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C. Control and Signal Modules

SA12-M, SA2-T—Control Module

1. Product Overview

The control modules are required to provide a means for the customer to communicate with and control the Tool Changer.

NOTICE: The SA12 Master supports the use of PNP sensors only.

Military-style Amphenol connectors allow customer interfacing on the Master and Tool modules. The Master pin block has compliant spring probes, and the Tool pin block has fixed contact pins (refer to *Figure 1.1*). When the Tool Changer is coupled, the Master and Tool modules communicate across the spring probes and contact pins. A flexible boot V-ring seal surrounds the pin block to seal the connection from moisture and liquid while coupled. This seal is water resistant but not waterproof.

On the circuit, the central pin is the first-to-mate and the last-to-break during a tool change. For safety reasons, it is recommended that this pin be used as a designated ground. To avoid unintentional human contact, the Master spring pins are recessed below an insulated surface.



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CAUTION: Never couple or uncouple the unit without first disconnecting and discharging the power that passes through the contacts. This is especially true if high voltage circuits are involved. Arcing and contact damage will occur if this is not observed. Always disconnect and discharge electrical power from both upstream and downstream modules.

1.1 SA12 Master

The SA12 Master module uses (4) M8 3-pin female connectors to connect to the Lock, Unlock, and RTL sensors on the Tool Changer. The customer interface connection is a 19-pin male connector which supplies signals and power to the end-of-arm tooling. Refer to *Section 8—Drawings* for more information.

The SA12 Master module is compatible with air adapter modules. The customer must supply the air adapter with both a Lock and Unlock air supply. The Lock and Unlock air supply must be connected to a 2-position 4-way or 5-way valve, refer to the air adapter or Tool Changer manual for detailed information.

1.2 SA2 Tool

The SA2 Tool customer interface connection is a 19-pin female connector which supplies signal and power to the end-of-arm tooling. Refer to *Section 8—Drawings* for more information.



2. Installation

The control/signal modules are typically installed by ATI prior to shipment. The steps below outline the field installation or removal as required. For wiring information refer to *Section 8—Drawings*.



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WARNING: Do not perform maintenance or repair on Tool Changer or modules unless the Tool is safely supported or placed in the tool stand, all energized circuits (e.g. electrical, air, water, etc.) are turned off, pressurized connections purged and power discharged from circuits in accordance with the customer's safety practices and policies. Injury or equipment damage can occur with Tool not placed and energized circuits on. Place the Tool safely in the tool stand, turn off and discharge all energized circuits, purge all pressurized connections, verify all energized circuits are de-energized before performing maintenance or repair on Tool Changer or modules.

2.1 Master Module Installation

Refer to *Figure 2.1* for Master module installation instructions.

Tools required: 5 mm Allen® wrench (hex key), torque wrench

Supplies required: Clean rag, Loctite® 242

- 1. If the Tool Changer is already installed, place the tool safely in the tool stand and uncouple the Tool Changer to allow clear access to the Master and Tool plates of the Tool Changer.
- 2. Turn off and de-energize all circuits (e.g. electrical, air, water, etc.).
- 3. It may be necessary to clean the mounting surface on the air or valve adapter prior to installing the module in order to remove any debris that may be present.
- 4. Using the ledge feature, place the module into the appropriate location on the air or valve adapter. Align the module with the air or valve adapter using the dowels in the bottom of the ledge feature.
- Apply Loctite 242 to the supplied M6 socket head cap screws. Install the (2) M6 socket head cap screws securing the module to the air or valve adapter using a 5 mm Allen wrench. Tighten to 70 in-lbs (7.9 Nm).
- 6. Connect the Lock (L), Unlock (U), RTL (R1), and RTL (R2) sensor cable to the control/signal module. Ensure that the connectors are cleaned prior to being secured.
- 7. Connect (e.g. power, signal, auxiliary, etc.) cables to the module. Ensure that the connectors are cleaned prior to being secured.
- 8. After installation is complete, module may be put into normal operation.

Use Ledge Mounting Feature to Properly Align Module (2) M6 Socket Head Cap Screws R1 Sensor Sensor Air Adapter Assembly 9121-SA12-M Tool Changer L Connector **U** Connector Connector 19-pin Male Connector Connector RTL, Lock, Unlock Sensor Connectors

Figure 2.1—Master Module Installation and Removal

2.2 Master Module Removal

Refer to Figure 2.1 for Master module removal instructions.

Tools required: 5 mm Allen wrench

- 1. If the Tool Changer is already installed, place the tool safely in the tool stand and uncouple the Tool Changer to allow clear access to the Master and Tool plates of the Tool Changer.
- 2. Turn off and de-energize all energized circuits (e.g. electrical, air, water, etc.).

NOTICE: Mark the Lock, Unlock, and RTL sensor cables prior to disassembly so the cables can be reinstalled to the appropriate sensor.

- 3. Disconnect the Lock (L), Unlock (U), and RTL (R1), and RTL (R2) sensor cable connectors from the module.
- 4. Disconnect (e.g. power, signal, auxiliary, etc.) cables from the control/signal module.
- 5. Support the control/signal module, remove the (2) M6 socket head cap screws using a 5 mm Allen wrench and lower the module until it clears the guide pin.

2.3 Tool Module Installation

Refer to *Figure 2.2* for Tool module installation instructions.

Tools required: 5 mm Allen® wrench (hex key), torque wrench

Supplies required: Clean rag, Loctite® 242

- 1. If the Tool Changer is already installed, place the tool safely in the tool stand and uncouple the Tool Changer to allow clear access to the Master and Tool plates of the Tool Changer.
- 2. Turn off and de-energize all circuits (e.g. electrical, air, water, etc).
- 3. It may be necessary to clean the mounting surface on the tool adapter prior to installing the module in order to remove any debris that may be present.
- 4. Using the ledge feature as a guide, place the module onto the tool adapter. Align the module with the tool adapter using the dowels in the bottom of the ledge feature.
- 5. Apply Loctite 242 to the supplied M6 socket head cap screws. Install the (2) M6 socket head screws securing the module to the tool adapter using a 5 mm Allen wrench. Tighten to 70 in-lbs (7.9 Nm).
- 6. Connect (e.g. power, signal, auxiliary, etc.) cables to the module. Ensure that the connectors are cleaned prior to being secured as appropriate.
- 7. After installation is complete, module may be put into normal operation.

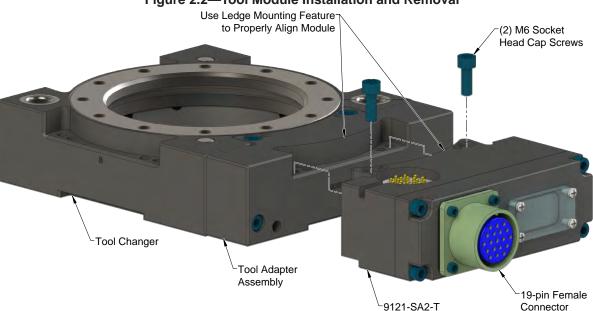


Figure 2.2—Tool Module Installation and Removal

2.4 Tool Module Removal

Refer to *Figure 2.2* for Tool module removal instructions.

Tools required: 5 mm Allen wrench

- 1. If the Tool Changer is already installed, place the tool safely in the tool stand and uncouple the Tool Changer to allow clear access to the Master and Tool plates of the Tool Changer.
- 2. Turn off and de-energize all energized circuits (e.g. electrical, air, water, etc.).
- 3. Disconnect (e.g. power, signal, auxiliary, etc.) cables from the control/signal module.
- 4. Support the control/signal module, remove the (2) M6 socket head cap screws using a 5 mm Allen wrench and lift the module from the tool adapter.

3. Operation

Various Tool Changer I/O are provided to the customer through the military-style connector on the control/signal Master module. Lock, Unlock, and Ready-to-Lock proximity sensor inputs are provided for confirmation of the Tool Changer and locking mechanism positions. Other, customer assigned discrete I/O points are available through the connector.

NOTICE: The 0 and 24 VDC supply lines are required to be on certain pin locations of the customer interface connector. Refer to *Section 8—Drawings* for pin out information and location of the I/O signals.

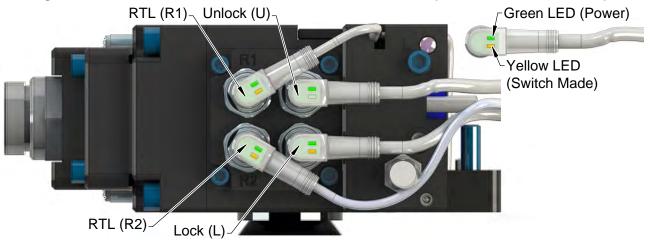
Refer to the specific Tool Changer manual for conditions for coupling of the Tool Changer and *Section 3.1—Lock, Unlock, and RTL Sensor Cable LED Behavior*. When coupled, the discrete module Tool can be communicated with and attached end-effectors can be used.

3.1 Lock, Unlock, and RTL Sensor Cable LED Behavior

The Lock, Unlock, and RTL sensor cables are equipped with two LEDs. The Green LED indicates the sensor has power and the yellow LED indicates the switch has been made. The LED behavior is affected by the control/signal module.

Table 2.1—Sensor Cable LED Behavior for Common Tool Changer Positions				
Tool Changer Position Sensor cable LED Behavior			or	
Unlocked (Tool Changer Master plate free of stand	RTL (R1) Sensor	ON OFF	ON ON	Unlock (U) Sensor
with no Tool plate attached)	RTL (R2) Sensor	ON OFF	ON OFF	Lock (L) Sensor
Ready to Lock (Tool Changer Master plate with Tool plate	RTL (R1) Sensor	ON ON	ON ON	Unlock (U) Sensor
parallel and at a distance of 1.22 mm or less from each other)	RTL (R2) Sensor	ON ON	ON OFF	Lock (L) Sensor
Locked (Tool Changer Meeter plate with Tool plate	RTL (R1) Sensor	ON ON	ON OFF	Unlock (U) Sensor
(Tool Changer Master plate with Tool plate attached in fully locked position)	RTL (R2) Sensor	ON ON	ON ON	Lock (L) Sensor
Missed Tool (Tool Changer Meeter plate leaked with no	RTL (R1) Sensor	ON OFF	ON OFF	Unlock (U) Sensor
(Tool Changer Master plate locked with no Tool plate attached)	RTL (R2) Sensor	ON OFF	ON OFF	Lock (L) Sensor

Figure 2.3—Lock, Unlock, and RTL Sensor cable LED Behavior (Shown in Locked Position)



(Control module shown for reference only)

3.2 Recommended Sequence of Operations

This recommended sequence of operations procedure is a general guide when programming a robot or PLC for use with a Tool Changer and a control/signal module. This procedure is intended for "automatic" modes used during normal application processes.

- Start → The robot and Tool Changer Master are free of the stand or storage location. The
 Tool Changer is uncoupled and the Tool Changer locking mechanism may be fully retracted
 (unlocked condition) or fully extended (missed Tool condition, i.e., Locked and Unlocked inputs
 are OFF). The Tool is by itself in the Tool Stand.
 - a. The RTL1 and RTL2 inputs are OFF
 - b. The ATI Tool and any downstream device(s) are offline.
- 2. Ensure the Master is Unlocked. (The Master must be unlocked prior to entering the Tool to prevent the ball bearings from impinging on the Tool bearing race.)
 - a. Activate the solenoid valve to send air pressure to the "unlock" port of the Tool Changer.
 - b. The "lock" port of the Tool Changer should be properly exhausted.
 - c. The **Unlocked** input goes ON and remains ON, indicating that the Tool Changer locking mechanism is fully retracted and the unlock operation is complete.
- 3. Robot and Master move parallel towards the Tool and are within 0.06" of the Tool (i.e., the module contact pins are touching, the **RTL** sensors have sensed the targets on the Tool).
 - a. 'Input' power connections become available on the Tool.
 - b. The RTL1 and RTL2 inputs go ON, indicating that it is okay to couple the Tool.
 - c. Communications with downstream device(s) should now be established.
- 4. Couple the Tool Changer.
 - a. Activate the solenoid valve to send air pressure to the "lock" port of the Tool Changer.
 - b. The "unlock" port of the Tool Changer should be properly exhausted.
 - c. The **Unlocked** input goes OFF a short time later, indicating piston travel. Subsequently, the **Locked** input goes ON and remains ON, indicating that the coupling operation is complete.
- 5. Robot moves away from the tool stand with the Tool Changer coupled.

- 6. Normal operation:
 - a. The following inputs are ON:
 - i. Locked
 - ii. RTL1
 - iii. RTL2
 - b. The following inputs are OFF:
 - i. Unlocked
- 7. Robot moves into the tool stand with the Tool Changer coupled.
- 8. Uncouple the Tool Changer. IMPORTANT: It is critical that the Tool be nested securely in the tool stand prior to uncoupling the Tool Changer.
 - a. Activate the solenoid valve to send air pressure to the "unlock" port of the Tool Changer.
 - b. The "lock" port of the Tool Changer should be properly exhausted.
 - c. The **Locked** input goes OFF a short time later and subsequently the **Unlocked** input goes ON and remains ON, indicating that the uncoupling operation is complete.
- 9. Robot and Master move up and away and are at a distance greater than 0.048" (1.22 mm) from the Tool (the module contact pins are no longer touching).
 - a. The RTL1 and RTL2 inputs go OFF.
 - b. 'Input' power connections become unavailable on the Tool.
 - c. Communications with downstream device(s) should now be lost.
- 10. Robot and Master in free space.
 - a. The following input is ON:
 - i. Unlocked
 - b. The following inputs are OFF:
 - i. Locked
 - ii. RTL1
 - iii. RTL2

4. Maintenance

Once installed, the operation of the control modules are generally trouble free. The modules are not designed to be field serviced as all point-to-point wiring connections are soldered. Component replacement is limited to the V-ring seal on the Master.



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If the Tool Changer is being used in dirty environments (e.g., welding or deburring applications), care should be taken to limit the exposure of the Tool Changer. Idle Tool assemblies should be covered to prevent debris from settling on the mating surface. Also, the Master assembly should be exposed for only a short period of time during Tool change and down time.

Under normal conditions, no special maintenance is necessary; however, it is recommended that periodic inspections be performed to assure long-lasting performance and verify that unexpected damage has not occurred. Perform the following visual inspection monthly:

- Inspect mounting fasteners to verify they are tight and if loose; then tighten to the proper torque. Refer to *Section 2—Installation*.
- Cable connections should be inspected during maintenance periods to ensure they are secure. Loose
 connections should be cleaned and re-tightened as appropriate. Inspect cable sheathing for damage, repair or
 replace damaged cabling. Loose connections or damaged cabling are not expected and may indicate improper
 routing and/or strain relieving.
- Inspect the Master and Tool pin blocks for any pin damage, debris or darkened pins. Refer to *Section 4.1—Pin Block Inspection and Cleaning*.
- Inspect V-ring seals for wear, abrasion, and cuts. If worn or damaged, replace. Refer to *Section 5.2.1—Seal Replacement*.

Pin Block Inspection and Cleaning

Tools required: Nylon Brush (ATI Part Number 3690-000064-60)

- 1. For a Tool Changer, if the Tool Changer is installed place the Tool safely in the tool stand. Uncouple the Tool Changer or Utility Coupler to allow clear access to the Master and Tool plates.
- 2. Turn off and de-energize all energized circuits (e.g. electrical, air, water, etc.).
- 3. Inspect the Master and Tool pin blocks for any debris or darkened pins.

Figure 3.1—Inspect Master and Tool Pin Blocks Blackened Pins Note: Pin blocks shown are for illustration purposes only. Weld Debris

Tool Module Pin Block

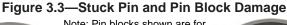
Master Module Pin Block

4. If debris or darkened pins exist, remove debris using a vacuum, and clean using a nylon brush (ATI Part Number 3690-0000064-60).

NOTICE: Do not use an abrasive media, cleaners, or solvents to clean the contact pins. Using abrasive media, cleaners, or solvents will cause erosion to the contact surface or pins to stick. Clean contact surfaces with a vacuum or non-abrasive media such as a nylon brush (ATI Part Number 3690-000064-60)



5. Inspect the Master and Tool pin blocks for stuck pins or severe pin block damage.





Stuck Pins

Severe Pin Block Damage

- 6. If stuck pins or severe pin block damage exists, contact ATI for possible pin replacement procedures or module replacement.
- 7. If repairs are complete, return circuits to normal operation.

5. Troubleshooting and Service Procedures

This troubleshooting section provides information to help diagnose conditions with the Tool Changer or control module.



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5.1 Troubleshooting

Refer to the table below for troubleshooting information.

Table 4.1—Troubleshooting Procedures				
Symptom	Possible Cause	Correction		
	Verify that ball bearings are moving freely. Clean and lubricate as needed.	Verify that ball bearings are moving freely. Clean and lubricate as needed. Refer to the Maintenance section of the Tool Changer Manual for instructions.		
	Air supply not to specifications.	Check air supply. Refer to the Installation section of the <i>Tool Changer Manual</i> for specifications.		
Unit will not lock or	Check that exhaust port is properly vented.	Check that exhaust port is properly vented. Refer to Pneumatic Connection section of the Base Tool Changer Manual for valve requirements.		
G. HOUSE	Master and Tool are within the specified No-Touch zone.	Verify that the Master and Tool are within the specified No-Touch zone when attempting to lock. Refer to the <i>Installation – Tool Stand Design Section of the Tool Change Manual for specifications.</i>		
	Air is trapped in the Unlock (U) port.	Ensure that there is no air trapped in the Unlock (U) air port. Refer to the <i>Air and Valve adapter section</i> for pneumatic specification and requirements.		
Sensors not operating properly	Sensor cables damaged or incorrectly connected.	Verify that cables are connected correctly and not damaged, replace if damaged. Refer to the <i>Troubleshooting Section of the Tool Change Manual.</i>		
operating property	Tool Plate is not secured properly or debris is trapped between surfaces.	Ensure that the Tool Plate is securely held to the Master plate, that nothing is trapped between their surfaces.		

Table 4.1—Troubleshooting Procedures			
Symptom	Possible Cause	Correction	
	Damaged signal cabling	Check/Replace signal cabling upstream and downstream of Tool Changer modules.	
Loss of Communication	Worn or damaged contact pins	Inspect module contact pins for debris/wear/ damage. Refer to Section 4.1—Pin Block Inspection and Cleaning. V-ring seal damaged and allowing debris in the contact pins. Replace V-ring seal, refer to Section 5.2.1—Seal Replacement.	
	Product upstream and downstream of Tool Changer failed or is damaged	Check product upstream and downstream of Tool Changer for failure. This failure can "appear" to be caused by the Tool Changer or affect Tool Changer performance.	

5.2 Service Procedures

The following service procedures provide instructions for component replacement and adjustment.

5.2.1 Seal Replacement

Parts Required: Refer to Section 8—Drawings.

The seal protects the electrical connection between the Master and Tool module. If the seal becomes worn or damaged it needs to be replaced.

- 1. For a Tool Changer, place the Tool safely in the tool stand. Uncouple the Tool Changer or Utility Coupler to allow clear access to the Master and Tool plates.
- 2. Turn off and de-energize all energized circuits (e.g. electrical, air, water, etc.).
- 3. To remove the existing seal, pinch edge of seal with fingers and gently pull the seal away from the pin block on the Master.
- 4. Pull the seal off the pin block.
- 5. To install a new seal, stretch the new seal over the shoulder of the pin block.
- 6. Push the seal's hub down against the pin block using finger tip.
- 7. If repairs are complete, return circuits to normal operation.

Stretch seal over shoulder of pin block and push seal hub down against the pin block with finger tip

V-ring Seal

Pinch edge of seal with fingers and gently pull away from pin block

6. Serviceable Parts

Refer to Section 8—Drawings.

6.1 Master Module Serviceable Parts

For mounting fasteners, refer to *Table 5.1*. For additional serviceable parts, refer to *Section 8—Drawings*.

	Table 5.1—Master Module Serviceable Parts			
Item No.	Qty	Part Number	Description	
*	*	3500-1066020-15	M6X20 SHCS, 12.9, ISO4762/DIN912, ES-ATI-007, YL M-spheres/IFI 525	

6.2 Tool Module Serviceable Parts

For mounting fasteners, refer to *Table 5.2*. For additional serviceable parts, refer to *Section 8—Drawings*.

	Table 5.2—Tool Module Serviceable Parts			
Item I	No.	Qty	Part Number	Description
*		*	3500-1066016-15A	M6x16 SHCS, 12.9, ISO4762/DIN912, ES-ATI-007, YL M-spheres/IFI 525

6.3 Accessories

	Table 5.3—Accessories			
Item No.	Qty	Part Number	Description	
*	*	3690-0000064-60	Brush, Blue Nylon All Purpose (Contact Pin Cleaning)	

7. Specifications

Table 6.1—Master Module Specifications			
9121-SA12-M Discrete, 19-Pin MS3102 Connector, Supports Lock, Unlock, and RTL Sensors, No Integrated Valve Control - Master Side			
	Customer Interface:		
	19-pin male connector for power and signals		
Interface Connections	Integrated Tool Changer I/O:		
	(4X) 3-Pin M8 female connectors supporting Tool Changer Lock, Unlock, and Ready-to-Lock proximity sensors.		
	Pass Through to Tool:		
Floatrical Poting	5 A 250 V maximum		
Electrical Rating	Tool Changer Control:		
	24 VDC		
Weight	1.6 lbs (0.7 kg)		

Table 6.2—Tool Module Specifications			
9121-SA2-T	Discrete signal module with 19-pin Amphenol, 19-pin Block, 19 Pass-Through Signals - Tool Side		
Interface Connections	Customer Interface: 19-pin female connector for power and signal		
Electrical Rating	Pass Through to Tool: 5 A 250 V maximum		
Weight	1.3 lbs (0.6 kg)		

8. Drawings

