

# **WINSTRUM USER'S MANUAL** (Version 4.3)

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## **INSTRUMENT SERIAL COMMUNICATIONS FACTS**

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This document contains two sections. The first section is the Winstrum User's Manual and the second section contains communications information for all Gefran instruments.



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### Winstrum User's Manual

Winstrum is a Windows-based software for reading and writing all parameters in a single instrument via a serial connection. The Winstrum software is supplied as a kit that includes an interface cable necessary for instruments without the serial communications option. The cable has a 9-pin connector at one end for connecting to the PC's RS-232 serial port. The other end has a 3-pin connector for attaching to the instrument 3-pin configuration port. When using this port, the communications protocol is limited to the Gefran Cencal Protocol. When an instrument has the serial communications option installed, either the configuration port or the serial communication option terminals at the rear of the instrument may be used. In the later case, the user must include an RS-232 to RS-485 converter for instrument models that are not capable of RS-232 connection directly (*See Table I*). The user will also have the ability to choose between Gefran Cencal and Modbus RTU Protocols. See the Serial Communications Facts Section for more details.

Winstrum will provide the following functions:

- Storage of instrument configurations for rapid instrument programming
- Real-time trending of up to five parameters with adjustable scales and time bases
- Ability to print the Trend Graphs and store Trend data for use Excel spreadsheets
- Graphic display of Custom Linearization data
- Quick access for Help on each instrument parameter

### SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

- o Pentium 90MHz cpu or higher.
- o Monitor VGA **800x600**.
- o 24 MB of RAM for Windows 95/98, 32 MB for Windows NT/2000.
- o **Microsoft Windows NT 3.51** or later or **Microsoft Windows 95/98** or later or **Microsoft Windows 2000/XP**.
- o Min. 15 MB available on disk.

### INSTALLATION

1. If a previous version of this program already exists on your computer, **uninstall it** before installing the new version.
2. Insert the CD into the drive or navigate to the folder where the downloaded files are stored.
3. Wait for the automatic start of the setup program - or - manually start it launching the **start.exe** program.
4. The set-up procedure will display further instructions on screen in order to complete the installation in C:\Winstrum directory (**don't modify the default directory suggested**).
5. If a previous version of Winstrum program has already been installed, you might be asked to keep the following files, as they are newer: MFC40.DLL - GSWDLL32.DLL - GSW32.EXE - VOC0.STR - VOC1.STR - VOC2.STR - VOC3.STR. Choose "**No**" for each file so that they will be re-written every time.
6. From the "**START**" menu, select **Programs**, then click on **WINSTRUM**.



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### IMPORTANT NOTES

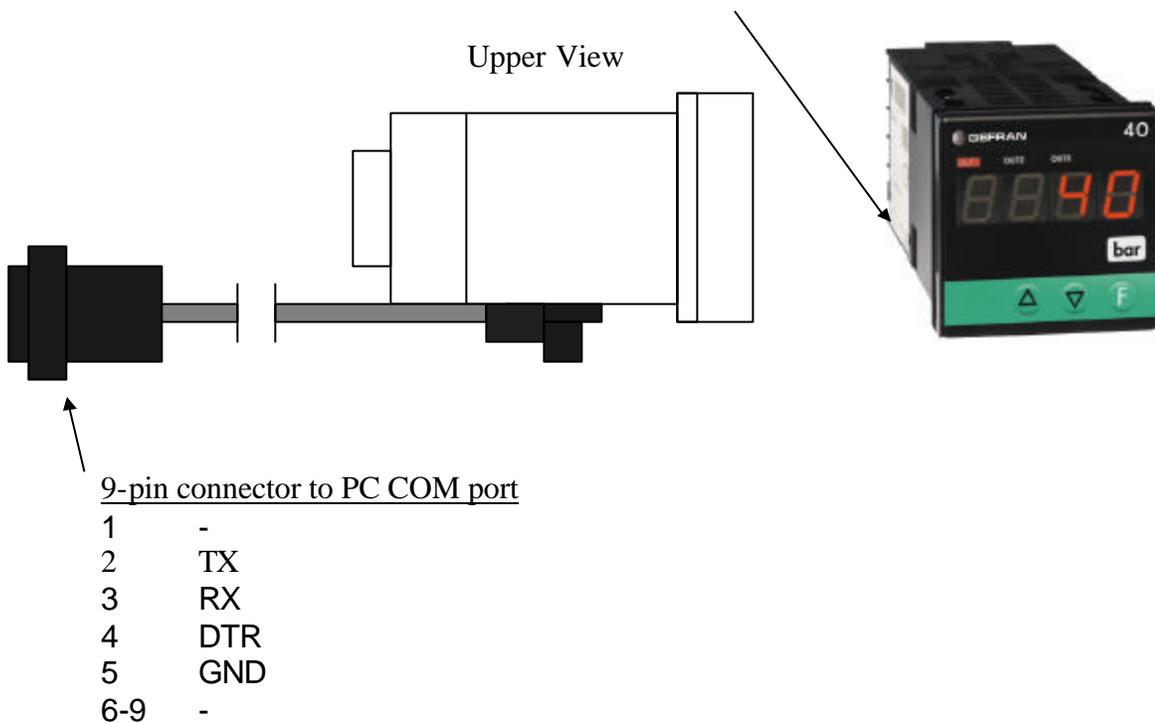
- The program provides the selection of language, serial port (from COM1 to COM6) and Baud rate (1200, 2400, 4800, 9600, 19200 baud).
- When a new instrument is selected, standard configuration data are displayed on screen.
- Configuration data can be printed and files can be stored. File name extension must be: “.dat”.
- When selecting a parameter, a double-click of the mouse left key will display on screen its *Help* page with a description of the current setting.

### PC-INSTRUMENT CONNECTION (*without* serial comms option installed)

Use the connection cable supplied with the program (standard length: 2 m.).

Connect the 9-pin female connector to the PC serial port.

Connect the 3-pin connector to the plug on the side of the instrument.



### PC-INSTRUMENT CONNECTION (*with* serial comms option installed)

- An instrument capable of RS232 serial connection (*See Table 1*) can be connected directly:
- |                            |       |                   |
|----------------------------|-------|-------------------|
| <u>PC: 9-pin connector</u> | <<>>  | <u>Instrument</u> |
| o pin 2 Tx                 | ----- | Rx                |
| o pin 3 Rx                 | ----- | Tx                |
| o pin 5 GND                | ----- | GND               |
- An instrument capable of only RS485 connection will require a RS232/485 converter be used.



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### CD CONTENT

LibraryX.Y  
Autorun.inf  
Gefran.ico  
Readme.doc  
Readme\_eng.doc  
Liesmich\_deu.doc  
Readme\_fr.doc  
Setup.exe  
Setup.lst  
Start.exe  
Winstrum.CAB

### FILE DESCRIPTION

The installed files are the following:

- Strum.up file containing the last selection references.
- Readme.doc description of set-up and PC-Instrument connection in Italian language.
- Readme\_eng.doc description of set-up and PC-Instrument connection in English language.
- Liesmich\_deu.doc description of set-up and PC-Instrument connection in German language.
- Readme\_fr.doc description of set-up and PC-Instrument connection in French language.
- Voc0.str menu strings in Italian language.
- voc1.str menu strings in English language.
- voc2.str menu strings in German language.
- voc3.str menu strings in French language.
- Flgita.ico Italian flag icon.
- Flguk.ico U.K. flag icon.
- Flggerman.ico German flag icon.
- Flgfran.ico French flag icon.

File definition depending on extension:

- “instrument”.cfg configuration file.
- “instrument”\_0.man Italian language strings.
- “instrument”\_1.man English language strings.
- “instrument”\_2.man German language strings.
- “instrume nt”\_2.man French language strings.
- “instrument”.std standard data file.
- \*.dat stored data file.

Where “ instrument ” means the instrument model.

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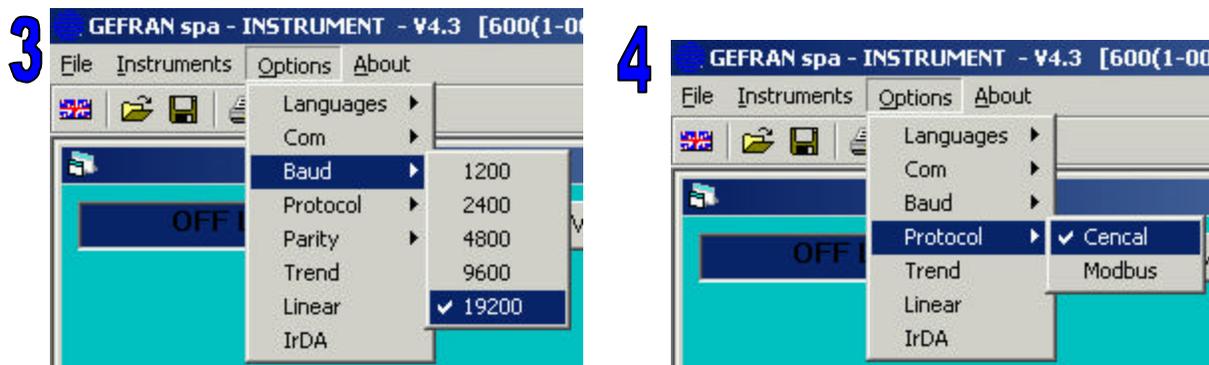
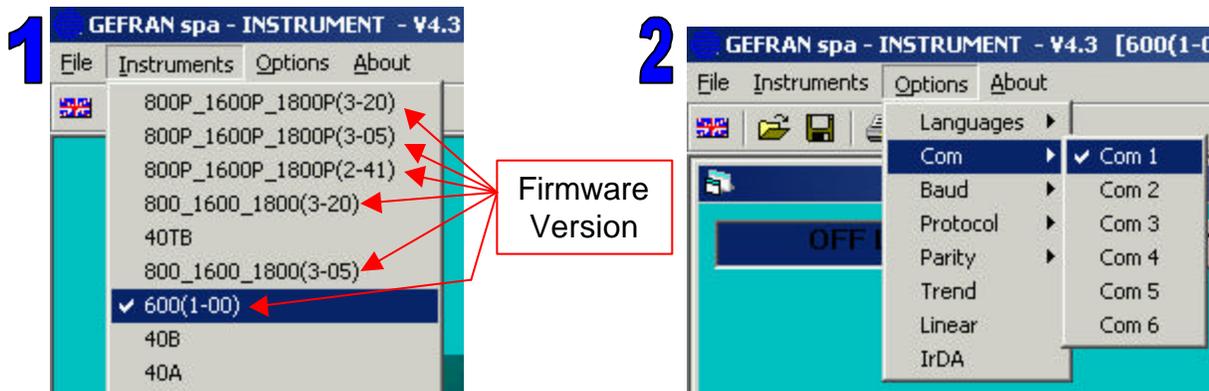
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### USING WINSTRUM

#### - Establishing communications using the Programming Cable:

- o Connect the instrument to the serial port on the computer and turn on the instrument.
- o From the *Instruments* menu (1), choose the instrument that you have connected. (Select the Firmware Version closest to your instrument)
- o From the *Options* menu (2), choose *Com* and select the Com port for your computer.
- o From the *Options* menu (3), choose *Baud* and select 19200.
- o From the *Options* menu (4), choose *Protocol* and select Cencal.



- o Press the *Read* button to initiate an instrument read.

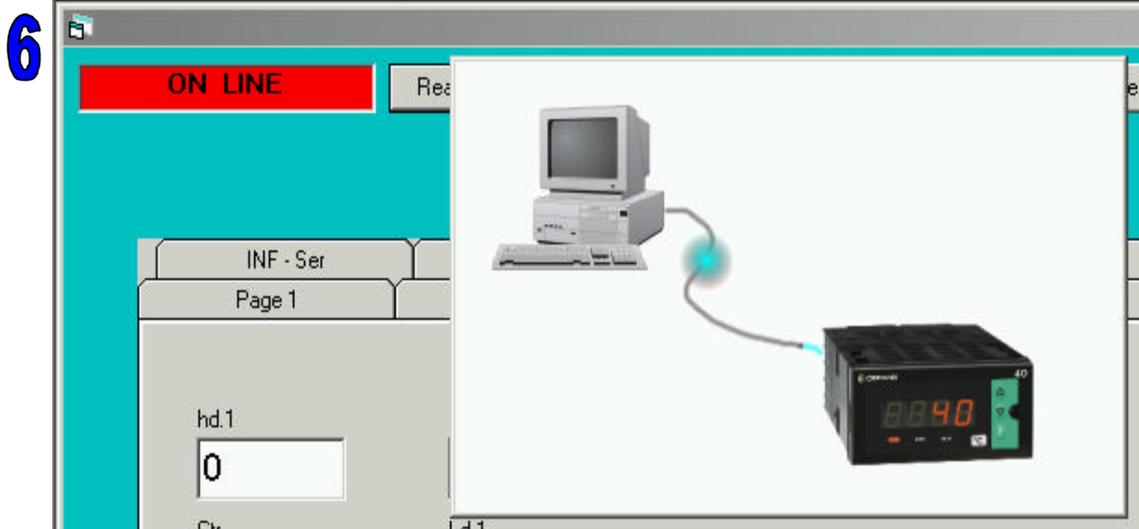


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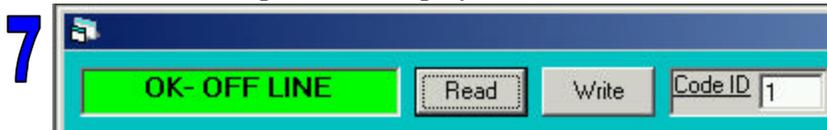
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- Winstrum will read the parameter data from the instrument

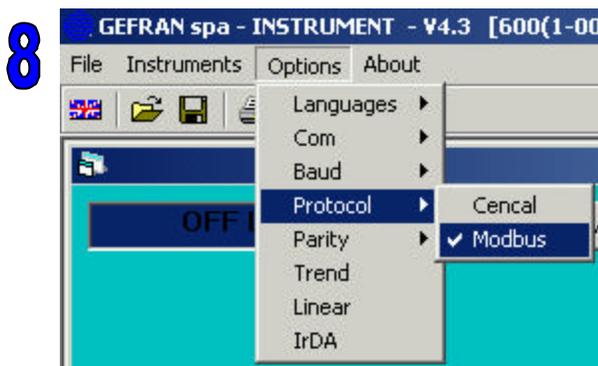


- Winstrum will update the display.



**- Establishing communications with connection made to the serial communication option terminals at the rear of the instrument:**

- Select the Com port and Baud Rate the same as (2) & (3) above.
- From the *Options* menu (8), choose Protocol and select Modbus.
- From the *Options* menu (9), choose Parity and select None.



- Ensure that the instrument serial communications parameters (Baud, Protocol & Parity) are set to the same values as above.

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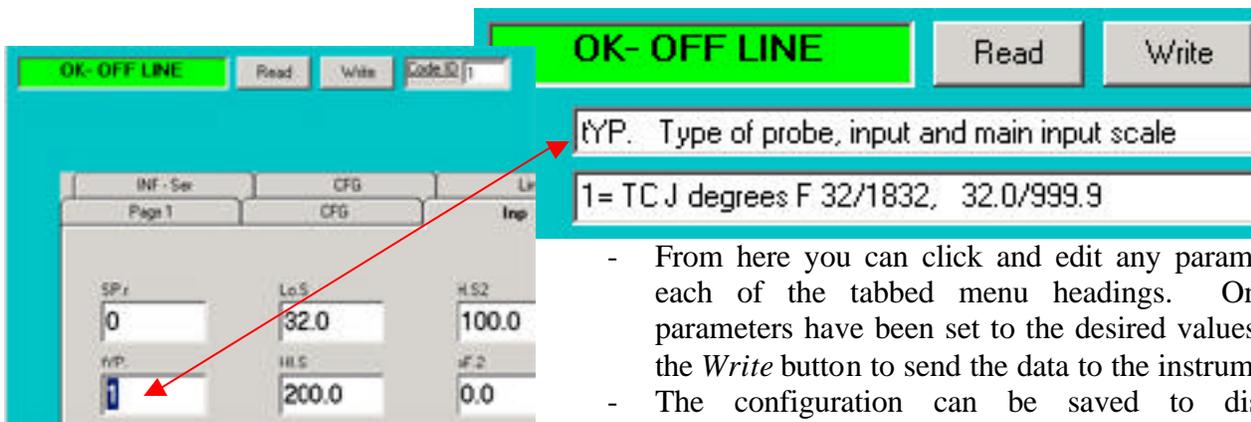
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- o Set the *Code ID* value to the same Modbus address of the instrument.

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- o Repeat Step (5) above.
- After a successful read, the parameter settings from the instrument will be displayed. Selecting the tabbed menu headings will display the parameters for that menu. Double-clicking any parameter value will display help information for that parameter & value (see below).



- From here you can click and edit any parameter in each of the tabbed menu headings. Once all parameters have been set to the desired values, press the *Write* button to send the data to the instrument.
- The configuration can be saved to disk for safekeeping and for programming multiple

instruments with the same data. Choose *File* then *SaveAs* and select the destination for your file.

- If you wish to use a previously saved configuration, choose *File* then *Open* and select the desired \*.dat file.



**Additional Program Features**

Real-Time Trending

Choose *Options* then *Trend* to enable this feature.



An additional menu item will appear called *Trend*.

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Select *Trend* from the menu. The window below will appear. Here is where you can configure up to five parameter variables to trend.

The screenshot shows the 'Data Trend' window with the following fields and callouts:

- Trend Time [sec]:** 300. Callout: "Enter the desired Duration of the Trend".
- Logging Time [sec]:** 5. Callout: "Enter the desired Logging Time (Period)".
- Y Min:** 32. Callout: "Enter the Y axis values".
- Y Max:** 200. Callout: "Enter the Y axis values".
- Channels:** 1. Callout: "Select the number of parameters to trend (Max 5)".
- Name:** P.V. (drop-down menu). Callout: "Select the parameter from the drop-down and set the Min & Max range for the parameter as set in the instrument".
- Min:** 32. Callout: "Select the parameter from the drop-down and set the Min & Max range for the parameter as set in the instrument".
- Max:** 200. Callout: "Select the parameter from the drop-down and set the Min & Max range for the parameter as set in the instrument".

Buttons: OK, Cancel.

ErrorMessage: [Empty text box]

Select OK.

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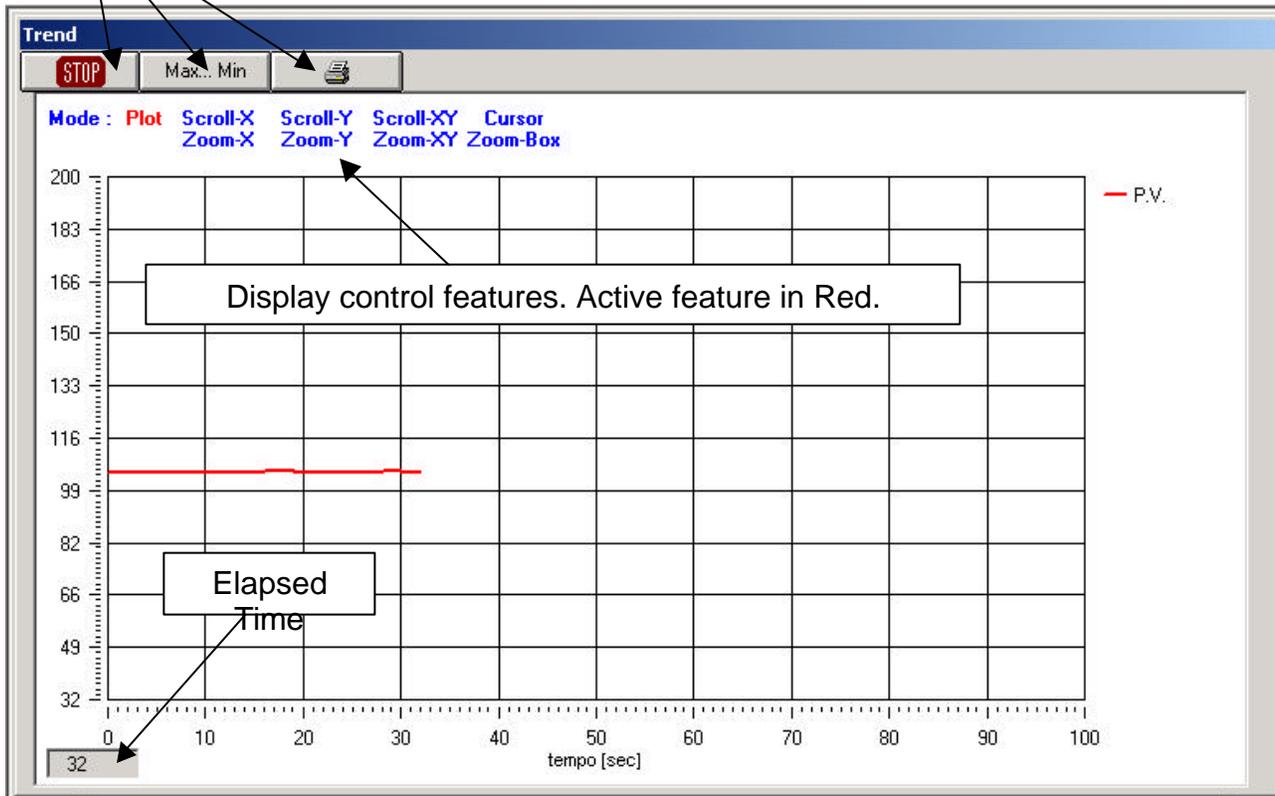
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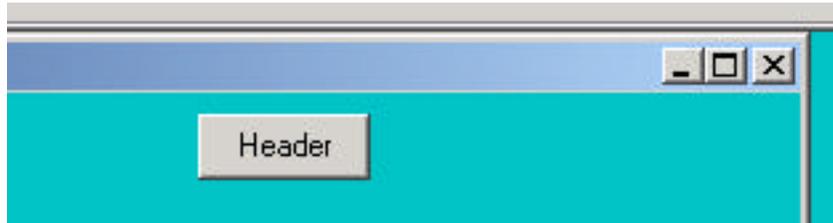
A new button is present in the data window called *Trend*. Pressing this button will begin the trend and a graphical display window will appear.

Control buttons to Stop the Trend, Display Max & Min values and Print the Trend

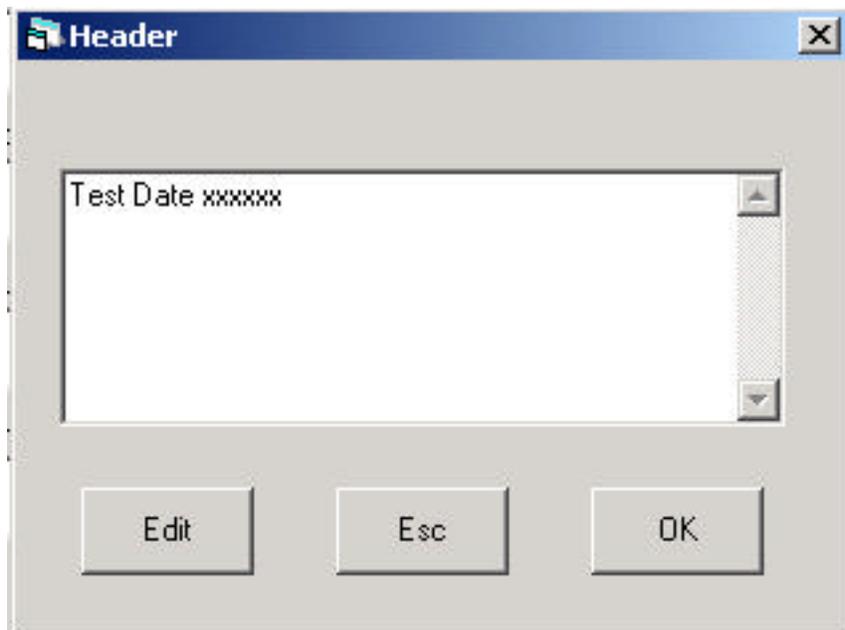


Trend data is continuously appended to a text file named *trendDDMMYY.txt* in the default program directory C:\Winstrum. If you stop and restart the Trend during the same day, the data will be appended to the same file. If you intend to trend different data at several times during the same day, you should rename the default trend file before starting the next trend.

The Header Button



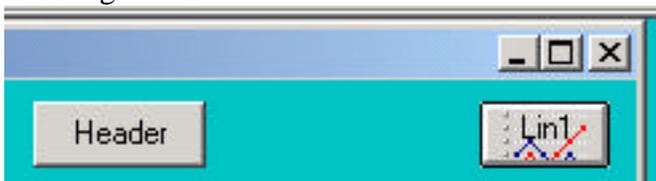
Pressing this button will open an edit window.



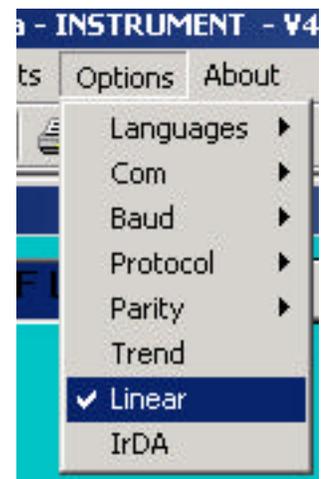
Here you can edit text that will be appended to the saved configuration files (\*.dat). You can enter descriptive information about the configuration and its use and it will be saved at the end of each file.

Linear

Enabling the *Linear* feature is accomplished by choosing *Options* and then selecting *Linear*.



A new button will appear that, when pressed, will display a graphical view of the Custom Linearization parameters for this configuration file.





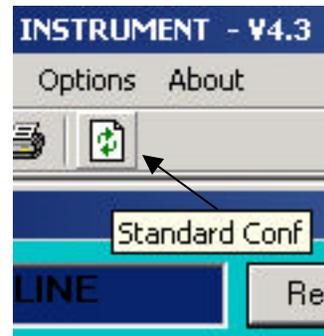
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### Refresh button on Toolbar

Pressing this button will restore a factory default set of values for all parameters.



### Troubleshooting

- Serial Error messages are usually the result of incorrect wiring or mismatched serial comm parameters between the instrument and the program. Re-check settings for Protocol, address, Baud Rate & Parity. If using the 3-pin programming port, ensure that Winstrum is set to Cencal Protocol, 19200 Baud. Check that the correct COM Port for your PC is selected.
- If your instrument is equipped with the RS485 Serial Comm option then, the 3-pin programming port or the rear terminals may be used for PC connection.
- If Serial Comm errors are present when using RS485 2-wire connection, try reversing the A & B wires. Polarity reference between manufacturers is not always consistent.

For additional assistance, contact your local Gefran distributor or:

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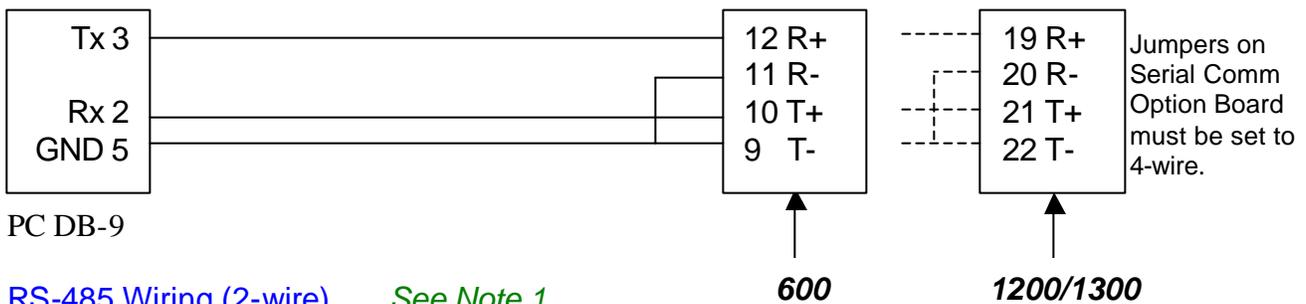
**Serial Communications Facts for Gefran Instruments when Communicating from a PC (or other serial host)**

The serial communications configurations are shown for types RS-232 and/or RS-485 for each instrument. Current Loop communications is also possible in some instruments however it is not shown here due to the limited field use.

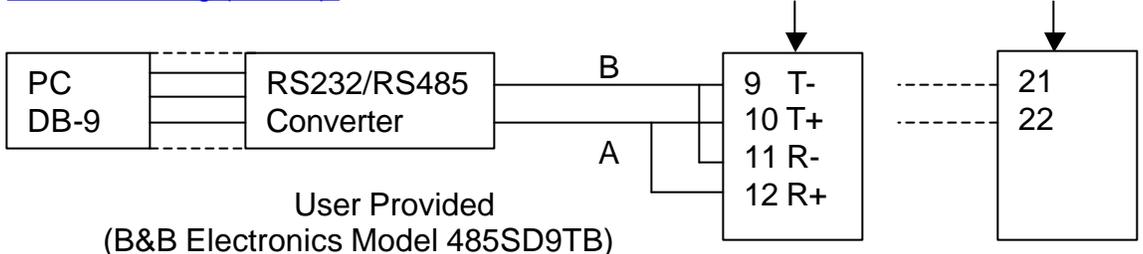
**Model 600 / 1200 / 1300**

1. The model 600 series has a three pin configuration port accessible on the side of the case. This three-pin connector matches the three pin plug on the cable supplied with Winstrum. The Protocol for the configuration port is preset to Cencal, Baud Rate is 19200 and Address is 1 therefore, you must ensure that Winstrum is set to these values in the Options menu. If the Serial Comm option board is present, then you must set the instrument Ser menu parameters to Protocol = Cencal, Address = 1 and Baud = 19200.
2. The communications option is capable RS-232 or RS-485 at the rear terminals. The User's Manual does not include the wiring details for RS-232 connection however, they are included below. The user must provide an RS-232 to RS-485 converter in order to use the Winstrum software in an RS-485 connection. **A special note here;** if you are using Winstrum with 2-wire RS-485, the protocol must be set to Modbus in both Winstrum and the controller. The Cencal protocol is not compatible with the 2-wire RS-485 (half-duplex) configuration. The wiring connections below are for the 600 series with the serial option installed.

RS-232 Wiring      See Note 1



RS-485 Wiring (2-wire)      See Note 1

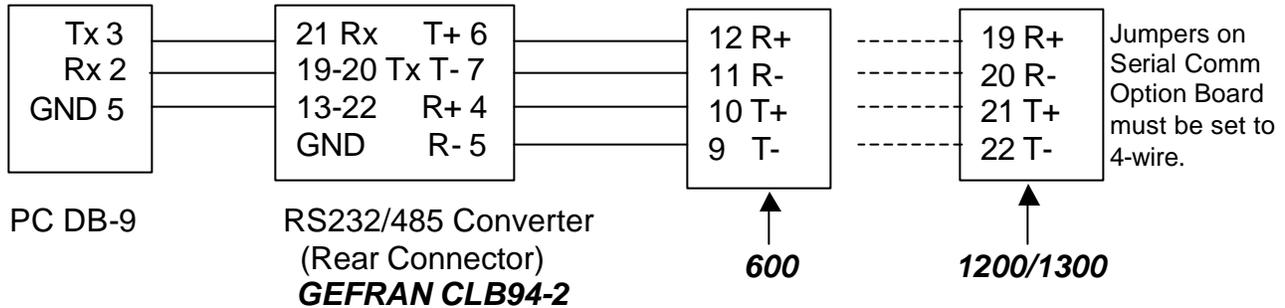


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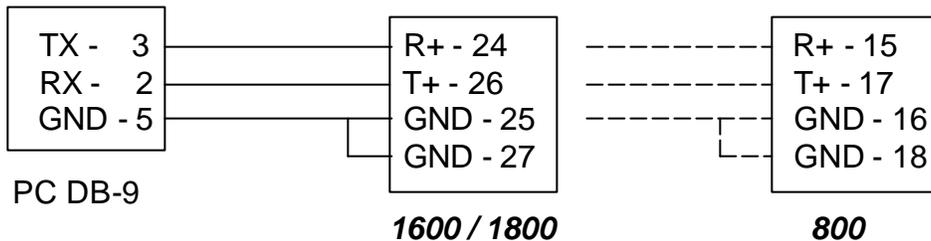
### RS-485 Wiring (4-wire) See Note 1



### Model 800 / 1600 / 1800

- The model 800 series has a three pin configuration port accessible on the side of the case. This three-pin connector matches the three pin plug on the cable supplied with Winstrum. The Protocol for the configuration port is preset to Cencal, Baud Rate is 19200 and Address is 1 therefore, you must ensure that Winstrum is set to these values in the Options menu. If the Serial Comm option board is present, then you must set the instrument Ser menu parameters to Protocol = Cencal, Address = 1 and Baud = 19200.
- The communications option is capable RS-232 or RS-485 at the rear terminals. The user must provide an RS-232 to RS-485 converter in order to use the Winstrum software in an RS-485 connection. **A special note here;** if you are using Winstrum with 2-wire RS-485, the protocol must be set to Modbus in both Winstrum and the controller. The Cencal protocol is not compatible with the 2-wire RS-485 (half-duplex) configuration. The wiring connections below are for the 800 series with the serial option installed.

### RS-232 Wiring

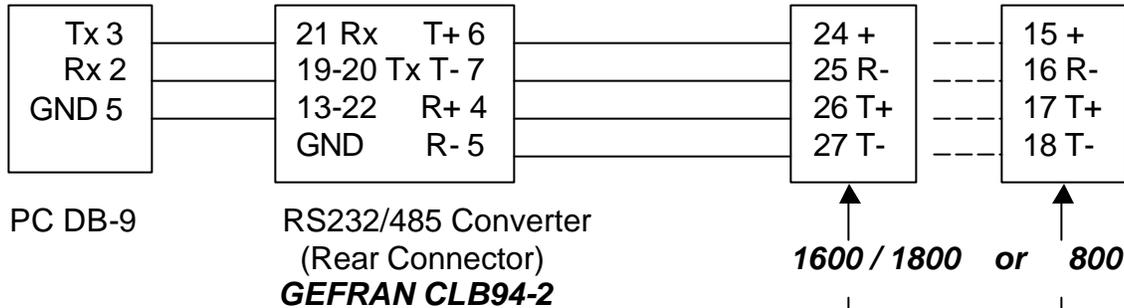


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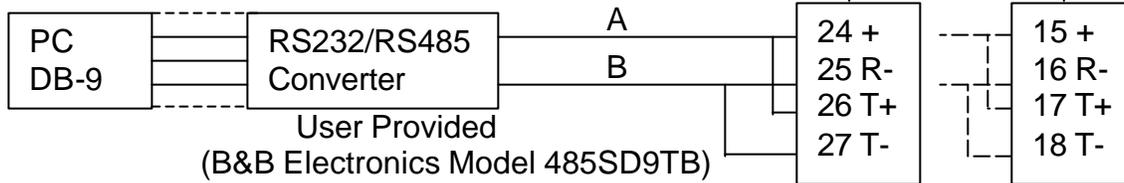
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### RS-485 Wiring (4-wire)



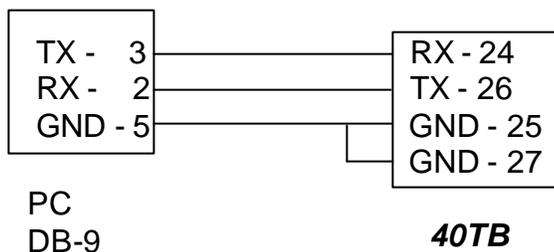
### RS-485 Wiring (2-wire)



### Model 40TB

1. The model 40TB has a three pin configuration port accessible on the side of the case. This three-pin connector matches the three pin plug on the cable supplied with Winstrum. The Protocol for the configuration port is preset to Cencal, Baud Rate is 19200 and Address is 1 therefore, you must ensure that Winstrum is set to these values in the Options menu. If the Serial Comm option board is present, then you must set the instrument Ser menu parameters to Protocol = Cencal, Address = 1 and Baud = 19200.
2. The communications option is capable RS-232 or RS-485 at the rear terminals. The user must provide an RS-232 to RS-485 converter in order to use the Winstrum software in an RS-485 connection. **A special note here**; if you are using Winstrum with 2-wire RS-485, the protocol must be set to Modbus in both Winstrum and the controller. The Cencal protocol is not compatible with the 2-wire RS-485 (half-duplex) configuration. The wiring connections below are for the 40TB with the serial option installed.

### RS-232 Wiring

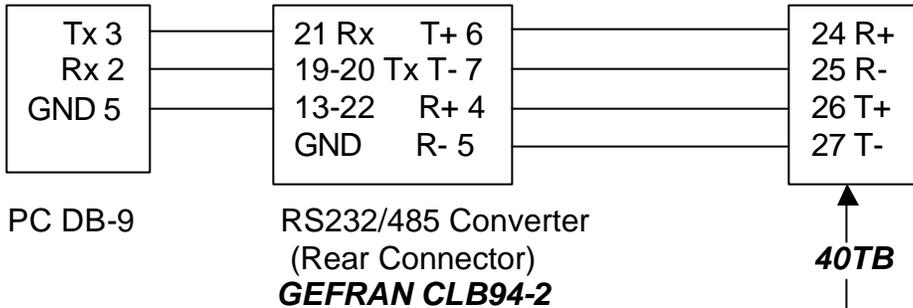


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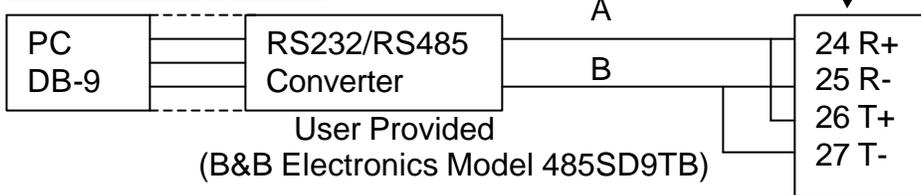
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RS-485 Wiring (4-wire)



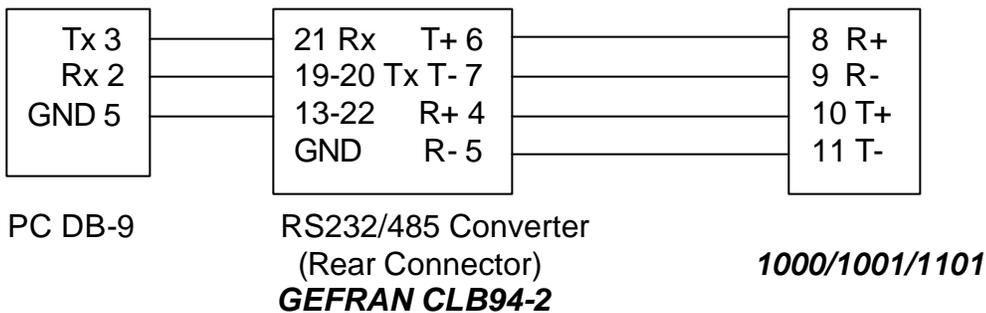
RS-485 Wiring (2-wire)



**Model 1000/1001/1101**

1. The communications option is capable of RS-485 with only the Cencal protocol at the rear terminals. The user must provide a RS-232 to RS-485 Converter in order to use the Winstrum software from a PC. **A special notes;** 1) The Cencal protocol is not compatible with the 2-wire RS-485 (half-duplex) configuration. 2) From serial number 0320xxxx and higher, the Winstrum programming port is present.

RS-485 Wiring (4-wire)



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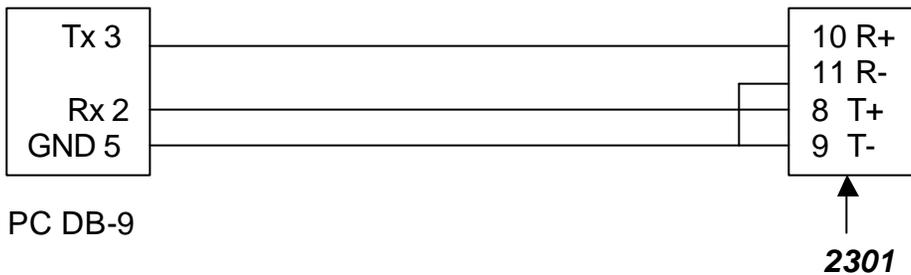
### Model 2301 (Software Version 5.x)

- The communications option is capable of RS-485 with Cencal or Modbus protocol at the rear terminals. **A special note**; This Software Version is not supported in the Winstrum Software.

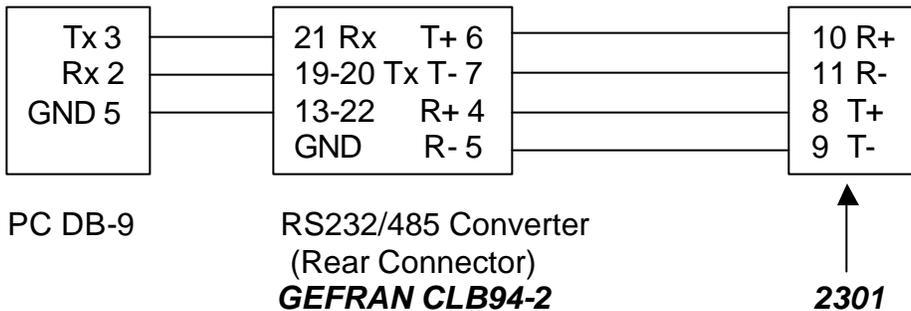
### Model 2301 (Software Version 7.x)

- The communications option is capable of RS-232 or RS-485 with Cencal or Modbus protocol at the rear terminals. The user must provide a RS-232 to RS-485 Converter in order to use the Winstrum software in an RS-485 connection. **A special note**; The Cencal protocol is not compatible with the 2-wire RS-485 (half-duplex) configuration.

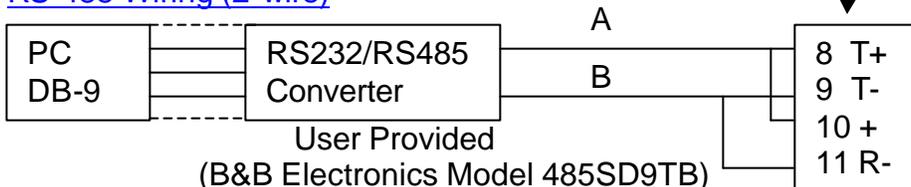
#### RS-232 Wiring



#### RS-485 Wiring (4-wire)



#### RS-485 Wiring (2-wire)



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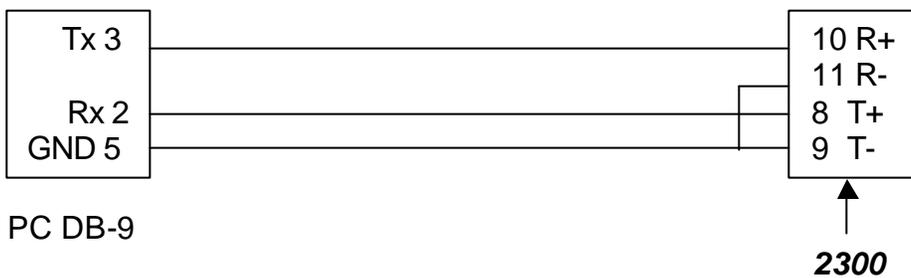
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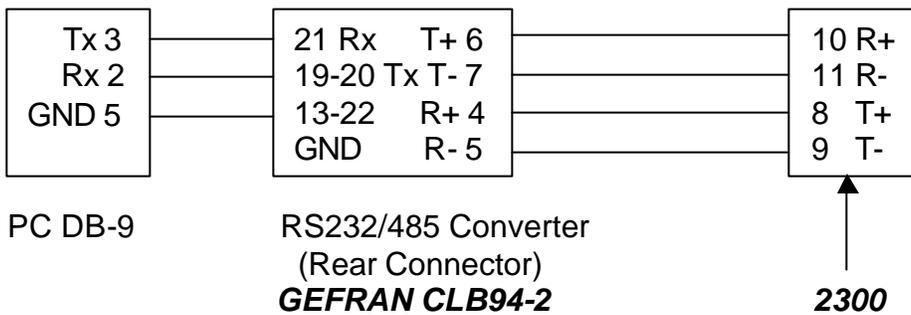
**Model 2300**

- The communications option is capable of RS-232 or RS-485 with Cencal or Modbus protocol at the rear terminals. The user must provide a RS-232 to RS-485 Converter in order to use the Winstrum software in an RS-485 connection. **A special note**; The Cencal protocol is not compatible with the 2-wire RS-485 (half-duplex) configuration.

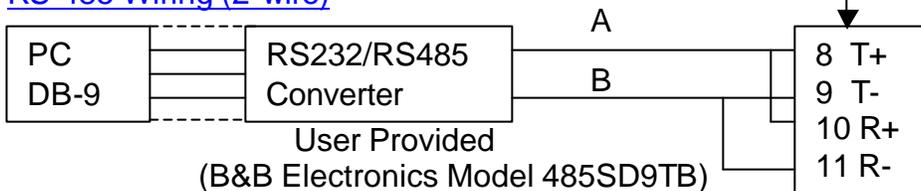
RS-232 Wiring



RS-485 Wiring (4-wire)



RS-485 Wiring (2-wire)



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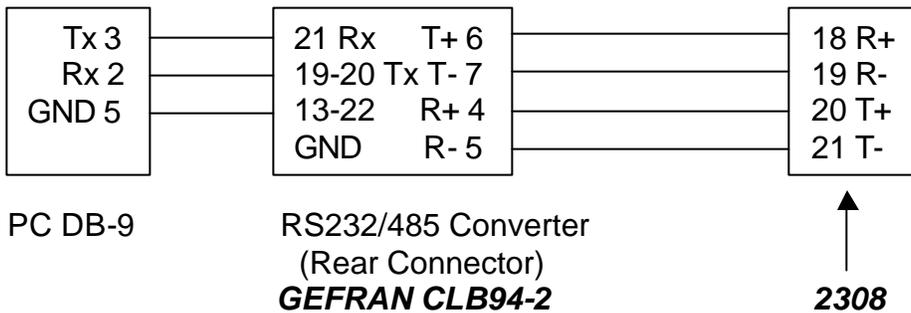
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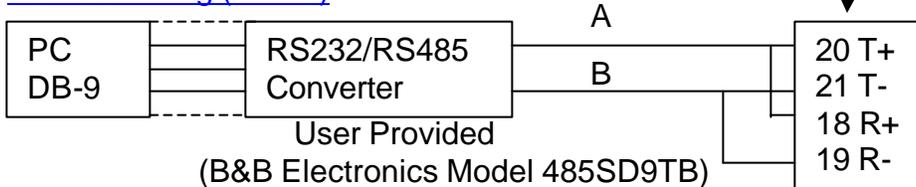
**Model 2308**

- The communications option is capable of RS-485 with Cencal or Modbus protocol at the rear terminals. The user must provide a RS-232 to RS-485 Converter in order to communicate from a PC. **A special note;** The Cencal protocol is not compatible with the 2-wire RS-485 (half-duplex) configuration.

RS-485 Wiring (4-wire)



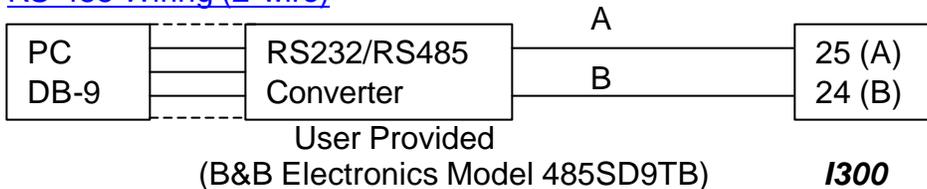
RS-485 Wiring (2-wire)



**Model I300**

- The communications option is capable of RS-485 with JBus or Modbus protocol at the rear terminals. The user must provide a RS-232 to RS-485 Converter in order to communicate from a PC.

RS-485 Wiring (2-wire)



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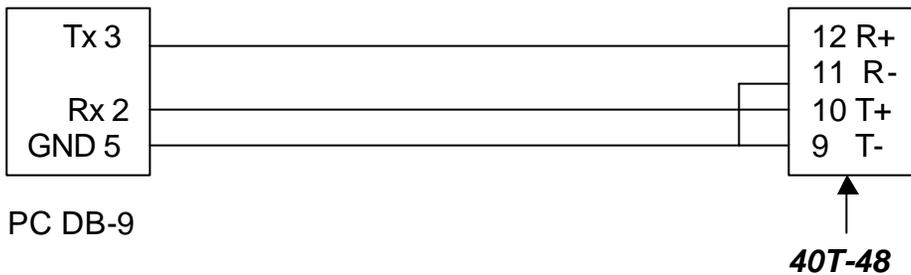
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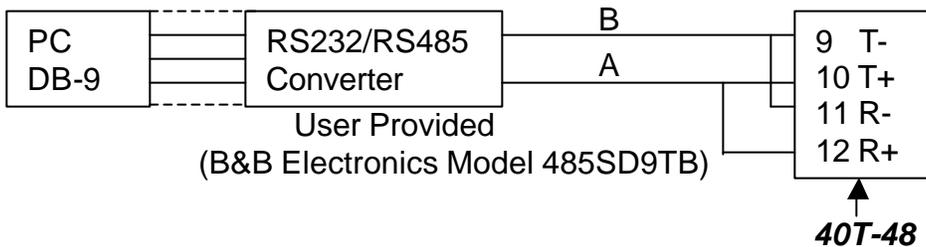
### Model 40T-48

1. The model 40T-48 has a three pin configuration port accessible on the side of the case. This three-pin connector matches the three pin plug on the cable supplied with Winstrum. The Protocol for the configuration port is preset to Cencal, Baud Rate is 19200 and Address is 1 therefore, you must ensure that Winstrum is set to these values in the Options menu. If the Serial Comm option board is present, then you must set the instrument Ser menu parameters to Protocol = Cencal, Address = 1 and Baud = 19200.
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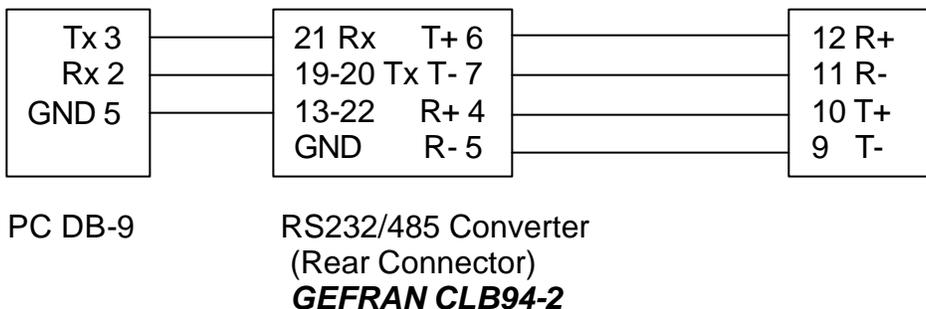
#### RS-232 Wiring (3-wire)



#### RS-485 Wiring (2-wire) See Note 1

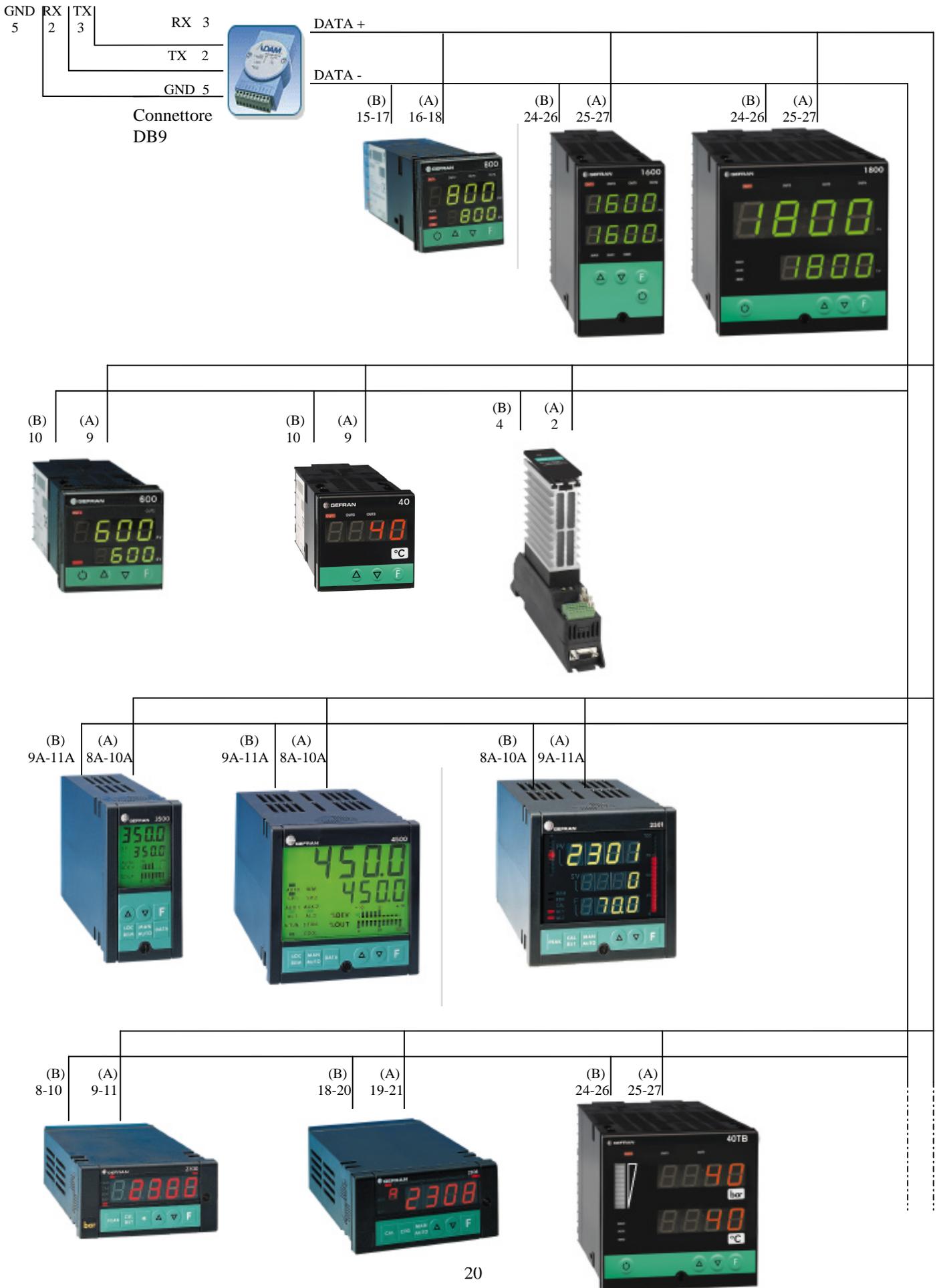


#### RS-485 Wiring (4-wire) See Note 1



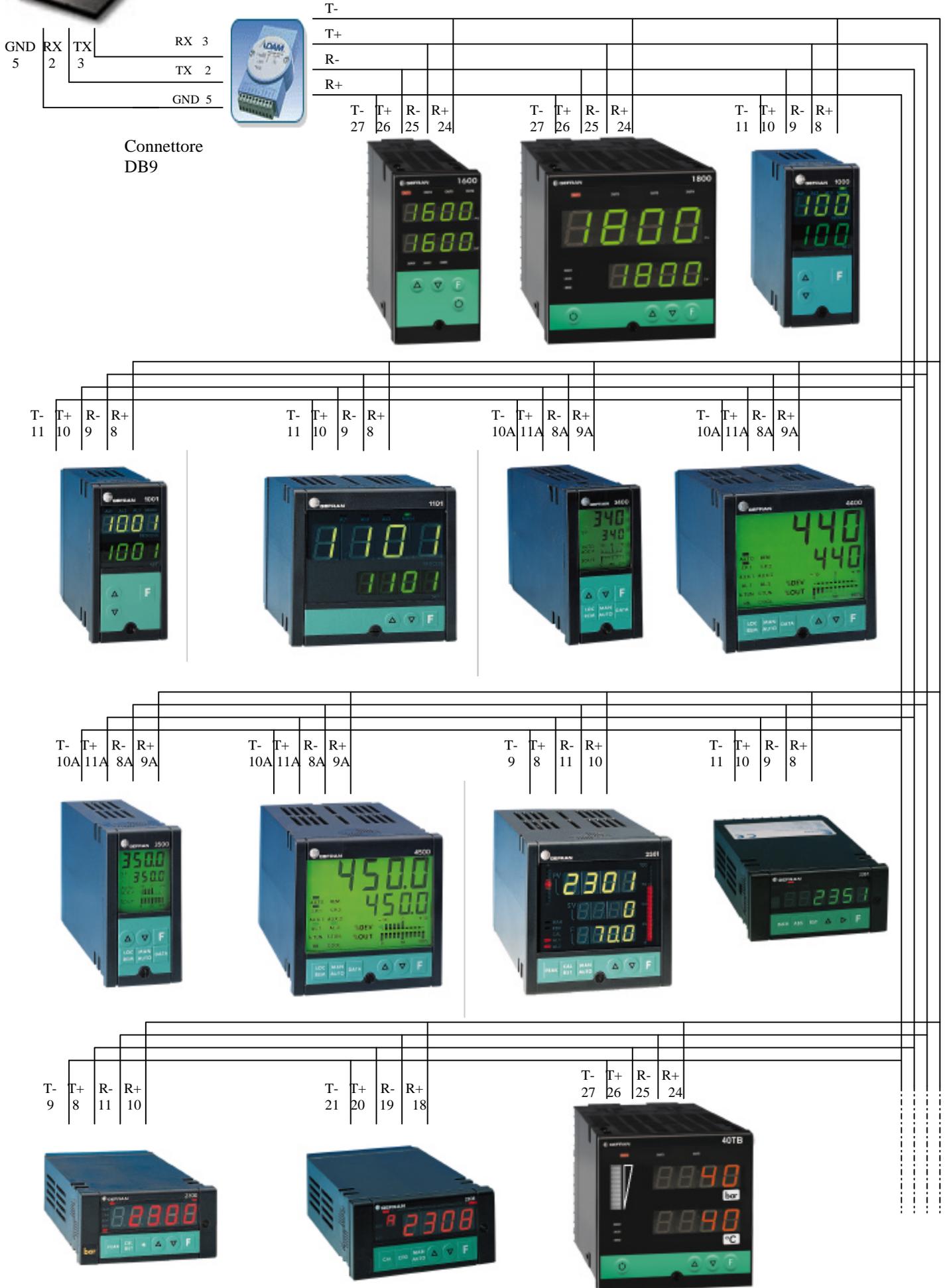


## Connection among: RS232 PC – ADAM – Instruments with RS485 serial link



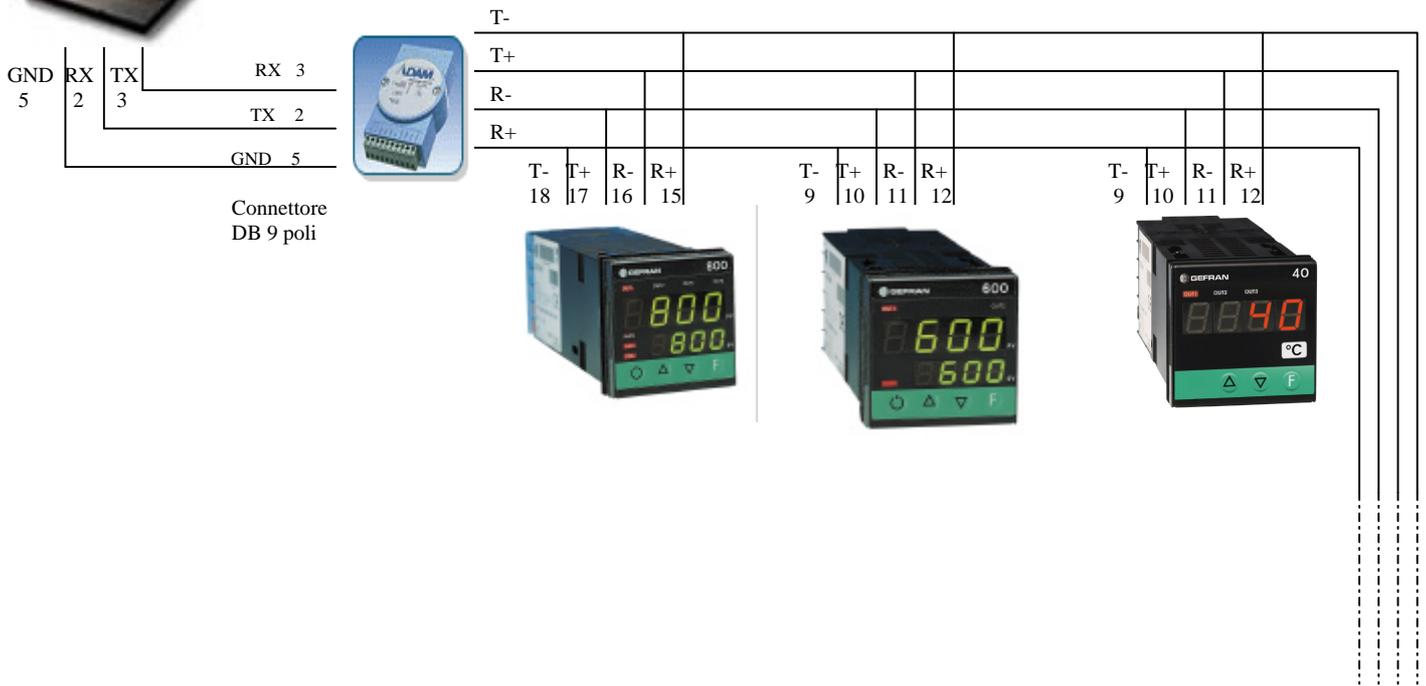


## Connection among: RS232 PC – ADAM – Instruments with 4-wire RS485 serial link





### Connection among: RS232 PC – ADAM – Instruments with RS485 serial link



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## INSTRUMENT SERIAL COMMUNICATIONS FACTS

**Note 1:** Beginning with serial number 02391574 for the model 600 Controller and serial number 02384876 for the model 40T-48 Indicator, the Serial Communication Option will be set as RS-485 2-Wire and Modbus Protocol standard as indicated in the Instrument User's Manual. Units prior to these serial numbers were set to RS-485 4-wire standard. All Model 1200/1300 are set to RS-485 2-Wire as standard.

**Table 1:**

Gefran Instrument	Default Serial Config ***	RS-232	RS-485 2-Wire	RS-485 4-Wire	Modbus Protocol	Cencal Protocol	Winstrum Programming Port
600/1200/1300 *	Modbus - 19200-None-1	X	X	X	X	X	X
4-40T *	Modbus - 19200-None-1	X	X	X	X	X	X
40TB	Cencal-1200-1	X	X	X	X	X	X
GEFLEX	Modbus - 19200-None-1	X	X		X		
800/1600/1800	Cencal-1200-1	X	X	X	X	X	X
2301	Cencal-1200-1	X	X	X	X	X	
2300	Cencal-1200-1	X	X	X	X	X	
2308	Cencal-1200-1	X	X	X	X	X	
1000/1001/1101	Cencal-1200-1			X		X	X**
3500/4500	Cencal-1200-1	X	X	X	X	X	
3400/4400	Cencal-1200-1	X		X		X	
2351	Cencal-1200-1	X		X		X	

\* For 600 series and 4-40T instruments ordered without serial interface, default configuration becomes : Cencal-19200-1

\*\* from Serial # 0320xxxx

\*\*\* Protocol, Baud, Parity, Address

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