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1 INTRODUCTION

This manual must be read in conjunction with the 8037 Operating Instructions.

For repeatable and reliable serial communication to take place between a master (host computer) and slaves (instruments) it is essential that the two conditions detailed in this section are met.

1.1 Electrical Connection

A standard method of electrical connection is used between the master and the slaves, with defined voltage levels and characteristics. The transmitter and receiver integrated circuits within the 8037 meet the requirements of the EIA (Electronic Industries Association, American) RS485 and RS422 Serial Interface Standards.

The RS422/485 communication standard is used with the following logic levels:

- a) for logic '1' (MARK condition or IDLE state) the 'A' terminal of the transmitter is negative (0 V) with respect to the 'B' terminal (+5 V);
- b) for logic '0' (SPACE condition or ACTIVE state) the 'A' terminal of the transmitter is positive (+5 V) with respect to the 'B' terminal (0 V).

Note. The 'A' terminal is Tx + or Rx + and the 'B' terminal is Tx - or Rx -.

1.2 Protocol

A standard language or protocol must be used in both the master and the slaves for messages (commands and data) to be interpreted and acted upon. To achieve this second condition, MODBUS Protocol is utilized on the 8037 Monitor using the Remote Terminal Unit (RTU) mode only.

Two methods of message error checking are used. Parity checking is used, if selected, to detect transmission errors in individual characters.

Parity is used for simple error checking. The parity bit is a onebit code which is transmitted in addition to the ASCII character. It can detect only one error per character, since two errors may cancel out. Parity is calculated by finding the sum of logic '1's in the character and either:

- a) setting the parity bit to logic '1' if the sum is odd, or logic '0' if the sum is even, when using even parity.
 - or
- b) setting the parity bit to logic '0' if the sum is odd, or logic '1' if the sum is even, when using odd parity.

Cyclic Redundancy Checking (CRC-16) is used to detect errors in the Master messages and Slave responses. This therefore detects errors in the complete message sent and also the replies.

Preparation is as given in the *Operating Instructions*, with additions as detailed in this section.

2 PREPARATION

2.1 Company Standard Settings

Only those parameters detailed on the customer order are programmed at the factory. If any parameters are unsuitable for the application they can be reprogrammed – *see Operating Instructions*. Serial data programming details are given in Section 7 of this manual.

Standard parameter settings for the serial data programme are as follows:

Instrument Identity	01
Parity	none
Transmission Rate	9600 baud.

3 INSTALLATION

Observe the limitations outlined in the *Operating Instructions*. The maximum serial data transmission line length for both RS422 and RS485 systems is 1200 m.

3.1 Serial Communication Adaptors for Personal Computers

An RS422/485 communications adaptor board is required for serial links. It is strongly recommended that the card used has galvanic isolation to protect the computer from lightning damage and increase immunity from noise pick-up from cables.

3.1.1 Five-wire Configuration

The following OPTO22 boards are recommended for use with the 4600 serial instruments:

Part No.	ComputerType					
AC24	XT Bus IBM PC compatible					
AC24 AT	AT Bus IBM PC compatible					
AC34	Microchannel IBM PC.					

The following 'jumper' selections are required on OPTO22 boards (usually supplied as the default configuration):

RX & TX	install line termination jumper
	Install pull-up and pull-down jumpers

CTS & RTS disable jumper installed.

Select board address and interrupts as described in the OPTO22 manual.

3.1.2 Three-wirelonfiguration

The adaptor card must have the provision for disabling the transmitter after each message is transmitted, so that bus contention does not occur. This is often implemented by the use of the RTS signal to control the transmitter enable. Consult the adaptor card manufacturer to determine suitability.

Caution. Install the pull-up/pull-down resistors on either the RX or TX lines. The resistors **must not** be connected on **both** pairs of lines.

4 ELECTRICAL CONNECTIONS

All connections, apart from those for serial data communication, are made as shown in the *Operating Instructions*.

4.1 Serial Connections – Figs. 4.1 and 4.2

The transmitters must be connected in parallel as shown in the schematic diagram – Fig. 4.1. The RS485 standard quotes connection of maximum thirty two slaves (8037 Transmitters) to any single driver (computer terminal or host computer); the RS422 standard quotes connection of up to ten slaves. However, these numbers can be increased if the driver's serial port permits.

Make serial data connections and check the processor board links as shown in Fig. 4.2. The type of cable used is dependent on the transmission speed and cable length.

4.1.1 Five-wire Cable (refer also to Fig. 11.1)

Up to 6 m (all speeds) – standard screened or twisted pair cable.

Up to 300 \text{ m} – twin twisted pair with overall foil screen and an integral drain wire, e.g. Belden 9502 or equivalent;

Up to 1200 m - twin twisted pair with separate foil screens and integral drain wires for each pair, e.g. Belden 9729 or equivalent.

4.1.2 Three-wire Cable (refer also to Fig. 11.2)

Up to 6 m (all speeds) – standard screened or twisted pair cable.

Up to 1200 m - single twisted pair with overall foil screen and integral drain wire, e.g. Belden 9501 or equivalent.



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5 SETTING UP

For all aspects other than serial data transmission the transmitter is set up as shown in the *Operating Instructions* – see Section 1. Unless otherwise requested, the instrument is despatched with a transmission rate of 9600 baud and transmission line termination resistors linked-out. If the resistors are to be linked-in (see Fig. 5.1) carry out the following section.

5.1 Termination Resistors – Fig. 5.1

For long transmission lines, termination resistors are required on the last 8037 Transmitter in the chain and at the host computer/computer terminal. Under normal operating conditions the resistors are required at the last 8037 receive inputs only – see Fig. 4.1. The transmitter's resistors are selected using plug-in links – see Fig. 5.1.

Switch off the supply and gain access to the processor board *(see the Operating Instructions).* Set the termination resistor links as shown in Fig. 5.1.



6 **PROGRAMMING**

The general programming procedure is as detailed in the *Operating Instructions* but with an additional **Serial Interface** page between the **Set Up Outputs** and **Electrical Cal** pages.



6.1 Serial Interface Page



7 MODBUS PROTOCOL

7.1 Introduction to MODBUS Protocol (RTU only)

MODBUS communication is based on a master and a slave arrangement. The master sends a message to one slave at a time and waits for a reply.

The slave cannot accept a new message until the existing message is processed and a reply sent to the master (maximum response time 250 milliseconds). The slave monitors the elapsed time between receipt of characters. If the elapsed time without a new character is $3^{1}/_{2}$ character times, the slave assumes the next character received is the start of a new message.

To allow the master to differentiate between more than one slave in a system, each slave is given a unique identity address (between 1 and 99).

A broadcast address (address zero) can be used to access all slave devices with one command. This is limited to write messages only and there is no slave acknowledgment.

Note. MODBUS RTU requires 1 start bit, 8 data bits, 1 parity bit (optional) and 1 or 2 stop bits. The 8037 uses only 1 stop bit.

7.2 MODBUS Function Codes – Table 7.1

The function code field instructs the addressed slaves which function to perform.

MODBUS Function Code	MODBUS Message Name	8037 MODBUS Definition
01	Read Coil Status	Read up to 16 consecutive discrete (boolean) points from a specific point. The 8037 returns zeros for points which do not contain defined data and NAKs* any request for point numbers greater that 100.
03	Read Holding Register	Up to 8 consecutive registers from a specific starting register. The 8037 returns zeros from registers which do not contain defined data and NAKs any request for register numbers greater than 100.
05	Force Single Coil	Write one discrete (boolean) point. The 8037 NAKs this if the point is not currently writeable.
06	Preset Single Register	Write one register. The 8037 NAKs if the register is not currently writeable. This function code also applies any existing limits to the register before storage in the database.
08	Loopback Diagnostic Test	Echo the message, only 'Return of Query' is supported.
16	Preset Multiple Registers	Write up to 8 consecutive registers from a specified starting register. The 8037 NAKs if any of the registers are not currently writeable, but still carries out all the writes which are valid, applying any currently applicable limits to the value before storage in the database.

*NAK = Negative Acknowledgement

Table 7.1 MODBUS Function Codes

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This section shows typical examples of MODBUS function codes 01, 03, 05, 06, 08 and 16.

8.1 Read Coil Status – Function Code 01

8.1.1 Read Coil Status Query

This function allows the user to obtain the ON/OFF status of logic coils used to control discrete outputs from the addressed slave only. Broadcast mode is not supported with this function code. In addition to the slave address and function fields, the message requires that the information field contain the initial coil offset address to be read (starting address) and the number of locations to be interrogated must obtain status data.

Note. The coil offset address is the coil number minus one, e.g. to start at coil 31 the data start value must be set to 30 (1EH).

Example – a read coil status request to read 2 coils from slave (01) starting at coil 11 (Alarm 1 Relay State) is shown below.

Address	Function	Coil Start Offset High	Coil Start Offset Low	Number of Coils High	Number of Coils Low	Error Checl	Error Check Field (CRC-16)	
01	01	00	0A	00	02	9D	C9	

8.1.2 Read Coil Status Response

The data is packed one bit for each coil (1 = ON, 0 = OFF). The response includes the slave address, function code, quantity of data characters, the data characters and error checking. The low order bit of the first character contains the first addressed coil and the remainder follow. For coil quantities that are not even multiples of eight, the last characters are filled in with zeros at high order end.

Example - the response to the read coil status query shows the following:

Relay alarm state 1 De-energised

Relay alarm state 2 De-energised

System Error - No

Address	Function	Byte Count	Data Coil Status 11 to 18	Error Check Field (CRC-16)	
01	01	01	00	51	88

8.2 Read Holding Register – Function Code 03

8.2.1 Read Holding Register Query

The Read holding registers allow the user to obtain the binary contents of holding registers in the addressed slave.

Note. The data start register must contain the offset address of the first register to be accessed, e.g. to start at register 11 the data start register must contain 10 (0AH).

Broadcast mode is not allowed.

Example – a read holding register request to read 6 holding registers from slave (01) starting at holding address 121 (alarm trip A1) is shown below.

Address	Function	Register Start Offset High	Register Start Offset Low	Data Number of Registers High	Data Number of Registers Low	Error Chec	k Field (CRC-16)
01	03	00	0A	00	04	64	0B

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8.2.2 Read Holding Register Response

The addressed slave responds with its address and function code, followed by the information field. The information field contains 1 byte describing the quantity of data bytes to be returned. The contents of each register requested (DATA) is two bytes, the first byte includes the high order bits and the second the low order bits.

Example – the response to the read holding register query shows the following:

Measured sodium	_	1.14 mg l ⁻¹
Sodium set point 1	_	1.00 μg l⁻¹
Sodium set point 2	_	10.0 μg l⁻¹
Measured millivolts	_	–182 mV

Address	Function	Byte	Ho Regi	lding ster 11	Holding Register 12		Holding 2 Register 13		Holding Holding Register 12 Register 13		Holding Register 14		Error Check Field	
		Count	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	(CRC	:-16)		
01	03	08	40	72	10	64	20	64	6	8B	B9	60		

8.3 Force Single Coil – Function Code 05

8.3.1 Force Single Coil Query

This message forces a single coil either ON or OFF. The data value 65,280 (FF00 HEX) sets the coil ON and the value zero turns it OFF. All other values are illegal and do not affect the coil.

Note. To write to a coil the coil offset address must be used, e.g. to write to coil 50, the coil address 49(31H) is transmitted.

The use of slave address zero (broadcast mode) forces all attached slaves to modify the desired coil.

Example - a force single coil request to switch ON coil address 50 (NV Memory Save) in slave 01 is shown below.

Address	Function	Coil Offset High	Coil Offset Low	Data Value High	Data Value Low	Error Check Field (CRC-16)	
01	05	00	31	FF	00	DD	F5

8.3.2 Force Single Coil Response

The response is confirmation of the query after the coil state has been altered.

Example:

Address	Function	Coil Offset High	Coil Offset Low	Data Value High	Data Value Low	Error Chec	k Field (CRC-16)
01	05	00	31	FF	00	DD	F5

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8.4 Preset Single Register – Function Code 06

8.4.1 Preset Single Register Query

The preset single register allows the user to modify the contents of a holding register.

Note. Function codes 5, 6 and 16 are the only messages that are recognized as valid for broadcast.

Example – a preset single register request to write the value 100 μ g l^{-1} to holding register 12 (alarm A1 Setpoint) in slave 01 is shown below.

Select decade from table (xxx) – Decade = 3. Convert 100 μ g l⁻¹ into hex (64H); therefore the required 16-bit data is (3064H).

Note. To write to a register, the register's offset address must be used, e.g. to write to register 12, the offset address 11(0B) is transmitted.

Address	Function	Register Offset High	Register Offset Low	Data Value High	Data Value Low	Error Check	< Field (CRC-16)
01	06	00	0B	30	64	ED	E3

8.4.2 Preset Single Register Response

The normal response to a preset single register request is to retransmit the query message after the register has been altered.

Example:

Address	Function	Register Offset High	Register Offset Low	Data Value High	Data Value Low	Error Checl	< Field (CRC-16)
01	08	00	0B	30	64	ED	E3

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8.5 Loopback Test – Function Code 08

8.5.1 Loopback Test Query

The purpose of the loopback test is to test the MODBUS system, it does not affect the content of the controller. Variations in the response may indicate faults in the MODBUS system. The information field contains 2 bytes for the designation of the diagnostic code followed by 2 bytes to designate the action to be taken.

Example:

Address	Function	Register Offset High	Register Offset Low	Data Value High	Data Value Low	Error Chec	k Field (CRC-16)
01	08	00	0B	30	64	84	22

8.5.2 Loopback Test Response

The response always echoes the query, only diagnostic code 0 (bytes 3 and 4) can be used.

Example:

Address	Function	Data Diagnostic Code High	Data Diagnostic Code Low	Data *	Data *	Error Chec	k Field (CRC-16)
01	08	00	0B	30	64	84	22

*These are considered to be the information fields for diagnostic mode.

8.6 Preset Multiple Registers – Function Code 16

8.6.1 Preset Multiple Registers Query

Holding registers existing within the controller can have their contents changed by this message. When used with slave address zero (Broadcast mode) all slave controllers load the selected registers with the contents specified.

Note. To write to multiple registers, the initial register offset address must be used, e.g. to write to register 02 onwards, the offset address 01 is transmitted.

Example – a preset multiple registers request to write the value $100 \,\mu g \,l^{-1}$ to the register address (Alarm Set Point 1) and the value $10.0 \,\mu g \,l^{-1}$ to the register address (Alarm Set Point 2) in slave 01 is shown below.

Address	Function	Register Start Offset High	Register Start Offset Low	Num of Regis	ber f sters	Byte Count	Holding Register 02 High	Holding Register 02 Low	Holding Register 03 High	Holding Register 03 Low	Er Cho Fie (CR0	ror eck eld C-16)
01	10	00	0B	00	02	04	30	64	20	64	E4	E8

8.6.2 Preset Multiple Registers Response

The response confirms slave identification, function code, starting register address and quantity only.

Example:

Address	Function	Register Start Offset High	Register Start Offset Low	Number of Registers		Error Check	Field (CRC-16)
01	10	00	0B	00	02	30	0A

9 EXCEPTION RESPONSES

The exception response codes sent by the slave are shown in Table 9.1. When a slave detects one of these errors, it sends a response message to the master consisting of slave address, function code, error code and error check fields.

Exception Response Code	Exception Response Name	Exception Response Definition
01	Illegal Function	The message function received is not an allowable action for the 8037.
02	Illegal Data Address	The address reference in the data field is not an allowable address for the 8037.
03	Illegal Data Value	The value referenced in the data field is not allowable in the addressed slave location.
07	Negative Acknowledgement	The function just requested cannot be performed.
08	Memory Parity Error	Parity check indicates an error in one or more of the characters received.

Table 9.1 Exception Response Data

9.1 Examples

A read register request to read holding register address 251 of slave 01 (undefined address for slave, beyond address limit) is shown below.

Slave Address	Function	Register Start Offset High	Register Start Offset Low	Number of Rgisters High	Number of Rgisters Low	Error Check	Field (CRC-16)
01	03	00	FA	00	06	E5	E9

The response is an exception response sighting 'Negative Acknowledgement'. To indicate that the response is a notification of an error, the most significant bit of the function code is set to 1.

Slave Address Function		Exception Code	Error Check Field (CRC-16)		
01	01 83		00	F2	

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10.1 Coils

Dec	Hex	R or RW	Name	1	0
11	\$0B	R	Alarm 1 Relay	Energised	De-energised
12	\$0C	R	Alarm 2 Relay	Energised	De-energised
13	\$0D	R	System Error	Yes	No
17	\$11	R	NV Checksum Error	Yes	No
19	\$13	R	Outputs Held	Yes	No
20	\$14	R	Calibration in Progress	Yes	No
50	\$32	R/W	Enable writes to the non-volatile memory	Yes	No

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10.2 Holding Registers

Dec	Hex	R or RW	Name	Response/Entry
11	\$0B	R - Note (1)	Sodium Value	Sodium Value
12	\$0C	RW - Note (1)	Sodium Setpoint A1	Sodium Value
13	\$0D	RW - Note (1)	Sodium Setpoint A2	Sodium Value
14	\$0E	R - Note (2)	Measured Millivolts	± 1000 mV
15	\$0F	R - Note (3)	Measured temperature ('C)	5°C to 55°C
17	\$11	R	Slope (%)	See User Manual
18	\$12	R - Note (2)	Millivolt Offset	± 1000 mV
21	\$15	R	Sodium Units	0 = ppb / ppm 1 = ug l ⁻¹ / mg l ⁻¹ 2 = ug kg ⁻¹ / mg kg ⁻¹
22	\$16	R	Temperature Units	0 = °C 1 = °F
23	\$17	R	Filter Time (Seconds)	10 to 600 seconds
33	\$21	R	Alarm A1 Action	0 = Off 1 = Low 2 = High
34	\$22	R	Alarm A2 Action	0 = Off 1 = Low 2 = High
35	\$23	R	Retrans Curve0 = Linear1 = Logarithmic	
36	\$24	R	0 = 0 to 10 mA 1 = 0 to 20 mA 2 = 4 to 20 mA	
37	\$25	R - Note (1)	Retrans Span	Sodium Value
38	\$26	R - Note (1)	Retrans Zero	Sodium Value

Notes.

- 1) Data stored in 16 bit format. The 4 most significant bits indicate the decade and the 12 bit data indicates the integer value of the measured value. See table below.
- 2) -1000 mV = 0 and +1000 mV = 4095
- 3) $5^{\circ}C (41^{\circ}F) = 0$ and $55^{\circ}C (131^{\circ}F) = 4095$

Range	Decade	16 bit data format
10.0 mg l ⁻¹	5	\$5064
1.00 to 9.99 mg l⁻¹	4	\$4064 to \$43E7
100 to 999 µg l⁻¹	3	\$3064 to \$33E7
10.0 to 99.9 µg l⁻¹	2	\$2064 to \$23E7
0.10 to 9.99 μg l⁻¹	1	\$100A to \$13E7

Example: If the sodium setpoint A1 is to be changed to $500 \ \mu g \ l^{-1}$ then from the above table the decade is 3 and the integer value is 500 (1F4 Hex). So the required 16 bit data format is 31F4 Hex.

Example: If the sodium value returned is 1250 Hex, then from the above table the decade is 1 (0.10 to 9.99 μ g l⁻¹) and the integer part is 592 (250 Hex). Hence the sodium reading is 5.92 μ g l⁻¹.

11 OPERATION

Before attempting any serial communication, first ensure that the 8037 Transmitters connected to the computer terminal or host computer by serial link are functioning correctly as individual instruments. This is achieved by connecting all analog inputs, applying the input signals and checking that the digital display reads appropriately.

Ensure that the serial data connections to 8037 Transmitter have been made correctly with respect to the computer terminal, or host computer, interface. If the above check appears satisfactory, test the serial communication by sending an appropriate message from the computer terminal or host computer to a transmitter and observe if it replies; thus establishing communication. If communication is not established, check that the computer terminal, or host computer, interface is set up correctly and that the plug-in links within each transmitter are correctly positioned – see Section 5.



Check that the parameters programmed in the instrument's Serial Data Communication Page are compatible with those of the computer terminal or host computer – see Section 7.

If communication is still not possible or is erratic, check that the computer terminal, or host computer, interface has pull-up and pull-down resistors connected as shown in Figs. 11.1 and 11.2.

Note. If no reply is received from the instrument within 160 ms, retransmit the command. If after five command re-entries a satisfactory reply has not been received, the communication link has been broken and must be re-checked.



12 SPECIFICATION

APPENDICES

As detailed in the *Operating Instructions*, with the following additions:

EIA Communication Standards	RS422, RS485 2-wire or 4-wire modes
Parity	None Odd Programmable Even
Transmission line length	1200 m maximum
Transmission speeds	1200 baud 2400 baud 4800 baud 9600 baud

A1 Non-volatile Memory Limitations

Note. If the number of write cycles to any particular non-volatile memory register exceeds 10^4 write cycles, the register's contents may not be retained.

Any changes made to a parameter, e.g. Alarm trip value, via the serial link are stored in a non-volatile memory register assigned to that parameter.

The number of write cycles to a particular register can be reduced by disabling the non-volatile memory access when making changes to parameters which do not need to be saved on power-down. This is done by using the **non-volatile save state (coil number 50)**.

When the **non-volatile save state** is set to 'Enable', any parameter changes made via the serial link are written to the non-volatile memory register and retained on power-down. If the **non-volatile save state** is set to'Disable', parameter changes made via the serial link are not retained on powerdown.

The **non-volatile save state** is not retained on power-down and must be reset to the required state each time the instrument is powered down, replaced with another instrument or the host computer is powered down.

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Client Warranty

Prior to installation, the equipment referred to in this manual must be stored in a clean, dry environment, in accordance with the Company's published specification.

Periodic checks must be made on the equipment's condition. In the event of a failure under warranty, the following documentation must be provided as substantiation:

- 1. A listing evidencing process operation and alarm logs at time of failure.
- 2. Copies of all storage, installation, operating and maintenance records relating to the alleged faulty unit.

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