

CALIBRATION PROCEDURE

NI PXIe-4137

Single-Channel Precision System Source Measure Unit (SMU)

This document contains the verification and adjustment procedures for the NI PXIe-4137 (NI 4137). Refer to ni.com/calibration for more information about calibration solutions.

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Required Software

Calibrating the NI 4137 requires you to install the following software on the calibration system:

- NI-DCPower. The NI 4137 was first supported in NI-DCPower 15.1.
- Supported application development environment (ADE)—LabVIEW or LabWindows™/CVI™.
- Supported operating system—Windows.

When you install NI-DCPower, you need to install support only for the application software that you intend to use. Access calibration support in the locations shown in the following table.

ADE	Calibration Support Location
LabVIEW	NI-DCPower Calibration palette
LabWindows/CVI	NI-DCPower function panel (<code>niDCPower.fp</code>)

You can download all required software from ni.com/downloads.

Related Documentation

You might find the following documents helpful as you perform the calibration procedure:

- *NI PXIe-4136/4137 Getting Started Guide*
- *NI DC Power Supplies and SMUs Help*
- *NI PXIe-4137 Specifications*
- *NI-DCPower Readme*
- *LabVIEW Help*

Visit ni.com/manuals for the latest versions of these documents.

Password

The default password for password-protected operations is NI.

Calibration Interval

Recommended calibration interval	1 year
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Test Equipment

The following table lists the equipment NI recommends for the performance verification and adjustment procedures. If the recommended equipment is not available, select a substitute using the minimum requirements listed in the table.

Table 1. Required Equipment for Calibration

Required Equipment	Recommended Model(s)	Parameter Measured	Minimum Specifications
Digital multimeter (DMM)	Agilent 3458 A	All parameters except remote sense accuracy	Voltage: $<\pm 9$ ppm accuracy and <100 nV resolution. Current: $<\pm 25$ ppm accuracy and <10 pA resolution.
1 M Ω current shunt	IET Labs SRL-1M	1 μ A and 10 μ A current accuracy	<4 ppm accuracy, <0.2 ppm / $^{\circ}$ C tempco.
1 Ω current shunt	Ohm Labs CS-1	3 A and 1 A current accuracy	<65 ppm accuracy, <5 ppm / $^{\circ}$ C tempco.
3 k Ω resistor	Vishay PTF563K0000BYEB	Remote sense accuracy	0.1% 250 mW

Test Conditions

The following setup and environmental conditions are required to ensure the NI 4137 meets published specifications:

- Ensure that the safety interlock terminal is closed during verification procedures.
- Keep cabling as short as possible. Long cables act as antennas, picking up extra noise that can affect measurements.
- Verify that all connections to the device, including front panel connections and screws, are secure.
- Ensure that the PXI chassis fan speed is set to HIGH, that the fan filters (if present) are clean, and that the empty slots contain slot blockers and filler panels. For more information about cooling, refer to the *Maintain Forced-Air Cooling Note to Users* document available at ni.com/manuals.
- Allow a warm-up time of at least 30 minutes after the chassis is powered on and NI-DCPower is loaded and recognizes the NI 4137. The warm-up time ensures that the NI 4137 and test instrumentation are at a stable operating temperature.

- Use shielded copper wire for all cable connections to the device. Use twisted-pair wire to eliminate noise and thermal offsets.
- To ensure the system has had adequate time to settle, wait one second after requesting a new current or voltage or after changing a load before taking a measurement.
- Keep relative humidity between 10% and 70%, noncondensing.
- Test limits in this document are based on the June 2015 edition of the *NI PXIe-4137 Specifications*.
- When making measurements, configure the following aperture time-related settings.
 - Set the **niDCPower Aperture Time** property or `NIDCPOWER_ATTR_APERTURE_TIME` attribute to 2 power-line cycles (PLCs) on the device.
 - Set the **niDCPower Aperture Time Units** property or `NIDCPOWER_ATTR_APERTURE_TIME_UNITS` to power line cycles.
 - Set the **niDCPower Configure Power Line Frequency** property or the `NIDCPOWER_ATTR_POWER_LINE_FREQUENCY` attribute to either 50 or 60 depending on the frequency of the AC power line in your location.
- Do not use the NI-DCPower Soft Front Panel (SFP) to request test points for any adjustment functions because you cannot set aperture time using the SFP.
- Ensure that properties or attributes for the device that are not specified in calibration procedures are set to their default values.
- When making measurements, configure any specified digital multimeters (DMMs) with the best available levels and limits for each specified test point.

Temperature conditions specific to verification procedures:

- Maintain an ambient temperature of $23\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 5\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$. Maintain an internal device temperature range of $T_{\text{cal}} \pm 1\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$.¹

Temperature conditions specific to adjustment procedures:

- Maintain an ambient temperature of $23\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 1\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$. The NI 4137 internal temperature is greater than the ambient temperature.

Safety Guidelines for System Operation



Caution Hazardous voltage of up to the maximum voltage of the device may appear at the output terminals if the safety interlock terminal is closed. Open the safety interlock terminal when the output connections are accessible. With the safety interlock terminal open the output voltage level/limit is limited to $\pm 40\text{ VDC}$, and

¹ T_{cal} is the internal device temperature recorded by the NI 4137 at the completion of the last self-calibration. Call the niDCPower Get Self Cal Last Temp VI to query T_{cal} from the NI 4137.

protection will be triggered if the voltage measured between the device HI and LO terminals exceeds $\pm(42 \text{ Vpk} \pm 0.4 \text{ V})$.



Caution Do not apply voltage to the safety interlock connector inputs. The interlock connector is designed to accept passive normally open contact closure connections only.

To ensure a system containing the NI 4137 is safe for operators, components, or conductors, take the following safety precautions:

- Ensure proper warnings and signage exists for workers in the area of operation.
- Provide training to all system operators so that they understand the potential hazards and how to protect themselves.
- Inspect connectors, cables, switches, and any test probes for any wear or cracking before each use.
- Before touching any of the connections to the high terminal or high sense on the NI 4137, discharge all components connected to the measurement path. Verify with a DMM before interaction with connections.

As-Found and As-Left Limits

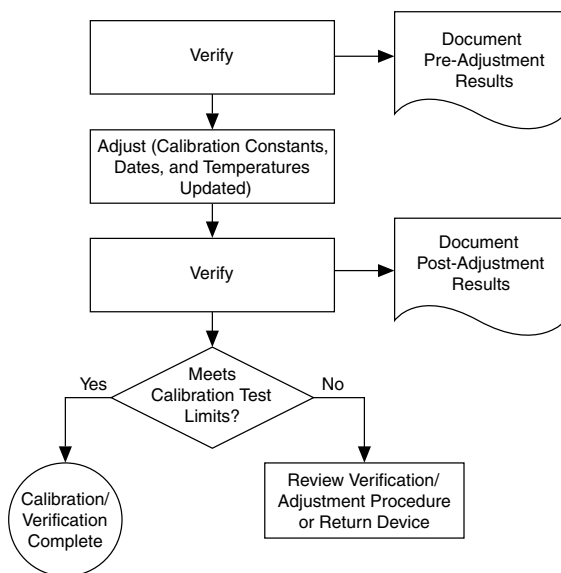
The *as-found* limits are the published specifications for the device. NI uses these limits to determine whether the device meets the device specifications when it is received for calibration.

The *as-left* limits are equal to the published NI specifications for the device, less guard bands for measurement uncertainty, temperature drift, and drift over time. NI uses these limits to determine whether the device will meet the device specifications over its calibration interval.

Calibration Overview

Calibration includes the steps shown in the following figure.

Figure 1. Calibration Overview



1. Initial Setup—Install the NI 4137 and configure it in Measurement & Automation Explorer (MAX) .
2. Verification—Verify the existing operation of the NI 4137.
This step confirms whether the device is operating within the published specifications prior to adjustment.
3. Adjustment—Adjust the calibration constants of the NI 4137.
4. Reverification—Repeat the Verification procedure to ensure that the device is operating within the published specifications after adjustment.

Verification

The performance verification procedures assume that adequate traceable uncertainties are available for the calibration references.

You must complete all verification procedures in the specified order.

You do not need to separately verify both measurement and output. The architecture of the NI 4137 ensures that if measurement is accurate, then output is as well, and vice versa.

Related Information

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Repeat the *Verification* section to determine the as-left status of the device.

Self-Calibrating

Complete the following steps to self-calibrate the device.

1. Disconnect or disable all connections to the device.
2. Ensure the device had 30 minutes to warm up with the PXI chassis fans set to HIGH.
3. Initialize an NI-DCPower session.
4. Call the self-calibration function.
5. Close the NI-DCPower session.

Testing the Safety Interlock

In order to ensure safe operation of the NI 4137, test the safety interlock for proper functionality before completing any verification procedures.

Testing with an Application Development Environment

1. Disconnect the output connector from the NI 4137 front panel.
2. Ensure that the safety interlock input on the test fixture is closed.
3. Set the **niDCPower Output Function** property or `NIDCPOWER_OUTPUT_FUNCTION` attribute to DC Voltage for the NI 4137.
4. Set the voltage level range to 200 V, and set the voltage level to 42.4 V.
5. Set the current limit range to 1 mA, and set the current limit to 1 mA.
6. Initiate the session.
7. Verify that the Voltage Status Indicator is amber.
8. Open the safety interlock input using the test fixture.
9. Verify that the Voltage Status Indicator is red.
10. Reset the device using the niDCPower Reset VI or the `niDCPower Reset` function.
11. Verify that the Voltage Status Indicator is green.

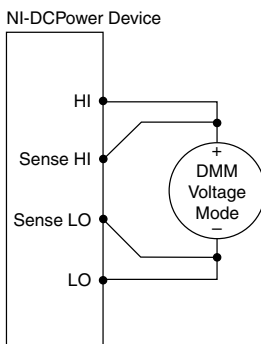


Caution If the NI 4137 fails the safety interlock test, discontinue use of the device and contact an authorized NI service representative to request a Return Material Authorization (RMA).

Connecting and Configuring Equipment for Voltage Verification

1. Make the necessary connections for this procedure, as shown in the following figure.

Figure 2. Voltage Verification or Adjustment Connection Diagram



2. Set the **niDCPower Output Function** property or `NIDCPOWER_OUTPUT_FUNCTION` attribute to DC Voltage for the NI 4137.

Verifying Voltage Measurement and Output

Compare a set of voltages measured by an external DMM to the voltage test points requested by the NI 4137.

Refer to the following table as you complete the following steps.

Verify ranges in the specified order.

Table 2. Voltage Output and Measurement Verification

Level Range	Limit Range and Limit	Test Point	As-Found Measurement Test Limit (% of Voltage + Offset)	As-Left Measurement Test Limit (% of Voltage + Offset)
600 mV	1 mA	-600 mV	0.017% + 30 μ V	0.0040% + 11.5 μ V
		0 mV		
		600 mV		
6 V	1 mA	-6 V	0.017% + 90 μ V	0.0027% + 50 μ V
		0 V		
		6 V		
20 V	1 mA	-20 V	0.017% + 400 μ V	0.0040% + 165 μ V
		0 V		
		20 V		
200 V	1 mA	-200 V	0.020% + 2.5 mV	0.0065% + 1.25 μ V
		0 mV		
		200 V		

- Set the first specified level range, limit range, and limit on the NI 4137.
- Set the **niDCPower Sense** property or `NIDCPOWER_ATTR_SENSE` attribute to Local.
- Measure the internal device temperature and perform self-calibration if necessary.
 - If the internal device temperature exceeds $T_{cal} \pm 1\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$, wait up to 5 minutes for the temperature to stabilize to within $T_{cal} \pm 1\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$.
 - If after 5 minutes the stable temperature still exceeds $T_{cal} \pm 1\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$, call the self-calibration VI or function.
- Set the level on the NI 4137 to the first specified test point.

5. Compare a DMM voltage measurement to the voltage measurement test limits.
 - a) Take a voltage measurement using the DMM.
 - b) Calculate the lower and upper voltage measurement test limits using the following formula:

$$\text{Voltage Measurement Test Limits} = \text{Test Point} \pm (|\text{Test Point}| * \% \text{ of Voltage} + \text{Offset})$$
 - c) Verify the DMM measurement falls within the test limits.
6. If more than one test point per level range is specified, repeat the previous steps for each test point, from setting the level to the test point on the NI 4137 up to this step.
7. If more than one level range is specified, repeat the previous steps using the values specified in each level range.

Verifying Remote Sense Voltage Offset

Compare a set of voltages measured by an external DMM to the voltage test points requested by the NI 4137.

Refer to the following table as you complete the following steps.

Verify ranges in the specified order.

Table 3. Remote Sense Voltage Offset Verification

Level Range	Limit Range and Limit	Test Point	As-Found Measurement Test Limit	As-Left Measurement Test Limit
600 mV	1 mA	0 V	±30 µV	±11.5 µV
6 V			±90 µV	±50 µV
20 V			±400 µV	±165 µV
200 V			±2.5 mV	±1.25 mV

1. Set the first specified level range, limit range, and limit on the NI 4137.
2. Set the **niDCPower Sense** property or `NIDCPOWER_ATTR_SENSE` attribute to Remote.
3. Set the level on the NI 4137 to the first specified test point.
4. Compare a DMM voltage measurement to the voltage measurement test limits.
 - a) Take a voltage measurement using the DMM.
 - b) Verify the DMM measurement falls within the test limits.
5. If more than one test point per level range is specified, repeat the previous steps for each test point, from setting the level to the test point on the NI 4137 up to this step.
6. If more than one level range is specified, repeat the previous steps using the values specified in each level range.

Verifying Voltage Remote Sense

Use the NI 4137 in constant current mode with a test circuit to simulate the voltage drop between the device and a load.

Refer to the following table as you complete the following steps.

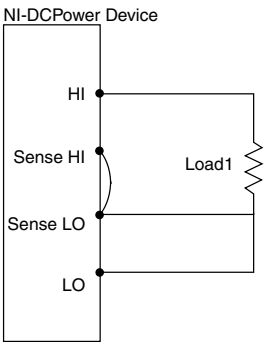
Complete this procedure only after successfully completing all previous verification procedures.

Table 4. Remote Sense Voltage Output Verification

Level Range	Limit Range and Limit	Test Point	Load ₁	Load ₂	Voltage Remote Sense Test Limit	
					Load ₁	Load ₂
1 mA	600 mV	0 mA	3 kΩ	3 kΩ	≤6 μV	≤6 μV
		1 mA				

1. Set the **niDCPower Output Function** property or `NIDCPOWER_OUTPUT_FUNCTION` attribute to DC Current for the NI 4137.
2. Set the **niDCPower Sense** property or `NIDCPOWER_ATTR_SENSE` attribute to Remote.
3. Make the necessary connections for this procedure, as shown in the following figure.

Figure 3. Voltage Remote Sense Diagram, Part 1²



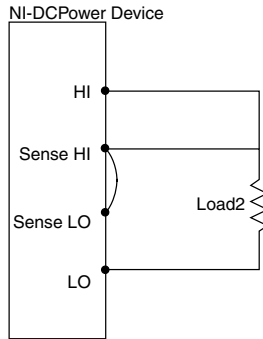
4. Set the first specified level range, limit range, and limit on the NI 4137.
5. Measure the internal device temperature and perform self-calibration if necessary.
 - a) If the internal device temperature exceeds $T_{cal} \pm 1\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$, wait up to 5 minutes for the temperature to stabilize to within $T_{cal} \pm 1\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$.
 - b) If after 5 minutes the stable temperature still exceeds $T_{cal} \pm 1\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$, call the self-calibration VI or function.

² Follow industry best practices for minimizing thermal electromotive force (EMF) when making the necessary connections for this procedure.

- Set the level on the NI 4137 to the first specified test point.
- Take a voltage measurement using the NI 4137.
- Record the voltage from the previous step as $V1$.
- Repeat the previous three steps for the other test point specified in the range. This time, record the value as $V2$.
- Calculate the remote sense error using the following formula, and then record the value.

$$\text{Remote Sense Error} = |V2 - V1|$$
- Verify that the recorded value falls within the test limits.
- Repeat the previous steps. This time, make the necessary connections as shown in the following figure:

Figure 4. Voltage Remote Sense Diagram, Part 2³



Verifying Load Regulation



Note Although Load Regulation is listed as a typical specification for the NI 4137, verification is required. If the NI 4137 fails the load regulation verification procedure, discontinue use of the device and contact an authorized NI service representative to request a Return Material Authorization (RMA).

Refer to the following table as you complete the following steps.

Table 5. Load Regulation Verification

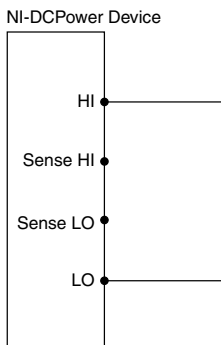
Level Range	Limit Range and Limit	Test Point	As-found/As-left Limit
10 mA	600 mV	10 mA	2 mV

- Set the **niDCPower Output Function** property or `NIDCPOWER_OUTPUT_FUNCTION` attribute to DC Current for the NI 4137.
- Set the **niDCPower Sense** property or `NIDCPOWER_ATTR_SENSE` attribute to Local.

³ Follow industry best practices for minimizing thermal electromotive force (EMF) when making the necessary connections for this procedure.

3. Make the necessary connections for this procedure, as shown in the following figure.

Figure 5. Output Impedance Connection Diagram



4. Set the first specified level range, limit range, and limit on the NI 4137.
5. Measure the internal device temperature and perform self-calibration if necessary.
 - a) If the internal device temperature exceeds $T_{\text{cal}} \pm 1^\circ\text{C}$, wait up to 5 minutes for the temperature to stabilize to within $T_{\text{cal}} \pm 1^\circ\text{C}$.
 - b) If after 5 minutes the stable temperature still exceeds $T_{\text{cal}} \pm 1^\circ\text{C}$, call the self-calibration VI or function.
6. Set the level on the NI 4137 to the first specified test point.
7. Take a voltage measurement using the NI 4137.

Verifying Current Offset

Remove all connections from the NI 4137 and confirm the current measured by the NI 4137 at 0 V falls within the test limits.

Refer to the following table as you complete the following steps.

Complete this procedure only after successfully completing all previous verification procedures. Verify ranges in the specified order.

Table 6. Current Offset Verification

Level Range	Limit Range	Limit	Test Point	As-Found Offset Test Limit	As-Left Offset Test Limit
600 mV	1 μ A	1 μ A	0 mV	± 40 pA	± 17 pA
	10 μ A	10 μ A		± 300 pA	± 130 pA
	100 μ A	100 μ A		± 2 nA	± 970 pA
	1 mA	1 mA		± 20 nA	± 9.7 nA
	10 mA	10 mA		± 200 nA	± 97 nA
	100 mA	100 mA		± 2 μ A	± 970 nA
	1 A	1 A		± 20 μ A	± 8.5 μ A
	3 A	1 A		± 600 μ A	± 85 μ A

1. Disconnect all equipment from the output of the NI 4137.
2. Measure the internal device temperature and perform self-calibration if necessary.
 - a) If the internal device temperature exceeds $T_{cal} \pm 1$ $^{\circ}$ C, wait up to 5 minutes for the temperature to stabilize to within $T_{cal} \pm 1$ $^{\circ}$ C.
 - b) If after 5 minutes the stable temperature still exceeds $T_{cal} \pm 1$ $^{\circ}$ C, call the self-calibration VI or function.
3. Take a current measurement using the NI 4137.
4. Record the value from the previous step.
5. Verify that the recorded value falls within the test limits.
6. If more than one limit range is specified, repeat the previous steps using the values specified in each limit range.

Verifying 1 μ A and 10 μ A Current Measurement and Output

Compare a set of measured currents reported by the NI 4137 to the currents measured by an external DMM.

Complete this procedure only after successfully completing all previous verification procedures. Verify ranges in the specified order.

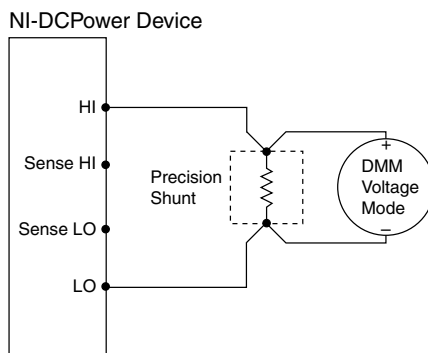
1. Refer to the following table as you complete the following steps.

Table 7. 1 μA and 10 μA Current Output and Measurement Verification

Level Range	Limit Range and Limit	Shunt	Test Point	As-Found Measurement Test Limit (% of Current + Offset)	As-Left Measurement Test Limit (% of Current + Offset)
6 V	1 μA	1 MΩ	-0.9 V	0.022% + 40 pA	0.0071% + 17 pA
			0.9 V		
20 V	10 μA		-9 V	0.022% + 300 pA	0.0071% + 130 pA
			9 V		

- Make the necessary connections for this procedure, as shown in the following figure.

Figure 6. Current Connection Diagram, Part 1



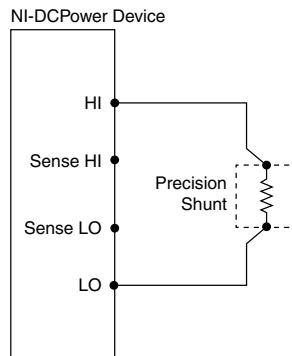
- Set the **niDCPower Output Function** property or `NIDCPOWER_OUTPUT_FUNCTION` attribute to DC Voltage for the NI 4137.
- Set the first specified level range, limit range, and limit on the NI 4137.
- Measure the internal device temperature and perform self-calibration if necessary.
 - If the internal device temperature exceeds $T_{\text{cal}} \pm 1\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$, wait up to 5 minutes for the temperature to stabilize to within $T_{\text{cal}} \pm 1\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$.
 - If after 5 minutes the stable temperature still exceeds $T_{\text{cal}} \pm 1\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$, call the self-calibration VI or function.
- Set the level on the NI 4137 to the first specified test point.

Complete the following 4 steps within 5 minutes or less of completing the previous step in order to ensure the internal device temperature remains stable.
- Calculate the current through the shunt by completing the following steps.
 - Take a voltage measurement across the shunt using the DMM.
 - Divide the voltage measurement by the calibrated value of the shunt.
 - Record the calculated value as *DMM Measured Current*.
- Calculate the lower and upper current measurement test limits using the following formula:

*Current Measurement Test Limits = DMM Measured Current \pm (DMM Measured Current * % of Current + Offset)*

9. Disconnect the DMM. Leave the NI 4137 output on.

Figure 7. Current Connection Diagram, Part 2



10. Take a current measurement using the NI 4137.
11. Record the value from the previous step.
12. Verify that the recorded NI 4137 value falls within the test limits.
13. If more than one test point per level range is specified, repeat the previous steps for each test point, from setting the level to the test point on the NI 4137 up to this step.
14. If more than one level range is specified, repeat the previous steps using the values specified in each level range.

Verifying 100 μ A to 100 mA Current Measurement and Output

Compare a set of currents measured by an external DMM to the current test points requested by the NI 4137.

Complete this procedure only after successfully completing all previous verification procedures. Verify ranges in the specified order.

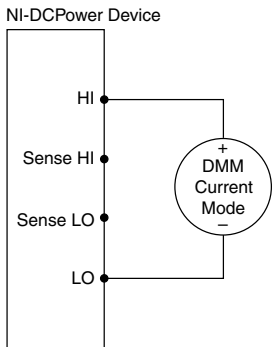
Refer to the following table as you complete the following steps.

Table 8. 100 μ A to 100 mA Current Output and Measurement Verification

Level Range	Limit Range and Limit	Test Point	As-Found Measurement Test Limit (% of Current + Offset)	As-Left Measurement Test Limit (% of Current + Offset)
100 μ A	6 V	-100 μ A	0.022% + 2 nA	0.0070% + 970 pA
		100 μ A		
1 mA	6 V	-1 mA	0.022% + 20 nA	0.0070% + 9.7 nA
		1 mA		
10 mA	6 V	-10 mA	0.022% + 200 nA	0.0071% + 97 nA
		10 mA		
100 mA	6 V	-100 mA	0.022% + 2 μ A	0.0102% + 970 nA
		100 mA		

1. Make the necessary connections for this procedure, as shown in the following figure.

Figure 8. Current Verification Connection Diagram



2. Set the **niDCPower Output Function** property or `NIDCPOWER_OUTPUT_FUNCTION` attribute to DC Current for the NI 4137.
3. Set the first specified level range, limit range, and limit on the NI 4137.
4. Measure the internal device temperature and perform self-calibration if necessary.
 - a) If the internal device temperature exceeds $T_{cal} \pm 1\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$, wait up to 5 minutes for the temperature to stabilize to within $T_{cal} \pm 1\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$.
 - b) If after 5 minutes the stable temperature still exceeds $T_{cal} \pm 1\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$, call the self-calibration VI or function.
5. Set the level on the NI 4137 to the first specified test point.

6. Compare a DMM current measurement to the current measurement test limits.
 - a) Take a current measurement using the DMM.
 - b) Calculate the lower and upper current measurement test limits using the following formula:

$$\text{Current Measurement Test Limits} = \text{Test Point} \pm (|\text{Test Point}| * \% \text{ of Current} + \text{Offset})$$

- c) Verify the DMM measurement falls within the test limits.
7. If more than one test point per level range is specified, repeat the previous steps for each test point, from setting the level to the test point on the NI 4137 up to this step.
8. If more than one level range is specified, repeat the previous steps using the values specified in each level range.

Verifying 1 A and 3 A Current Measurement and Output

Compare a set of currents measured by an external DMM to the current test points requested by the NI 4137.

Complete this procedure only after successfully completing all previous verification procedures. Verify ranges in the specified order.

Refer to the following table as you complete the following steps.

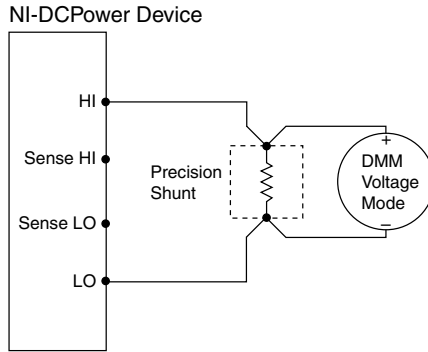
Table 9. 1 A and 3 A Current Output and Measurement Verification

Level Range	Limit Range and Limit	Shunt	Test Point	As-Found Measurement Test Limit (% of Current + Offset)	As-Left Measurement Test Limit (% of Current + Offset)
1 A	6 V	1 Ω	-1 A	0.035% + 20 μA	0.0051% + 8.5 μA ⁴
			1 A		
3 A	6 V	1 Ω	-1 A	0.075% + 600 μA	0.0051% + 85 μA ⁴
			1 A		

1. Make the necessary connections for this procedure, as shown in the following figure.

⁴ As-left measurement test limits for the 1 A and 3 A level range are relative to the external calibration source.

Figure 9. Current Verification Connection Diagram



2. Set the **niDCPower Output Function** property or `NIDCPOWER_OUTPUT_FUNCTION` attribute to DC Current for the NI 4137.
3. Set the first specified level range, limit range, and limit on the NI 4137.
4. Measure the internal device temperature and perform self-calibration if necessary.
 - a) If the internal device temperature exceeds $T_{cal} \pm 1\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$, wait up to 5 minutes for the temperature to stabilize to within $T_{cal} \pm 1\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$.
 - b) If after 5 minutes the stable temperature still exceeds $T_{cal} \pm 1\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$, call the self-calibration VI or function.
5. Set the level on the NI 4137 to the first specified test point.
6. Calculate the current through the shunt by completing the following steps.
 - a) Take a voltage measurement across the shunt using the DMM.
 - b) Divide the voltage measurement by the calibrated value of the shunt.
 - c) Record the calculated value as *DMM Measured Current*.
7. Calculate the lower and upper current measurement test limits using the following formula:
$$\text{Current Measurement Test Limits} = \text{Test Point} \pm (|\text{Test Point}| * \% \text{ of Current} + \text{Offset})$$
8. Verify that the calculated *DMM Measured Current* value falls within the test limits.
9. If more than one test point per level range is specified, repeat the previous steps for each test point, from setting the level to the test point on the NI 4137 up to this step.
10. If more than one level range is specified, repeat the previous steps using the values specified in each level range.

Adjustment

This section describes the steps needed to adjust the NI 4137 to meet published specifications.

Adjusted Specifications

Adjustment corrects the following specifications for the device:

- Voltage programming accuracy
- Current programming accuracy
- Voltage measurement accuracy
- Current measurement accuracy

Following the adjustment procedure automatically updates the calibration date and temperature on the device.



Note You do not need to separately adjust both measurement and output. The architecture of the NI 4137 ensures that if measurement is accurate, then output is as well, and vice versa.

Initiating the Adjustment Session

1. After completing verification, wait a minimum of 5 minutes for the internal device temperature to stabilize.
2. Initiate an external calibration session (a special type of NI-DCPower session) by calling the `niDCPower Initialize External Calibration VI` or `niDCPower_InitExtCal` function.
3. Call the self-calibration function.

Ensure the following conditions during adjustment:

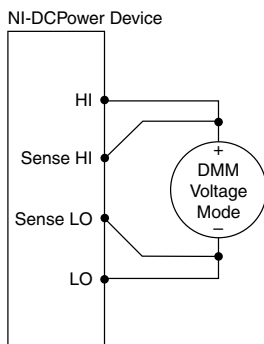
- Keep the calibration session open until you complete all adjustment procedures.
- Complete all adjustment procedures within 15 minutes or less after initiating the external calibration session.
- Complete all adjustment procedures in the specified order.
- Do not self-calibrate the device except as specified in a procedure.

Voltage and Current Output

Connecting and Configuring Equipment for Voltage Adjustment

1. Make the necessary connections for this procedure, as shown in the following figure.

Figure 10. Voltage Verification or Adjustment Connection Diagram



2. Set the **niDCPower Output Function** property or `NIDCPOWER_OUTPUT_FUNCTION` attribute to DC Voltage for the NI 4137.
3. Set the **niDCPower Sense** property or `NIDCPOWER_ATTR_SENSE` attribute to Remote.

Adjusting Voltage Output and Measurement

Compare a set of voltages measured by an external DMM to the voltage test points requested by the NI 4137.

Refer to the following table as you complete the following steps.

Table 10. Voltage Output and Measurement Adjustment

Level Range	Limit Range and Limit	Test Point
6 V	100 mA	5 V
		-5 V

1. Set the first specified level range, limit range, and limit on the NI 4137.
2. Set the level on the NI 4137 to the first specified test point.
3. Take a voltage measurement using the DMM.
4. Store the value from the previous step as input for the `niDCPower Cal Adjust VI` or function called in the following steps.
5. If more than one test point per level range is specified, repeat the previous steps for each test point, from setting the level to the test point on the NI 4137 up to this step.
6. If more than one level range is specified, repeat the previous steps using the values specified in each level range.
7. Update the output calibration constants by configuring and calling the `niDCPower Cal Adjust Voltage Level VI` or `niDCPower_CalAdjustVoltageLevel` function.
 - a) Input the DMM measurements as the **measured outputs**.

- b) Input the test points as the **requested outputs**.
- c) Input the specified level range as the **range**.

Adjusting 1 μ A to 100 mA Current Output and Measurement

Complete this procedure only after successfully completing all previous adjustment procedures. Adjust ranges in the specified order.

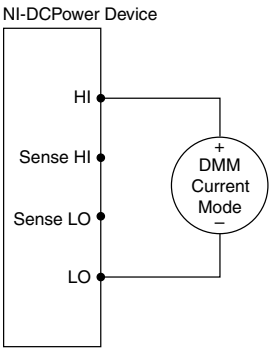
Refer to the following table as you complete the following steps.

Table 11. 1 μ A to 100 mA Current Output and Measurement Adjustment⁵

Level Range	Limit Range and Limit	Test Point
100 μ A	6 V	100 μ A
		-100 μ A
1 mA	6 V	100 μ A ⁶
		-100 μ A ⁶

- Make the necessary connections for this procedure, as shown in the following figure.

Figure 11. Current Output and Measurement Adjustment Connection Diagram



- Set the **niDCPower Output Function** property or `NIDCPOWER_OUTPUT_FUNCTION` attribute to DC Current for the NI 4137.
- Set the first specified level range, limit range, and limit on the NI 4137.
- Set the level on the NI 4137 to the first specified test point.
- Take a current measurement using the DMM.
- Store the value from the previous step as input for the niDCPower Cal Adjust VI or function called in the following steps.

⁵ Adjusting the 100 μ A and 1 mA level ranges automatically adjusts the following ranges: 1 μ A, 10 μ A, 10 mA, and 100 mA.

⁶ The NI 4137 requires that you use ± 100 μ A test points in the 1 mA level range.

7. If more than one test point per level range is specified, repeat the previous steps for each test point, from setting the level to the test point on the NI 4137 up to this step.
8. Update the output calibration constants by configuring and calling the niDCPower Cal Adjust Current Limit VI or niDCPower_CalAdjustCurrentLimit function.
 - a) Input the calculated shunt current measurements as the **measured outputs**.
 - b) Input the test points as the **requested outputs**.
 - c) Input the specified level range as the **range**.
9. If more than one level range is specified, repeat the previous steps using the values specified in each level range.

Adjusting 1 A and 3 A Current Output and Measurement

Compare a set of measured currents reported by the NI 4137 to the currents measured by an external DMM.

Complete this procedure only after successfully completing all previous adjustment procedures. Adjust ranges in the specified order.

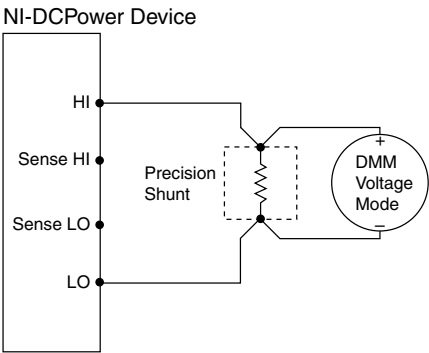
Refer to the following table as you complete the following steps.

Table 12. 1 A and 3 A Current Output and Measurement Adjustment

Level Range	Limit Range and Limit	Shunt	Test Point
1 A	6 V	1 Ω	1 A
			-1 A
3 A	6 V	1 Ω	1 A
			-1 A

1. Make the necessary connections for this procedure, as shown in the following figure.

Figure 12. Current Output and Measurement Adjustment Connection Diagram



2. Set the **niDCPower Output Function** property or NIDCPOWER_OUTPUT_FUNCTION attribute to DC Current for the NI 4137.

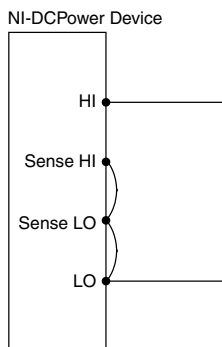
3. Set the first specified level range, limit range, and limit on the NI 4137.
4. Set the level on the NI 4137 to the first specified test point.
5. Calculate the current through the shunt by completing the following steps.
 - a) Take a voltage measurement across the shunt using the DMM.
 - b) Divide the voltage measurement by the calibrated value of the shunt.
6. Store the value from the previous step as input for the niDCPower Cal Adjust VI or function called in the following steps.
7. If more than one test point per level range is specified, repeat the previous steps for each test point, from setting the level to the test point on the NI 4137 up to this step.
8. Update the output calibration constants by configuring and calling the niDCPower Cal Adjust Current Limit VI or niDCPower_CalAdjustCurrentLimit function.
 - a) Input the calculated shunt current measurements as the **measured outputs**.
 - b) Input the test points as the **requested outputs**.
 - c) Input the specified level range as the **range**.
9. If more than one level range is specified, repeat the previous steps using the values specified in each level range.

Residual Offset Voltage

Connecting and Configuring Equipment to Adjust Residual Offset Voltage

1. Make the necessary connections for this procedure, as shown in the following figure.

Figure 13. Residual Voltage Offset Diagram



2. Set the **niDCPower Output Function** property or NIDCPOWER_OUTPUT_FUNCTION attribute to DC Voltage for the NI 4137.

Adjusting Residual Voltage Offset

Eliminate residual offset voltage at 0 V by configuring and calling the niDCPower Cal Adjust Residual Voltage Offset VI or niDCPower_CalAdjustResidualVoltageOffset function.

Closing the Adjustment Session

Close the session and commit the new constants to hardware by calling the `niDCPower Close External Calibration VI` or `niDCPower_CloseExtCal` function and specifying Commit as the **calibration close action**.

Alternative to Performing Adjustment Procedures

If your device passes all verification procedures successfully and you want to skip updating the calibration constants, you can update solely the calibration date by completing the following steps.



Note NI recommends following all adjustment procedures in order to update the calibration constants and renew the device calibration interval.

1. Call one of the following:
 - `niDCPower Initialize External Calibration VI`
 - `niDCPower_InitExtCal` function
2. Call one of the following, specifying Commit in **calibration close action**:
 - `niDCPower Close External Calibration VI`
 - `niDCPower_CloseExtCal` function

Reverification

Repeat the *Verification* section to determine the as-left status of the device.



Note If any test fails reverification after performing an adjustment, verify that you have met the *Test Conditions* before returning your device to NI. Refer to the *Worldwide Support and Services* section for information about support resources or service requests.

Related Information

[Test Conditions](#) on page 3

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