



# Digi Connect Sensor+

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## I/O Wiring Guide

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## Digi Connect Sensor+ Wiring Guide

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Digi Connect Sensor+ is a low-power cellular sensor gateway for wireless drop-in networking to remotely monitor industrial environments and control systems, such as pipeline flow, air pressure, and light levels. To power the Connect Sensor+, use either the internal battery or an external power source, such as solar panels, for setups with no power or limited power.

Connect Sensor+ includes an external input/output (I/O) interface inside a waterproof enclosure for connecting third-party sensors. The sensors gather information (sensor readings) from their environment, and Connect Sensor+ reports that information to Digi Remote Manager® using a low-bandwidth cellular connection. You can sign in to your Remote Manager account to view the reports or use the Digi Connect Wizard app on a mobile device and pair it with a nearby Connect Sensor+ to view real-time sensor and device data in the field.

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**Note** Make sure there is adequate cellular network coverage where you plan to install the gateway before purchasing cellular service.

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This guide shows you how to wire analog or digital I/O sensors and power to the Connect Sensor+. See the [Digi Connect Sensor+ User Guide](#) for details about setting up the Connect Sensor+ device, configuring sensors and reports, and viewing sensor data.

## About the Digi Connect Sensor+ I/O interface

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You can wire analog and digital inputs and outputs on the Connect Sensor+ general purpose I/O interface.

**Note** If you are using a Modbus-enabled external sensor device, you must wire the sensor device to a serial output.

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Make sure the Connect Sensor+ has cellular connectivity before wiring sensors to the I/O interface. After setting up the Connect Sensor+ and wiring the I/O interface, use Remote Manager to remotely configure I/O settings.

## Safety notices and certifications

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See the [Digi Connect Sensor+ User Guide](#) for details about safety and certification for the Digi Connect Sensor+.

## Continuous Monitoring firmware

When you update the Connect Sensor+ with the Continuous Monitoring firmware option, the Connect Sensor+ supports only one power output (A1 Pwr), which is on all the time. Multiple sensors can share this supply, but all sensors must have the same input voltage and must be wired to A1 Pwr.

### Use a Modbus-enabled device with Continuous Monitoring firmware

If you have a Modbus-enabled device that must get power from the Connect Sensor+, the Modbus device must be wired to the serial power output. However, if you have updated the Connect Sensor+ with the Continuous Monitoring firmware option, the Modbus device must be wired to A1 Pwr (analog interface 1 power output). The Modbus device must have the same input voltage as any other device wired to A1 Pwr.

## Closing the Connect Sensor+

The Connect Sensor+ enclosure with a gasket may require some force to close. This is intended as part of the design to ensure a robust seal in damp or dusty environments.

All Connect Sensor+ products are shipped to you closed. You will need to open the device to install the battery and to wire third-party sensors to the Connect Sensor+ I/O interface.

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**Note** Using gaskets, seals, glands or plugs other than those supplied by Digi may void certifications and regulatory approvals.

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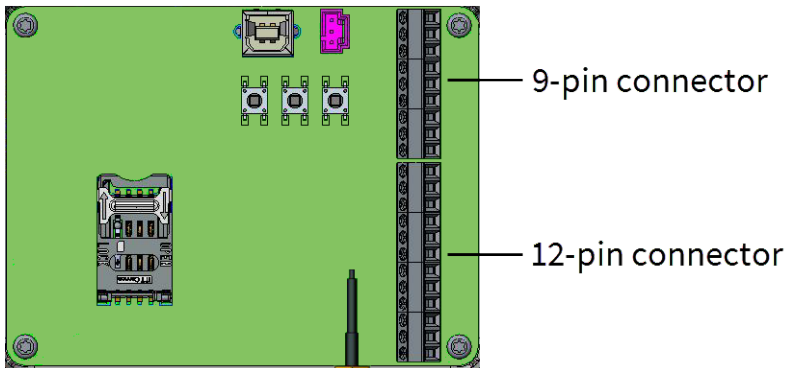
If you have problems closing the enclosure after either of these operations, please follow these instructions:

1. Ensure the gasket is fully seated in the groove on the enclosure.
2. Place the device on a flat, stable surface.
3. Apply pressure to the top of the Connect Sensor+ and pull the front door clip closed with your finger.

## I/O interface pin assignments

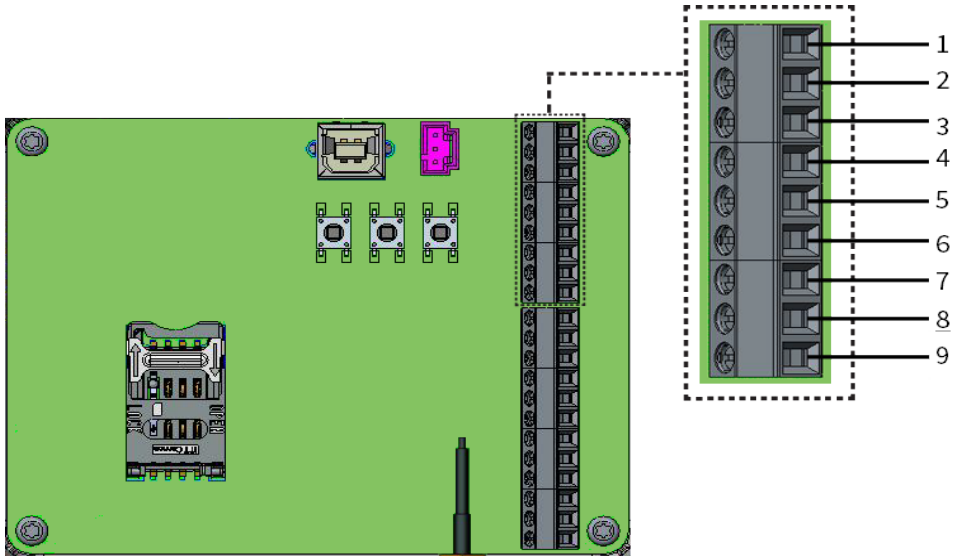
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The Connect Sensor+ has two I/O connectors—a 9-pin connector and a 12-pin connector.



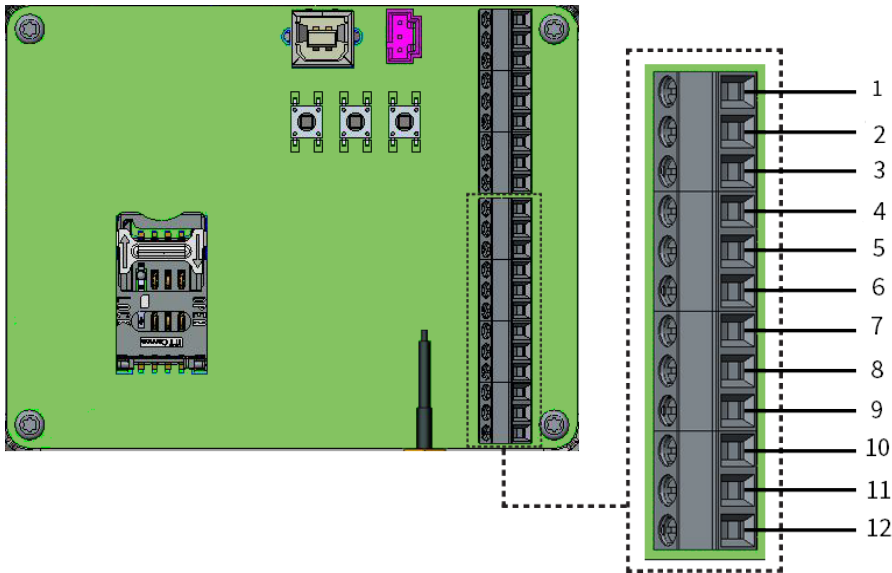
The pin assignments and signals are shown in the following images and tables.

### 9-pin connector details



Pin number	Assignment	Signal
1	SGnd	Serial interface ground
2	SRX/-	Serial interface Modbus -
3	STX/+	Serial interface Modbus +
4	SPwr	Serial interface power output
5	EXT GND IN	External power supply, ground
6	EXT PWR IN	External power supply, positive input
7	DGnd	Digital interface, ground
8	DIO	Digital interface I/O
9	DPwr	Digital interface power output

### 12-pin connector details



Pin number	Assignment	Signal
1	A4 GND	Analog interface 4, ground
2	A4 IN	Analog interface 4, analog input
3	A4 Pwr	Analog interface 4, power output
4	A3 GND	Analog interface 3, ground
5	A3 IN	Analog interface 3, analog input
6	A3 Pwr	Analog interface 3, power output



<b>Pin number</b>	<b>Assignment</b>	<b>Signal</b>
7	A2 GND	Analog interface 2, ground
8	A2 IN	Analog interface 2, analog input
9	A2 Pwr	Analog interface 2, power output
10	A1 GND	Analog interface 1, ground
11	A1 IN	Analog interface 1, analog input
12	A1 Pwr	Analog interface 1, power output

## Wire sensors to the I/O interface

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This section explains how to wire sensors to the Connect Sensor+, using the cable glands on the device.

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To wire third-party sensors to the Connect Sensor+ I/O interface, you need the following equipment:

- A slot-headed 0.4 x 2.5 x 80 mm screwdriver
- Wire size 1.29-0.25 mm (16-30 AWG) for each pin connector

**Note** All external or field wiring must be in accordance with NFPA 70 Article 501.10(B).

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To wire sensors to the I/O interface:

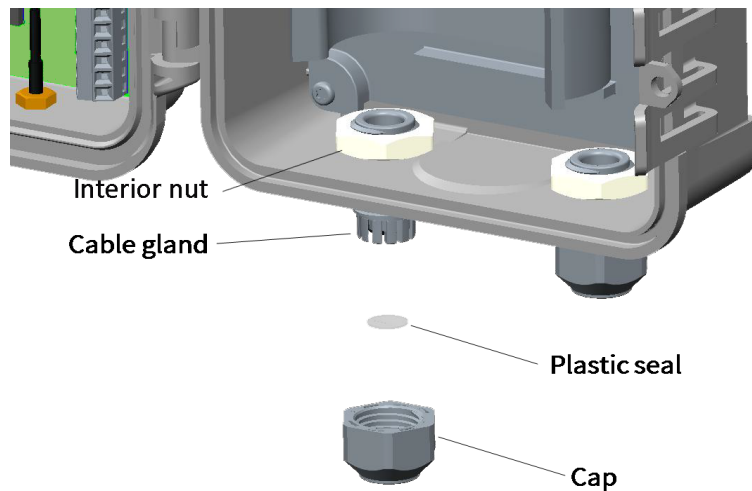
1. Open the Connect Sensor+ enclosure and disconnect all power sources.



**CAUTION!** You must disconnect power from the Connect Sensor+ before wiring sensors to the I/O interface.

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2. Unscrew the gland cap and remove the plastic seal.

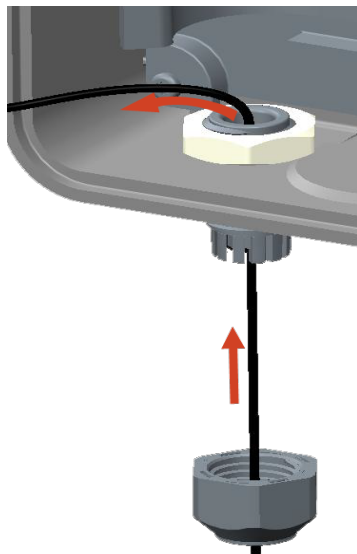


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**Note** For an unused cable gland, make sure the plastic hole cover stays in place to keep it sealed. Over tightening an unused cable gland cap can force out the plastic hole cover, unsealing the cable gland.

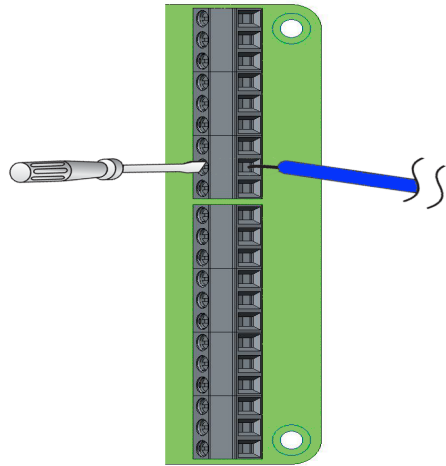
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3. Run the sensor cable through the cap and thread it through the cable gland.



4. Use the screwdriver to loosen the I/O interface connector screw.
5. Slide the wire into the terminal side of the connector.

6. Tighten the screw to 0.2 N-m to secure the wire to the connector.



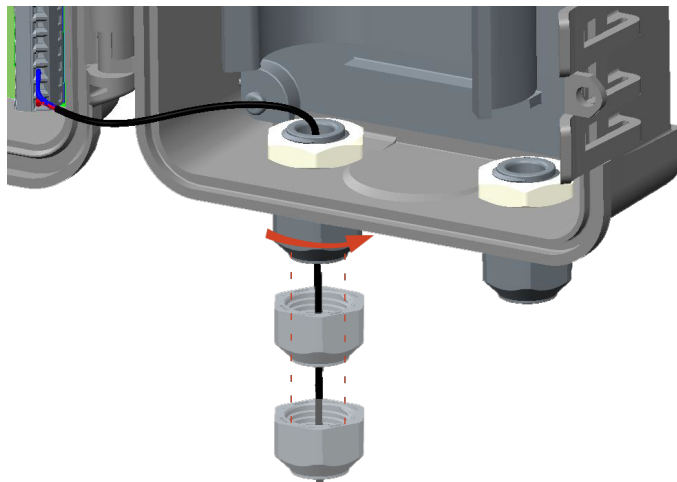
7. Seal and secure the wire.
  - a. Hold the cable gland and tighten the interior nut to secure the rubber seal between the device and the cable gland. This ensures that the rubber seal does not buckle.

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**Note** If the rubber seal is buckled, water intrusion may occur.

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- b. Tighten the cap to the cable gland to seal and secure the wire.



8. Close the cover on the device. The cover snaps into place.

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**Note** The Connect Sensor+ enclosure may require some force to close. This is intended as part of the design to ensure a robust seal in damp or dusty environments. For details about closing the Connect Sensor+ enclosure, see [Closing the Connect Sensor+](#).

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## Power options

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The following sections provide details about powering the Connect Sensor+ and its sensors.

### Power the Digi Connect Sensor+

While the Connect Sensor+ has an internal battery for power, you can use an external power source, such as solar panels or other DC sources. For an external power source, use the **external power input** to power the Connect Sensor+.

Note the following:

- When the Connect Sensor+ is connected to an external power source, the external power source becomes the primary power source and the internal battery becomes a backup power source. If the external power source is unable to power the Connect Sensor+ (such as when it has an unacceptable voltage range), it automatically switches to the internal battery as the power source.
- The external power inputs accept a DC range of 8-30 VDC.

### Power the sensors

The Connect Sensor+ can power sensors using the analog, digital, or serial power outputs. The power outputs can supply one of four output voltages to a sensor. Configure the power options in Remote Manager; see the [Digi Connect Sensor+ User Guide](#).

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**Note** If you have a Modbus-enabled device that must get power from the Connect Sensor+, the Modbus device must be wired to the serial power output. For more information, see [Continuous Monitoring firmware](#).

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Note the following:

- The sensor power output voltage options are:
  - 3.3 VDC
  - 5 VDC
  - 15 VDC
  - 24 VDC
- The maximum output current for each sensor power output connector is 200 mA.

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**Note** When using continuous monitoring, the combined maximum output current for ALL sensors is 200 mA.

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## Analog input

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The analog inputs have the following modes of operation, which are disabled by default. You can enable or disable the modes, but use only one mode for each input.

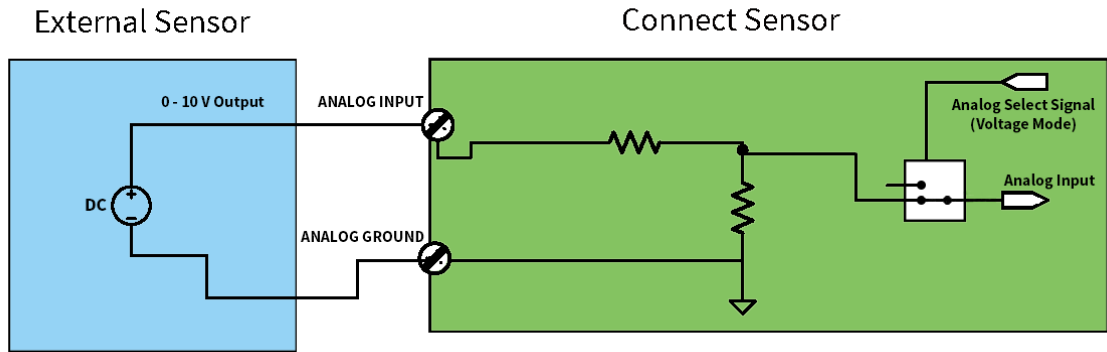
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## Voltage input

The Connect Sensor+ can monitor a voltage input from 0 V to 10 V. The following schematics show wiring options for 0-10 V input.

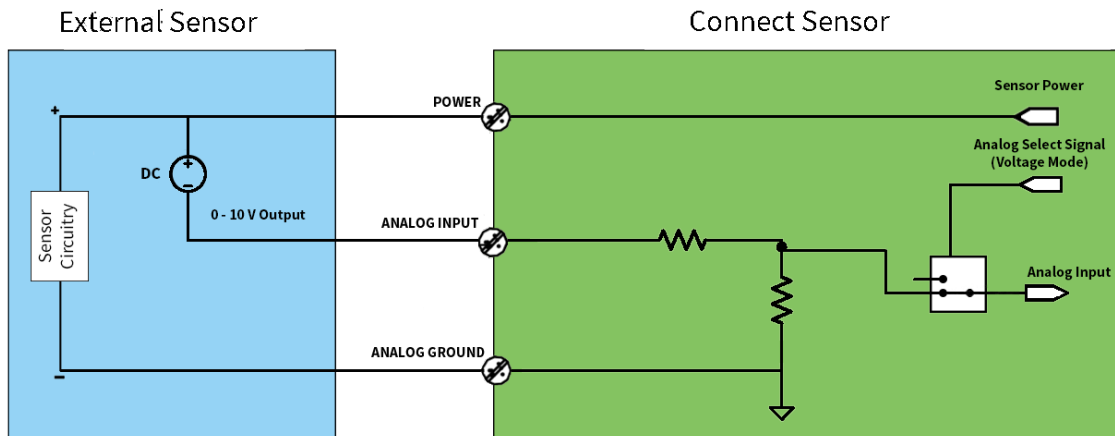
### Self-powered

This figure shows the schematic when the external sensor is self-powered or powered from a source other than the Connect Sensor+.



### 3-wire sensors

This figure shows the schematic when using power from the Connect Sensor+ to power the sensor.



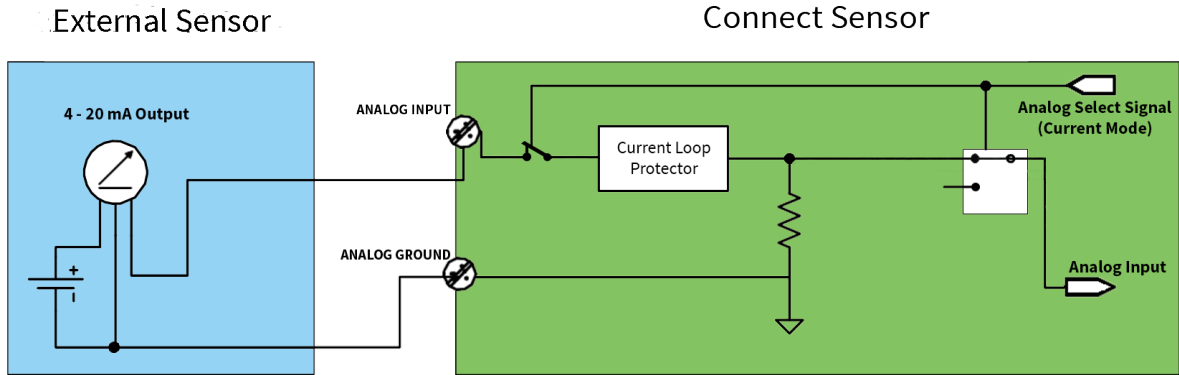
## Current loop

The Connect Sensor+ can monitor a current input from 4 mA to 20 mA. The following schematics show wiring options for 4-20 mA inputs.



### Self-powered

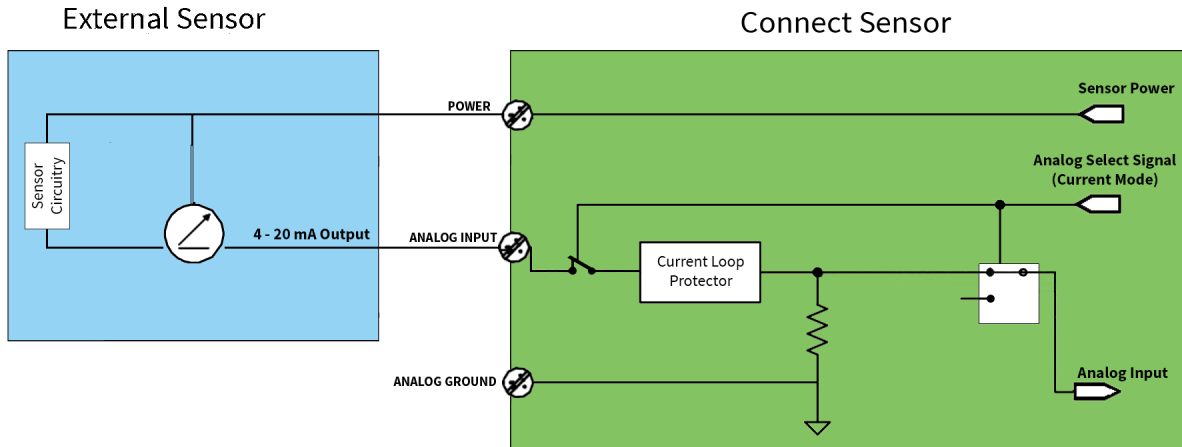
This figure shows the schematic when the external sensor is self-powered or powered from a source other than the Connect Sensor+.



### 2-wire (loop-powered) sensors

You can connect the Connect Sensor+ to a 4/20 mA 2-wire sensor, which is also known as a loop-powered sensor.

This figure shows the schematic when using power from the Connect Sensor+ current loop to power a sensor.



### Calculating supply voltage for a 2-wire (loop-powered) sensor

The power output from the Connect Sensor+ is configurable. The configured voltage value for the Connect Sensor+ is between the **Power** and **Analog Ground** terminals, as shown in the schematic above. The voltage across the terminals of the external sensor device (between **Power** and **Analog Input**) fluctuates, depending on the loop current. The fluctuation occurs because the variable loop current through the resistance inside the Connect Sensor+ changes the voltage between the **Analog Input** and **Ground** terminals. This is expected behavior for a 4/20 mA 2-wire interface.

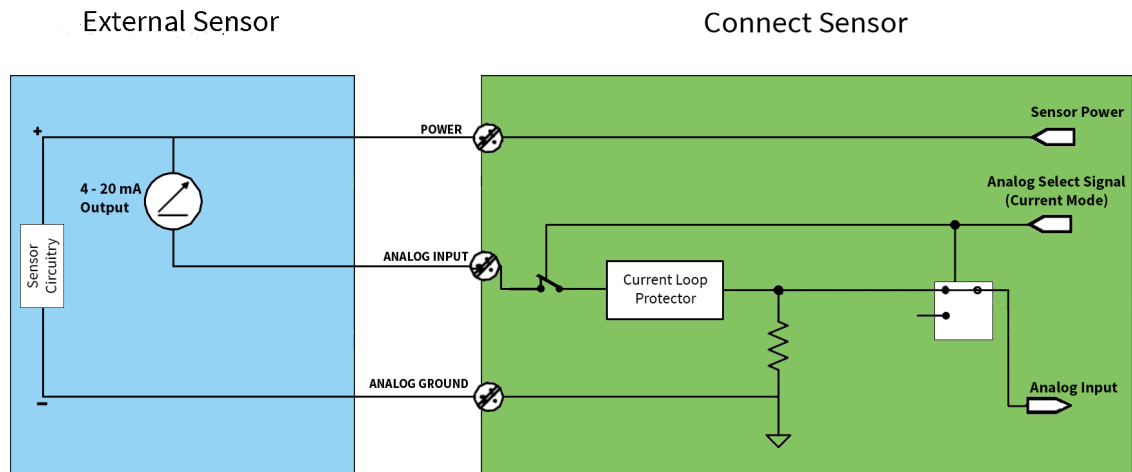
When determining the value for the output power, you must calculate the range of voltages to determine whether the voltage setting is sufficient. The voltage across the external sensor device terminals (**Power** and **Analog Input**) is always less than the configured voltage.

For example, calculate an estimate of the range of voltage across the external sensor device terminals (**Power to Analog Input**) when the Analog Output voltage is set to 24 V. The nominal internal resistance of the Connect Sensor+ is 375 ohms, but may vary across current flow and temperature.

- Max:  $24\text{ V} - (4\text{ mA} * 375\text{ ohms}) \approx 22.5\text{ V}$
- Min:  $24\text{ V} - (20\text{ mA} * 375\text{ ohms}) \approx 16.5\text{ V}$

### 3-wire sensors

This figure shows the schematic when the analog power output from the Connect Sensor+ is powering the sensor.



## Digital I/O

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The Connect Sensor+ has one digital I/O pin. You can configure the pin as a digital input, pulse counter, or digital output, but no more than one I/O function simultaneously.

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## Digital input and pulse counter

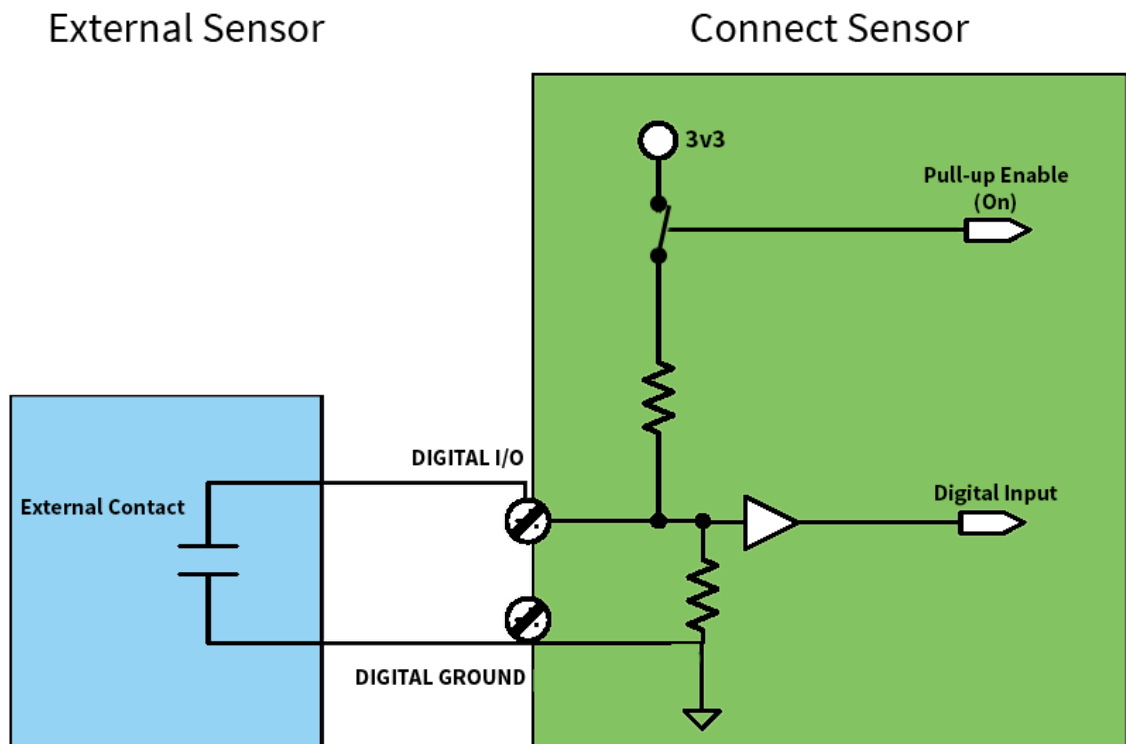
When configuring the digital I/O pin as a digital input, it allows the following modes of operation:

- Input mode:** The Connect Sensor+ gets the digital input value at scheduled sensor readings. You can configure it to send an alarm report for specific input values or when an input value changes. You can also configure the Connect Sensor+ to wake from sleep mode when an input value changes (rising edge or falling edge wake).
- Pulse counter:** When connected to a mechanical meter, the Connect Sensor+ counts pulses during Connect Sensor+ sleep cycles and reports them to Remote Manager during normal reporting intervals.

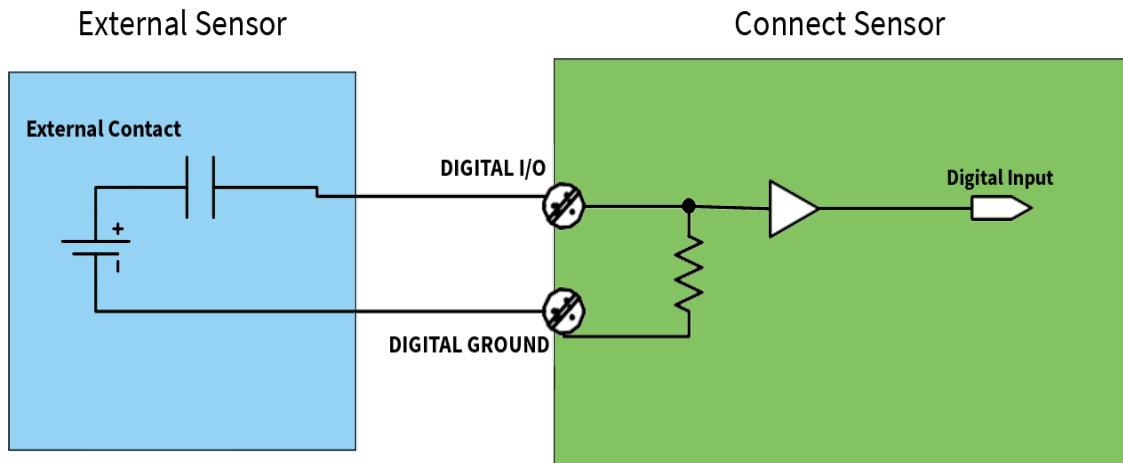
Each mode has a pull-up resistor that you can enable or disable. The pull-up indicates the digital input's state when there is no external voltage.

**Note** If you enable the pull-up resistor, it will constantly draw power. Depending on the current flow to the sensor, you may need to externally power the Connect Sensor+.

The following figure shows a digital input with the pull-up resistor enabled where it is driving an external relay.



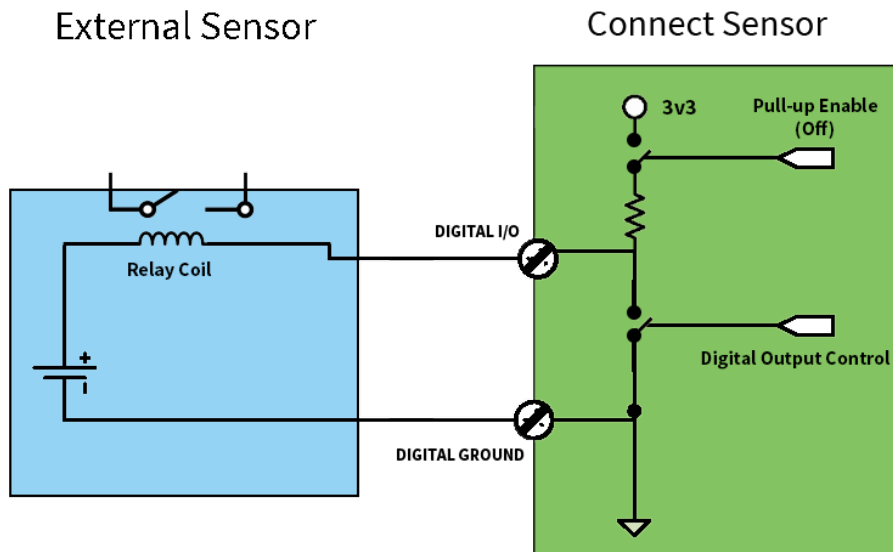
The following figure shows a digital input with the pull-up resistor disabled.



## Digital output

When configuring the digital I/O pin as a digital output, it is an open collector output with an optional pull-up resistor. A self-resetting fuse limits the maximum collector current to 750 mA.

The following image shows a schematic of the typical digital-out application.



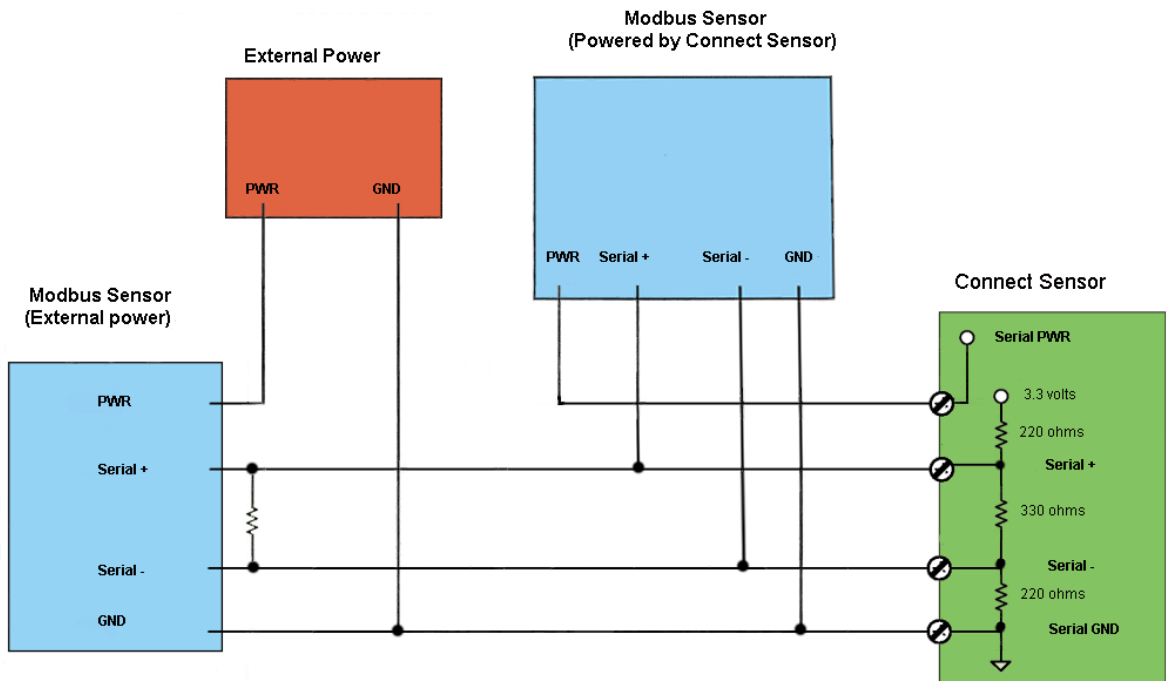
## Modbus serial power output

Connect Sensor+ can monitor a Modbus-enabled external sensor device.

Biasing and termination are needed when a Modbus sensor is connected on a long wiring harness and the sensor does not provide its own termination and biasing. Termination is only applied at the two ends of the 485 bus (not in the middle), and bias typically is applied only once on the whole bus.

For detailed information about implementing Modbus over a serial line, refer to the Modbus documentation at [www.modbus.org](http://www.modbus.org).

The schematic below shows how to wire the device, depending on the power source for the Modbus device: Connect Sensor+ or powered from a source other than the Connect Sensor+.



## I/O schematics

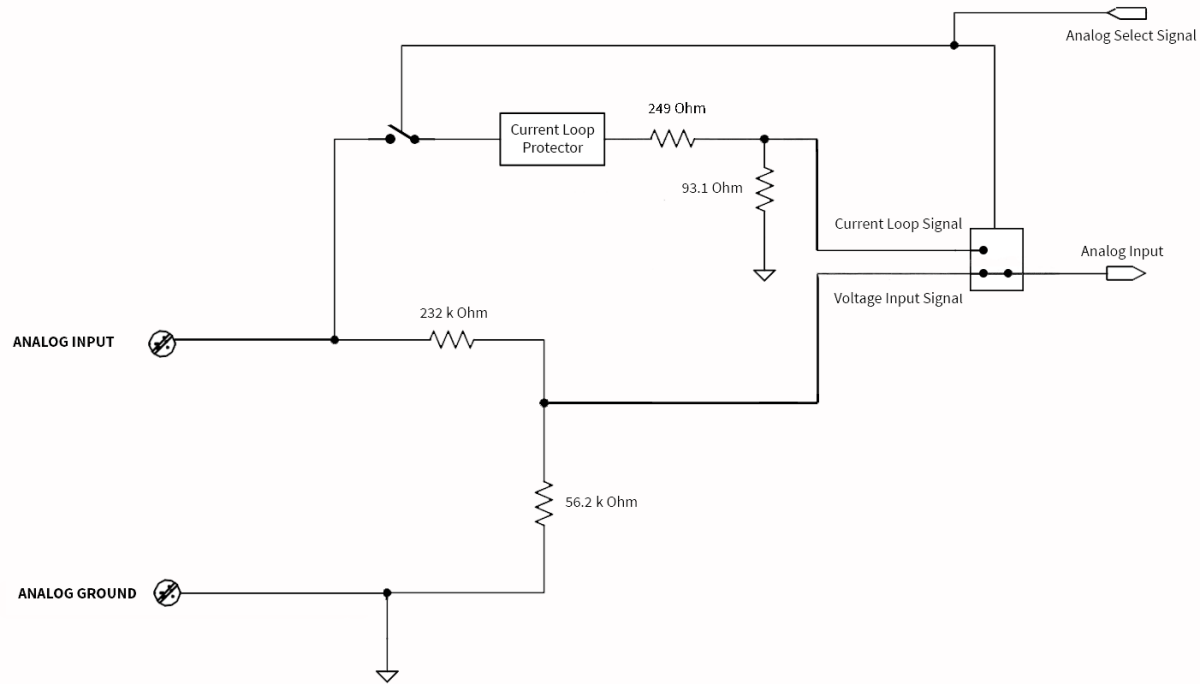
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The following sections show electrical wiring schematics for the Connect Sensor+ I/O connectors.

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# Analog input schematic

The following image is an overview of the analog input wiring diagrams.





# Digital I/O schematic

The following image is an overview of the digital I/O wiring diagrams.

