EthMBus-5 M-Bus to Ethernet communication interface converter

- > Connection of up to five M-Bus slave devices
- > 10/100 Mbps Ethernet interface
- > TCP or UDP datagram message transmission
- > Supported connection modes: client or server
- > Simple web interface for configuration
- > Extended AC and DC power operating range
- > Safeguards and filters insuring high durability of the entire device against surges and failures



Overview

EthMBus-5 communication converter is designed for the connection of devices with the M-Bus interface to control/computer systems for data collection from meters using the Ethernet network. The converter works as a transparent gateway and the transfer of M-Bus messages occurs without changing their content. Messages are transmitted using the TCP or UDP protocol. The converter can work in client or server mode. Computer applications that do not have a TCP/IP interface may use a virtual serial COM port application for communication.

The M-Bus port has a connection capacity for one to five M-Bus slave devices. The interface has the highest grade of surge protection and is resilient to failures on the M-Bus bus.

The converter operates at a wide range of the direct and alternating current power supply voltages with protection against overvoltage and a resettable current PTC fuse.

Operational statuses are indicated by six LEDs which makes it easy to determine the actual state of the converter or possible causes of failure. The LEDs indicate the state of the power supply voltage, Ethernet communication, M-Bus communication and fault conditions of the M-Bus line.

| Technical parameters | | | | |
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| Ethernet communication interface | | | | |
| Communications interface | 10BASE-T or 100BASE-TX (auto-sensing) | | | |
| Communication protocols | ARP, UDP, TCP, ICMP, Telnet, TFTP, SNMP, HTTP, DHCP, AutoIP | | | |
| Connector | RJ45 | | | |
| Compatibility | Ethernet: Version 2.0/IEEE 802.3 | | | |
| M-Bus Master communication interface | | | | |
| Number of devices that can be connected | 1 to 5 SLAVE devices, idle current max. 7.5mA | | | |
| Baud rate | 300-9600 bps | | | |
| Protection | overvoltage protection TVS 1500W electronic protection against overloads and short circuit on the communication line, note: converter can resist sustained short circuit on the communication line | | | |
| Galvanic separation | 1kV from power supply, >1kV from Ethernet | | | |
| Power Supply | | | | |
| Recommended range of power supply voltages | | | | |
| DC power | 10V to 33V | | | |
| AC power | 12V to 24V | | | |
| Protection | overvoltage protection TVS 1500W overcurrent protection with a 0.3A resettable PTC fuse | | | |
| Power consumption | 1.7W to 3W Depends on M-Bus line load and power supply. | | | |
| Temperature | | | | |
| Operating range | -40°C to 60°C | | | |

Mechanical parameters of the converter

The converter is made from a robust aluminium box which ensures excellent mechanical durability, enhanced interference resistance and improved heat dissipation from the converter to the environment. The converter is designed to be mounted on a 35 mm DIN rail (EN 50022 top hat rail). Weight of the converter is 136g.



Top view

Side view with DIN rail attached

EMC compatibility

EMC compatibility of the M-Bus converter has been tested according to the following industrial environment standards in an accredited laboratory.

| EMC emission tests | | | |
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| Standard | Test | Level | |
| EN 55011 | Power line - CONDUCTED EMISSIONS 10/150 kHz - 30 MHz | Class A | |
| EN 55011 | RADIATED EMISSIONS (Electric Field) 30 MHz - 1000 MHz | Class A | |

| EMC immunity tests | | | | |
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| Standard | Test | Level | | |
| EN 61000-4-2 | ELECTROSTATIC DISCHARGE (ESD) - Contact discharge | ± 4kV | | |
| EN 61000-4-2 | ELECTROSTATIC DISCHARGE (ESD) - Air discharge | ± 8kV | | |
| EN 61000-4-3 | RADIATED RADIO-FREQUENCY ELECTROMAG. FIELD 80MHz - 1GHz | 10 V/m | | |
| EN 61000-4-3 | RADIATED RADIO-FREQUENCY ELECTROMAG. FIELD 1,4GHz - 2GHz | 10 V/m | | |
| EN 61000-4-3 | RADIATED RADIO-FREQUENCY ELECTROMAG. FIELD 2GHz - 2,7GHz | 3 V/m | | |
| EN 61000-4-4 | ELECTRICAL FAST TRANSIENT/BURST - Power line | ± 4 kV | | |
| EN 61000-4-4 | ELECTRICAL FAST TRANSIENT/BURST - M-Bus line | ± 4 kV | | |
| EN 61000-4-5 | SURGE IMMUNITY - Power line. Common/differential mode. | ± 1kV / ± 1kV | | |
| EN 61000-4-5 | SURGE IMMUNITY - M-Bus line. Cable shielding. | ± 4 kV | | |
| EN 61000-4-5 | SURGE IMMUNITY - M-Bus line. Common/differential mode.* | ± 4kV / ± 2kV | | |
| EN 61000-4-6 | CONDUCTED DISTURBANCES, INDUCED BY RADIO-FREQUENCY FIELDS 0,15MHz - 80 MHZ. Power line and M-Bus line. | 10 V | | |

* Test carried out at the request of the manufacturer. The M-Bus port of the converter achieves the highest level of overvoltage protection according to the EN 61000-4-5 standard. Carrying out this type of test is not required with the use of shield cable. Reaching the highest level of protection on the M-Bus port also guarantees the highest achievable reliability of the converter. The M-Bus interface often poses the greatest risk of overvoltage and the ensuing destruction of the converter.

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