Operating Guide – MODBUS (RTU) Communications Option

IM/L150-MOD_2

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1 INTRODUCTION

This Operating Guide describes the DATUM L150/L160 MODBUS serial data communications option and must be used in conjunction with the standard *User Guide (IM/L150 or IM/L160)* supplied with the instrument.

Information.

The MODBUS option provides the following facilities:

- Standard RS422/485 communications.
- MODBUS RTU protocol for master (host computer) to slave (DATUM L150/L160) system.
- 500V d.c. isolation from external connections to the instrument.
- Two-wire or four-wire communication.
- 2400 or 9600 baud transmission rate.
- Parity-checking odd, even or none.

2 ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION

This section describes the connection of serial data transmission cables between the master (host computer) and slave DATUM L150/L160 instruments on a MODBUS serial link. All connections other than those used for serial communication are shown in Section 5 of the relevant *User Guide*.

2.1 Host Computer Serial Communications

An RS422/485 communications driver must be fitted to the host computer. It is strongly recommended that the interface has galvanic isolation to protect the computer from lightning damage and increase signal immunity to noise pick-up.

2.2 OPTO22 Boards for use with Personal Computers

Where a personal computer is used as the host computer, the following OPTO22 boards are recommended for use with the DATUM L150/L160 Series of instruments:

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AC24 AT AT Bus IBM PC compat	ble
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AC34 Microchannel IBM PC

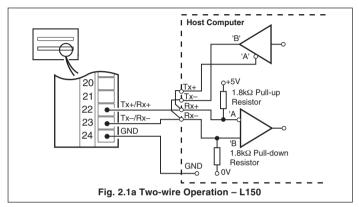
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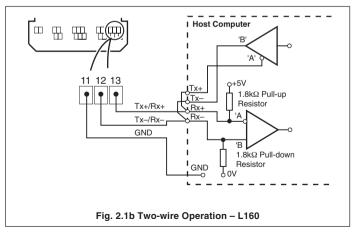
MODBUS serial communications must be configured as either two-wire or four-wire serial links – see Figs. 2.1 and 2.2. Two-/Four-wire operation must also be selected in the Configuration Mode – see Section 3.1.

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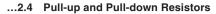
2.4 Pull-up and Pull-down Resistors – Figs. 2.1 and 2.2

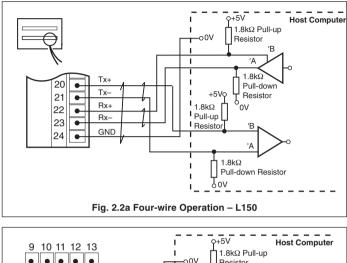
To prevent false triggering of slaves when the master (host computer) is inactive, pull-up and pull-down resistors must be fitted to the RS422/485 interface in the host computer – see Figs. 2.1 and 2.2.

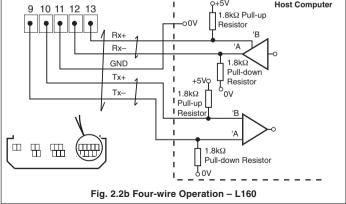




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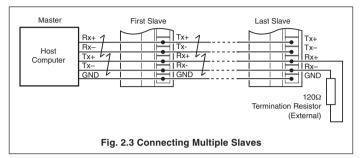




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2.5 Termination Resistor – Fig. 2.3

For long transmission lines, a 120Ω termination resistor must be fitted to the last slave in the chain – see Fig. 2.3.



2.6 Serial Connections – Figs. 2.1 to 2.4

Information.

- Up to 10 slaves can be connected to a single RS422 adaptor card on a PC.
- Up to 32 slaves can be connected to a single RS485 adaptor card on a PC.

The number of slaves can be increased if the driver's serial port permits.

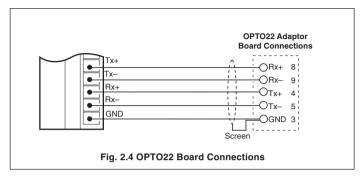
Connections to the MODBUS serial board must be made as shown in Figs. 2.1, 2.2 or 2.4. Connections on links with multiple slaves must be made in parallel, as shown in Fig. 2.3. When connecting cable screens, ensure that no 'ground loops' are introduced.

The maximum serial data transmission line length for both **RS422** and **RS485** systems is 1200m. The types of cable that can be used are determined by the total line length:

Up to 6m	-	standard screened or twisted pair cable.
Up to 300m	-	twin twisted pair with overall foil screen and an integral drain wire, e.g. Belden 9502 or equivalent.
Up to 1200m	-	twin twisted pair with separate foil screens and integral drain wires, e.g. Belden 9729 or equivalent.

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3 CONFIGURATION

Information.

- Programmable baud rate 2400 or 9600 baud.
- Selectable parity odd, even or none.
- Address range 1 to 99.

For MODBUS communications to operate correctly, each DATUM L150/L160 must be configured with the correct serial transmission parameters and assigned a unique address.

3.1 Accessing the Configuration Mode

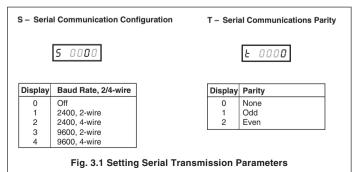
The procedure for accessing the Configuration Mode is detailed in Section 4.2 of the relevant *User Guide*. When all parameters have been programmed, return the instrument to the Operator Mode.

3.2 Setting the Serial Transmission Parameters – Fig. 3.1

Fig. 3.1 shows the display readouts and options available when defining the serial transmission rate and bit parity for DATUM L150/L160 instruments. Further detail on the procedures required to set each parameter are shown in Section 4.3 of the relevant *User Guide.*

3.3 Setting the MODBUS Address

To allow the master to differentiate between more than one slave in a system, each slave on a MODBUS link must be assigned a unique address in the range 1 to 99 – see Section 4.4 of the relevant *User Guide* (MODBUS Address Frame, $\Re d dr$).



4 MODBUS PROTOCOL

Information.

- The DATUM L150/L160 operates as a MODBUS, Remote Terminal Unit (RTU) slave.
- Parity checking detects transmission errors in individual characters.
- Cyclic redundancy checking detects errors in the master messages and slave responses.

4.1 Introduction

MODBUS communication uses the master/slave principle to send messages to one or more slaves. Each slave is given a unique identity address (between 1 and 99).

A broadcast address (address zero) can be used to write to all slave devices simultaneously, using one command. In this instance there is no slave acknowledgment.

Slaves cannot accept new messages until the current message has been processed and a reply sent to the master (maximum response time 250ms). 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.

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

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4.2 MODBUS Function Codes

The function code instructs the addressed slave which function to perform. Table 4.1 shows the function codes and describes the action they initiate.

Function Code	Function Title	Description				
01	Read Coil Status	Read up to 16 consecutive discrete (Boolean) points from a specific starting point. The DATUM L150/L160 returns zeros for points which do not contain defined data and NAKs* any request for point numbers greater than 60.				
03	Read Holding Register	Read up to 8 consecutive registers from a specific starting register. The DATUM L150/L160 returns zeros for points which do not contain defined data and NAKs* any request for point numbers greater than 90.				
05	Force Single Coil	Write one discrete (Boolean) point. The DATUM L150/L160 NAKs* this if the point is not currently writeable.				
06	Preset Single Register	Write one register. This code also applies any existing limits to the register before storage in the instrument. The DATUM L150/L160 NAKs* if the register is not currently writeable.				
08	Loop Back	Echo the message. Only 'Return of Query' is supported.				
16	Preset Multiple Registers	Write up to eight consecutive registers from a specified starting register. The DATUM L150/L160 NAKs* if any of the registers are not currently writeable, but carries out all the writes which are valid, applying any existing limits to the value before storage in the instrument.				

*NAK = Negative Acknowledgment

Table 4.1 MODBUS Function Codes

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This section shows typical examples of MODBUS function codes 01, 03, 05, 06, 08 and 16. Not all addressable parameters used in the examples which follow are valid for both instrument types – see Sections 7.1 and 7.2.

5.1 Read Coil Status – Function Code 01

5.1.1 Read Coil Status Query

This function obtains the ON/OFF status of logic coils used to control discrete outputs from the addressed slave. Broadcast mode is not supported with this function code. In addition to the slave address and function fields, the information field must contain the initial coil offset address (starting address) and the number of each location to be interrogated.

Note. The coil offset address is one less than the coil number, e.g. to start at coil 06 the start address must be set to 05 (05H).

Example - read 16 coils from slave	(01) starting at coil 6 (alarm state 1).
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Address		Coil Start Offset High				Error Check Field	(CRC-16)
01	01	00	05	00	10	2D	C7

5.1.2 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 multiples of eight, the last characters are packed with zeros at the high order end.

Example:

Alarms 1, 2 and 3 inactive

Digital input inactive

Digital output inactive

Relays 1 and 2 active

ON/OFF status 1 and 2 active

Address	Function	Byte Count	Data Coil Status 6 to 13	Data Coil Status 14 to 21	Error Check Field	(CRC-16)
01	01	02	00	3E	38	2C

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5.2 Read Holding Register – Function Code 03

5.2.1 Read Holding Register Query

The Read Holding Register Query obtains the contents of up to eight 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 1 the data start register must contain 00 (00H).

Broadcast mode is not supported by Function Code 03.

Example – read three holding registers from slave (01) starting at holding address 01 (process variable input).

Address	Function	Register Start Offset High			Data No. of Registers Low	Error Check Field	(CRC-16)
01	03	00	00	00	03	05	СВ

5.2.2 Read Holding Register Response

The addressed slave responds with its address and function code, followed by the information field. The information field contains one byte describing the quantity of data bytes to be returned. Two bytes are used to return each register requested, the first byte containing the high order bits and the second the low order bits.

Example:

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PV input (two registers) - 270
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PV decimal places

Address	Function	Byte Count				ter 02	Hold Regis High	ter 03		(CRC-16)
01	03	00	00	00	01	09	00	01	49	75

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5.3 Force Single Coil – Function Code 05

5.3.1 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 have no effect on coil status.

Note. To write to a coil its offset address (one less than the coil number) must be used, e.g. to write to coil 30, the coil address 29 (1CH) is transmitted.

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

Example - switch ON coil address 30 (auto/manual state) in slave 01.

Address	Function	Coil Offset High	Coil Offset Low	Data Value High	Data Value Low	Error Check Field	(CRC-16)
01	05	00	1D	FF	00	80	FF

5.3.2 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 Check Field	(CRC-16)
01	05	00	1D	FF	00	28	60

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5.4 Preset Single Register – Function Code 06

5.4.1 Preset Single Register Query

The Preset Single Register Query modifies the contents of a holding register.

Note. Function codes 05, 06 and 16 are the only messages that are recognized as valid for broadcast.

Example – write the value 500 to holding register address 25 (proportional band 1 – heat) in slave 01.

Note. To write to a register, its offset address (one less than the register number) must be used, e.g. to write to register 25, the offset address 24 (18H) is transmitted.

Address	Function	Register Offset High	Register Offset Low	Data Value High	Data Value Low	Error Check Field	(CRC-16)
01	06	00	18	01	F4	09	DA

5.4.2 Preset Single Register Response

The response to a Preset Single Register Response requests 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 Check Field	(CRC-16)
01	06	00	18	01	F4	09	DA

5.5 Loopback Test – Function Code 08

5.5.1 Loopback Test Query

The Loopback Test Query tests the MODBUS system and does not affect the operation of the slave. Variations in the response may indicate faults in the MODBUS system. The information field contains two bytes for the designation of the diagnostic code followed by two bytes to designate the action to be taken.

Example:

Address	Function	Data Diagnostic Code High	Data Diagnostic Code Low	Data*	Data*	Error Check Field	(CRC-16)
01	08	00	00	A5	37	DA	8D

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

5.5.2 Loopback Test Response

The Loopback Test 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 Check Field	(CRC-16)
01	08	00	00	A5	37	DA	8D

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5.6 Write Multiple Registers – Function Code 16

5.6.1 Write Multiple Registers Query

This message is used to change the contents of up to eight holding registers at a time. When used with slave address zero (broadcast mode) all slave controllers load the selected registers with the contents specified.

Note. To write to a register, its offset address (one less than the register number) must be used, e.g. to write to register 25, the offset address 24 (18H) is transmitted.

Example – write the value 500 to the register address 25 (proportional band 1 – heat) and the value 100 to the register address 26 (integral action time) in slave 01.

Address	Function	Register Start Offset High	Register Start Offset Low	Number of Registers	Byte Count
01	10	00	18	00 02	04

Holding Register 24 High	Holding Register 24 Low	Holding Register 25 High	Holding Register 25 Low	Error Check Field	(CRC16)
01	F4	00	64	B2	E0

5.6.2 Write Multiple Registers Response

The Write Multiple Registers Response confirms slave identification, function code, starting register address and quantity only.

Example:

Address	Function	Register Start Offset High	Register Start Offset Low	Numt Regi		Error Check Field	(CRC-16)
01	10	00	18	00	02	C1	CF

6 EXCEPTION RESPONSES

The exception response codes sent by the slave are shown in Table 6.1. 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 function on the COMMANDER 100/150.
02	Illegal Data Address	The address reference in the data field is not an allowable address for the COMMANDER 100/150.
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 6.1 Exception Response Codes

6.1 Examples

A Read Register Request to read holding register address 100 of Slave 01 (undefined address for Slave, beyond address limit).

Address	Function	Register Start Offset High	Register Start Offset Low	Number of Registers High	Number of Registers Low	Error Check Field	(CRC-16)
01	03	00	FA	00	06	E5	F9

The slave replies with an exception response signifying an 'illegal data address'. 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	Error Check	(CRC-16)
01	83	02	C0	F1

7 ADDRESSABLE PARAMETERS

7.1 Coils

Coil No.	Variable Label	Read/Write	Limits/Values
1	Process Variable Fail State	R	1 = Failed
3	A/D Converter Fail State	R	1 = Failed
6	Alarm State 1	R	1 = Active
7	Alarm Indicator 1	R	1 = On
8	Alarm State 2	R	1 = Active
9	Alarm Indicator 2	R	1 = On
10	Alarm State 3	R	1 = Active
11	Alarm Indicator 3	R	1 = On
14	Digital Input State	R	1 = On
15	Digital Output State	R	1 = On
16	Relay 1 State	R	1 = On
17	Relay 2 State	R	1 = On
21	Global Maths Reset	W	1 = Reset
22	Maximum Values Reset	W	1 = Reset
23	Minimum Values Reset	W	1 = Reset
24	Average Values Reset	W	1 = Reset

7.2 Registers

7.2.1 Analog Inputs

Register	Variable Label	Read/Write	Limits/Values
1 + 2	Process Variable Input	R	-9999 to 99999
3	PV Decimal Places	R	0 to 4
7 + 8	Specific Gravity	R/W	-999.9 to 9999.9
9 + 10	Volume	R	-999.9 to 9999.9

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...7.2 Registers

7.2.2 Alarm Settings

Register	Variable Label	Read/Write	Limits/Values
50 + 51 52 + 53 54 + 55 57	Alarm Trip 1 Alarm Trip 2 Alarm Trip 3 Alarm Type 1	RW RW RW	-9999 to 99999 -9999 to 99999 -9999 to 99999 0 = None 1 = High Process
58 59	Alarm Type 2 Alarm Type 3	R R	2 = Low Process 3 = High Latch 4 = Low Latch
60 61 62	Alarm 1 hysteresis Alarm 2 hysteresis Alarm 3 hysteresis	RW RW RW	- –9999 to 99999

7.2.3 Maths Functions

Register	Variable Label	Read/Write	Limits/Values
85 + 86	Process Variable Maximum	R	-9999 to 99999
87 + 88	Process Variable Minimum	R	-9999 to 99999
89 + 90	Process Variable Average	R	-9999 to 99999

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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.
- Copies of all storage, installation, operating and maintenance records relating to the alleged faulty unit.

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