

## 1-4. SPECIFICATIONS

Specifications for the 8842A are given in Table 1-1. External dimensions are shown in Figure 1-1.

**Table 1-1. Specifications**

**DC VOLTAGE**  
**Input Characteristics**

| RANGE  | FULL SCALE 5½ DIGITS | RESOLUTION |            | INPUT RESISTANCE |
|--------|----------------------|------------|------------|------------------|
|        |                      | 5½ DIGITS  | 4½ DIGITS* |                  |
| 20 mV  | 19.9999 mV           | 0.1µV      | 1 µV       | ≥10,000 MΩ       |
| 200 mV | 199.999 mV           | 1µV        | 10 µV      | ≥10,000 MΩ       |
| 2V     | 1.99999V             | 10 µV      | 100 µV     | ≥10,000 MΩ       |
| 20V    | 19.9999V             | 100 µV     | 1 mV       | ≥10,000 MΩ       |
| 200V   | 199.999V             | 1 mV       | 10 mV      | 10 MΩ            |
| 1000V  | 1000.00V             | 10 mV      | 100 mV     | 10 MΩ            |

\*4½ digits at the fastest reading rate.

**Accuracy**

NORMAL (S) READING RATE ..... ±(% of Reading + Number of Counts)

| RANGE               | 24 HOUR <sup>1</sup> 23±1°C | 90 DAY 23±5°C           | 1 YEAR 23±5°C           | 2 YEAR 23±5°C           |
|---------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 20 mV <sup>2</sup>  | 0.0050 + 2 <sup>3</sup>     | 0.0070 + 3 <sup>3</sup> | 0.0100 + 3 <sup>3</sup> | 0.0120 + 4 <sup>3</sup> |
| 200 mV <sup>2</sup> | 0.0030 + 2 <sup>4</sup>     | 0.0045 + 3 <sup>4</sup> | 0.0070 + 3 <sup>4</sup> | 0.0100 + 4 <sup>4</sup> |
| 2V                  | 0.0015 + 2                  | 0.0025 + 2              | 0.0030 + 2              | 0.0050 + 3              |
| 20V                 | 0.0015 + 2                  | 0.0030 + 2              | 0.0035 + 2              | 0.0060 + 3              |
| 200V                | 0.0015 + 2                  | 0.0030 + 2              | 0.0035 + 2              | 0.0060 + 3              |
| 1000V               | 0.0020 + 2                  | 0.0035 + 2              | 0.0045 + 2              | 0.0070 + 3              |

1. Relative to calibration standards.
2. Within one hour of dc zero, using offset control.
3. When offset control is not used the number of counts are 50, 70, 90 and 90 for 24 hours, 90 day, 1 year, and 2 year respectively.
4. When offset control is not used the number of counts are 5, 7, 9 for 24 hours, 90 day, 1 year, and 2 year respectively.

MEDIUM AND FAST RATES: .....In medium rate, add 3 counts (20 counts on 20 mV Range) to number of counts. In fast rate, use 2 (4½ digit mode) counts (30 counts on 20 mV range) for the number of counts

**Operating Characteristics**

TEMPERATURE COEFFICIENT ..... $\pm(0.0006\%$  of reading + 0.3 Count) per °C from 0°C to 18°C and 28°C to 50°C.

MAXIMUM INPUT .....1000V dc or peak ac on any range.

NOISE REJECTION.....Automatically optimized at power-up for 50, 60, or 400 Hz.

| RATE           | READINGS/<br>SECOND <sup>1</sup> | FILTER           | NMRR <sup>2</sup> | PEAK NM<br>SIGNAL         | CMRR <sup>3</sup> |
|----------------|----------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| S <sup>5</sup> | 2.5                              | Analog & Digital | >98 dB            | 20V or 2x FS <sup>4</sup> | >140 dB           |
| M <sup>6</sup> | 20                               | Digital          | >45 dB            | 1x FS                     | >100 dB           |
| F              | 100                              | None             | –                 | 1x FS                     | >60 dB            |

1. Reading rate with internal trigger and 60 Hz power line frequency. See "reading rates" for more detail.
2. Normal Mode Rejection Ratio, at 50 or 60 Hz  $\pm 0.1\%$ . The NMRR for 400 Hz  $\pm 0.1\%$  is 85 dB in S rate and 35 dB in M rate.
3. Common Mode Rejection Ratio at 50 or 60 Hz  $\pm 0.1\%$ , with 1 k $\Omega$  in series with either lead. The CMRR is >140 dB at dc for all reading rates.
4. 20 volts or 2 times full scale whichever is greater, not to exceed 1000V.
5. Reading rate-1/3 rdg / sec. in the 20 mV, 20 $\Omega$ , 200 mA dc ranges
6. Reading rate-1.25 rdg / sec. in the 20 mV, 20 $\Omega$ , 200 mA dc ranges

**TRUE RMS AC VOLTAGE (OPTION 8842A-09)****Input Characteristics**

| RANGE  | FULL SCALE 5½<br>DIGITS | RESOLUTION  |             | INPUT<br>IMPEDANCE |
|--------|-------------------------|-------------|-------------|--------------------|
|        |                         | 5½ DIGITS   | 4½ DIGITS*  |                    |
| 200 mV | 199.999 mV              | 1 $\mu$ V   | 10 $\mu$ V  | 1 M $\Omega$       |
| 2V     | 1.99999V                | 10 $\mu$ V  | 100 $\mu$ V | Shunted            |
| 20V    | 19.9999V                | 100 $\mu$ V | 1 mV        | By                 |
| 200V   | 199.999V                | 1 mV        | 10 mV       | <100 pF            |
| 700V   | 700.00V                 | 10 mV       | 100 mV      |                    |

\*4½ digits at the fastest reading rate

**Accuracy**

NORMAL (s) READING RATE .....  $\pm$ (% of Reading + Number of Counts).

For sinewave inputs  $\geq 10,000$  counts<sup>1</sup>.

| FREQUENCY       | 24 HOURS <sup>2</sup> 23 $\pm$ 1°C | 90 DAY 23 $\pm$ 5°C | 1 YEAR 23 $\pm$ 5°C | 2 YEARS $\pm$ 5°C |
|-----------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| 20-45           | 1.2 + 100                          | 1.2 + 100           | 1.2 + 100           | 1.2 + 100         |
| 45-200          | 0.3 + 100                          | 0.35 + 100          | 0.4 + 100           | 0.5 + 100         |
| 200-20k         |                                    |                     |                     |                   |
| (200 mV range)  | 0.06 + 100                         | 0.08 + 100          | 0.10 + 100          | 0.20 + 100        |
| (2V-200V range) | 0.05 + 80                          | 0.07 + 80           | 0.08 + 80           | 0.15 + 80         |
| (700V range)    | 0.06 + 100                         | 0.08 + 100          | 0.10 + 100          | 0.20 + 100        |
| 20k-50k         | 0.15 + 120                         | 0.19 + 150          | 0.21 + 200          | 0.25 + 250        |
| 50k-100k        | 0.4 + 300                          | 0.5 + 300           | 0.5 + 400           | 0.5 + 500         |

1. For sinewave inputs between 1,000 and 10,000 counts, add to number of counts 100 counts for frequencies 20 Hz to 20 kHz, 200 counts for 20 kHz, and 500 counts for 50 kHz to 100 kHz.

2. Relative to calibration standards.

MEDIUM AND FAST READING RATES.....In medium rate, add 50 counts to number of counts. In the fast rate the specifications apply for sinewave inputs  $\geq 1000$  (4½ digit mode) counts and  $>100$  Hz.

NONSINUSOIDAL INPUTS .....For nonsinusoidal inputs  $\geq 10,000$  counts with frequency components  $\geq 100$  kHz, add the following % of reading to the accuracy specifications.

| FUNDAMENTAL FREQUENCY               | CREST FACTOR |            |            |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|------------|------------|
|                                     | 1.0 TO 1.5   | 1.5 TO 2.0 | 2.0 TO 3.0 |
| 45 Hz to 20 kHz 20 Hz               | 0.05         | 0.15       | 0.3        |
| 20 Hz to 45 Hz and 20 kHz to 50 kHz | 0.2          | 0.7        | 1.5        |

**Operating Characteristics**

MAXIMUM INPUT .....700V rms, 1000V peak or  $2 \times 10^7$  Volts-Hertz product (whichever is less) for any range.

TEMPERATURE COEFFICIENT ..... $\pm$ (% of reading + Number of Counts) per °C, to 18°C and 28°C to 50°C.

| FOR INPUTS           | FREQUENCY IN HERTZ |            |            |
|----------------------|--------------------|------------|------------|
|                      | 20-20k             | 20k-50k    | 50k-100k   |
| $\geq 10,000$ counts | 0.019 + 9          | 0.021 + 9  | 0.027 + 10 |
| $\geq 1,000$ counts  | 0.019 + 12         | 0.021 + 15 | 0.027 + 21 |

COMMON MODE REJECTION ..... $>60$  dB at 50 or 60 Hz with 1 k $\Omega$  in either lead.

**CURRENT****Input Characteristics**

| RANGE               | FULL SCALE 5½ DIGITS | RESOLUTION |                        |
|---------------------|----------------------|------------|------------------------|
|                     |                      | 5½ DIGITS  | 4½ DIGITS <sup>1</sup> |
| 200 mA <sup>2</sup> | 199.999 mA           | 1 µA       | 10 µA                  |
| 2000 mA             | 1999.99 mA           | 10 µA      | 100 µA                 |

1. 4½ digits at the fastest reading rate.  
2. The 200mA range is available for dc current only.

**DC Accuracy**

NORMAL (S) READING RATE .....±(% of reading + number of counts).

| RANGE   | 90 DAYS 23±5°C | 1 YEAR 23±5°C | 2 YEARS 23±5°C |
|---------|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| 200 mA  | 0.04 + 40      | 0.05 + 40     | 0.08 + 40      |
| 2000 mA |                |               |                |
| ≤1A     | 0.04 + 4       | 0.05 + 4      | 0.08+4         |
| >1A     | 0.1 + 4        | 0.1 + 4       | 0.15+4         |

MEDIUM AND FAST READING RATES In medium reading rate, add 2 counts (20 counts on 200 mA range) to number of counts. In fast reading rate, use 2 (4½ digit mode) counts (20 counts on 200 mA range) for number of counts.

**AC Accuracy (Option -09)**

NORMAL (S) READING RATE .....±(% of Reading + Number of Counts).

23±5°C, for sinewave inputs ≥10,000 counts<sup>1</sup>.

| FREQUENCY IN HERTZ |           |           |           |
|--------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|                    | 20-45     | 45-100    | 100-5K*   |
| ONE YEAR           | 2.0 + 200 | 0.5 + 200 | 0.4 + 200 |
| TWO YEAR           | 3.0 + 300 | 0.7 + 300 | 0.6 + 300 |

\*Typically 20 kHz

1. For sinewave inputs between 1,000 and 10,000 counts, add to number of counts 100 counts for frequencies 20 Hz to 5 kHz (typically 20 kHz).

MEDIUM AND FAST READING RATES.....In medium rate, add 50 counts to number of counts. In fast reading rate, for sinewave inputs  $\geq 1000$  (4½ digit mode) counts and frequencies  $> 100$  Hz, the accuracy is  $\pm(0.4\%$  of reading  $+30$  (4½ digit mode) counts).

NONSINUSOIDAL INPUTS .....For nonsinusoidal inputs  $\geq 10,000$  counts with frequency components  $\leq 100$  kHz, add the following % of reading to the accuracy specifications

| FUNDAMENTAL FREQUENCY | CREST FACTOR |            |            |
|-----------------------|--------------|------------|------------|
|                       | 1.0 TO 1.5   | 1.5 TO 2.0 | 2.0 TO 3.0 |
| 45 Hz to 5 kHz        | 0.05         | 0.15       | 0.3        |
| 20 Hz to 45 Hz        | 0.2          | 0.7        | 1.5        |

**Operating Characteristics**

TEMPERATURE COEFFICIENT .....Less than 0.1 x accuracy specification per °C to 18°C and 28°C to 50°C.

MAXIMUM INPUT .....2A dc or rms ac. Protected with 2A, 250V fuse accessible at front panel, and interval 3A, 600V fuse.

BURDEN VOLTAGE .....1V dc or rms ac typical at full scale.

**RESISTANCE**

**Input Characteristics**

| RANGE           | FULL SCALE<br>5½ DIGITS | RESOLUTION     |                        | CURRENT<br>THROUGH UNKNOWN |
|-----------------|-------------------------|----------------|------------------------|----------------------------|
|                 |                         | 5½ DIGITS      | 4½ DIGITS <sup>1</sup> |                            |
| 20 $\Omega^2$   | 19.999 $\Omega$         | 0.1 m $\Omega$ | 1 m $\Omega$           | 1 mA                       |
| 200 $\Omega$    | 199.999 $\Omega$        | 1 m $\Omega$   | 10 m $\Omega$          | 1 mA                       |
| 2 k $\Omega$    | 1.99999 k $\Omega$      | 10 m $\Omega$  | 100 m $\Omega$         | 1 mA                       |
| 20 k $\Omega$   | 19.9999 k $\Omega$      | 100 m $\Omega$ | 1 $\Omega$             | 100 $\mu$ A                |
| 200 k $\Omega$  | 199.999 k $\Omega$      | 1 $\Omega$     | 10 $\Omega$            | 10 $\mu$ A                 |
| 2000 k $\Omega$ | 1999.99 k $\Omega$      | 10 $\Omega$    | 100 $\Omega$           | 5 $\mu$ A                  |
| 20 M $\Omega$   | 19.9999 M $\Omega$      | 100 $\Omega$   | 1 k $\Omega$           | 0.5 $\mu$ A                |

1. 4½ digits at the fastest reading rate.
2. Four-wire ohms only.

**Accuracy**

NORMAL (S) READING RATE .....±(% of Reading + Number of Counts)<sup>1</sup>.

| RANGE             | 24 HOURS 23±1°C         | 90 DAY 23±5°C           | 1 YEAR 23±5°C           | 2 YEARS 23±1°C          |
|-------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 20Ω <sup>3</sup>  | 0.007 + 30 <sup>4</sup> | 0.009 + 40 <sup>4</sup> | 0.012 + 40 <sup>4</sup> | 0.015 + 40 <sup>4</sup> |
| 200Ω <sup>3</sup> | 0.0040 + 3 <sup>5</sup> | 0.007 + 4 <sup>5</sup>  | 0.010 + 4 <sup>5</sup>  | 0.012 + 4 <sup>5</sup>  |
| 2 kΩ              | 0.0025 + 2              | 0.005 + 3               | 0.008 + 3               | 0.010 + 3               |
| 20 kΩ             | 0.0025 + 2              | 0.005 + 3               | 0.008 + 3               | 0.010 + 3               |
| 200 kΩ            | 0.0025 + 2              | 0.006 + 3               | 0.010 + 3               | 0.012 + 3               |
| 2000 kΩ           | 0.023 + 3               | 0.025 + 3               | 0.027 + 3               | 0.030 + 3               |
| 20 MΩ             | 0.023 + 3               | 0.040 + 4               | 0.042 + 4               | 0.050 + 4               |

1. Within one hour of ohms zero, using offset control.
2. Relative to calibration standards.
3. Applies to 4-wire ohms only.
4. When offset control is not used the number of counts are 50, 70, 90 and 90 for 24 hours, 90 day, 1 year, and 2 year respectively.
5. When offset control is not used the number of counts are 5, 7, 9 and 9 for 24 hours, 90 day, 1 year, and 2 year respectively.

MEDIUM AND FAST READING RATES.....In medium rate, add 2 counts to the number of counts for the 200Ω through 200 kΩ ranges, 3 counts for the 2000 kΩ and 20 MΩ ranges, and 20 counts for the 20Ω range. In fast reading rate, use 3 (4½ digit mode) counts for the number of counts for the 200Ω range, 20 (4½ digit mode) counts for the 20Ω range and 2 (4½ digit mode) counts for all other ranges.

**Operating Characteristics**

TEMPERATURE COEFFICIENT .....Less than 0.1 x accuracy specification per °C from 0°C to 18°C and 28°C to 50°C.

MEASUREMENT CONFIGURATION .....2-wire or 4-wire in all ranges except 20Ω range. Only 4-wire configuration is allowed in the 20Ω range.

OPEN CIRCUIT VOLTAGE .....Less than 6.5V on the 20Ω through the 200 kΩ ranges. Less than 13V on the 2000 kΩ and 20 MΩ ranges.

INPUT PROTECTION.....To 300V rms.

**Reading Rates**

READING RATES WITH INTERNAL TRIGGER (readings per second)

| RATE | POWER LINE FREQUENCY <sup>1</sup> |                        |                          |
|------|-----------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
|      | 50 Hz                             | 60 Hz                  | 400 Hz                   |
| S    | 2.08 (.26) <sup>2</sup>           | 2.5 (.31) <sup>2</sup> | 2.38 (.30) <sup>2</sup>  |
| M    | 16.7 (1.04) <sup>2</sup>          | 20 (1.25) <sup>2</sup> | 19.0 (1.19) <sup>2</sup> |
| F    | 100                               | 100                    | 100                      |

1. Sensed automatically at power-up.  
2. In 20 mV, 20 ohm, and 200 mA DC ranges.

**AUTORANGING**

The 8842A autoranges up to the highest ranges in all functions, down to the 200 mV range in the VDC and VAC functions, and down to the 200 Ω ranges in the ohms functions. To select the 20 mV dc, 20Ω, or 200 mA dc range, press the respective range button (or send the respective range command, if using the IEEE-488 option).

**AUTOMATIC SETTTLING TIME DELAY**

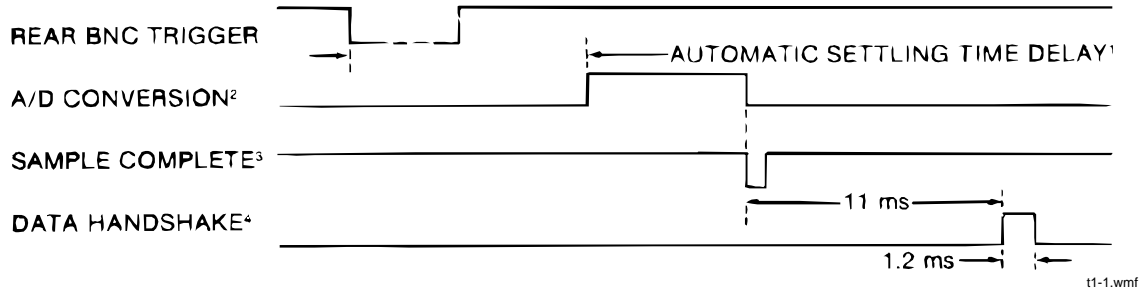
Time in milliseconds from single trigger to start of A/D conversion, Autorange off.

| FUNCTION | RANGE    | READING RATE |     |     | NUMBER OF COUNTS FROM FINAL VALUE <sup>1</sup> |
|----------|----------|--------------|-----|-----|--|
|          |          | S            | M   | F   |  |
| VDC      | 20 mV    | 342          | 342 | 9   | 30   |
|          | 200 mV   | 342          | 61  | 9   | 5  |
|          | 2V-1000V | 342          | 17  | 9   | 9  |
| VAC      | All      | 551          | 551 | 551 | 30 (Note 2)                                    |
| MA DC    | 200 mA   | 342          | 342 | 9   | 9  |
|          | 2000 mA  | 342          | 17  | 9   | 5  |
| MA AC    | 2000 mA  | 551          | 551 | 551 | 30 (Note 2)                                    |
| Ohms     | 20Ω      | 395          | 395 | 17  | 40   |
|          | 200Ω     | 395          | 106 | 17  | 5  |
|          | 2 kΩ     | 322          | 17  | 13  | 5  |
|          | 20 kΩ    | 342          | 17  | 13  | 5  |
|          | 200 kΩ   | 141          | 121 | 21  | 5  |
|          | 2000 kΩ  | 141          | 101 | 81  | 10   |
|          | 20 MΩ    | 1020         | 964 | 723 | 10   |

1. Difference between first reading and final value for an in-range step change coincident with trigger. For slow reading rate. 50 counts for medium rate; 10 counts for fast rate.

**EXTERNAL TRIGGER TIMING CHARACTERISTICS**

The following diagram shows the nominal timing for the various processes which take place between an external trigger and data sent out on the IEEE-488 interface. Delays will vary if a second trigger comes before the data handshake is complete.



- NOTES:
1. Time for single trigger to start of A/D conversion.(See “Automatic Settling Time Delay” on previous page.) If the delay is disabled by using the T3 or T4 command, then the delay is 1 ms±150 μs. When the 8842A is triggered with an IEEE-488 command (GET or ?), the automatic settling time delay begins after the trigger command has been processed and recognized.
  2. A/D conversion time is dependent on the reading rate and power-line frequency:

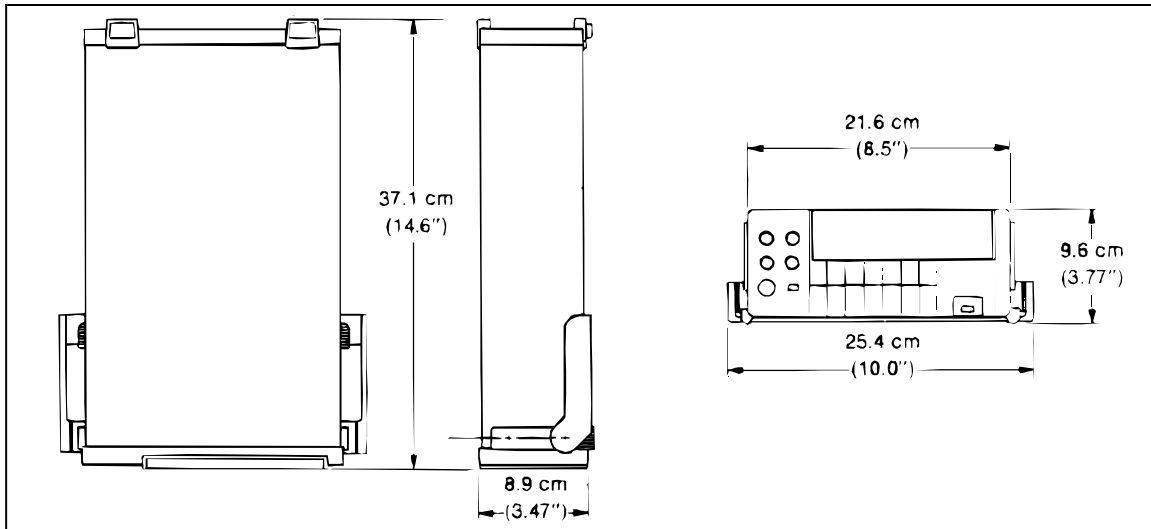
| RATE | A/D CONVERSION TIME (ms) |             |             |
|------|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|
|      | 50 Hz                    | 60 Hz       | 400 Hz      |
| S    | 472 (3800)*              | 395 (3195)* | 414 (3300)* |
| M    | 52 (960)*                | 45 (795)*   | 47 (840)*   |
| F    | 7                        | 7           | 7           |

\*In 20 mV DC, 20Ω and 200 mA DC ranges.

3. Sample complete is a 2.5 μs pulse which indicates that the analog input may be changed for the next reading.
4. When talking to a fast controller.

**GENERAL**

- COMMON MODE VOLTAGE.....1000V dc or peak ac, or 700V rms ac from any input to earth.
- TEMPREATURE RANGE .....0 to 50°C operating, -40 to 70°C storage.
- HUMIDITY RANGE .....80% RH from 0 to 35°C, 70% to 50°C.
- WARMUP TIME .....1 hour to rated specifications.
- POWER .....100, 120, 220, or 240V ac  $\pm 10\%$  (250V ac maximum), switch selectable at rear panel. 50, 60, or 400 Hz, automatically sensed at power-up. 20 VA maximum.
- VIBRATION.....Meets requirements of MIL-T- 28800C for Type III, Class 3, Style E equipment.
- PROTECTION .....ANSI C39.5 AND IEC 348, Class I.
- SIZE .....8.9 cm high, 21.6 cm wide, 37.1 cm deep(3.47 in high, 8.5 in wide, 14.6 in deep).
- WEIGHT.....Net, 3.4 kg (7.5 lb); shipping, 5.0 kg (11 lb).
- INCLUDED.....Line cord, test leads, Instruction/Service Manual, IEEE-488 Quick Reference Guide, (Option -05 only), and instrument performance record.
- IEEE-488 INTERFACE FUNTION .....Option allows complete control and data output capability, and supports the following interface funtion subsets: SH1,AH1, T5, L4, SR1, RL1, DC1, DT1, E1, PP0, AND C0.
- ELECTROMAGNETIC COMPATIBILITY Specifications apply when used in an environment with fields strengths  $\leq 1$  V/m, (0.8 V/m for DC Current.) For fields strengths up to 3 V/m, multiply floor adder by 12 for VDC and Resistance and 200 for DC current. VAC and AC Current have no adders up to 3 V/m.



**Figure 1-1. External Dimensions**

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