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Abstract	How Much Voltage or Current Can ADAM DO Outputting		
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Related	DO(Open Collector) support among ADAM-4XXX & ADAM-6XXX		
Product			

■ Problem Description:

This document explains a common question regarding how much voltage/current can DO channel of ADAM-Module outputting.

■ Brief Solution - Step by Step:

Unlike from PLC design, users sometimes misunderstanding that DO channel of ADAM-Module is capable of outputting different level of voltage or current based on pre-defined logic(i.e. "0" or "1") at a given DO channel.

If you check DO SPEC from Advantech technical documentation, you often see the following statement in the SPEC:

DO, Open Collector to 30 V, 30mA Max.Load

That means, the DO channel of ADAM-Module utilizes an "Open Collector" for which acting like an "Switching Circuit", that is:

"Open Circuit (no connection to anything)"

OR

"Short Circuit (connection to ground)".

So, instead of outputting a signal of a specific voltage or current, a control signal is applied to the base of an internal NPN transistor whose collector is externalized (open) on a pin of the IC. The emitter of the transistor is connected internally to the ground pin.



