

# Potentiometer Input Alarm Trips, Adjustable Setpoints

Discontinued

See APD 1800, **API 1800 G**  
APD 1820 **API 1820 G**



**Input:** 100 Ω to 1 MΩ Potentiometer  
**Outputs:** One DPDT Relay or Two SPDT Relays

- Accepts Wide Range of Potentiometers
- Calibration Unaffected by Potentiometer Value
- High Capacity 7 Amp Relay Contacts
- Input LoopTracker® & Alarm Status LEDs
- Alarm Test/Reset Pushbutton

## Applications

- Process Limit Backup Alarm
- Valve Out-of-Range Alarm
- Over, Under, Out-of-Range Position Monitoring

## Specifications

### Potentiometer Range

Minimum: 0-100 Ω  
Maximum: 0-1.0 MΩ (1,000,000 Ω)  
Full travel of the potentiometer is required  
Consult factory for other ranges and configurations

### Input Impedance

10 MΩ minimum

### Input Protection, Common Mode

750 VDC or 750 VAC<sub>p</sub>  
System voltages must not exceed socket voltage rating

### LoopTracker

Variable brightness LED indicates input level and status

### Relay Output

Factory Configured—See Options for other relay configurations

**API 1800 G** One DPDT contact set  
HI alarm, normal action (failsafe), non-latching standard  
7 A @ 240 VAC maximum resistive load  
3.5 A @ 240 VAC maximum inductive load

**API 1820 G** Two SPDT contacts  
HI/LO, normal action (failsafe), non-latching standard  
7 A @ 240 VAC maximum resistive load  
3.5 A @ 240 VAC maximum inductive load

**CAUTION:** Socket contacts may limit system rating.  
External contact protection such as an RC snubber is recommended for inductive loads.

### Alarm Setpoint

12 turn potentiometer, field adjustable from 0 to 100% of span

### Deadband

**API 1800 G** 1.0 to 100% of span, 12 turn potentiometer  
**API 1820 G** Fixed at 1% of span, standard  
**API 1820 GA** 1.0 to 100% of span, 1 turn potentiometer

### Functional Test/Reset Button

Toggle relay(s) to opposite state when pressed  
Resets latching relay on **1800 G** with HT option

### Response Time

70 milliseconds typical

### Ambient Temperature Range

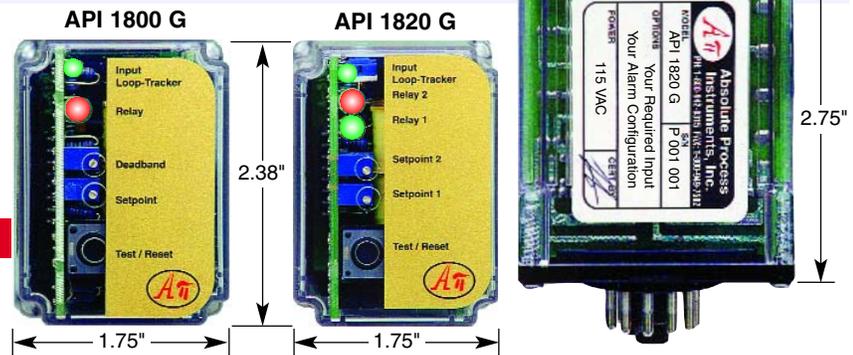
-10°C to +60°C operating ambient

### Temperature Stability

Better than ±0.02% of span per °C temperature stability

### Power

Standard: 115 VAC ±10%, 50/60 Hz, 2.5 W max.  
**A230** option: 230 VAC ±10%, 50/60 Hz, 2.5 W max.  
**D** option: 9-30 VDC, 2.5 W typical



## Description and Features

The **API 1800 G** and **API 1820 G** are factory configured for a potentiometer (slidewire) input and provide alarm contact outputs. Heavy-duty relay contacts allow the module to directly control high capacity loads.

Potentiometers with a value of 100 Ω through 1.0 MΩ can be connected without recalibration and without affecting accuracy as long as 100% of the potentiometer is being utilized in the application. Consult factory for assistance with special models with offsets or input ranges using other than the full range of the potentiometer.

API exclusive features include a **LoopTracker** LED that varies in intensity with changes in the process signal, alarm status LEDs for each alarm, and a **Functional Test Pushbutton** to toggle the relays independent of the input.

The **API 1800 G** provides a single setpoint adjustment and DPDT relay contacts. The alarm output can be factory configured for HI or LO operation, non-latching or latching, normal (fail-safe) or reverse (non-fail-safe) acting.

The **API 1820 G** contains two independent setpoints with two SPDT relay contact outputs. The alarm output can be factory configured for HI/HI, HI/LO, LO/HI or LO/LO operation, normal acting (fail-safe) or reverse acting (non-fail-safe).

## Models & Options

Factory Configured—Please specify if non-standard input

**API 1800 G** Potentiometer input alarm trip, 1 DPDT relay, HI alarm, normal action (failsafe), non-latching, 115 VAC

**API 1820 G** Potentiometer input dual alarm trip, 2 SPDT relays, HI/LO alarms, normal action (failsafe), non-latching, 115 VAC

Options—Add to end of model number

- A230** Powered by 230 VAC, 50/60 Hz
- D** Powered by 9-30 VDC
- R** Reverse-acting alarms (non-failsafe)
- L** Low trip (on decreasing signal) for 1800 G
- HT** Latching alarm with pushbutton reset, API 1800 G only
- HP** Latching alarm with power-off reset, API 1800 G only
- A** Adjustable deadbands for 1820 G
- HH** High/High trip for 1820 G instead of High/Low
- LL** Low/Low trip for 1820 G instead of High/Low
- U** Conformal coating for moisture resistance

Accessories—Order as a separate line item

- API 011** 11-pin socket
- API 011 FS** 11-pin finger safe socket
- API TK36** DIN rail, 35 mm W x 39" L, aluminum

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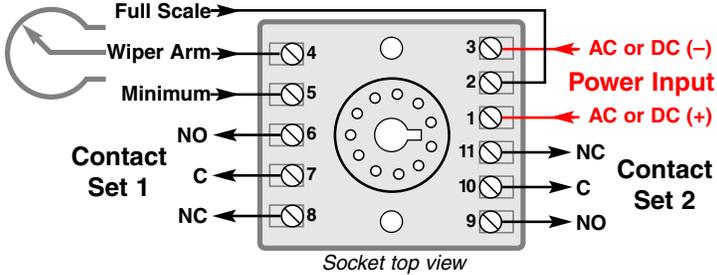
### ELECTRICAL CONNECTIONS

**WARNING!** All wiring must be performed by qualified personnel only. This module requires an industry-standard 11-pin socket. Order API 011 or finger-safe API 011 FS socket separately.

**Power Input Terminals** – The white label on the side of the API module will indicate the power requirements. AC power is connected to terminals 1 and 3. For DC powered modules, polarity **MUST** be observed. Positive (+) is wired to terminal 1 and negative (-) is wired to terminal 3.

**Signal Input** – Refer to the wiring diagram below to connect the potentiometer input. Any value potentiometer can be used as long as its full range is used.

#### Potentiometer



**Relay Output Terminals** – Terminals 6, 7, 8 and 9, 10, 11 provide the appropriate connections for the desired relay operations. (NO = Normally Open, NC = Normally Closed, C = Common). NOTE: Although the API 1800 G has a pair of relays, these relays will energize and de-energize in unison. The API 1820 G will accommodate independent relay operations.

### SETUP

The input range and alarm types are pre-configured at the factory as specified on your order. No input calibration is necessary. Contact factory for custom ranges or modifications.

**Setpoint Control** – This multi-turn potentiometer (one for each setpoint on the API 1820 G) allows the operator to adjust the level at which the alarm is activated. This control is adjustable from 0 to 100% of the input range.

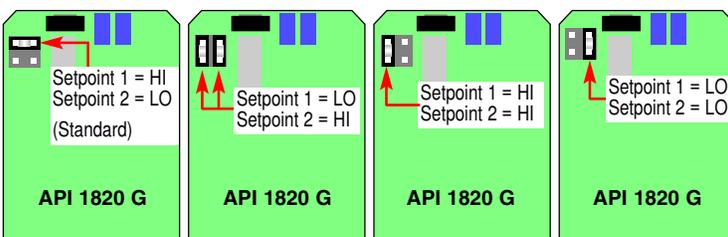
**Deadband Control** – The API 1800 G deadband potentiometer allows the alarm trip and reset window to be adjusted symmetrically about the setpoint from 1 to 100% of the span.

The deadband is fixed at 1% of span on the API 1820 G. The API 1820 GA with adjustable deadband option allows deadbands to be adjusted symmetrically about each setpoint from 1 to 100% of the span.

Adjustable deadband allows the operator to fine tune the point at which the alarm trips (alarm condition) and resets (non alarm condition). The deadband is typically used to prevent chattering of the relays or false trips when the process signal is unstable or changes rapidly.

**API 1820 G Alarm Configuration** – The alarm configuration of the API 1820 G is pre-configured at the factory per your order, but if a change is necessary, internal jumpers can be used to modify the alarm type as follows.

1. Unplug the module from the socket.
2. Remove the 4 screws from the module bottom and remove the plastic case.
3. Unplug the circuit board with the test button from the base.
4. Note location of jumper block at top left of circuit board next to test button.
5. Place jumpers as indicated for desired alarm operation. The standard HI/LO setting is with one jumper across the two top pins or with no jumper at all. Never place a jumper across the two bottom pins!
6. Replace board, cover, and screws.



### TEST BUTTON

The functional test pushbutton toggles the alarm status independent of the input when depressed. It verifies the alarm and system operation and also provides the additional function of unlatching the alarm on the API 1800 GHT with the latching alarm option.

### OPERATION

**GREEN LoopTracker® Input LED** – Provides a visual indication that a signal is being sensed by the input circuitry of the module. It also indicates the input signal strength by changing in intensity as the process changes from minimum to maximum to provide a quick visual picture of your process loop at all times. If the LED fails to illuminate, or fails to change in intensity as the process changes, this may indicate a problem with module power or signal input wiring. This features greatly aid in saving time during initial start-up or troubleshooting.

**Bi-Color Alarm LED** – Provides a visual indication of the alarm status. In all configurations, a GREEN LED indicates a non-alarm condition and a RED LED indicates an alarm condition.

**Alarm Relays** – In the normal mode of operation (failsafe), the relay coil is energized in a non-alarm condition and de-energized in an alarm condition. This will create an alarm condition if the module loses power. For a normal acting, non-latching configuration, the alarm will activate when the input signal exceeds the setpoint (HI alarm) or falls below the setpoint (LO alarm), then will automatically reset when the alarm condition no longer exists.

If reverse acting mode is selected (non-failsafe), the relay coil is de-energized in a non-alarm condition and energized in an alarm condition. The alarm will activate when the input signal exceeds the setpoint (HI alarm) or falls below the setpoint (LO alarm), then will automatically reset when the alarm condition no longer exists.

**API 1800 G HT Latching Alarm** – For units with the HT latching alarm option, the Test Switch is also used to reset the alarm relays. The alarm relay contacts will remain in the alarmed condition until the input signal falls below the high alarm setpoint (or above low alarm setpoint, depending on configuration) and the Test/Reset pushbutton has been pressed or power to the unit has been switched off.

**API 1800 G HP Latching Alarm** – For units with the HP latching alarm option, the alarm relay contacts will remain in the alarmed condition until the input signal falls below the high alarm setpoint (or above low alarm setpoint, depending on configuration) and the power to the unit has been switched off.

