level	< +1.0 VDC differential									
Hysteresis	50mV typical									
Status Indicators	Logic Side, Green									
OFF to ON Response	<125ns									
ON to OFF Response	<125ns									
High Spee	High Speed Output Specifications									
Туре	High Speed TTL Differential or Single Ended									
Total Output Points per Module	8									
Commons	1									
Maximum Current per Common	160mA									
Power Supply	Internal +5VDC									
Maximum Voltage	5.5 VDC									
Minimum Output Current	1μA									
Maximum Load Current	20mA per Output									
Maximum Leakage Current	±20μA									
Differential Output Voltage	>3.0 VDC									
Status Indicators	Logic Side, Green									
OFF to ON Response	<125ns									
ON to OFF Response	<125ns									
Maximum Switching Frequency	2MHz									
Overcurrent, Short Circuit Protection and Short to Ground	Protected									
Overcurrent Trip Level	150mA maximum									
Fuse Type	User-supplied external fuse									
	General									
Backplane Power Consumption	2.6 W									
Heat Dissipation	3.0 W									
Weight	85g (3oz)									
Agency Approvals	UL 61010-2-201 File #E185989 Canada and USA, CE (Immunity: EN61131-2: 2007)									
Software Version Required	Do-more! Designer v2.8 or later									

#### BX-HSIO4 High Speed Input/Output Wiring

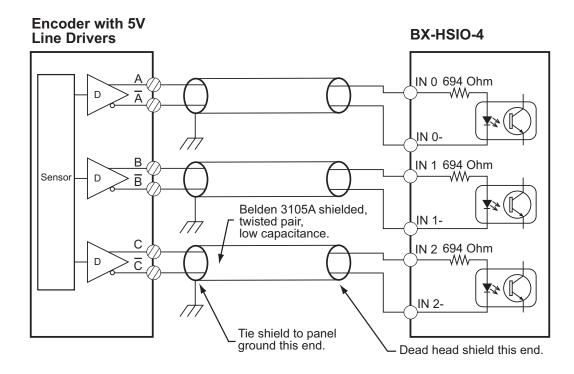
ZIPLink Terminal Block Wiring Connections for BX-HSIO4

Wiring	Wiring Connections for ZL-RTB40 Terminal Block																				
MODULE	LABELS										LEVEL										
DV LICIO4	IN 0-	IN 1-	IN 2-	IN 3-	СОМ	IN 4-	IN 5-	IN 6-	IN 7-	СОМ	OUT 0-	OUT 1-	OUT 2-	OUT 3-	СОМ	OUT 4-	OUT 5-	OUT 6-	OUT 7-	СОМ	UPPER
BX-HSIO4	IN 0+	IN 1+	IN 2+	IN 3+	СОМ	IN 4+	IN 5+	IN 6+	IN 7+	СОМ	OUT 0+	OUT 1+	OUT 2+	OUT 3+	СОМ	OUT 4+	OUT 5+	OUT 6+	OUT 7+	СОМ	LOWER
TERMINA	TERMINAL BLOCK LABEL SHEET FOR ZIPLINK CABLE ZL-BX-CBL40-xS																				

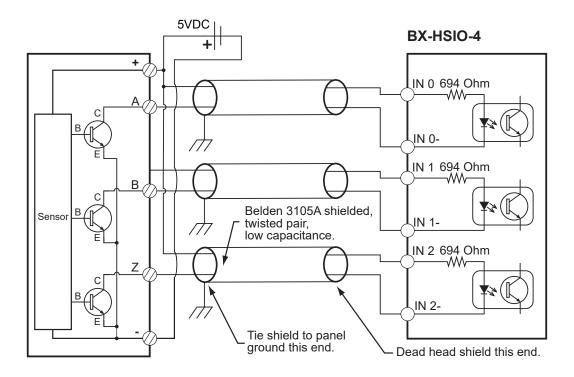
Wiring Connections for ZL-RTB40-1 Terminal Block																	
MODULE	LABELS									LEVEL							
	COM COM COM COM					сом сом			M	СОМ		UPPER					
BX-HSIO4	IN 0-	IN 1-	IN 2-	IN 3-	IN 4-	IN 5-	IN 6-	IN 7-	OUT 0-	OUT 1-	OUT 2-	OUT 3-	OUT 4-	OUT 5-	OUT 6-	OUT 7-	MIDDLE
	IN 0+	IN 1+	IN 2+	IN 3+	IN 4+	IN 5+	IN 6+	IN 7+	OUT 0+	OUT 1+	OUT 2+	OUT 3+	OUT 4+	OUT 5+	OUT 6+	OUT 7+	LOWER
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#### Differential 5V Encoder Input to BX-HSIO4

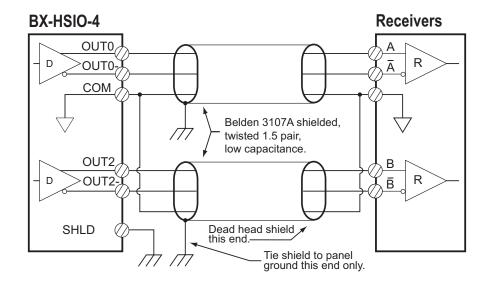
To prevent damage to 5V inputs, do not exceed 6.8V or 30 mA on inputs



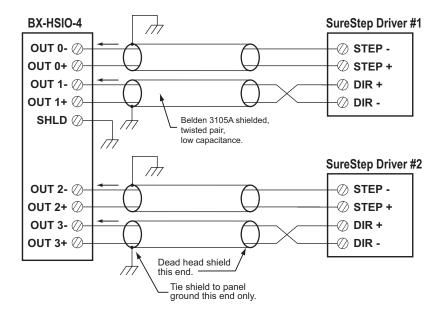
Single-Ended 5V Encoder Input to BX-HSIO4



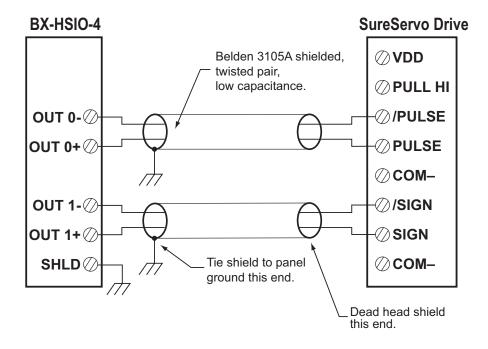
#### Line Driver Pulse Output from BX-HSIO4



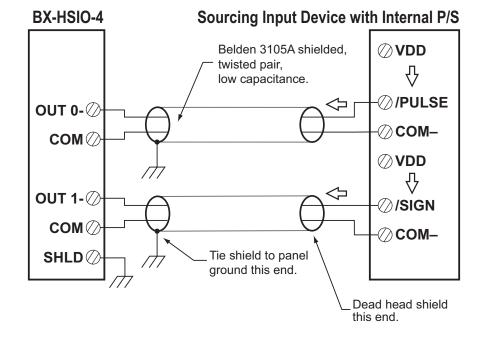
#### **BX-HSIO-4** to SureStep



#### **BX-HSIO-4** to SureServo

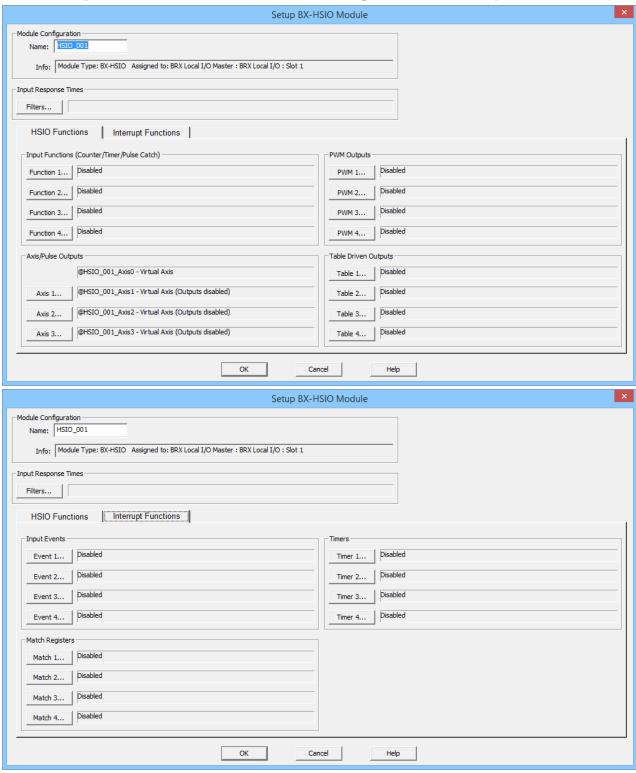


BX-HSIO-4 to Sourcing Input Device with Internal Power Supply



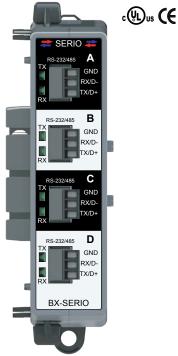
# BX-HSIOx High Speed I/O Modules Setup

The Setup BX-HSIO Module page for the BX-HSIOx expansion I/O modules will be displayed when the user right-clicks or left-clicks on one of the high-speed expansion modules. Input/Output and Interrupt functions are separated into the HSIO Functions and Interrupt Functions tabs, respectively.



Please see Chapter 11 in this user manual for detailed information on how to setup the I/O for use with the high-speed functions, to review various wiring examples, to review detailed programming examples and to learn more about the available high-speed instructions.

# **BX-SERIO Serial Communications Module**



Four (4) Terminal Blocks Included (Part Number BX-RTB03S)

#### **IMPORTANT!**



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NOTE: This device cannot be Hot Swapped.



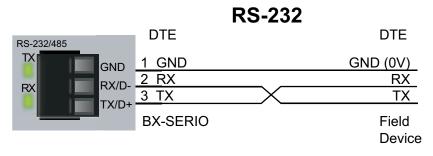
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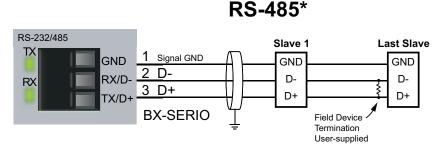
Serial Communicat	ions Module Specif	ications						
Number of Ports	Four RS-232/RS-485 Serial	l Ports						
Description	Isolated serial port that can communicate via RS-232 or RS-485 (software selectable). Includes ESD protection and built-in surge protection. Includes interna biasing to be a true failsafe receiver while maintaining EIA/TIA-485 compatibility.							
Supported Protocols	Do-more!™ Protocol (Slave)(Default), Modbus RTU (Master/Slave), K-Sequence (Slave), ASCII (In/Out), DMX512 (Master/Slave)							
Data Rates	1200, 2400, 4800, 9600, 19 115200 Baud	9200, 38400, 57600, and						
Default Settings	RS-232, 115200bps, No Pa Station #1, Termination resi	rity, 8 Data Bits, 1 Stop Bit, stor OFF						
Port Status LED	Green LED illuminated whe	en active (TX and RX)						
Port Type	Removable 3-pin terminal s	strip 3.5 mm pitch						
	RS-232	RS-485						
Station Addresses	N/A	1–247						
RX/D-	Receive input (RX)	Transceiver low (D-)						
TX/D+	Transmit output (TX)	Transceiver high (D+)						
GND	Port Ground							
Input Impedance	5kΩ	19kΩ						
Terminating Resistor	N/A	120Ω, software selectable						
Maximum Load	3kΩ, 1000pf	50 transceivers, 19kΩ each, 120Ω termination						
Output Short Circuit Protection	±15mA	±250mA, thermal shutdown protection						
Electrostatic Discharge Protection	±1.5 kV per JESD22-C101	±7kV per IEC 61000-4-2						
Electrical Fast Transient Protection	±2kV per IEC 61000-4-4							
Min. Output Voltage	±5V with 3kΩ load	Differential: 1.5 V with 60Ω load						
Fail Safe Inputs	N/A	Logic high input state if inputs are unconnected						
Maximum Common Mode Voltage	500 Vrms to Logic Ground							
Cable Requirements	ADC# L19772-XXX	ADC# L19954-XXX						
Maximum Cable Distance	30m [100ft]; 6m [20ft] rec'd max.	1000m [3280ft]						
Backplane Power Consumption	1.2 W							
Heat Dissipation	1.2 W							
Weight	85g (3oz)							
Agency Approvals	UL 61010-2-201 File #E1859 (Immunity: EN61131-2: 2007)							
Software Version	Do-more! Designer v2.5 or	later						
Replacement Connector	ADC Part # BX-RTB03S							

# **BX-SERIO Serial Communications Module, continued**

## Field Wiring

#### **Field Wiring Information**

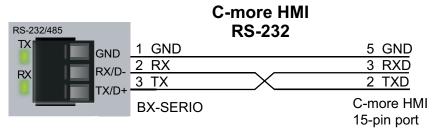


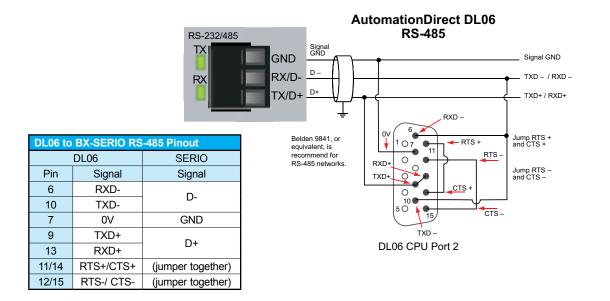


\*NOTE: Termination resistor is built-in and software selectable.

ADC # L19827-xxx or equivalent is recommended for RS-485 networks.

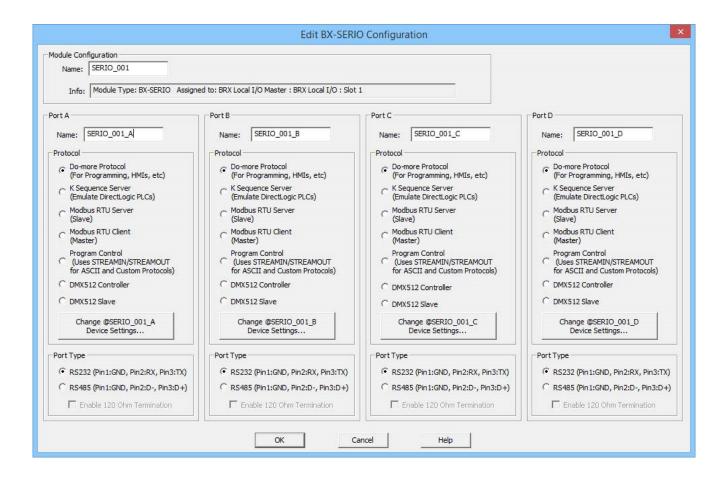
#### **Example Wiring Connections**





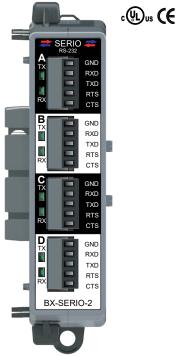
# **BX-SERIO Serial Communications Module, continued**

The *Setup BX-SERIO Module* page for the BX-SERIO expansion I/O module will be displayed when the user right-clicks or left-clicks on one of the serial communications expansion modules.



Please see Chapter 12 in this user manual for detailed information on the serial communications capabilities of the BRX platform.

# **BX-SERIO-2 Serial Communications Module**



Four (4) Terminal Blocks Included (Part Number BX-RTB05S)

#### **IMPORTANT!**



**Hot-Swapping Information** 

NOTE: This device cannot be Hot Swapped.



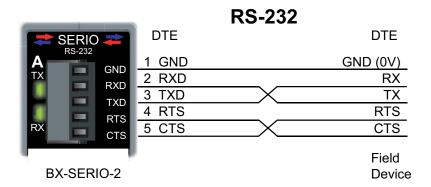
NOTE: Cannot be used in Remote I/O Bases.

<b>Serial Communications Module Specifications</b>		
Number of Ports	Four RS-232 Serial Ports	
Description	Isolated serial port that can communicate via RS-232. Includes ESD protection and built-in surge protection.	
Supported Protocols	Do-more! Protocol (Default) Modbus RTU (Master & Slave) K-Sequence (Slave) ASCII (In & Out)	
Data Rates	1200, 2400, 4800, 9600, 19200, 38400, 57600, and 115200 Baud	
Default Settings	RS-232, 115200bps, No Parity, 8 Data Bits, 1 Stop Bit, Station #1	
Port Statu		—) and RXD)
Port Type / NOTE: 0	Cannot be configured in Remote I/O Bases.	oitch
RXD		_
TXD	RS-232 Transmit output	
GND	Logic Ground	
CTS	RS-232 Clear to Send input	
RTS	RS-232 Request to Send input	
Maximum Output Load (TXD/RTS)	3kΩ, 1000pf	
Minimum Output Voltage Swing	±5VDC	
Output Short Circuit Protection	±15mA	
Cable Requirements	ADC# L19853-XXX	
Maximum Cable Distance	15m [50ft]; RS-232 has a 6m [20ft] recommended max.	
Backplane Power Consumption	2.0 W	
Heat Dissipation	2.0 W	
Weight	85g (3oz)	
Agency Approvals	UL 61010-2 File E185989, Canada and USA, CE Compliant EN61131-2	
Software Version	Do-more! Designer v2.7 or later	
Replacement Connector	ADC Part # BX-RTB05S	

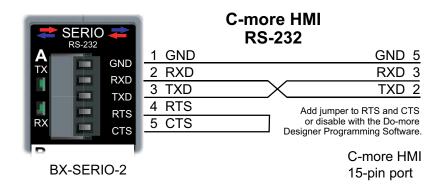
# **BX-SERIO-2 Serial Communications Module, continued**

## **Field Wiring**

**Field Wiring Information** 

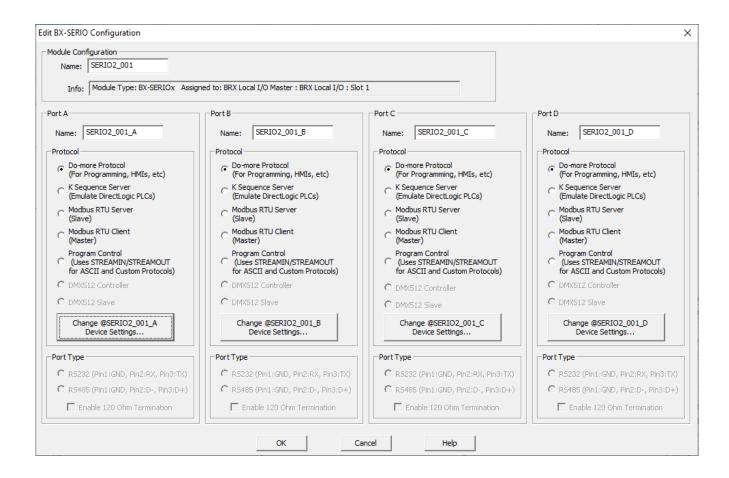


#### **Example Wiring Connections**



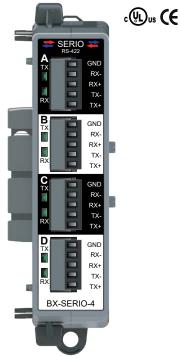
# BX-SERIO-2 Serial Communications Module Configuration, continued

The Setup BX-SERIO Module page for the BX-SERIO-2 expansion I/O module will be displayed when the user right-clicks or left-clicks on one of the serial communications expansion modules.



Please see Chapter 12 in this user manual for detailed information on the serial communications capabilities of the BRX platform.

# **BX-SERIO-4 Serial Communications Module**



Four (4) Terminal Blocks Included (Part Number BX-RTB05S)

#### **IMPORTANT!**



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NOTE: This device connet be list Command		
NOTE: This device cannot be Hot Swanned		

<b>Serial Communicat</b>	ions Module Specifications	
Number of Ports	Four RS-422 Serial Ports	
Description	Isolated serial port that can communicate via RS-422. Includes ESD protection and built-in surge protection.	
Supported Protocols	Do-more! Protocol (Default) Modbus RTU (Master & Slave) K-Sequence (Slave) ASCII (In & Out)	
Data Rates	1200, 2400, 4800, 9600, 19200, 38400, 57600, and 115200 Baud	
Default Settings	RS-422, 115200bps, No Parity, 8 Data Bits, 1 Stop Bit, Station #1	
Port Status LED	Green LED illuminated when active (TX and RX)	
Port Type	Removable 5-pin terminal strip 3.5 mm pitch	
Station Addresses	1–247	
TX-/RX-	RS-422 transceiver low	
TX+/RX+	RS-422 transceiver high	
GND	Logic Ground	
Input Impedance	96kΩ	
Maximum Load	1 transceiver, 19kΩ each, 120Ω termination	
Output Short Circuit Protection	±250mA, thermal shutdown protection	
Minimum Differential Output Voltage	2.0 VDC with 54Ω load	
Maximum Common Mode Voltage	-7.5 to 12.5 VDC	
Fail Safe Inputs	Logic high input state if inputs are unconnected	
Electrostatic Discharge Protection	±15kV per IEC61000-4-2	
Cable Requirements	ADC Part# L19853-XXX	
Maximum Cable Distance	1000m [3280ft]	
Backplane Power Consumption	1.2 W	
Heat Dissipation	1.2 W	
Weight	85g (3oz)	
Agency Approvals	UL 61010-2 File E185989, Canada and USA, CE Compliant EN61131-2	
Software Version	Do-more! Designer v2.7 or later	
Replacement Connector	ADC Part# BX-RTB05S	



NOTE: Cannot be used in Remote I/O Bases.

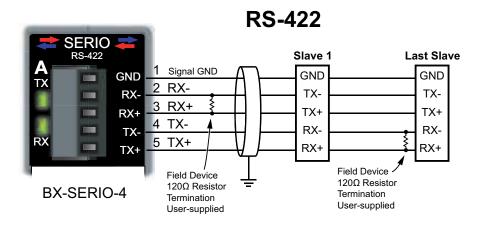


NOTE: The BX-SERIO-4 supports point to point wiring only. Multi-Drop wiring is not supported.

# **BX-SERIO-4 Serial Communications Module, continued**

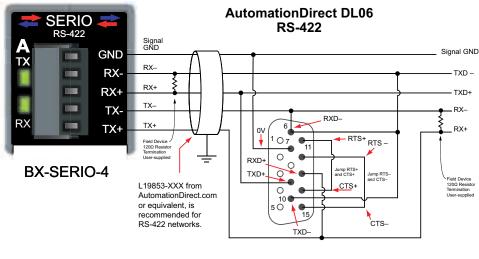
#### Field Wiring

**Field Wiring Information** 



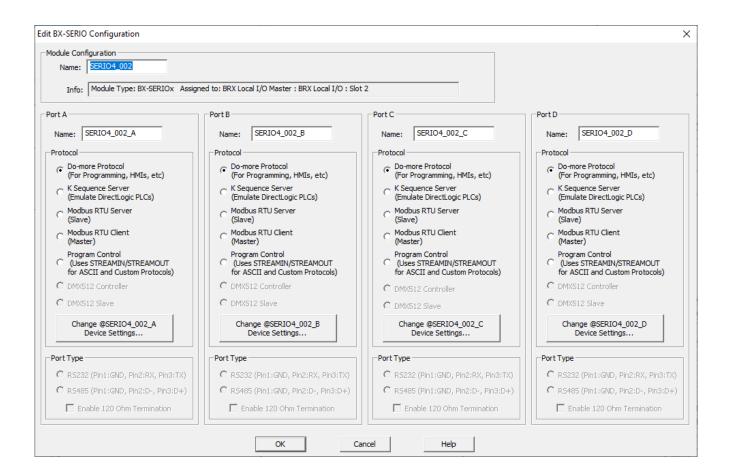
ADC # L19853-XXX or equivalent is recommend for RS-422 networks.

#### **Example Wiring Connections**



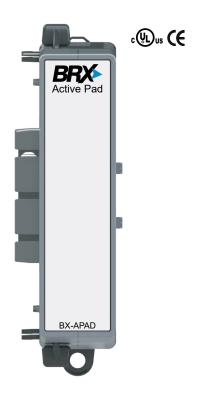
# **BX-SERIO-4 Serial Communications Module Configuration, continued**

The *Setup BX-SERIO Module* page for the BX-SERIO-4 expansion I/O module will be displayed when the user right-clicks or left-clicks on one of the serial communications expansion modules.



Please see Chapter 12 in this user manual for detailed information on the serial communications capabilities of the BRX platform.

# **BX-APAD Active Filling Module**



Active Filling Module Specifications		
Description	BRX active padding module, allows emulation of BRX modules in I/O configuration.	
Backplane Power Consumption	0 W	
Heat Dissipation	0 W	
Weight	85g (3oz)	
Agency Approvals	UL 61010-2 File E185989, Canada and USA, CE Compliant EN61131-2	
Software Version	Do-more! Designer v2.7 or later	

#### **IMPORTANT!**

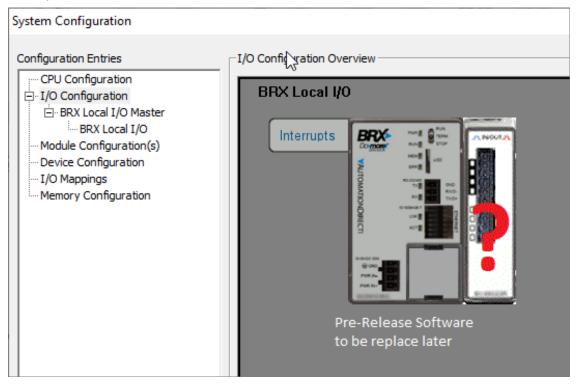


**Hot-Swapping Information** 

NOTE: This device cannot be Hot Swapped.

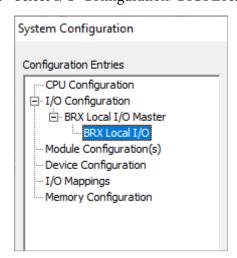
# **BX-APAD Active Filling Module, continued**

This module emulates other BRX modules in the I/O configuration of a BRX system. It is configured in software to emulate the address space of a specific BRX module. The padding module can be used to reserve address space so that addressing in subsequent modules does not change if a module is removed. It also allows Intelligent module configurations and data structures to be emulated. The BRX processor will auto-discover the BX-APAD, like other modules as shown below.

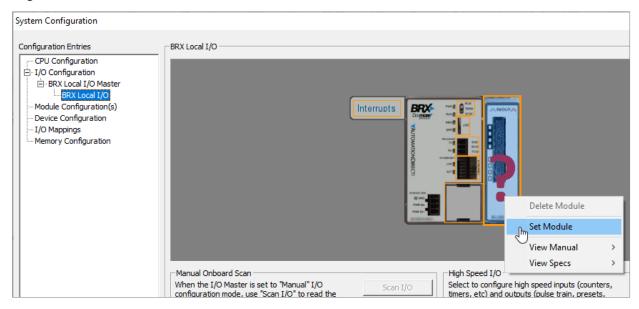


However, the user can specify which module they would like BX-APAD to emulate. To select module emulation type:

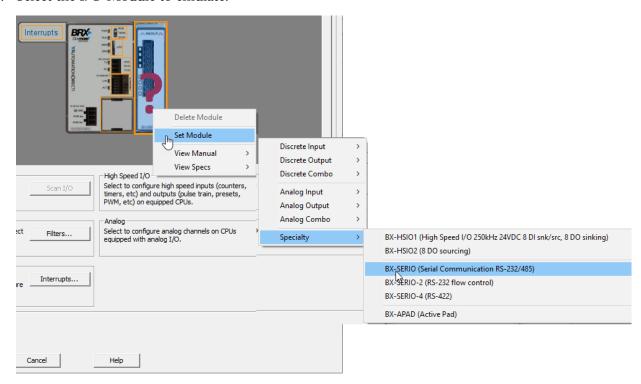
1. Select I/O Configuration>BRX Local I/O Master>BRX Local I/O.



2. Right-Click on the BRX-APAD module and select "Set Module".

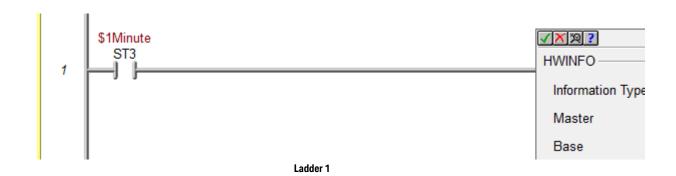


3. Select the I/O Module to emulate.



The Do-more! Designer programming software reserves physical I/O, device status attributes and configuration services.

The user can determine when the actual module is present versus the BRX-APAD by using the Get Hardware Information (HWINFO) instruction. The Get Hardware Information (HWINFO) instruction is used to retrieve hardware-specific information from an I/O module. This instruction allows a Do-more! MPU to confirm at runtime that an I/O module is present, or missing; or confirm that a module in a slot has the required I/O count, etc.



In the example above, Ladder 1 is configured to read the Module ID of the I/O card installed in slot 0 of the BRX Local I/O. The instruction returns an integer value of 38668 (0x0000970C hex). This is the Module ID of the BX-APAD. A user can find all Module IDs under the Help topic: "Module ID".

#### Use Case 1

It is not uncommon for a machine builder to sell a machine in multiple configurations. In order to reduce engineering and cost, they use the same cabinet layout and PLC program. Options are added by adding additional physical inputs and output and having a software switch to enable or disable the options. For example, consider the continuous sealing machine below.



The image on the left is the base model of a Continuous Sealing Machine, but the machine is also sold with a Nitrogen Flushing option as shown in the image on the right.

In a traditional rack-based PLC the machine builder may have left empty slots to accommodate the addition of additional I/O. Since BRX has a Stackable I/O configuration, adding additional I/O may require a physical change to the panel layout. The BRX-APAD will allow the machine builder to reserve the physical space in the cabinet for optional upgrades or future additions.

#### Use Case 2

Similarly, a machine builder may offer a machine in a base configuration plus multiple available options. In this case, the programming can be standardized by using BX-APAD modules to reserve address space for unused options.

Since the BX-APAD reserves address space as if it were another selected module, but can be identified by the Get Hardware Information instruction, a builder can design the system so that optional programming can be automatically enabled if the appropriate module is installed, but the addressing of all other modules remains unchanged if an optional module is not present.

#### Use Case 3

Another use case is when retrofitting a legacy PLC system with a BRX Control System. Most legacy PLCs had fixed rack sizes; these racks could have open slots between I/O modules. The wiring of these modules has already been established and wiring to a new PLC is either not possible or time consuming. For example, if the new and old module locations are significantly different the retrofit may require additional engineering. This is especially true if the older rack I/O had many open slots between I/O modules.



Even if the first I/O modules are aligned, it is most likely that the wires for the input modules wouldn't reach. BX-APAD can be used to emulate a empty slot in a fixed rack, which allows the module location to align. This will reduce the overall effort of the retrofit.