



**VIBRATION ANALYSIS HARDWARE**



**MX262 Series Switch Box  
4-12 Channel  
Product Manual**

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## INTRODUCTION

CTC junction box solutions allow for the monitoring of remotely mounted vibration sensors, which would be otherwise restricted to human access due to safety considerations.

**MX262 Series Switch Box Overview:** 4-12 channel boxes, stainless steel slope top enclosure.

The MX262 switch box is a common cable connection point for bringing multiple sensor cables into a central location for routine data collection with portable data collectors.

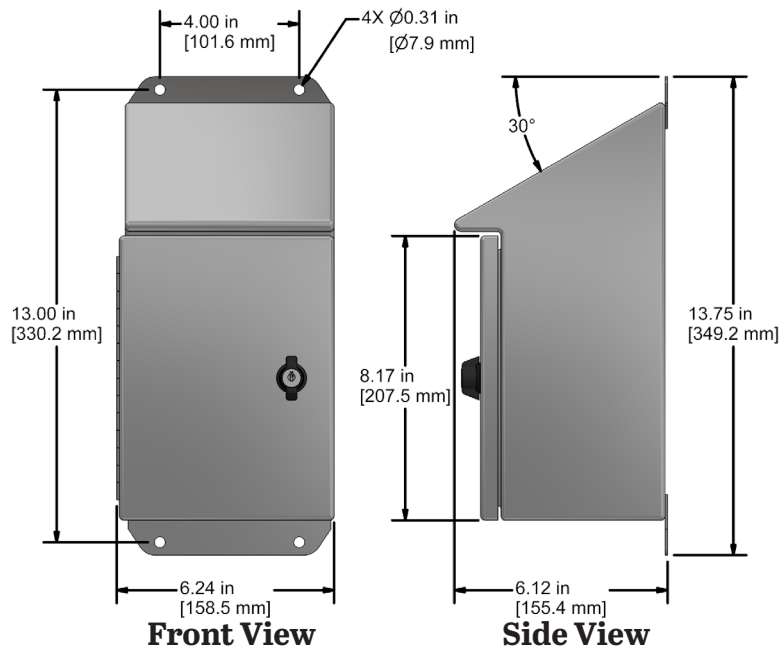
The MX262 switch box is used to convert the two-conductor input wiring of up to 12 remotely installed accelerometers or piezo velocity sensors, and/or temperature probes to a dedicated BNC for each sensor. Wiring from each sensor is connected to the outputs via quick-connect or screw terminal blocks. Each terminal block includes inputs for positive, negative and shield.

Rated for NEMA 4X (IP66), the MX262 can withstand harsh environments including temperatures ranging from -58° to 180°F (-50° to 82°C). The box is also resistant to hose directed fluid and corrosion. A key latch is installed on the door allowing the box to be sealed from the elements when not in use.

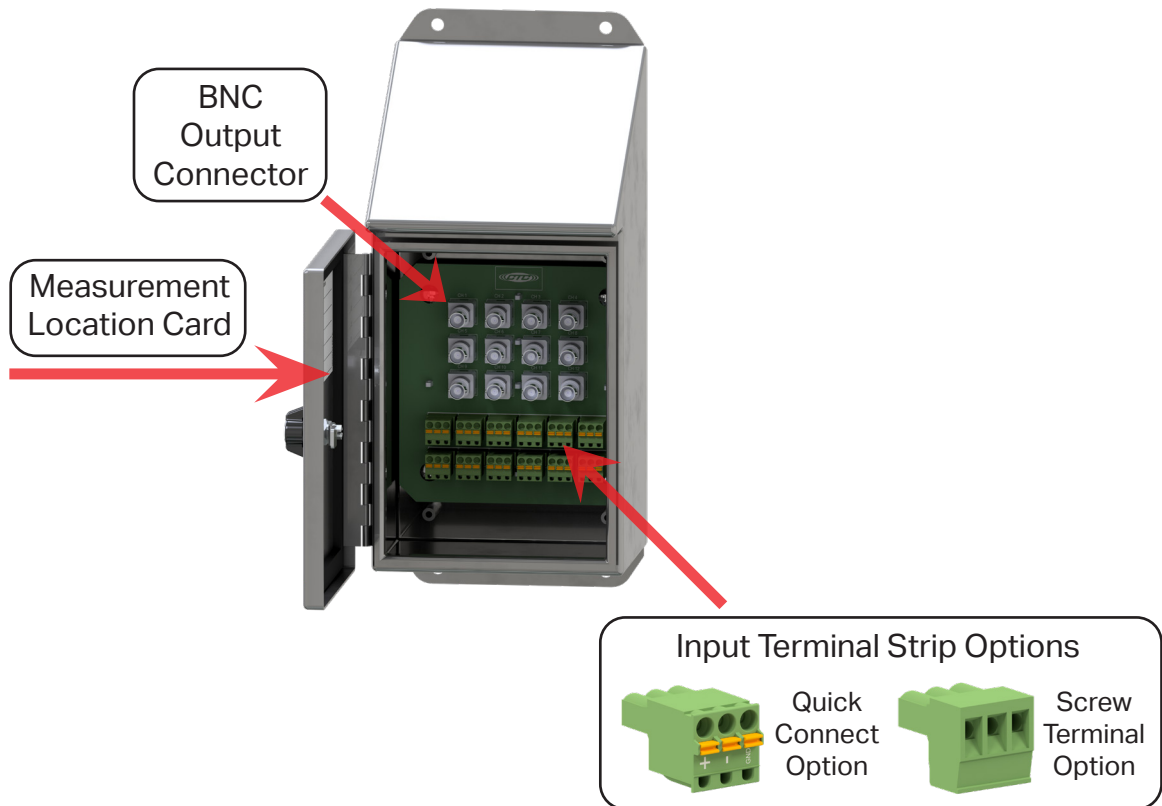
**Note:** The MX262 Stainless Steel Switch Box is internally grounded.



# PRODUCT DIMENSIONS



**Figure 1. Dimensions**

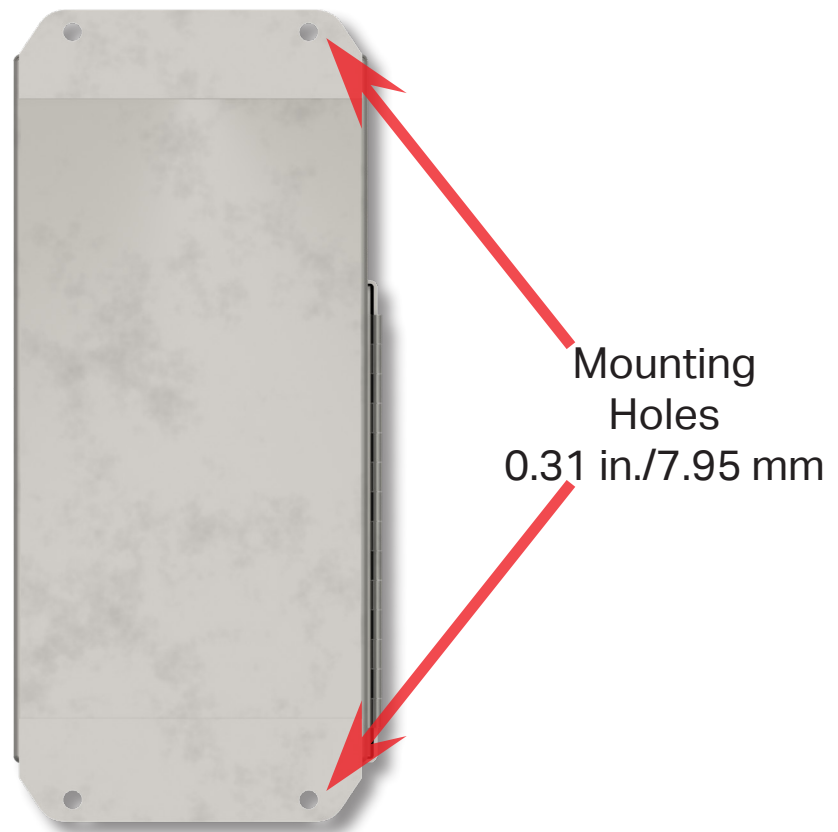


**Figure 2. Diagram**

## MOUNTING INSTRUCTIONS

MX262 Series Switch Boxes are supplied with mounting brackets attached.

**Note:** if you have purchased a switch box without cable entries provided, you should add your own entry prior to mounting the switch box. CTC does not recommend drilling holes in the top of the enclosure due to access and moisture concerns.

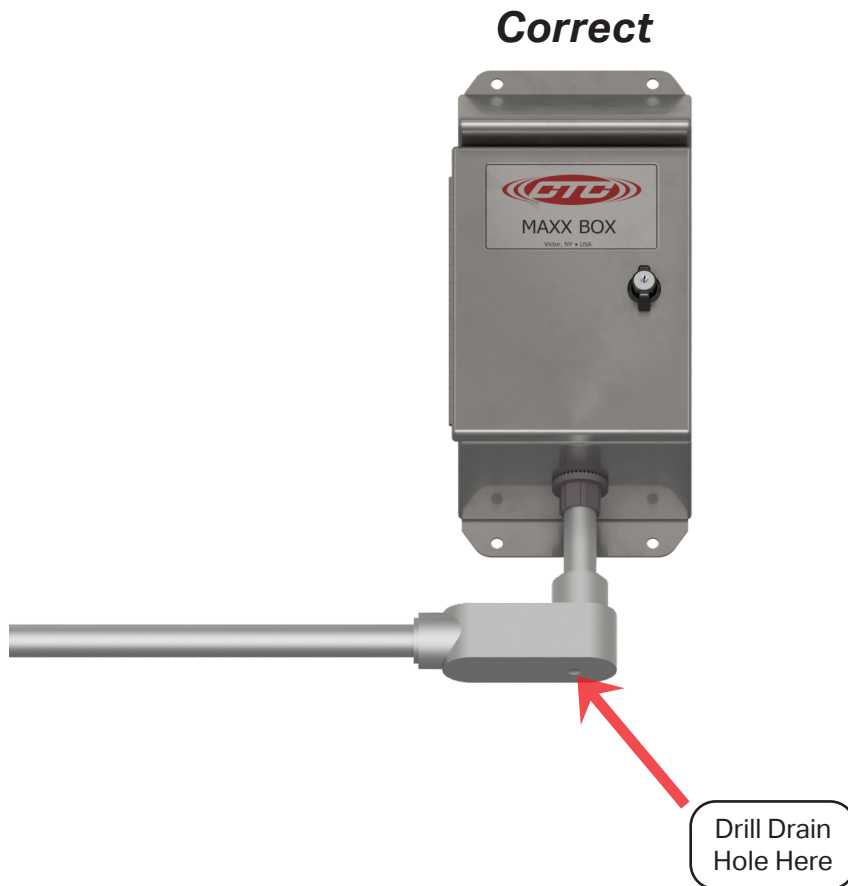


**Figure 3. Switch Box Rear View**

## CONDUIT ENTRY

If you are running conduit to your enclosure, ensure the conduit cable entry enters from the bottom of the enclosure when mounted.

**Note:** To ensure moisture will not flow into the enclosure, a hole should be drilled at the lowest point in the conduit to provide drainage for any moisture.



**Figure 4. Conduit Entry for Switch Box**

## GROUNDING

Ensure the shield ground wire on the MX262 Series Switch Box is grounded to earth ground.

### *A. Mounting to Earth Ground*

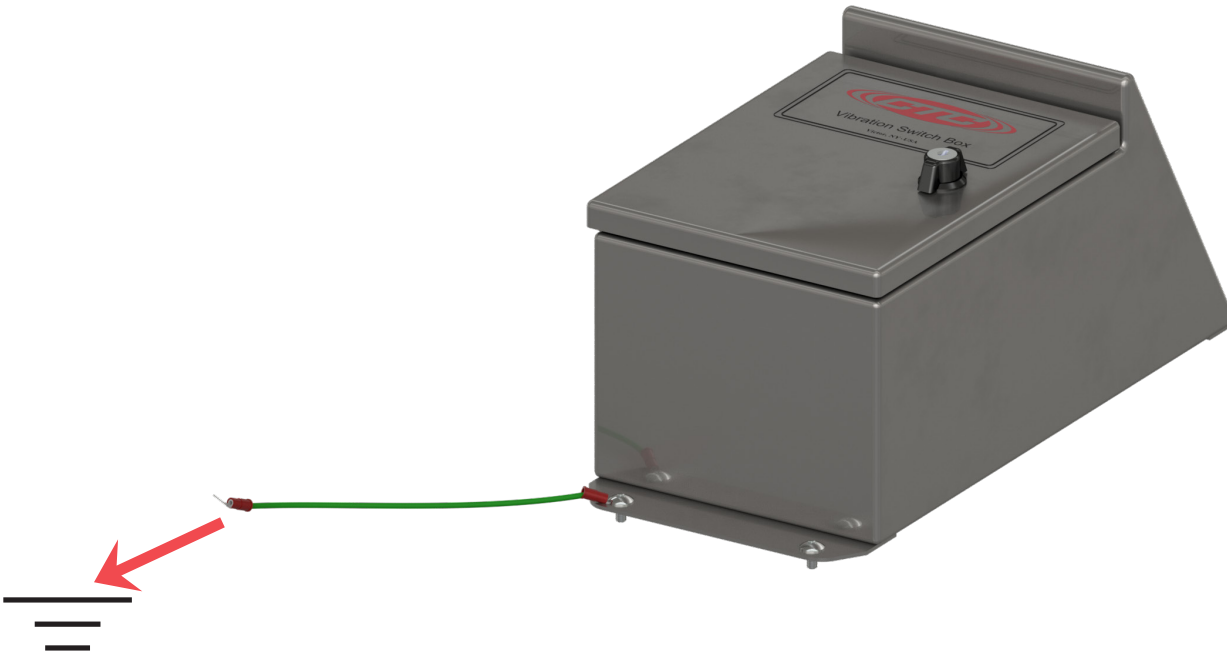
When mounting MX262 Series Switch boxes to earth ground (such as an I-Beam), no additional steps are necessary, as the enclosure is grounded internally.



**Figure 5. Switch Box (MX262) Earth Ground**

## B. Mounting to non-grounded structure

When mounting the switch box to a non-grounded structure, ensure the shield ground wire or customer supplied ground wire is tied to a source of earth ground.



**Figure 6. Ground Wire Placement**

## SENSOR INSTALLATION

### Installation of sensors/signal input cable

1. Feed blunt end through the cable entry at the bottom of the switch box.  
**Note:** it is recommended that cables are marked on both ends.

For cord grip cable entry, take off the cord grip cover with bushing and run cable into enclosure, hand tighten cord grip cover to base to prevent damage of cord grip.



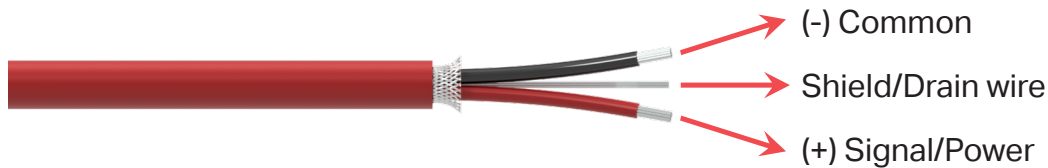


**Figure 7. Front View**



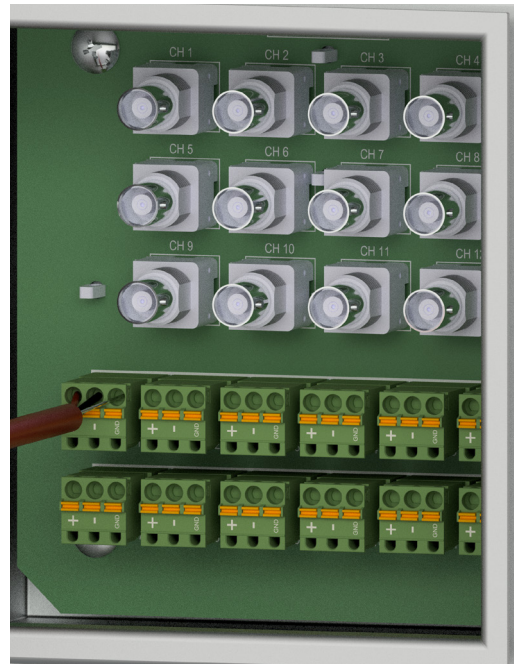
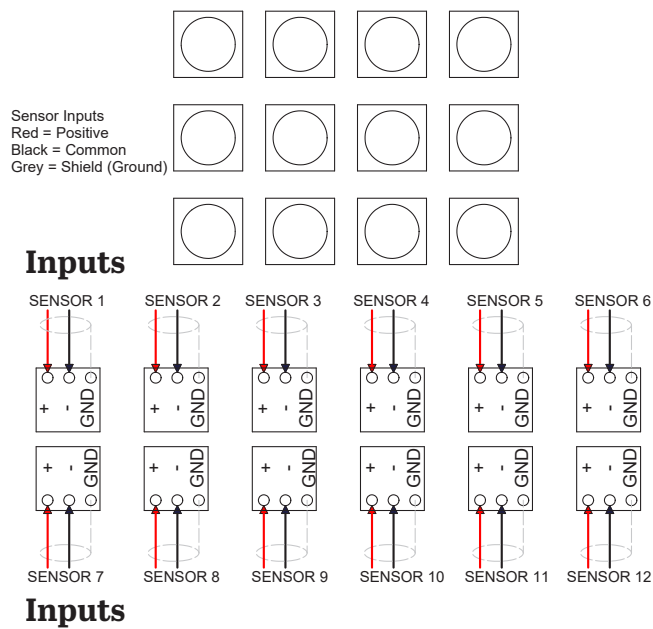
**Figure 8. Bottom View**

1. Strip outer jacket of cable back 1¼ in. and remove all of the shielding.
2. Separate the internal wires from the shield and twist the shield.
3. Strip red and black insulation back ¼ in.



**Figure 9. Stripped Wire**

4. Locate the appropriate plug, identified by channel number, remove the plug and install the wires using a small flathead screwdriver. Push Plug back into location. Orientation is as follows:
  - a. Red insulated conductor wire is connected to (+).
  - b. Black insulated conductor wire is connected to (-).
  - c. Shield drain wire is connected to ground (GND).
  - d. Depress selected position button to open terminal for respective wire (may require a mini flat head screwdriver).

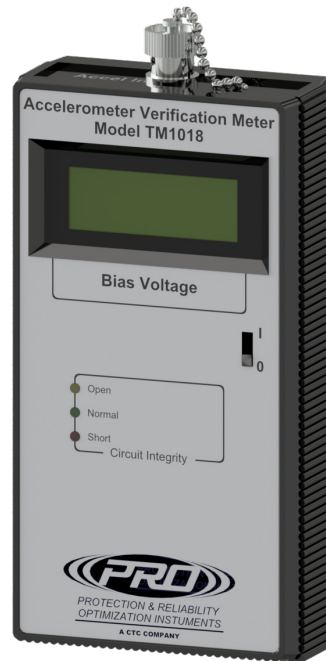


**Figure 10. Field Wiring for 2-Conductor Sensor Inputs**

5. Insert plug into the appropriate PC board connector and double check to ensure that the cable is going to the correct channel.
6. Mark the Measurement Location Card located on the inside front cover with a description of each measurement location.

## POST INSTALLATION TESTING

The TM1018 Accelerometer Verification Meter can be used to verify cable conductivity, sensor location and proper wiring connections. The Verification Meter will indicate if the sensor, cable and/or junction box is in working condition. It will also confirm bias voltage of the accelerometer, which will inform you of the operation of the internal accelerometer amplifier.



**Figure 11. TM1018 Accelerometer Verification Meter**

### Testing Method:

1. Utilizing two personnel, Person A will be located at the switch box, while Person B will be located at the measurement location.
2. Once positioned, Person A will connect the TM1018 to the data collector output to the switch box and turn the Channel Selector to the channel that corresponds to the referenced measurement. Person A should observe a "NORMAL" LED reading.
3. Person B disconnects the cable from the accelerometer, and the TM1018 should respond with an "OPEN" LED. Reconnect the cable to the accelerometer, and the TM1018 should respond with a "NORMAL" LED.
4. Repeat for each measurement location to verify that accelerometer location is properly identified at the switch box.

The following LED Readout indicates the circuit integrity:

1. Green LED: Normal. Indicates proper connection and an output bias will be given, indicating the health of the sensor (4 – 16 V indicates a healthy accelerometer).
2. Yellow LED: Open Circuit. Indicates one of the following:
  - a. Cable connector is not connected to accelerometer.
  - b. Cable is open circuit (broken or not connected @ one end).
  - c. Accelerometer is not functioning correctly
3. Red LED: Short Circuit. Indicates one of the following:
  - a. Water or contamination in the connector.
  - b. Reverse Wiring ((+) and (-) leads are reversed).
  - c. Wires in switch box or cable connector (+) & (-) are touching.



# WARRANTY & REFUND

## Warranty

All CTC products are backed by our unconditional lifetime warranty. If any CTC product should ever fail, we will repair or replace it at no charge.

## Refund

All stock products qualify for a full refund if returned in new condition within 90 days of shipment. Build to order products qualify for a 50% refund if returned in new condition within 90 days of shipment. Custom products are quoted and built specifically to the requirements of the customer, which may include completely custom product designs or private labeled versions of standard products for OEM customers. Custom products ordered are non-cancellable, non-returnable and non-refundable.

