

# DTS3250 Thermocouple Scanner Instruction and Service Manual

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# Specifications

**Inputs (Tx):** 16 pairs of screw terminals plus shields.  
Optional Panel Jack connections available

**ThermocoupleTypes:** E, J, K, N, R, S, and T

**DTS3250 Accuracy:**

Accuracy Table*	
Thermocouple Type	Accuracy
E, J, K, N, and T	±0.5 EC (25 microvolts)
R and S	±2.0 EC (100 microvolts)

**UTR Accuracy:(cold junction gradient)** ±0.1EC

**A/D Resolution:** 22 Bit

**Scan Rate:** 10 samples/channel/second

**Operating Temperature:** -30EC to 55EC

**Communication:** Ethernet 10Base-T (standard)  
RS-232 (Configuration Only)

**Communication Protocol:** TCP/IP or UDP

**Mating Connector Type:**  
 Ethernet Bendix PT06A-8-4S-SR, 4 pin female  
 Power Bendix PTO6A-8-3S-SR, 3 pin female  
 Trigger/Configuration Bendix JTO6RE8-6S-SR, 6 pin female

**Power (20-36Vdc):** 28Vdc nominal @ 2.5A during warmup, 1.2A quiescent

**External Trigger:** 4 to 15 Vdc @ 6mA minimum, leading edge sensing

**Common Mode Rejection:** 160 db @ 0 - 60 Vdc

**Weight:** Standard Unit: 13.0 pounds(5.91 kg)  
Panel Jacks: 12.0 pounds(5.45 kg)

**Input/Output Isolation:** 1000 Vdc

**CE Mark Standards\*:** IEC 1000-4.2, 1000-4.3, 1000-4.5

\* System accuracy specifications are valid after a three hour warm up period.  
Accuracy does not include Thermocouples, Thermocouple Extension Wire, or the Panel Jack option.  
CE Mark certification applies to the screw terminal version only

## General Description

The DTS3250 series thermocouple acquisition system represents the next generation of Intelligent temperature scanning. This Digital Thermocouple Scanner incorporates 16 pair of thermocouple inputs, 17 22 bit A/D converters, RAM, and a micro-processor, in a rugged temperature controlled stand alone module.

An Isothermal block is incorporated for the Uniform Temperature Reference (UTR), with a  $\pm 0.1^{\circ}\text{C}$  accuracy. NIST thermocouple tables for standard thermocouple types are stored in Flash Memory. The microprocessor uses these look-up tables to convert mV inputs to Engineering units. Temperature data are output in EC,EF, ER, or K .

The DTS3250 total system error is  $\pm 0.5^{\circ}\text{C}$  for E, J, K, and N thermocouples, not including extension wire and external connectors.

Multiple standard thermocouple types may be used with this intelligent thermocouple scanner. The DTS 3250 can accept grounded and un-grounded thermocouples.

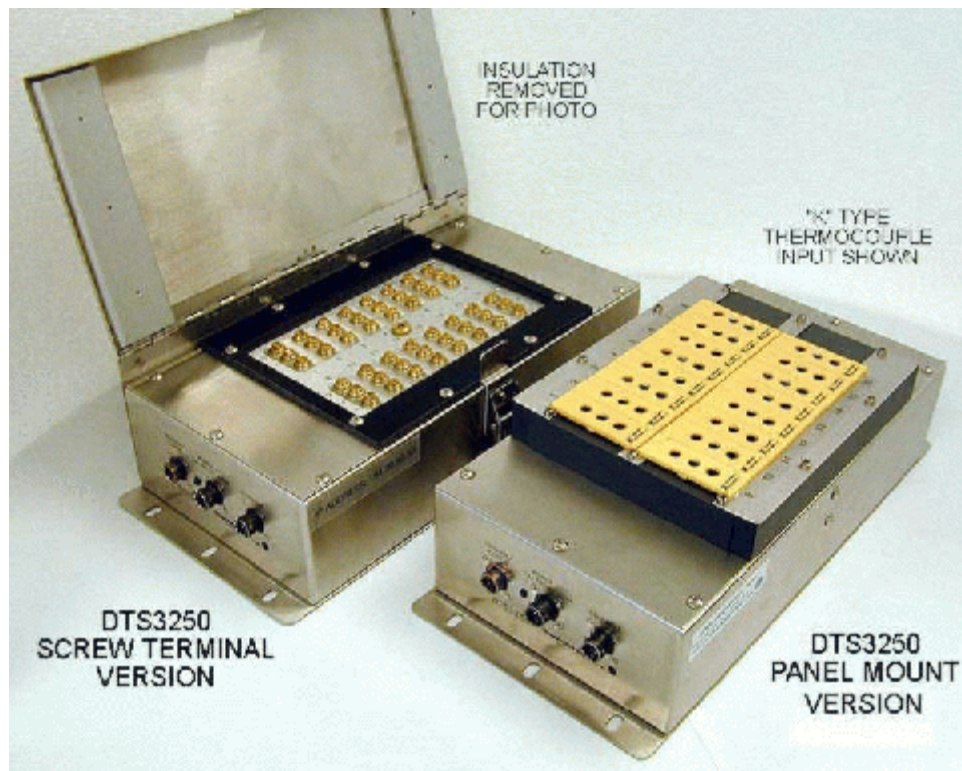


Figure 1 - DTS3250

## DTS3250 Versions

### Screw Terminal Version

The standard version of the DTS 3250 is the screw terminal version. This version can accept up to 16 shielded thermocouples. The top cover and insulation isolate the UTR from small temperature changes giving this unit the best accuracy. This unit also has CE Mark certification for both Heavy and Light Industrial. This version is shown on the left in Figure 1. Dimensions are shown in Figure 4.

### Panel Jack Version

DTS 3250 modules may have panel jacks installed as an option. This option is available for type E, J, K, and T Thermocouples only. This option has a reduced accuracy of  $\pm 2.0\text{EC}$ . CE Mark certification is not available for this configuration. A type K panel jack version is shown on the right in Figure 1. Dimensions are shown in Figure 4.

## Temperature Measurement Basics

A thermocouple is a temperature sensor consisting of two leads made from different materials. The two leads are connected at one end, which is the measuring point of the thermocouple. The other end of the leads is connected to the DTS3250 cold junction(UTR).

The thermocouple output is a mV signal, typically called Electromotive Force (EMF). The EMF is a function of the difference of the dissimilar metals at the temperature source. The relation between EMF and temperature difference depends on the materials in the two thermocouple leads.

There are a number of standardized thermocouple types available on the market. Each has different properties, which makes them more or less suitable for different temperature ranges and applications.

Accuracy of a thermocouple measurement is highly dependent upon the reference junction connection, its material installation techniques, and temperature.

The DTS3250 intelligent thermocouple scanner measures the mV signal from the thermocouples and compensates for the temperature of the cold junction .

NIST ITS-90 mV-temperature tables for each type thermocouple listed in this manual are stored in the DTS3250 memory. The DTS3250 microprocessor utilizes the compensated EMF and the NIST look-up table for conversion to engineering units. Temperature data are then output via Ethernet with TCP/IP protocol.

Refer to Appendix for more information on Thermocouples.

Figure 2 below shows a function block diagram of the DTS 3250.

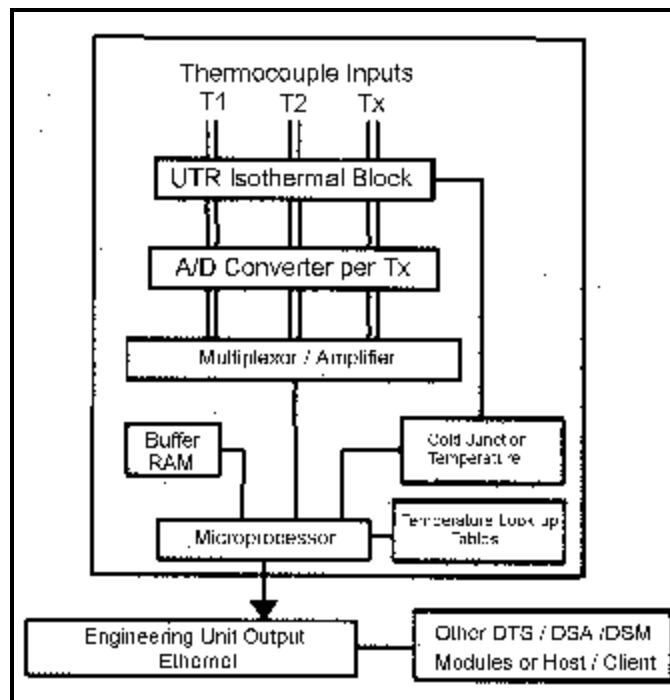


Figure 2 - DTS3250 Block Diagram

## DTS Network/Firmware

DTS3250 modules accept software commands via Ethernet only. The DTS3250 modules may be controlled with an external or software scan trigger.

Each DTS module has a unique factory set 48 bit MAC address. When running TCP/IP protocol, the DTS3250 modules support ARP (Address Resolution Protocol) to enable the client/host to determine the relationship between the IP address and the Ethernet address. The IP address is user assignable.

All scan and calibration variables are configured through software by the user. This includes number of frames per scan, number of averages per frame, sampling speed, etc.

The DTS3250 firmware includes an open thermocouple test and . The firmware contains Field calibrations can be used to modify coefficients which can improve end to end accuracy. The RS232 communication connection may be used for firmware uploads and network configuration only. This connector also contains the external trigger input connections.

Figure 3 below shows a typical Pressure and Temperature Scanning system.

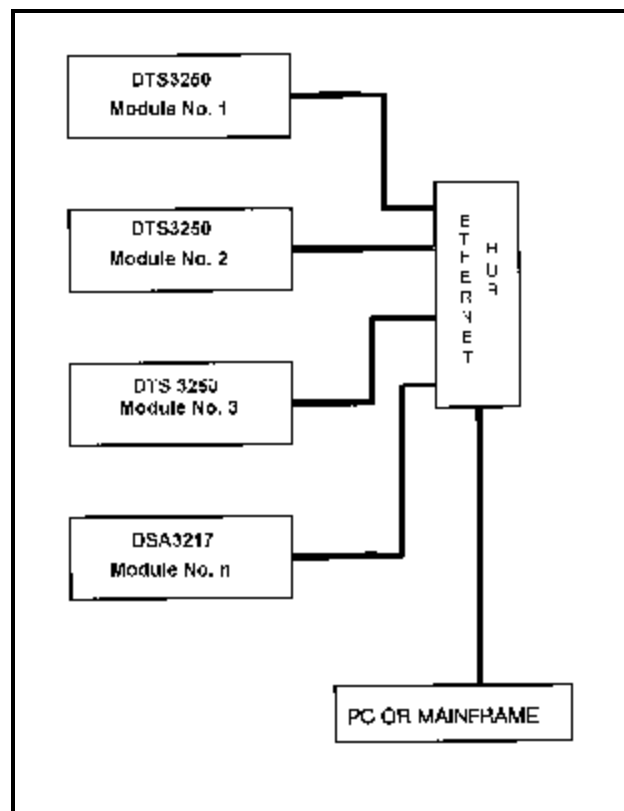
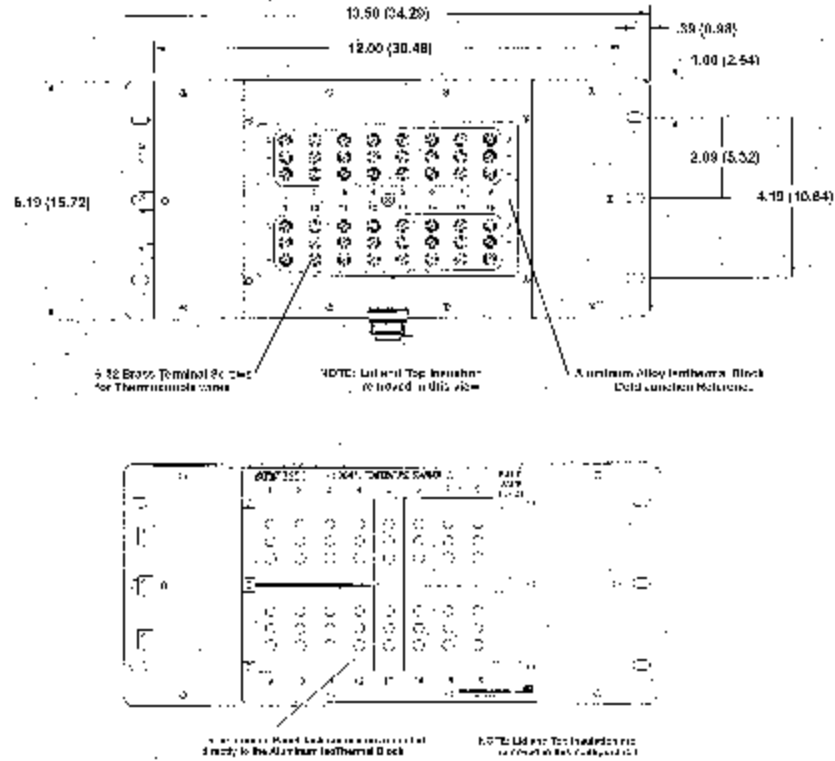


Figure 3 - Typical Pressure/Temperature Scanning System

# DTS3250 Dimensions



Standard Version End View  
Not Shown

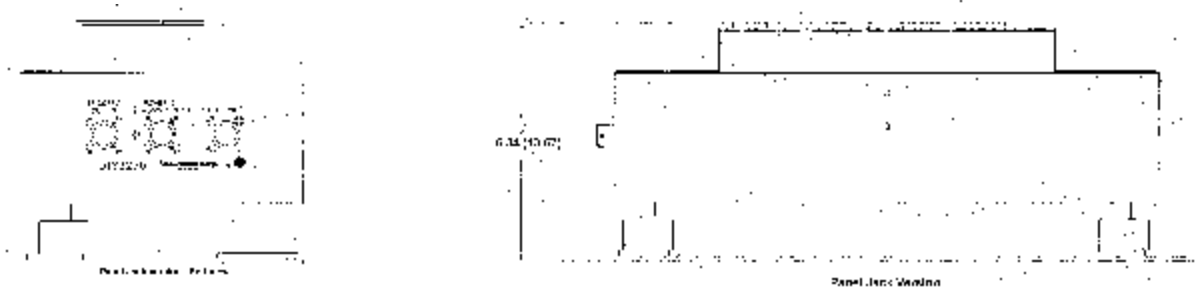


Figure 4 - DTS3250 Dimensions

## Power Requirements

The DTS3250 requires  $28\pm 4Vdc$  at approximately 70W during warmup. The power requirements will drop to approximately 35W when the module reaches the normal operating temperature. If the module is used in an environment where the ambient temperature is  $10^{\circ}C$  or less, power requirements could remain high. Power connections are made through a three pin connector located on the side of the module. The pinouts of the connector may be found in figure 5. The mating connector is a PT06A-8-3S-SR.

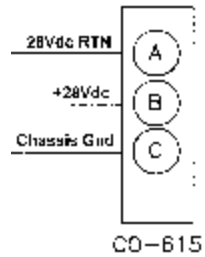


Figure 5 - Digital Sensor Array Power Wiring

# Trigger Requirements

## Hardware Trigger

The DTS3250 scan functions may be synchronized with other data acquisition devices by using the external trigger. The external trigger input is opto-isolated to prevent grounding problems. It is a TTL level, edge sensing device. It requires a minimum signal of 4Vdc @ 6.5 mA. It may accept voltages as high as 15 Vdc.

The external trigger will only be active if the DTS3250 XSCANTRIG variable is set to 1. When a SCAN command is issued by the Client/host, the module will enter the SCAN mode and wait for a trigger. An averaged frame of data will be output as soon as the minimum trigger edge level is achieved. Data will be output with each successive trigger pulse to the FPS variable (Frames per Scan) value or until a STOP command is issued.

DTS3250 Modules use a 6 pin connector for a combination Trigger and Serial Communications Interface. The wiring is shown in figure 6. The mating connector is a JT06RE8-6S-SR.

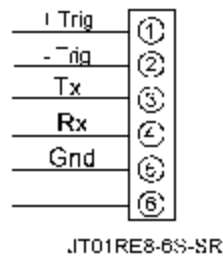


Figure 6 - Trigger wiring

## Software Trigger

The DTS 3250 may also be triggered with a software trigger. The software trigger will only be active if the XSCANTRIG variable is set to 1. When a SCAN command is issued by the Client/host, the module will enter the SCAN mode and wait for a trigger. An averaged frame of data will be output as soon as the TRIG command or a <TAB> character (9 HEX or Control I) is received. Data will be output with each successive trigger command to the FPS variable (Frames per Scan) value or until a STOP command is issued.



## RS 232 Communications

Every DTS3250 Module has a RS 232 output. It is available at the Serial Communications/Trigger Connector. It is required to configure the module IP address, or upload operating system upgrades. The wiring of the RS 232 output is shown in figure 7.

The RS232 inputs and outputs are not opto-isolated. Therefore, the RS232 connection could cause ground loops if it is connected during data acquisitions. Because the RS232 connection is only used for initial configuration, there is no need to maintain the connection after that setup is completed unless the external trigger function will be used.

If the RS232 connection is part of a combination Serial/Trigger cable, the RS232 connection at the host computer should be disconnected during data operations to prevent problems.

A combination RS232 and External Trigger test cable(Scanco PN 155829) is available as an option. The cable is shown below along with a wiring diagram.

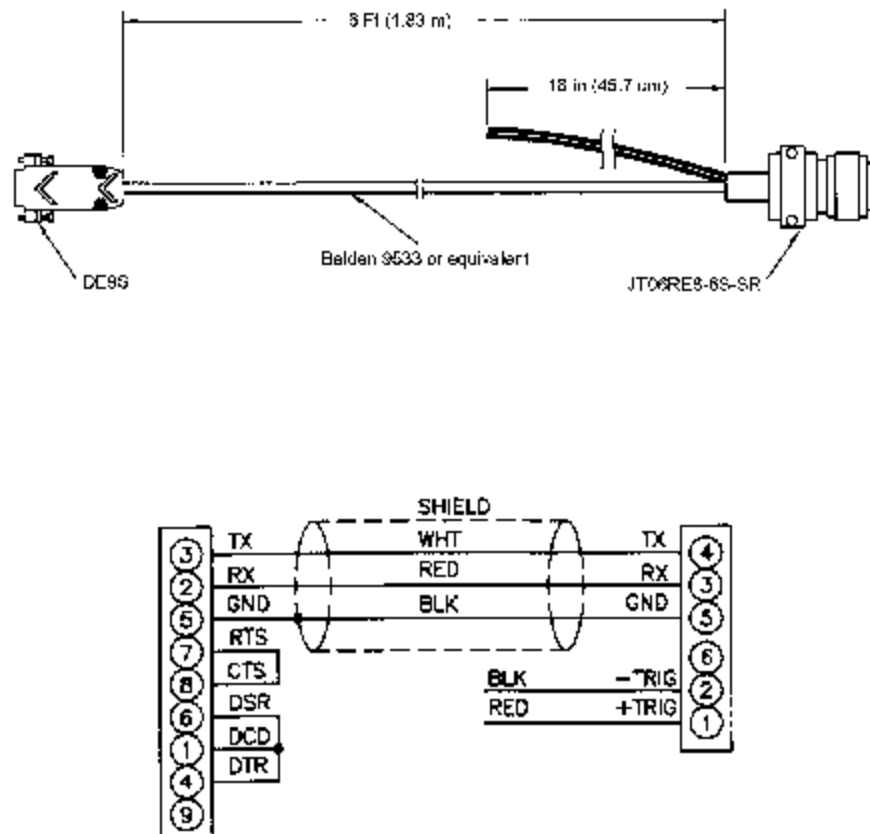


Figure 7 - RS232/ External Trigger Test Cable

# ETHERNET CONNECTIONS

The DTS3250 has provisions for 10Base-T Ethernet connections only. Ethernet 10Base-2 connections may be made with media converters.

## 10Base-2

The 10Base-2 connection is a BNC connection. Each module is provided with a BNC-T connector. A 50 ohm terminator is available as an option. Modules configured for 10Base-2 are connected in a multi-drop configuration. Each module has a BNC-T connected at the BNC connector. A coaxial cable is run from the host computer and connected module to module. A 50 ohm terminator must be connected to BNC-T connector at the host computer and the last module in the string. The maximum number of modules that may be connected on a 10Base-2 string is 1024. The minimum length of coaxial cable between modules is 0.5 meters. The maximum length of the 10Base-2 string is 1.5 kilometers. It is recommended that IEEE 802.3 coaxial cable (Belden-E 82907 or equivalent) be used, but RG-58 coaxial cable will function correctly in most applications. This option is not available at this time.

## 10Base-T

The 10Base-T connection uses a Bendix connector at the module, which must be interfaced to the standard RJ-45 connector. A 10Base-T connection may be straight through (pin to pin) or crossover. A straight through cable must be used if the module is connected to a hub. Crossover connections are used if the module is connected directly to the host computer. It is recommended that Category Five cables be used. The maximum length for 10Base-T cables is 100 meters, but signal strength can be attenuated at this distance. A repeater is required for 10Base-T cable runs greater than 100 meters.

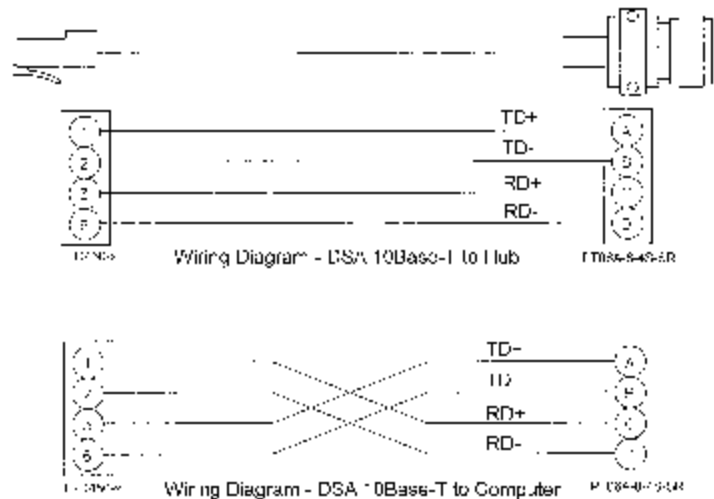


Figure 8 - DTS3250 10Base-T cables

## DTS CONTROL AND CONFIGURATION

The operation of each DTS is controlled by sending ASCII commands over the TelNet port(port 23) to units selected by network addressing. The DTS returns any data or information over the network to the requesting client/host in ASCII or Binary format depending upon the settings of a configuration variable. Binary data transfers are delivered across an additional binary transfer port.

Binary transfers may be in TCP or UDP protocol. TCP requires that a Host provide a Host Binary Server program. When a DTS initiates the connection to the binary port, it can send data to the host in packet form. The port and IP address are configurable. When UDP protocol is used, no connection is required.

## DTS COMMANDS

The DTS software runs as embedded software on the DTS 3250 temperature scanner hardware. It performs the following general tasks:

- 1) Read and filter the raw A/D counts that represent temperature.
- 2) Convert the A/D counts to user chosen temperature units.
- 3) Receive and execute commands from the Ethernet Link.
- 4) Allow the configuration to be saved through power down.
- 5) Output converted data, status, setup and calibration data over the Ethernet Link.
- 6) Set the DTS Physical Ethernet Address(MAC Address).
- 7) Protocol to be TCP/IP.
- 8) Support the user in troubleshooting the DTS hardware and system.

When operating in the ASCII mode or UDP, the DTS is the client. In Binary or TCP mode, the DTS is the Host.

When a DTS module is in a "NOT READY" mode, all commands are disabled except STATUS and STOP.

TCP/IP does not guarantee that packet boundaries will be maintained between a Host and a DTS module. Therefore, **ALL** commands from a Host **MUST** be terminated properly with one of four options. The DTS will detect and adjust to the termination option being used by a Host.

The four options are:

- CR (ASCII 13)
- LF (ASCII 10)
- LF-CR (ASCII 10 - ASCII 13)
- CR-LF (ASCII 13 - ASCII 10)

The current DTS RS232 interface is designed for initial boot configuration only.

## COMMAND LIST

COMMAND	<b>A/D CALIBRATION</b>
COMMAND SYNTAX	<b>ADCAL</b>
ARGUMENTS	None
DESCRIPTION	Commands the DTS to calibrate the A/D converters. The A/D converters are calibrated automatically at power up and whenever the period configuration variable is set. It is possible for errors in the conversion if the temperature of the DTS has changed significantly since power up. In this case, the A/D converters can be calibrated by issuing this command.
RETURNS	<i>&lt;nb&gt;</i> <i>&lt;nb&gt;</i> - end of line.
EXAMPLE	To calibrate the A/D converters after several hours of operation, the following command would be issued: ADCAL <CR> The A/D converters will be calibrated. The time depends upon the setting of CALAVG. If CALAVG is set to 1, the time will be several seconds. If CALAVG is set to 64 this can require several minutes.
NOTE	It is recommended that a user check for A/D errors after the execution of this command. If an A/D times out or does not respond correctly, it will be disabled in software and an error will be logged. The error log is the only indication that this has occurred.
COMMAND	<b>AUTOSTATUS</b>
COMMAND SYNTAX	<b>AUTOSTATUS &lt;enable&gt;</b>
ARGUMENTS	Enable - 0 or 1
DESCRIPTION	If autostatus enable is set to 1, the DTS will automatically output the status of the DTS whenever the status changes. When set to 0, status can only be determined by issuing a STATUS command. The condition at power up and after a reboot is AUTOSTATUS disabled.
RETURNS	<i>&lt;nb&gt;</i> <i>&lt;nb&gt;</i> - end of line.
EXAMPLES	To enable automatic output of the DTS status, the following command would be issued: AUTOSTATUS 1 To disable automatic output of the DTS status, the following command would be issued: AUTOSTATUS 0
NOTE	AUTOTATUS was not set up as a configuration variable that could be saved to prevent conditions where the DTS would be talking on a network when it was not expected to be talking.

COMMAND	<b>CLEAR</b>
COMMAND SYNTAX	<b>CLEAR</b>
ARGUMENTS	None
DESCRIPTION	Commands the DTS to clear any errors that have occurred. The errors are sent to the client in an ASCII Packet. ASCII Packets are described in a subsequent sections.
RETURNS	<nl> <nl> - end of line.
EXAMPLE	To clear any errors listed in the ERROR Buffer, the following command would be issued: CLEAR <CR>  The ERROR buffer will be cleared

COMMAND	<b>CLOSE HOST BINARY SERVER CONNECTION</b>
COMMAND SYNTAX	<b>CLOBIN</b>
ARGUMENTS	None
DESCRIPTION	Commands the DTS to close the connection to the Host Binary Server. This command will only be accepted by the DTS when the DTS is in the <b>READY</b> mode.
RETURNS	<nl> <nl> - end of line.
EXAMPLE	To close the connection to the Host Binary Server, the following command would be issued: CLOBIN <CR>  The connection will be terminated

<p>COMMAND</p> <p>COMMAND SYNTAX</p> <p>ARGUMENTS</p> <p>DESCRIPTION</p>	<p><b>CONNECT TO HOST BINARY SERVER</b></p> <p><b>CONBIN</b></p> <p>None</p> <p>Commands the DTS to connect to the Host Binary Server configured through the HOST configuration variable. If the DTS is in the UDP mode or if a TCP connection is already established, an Error will be generated. This command will only be accepted when the DTS is in the <b>READY</b> mode.</p>
<p>RETURNS</p>	<p>&lt;nb&gt;</p> <p>&lt;nb&gt; - end of line.</p>
<p>EXAMPLE 1</p>	<p>A DTS is not connected to a server, is not in the UDP mode and is in the READY mode. A CONBIN command is generated to open a connection to the Host. The following command would be issued:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">CONBIN &lt;CR&gt;</p> <p>The DTS will be connected to the Host.</p>
<p>EXAMPLE 2</p>	<p>A DTS is not connected to a server, is in the UDP mode and is in the READY mode. A CONBIN command is generated to open a connection to the Host. The following command would be issued:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">CONBIN &lt;CR&gt;</p> <p>The DTS will not connect to the Host and an Error will be generated.</p>
<p>EXAMPLE 3</p>	<p>A DTS is not connected to a server, is in the UDP mode and is in the SCAN mode. A CONBIN command is generated to open a connection to the Host. The following command would be issued:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">CONBIN &lt;CR&gt;</p> <p>The DTS will not connect to the Host and an Error will be generated.</p>

<p>COMMAND</p> <p>COMMAND SYNTAX</p> <p>ARGUMENTS</p>	<p><b>ENTER CHANNEL CALIBRATION SETPOINTS</b></p> <p><b>PT &lt;index&gt; &lt;volts&gt; [channel]</b></p> <p>Index - The setpoint number, 0 to 7 for setpoints 1 to 8.</p> <p>Volts - The applied voltage.</p> <p>Channel - Optional, If a channel is not specified, the setpoint voltage will be applied to all channels.</p>
<p>DESCRIPTION</p>	<p>This command enters the voltage correction to be applied at a given setpoint for one or more channels. The values for the setpoints do not have specific limitations.</p>
<p>EXAMPLES</p>	<p>To enter a value for setpoint 1 for all channels:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Type: PT 1 1.256&lt;Enter&gt;</p> <p>To enter a value for setpoint 2 for channel 9:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Type: PT 2 1.744 9&lt;Enter&gt;</p>

COMMAND  
COMMAND SYNTAX  
ARGUMENTS

### ENTER RTD CALIBRATION SETPOINTS

#### RPT <index> <volts>

Index - The setpoint number, 0 to 7 for setpoints 1 to 8.

Volts - The applied voltage.

DESCRIPTION

This command enters the voltage correction to be applied at a given setpoint for the RTD's. The values for the setpoints must be between 0.095 Vdc and 0.131 Vdc which represents temperatures from -13" C to 80" C . The voltage must be inserted in the RTD1 input.

EXAMPLES

To enter a value for setpoint 1 for the RTD's:

Type: RPT 1 0.095<Enter>

To enter a value for setpoint 2 for the RTD's:

Type: RPT 2 0.998<Enter>

COMMAND  
COMMAND SYNTAX  
ARGUMENTS

### ERROR

#### ERROR

None

DESCRIPTION

Lists the errors that are stored and listed after a CLEAR. Only the first 29 errors will be listed. If more than 29 errors have occurred, the message: "ERROR: Max Errors exceeded "will appear at the end of the list. An Error List may be found in Appendix D. The return format is:

ERROR: error

EXAMPLE

To read the contents of the Error Buffer:

Type: ERROR<Enter>

The DTS will return the last 29 errors in the format::

If no errors have been logged, the DTS will return:

ERROR: No errors

COMMAND  
COMMAND SYNTAX  
ARGUMENTS  
DESCRIPTION

### FILL

#### FILL

None

Activates the setpoint data. If Setpoints are configured, a FILL will be executed automatically at power-up. A FILL can be executed manually at any time.

EXAMPLE

To execute a FILL and activate the setpoints:

Type: FILL<CR>

COMMAND  
COMMAND SYNTAX  
ARGUMENTS

DESCRIPTION

RETURNS

### HOST BINARY SERVER COMMAND

#### HOST <command>

Command - An ASCII command that would be recognized by the Host Binary Server.

This command will pass a Host Binary Server command through the DTS to the Host Binary Server

<nb>

<nb> - end of line.

COMMAND  
COMMAND SYNTAX  
ARGUMENTS  
DESCRIPTION  
EXAMPLE

### LIST CALIBRATION

#### LIST C

None

Lists the calibration configuration variables.

To view the calibration configuration variable settings:

Type: LIST C<CR>

The DTS will return the calibration configuration variable settings. They could appear as follows.

SET NUMCOEF 3

SET NUMPTS 3

SET CALAVG 4

COMMAND  
COMMAND SYNTAX  
ARGUMENTS  
DESCRIPTION

EXAMPLE

### LIST CHANNEL CORRECTION SETPOINTS

#### LIST P <channel>

Channel - 0 to 16

Lists the calibration setpoints for the channel listed. If channel 0 is specified, the setpoints for all channels will be listed.

To view the calibration setpoints for channel 1:

Type: LIST P 1<CR>

The DTS returns:

SET PT 1 0 -0.010000 -275283

SET PT 1 1 0.000000 1288

SET PT 1 2 0.012000 333064

SET PT 1 3 0.024000 664759

SET PT 1 4 0.036000 996312

SET PT 1 5 0.048000 1327909

SET PT 1 6 0.060000 1659352

SET PT 1 7 0.070000 1935411

**NOTE:** The values shown here are values for one module. The actual calibration setpoints in a different module may be different.



COMMAND  
COMMAND SYNTAX  
ARGUMENTS  
DESCRIPTION  
EXAMPLE

## LIST CONFIGURATION VARIABLES

### LIST A

None

Lists all of the Configuration Variables.

To view or log the configuration variables:

Type: LISTA<CR>

The DTS will return all configuration variables

COMMAND  
COMMAND SYNTAX  
ARGUMENTS  
DESCRIPTION

## LIST GAIN

### LIST G <channel>

Channel - 0 to 16

Lists the thermocouple gain correction assigned to the channel listed. If channel 0 is listed, all 16 gains will be returned.

To view the thermocouple gain settings:

Type: LIST G 0<CR>

The DTS will return all of the thermocouple gain settings. They could appear as follows.

```
SET GAIN 1 1.11
SET GAIN 2 1.01
SET GAIN 3 0.98
SET GAIN 4 1.12
SET GAIN 5 1.01
SET GAIN 6 1.15
SET GAIN 7 1.00
SET GAIN 8 1.11
SET GAIN 9 0.99
SET GAIN 10 0.98
SET GAIN 11 1.10
SET GAIN 12 1.01
SET GAIN 13 1.06
SET GAIN 14 1.00
SET GAIN 15 0.99
SET GAIN 16 1.10
```

COMMAND  
COMMAND SYNTAX  
ARGUMENTS  
DESCRIPTION  
EXAMPLE

## **LIST IDENTIFICATION**

### **LIST I**

None

Lists the IDENTIFICATION configuration variables.

To verify the general module configuration settings:

Type: LIST I<CR>

The DTS will return:

```
SET ECHO 0
SET SIM 0
SET AUTOCON 0
SET HOST 0 0
SET HOSTCMD SET
SET TCMAXSLEW 50000
SET RTDMAXSLEW 64000
SET TITLE1 DTS3250: Engineering Unit
SET TITLE2 Calibrated May 18, 2001
```

NOTE

A user must be very careful when modifying one of these variables. An incorrect value in one of these variables could have a detrimental affect on the operation of the module.

COMMAND  
COMMAND SYNTAX  
ARGUMENTS  
DESCRIPTION  
EXAMPLE

## **LIST LABELS**

### **LIST LA**

None

Lists the channel labels.

To view the channel labels:

Type: LIST LA<CR>

The DTS will return:

```
SET LABEL 1 T/C1
SET LABEL 2 T/C2
SET LABEL 3 T/C3
SET LABEL 4 T/C4
SET LABEL 5 T/C5
SET LABEL 6 T/C6
SET LABEL 7 T/C7
SET LABEL 8 T/C8
SET LABEL 9 T/C9
SET LABEL 10 T/C10
SET LABEL 11 T/C11
SET LABEL 12 T/C12
SET LABEL 13 T/C13
SET LABEL 14 T/C14
SET LABEL 15 T/C15
SET LABEL 16 T/C16
```

COMMAND  
COMMAND SYNTAX  
ARGUMENTS  
DESCRIPTION

## LIST LIMITS

### LIST LI

None

Lists the channel high and low limits for alarms

### EXAMPLE

To verify the channel limit settings:

Type: LIST LI<CR>

The DTS will return:

```
SET LIMIT 1 1 500.00 -50.00
SET LIMIT 2 1 500.00 -50.00
SET LIMIT 3 1 500.00 -50.00
SET LIMIT 4 1 500.00 -50.00
SET LIMIT 5 1 500.00 -50.00
SET LIMIT 6 1 500.00 -50.00
SET LIMIT 7 1 500.00 -50.00
SET LIMIT 8 1 500.00 -50.00
SET LIMIT 9 1 500.00 -50.00
SET LIMIT 10 1 500.00 -50.00
SET LIMIT 11 1 500.00 -50.00
SET LIMIT 12 1 500.00 -50.00
SET LIMIT 13 1 500.00 -50.00
SET LIMIT 14 1 500.00 -50.00
SET LIMIT 15 1 500.00 -50.00
SET LIMIT 16 1 500.00 -50.00
```

### NOTE

For more information, refer to the SET LIMIT configuration variable in the LI Group.

COMMAND  
COMMAND SYNTAX  
ARGUMENTS  
DESCRIPTION

### LIST OFFSET

#### LIST O <channel>

Channel - 0 to 16

Lists the thermocouple offset correction assigned to the channel specified. If channel 0 is specified, all 16 offsets will be returned. The OFFSET values are A/D counts.

EXAMPLE

To view all of the thermocouple offset settings:

Type: LIST O 0<CR>

The DTS will return the thermocouple offset settings. They could appear as follows.

```
SET OFFSET 1 120
SET OFFSET 2 77
SET OFFSET 3 78
SET OFFSET 4 112
SET OFFSET 5 101
SET OFFSET 6 115
SET OFFSET 7 60
SET OFFSET 8 11
SET OFFSET 9 99
SET OFFSET 10 101
SET OFFSET 11 44
SET OFFSET 12 57
SET OFFSET 13 16
SET OFFSET 14 124
SET OFFSET 15 81
SET OFFSET 16 25
```

COMMAND  
COMMAND SYNTAX  
ARGUMENTS  
DESCRIPTION

### LIST RTD CORRECTION VALUES

#### LIST RP

None

Lists the RTD correction values

EXAMPLE

This command is used to verify the RTD correction values of the DTS.

Type: LIST RP<CR>

The DTS will return:

```
SET RPT 0 0.095000 1271278
SET RPT 1 0.100000 1338897
SET RPT 2 0.105000 1406643
SET RPT 3 0.110000 1474311
SET RPT 4 0.115000 1542011
SET RPT 5 0.120000 1609718
SET RPT 6 0.125000 1677418
SET RPT 7 0.131000 1758718
```

**NOTE:** The values shown here are values for a standard module. The actual calibration setpoints for another module may be different.

COMMAND  
COMMAND SYNTAX  
ARGUMENTS  
DESCRIPTION

### LIST RTD CONVERSION VALUES

#### LIST RTDP <channel>

Channel - 0 to 2

Lists the RTD conversion values for the channel specified. If 0 is entered, both RTD channel conversion values will be listed.

#### EXAMPLE

This command is used to verify the RTD correction values of the DTS.

Type: LIST RTDP 0<CR>

The DTS will return:

```
SET RTDP 1 0 0.00000 100.0000
SET RTDP 1 1 100.000 138.50000
SET RTDP 2 0 0.00000 100.0000
SET RTDP 2 1 100.000 138.50000
SET RTDNUMCOEF 2
SET RTDNUMPTS 2
SET RTDX1 1.000000
SET RTDX2 1.000000
```

#### NOTE

The values shown here are values for a perfect module. The actual calibration setpoints may be different.

COMMAND  
COMMAND SYNTAX  
ARGUMENTS  
DESCRIPTION

### LIST SCAN

#### LIST S

None

Lists the SCAN configuration variables

#### EXAMPLE

This command is used to verify the general scan settings of the DTS

Type: LIST s<CR>

The DTS will return:

```
SET PERIOD 6250
SET AVG 1
SET FPS 0
SET XSCANTRIG 0
SET FORMAT 0
SET TIME 2
SET BIN 0
SET QPKTS 0
SET UNITS C
SET RANGEV -9999.999 9999.999
SET RANGET -9999.99 9999.99
```

COMMAND  
COMMAND SYNTAX  
ARGUMENTS  
DESCRIPTION

EXAMPLE

**LIST TYPE**

**LIST T <channel>**

None

Lists the thermocouple TYPE assigned to the channel specified. If channel 0 is specified, all channels will be listed.

To view all of the thermocouple type settings:

Type: LIST T 0<CR>

The DTS will return the thermocouple type settings. They could appear as follows.

```
SET TYPE 1 K 1
SET TYPE 2 K 1
SET TYPE 3 K 1
SET TYPE 4 N 1
SET TYPE 5 N 1
SET TYPE 6 E 0
SET TYPE 7 R 0
SET TYPE 8 R 0
SET TYPE 9 S 1
SET TYPE 10 S 1
SET TYPE 11 T 1
SET TYPE 12 T 1
SET TYPE 13 E 1
SET TYPE 14 J 1
SET TYPE 15 K 1
SET TYPE 16 E 1
```

COMMAND  
COMMAND SYNTAX  
ARGUMENTS  
DESCRIPTION

EXAMPLE

**LIST UTR CALIBRATION VARIABLES**

**LIST U**

None

Lists the RTD calibration configuration variables

This command is used to verify the calibration configuration settings of the DTS.

Type: LIST U<CR>

The DTS will return:

```
SET RTDM1 2.599427
SET RTDM2 2.599428
SET RTDB1 -259.916748
SET RTDB2 -259.760895
SET RNUMCOEF 3
SET RNUMPTS 8
SET MAXDELTA 1.000000
SET RTDNUMCOEF 3
SET RTDNUMPTS 3
SET RTDX1 1.000000
SET RTDX2 1.000000
```

NOTE:

The values shown here are values for a standard module. The actual calibration setpoints for a different module may be different.

COMMAND  
COMMAND SYNTAX  
ARGUMENTS  
DESCRIPTION

## **OPEN THERMOCOUPLE TEST**

### **OTC**

None

Commands the DTS to test for open thermocouples. The command causes a small current to be applied to each thermocouple. If a thermocouple is found to be open, an error is logged and bit 12 in the channel status element of the data packet is set to a 1 (1000Hex). Also, the channel status code for an open channel will be 2000 if scanning with FORMAT set to 0. This command is NOT performed automatically at power up.

RETURNS

<nl>

<nl> - end of line.

EXAMPLE

To test for open thermocouples, the following command would be issued:

OTC<CR>

COMMAND  
COMMAND SYNTAX  
ARGUMENTS  
DESCRIPTION

## **REBOOT**

### **REBOOT**

None

Commands the DTS to reboot. Any coefficients and configuration variables that have not been saved will be reset to the last saved values.

RETURNS

<nl>

<nl> - End of line.

EXAMPLE

To reboot from the network,

Type: REBOOT<CR>

COMMAND  
COMMAND SYNTAX  
ARGUMENTS  
DESCRIPTION

## **SAVE**

### **SAVE**

None

Commands the DTS to save the RAM image of Non Volatile Memory(NVM). Any change to a configuration variable must be followed by a SAVE command if the change is to be permanent.

RETURNS

<nl>

<nl> - End of line.

EXAMPLE

To save the current configuration variable settings and conversion coefficients,

Type: SAVE<CR>

COMMAND  
 COMMAND SYNTAX  
 ARGUMENTS  
 RETURNS

**SCAN**

**SCAN**

None

Scan data formatted by the setting of EU, BIN, and FORMAT. Refer to the examples for more information. When FORMAT is set to 0, a channel status code will be returned with the data for each channel. If multiple errors exist the code with the highest priority will be the only code displayed

Status Code	Description	Priority
1000	Channel A/D is disabled	1
2000	Channel T/C is open	2
3000	Channel is over range	3
4000	Channel is under range	4
5000	Channel is over limit	5
6000	Channel is under limit	6

DESCRIPTION

Commands the DTS to scan the pressure sensors and send Scan packets to the client. Data are returned immediately if XSCANTRIG is set to 0. If XSCANTRIG is set to 1, data will be returned after a hardware trigger, or a software trigger. For more information on software triggers, refer to the SCAN TRIGGER command. For Hardware trigger requirements, refer to the Trigger Requirements section.

EXAMPLE 1

EU = 1  
 BIN = 0  
 FORMAT= 0.

Data are scrolled and will be displayed as follows:

```

Frame # <number>
Time <time> <Fs or ms>
Rtd1 <temp>
Rtd2 <temp>
Units <unit>
<chan 1> <temp eu> <channel status code>
" "
" "
<chan 16> <temp eu> <channel status code>
  
```

EXAMPLE 2

EU = 0  
 BIN = 0  
 FORMAT= 0

Data are scrolled and will be displayed as follows:

```

Frame # <number>
Time <time> <Fs or ms>
Rtd1 <temp counts>
Rtd2 <temp counts>
Units <unit>
<chan 1> <temp counts> <channel status code>
" "
" "
<chan 16> <temp counts> <channel status code>
  
```



EXAMPLE 3

```

EU = 1
BIN = 0
FORMAT = 1
Data are scrolled in place and will be displayed as follows:
Frame = <number> Time = <time> <Fs or ms> Units = <unit>
<chan> <temp eu> <chan><temp eu> <chan> <temp eu> <chan> <temp eu>
<chan> <temp eu> <chan><temp eu> <chan> <temp eu> <chan> <temp eu>
<chan> <temp eu> <chan><temp eu> <chan> <temp eu> <chan> <temp eu>
<chan> <temp eu> <chan><temp eu> <chan> <temp eu> <chan> <temp eu>

```

EXAMPLE 4

```

EU = 1
BIN = 0
FORMAT = 1
Data are scrolled and will be displayed as follows:
Frame = <number> Time = <time> <Fs or ms> Units = <unit>
<chan> <temp cts> <chan><temp cts> <chan> <temp cts> <chan> <temp cts>
<chan> <temp cts> <chan><temp cts> <chan> <temp cts> <chan> <temp cts>
<chan> <temp cts> <chan><temp cts> <chan> <temp cts> <chan> <temp cts>
<chan> <temp cts> <chan><temp cts> <chan> <temp cts> <chan> <temp cts>

```

COMMAND  
COMMAND SYNTAX  
ARGUMENTS  
DESCRIPTION

**SCAN TRIGGER**  
**TRIG**

None

This command acts as a software trigger to the DTS. When XSCANTRIG is set to 1, an averaged frame of data will be output when the DTS receives the TRIG command or a <TAB> character code (9 HEX or Control I). This will continue until a STOP command is issued or the Frames per Scan variable is met. The data format will depend upon the setting of EU, BIN and FORMAT.

EXAMPLE 1

A scan command is executed with EU set to 1, BIN set to 0, XSCANTRIG set to 1, and FORMAT set to 0. The DTS will wait for a Hardware trigger, the TRIG command or a <TAB> character (9 HEX or Control I). When one of the Data are scrolled and will be displayed as follows:

```

Frame # <number>
Time <time> <Fs or ms>
<chan> <temp eu>
"      "
"      "
<chan> <temp eu>

```

For information on other formats, refer to the SCAN command .

COMMAND  
COMMAND SYNTAX  
ARGUMENTS

**SET**  
**SET <name> <value>**

<name> - the Configuration Variable to be set or modified.  
<value> - the value of that Configuration Variable

DESCRIPTION

Commands the DTS to set one of the many Configuration Variables. Configuration Variables are described in a subsequent section.

NOTE

Listing the Configuration Variables with the LIST command outputs the data in the format required by the SET command. This enables the user to upload data from a file that has been created by a LIST download.

COMMAND  
COMMAND SYNTAX  
ARGUMENTS  
DESCRIPTION

**STATUS**  
**STATUS**

None

Commands the DTS to send a Status Packet to the client. The Status Packet is described in a subsequent section.

The STATUS command may be entered at any time. This is one of the commands that will not generate an error if entered while the DTS is not READY. The DSM could return one of the following status descriptions

ADCAL	The DTS is calibrating the A/D converters
CAL	The DTS is executing a PT or RPT command
INVALID	The DTS is in an INVALID operating mode.
LIST	The DTS is outputting a configuration variable LIST
OTC	The DTS is testing for open thermocouples
READY	The DTS is operating and ready to accept a command.
SAVE	The DTS is SAVING a configuration
SCAN	The DTS is in the SCAN mode.
TYPE	The DTS is setting the thermocouple type
UPLOAD	The DTS is UPLOADING a file.

EXAMPLES

If the STATUS command is entered while the DTS is on, but inactive, the DSM will return:

Status: READY

If the STATUS command is entered while the DSM is executing a SAVE command, the DSM will return:

Status: SAVE

COMMAND  
COMMAND SYNTAX  
ARGUMENTS  
DESCRIPTION  
RETURNS

**STOP**  
**STOP**  
None  
Commands the DTS to abort the current operation.  
<nb>  
<nb> - end of line.

EXAMPLE

To abort any function or operation:  
Type: STOP<CR>

COMMAND  
COMMAND SYNTAX  
ARGUMENTS

**UPLOAD**  
**UPLOAD <S or C><filepath\filename>**  
S System file to be uploaded  
C Configuration file to be uploaded

DESCRIPTION

Uploads the specified file to the DTS module. The DTS interprets the type of file based on the file type argument.

RETURNS

<nb>  
<nb> - end of line.

EXAMPLE

To upload the configuration variable file cv.cfg, located in the DTS files subdirectory on drive c: of the host computer:  
Type: UPLOAD C c:\DTSfiles\cv.cfg

This file will be downloaded from the machine defined by the configuration port settings. The term "host" might be more accurately described as an "FTP Server". This could be the same computer as the host or a different computer somewhere on a network. The relevant settings are:

Host Name  
Host INET  
User  
FTP Password

NOTE

S or C must be uppercase  
Refer to the DTS3200 Boot Parameter Modification and DTS Operating System Upload Procedures for more information.

COMMAND  
COMMAND SYNTAX  
ARGUMENTS  
DESCRIPTION  
RETURNS

**VERSION**  
**VER**  
None  
Outputs the current software version number.  
DTSHS Scanivalve © 2000 Ver x.xx y  
x.xx is the software version number.  
y is the hardware version number

EXAMPLE

To read the current software version:  
Type: VER<CR>  
The DTS returns:  
Version: DTSHS Scanivalve © 2001 Ver 2.01 3

# CONFIGURATION VARIABLES

Configuration Variables control the way the DTS functions. The Variables are assigned to one of several groups: SCAN(S), IDENTIFICATION(I), CALIBRATION(C), CHANNEL CORRECTION(P), GAIN(G), OFFSET(O), LABELS(LA), LIMIT(LI), THERMOCOUPLE(T), RTD CORRECTION(RP), RTD CONVERSION(RTDP), and RTD CALIBRATION(U). Each variable is assigned a "data type" description.

## SCAN VARIABLES (Group S)

VARIABLE	<b>AVG &lt;value&gt;</b>
VALID VALUES	1 to 240
DEFAULT VALUE	4
DATA TYPE	integer
DESCRIPTION	This sets the number of raw samples to acquire before producing a filtered output.

VARIABLE	<b>BIN &lt;code&gt;</b>
VALID VALUES	1 or 0
DEFAULT VALUE	0
DATA TYPE	integer
DESCRIPTION	Sets the format of the data packet output. 1 = Binary 0 = ASCII

VARIABLE	<b>FORMAT &lt;code&gt;</b>
VALID VALUES	0, or 1
DEFAULT VALUE	1
DATA TYPE	Integer
DESCRIPTION	Determines if data are to be scrolled on the display. ASCII Output only 0 - data are scrolled 1 - data are displayed in place, formatted for a VT100 terminal.

VARIABLE	<b>FPS &lt;value&gt;</b>
VALID VALUES	0 to 2147483648
DEFAULT VALUE	0
DATA TYPE	long integer
DESCRIPTION	Sets the number of averaged frames to send to the client. If a 0 is entered, the scan will continue until a STOP command is received.

VARIABLE **PERIOD <value>**  
 VALID VALUES 1563 to 31996 Fsec  
 DEFAULT VALUE 6250  
 DATA TYPE integer  
 DESCRIPTION Sets the interval between channel samples.  
 NOTE Periods faster than 6250 microseconds will result in a greater measurement uncertainty. Instrument accuracies listed in the specifications are based on periods of 6250 microseconds or slower.

VARIABLE **QPKTS <code>**  
 VALID VALUES 0 or 1  
 DEFAULT VALUE 1  
 DATA TYPE integer  
 DESCRIPTION This switch will control the action the DTS will take when the data buffer is full.  
 0 - frames will be discarded when the data buffer is full. The DTS will continue to scan.  
 1 - no frames will be lost. The DTS will stop scanning and log an error if the data buffer is filled.

VARIABLE **RANGET <low range temp value> <high range temp value>**  
 VALID VALUES -9999.99 to 9999.99  
 DEFAULT VALUE Low range temp value - -9999.99  
 High range temp value - 9999.99  
 DATA TYPE Integer  
 DESCRIPTION Sets the output when units is set to a temperature and the high and/or low range limits are exceeded. When a channel exceeds the low limit, the data display will be setting of the low range value and the channel status code will indicate 4000. When the high limit is exceeded, the data display will be setting of the high range value and the channel status code will indicate 3000.

VARIABLE **RANGEV <low range volt value> <high range volt value>**  
 VALID VALUES -9999.99 to 9999.99  
 DEFAULT VALUE Low range volt value - -9999.99  
 High range volt value - 9999.99  
 DATA TYPE Integer  
 DESCRIPTION Sets the output when units is set to volts and the high and/or low range limits are exceeded. When a channel exceeds the low limit, the data display will be setting of the low range value and the channel status code will indicate 4000. When the high limit is exceeded, the data display will be setting of the high range value and the channel status code will indicate 3000.

VARIABLE	<b>TIME &lt;code&gt;</b>
VALID VALUES	0, 1, or 2
DEFAULT VALUE	0
DATA TYPE	Integer
DESCRIPTION	Determines the format of the Time Stamp. 0 - No Time Stamp 1 - Time stamp data are in microseconds 2 - Time stamp data are in milliseconds

VARIABLE	<b>UNITS &lt;type&gt;</b>
VALID VALUES	see list below
DEFAULT VALUE	C
DATA TYPE	string
DESCRIPTION	Engineering Unit conversion type. This can be : A - Volts(Vdc) corrected by the RTD voltage C - degrees Celsius(EC) F - degrees Fahrenheit(EF), K - Kelvin( K) R - degrees Rankin( ER) V - Volts(Vdc) Raw uncorrected 0 - Zero(Raw Counts)

VARIABLE	<b>XSCANTRIG &lt;code&gt;</b>
VALID VALUES	0 or 1
DEFAULT VALUE	0
DATA TYPE	integer
DESCRIPTION	Sets the External Trigger as the Frame Trigger. 0 = the internal clock is the frame trigger 1 = the external trigger is the frame trigger

## CHANNEL CORRECTION VARIABLES (Group P)

VARIABLE	<b>PT &lt;channel&gt; &lt;index&gt; &lt;volts applied&gt; &lt;counts applied&gt;</b>
VALID VALUES	Channel - 1 to 16 for channels 1 to 16 Index - 0 to 7 Volts Applied - any valid number Counts Applied - any valid number
DEFAULT VALUE	Channel - 1 to 16 Index - 0 Volts Applied - 0 Counts Applied - 0
DATA TYPE	Channel - Integer Index - Integer Volts Applied - float Counts Applied - Integer
DESCRIPTION	This is the list of setpoints used to calibrate each channel.
EXAMPLE	The List P command is used to view these variables. The variables for each channel are set before the initial factory calibration. To list the values for channel 2, Type: LIST P 2<Enter> The DTS will return: SET PT 2 0 -0.010000 -276468 SET PT 2 1 0.000000 517 SET PT 2 2 0.012000 332795 SET PT 2 3 0.024000 664988 SET PT 2 4 0.036000 997039 SET PT 2 5 0.048000 1329141 SET PT 2 6 0.060000 1661087 SET PT 2 7 0.070000 1937569
NOTE	The values shown here are values for a standard module. The actual calibration setpoints may be different.

## IDENTIFICATION VARIABLES (Group I)

<p>VARIABLE VALID VALUES DEFAULT VALUE DATA TYPE DESCRIPTION</p>	<p><b>AUTOCON &lt;code&gt;</b> 0 or 1 0 integer Determines if the DTS will automatically convert to a binary receiver. 0 - the DTS will not automatically convert. 1 - the DTS will automatically convert.</p>
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<p>VARIABLE VALID VALUES DEFAULT VALUE DATA TYPE DESCRIPTION</p>	<p><b>SIM &lt;code&gt;</b> 0, or 1 0 Integer Determines the source of the data samples. 0 - Data are taken from the sensors 1 - Data are generated internally</p>
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<p>VARIABLE VALID VALUES DEFAULT VALUE DATA TYPE DESCRIPTION</p>	<p><b>ECHO &lt;code&gt;</b> 0 or 1 0 integer Determines if characters received from an ethernet host will be echoed back to the host. 0 - the DTS will not echo characters 1 - the DTS will echo characters back to the host.</p>
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<p>VARIABLE VALID VALUES  DEFAULT VALUE  DATA TYPE DESCRIPTION</p>	<p><b>HOST &lt;IP address&gt; &lt;port&gt;</b> Any valid IP address Any valid Port IP Address - 0 Port - 0 varies Sets the value of the IP address and port number for binary data for the host computer. If IP Address and Port are set to 0, Binary data are sent out over the TelNet Port. If a server address and port number are defined, Binary data are sent out over that port.</p>
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<p>VARIABLE VALID VALUES DEFAULT VALUE DATA TYPE DESCRIPTION</p>	<p><b>HOSTCMD &lt;ASCII string&gt;</b> any valid host command 0 ASCII Strings Sends the ASCII command string contained in this variable to the host computer binary receiver.</p>
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**VARIABLE** **RTDMAXSLEW <value>**  
**VALID VALUES** 0 to 32000  
**DEFAULT VALUE** 16000  
**DATA TYPE** Integer  
**DESCRIPTION** This is the maximum allowable step change in counts per second for an RTD input. If the step change exceeds this value, the DTS will output the last value before the step. If the DTS stays out of range for 5 samples, then the new range will be considered to be the new value.  
**NOTE** This feature is only functional in hardware version 1. The hardware version is reported with the software version when a VER command is executed.

**VARIABLE** **TCMAXSLEW <value>**  
**VALID VALUES** 0 to 100000  
**DEFAULT VALUE** 50000  
**DATA TYPE** Integer  
**DESCRIPTION** This is the maximum allowable step change in counts per second for a thermocouple input. If the step change exceeds this value, the DTS will output the last value before the step. If the DTS stays out of range for 5 samples, then the new range will be considered to be the new value.  
**NOTE** This feature is only functional in hardware version 1. The hardware version is reported with the software version when a VER command is executed.

**VARIABLE** **TITLE1 <title>**  
**VALID VALUES** any valid ASCII string up to 255 characters  
**DEFAULT VALUE** Scanivalve DTS3250  
**DATA TYPE** ASCII String  
**DESCRIPTION** Sets the value of Title number 1.

**VARIABLE** **TITLE2 <title>**  
**VALID VALUES** any valid ASCII string up to 255 characters  
**DEFAULT VALUE** The current software version.  
**DATA TYPE** ASCII String  
**DESCRIPTION** Sets the value of Title number 2.

## CALIBRATION VARIABLES (Group C)

VARIABLE	<b>CALAVG &lt;value&gt;</b>
VALID VALUES	1 to 64
DEFAULT VALUE	4
DATA TYPE	integer
DESCRIPTION	Determines how much averaging to perform during an A/D Calibration. This setting will have an effect on boot up time.

VARIABLE	<b>NUMPTS &lt;points&gt;</b>
VALID VALUES	1 to 8
DEFAULT VALUE	3
DATA TYPE	integer
DESCRIPTION	Determines the number of setpoints in the channel correction list.

VARIABLE	<b>NUMCOEF &lt;coef&gt;</b>
VALID VALUES	1 to 3
DEFAULT VALUE	3
DATA TYPE	integer
DESCRIPTION	Determines the number of calibration coefficients for the channel corrections. 1 - Offset only 2 - $y = mx + b$ correction curve 3 - $y = ax^2 + bx + c$ correction curve

## LIMIT VARIABLES (Group LI)

VARIABLE	<b>LIMIT &lt;channel&gt; &lt;enable&gt; [&lt;high limit&gt; low limit&gt;]</b>
VALID VALUES	channel - 0 to 16, if 0 is entered all channels will be set. Enable - 0 disables limits 1 enables limits High limit - optional, the high limit value Low limit - optional, the low limit value
DEFAULT VALUE	Channel - 0 Enable - 0 High limit - 100 Low limit - 0
DATA TYPE	Integer
DESCRIPTION	Sets the high and low limits for each channel. When a channel exceeds the low limit, the channel status code will indicate 6000. When the high limit is exceeded, the channel status code will indicate 5000.

## CHANNEL LABELS (Group LA)

VARIABLE	<b>LABEL &lt;channel&gt; &lt;label&gt;</b>
VALID VALUES	Channel- 1 to 16 Label - channel label up to 31 characters. Spaces are allowed.
DEFAULT VALUE	Channel - 0 Label - T/C <channel>
DATA TYPE	Channel- Integer Label - ASCII string
DESCRIPTION	Sets the label for each channel..

## THERMOCOUPLE VARIABLES (Group T)

VARIABLE	<b>TYPE</b> <channel> <type> [shield connect]
VALID VALUES	channel - the channel number, 0 through 16 type - E, J, K, N, R, S, or T
DEFAULT VALUE	channel - 0 type - J shield connect - 1
DATA TYPE	integer
DESCRIPTION	Determines the thermocouple conversion for each channel. If the channel is entered as 0, all 16 channels will be set to the thermocouple type specified. The shield connection switch should be set based on the method used to ground or shield the thermocouple. If shield connect is set to 0, the switch will be open. The default setting is 1 or closed. Refer to the figures below for more information on how to properly define this parameter.

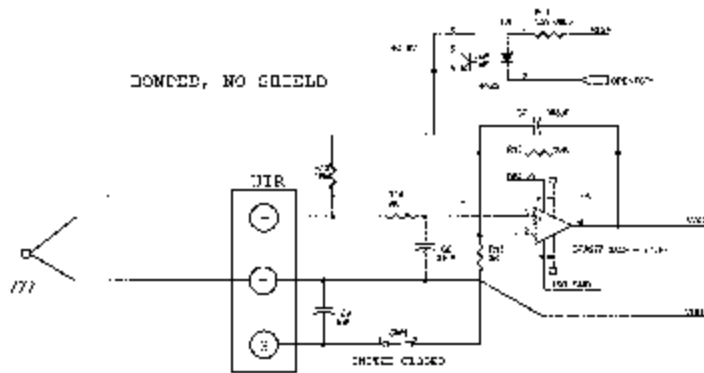


Figure 9 - Bonded Thermocouple, No Shield

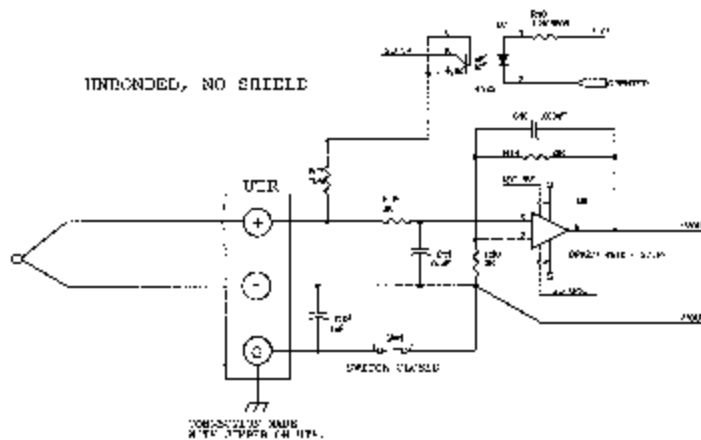


Figure 10 - Unbonded Thermocouple, No Shield

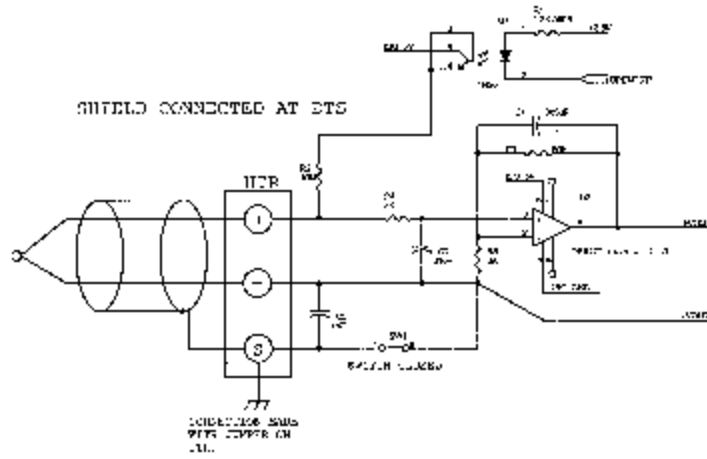


Figure 11 - Shielded Thermocouple, Shield connected at the DTS

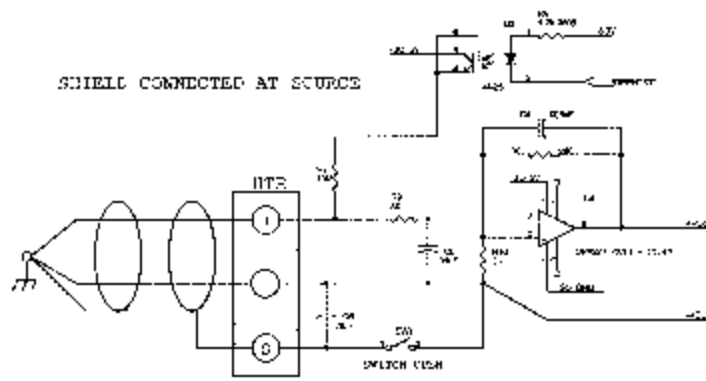


Figure 12 - Shielded Thermocouple, Shield connected at the source

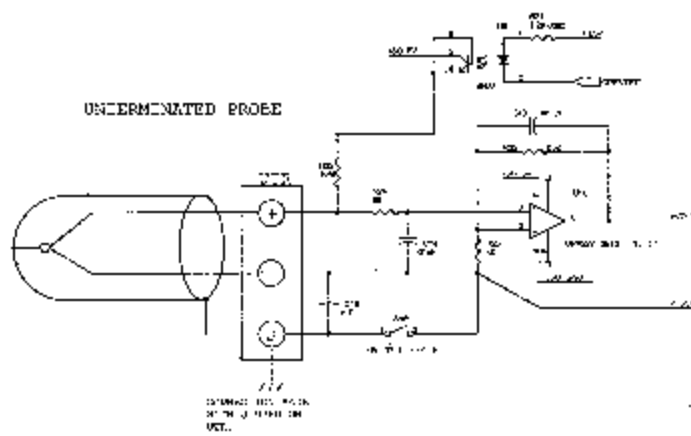


Figure 13 - Unterminated Probe

## RTD CORRECTION VARIABLES (Group RP)

VARIABLE	<b>RPT &lt;index&gt; &lt;volts applied&gt; &lt;counts applied&gt;</b>
VALID VALUES	Index - 0 to 7 Volts Applied - any valid number Counts Applied - any valid number
DEFAULT VALUE	Index - 0 Volts Applied - 0 Counts Applied - 0
DATA TYPE	Index - Integer Volts Applied - float Counts Applied - Integer
DESCRIPTION	This is the list of setpoints used to calibrate the RTD's. Both RTD's are corrected by the same setpoints.
EXAMPLE	The List RP command is used to view these variables. The variables are set to the following before the initial factory calibration: SET RPT 0 0.095000 1287022 SET RPT 1 0.105000 1557974 SET RPT 2 0.131000 1774736
NOTE	The values shown here are values for a perfect module. The actual calibration setpoints may be different.

## RTD CONVERSION VARIABLES (Group RTDP)

<p>VARIABLE</p> <p>VALID VALUES</p> <p>DEFAULT VALUE</p> <p>DATA TYPE</p> <p>DESCRIPTION</p> <p>EXAMPLE</p> <p>NOTE</p>	<p><b>RTDP &lt;channel&gt; &lt;index&gt; &lt;temp&gt; &lt;ohms&gt;</b></p> <p>Channel- 1 and 2</p> <p>Index - 0 to 7</p> <p>Temp - the temperature in degrees C at the ohms value</p> <p>Ohms - The resistance of the RTD at the indicated temp</p> <p>Channel- 0 and 1</p> <p>Index - 0 and 1</p> <p>Temp - 0 and 100</p> <p>Ohms - 100 and 138.5</p> <p>Channel- Integer</p> <p>Index - Integer</p> <p>Temp - float</p> <p>Ohms - float</p> <p>This is the list of conversion variables used to convert the resistance of each RTD to degrees C. Both RTD's are corrected by the same number of setpoints and by the same conversion type.</p> <p>The List RTDP command is used to view these variables.</p> <p>When all RTDP setpoints have been entered, a FILL command must be issued to generate RTDM1, RTDM2, RTDB1, AND RTDB2</p>
<p>VARIABLE</p> <p>VALID VALUES</p> <p>DEFAULT VALUE</p> <p>DATA TYPE</p> <p>DESCRIPTION</p>	<p><b>RTDNUMPT &lt;points&gt;</b></p> <p>0 to 8</p> <p>3</p> <p>integer</p> <p>Determines the number of setpoints in the RTD conversion calculation. If this variable is set to 0, The RTDP variables will not be used. RTDM1, RTDM2, RTDB1, and RTDB2 will be used instead.</p>
<p>VARIABLE</p> <p>VALID VALUES</p> <p>DEFAULT VALUE</p> <p>DATA TYPE</p> <p>DESCRIPTION</p>	<p><b>RTDNUMCOEF &lt;coef&gt;</b></p> <p>2</p> <p>2</p> <p>integer</p> <p>Determines the type of conversion calculation to be used. Currently only a slope-intercept conversion is enabled.</p> <p>2 - <math>y = mx + b</math> correction curve</p>
<p>VARIABLE</p> <p>VALID VALUES</p> <p>DEFAULT VALUE</p> <p>DATA TYPE</p> <p>DESCRIPTION</p>	<p><b>RTDX1 &lt;value&gt;</b></p> <p>any real number</p> <p>1.00000</p> <p>float</p> <p>The conversion factor for RTD1 to convert ohms to millivolts for temperature conversion.</p>

VARIABLE	<b>RTDX2 &lt;value&gt;</b>
VALID VALUES	any real number
DEFAULT VALUE	1.00000
DATA TYPE	float
DESCRIPTION	The conversion factor for RTD2 to convert ohms to millivolts for temperature conversion.

## CHANNEL GAIN CORRECTION VARIABLES (Group G)

VARIABLE	<b>GAIN &lt;channel&gt; &lt;gain value&gt;</b>
VALID VALUES	any real number
DEFAULT VALUE	1
DATA TYPE	float
DESCRIPTION	Sets the GAIN correction for a given channel using the formula:

$$\text{Adjusted Counts} = (\text{GAIN} * \text{counts}) + \text{OFFSET}.$$

## CHANNEL OFFSET CORRECTION VARIABLES (Group O)

VARIABLE	<b>OFFSET &lt;channel&gt; &lt;gain value&gt;</b>
VALID VALUES	any real number
DEFAULT VALUE	0
DATA TYPE	float
DESCRIPTION	Sets the OFFSET correction for a given channel using the formula:

$$\text{Adjusted Counts} = (\text{GAIN} * \text{counts}) + \text{OFFSET}.$$



## RTD CALIBRATION VARIABLES (Group U)

**VARIABLE** **MAXDELTA <value>**  
**VALID VALUES** any real number  
**DEFAULT VALUE** .25  
**DATA TYPE** Integer  
**DESCRIPTION** This is the maximum allowable difference between the readings of RDT1 and RTD2 in degrees C. If MAXDELTA exceeds this setpoint, an error is logged and bit 12 is set in the general status element of the data packet.

**VARIABLE** **RNUMPTS <points>**  
**VALID VALUES** 1 to 8  
**DEFAULT VALUE** 3  
**DATA TYPE** integer  
**DESCRIPTION** Determines the number of setpoints in the RTD correction list.

**VARIABLE** **RNUMCOEF <coef>**  
**VALID VALUES** 1 to 3  
**DEFAULT VALUE** 3  
**DATA TYPE** integer  
**DESCRIPTION** Determines the number of calibration coefficients in the RTD correction list.  
1 - Offset only  
2 -  $y = mx + b$  correction curve  
3 -  $y = ax^2 + bx + c$  correction curve

**VARIABLE** **RTDB1 <value>**  
**VALID VALUES** any real number  
**DEFAULT VALUE** -259.7403  
**DATA TYPE** float  
**DESCRIPTION** The "B" term in the conversion equation used to convert RTD #1 millivolts to degrees Celsius. The conversion formula is:

$$EC' \text{ millivolts} ( rtdM\%rtdB$$

VARIABLE	<b>RTDB2 &lt;value&gt;</b>
VALID VALUES	any real number
DEFAULT VALUE	-259.7403
DATA TYPE	float
DESCRIPTION	The "B" term in the conversion equation used to convert RTD #2 millivolts to degrees Celsius. The conversion formula is:

$$EC' \text{ millivolts} ( rtdM \% rtdB$$

VARIABLE	<b>RTDM1 &lt;value&gt;</b>
VALID VALUES	any real number
DEFAULT VALUE	2.59703
DATA TYPE	float
DESCRIPTION	The "M" term in the conversion equation used to convert RTD #1 millivolts to degrees Celsius. The conversion formula is:

$$EC' \text{ millivolts} ( rtdM \% rtdB$$

VARIABLE	<b>RTDM2 &lt;value&gt;</b>
VALID VALUES	any real number
DEFAULT VALUE	2.597403
DATA TYPE	float
DESCRIPTION	The "M" term in the conversion equation used to convert RTD #2 millivolts to degrees Celsius. The conversion formula is:

$$EC' \text{ millivolts} ( rtdM \% rtdB$$

## DTS Packet Definitions

When requested the DTS sends an application packet to the client. Each packet sent to the client starts with a Packet Type Word. This word defines the packet type.

### Packet Type Table

PACKET NAME	PACKET ID	BYTES	NOTES
Data	0Hex	168	
Host Control	1Hex	168	
Scan Raw	4Hex	70	Transmits Temperature data in binary, raw counts.
Scan EU	5Hex	104	Transmits Temperature data in binary, engineering units.
Scan Raw -Time	6Hex	38	Transmits Temperature data in binary, raw counts with a time stamp.
Scan EU - Time	7Hex	72	Transmits Temperature data in binary, engineering units with a time stamp.
ASCII	20Hex	Variable	Text Packet may be formatted or un-formatted. The format is determined by the setting of the FORMAT Configuration Variable. <b>NOTE:</b> When the first integer of the packet is 20Hex or greater, the packet is assumed to be in ASCII FORMAT.

## Host Control Packet: Type 1

### Command Packet

FUNCTION DESCRIPTION	BYTES	DESCRIPTION
Packet Type	4	0 = Data Packet, 1 = Host Control
Host ASCII Command Data (Refer to the Command Section of this manual for more information)	164	ASCII string received by DTS as the Host command. Each line must be terminated with a CR, LF, CR-LF or LF-CR.

## DTS to HOST Binary Data Packet

FUNCTION	BYTES	DATA TYPE	DESCRIPTION
Packet Type	4	Integer	0Hex
General Status	4	Integer	Bit 12 is set if errors exist
Frame Number	4	Integer	The current frame number if in the scan mode
Temperature 1 to 16	64	Float	Channel temperatures in units set by bits 4 - 6 of the General Status Bytes.
RTD1 Temperature	4	Float	RTD1 temperature in Raw counts or degrees Celsius.
RTD2 Temperature	4	Float	RTD2 temperature in Raw counts or degrees Celsius.
Time Stamp	4	Float	Time in units set by bit 8 of the General Status Bytes.
Channel Status 1 to 16	64	Integer	Bits 0 - 4: Thermocouple Type Bits 5 - 15: Error Codes Bits 16 - 31: Not Used
Spares	16	Integer	Spares

## ASCII Packet

This packet will be transmitted when the host issues one of the following commands:

- 1) SCAN with BIN set to 0
- 2) LIST n
- 3) ERROR
- 4) STATUS

FUNCTION DESCRIPTION	BYTES	DATA TYPE	VALUE
ASCII Data (The first two bytes must <b>NOT</b> be 1Hex through 1FHex). Refer to the Command Section of this manual for the proper Command return formats.	1 to 1492	String	Unique to Packet. Each line is terminated with a CR, LF, CR-LF, or LF-CR.

## Network Protocols Supported

Physical Layer :       10Base-T       IEEE 802.3  
Link Layer:            INTERNET Protocol (IP)  
Transport Layer: Transmission Control Protocol (TCP)  
                          User Datagram Protocol (UDP)

## DTS3250 Recommended Operation

1. Energize the unit and allow 3 hours for warm-up.
2. While the unit is warming up, connect the thermocouples to the inputs.
3. Verify that the thermocouple types are set correctly. The following command should be used:  
    List T 0           All channels will be listed. The thermocouple type will be shown as well as the shield connection. Refer to the figures in Thermocouple variable group section for more information.
4. Enter labels for the thermocouples, if desired. The current label entries may be viewed by the following command:  
    List LA            Labels may be changed by using the SET LABEL x function where x is the channel number.
5. Enter channel range limits. This is the number that will be displayed if the input exceeds the calibrated range of the unit. Refer to RANGEV and RANGET variables for more information.
6. Enter channel limits. These are the temperature limits that will be used for alarm outputs. The current channel limits may be viewed by typing:  
    List LI
7. Verify the SCAN variable settings. Type:  
    List S            The scan variables will be listed
8. When the unit has completed the warmup, Issue the following commands:  
    ADCAL            Re-zero the A/D converters  
    OTC             Test for open thermocouples  
    ERROR            Check for errors
9. If no errors are logged, the unit is ready for test.
10. It is also recommended that the user check for errors every time the ADCAL command is executed. If an A/D times out or does not respond correctly during the execution of that command, the A/D will be disabled in software. The only indication that this has occurred will be an error logged in the error buffer.

## Special Operational Notes

1. If any RTD reading is outside the range -10.0 °C to 70.0 °C, the last good reading is used. NO error will be logged.
2. If any thermocouple reading is outside the range -200.0 °C to 1800 °C, the last good reading is used. NO error will be logged.
3. If any A/D converters are disabled due to errors, an error will be logged and bit 12 of the channel status element in the data packet will be set.

## DTS3250 Boot Parameter Modification

The DTS3250 Series modules use an operating system licensed from VxWorks. The boot parameters are set at the factory, but these parameters may be modified to suit the needs of a specific installation. This section documents the modification of the boot parameters.

1. De-energize the DTS3250. Connect the DTS3250 trigger/serial test cable (Scanco part #155829) from the DTS3250 to a host PC.
2. Start HyperTerminal, or an equivalent communication program. Connect the DTS3250 to a COM port on the PC Host. Set the serial parameters to 9600 BAUD, no parity, 8 data bits and 1 stop bit.
3. Energize the DTS3250. The following sign-on information should be displayed.

```
VxWorks System Boot
Copyright 1984-1997 Wind River Systems, Inc.
```

```
CPU: HITACHI hs7709
Version: 5.3.1
BSP version: 1.1/0
Creation date: Feb 9 2000, 12:41:05
```

```
Scanivalve (c)2000, Boot loader version 1.01
Press any key to stop auto-boot...
```

4. Press any key within 3 seconds to stop the auto-boot process. If a key is not pressed within the 3 seconds time, the system will proceed to auto-boot with the existing operating system using the current setup.

NOTE: The boot-loader will continue to reboot until stopped by pressing a key under the following conditions:

- A. If boot-from-flash is selected, and no operating system is present in flash.
  - B. if boot-from-net is selected and the FTP server is not correctly set up.
5. When the auto-boot process is stopped, the boot-loader will prompt with:

```
[VxWorks Boot]:
```

To get a list of the existing boot parameters:

```
Type: p <Enter>
```

The following list is the default setup:

```
boot device           : cs
processor number      : 0
host name             : host
file name             : c:/DTS_hs/vxWorks.st
inet on ethernet (e) : 191.30.80.100
host inet (h)        : 191.30.101.109
user (u)              : DTS_HS
ftp password (pw)    : scanivalve
flags (f)            : 0x0
other (o)            : flash,000.096.093.218.000.002,10baseT
```

6. Modify the parameters as required by typing the change command at the [VxWorks Boot] prompt  
Type: c<Enter> The boot-loader prompts you for each parameter.  
  
If a particular field has the correct value and does not need to be changed,  
Press: <Enter>  
**NOTE:** If any other key is pressed, that will replace the existing information.  
  
To clear a field,  
Type: . <Enter>  
  
To quit before viewing all of the parameters,  
Type: CTRL+D.
7. After all changes have been made, verify the settings:  
Type: p<Enter> The settings are saved in flash at this point.
8. Restart the operating system, with the new settings,  
Type: @<Enter> This is the "Load and Go" command.
9. If the DTS3250 boots correctly, de-energize the DTS3250 and disconnect the serial test cable.
10. Re-apply power to the DTS3250.

## Boot parameters and their functions:

boot device	Must not be changed from cs
processor number	Must not be changed from 0
host name	Must not be changed from host.
file name	The full pathname of the operating system file name to be booted from, when booting from the network. The default path and file in this line is the path and file used at Scanivalve.
inet on ethernet(e)	The IP address of this DTS3250. The subnet mask may be specified when entering this parameter by entering a colon followed by the subnet mask in hex notation. I.e. 191.30.85.100:FFFFFF00
inet on backplane (b)	Must be left blank
host inet (h)	The IP address of the host to boot from.
gateway inet (g)	The IP address of a gateway node if the host is not on the same network as the DTS3250.
user (u)	The user name that the DTS3250 uses to access the host. This is the name that must be set up in the FTP server on the host. The FTP server must be set up to provide that user name with the proper permission to read from the host directory and the password must be set correctly.
ftp password (pw)	The user password. This must be supplied to boot from host.
flags (f)	Must be 0x0
target name (tn)	Must be blank
startup script (s)	Must be blank
other (o)	This specifies the place to boot from, the MAC address, and the network media. The line must not contain any spaces and each parameter is separated by a comma. The syntax is: <bootloc>,<mac address>,<media type> Valid values are case sensitive and are as follows: <bootloc> net - Boot from network flash - Boot from flash. <mac address> ddd.ddd.ddd.ddd.ddd.ddd <media type> 10base2 - 10Base2 type 10baset - 10BaseT type



## DTS3250 Operating System Upload

This section describes the method for upgrading and uploading a new operating system to the DTS3250. Two programs are used in the DTS3250, the boot-loader and the operating system/DTS3250 application, referred to as the operating system.

The purpose of the boot-loader is to start the operating system from local flash or from a location on the network, such as a disk file on a host PC and to allow setting of certain key operating system parameters. The boot-loader can only be installed with special flash programming equipment. However, the boot-loader, under most normal upgrade conditions, would not need to be changed.

When upgrading a new DTS3250 operating system, the following procedure should be followed:

1. Install an FTP server, on your host PC. Scanivalve Corp recommends the War Daemon FTP Server. The installation is described in the FTP Server Installation/Configuration Procedure.
2. Use the boot parameter modification procedure to modify the boot parameters:
  - A. Change the file name parameter to the location of the vxWorks.st file.
  - B. Insure that the user parameter is set to DTS\_HS. It must match the user in the FTP server. This name may be modified by a user
  - C. Set the password to scanivalve. It must match the password in the FTP server. The password may be modified by a user.
3. Connect to the DTS3250 using TelNet
4. Issue the "UPLOAD S <full file path>" command from TelNet. Only back slashes can be used in the path name and the S must be upper case.
5. Monitor the operation with the STATUS command. When it returns READY, the upload is complete. The upload will require about 2.5 minutes to complete. If READY is returned immediately, something has been entered incorrectly.
6. When the DTS3250 returns READY, The new operating system is installed in flash memory, but not in RAM.
7. The new operating system will be effective when power is recycled.

## DTS3250 Buffer Description

The DTS3250 buffer is a software buffer. It is set up as a FIFO. It is factory set to hold 10000 averaged frames of data. Each frame uses 292 bytes of memory.

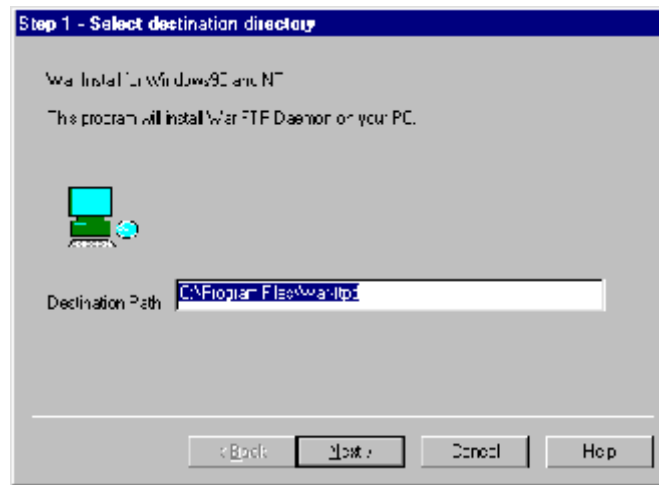
The software buffer is always in use regardless of the setting of QPKTS variable. The effect of QPKTS occurs when the buffer is filled. If QPKTS is set to 1, the scan will stop when the buffer is full. If QPKTS is set to 0, subsequent frames will be discarded when the buffer is full.

The buffer is the liaison between the scan task and the scan output task. The scan output task has a higher priority than the scan task. Under initial conditions, when the buffer is empty, the scan task places one frame of data in the buffer. It then signals the scan output task to read the buffer until it is empty. However, when multiple frames of data are in the buffer, the output task continues until the buffer is empty. Multiple frames of data will accumulate if the scan output task is blocked by the network while outputting data.

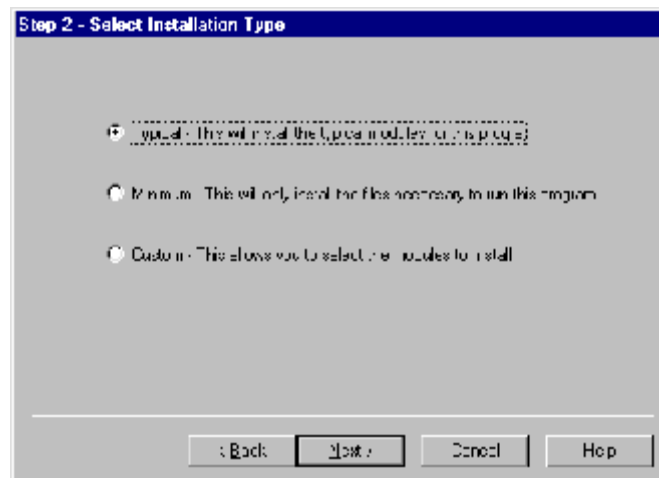
## WarFTP Server

### Installation

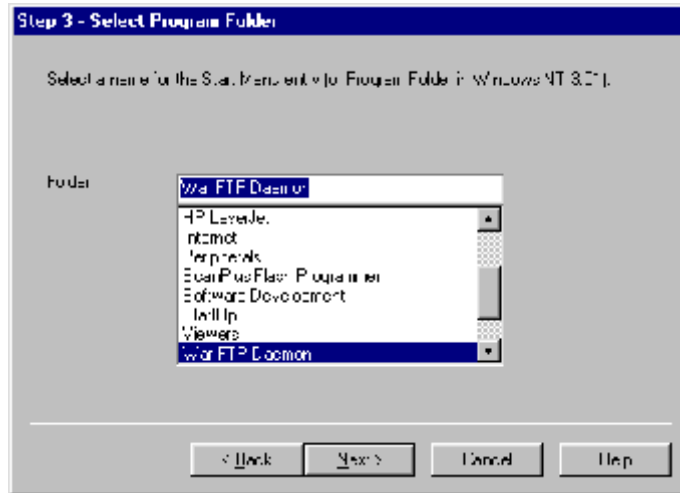
- Copy the file: Warftp.exe into a temporary directory.
  - Double click: Warftp.exe to unzip the installation files.
  - Double click: Setup.exe
- A window will open prompting for an installation directory. Click Next.



- A window will open prompting for an installation type.
- Select: Typical, and click Next.



A Window will open prompting for a program folder. Use the default folder, and click Next.



A window will open prompting to finish the installation.  
Click: Finish to complete the installation.



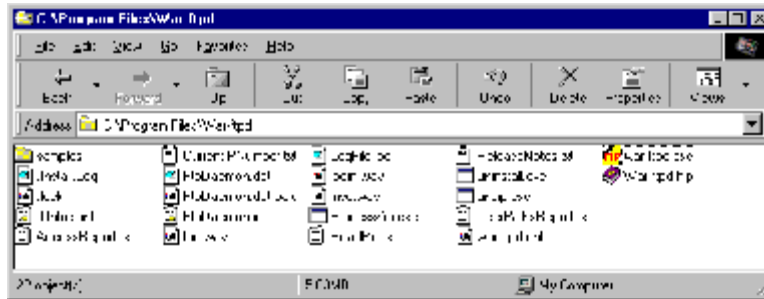
If the installation is successful, a window will open with this message. Click OK



Create a folder for the DTS files.  
Create the directory: C:\DTS\_HS.  
Copy the file: VxWorks into this directory.

## Configuration and Setup

Start the application by double clicking the war-ftpd.exe icon in the C:\Program Files\War-ftp directory.



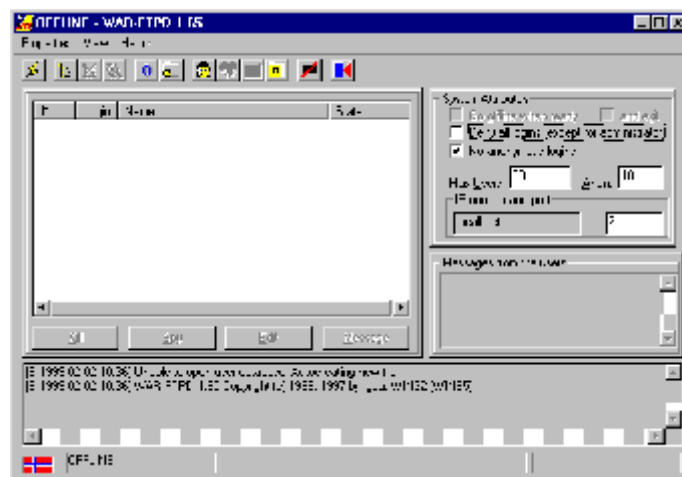
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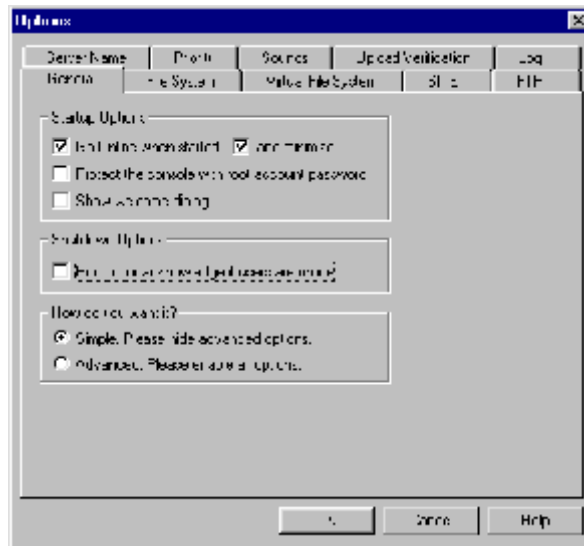


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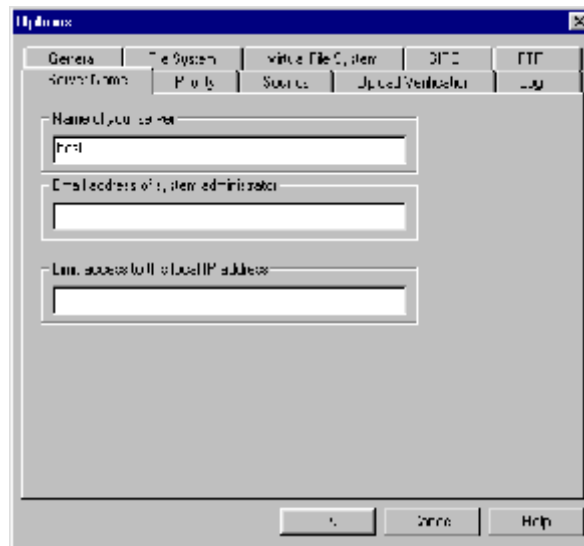
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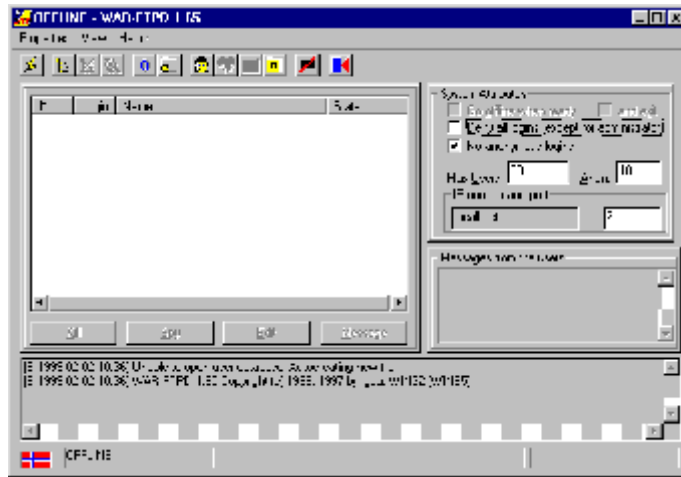
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Select the Server Name Tab.



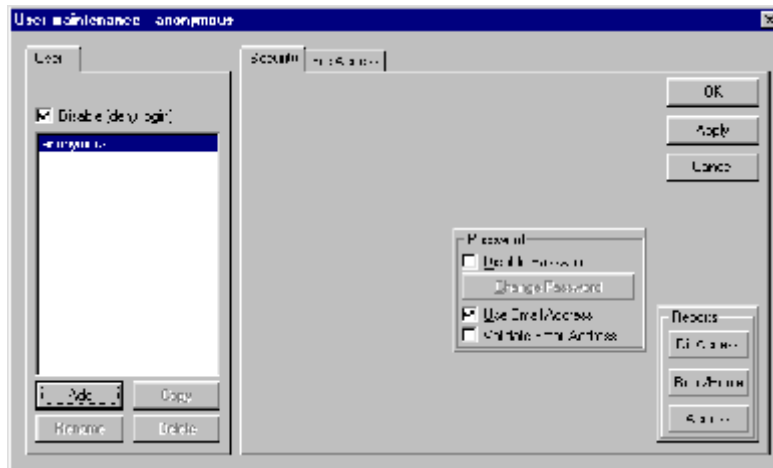
Enter a name for the FTP server.  
In this example the server will be named : host.  
Click OK.



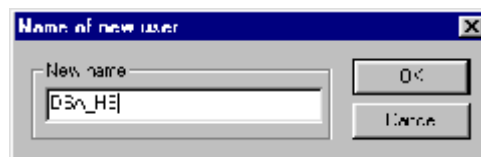
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 Open the User Maintenance window:  
 Click on the large smiling face icon



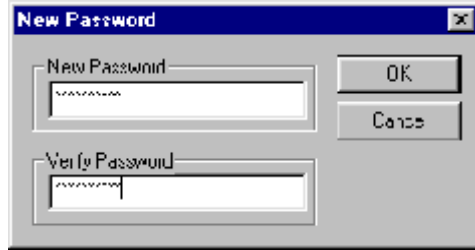
When the User Maintenance Window opens,  
 Click the Add button



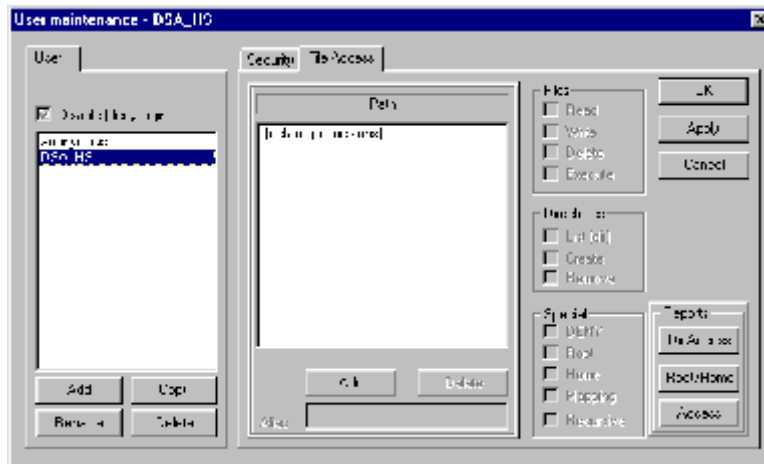
A window will open prompting a User name for the DTS  
 Enter a user name for the DTS.  
 For this example, the User Name will be: DTS\_HS  
 Click OK.



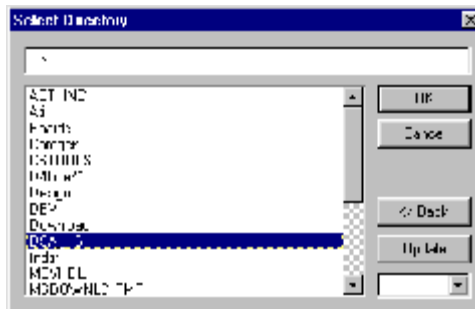
Another window will open prompting for a password  
Enter a password for the DTS.  
For this example, the password will be: scanivalve.  
Click OK.



The User Maintenance window will re-open.  
Highlight DTS\_HS  
Select the File Access Tab  
Click on the Add Button.



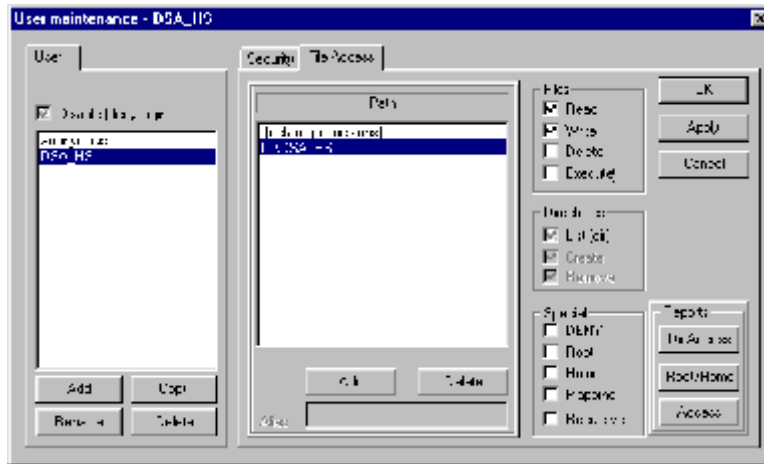
A Select Directory Window will open  
Highlight the DTS\_HS directory.  
Click OK.



Enable the Read and Write checkboxes in the Files frame.

Click : Apply

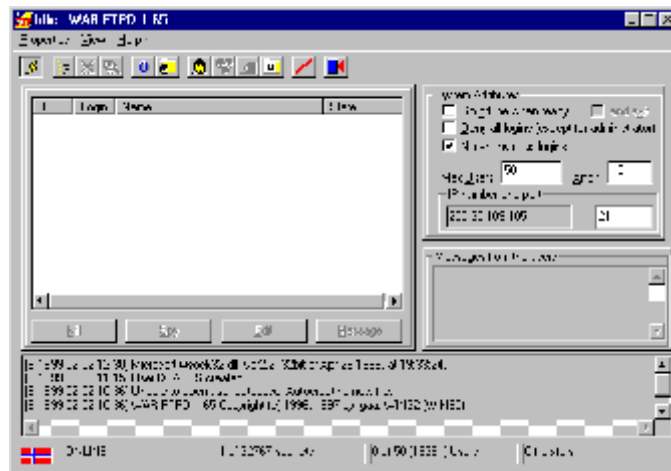
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The Main Window will re-open

Put the server online:

Click on the lightning bolt..



The WarFTP server is now ready

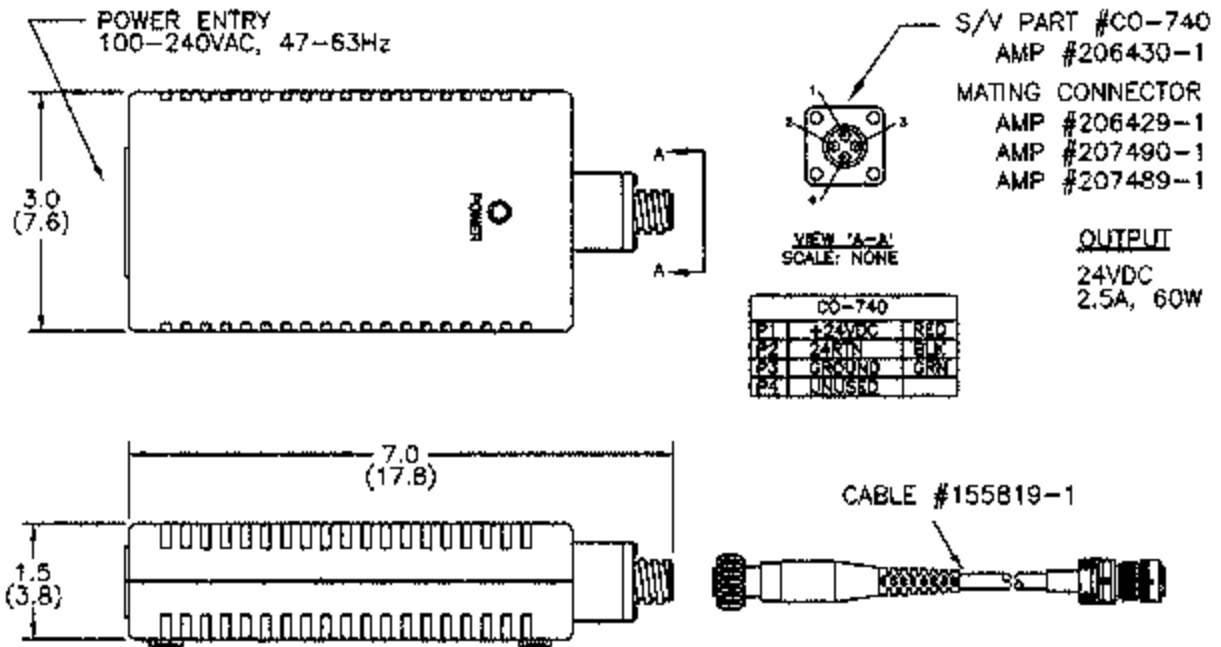
The server can be started manually as needed, or it could be configured to start automatically by placing a shortcut to War-Ftpd.exe in the Windows/Start Menu directory.



## Appendix A - Accessories

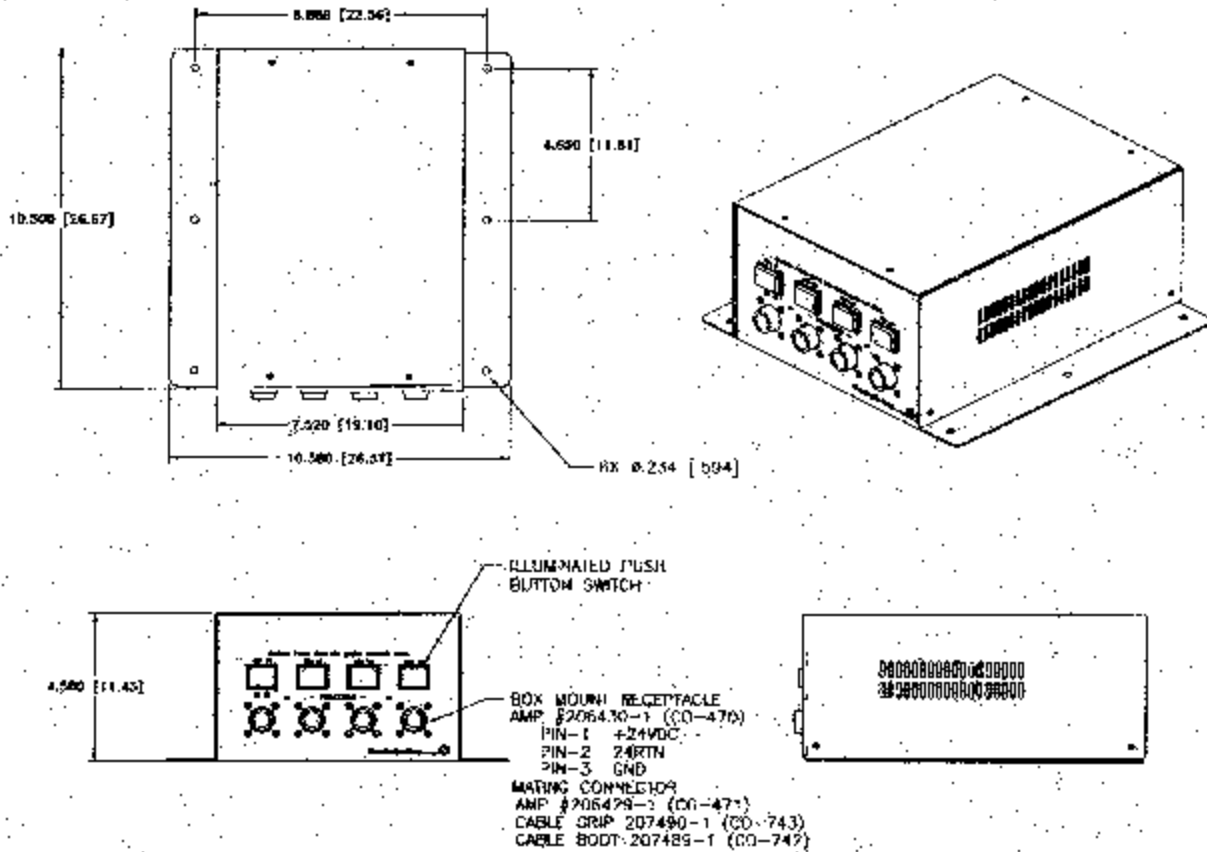
### Power Supply - PDM 1000

A single output 24 Vdc power supply is available as an accessory to the DTS3250. This power supply will drive one DTS3250. The Scanivalve part number is 145065-1. The unit will operate from 100 to 240 Vac at 47 to 63 Hz. The output is 24 Vdc at 2.5 A. A 10 foot (3 meter) interconnecting cable, Scanivalve part number 155819-1, is included. Longer cables are available. For more information on the power supply and cables, contact Scanivalve Corp, Customer Service Department.



## Power Supply - PDM 3000

For users with multiple DTS3250 units, A 24 Vdc power supply capable of powering multiple units is available. This power supply will drive up to four DTS3250s. The Scanivalve part number is 21080-1. The unit will operate from 88 to 264 Vac at 47 to 63 Hz. Each output is 24 Vdc at 2.5 A. Interconnecting cables are not included, but mating connectors are provided. Scanivalve Corp will manufacture interconnecting cables, if requested. A standard 10 foot (3 meter) interconnecting cable, Scanivalve part number 155819-1, is available. Longer cables are available on request. For more information on the power supply and cables, contact Scanivalve Corp, Customer Service Department.



## Appendix B - Thermocouple Information

### Thermocouple Basics

When two dissimilar metals are joined together to form a closed loop, and if one junction is held at a different temperature from the other, an Electromotive Force (EMF) is generated. The amount of EMF generated is predictable based on the materials used and the temperature of the junction.

The EMF is generated by the wires, not the junction. A temperature gradient must exist before the EMF can be generated.

Three laws have been established that govern thermoelectric circuits.

#### Law of Homogeneous Materials

A thermoelectric current cannot be sustained in a circuit of a single homogeneous material, however it varies in cross section, by the application of heat alone.

Simply stated, two different materials are required for any thermocouple circuit. If current can be detected in a homogeneous wire when it is heated, this is evidence that the wire is inhomogeneous.

#### Law of Intermediate Materials

The algebraic sum of the thermoelectromotive forces in a circuit composed of any number of dissimilar materials is zero if all of the circuit is at a uniform temperature.

This law states that a third homogeneous material can be added to a circuit with no effect on the net EMF of the circuit as long as temperature of the junctions remain the same.

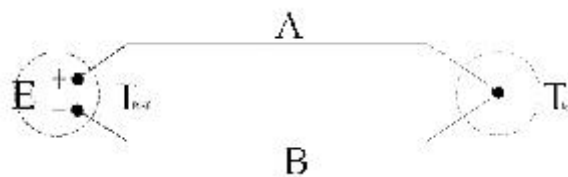
#### Law of Successive or Intermediate Temperature

If two dissimilar homogeneous materials produce a thermal EMF of  $E_1$  when the junctions are at temperature  $T_1$  and  $T_2$ , and a thermal EMF of  $E_2$  when the junctions are at  $T_2$  and  $T_3$ , the EMF generated when the junctions are at  $T_1$  and  $T_3$  will be  $E_1 + E_2$ .

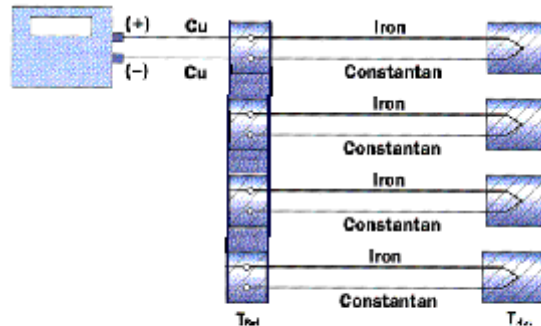
This law states that a thermocouple calibrated for one reference temperature can be used with any other reference temperature with a correction. Also, extension wires having the same characteristics as those of the thermocouple wires can be introduced to the circuit without affecting the circuit.

#### Thermocouple Circuits

A basic thermocouple circuit consists of two dissimilar homogeneous materials extending from the measuring junction to the reference junction.



When more than one thermocouple is to be measured, each thermocouple should be two continuous wires between the measuring and reference junctions. This is the most common circuit for thermoelectric testing.



### Thermocouple Accuracy

Thermocouple accuracy can be defined as relative and absolute accuracy.

#### Relative Accuracy

This is the ability of the system to repeat a given measurement. This depends upon the quality of the sensors, the measuring system used and how the system is installed.

#### Absolute Accuracy

This is the ability of the system to determine a standard accepted value. This can be achieved by calibration relative accepted and recognized standards.

### Thermocouple Calibration

Calibration will not change the characteristics of a thermocouple. It does validate the system and ensure proper readings by allowing corrections to be entered for each thermocouple in the system. Calibrations should conform to ISO 10012-1:1992.

## Sources of Error in Thermocouple Measurements

### Measuring Junction

The thermocouple junction at the temperature measuring point is the measuring junction. Errors at this point depend upon the age of the junction, the method of joining and materials used to form the junction. Generally, errors from the measuring junction are small.

### Extension Wires

Extension wires are any elements inserted between the measuring junction and the reference junction. Extension wires should have the same characteristics as the thermocouple wire. Extension wires introduce four junctions to each circuit. This can cause errors as large as  $\pm 2$  EC. The errors can be minimized by calibrating the system with the extension wires in place. If possible, extension wires should not be used.

#### Reference Junctions

The thermocouple junction maintained at a known temperature is the reference junction. Reference junctions can introduce errors as large as  $\pm 0.6$  EC.

#### Copper Connecting Wires

These wires are used to connect the reference junction to the measuring device. The errors caused by these wires are very small.

#### Thermocouple Switches

When used, these devices can induce errors as large as  $\pm 1$  EC. Switching should occur in the copper wires between the reference junction and the measuring device.

## Noise in Thermocouple Circuits

The external effects that can cause errors in thermocouple circuits include: electrical and magnetic fields, cross-talk, and common mode voltage.

Electric fields radiated from voltage sources are capacitively coupled to thermocouple extension wires. This imposes an AC voltage on the thermoelectric EMF. This can be minimized by shielding the thermocouple extension wire and grounding the shield.

Magnetic fields produce noise current in the thermocouple extension wire. This can be minimized by twisting the thermocouple extension wire pairs.

In a multipair thermocouple extension wire, adjacent pairs can pick up noise from a pulsating signal. This can be minimized by shielding the individual pairs.

Common mode noise will be generated if a grounded thermocouple is connected to a grounded instrument. This can be minimized by grounding the thermocouple and shield as close as possible to the measuring point.

## Thermocouple Design

The thermocouple used in an application should be selected specifically for the application.

### Size

The temperature sensed will be the average temperature across the length of the sensor.

### Shape

The shape must conform to the shape of the surface if the thermocouple is measuring surface temperatures.

### Response

The response time of a thermocouple is mass dependent. Therefore the size of the thermocouple must be small in relation to the object being measured. The response time should be approximately 5 times shorter than the fastest rate of temperature change to be monitored.

### Heat Conduction

Thermocouple extension wires can conduct heat into or out of the thermocouple. The wire must be insulated from the environment if this can occur.

### Sensor Position

The thermocouple measures the temperature of the object it is touching or the environment in which it is installed. Therefore the thermocouple must be positioned very carefully to insure that the temperature is being sensed at the correct point.

## Thermocouple Types and Descriptions

The DTS family of Temperature Scanners will accept inputs from Type E, J, K, N, R, S, and T Thermocouples. The accuracy of the measurement will depend upon the type of thermocouple and the quality of the extension wire used for the measurement.

### Type E - Chromel Constantan

Positive leg	90% nickel, 10% chromium
Negative leg	43% nickel, 57% copper
Range	-270 to 1000 EC
Usable range	0 to 900 EC
Notes	Highest EMF output per degree of all recognized thermocouples. Has similar drift between 316 and 593 EC as a Type K thermocouple

### Type J - Iron Constantan

Positive leg	100% iron
Negative leg	43% nickel, 57% copper
Range	-210 to 1200 EC
Usable range	0 to 816 EC
Notes	Not susceptible to aging from 371 to 538 EC. Very stable, should be used with a 96% pure MgO insulation and stainless steel sheath to prevent corrosion of the iron lead. Most commonly used thermocouple.

Type K - Chromel Alumel	
Positive leg	90% nickel, 10% chromium
Negative leg	95% nickel, 2% aluminum, 2% manganese, 1% silicon
Range	-270 to 1372 EC
Usable range	-36 to 1260 EC
Notes	Not recommended from 316 to 593 EC because of aging that can cause drift rates of 2 EC in a few hours. Best used when corrosion may be a problem.
Type N	
Positive leg	14% chromium, 1.4% silicon, 84.6% nickel
Negative leg	95.6% nickel, 4.4% silicon
Range	-270 to 1372 EC
Usable range	0 to 1260 EC
Notes	Less aging from 316 to 593 EC than a Type K thermocouple.
Type R	
Positive leg	87% platinum, 13% rhodium
Negative leg	100% platinum
Range	-50 to 1767 EC
Usable range	0 to 1482 EC
Notes	Has a higher output than Type S thermocouples. Easily contaminated. This thermocouple should be protected by compacted mineral insulation and a metal outer sheath.
Type S	
Positive leg	90% platinum, 10% rhodium
Negative leg	100% platinum
Range	-50 to 1767 EC
Usable range	0 to 1482 EC
Notes	Easily contaminated. This thermocouple should be protected with a gas tight ceramic tube, a secondary tube of porcelain and a silicon carbide or metal outer tube.
Type T - Copper Constantan	
Positive leg	Pure copper
Negative leg	43% nickel, 57% copper
Range	-270 to 400 EC
Usable range	-262 to 350 EC
Notes	Good for low temperature and cryogenic applications

## International Thermocouple and Extension Wire Color Codes

Country	USA	USA	United Kingdom	United Kingdom	Germany	Japan	France
Standard	ANSI MC96.1 T/C	ANSI MC96.1 Extension	BS 1843	BS 4937	DIN 43714	JIS C1610-1981	NFE C42-323
E Overall E Positive E Negative	Brown Purple Red	Purple Purple Red	Brown Brown Blue	Brown Brown Blue	Black Red Black	Purple Red White	-----
J Overall J Positive J Negative	Brown White Red	Black White Red	Black Yellow Blue	Black Black White	Blue Red Blue	Yellow Red White	Black Yellow Black
K Overall K Positive K Negative	Brown Yellow Red	Yellow Yellow Red	Red Brown Blue	Green Green White	Green Red Green	Blue Red White	Yellow Yellow Purple
N Overall N Positive N Negative	Brown Orange Red	Orange Orange Red	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
R Overall R Positive R Negative	-----	Green Black Red	Green White Blue	Orange Orange White	White Red White	Black Red White	Green Yellow Green
S Overall S Positive S Negative	-----	Green Black Red	Green White Blue	Orange Orange White	White Red White	Black Red White	Green Yellow Green
T Overall T Positive T Negative	Brown Blue Red	Blue Blue Red	Blue White Blue	Brown Brown White	Brown Red Brown	Brown Red White	Blue Yellow Blue



## Appendix C - DTS 3250 Calibration Procedure

### Introduction

A Digital Thermocouple Scanner must be calibrated in a very specific order. First the RTD's must be tested and a correction factor calculated. Then the RTD circuit must be calibrated using a voltage source. A voltage source must then be used to input millivolt signals to each of the input channels to verify the accuracy of each channel. Finally, a thermocouple simulator should be used to verify that the conversion algorithm in the software is functioning correctly.

### Equipment Required

Secondary Voltage Standard. Accuracy equal to or better than  $\pm 0.01\%$  rdg.  
Digital Volt/Ohmmeter Accuracy equal to or better than  $\pm 0.01\%$  FS  
Oven capable of maintaining temperatures from -20EC to 50EC  
Scanivalve Field Calibration Kit  
Ice Point Reference  
Thermocouple Simulator  
DTS Hardware and Software Manual

### Procedure

1. Set the DTS on a bench and remove the non-conductive cover plates. Disconnect RTD1 from J1 and install the RTD simulator contained in the Field Calibration Kit. Replace the cover plates.

### RTD Circuit Calibration

2. Energize the DTS and allow a minimum of 4 hours for warm up.
3. Open a TelNet session on the Host computer and connect to the DTS.
4. Verify the RTD calibration configuration variables.

Type: **LIST C**<Enter>

The DTS should return:

SET NUMCOEF 3

SET NUMPTS 8

SET CALAVG 16

These variables must be set to the values shown.

The **NUMCOEF** and **NUMPTS** terms determine what type of conversion will be used. The **NUMCOEF** term identifies the correction curve and **NUMPTS** identifies the number of calibration points. If **NUMCOEF** is set to 3, the correction will be a second order polynomial. It is recommended that a minimum of 4 calibration points be used with a second order polynomial.

5. Verify the RTD coefficient settings

Type: **LIST U**<Enter>

The DTS will return:

**SET RTDM1 xxxxx**

**SET RTDM2 xxxxx**

**SET RTDB1 xxxxx**

**SET RTDB2 xxxxx**

**SET RNUMCOEF 3** This indicates a second order polynomial correction

**SET RNUMPTS 8** This indicates 8 calibration points

**SET MAXDELTA 1.000000**

Verify that these values match the certification sheet. If the RTD has been re-certified, enter the new coefficients.

6. Calibrate the A/D converters.

Type: **ADCAL**<Enter> The A/D converters will be rezeroed. This will require approximately one minute if the DTS is configured to the settings in step 4.

7. Enter the first calibration point. Connect the Digital Voltmeter to the RTD simulator. Adjust the RTD simulator so the voltmeter reads as close to 95.000 mv as possible.

Record the reading\_\_\_\_\_ and,

Type: **RPT 0 [millivolt reading]**<Enter>

The DTS will process this point. This will require approximately 8 seconds.

8. Enter the second calibration point. Adjust the simulator so the voltmeter reads as close to 100.000 mv as possible.

Record the reading\_\_\_\_\_ and,

Type: **RPT 1 [millivolt reading]**<Enter>

The DTS will process this point. This will require approximately 8 seconds.

9. Enter the third calibration point. Adjust the simulator so the voltmeter reads as close to 105.000 mv as possible.

Record the reading\_\_\_\_\_ and,

Type: **RPT 2 [millivolt reading]**<Enter>

The DTS will process this point. This will require approximately 8 seconds.

10. Enter the fourth calibration point. Adjust the simulator so the voltmeter reads as close to 110.000 mv as possible.

Record the reading\_\_\_\_\_ and,

Type: **RPT 3 [millivolt reading]**<Enter>

The DTS will process this point. This will require approximately 8 seconds.

11. Enter the fifth calibration point. Adjust the simulator so the voltmeter reads as close to 115.000 mv as possible.  
 Record the reading\_\_\_\_\_ and,  
 Type: **RPT 4 [millivolt reading]**<Enter>  
 The DTS will process this point. This will require approximately 8 seconds.
12. Enter the sixth calibration point. Adjust the simulator so the voltmeter reads as close to 120.000 mv as possible.  
 Record the reading\_\_\_\_\_ and,  
 Type: **RPT 5 [millivolt reading]**<Enter>  
 The DTS will process this point. This will require approximately 8 seconds.
13. Enter the seventh calibration point. Adjust the simulator so the voltmeter reads as close to 125.000 mv as possible.  
 Record the reading\_\_\_\_\_ and,  
 Type: **RPT 6 [millivolt reading]**<Enter>  
 The DTS will process this point. This will require approximately 8 seconds.
14. Enter the eighth calibration point. Adjust the simulator so the voltmeter reads as close to 131.000 mv as possible.  
 Record the reading\_\_\_\_\_ and,  
 Type: **RPT 7 [millivolt reading]**<Enter>  
 The DTS will process this point. This will require approximately 8 seconds.
15. Verify that all points were entered correctly.  
 Type: **LIST RP**<Enter>  
 Re-enter any point that was not entered correctly.
16. When all of the points have been entered correctly,  
 Type: **FILL**<Enter> Calculate the correction table  
 Type: **SAVE**<Enter> Save the data
17. Verify that the RTD millivolt readings are identical:  
 Type: **SET UNITS V**<Enter> Change the Unit conversion to raw volts  
 Type: **SCAN**<Enter> Display the data  
 Use the RTD Simulator to input several voltages and verify the readings
18. Close the TelNet session. De-energize the DTS. Disconnect the RTD simulator and re-connect the RTD. Re-install the phenolic cover plates. Re-apply power to the DTS. Re-open the TelNet session.

## Input Channel Calibration

19. Set the engineering unit conversion to millivolts.
20. Bus all of the positive inputs together using tinned copper wire. Bus all of the Negative inputs together using tinned copper wire.
21. Connect the Voltage Standard to the channel inputs.

Type: **LIST C**<Enter>

The DTS will return a list of the calibration setup variables. **NUMCOEF** will give the number coefficients to be calculated. The number 3 indicates a second order polynomial correction. **NUMPTS** lists the number of calibration points to be used. The minimum is 2, the maximum is 8. It is recommended that a second order polynomial be used for the correction with 8 calibration points.

22. The DTS amplifier will operate from -10.000 mv to +70.000 mv. The calibration points should include the voltage extremes. The intermediate points can be equally spaced. For example, an eight point calibration would use -10.000 mv, 0 mv, +12.000 mv, +24.000 mv, +36.000 mv, +48.000 mv, +60.000 mv, and +70.000 mv. A four point calibration would use -11.000 mv, +16.000 mv, +43.000 mv, and 70.000 mv. This procedure assumes that an eight point calibration will be used.
23. Set the Voltage Standard to -10.000 mv.  
Type: **PT [channel] 0 .010000**<Enter>  
This will enter the first calibration point. The command must be entered in this format only. The DTS will only accept the voltage input as volts, not millivolts. The DTS will require approximately 8 seconds to process the data.
24. Set the Voltage Standard to +0.000 mv.  
Type: **PT [channel] 1 .000000**<Enter>  
This will enter the second calibration point. The DTS will require approximately 8 seconds to process the data.
25. Set the Voltage Standard to +12.000 mv.  
Type: **PT [channel] 2 .012000**<Enter>  
This will enter the third calibration point. The DTS will require approximately 8 seconds to process the data.
26. Set the Voltage Standard to +24.000 mv.  
Type: **PT [channel] 3 .024000**<Enter>  
This will enter the fourth calibration point. The DTS will require approximately 8 seconds to process the data.
27. Set the Voltage Standard to +36.000 mv.  
Type: **PT [channel] 4 .036000**<Enter>  
This will enter the fifth calibration point. The DTS will require approximately 8 seconds to process the data.

28. Set the Voltage Standard to +48.000 mv.  
Type: **PT [channel] 5 .048000<Enter>**  
This will enter the sixth calibration point. The DTS will require approximately 8 seconds to process the data.
29. Set the Voltage Standard to +60.000 mv.  
Type: **PT [channel] 6 .060000<Enter>**  
This will enter the seventh calibration point. The DTS will require approximately 8 seconds to process the data.
30. Set the Voltage Standard to +70.000 mv.  
Type: **PT [channel] 7 .070000<Enter>**  
This will enter the eighth calibration point. The DTS will require approximately 8 seconds to process the data.
31. Verify that the calibration points were entered correctly for each channel.  
Type: **LIST P [channel]<Enter>**  
Repeat any point that is incorrect.
32. If the calibration points are correct, fill the calibration table.  
Type: **FILL<Enter>**
33. Save the data.  
Type: **SAVE<Enter>**

### Algorithm Verification

34. If the Thermocouple simulator has the capability to use an external reference junction input, remove the 10-32 screw from the DTS UTR and connect the remote RTD from the Field Calibration Kit.  
**NOTE:** If the Thermocouple simulator cannot use an external reference junction. A correction will have to be applied based on the difference between the reference junction temperature of the simulator and the temperature of the DTS UTR.
35. Connect the T/C simulator to one or more channels.
36. Set the Engineering Unit Conversion to the temperature scale to be tested.
37. Set the Channels to be tested to the type of thermocouple to be tested.
38. Input several temperatures and verify that any errors do not exceed the errors listed in the specifications section of the DTS 3250 Manual. Thermocouple accuracy should only be verified over the normal usable range of any thermocouple type. Refer to the charts in the DST3250 manual or the Scanivalve Corp Pressure/Temperature Handbook for this information.

## Appendix D - Change Log

Version 2.00 - Released March 2001  
First Release

Version 2.01 - Released March 2001  
Added a Software Trigger Function  
Modified several default values to facilitate initial factory calibrations  
Modified the response of the software to a SET Value command if the Value is not changed  
Added STATUS returns when in the Binary mode  
Added variables to better calibrate the RTD's  
RTDP  
RTDNUMPT  
RTDNUMCOEF  
RTDX1  
RTDX2  
Added a command to list the new variables  
LIST RTDP  
Added capability to send Binary data out the TelNet port  
Improved the accuracy of the conversion algorithm

Version 2.02 - Released April 27,2001  
Improved the stability of the RTD readings  
Added a debug switch input for troubleshooting new boards

Version 2.03 - Released June 2001  
Added the AUTOSTATUS command  
Added SET TYPE to the mode list  
Added Range features  
Added Limits for alarms  
Increased the speed of SET PERIOD  
Added Labels for the T/C channels  
Added Titles  
Corrected a bug in the ASCII format and un-formatted decimal alignments  
Improved the RTD conversion algorithm  
Set the Output socket to non-blocking at data out  
Added REBOOT command