

C-Bus Four Channel Bus Coupler

Installation Instructions

5104BCL







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1.0 Description

The 5104BCL C-Bus Four Channel Bus Coupler is an input device which enables mechanical voltage free switches to connect to a C-Bus network. Such mechanical switches can then be used in place of regular C-Bus wall switches, to control C-Bus devices such as dimmers and relays, or be used in logical input applications.

Virtually any type of voltage free switch can be connected to the 5104BCL (momentary or latching). This includes standard wall switches such as the 2000 Series, Heritage, and Slimline range, and specialised switches such as reed and pressure switches.

The unit is learn enabled, allowing it to be programmed without a computer (using learn mode).

2.0 Important Notes

- Do not connect mains to the 5104BCL C-Bus Four Channel Bus Coupler.
- The input channels of the 5104BCL are NOT isolated from the C-Bus network. Ensure that all cables connected to C-Bus are well separated from mains wiring, earthed metal structures and electrical noise sources.
- A maximum of 1 metre of wire may be used to connect an individual switch to a 5104BCL input channel.
- A maximum of 10 metres of wire in total may be used to connect switches to all 5104BCL units present on an individual C-Bus network. Examples of this are 10 channels at 1000 mm each or 24 channels at 415 mm each. Exceeding this length may adversely affect C-Bus network communications. If longer connections are required, it is recommended that an L5104AUX Auxiliary Switch Input be used.
- Dimming operations are best achieved using momentary, normally open switches.
- The use of any software not provided by Clipsal Integrated Systems (CIS) in conjunction with the installation of this product may void any warranties applicable to the hardware.

3.0 Wiring Instructions

The 5104BCL C-Bus Four Channel Bus Coupler is designed to fit within a wall box, behind a wall switch.

Virtually any type of insulated wire with a diameter between 0.2 mm^2 and 2.0 mm^2 may be used to connect the voltage free switches to the 5104BCL input channels (up to 1 metre of wire per switch/channel).

The diagram in Figure 1 shows two wiring methods. To minimise the amount of wiring required, a single common wire may be used (as in the unit on the right).



Figure 1 – 5104BCL wiring



The Common (C) terminals are internally connected to C-Bus negative.

4.0 C-Bus Network Connection

Connection to the C-Bus network is made via the two terminal connector on the top of the 5104BCL unit. Use Cat-5 Unshielded Twisted Pair (UTP) C-Bus cable. The use of bootlace ferrules (crimps) is recommended for a reliable connection.

C-Bus cable conductor assignments are provided in Figure 2. The Clipsal catalogue number for the C-Bus Cat-5 UTP cable is 5005C305B.

C-Bus Positive:	blue + orange
C-Bus Negative:	blue & white + orange & white
Remote OFF:	brown + brown & white
Remote ON:	green + green & white

Figure 2 – C-Bus cable conductor assignments

The 5104BCL C-Bus connector pinouts are provided in Table 1. The Remote ON and Remote OFF conductors are not connected to this unit.

	Terminal	C-Bus Connection	Conductors
	Θ	C-Bus Negative (-)	orange & white
	•	blue & white	
	🛞 💮 С-Ви	C-Bus Positive (+)	blue
P			orange

Table 1 – C-Bus connector pinouts

5.0 C-Bus Power Requirements

The 5104BCL C-Bus Four Channel Bus Coupler draws 18 mA from the C-Bus network. Adequate C-Bus Power Supply Units must be installed to support the connected devices.

The Network window of a C-Bus Toolkit project provides a summary of a C-Bus network according to the units added to the Database. This can be helpful in determining the power supply requirements of a particular network.

6.0 Megger Testing

Megger testing of a mains electrical installation that has C-Bus units connected, will not damage the units. Since C-Bus units contain electronic components, this should be taken into account when interpreting megger readings. Never perform megger testing on the pink C-Bus data cabling or terminals, as this may degrade the performance of the network.

7.0 Programming Requirements

The 5104BCL C-Bus Four Channel Bus Coupler must be programmed before it will function as part of a C-Bus network. This can be accomplished using Learn Mode. However, using the C-Bus Toolkit software provides a greater level of flexibility and customisation.

The C-Bus Toolkit software can be downloaded from the Clipsal Integrated Systems web site (www.clipsal.com/cis). Further information about programming C-Bus units is provided at this site.

8.0 Electrical Specifications

Parameter	Description
C-Bus supply voltage	15 to 36 V DC, 18 mA for normal operation
C-Bus AC input impedance	100 kΩ @ 1 kHz
Voltage across input	External switch open: 5 V DC External switch closed: 0 V DC
Current through closed external switch	< 50 µA
Isolation between inputs	Not isolated
Isolation between inputs and C-Bus	Not isolated
Control functions	Load switching, dimming, timers
Status indicators	Orange, one indicator per channel
Warm-up time	5 seconds
Operating temperature range	0 to 45 °C
Operating humidity range	10 to 95% RH

9.0 Mechanical Specifications

Parameter	Description
Dimensions (W×H×D)	55 × 49 × 19 mm
Weight	33 g
Input terminals	Spring loaded terminal block accommodating 0.2 to 2.0 mm ² (24 to 14 AWG)
C-Bus connections	Terminal block accommodating 0.2 to 1.5 mm ² (24 to 16 AWG)

10.0 Standards Complied

DECLARATIONS OF CONFORMITY

Australian/New Zealand EMC & Electrical Safety Frameworks and Standards

The model 5104BCL product complies with the following:



Regulation	Standard	Title
EMC (C-Tick)	AS/NZS 1044	RFI Emissions Standard

European Directives and Standards

The model 5104BCL product complies with the following:

CE	European Council Directive	Standard	Title
	EMC Directive 89/336/EEC	EN 61000-3-2	Limits for Harmonic Current Emissions
		EN 60669-2-1	Switches for Household and Similar Fixed Electrical Installations Part 2-1

Other International Directives and Standards

The model 5104BCL product complies with the following:

Regulation	IEC Standard	Title
EMC	61000-3-2	Limits for Harmonic Current Emissions
	60669-2-1	Switches for Household and Similar Fixed Electrical Installations Part 2-1

11.0 Warranty

The 5104BCL C-Bus Four Channel Bus Coupler carries a two year warranty against manufacturing defects.

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