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### AS-Interface Overview (Actuator Sensor Interface)

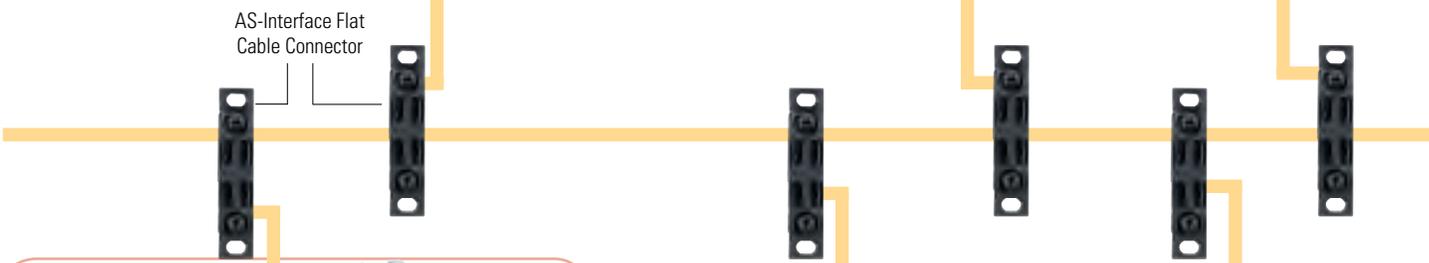
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See PLC section for more information.

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SX5A AS-Interface Safety Contact IDEC for more information.



SX5A AS-Interface I/O modules

4 inputs  
2 inputs/2 outputs      4 inputs/3 outputs      4 inputs/3 outputs

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SX5A AS-Interface Safety Communication Terminal (Safety Slave)

Emergency Stop Switch Box

Safety Interlock Switches  
Contact IDEC for more information

IDEC SmartRelay  
(See PLC section for more information)

**Link to the world and reduce wiring at the same time!**

**SwitchNet Control Units directly connect to an AS-Interface network**

Panels can be built with substantially less wiring at a lower total cost.

- Signals and power are carried through two wires.
- A maximum of 62 switches and pilot lights can be connected. The wire length can be extended to 300m by using two repeaters.
- Spring clamp terminals save wiring time.

Each control switch or pilot light contains a communication chip (AS-Interface Ver. 2.1).



T-branch Connector

FB Enclosures

XA & XW E-Stops



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**Pilot lights & Illuminated Pushbuttons Brightness Control**

Illumination can be controlled at four levels according to a command from the AS-Interface master. Dynamic displays and energy savings are possible.



L6 Pilot Lights  
See Switch & Pilot Light section.

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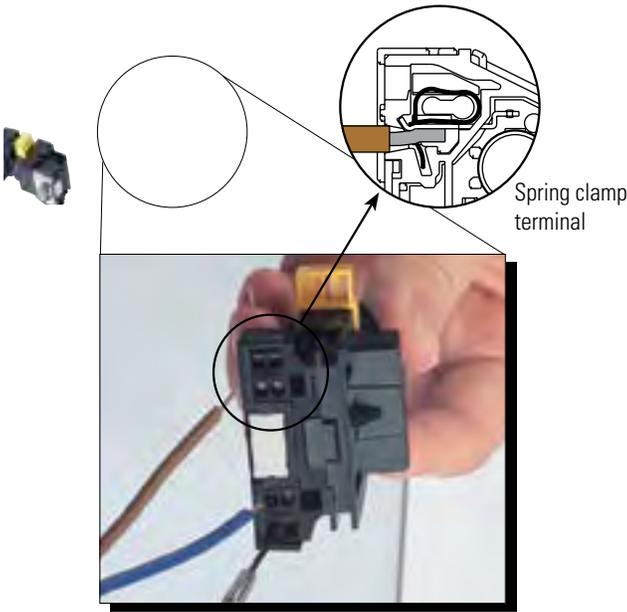
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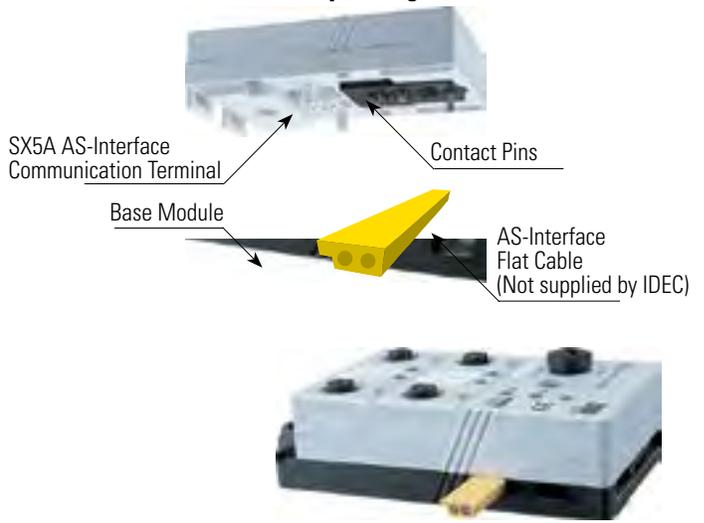
Quick & Secure Connection



Spring clamp reduces wiring time

SwitchNet control units feature spring clamp terminals, eliminating the need for tightening screws.

Easy Wiring

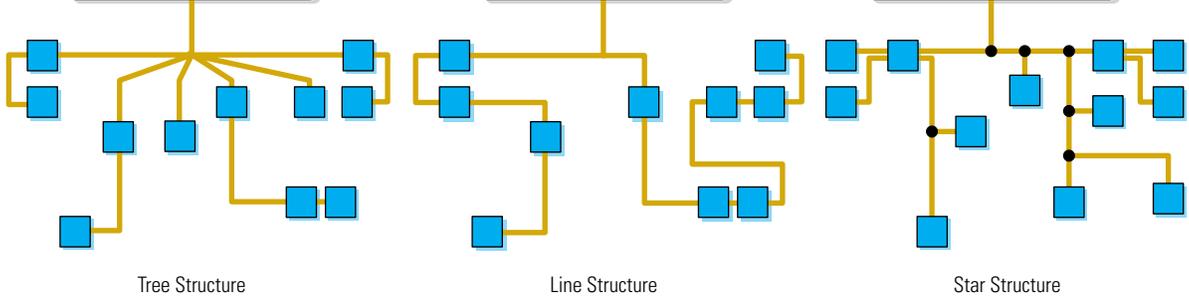


Contact pins pierce through the cable's insulation and make secure contact with the copper conductor. After disconnecting the AS-Interface communication terminal, the elasticity of the sheath closes the pierced holes and maintains insulation.

AS-Interface Master

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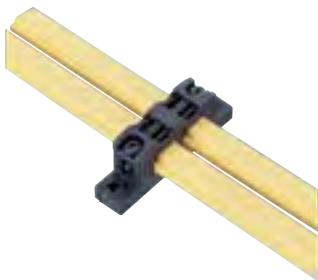
AS-Interface Master



■ = AS-Interface slave  
AS-Interface power supply can be connected at any place. No terminator is needed.

Connectors

Three types of connectors are available for designing the panel layout.



AS-Interface Flat Cable Branch Connector (IP65)

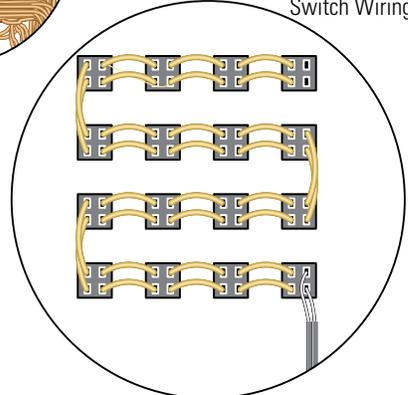
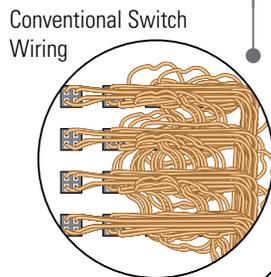
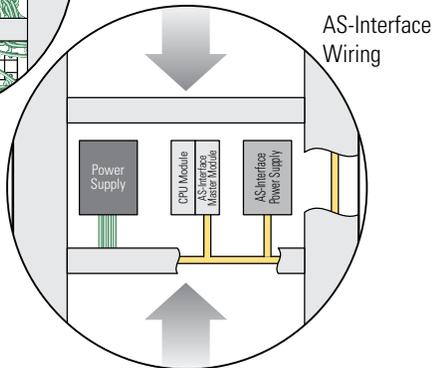
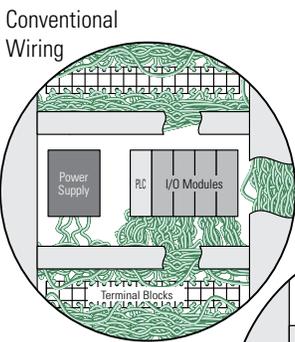
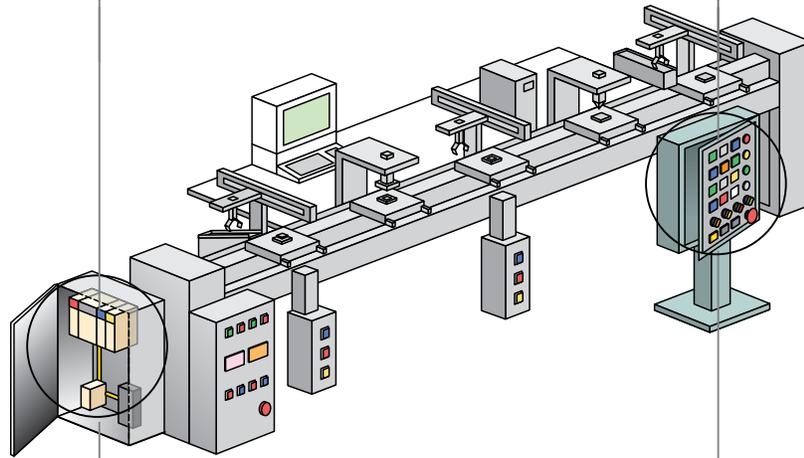
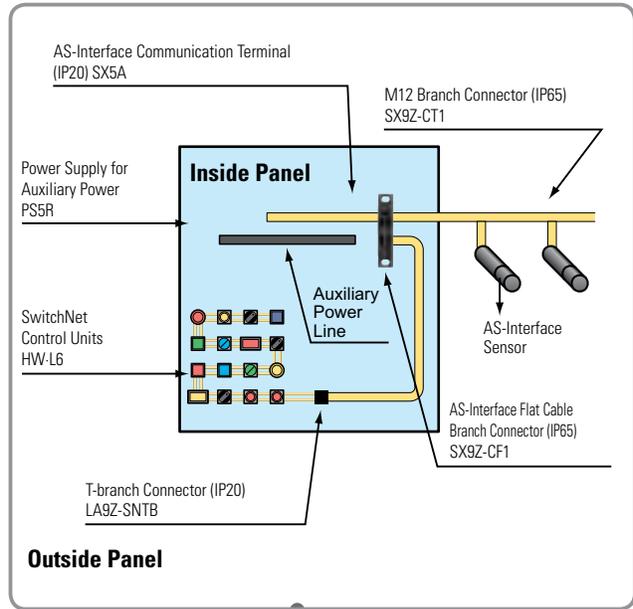
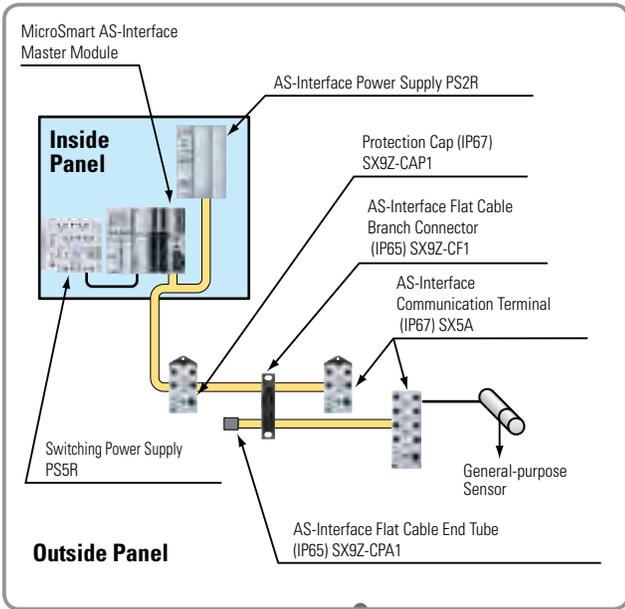


M12 Branch Connector (IP65)



T-branch Connector (IP20)

Space & Wire Savings



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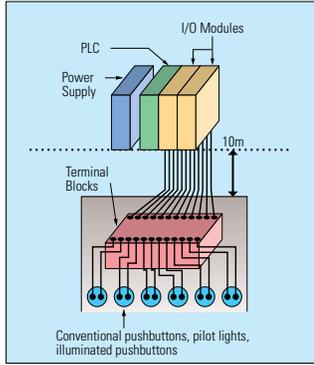
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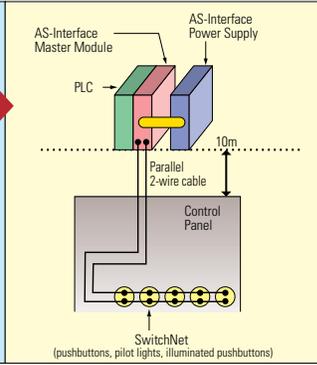
Cost Savings

Inside-Panel Wiring Example: Cost Savings Approximately 25%

Wiring Comparison  
Conventional Wiring



AS-Interface & SwitchNet Wiring



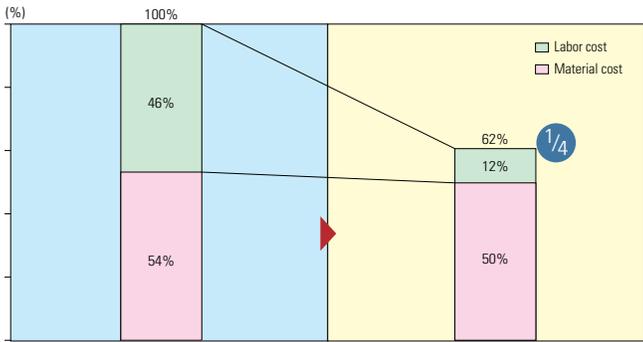
Conventional Wiring

When using conventional wiring that involves a PLC and terminal blocks, the inside of the control panel is filled with wires for switches, pilot lights and other devices. Approximately half of the total panel cost is attributable to labor costs for wiring.

AS-Interface & SwitchNet Wiring

All SwitchNet units are connected to the AS-Interface master module using 2-wire cables. Wiring time is reduced to approximately 1/4 of the time needed for the conventional method and the total cost can be reduced up to 40%. In addition, maintenance is much easier.

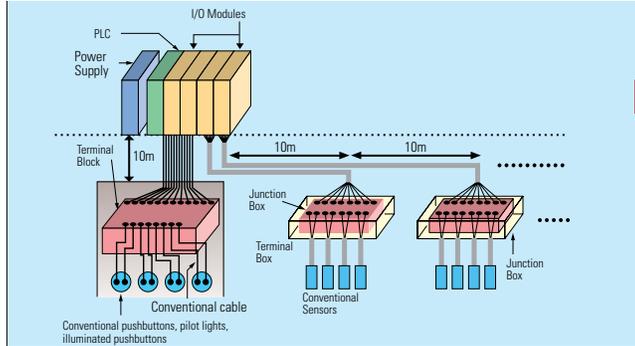
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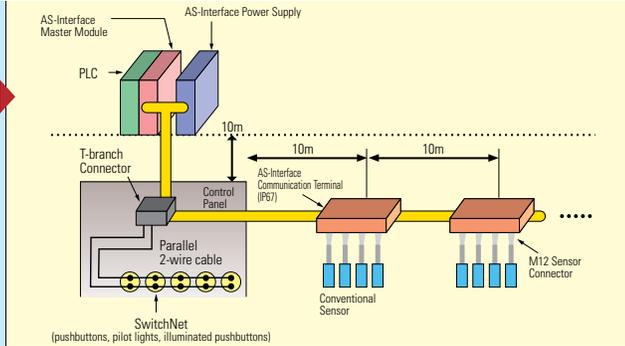
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Inside & Outside-Panel Wiring Example: Cost Savings Approximately 25%

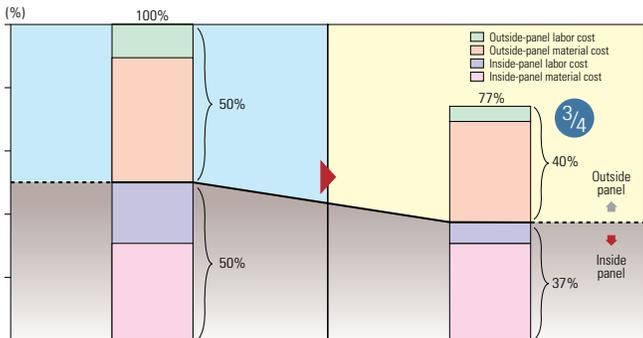
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Conventional Wiring

A large amount of space and cost is required by wiring to and inside junction boxes.

AS-Interface & SwitchNet Wiring

SwitchNet wiring reduces costs for inside-panel wiring resulting in a total cost reduction of approximately 25%.



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