

Using a Sentinel instrument in a PLC Controlled Machine

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SUMMARY

In many applications, a user will integrate the Sentinel leak test instrument into a machine that is controlled by a PLC. This bulletin provides a typical wiring diagram and program listing for a Sentinel I-21/B-21/F-21/C-20 instrument controlled by a SLC 500 PLC.

DISCUSSION

The Sentinel instruments' tooling control capabilities are generally limited to simple functions which will always occur within the leak test sequence. For more extensive control capabilities, users generally have a PLC perform all control functions, including motion control. To provide for this need, the Sentinel instruments have several 110 vac or 24 vdc inputs and outputs that allow the PLC to have complete control of the instrument. The attached sheets serve as an example of a rather simple integration. By using the "part select" and "auto cal" inputs, the PLC can run all of the Sentinel functions, eliminating the operator keypad entirely.

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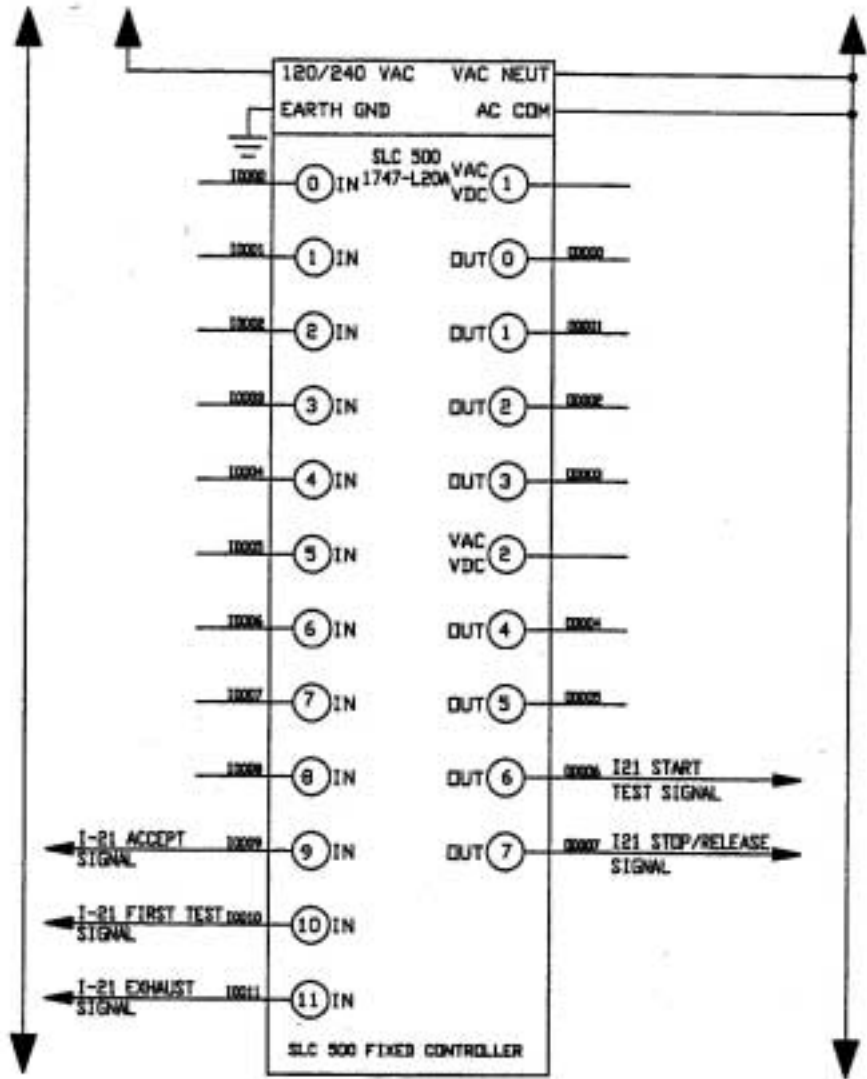


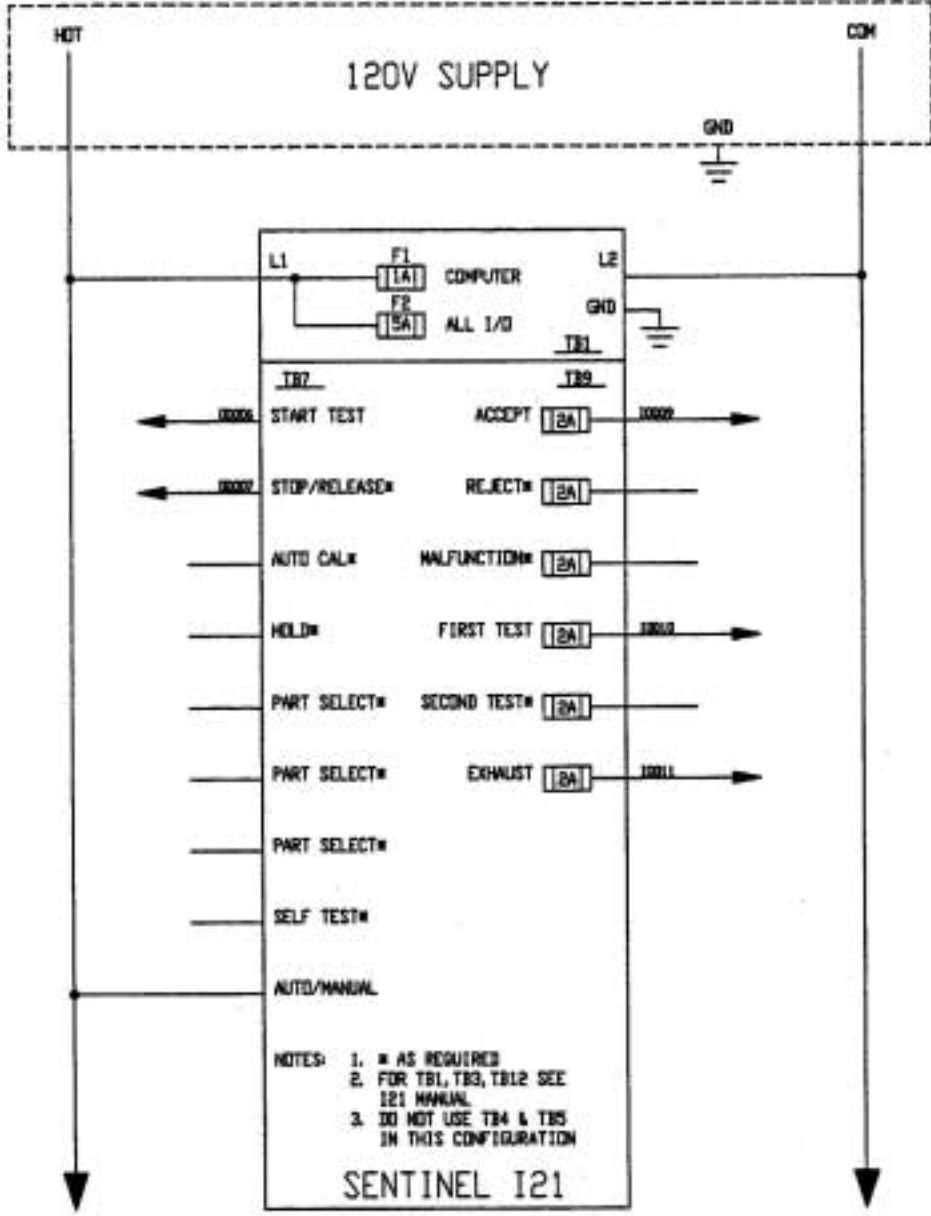
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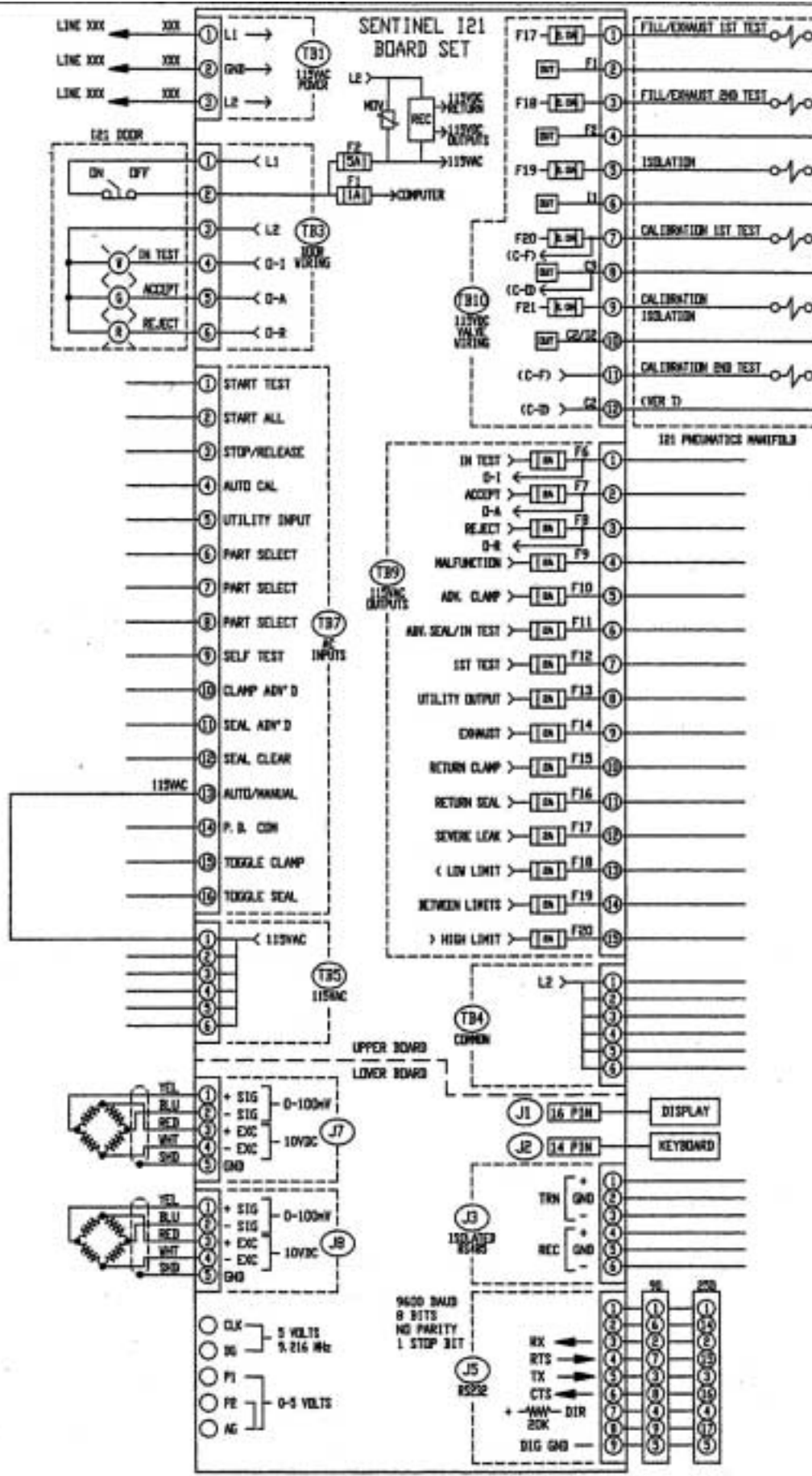
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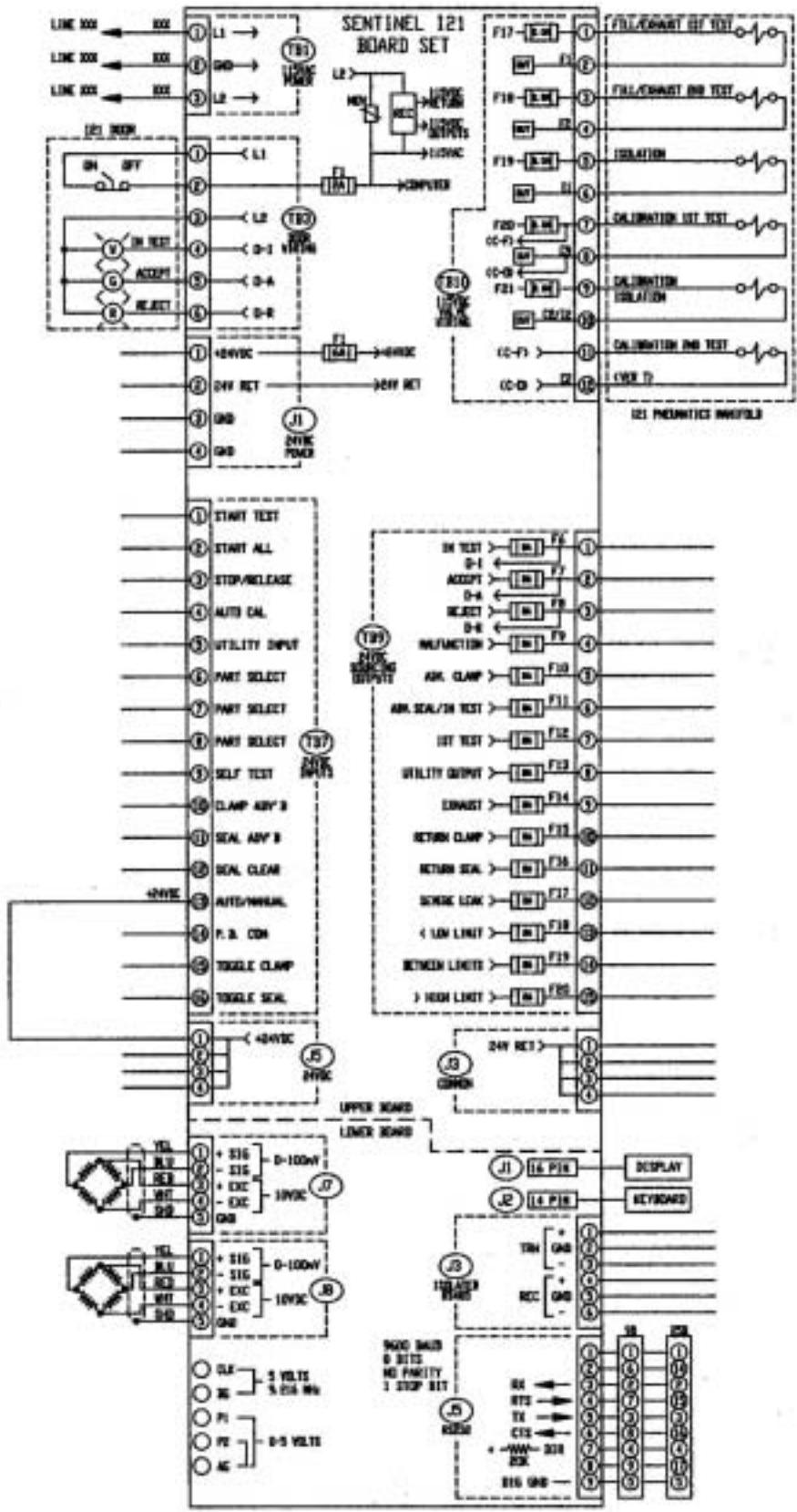
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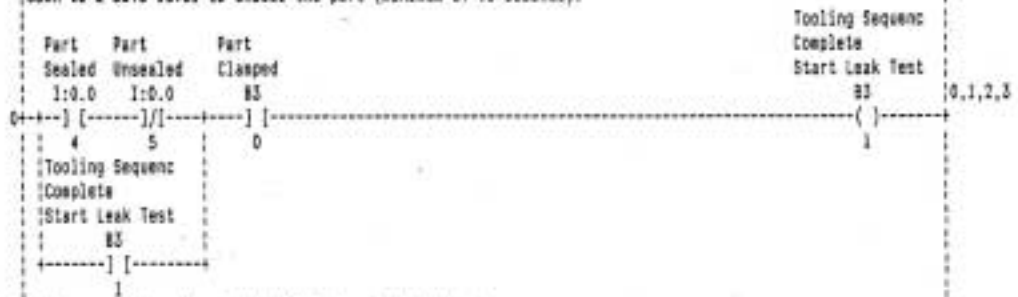




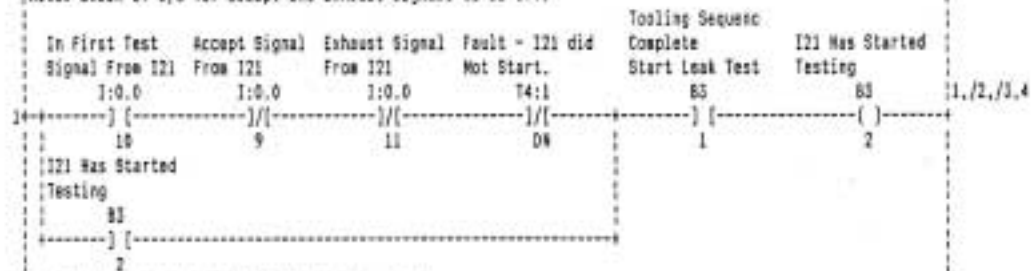




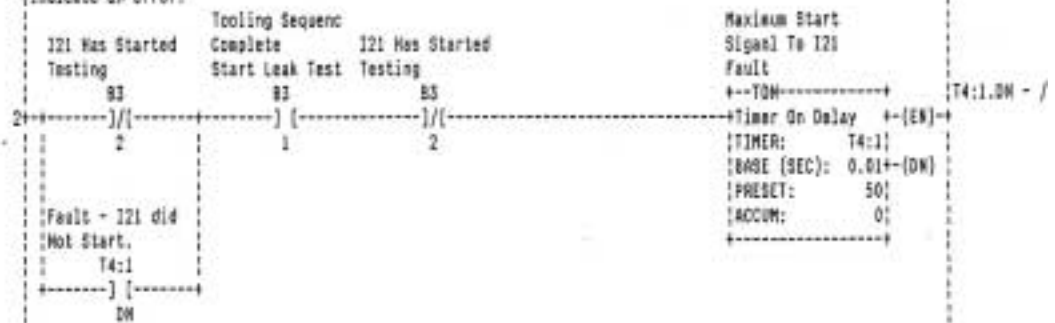
[This rung is both the completion of the tooling sequence and the starting point for the I21.
 The I21 Machine control should be set to "YMP". The clamp and seal timers should be set to 0.0
 The Exhaust timer should be set long enough to exhaust the part down to a safe level to unseal the part (minimum of .5 seconds).



[This rung latches in when the I21 has started a test.
 Note: check of I/O for accept and exhaust signals to be off.



Fault timer to check if the I21 started a test.
 If the machine is manually loaded, Do not retract tooling and indicate an error.



Start Signal to the I21

