Multiplexer systems can communicate the status of up to 32 inputs, reducing the number of hazardous area wiring pairs from 32 to two.

Reduce costs by eliminating long runs of expensive thermocouple compensation cable from the hazardous to the safe area. Also, if 3- or 4-wire RTDs are used, costs are reduced by terminating each RTD at the transmitter or its enclosure.

Dual redundant highways increase system reliability. Failure detectors and safety drives protect against the consequences of sensor failure, while built-in systems report failures to the host controller.

Accessories include steel and stainless-steel enclosures, earth-leakage detectors and a PC-based configuration software package.

For more information see AN9010, ‘A user’s guide to multiplexers’ and TP1098, ‘Cut the cost of intrinsic safety – by multiplexing!’

MTL830 Series multiplexers with Modbus® outputs provide a cost-effective alternative to single-loop isolation. The cost of installed wiring is reduced by up to 50% by communicating the input of multiple hazardous-area sensors over dual-redundant data highways. Further savings are achieved by reducing the number of inputs to the host, cabinet space and weight.

A multiplexer transmitter, mounted in the hazardous area, caters for thermocouple, RTD and mV analogue inputs. A compatible safe-area receiver provides serial Modbus® outputs for feeding to host PLC, PC or DCS controllers.

Dual-redundant data highways between the transmitter and the receiver allow continuous normal operation with only one highway connected. The highway cable, a simple twisted pair or a pair of wires within an IS multi-core cable, carries both power and data, over distances up to 2km. If the multiplexer transmitter is located in the hazardous area, each data highway must be protected by an MTL3052 digital isolator.
MTL831B multiplexer transmitters are normally sited in the hazardous area. They are connected to sensors in the field and communicate these inputs to the safe area via single-pair data highways. The data highways support communication between the safe and hazardous areas, and also provide power to the transmitters – no additional field power is required.

The MTL831B would typically be mounted close to the field instruments in an enclosure such as the ENC8 or ENC83 (see 'MTL800 Series Enclosures').

MTL831B ANALOGUE INPUT TRANSMITTER
Monitors inputs from up to 16 THC or millivolt sources (max ±60mV) or up to 15 2-, 3- or 4-wire RTDs within a hazardous area.

- Intrinsically safe; Zone 0 location
- Communication and power pass over twin data highways
- Powered by the data highway
- Thermocouples and RTDs may be mixed on one transmitter

MULTI-DROPPING TWO MTL831BS
Two MTL831B multiplexer transmitters can share the same single-pair highway to a single safe-area isolator/receiver combination, providing up to 32 multiplexed inputs.

DATA HIGHWAY CABLING
Cabling with low capacitance and resistance is recommended to achieve greater distances between transmitters and receivers. See cable parameters in 'Basic Specifications' for specific requirements, and contact MTL for latest cable recommendations. The system is designed to use both data highways, although it can be used with only one data highway in place. However, use of a single highway will increase response time.

Data highway lengths of up to 2km in hazardous areas and 3km in safe areas have been achieved.

ENCLOSURES
A range of steel and stainless steel enclosures is available for mounting MTL831B units in the field (see 'MTL800 Series Enclosures'). ENC8 and ENC8SS (stainless steel) enclosures provide protection for a single MTL831B. The enclosures are dust-tight and waterproof to IP67.

When using 4-wire RTDs, ENC83 and ENC83SS (stainless steel) enclosures provide additional terminals to accommodate the third and fourth RTD wires, which are not connected to the MTL831B itself.

MTL838B-MBF receivers translate the information transmitted from the MTL831B via the data highway. The MTL838B-MBF provides a Modbus® serial-data output representation of the inputs together with status information.

MTL838B-MBF MODBUS® ANALOGUE RECEIVER
Translates data received from the MTL831B in the hazardous area and makes it available as twin RS485 Modbus® serial data outputs. The MTL838B-MBF is configured by personal computer for thermocouple and RTD type, safety drive, high and low alarm and any other operational parameters.

MTL3052 DATA HIGHWAY ISOLATOR
An MTL3052 isolator is required for each data highway, when the transmitter is located in a hazardous area. It is not required for safe-area applications.

MULTI-DROPPING MODBUS® RECEIVERS
Up to 31 Modbus receivers can be multi-dropped on a single RS485 link to the host system. Modbus® receivers can be controlled by any suitable Modbus® master. The receivers may be used with other Modbus® slaves on the same RS485 link.
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MTL831B TRANSMITTERS

BASIC SPECIFICATIONS
(see also 'Common specification')

- **Number of input channels**: 15 (RTD or mixed)
- **Location of input sources**: Zone 0, IIC, T4
- **Location of unit**: Zone 0, IIC, T4
- **Number of data highways**: Dual redundant (either or both)
- **Power requirement**: Loop-powered through data highway from receiver
- **Multi-transmitter facility**: 1 or 2
- **Ambient temperature limits**: –20 to +60°C working, –40 to +80°C storage
- **Weight**: 1.3kg
- **Typical response time**: 1s for each transmitter
- **Input sensor cable parameters BASEEFA values (C,L or L/R)**
  - (IIC) 0.58μF, 127mH or 535μH/Ω
  - (IIB) 3.55μF, 486mH or 1087μH/Ω
  - (IIA) 14μF, 903mH or 1087μH/Ω
- **Electrical safety (data highway circuit[s])**
  - Umax = 30V
  - Imax = 300mA
  - Wmax = 1.2W

ADDITIONAL SPECIFICATIONS

**MTL831B**
Each input terminal block is user-selectable by switch for mixed mV, THC, 2- or 4-wire RTD input or 3-wire RTD input.

**Measuring ranges**
±60mV or ±25mV or ±10mV, auto ranging

**Common mode voltage**
Maximum 5V common mode between input channels of one transmitter

**mV signals**
**Accuracy at 20°C (including non-linearity and hysteresis)**
<0.1% of measuring range
**Temperature effects on accuracy**
((greater of 0.01% of range or 2μV) + 0.01% of reading) /°C

**Thermocouple signals**
**Accuracy at 20°C (including non-linearity and hysteresis)**
<0.1% of measuring range ±0.7°C
**Temperature effects on accuracy**
((greater of 0.01% of range or 2μV) + 0.01% of reading + 0.03°C)/°C

**RTD signals**
**RTD range**
–200 to +850°C (Pt100 type, DIN 43760, IEC751: 1983)
**RTD excitation current**
100μA
**Accuracy at 20°C (including non-linearity and hysteresis)**
<0.1% of measuring range
**Temperature effects on accuracy**
((greater of 0.01% of range or 0.025°C) + 0.005% of reading)/°C

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## BASIC SPECIFICATIONS

(see also ‘Common specification’)

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<td>Location of unit</td>
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<td>Input noise rejection</td>
<td>Up to 0.5mA peak-to-peak at 100 to 1000Hz, or up to 1mA peak-to-peak at 50Hz</td>
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<td>Weight</td>
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## ADDITIONAL SPECIFICATIONS

### MTL838B-MBF

**Thermocouple range supported**

Types E, J, K, N, R and T THCs to IEC 584. Other options are available, please contact MTL for details.

**System configuration**

Serial communications parameters and system parameters entered using PCS83 software program, by downloading from process controller. Configuration parameters are retained by using battery-backed RAM.

**Linearisation**

Multi breakpoint calculation by microprocessor (output is linearised and cold junction compensated)

**Broken THC indication**

Serial output drives upscale or downscale

**Alarm facilities**

High and low alarms are indicated in the serial data and can be set for each input
MTL3052
DIGITAL ISOLATOR
for signals up to 10kHz

This unit is similar in principle to the MTL3042 but operates at a higher frequency for use with digital signals. Its primary application is to provide IS protection for the data highways and transmitters in MTL800 Series multiplexer systems. The MTL3052 features two output circuits: one with a 15V, 180Ω safety description, and an alternative 15V, 100Ω circuit which can be used if higher loop resistances need to be accommodated, for example when surge protectors are incorporated in the data highways. If the low-resistance outputs are used on two units fitted to a dual-highway system however, the multiplexer transmitters are restricted to location in IIB atmospheres.

SPECIFICATION
See also ‘Common specification’

Number of channels
One, fully floating

Location of load
Zone 0, IIC, T4–6 hazardous area if suitably certified
Div 1, Group A, hazardous location
Zone 0, IIB, T4–6 (Div 1, Group C, hazardous location)
for multiplexer transmitters in dual-highway systems using the low-resistance outputs of two MTL3052s

Input voltage
4 to 12V dc

Signal bandwidth
DC to 10kHz

Minimum output voltage
\[V_{in} \text{ minus } (0.25 \times \text{current in mA}) V\]

Input and output circuit ripple
<1mA peak-to-peak

Power dissipation within unit
160mW maximum at 12V with 20mA signal

Replaceable fuse
50mA, 5 x 20mm glass to DIN 41571 sh. 2, semi-time-lag (M)

‘No-fail’ earth fault protection (optional)
Enabled by connecting terminal 8 to MTL4220
Fault on either line proclaimed: unit continues working

Safety description
Terminals 5 & 6
15V, 100Ω, 150mA, \(U_m = 250\text{V rms or dc}\)
Terminals 7 & 8
15V, 180Ω, 83.3mA, \(U_m = 250\text{V rms or dc}\)

FM max entity parameters
\(V_{oc} = 15\text{V}, I_{sc} = 83.3\text{mA}, C_A = 0.75\mu\text{F}, L_A = 5.2\text{mH}\)

Weight
130g

OTHER APPLICATIONS
The MTL3052 is suitable for a variety of other applications, such as bringing back the status of a hazardous-area mechanical or opto-transistor switch, or a magnetic shaft encoder (all via suitable current limiting resistors).

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Cable parameters - BASEEFA values
(data highway circuits, each highway)

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MTL800 SERIES
COMMON SPECIFICATION

Humidity
5–95% RH (without condensation)

EMC compliance
EN 50081-2/EN 50082-2, generic emission/immunity standards. These refer to appropriate IEC/CISPR standards.

Terminals
Detachable, each accommodates two 2.5mm² conductors

Casing
Moulded polycarbonate

CONDITIONS OF USE
The conditions governing the use of MTL800 Series multiplexers are given in the relevant certificates and schedules, copies of which are available from MTL.

DIMENSIONS (mm)

| Surface-mounting clip x 3 (in extended position) |
| Top-hat rail |

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MTL800 SERIES
ENCLOSURES

SPECIFICATIONS

ENC8/ENC8SS: for
- 1 MTL831B transmitter, or
- 1 MTL838B receiver

ENC83/ENC83SS: for
- 1 MTL831B transmitter
  (for use with 4-wire RTDs)

Location
Zone 0, 1 or 2

Protection
Dust-tight and waterproof to IEC529:IP67

Construction (ENC8 and ENC83)
Sheet steel, zinc sprayed and painted RAL7015 grey

Construction (ENC8SS and ENC83SS)
Stainless steel

Lid
Detachable with lift-off hinges, secured by captive fixing screws with a padlock hasp

Earth terminals
Fitted on internal earth rails; accommodate conductors up to 4mm²

Number of earth terminals
ENC8/ENC8SS: 22
ENC83/ENC83SS: 18

4-wire RTD terminals (ENC83/ENC83SS only)
32 ready-mounted terminals to accommodate conductors up to 4mm²

Gland fixing
Top and bottom gland plates detachable for drilling by user

Mounting
By fixed mounting lugs

Weight (excl. transmitters/receivers)
ENC8: 7kg
ENC83: 9.8kg

DIMENSIONS (MM)

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MTL800 SERIES
ACCESSORIES

SPECIFICATIONS

PCS83 software package (for MTL838B-MBF)

Function: Software configuration of multiplexer system
Format: 3.5 inch diskette
Requires: PC with DOS 2.2, or higher, and a serial (COM) port.

TO ORDER, SPECIFY:

Transmitters
MTL831B Analogue transmitter

Receivers
MTL838B-MBF Analogue receiver, RS485 and/or RS422 outputs for Modbus®

Analogue receiver accessories
PCS83 PC software configuration package

Process controller interface software
Contact MTL for details of software for interfacing with proprietary process controllers

Isolating interface units and earth leakage detectors
MTL3052 Digital isolator interface unit
MTL4220 Earth leakage detector

Enclosures
ENC8 General-purpose enclosure
ENC8SS General-purpose enclosure (stainless steel)
ENC83 Enclosure for MTL831B transmitter
ENC83SS Enclosure for MTL831B transmitter (stainless steel)

Literature
INM838B-MBF System protocol manual:
MTL838B-MBF Modbus® receivers
INM831B MTL831B manual
AN9010 Application Note: A user’s guide to intrinsically safe input multiplexer systems
INS831B MTL831B mV Multiplexer transmitter
INS838B MTL838B-MBF Multiplexer receiver - Modbus® output

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