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**MX503 Mini-MAXX Enclosure**  
**2 Triaxial Inputs**  
**Product Manual**

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## INTRODUCTION

CTC's MX503 Mini MAXX Box is a common cable termination point for triaxial sensors to interface with portable data collectors. CTC MX503 Series Boxes provide four-pin Quick Lock outputs for each channel.

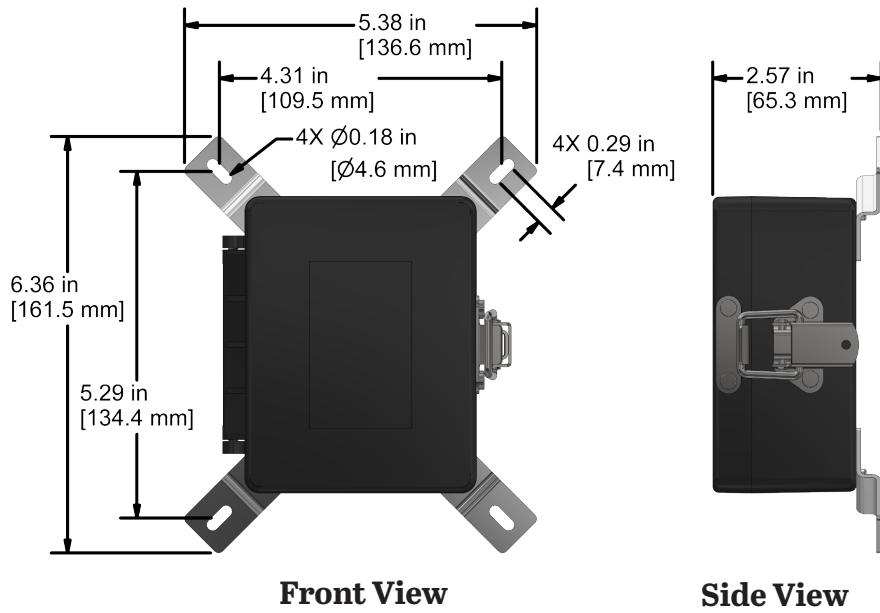
### MX503 Overview

The MX503 is a powder-coated aluminum junction box that provides connection for up to two triaxial accelerometers through four-conductor input wiring to a portable data collection unit equipped with Azima DLI Data Collector cables. Each sensor is wired to four-pin, quick output connections via an internal terminal strip located on the reverse side of the DLI-compatible connector panel. Connections on the terminal strip include an X, Y, and Z input for signal as well as common and the shield drain wire (earth grounded via the enclosure). **Please note:** positive inputs run numerically across the terminal block in a ZXY configuration.

Each MX503 features a hinged cover with a snap latch to protect each four-pin connector when not in use. Located on the inside of the door is a measurement location card used to identify and label each connector. Rated for NEMA 4X (IP66), the box is also resistant to hose-directed fluid and corrosion and is rated for temperatures ranging from -58°F to 180°F (-50°C to 82°C). This Mini-MAXX Box measures 3.54 in. W x 4.53 in. H (89.9 mm W x 115.1 mm H), allowing it to be installed in many locations.



# PRODUCT DIMENSIONS



**Figure 1. Dimensions**

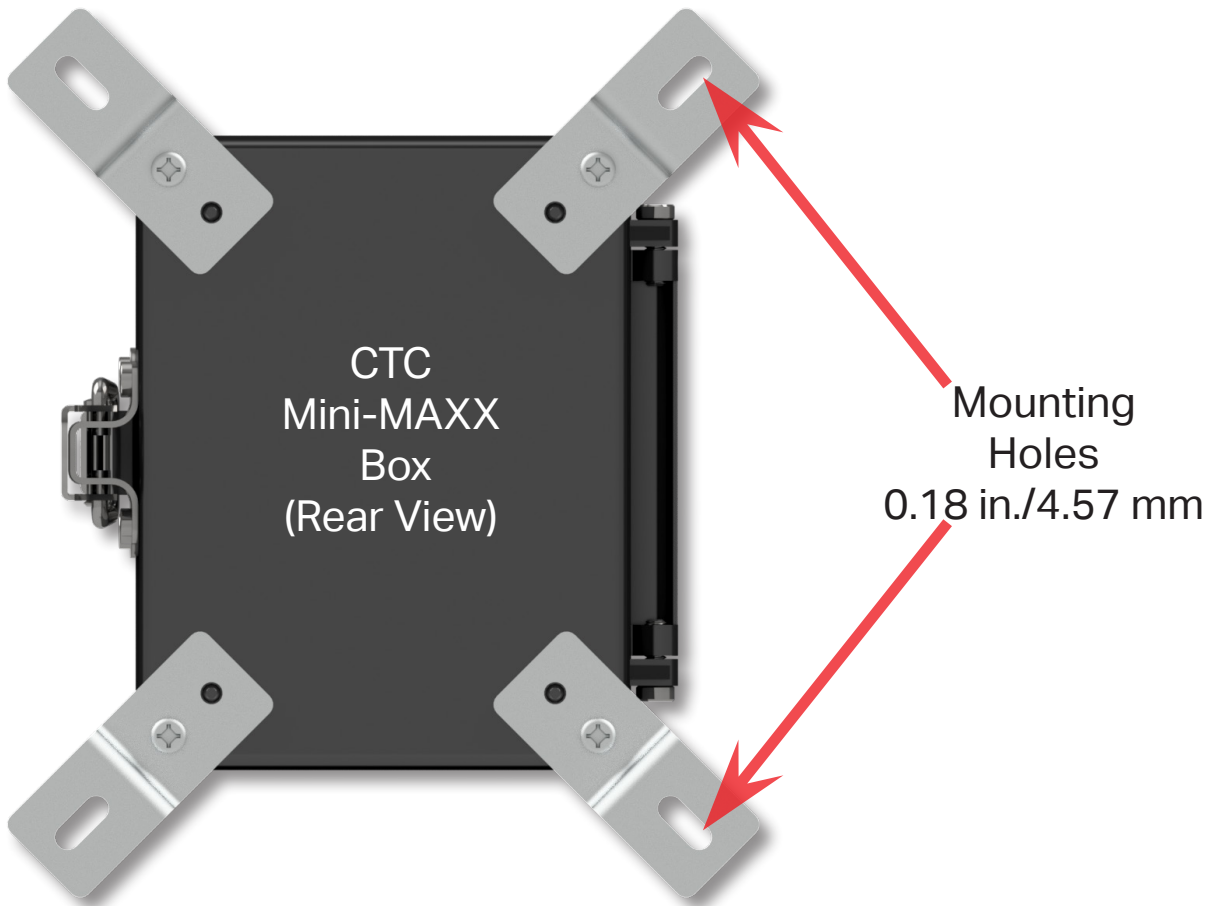


**Figure 2. Diagram**

## MOUNTING INSTRUCTIONS

Independent stainless steel mounting feet are included on the enclosure. Wall anchoring screws are not included.

**Note:** If you have purchased a MX503 Box without cable entries provided, you should add your own entry prior to mounting the enclosure. CTC does not recommend putting holes in the top of the enclosure as it will cause restricted access to the wire termination connection points and also allow possible moisture ingress.

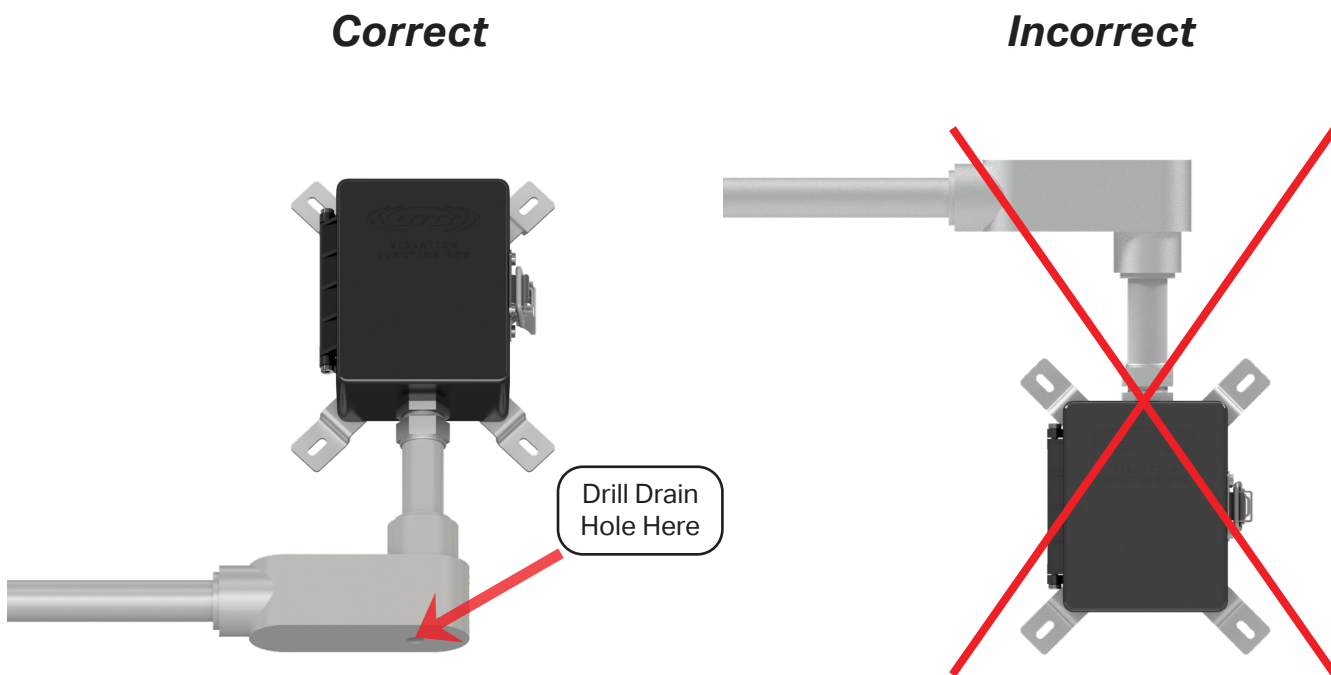


**Figure 3. Mounting Bracket Placement**

## CONDUIT ENTRY

If you are running conduit to your enclosure, ensure the conduit cable entry is located at the bottom of the enclosure when mounted.

**Note:** To ensure moisture will not flow into the enclosure, a hole should be drilled at the lowest point in the conduit to provide drainage for any moisture.



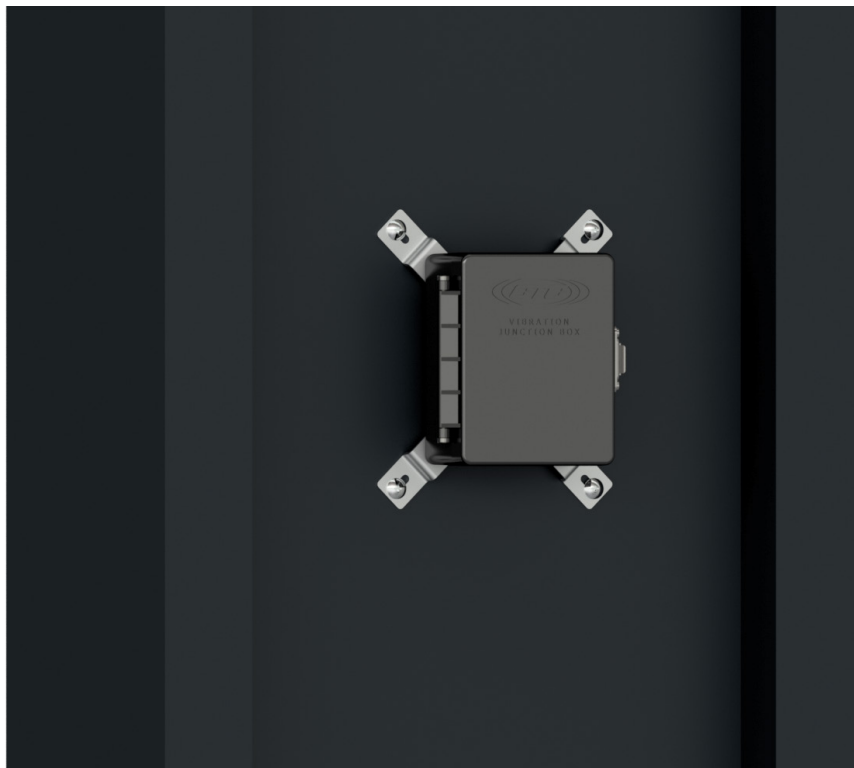
**Figure 4. Conduit Entry for Termination box**

## GROUNDING

Ensure the shield ground wire on the MX503 Series MAXX Box is grounded to earth ground.

### *A. Mounting to Earth Ground*

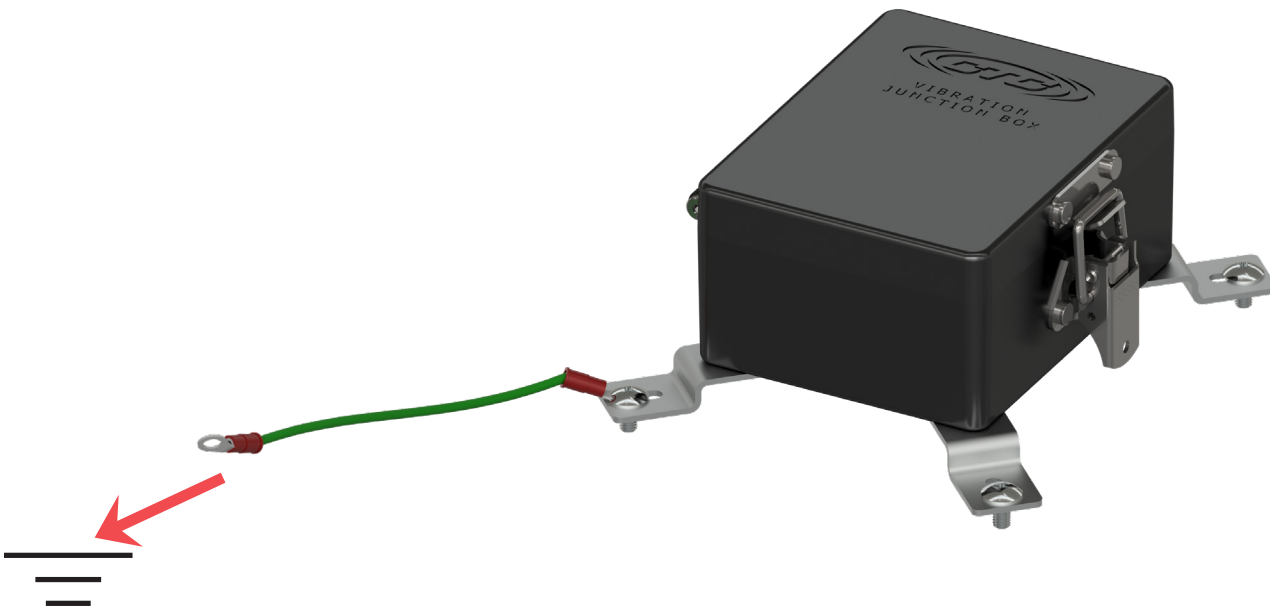
When mounting an MX503 Series MAXX Box to earth ground (such as an I-Beam), no additional steps are necessary, as the enclosure is grounded internally.



***Figure 5. Termination Box (MX503) Earth Ground***

## B. Mounting to Non-Grounded Structure

When mounting the MAXX Box to a non-grounded structure, ensure the shield ground wire or customer-supplied ground wire is tied to a source of earth ground.



**Figure 6. Ground Wire Placement**

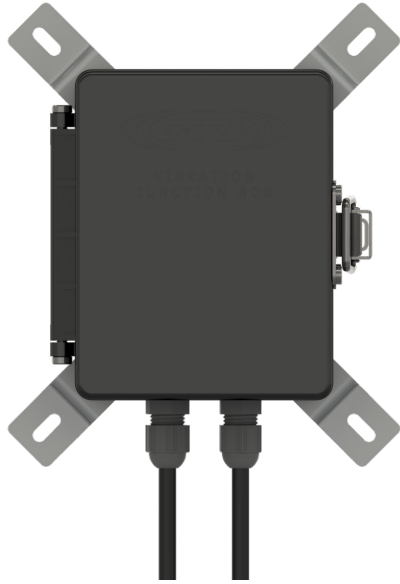
## SENSOR INSTALLATION

### Installation of Sensors/Signal Input Cable

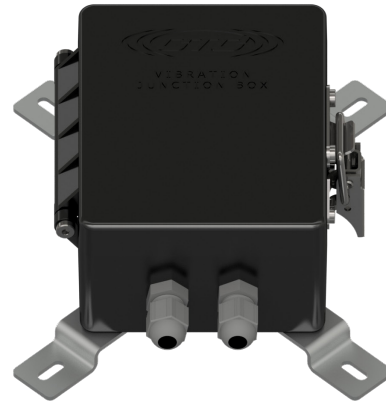
1. Feed blunt-cut end through the cable entry at the bottom of the enclosure.  
**Note:** it is recommended that cables are marked on both ends.

For cord grip cable entry, take off the cord grip cover with bushing and run cable into enclosure, hand tighten cord grip cover to base to prevent damage of cord grip.



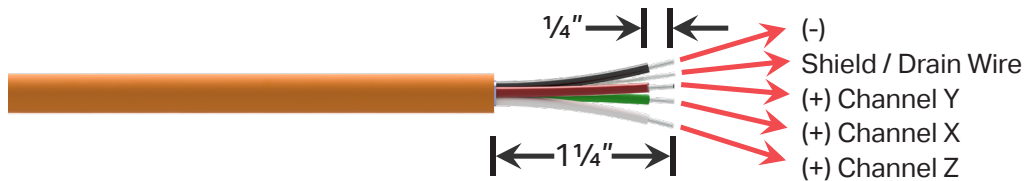


**Figure 7. Front View**



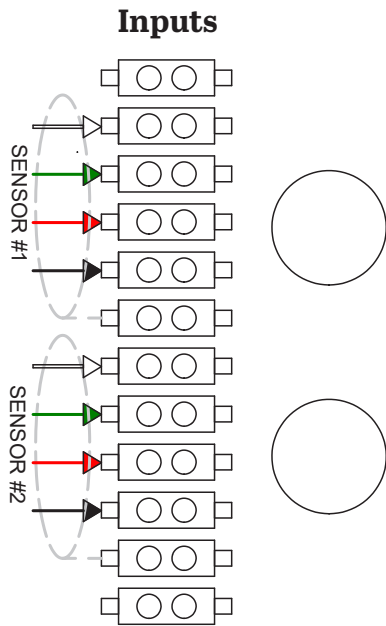
**Figure 8. Bottom View**

1. Strip outer jacket of cable back 1¼ in. and remove all of the shielding.
2. Separate the internal wires from the shield and twist the shield.
3. Strip red and black insulation back ¼ in.

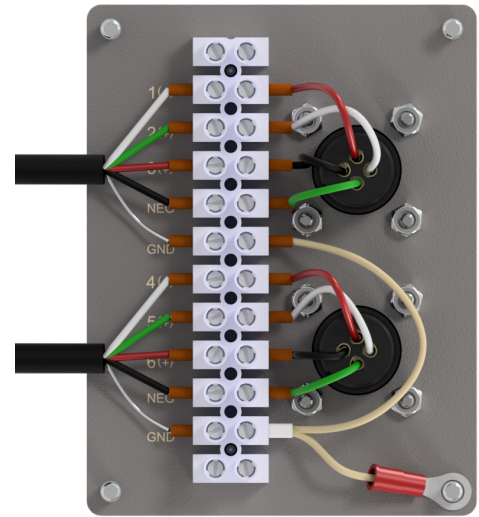


**Figure 9. Stripped Wire**

4. While viewing the rear of the panel, locate the appropriate channel. Using a mini flathead screwdriver, loosen the three screws for the channel and insert the wires into the termination block. Orientation is as follows:
  - a. White insulated conductor wire (Z) is connected to the first channel used.
  - b. Green insulated conductor wire (X) is connected to the second channel used.
  - c. Red insulated conductor wire (Y) is connected to the third channel used.
  - d. Black insulated conductor wire is connected to (-).
  - e. Shield drain wire is connected to ground (GND).
  - f. Tighten the screw on each wire to hold it in place.



Sensor Inputs  
 White = Positive Z Axis  
 Green = Positive X Axis  
 Red = Positive Y Axis  
 Black = Common  
 Grey = Shield (Ground)

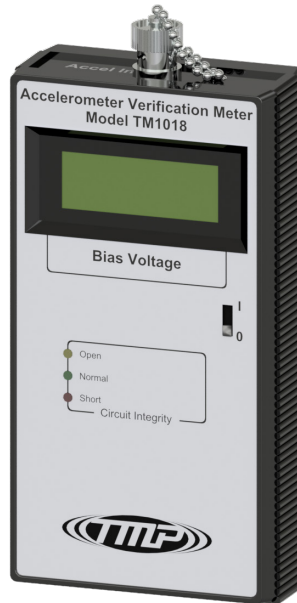


**Figure 10. Field Wiring for Four-Conductor Triaxial Sensor Inputs**

5. Mark the Measurement Location Card located on the inside front cover with a description of each measurement location.

## POST-INSTALLATION TESTING

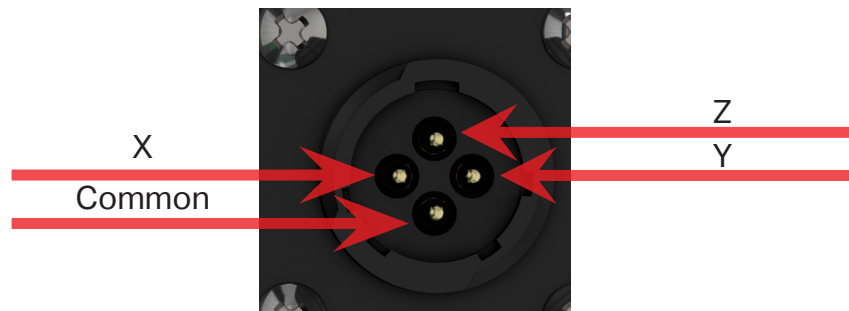
The TM1018 Accelerometer Verification Meter can be used to verify cable conductivity, sensor location and proper wiring connections. The Verification Meter will indicate if the sensor, cable and/or junction box is in working condition. It will also confirm bias voltage of the accelerometer, which will inform you of the operation of the internal accelerometer amplifier.



**Figure 11. TM1018 Accelerometer Verification Meter**

### Testing Method:

1. Utilizing two personnel, Person A will be located at the MAXX Box, while Person B will be located at the measurement location.
2. Once positioned, Person A will connect the TM1018 to the Data Collector Output of the desired individual channel as these boxes offer axis X, Y and Z of the Triax Sensor. A "NORMAL" LED reading should be observed. Please Note: a patch cable may be used to aid in the testing.



3. Person B disconnects the cable from the accelerometer, and the TM1018 should respond with an "OPEN" LED. Reconnect the cable to the accelerometer, and the TM1018 should respond with a "NORMAL" LED.
4. Repeat for each measurement location to verify that accelerometer location is properly identified at the termination box.

The following LED Readout indicates the circuit integrity:

1. Green LED: Normal. Indicates proper connection and an output bias will be given, indicating the health of the sensor (4 – 16 V indicates a healthy accelerometer).
2. Yellow LED: Open Circuit. Indicates one of the following:
  - a. Cable connector is not connected to accelerometer.
  - b. Cable is open circuit (broken or not connected at one end).
  - c. Accelerometer is not functioning correctly.
3. Red LED: Short Circuit. Indicates one of the following:
  - a. Water or contamination in the connector.
  - b. Reverse wiring ((+) and (-) leads are reversed).
  - c. Wires in termination box or cable connector (+) & (-) are touching.

## **WARRANTY & REFUND**

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