

# H-3553 Compact Combo Bubbler System Users Guide v2.0



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### **Introduction**

The H-3553 is the "Compact Combo" bubbler system. The H-3553 is "Compact" because of the smaller size enclosure compared to its predecessor the H-3551. It is a "Combo" because of its built in calibrated pressure sensor with the bubbler system. The H-3553 has also been referred to as a self-contained "smart" gas purge system. The H-3553 bubbler system produces a precision constant mass flow of gas. It is used to measure fluid levels in applications such as surface water (streams and lakes, etc.), ground water and tanks.

The H-3553 uses a battery operated compressor to maintain pressure in an internal tank. A microprocessor determines how much pressure is needed in the tank, based on the current head pressure, to produce a constant bubble rate. Hence, the term "smart". The compressor and tank replace the dry nitrogen tank used in previous systems.

The H-3553 uses a sophisticated system of sensors and valves to regulate the bubble rate and purge pressure. This portion of the H-3553 replaces the sight feed flow controller and pressure regulator (Conoflow system) used in previous systems.

The H-3553 is a standalone system to be used with a Data Collection Platform (DCP). It works best with the XL series DCP's, as there are some additional programming options through the XL series DCP. The XL series DCP's provide ease of programming in the field with an H-3553 menu built into the DCP.

The H-3553 provides a purge feature which temporarily pumps up the tank to a high pressure and opens a valve to apply high pressure to the orifice line. This feature is designed to remove any sediment that may have collected in or around the outlet of the orifice line.

### | Key Features

- Easy to use standalone RS-232 menu setup
- Built in calibrated pressure sensor
- No external pressure sensor needed
- RS-485 MODBUS Client/Slave device (available in V1.2 or later)
- Auto update mode, measures itself based on user defined rate
- SDI-12 interface, 4 20mA output, and RS-232 data output

### | Features

- Provides a continuous gas flow
- Battery operated Low power
- Microprocessor controlled, "smart" gas system
- One-piece manifold eliminates many potential sources of leaks
- Pressure gauge provides a visual indication of the tank pressure
- Hydrophobic intake membrane, protects compressor
- All components are easily accessible for inspection and maintenance
- Compressor does not have a "diaphragm", it is a piston type
- Provides an internal pressure relief valve
- Compressor is designed and rated for cold temperature operation
- Controlled and monitored as an SDI-12 sensor



# | Getting Started

Before installing, setup and operation of the H-3553 Compact Combo bubbler system in the field read through this section for a general overview of what you have and how to use it.

### | Unpacking the System

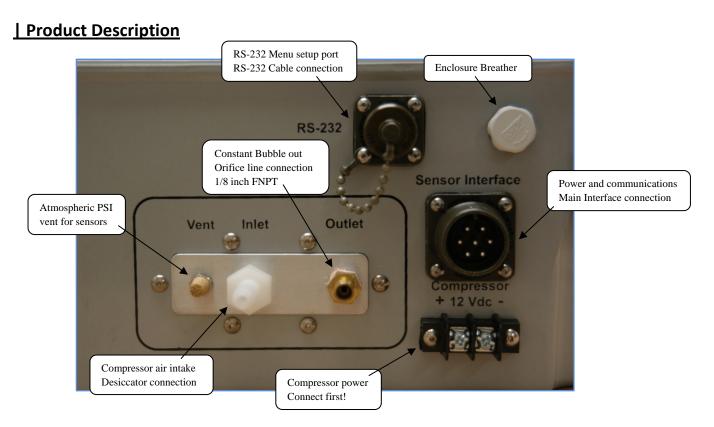
Standard received items:

- 1. WATERLOG® Series H-3553 "Compact Combo" bubbler system
- 2. Main I/O communications/power cable
- 3. Mounting Feet Kit
- 4. This Users Guide

#### Common optional items:

- 1. Desiccating Air Dryer
- 2. Orifice Installation Kit
- 3. Orifice Line (1000 ft minimum)
- 4. RS-232 communications cable
- 5. Replacement Air Dryer Desiccant

Please verify you have received these components and any other optional equipment you may have ordered.





### | Initial Testing

Before installing the H-3553 in the field, it is a good practice to test the system in the shop or lab. This will help preparations for a successful field install.

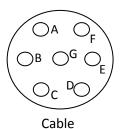
### | Power Up

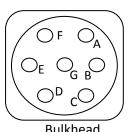
Follow these steps to power up the H-3553:

- 1. Apply +12v to the "Compressor 12VDC" terminal connections
- 2. Referring to Table 2-1, connect +12 VDC, GND, and SDI-12 data connections of the 7 wire Main I/O sensor interface pigtail cable to a SDI-12 master device, like an **WATERLOG®** XL series DCP.
- 3. Verify the connections Table 2-1, and then connect the Main I/O sensor interface pigtail cable to the H-3553 via the 7 pin "Sensor Interface" military grade connector.
- 4. At power up, the H-3553 will take an initial atmospheric measurement (listen for a "click" while the sensors are switched to atmosphere) and then if needed the compressor will turn on to initialize the tank pressure.

Table 2-1: Main I/O Sensor Interface Cable

Colors	Signal	Cable/Bulkhead
Red	+12 VDC	F
Black	GND	Е
Yellow	SDI-12 Data	G
Blue	4-20mA +	С
Green	4-20mA -	D
Orange	RS-485 +	А
Brown	RS-485 -	В





### | Make Measurement

1. Using a SDI-12 master device, like the XL series DCP, send the "OM!" measurement command to the H-3553. Wait about 6 seconds, and then send the "ODO!" data command and verify the data retrieved with the example below.

Data format: "a + A.AA + B.BBB + CC.C + DD.D + E.EE + FF.F"

a = SDI-12 sensor address

A.AA = Stage (Feet)
B.BBB = Pressure (PSI)
CC.C = Temperature (°C)



DD.D = Sensor Interface Battery (Volts)

E.EE = Tank Pressure (PSI)

F.FF = Compressor Battery (Volts)

Example: "0 + 1.35 + 0.585 + 19.8 + 13.6 + 3.55 + 12.3"



### **Installation**

The **WaterLOG®** H-3553 Compact Combo bubbler system is a bubbler system with a fully integrated digital pressure transducer specifically designed for water level monitoring. The H-3553 directly measures dry gas over a broad temperature range. **WARNING!** Before proceeding with the installation, please consider the following site preparation steps to help prevent problems later.

### | Water Depth

Table 3-1 shows the maximum pressure to which the H-3553 is factory calibrated to measure. The sensor can survive temporary operation up to twice the maximum rated pressure for the model's range. However, any measurements made beyond the rated pressure will be inaccurate.

Table 3-1: H-3553 Models Pressure Ranges

Model	Pressure Range	Water Depth Range*	Accuracy
H3553-15	0 to 15 PSI	0 to 34.60 Feet	+/- 0.007 Feet
H3553-30	0 to 30 PSI	0 to 69.20 Feet	+/- 0.014 Feet

<sup>\*</sup>NOTE: Depth calculations are derived from the standard equation that one PSI is generated by a column of water 2.3067 feet deep.

# | Mounting

Consideration should be taken in properly mounting the H-3553 system. First, attach the included mounting feet to the H-3553 enclosure. Mount the H-3553 in a location where it will not get jarred or will shift during operation.

When possible mount all equipment with connectors pointing down so that moisture or condensation that could rest on the connectors does not penetrate the inner components of the equipment. Also, specifically with the H-3553, having it mounted vertically helps prevent moisture from migrating to the valves. If moisture does migrate, it will migrate first at the bottom of the tank and near the nylon plug.

### | Desiccator

Generally, an external desiccator is required to dry the compressor intake air. The desiccator prevents accumulation of moisture in the tank, manifold and other areas in the system. Connect the output of the desiccator to the port marked "Inlet". Desiccators which employ "indicating" silica gel have the advantage of visually showing the status of the desiccant. As the gel becomes saturated with moisture the gel changes from blue to pink.

# | Orifice Line

The position and installation of the orifice line is vital to a successful and accurate H-3553 installation. These are just a few of several things to consider when installing or checking an orifice line installation. Refer to "AP Note 1005" for more detailed information about orifice line installation.



Be sure the water current or flow is not pushing against the end of the orifice line, as it will cause a pressure to be placed on the line that is not related to the water depth. Also, be sure the water current or flow is not pulling or drawing from the end of the orifice line, as this will cause a false lower pressure on the line not related to the water depth. The line should be installed in an area where the flow of water will remain relatively calm as compared to the real stage changes. Here are a few Do's and Do not's on mounting the line.

#### Do:

- Mount the outlet in still water.
- Mount the outlet so the last inch or so is almost horizontal, (slightly downward side exit).
- Try to prevent swells in long runs of orifice line (upward then downward sections).
- Use a muffler in more turbulent waters.

#### Do not:

- Do not mount the outlet facing up stream, downstream, or upwards.
- Do not allow any portion of the line to be lower than the exit point.
- Do not allow "goose necks" in the orifice line.
- Do not use thin walled tubing, only use USGS approved orifice line.
- Do not mount outlet in the wake of an obstruction, bridge peer, rock, etc.

### | Power Wiring

The H-3553 requires two separate power sources. The first power source to connect is the 2 position terminal strip labeled "Compressor 12VDC". This connection is the power source for the compressor and the control valves. It is recommended using heavier gauge wire (about 18AWG) for this connection and connecting it directly to the gauge station + 12V battery.

The second power source to connect is the +12V through the circular connector labeled "Sensor Interface". This connection is the power source for the circuit board or control module board. It is recommended to power the control module board via the DCP +12V input instead of using the +12V switched output. Table 3-2 shows the wiring for connecting the H-3553 to an XL Series DCP.

Table 3-2: H-3553 to XL Series DCP Wiring

H-3553	XL Series DCP
Red (+12V)	+12V
Black (Gnd)	Gnd (SDI-12)
Yellow (SDI-12)	Data (SDI-12)

Note: It is recommended to connect the "Compressor +12VDC" power source first, then the "Sensor Interface" control module board power second. This is because the H-3553 makes an initial measurement at power up and without the compressor and control valves powered the H-3553 cannot take an atmospheric measurement to adjust for barometric pressure.



### **Setup**

There are three ways to setup and operate the H-3553 Compact Combo bubbler system, through the RS-232 menu interface, the SDI-12 interface, and through the XL series DCP menu interface. Setup through the XL series DCP menu is not discussed in this manual but is discussed in the XL series manual. This chapter will focus on setup using the RS-232 menu interface and the SDI-12 interface.

#### RS-232 Menu

The RS-232 Menu interface is designed to work with a terminal emulator program such as HyperTerminal, TeraTerm, and ProComm. Table 4-1 shows the settings required to communicate with the H-3553 through the RS-232 port.

Table 4-1. H-5555 K5-252 Communication Settings		
Setting	Default Setting	
Baud Rate	9600	
Data Bits	8	
Stop Bits	1	
Parity	None	
Duplex	Full	
Emulation	VT-100	
Flow Control	None	

Table 4-1: H-3553 RS-232 Communication Settings

To begin using the RS-232 H-3553 menu interface, connect the H-3553 to a computer or other DTE device with 9 pin serial port using the optional H-3553 3 pin RS-232 communications cable. Now, open the terminal emulator program and press the 'Enter' key two times on the computer keyboard to wake up the H-3553 and enter the menu. Pressing the 'Enter' key once will just force a measurement and not enter the menu. Pressing the 'Enter' key sends a carriage return (CR) and line feed (LF). Initial H-3553 communication via the RS232 serial port forces a new measurement to be executed which will print out the message, "Measuring..." When the new measurement is complete the menu below will be displayed in the terminal emulator window as long as the 'Enter' key was press two times.

```
H-3553 Combo Bubbler Setup Menu
A - SDI-12 Address: 0 Serial#: 001000
                           Version: 1.00
B - Bubbler Settings
P - Advanced Options
                          Main Battery: +13.6
                           Pump Battery: +12.0
Stage Setup:
S - Stage: +0.00
                           Tank Pressure: +3.24
D - Digits: +2
                           Line Pressure: +.50
O - Offset: +0.0000
                           Temperature: +20.5
U - Units: Feet
L - Slope: +2.30670
M - Measure
X - Exit
Enter Option >
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#### | RS-232 Print Out

The RS-232 port on the H-3553 is primarily used for setup and operation, but can also be used for sending the current stage and temperature data. When the H-3553 makes a new measurement it will print the following data message out the RS-232 port.

```
Stage = +1.23
Temp = +12.3
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The RS-232 port can also be used to initiate new measurements. This is done by sending any character to the H-3553 RS-232 port and the H-3553 will make a new measurement and print out the above mentioned data message out the RS-232 port. Note: When the H-3553 Modbus or Auto mode is enabled it will enter the RS-232 menu with any character sent to this port.

### | SDI-12 Interface

The SDI-12 interface is another way to setup and operate the H-3553. The H-3553 supports all standard SDI-12 commands and uses some SDI-12 extended (manufacturer specific) commands for setup operation. SDI-12 standard and extended commands are normally sent from a SDI-12 master device, like the Waterlog XL series DCP. Table 4-2 is a list of the standard SDI-12 commands and the extended SDI-12 commands for setting up the H-3553.

Table 4-2: H-3553 Standard and Extended SDI-12 Commands

a! Acknowledge aM2! Initiate Purge al! Identify aC! – aC9! Concurrent Measure aV! Verify aCC! – aCC9! Concurrent Measure w/CRC aM! – aM1! Measure aD0! – aD9! Data Retrieval aMC! – MC1! Measure with CRC aAn! Change Address  Extended SDI-12 Commands  aXSDEF! Reset to Defaults aXRPP! Read Purge Pressure aXWSn.nn! Write Stage Slope aXWPSnn! Write Purge Sustain aXRS! Read Stage Slope aXRPS! Read Purge Sustain aXSCSn.nn! Set Current Stage aXWIHn.nn! Write 4-20mA Stage Max aXWOn.nn! Write Stage Offset aXRIH! Read 4-20mA Stage Max aXRO! Read Stage Offset aXWILn.nn! Write 4-20mA Stage Min aXRAT! Read Averaging Time aXRIL! Read 4-20mA Stage Min aXRAT! Read Averaging Time aXRIL! Read Modbus enable aXWSDn! Write RS-232 Stage Digits aXRMEn! Read Modbus enable aXRSD! Read RS-232 Stage Digits aXWAEn! Write Auto enable aXRBR! Read Bubble Rate aXRAEn! Read Auto enable aXRBR! Read Bubble Rate aXRMR! Read Measure Rate aXWPPnn! Write Purge Pressure aXRMR! Read Measure Rate aXTD! Test Display aXHELP! Display a List of Commands	Command	Description	Command	Description
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aXWPPnn! Write Purge Pressure aXRMR! Read Measure Rate	aXWBRnn!	Write Bubble Rate	aXRAEn!	Read Auto enable
·	aXRBR!	Read Bubble Rate	aXWMRnn!	Write Measure Rate
aXTD! Test Display a XHELP! Display a List of Commands	aXWPPnn!	Write Purge Pressure	aXRMR!	Read Measure Rate
	aXTD!	Test Display	aXHELP!	Display a List of Commands



Note, the 'a' character in Table 4-2 represents the current SDI-12 address of the H-3553 and the 'n' characters represent the new value to be written. Each H-3553 extended SDI-12 command is discussed in more detail later in the chapter.

### | Default Setup

The H-3553 has many settings that can be change. However, the default setups will normally cover most applications. Table 4-3 shows the default settings for the H-3553 Compact Combo bubbler system.

Table 4-3: H-3553 Default Setup

Setting	Default Setting	Setting Range
SDI-12 Address	0	0 - 9 (Standard), A-Z, a-z
Stage Units	Feet (Slope = 2.3067)	Ft, In, M, mm, Ft Dn, Usr Def
Stage Offset	0.0	N/A
SDI-12 Stage Digits	3	N/A
RS-232 Stage Digits	2	0 – 6
Averaging Time	2 Seconds	1 – 65535 seconds
<b>Bubble Rate</b>	60 bubbles/min	30 - 120 bubbles/min
Purge Pressure	40 PSI (15 PSI Sensor) 50 PSI (30 PSI Sensor)	30 – 90 PSI
Purge Sustain	20 seconds	10 – 240 seconds
4 – 20mA Min Stage	4.0	N/A
4 – 20mA Max Stage	20.0	N/A

### | Reset to Defaults

It may be necessary to reset the H-3553 settings back to factory defaults. Using the RS-232 menu, press the 'P' key to enter the "Advanced Options" menu and then press the 'D' key to "Reset Defaults".

To **reset to defaults** using the SDI-12 interface, send the "aXSDEF!" SDI-12 extended command. The response should be "a0041" which means that it will take 4 seconds to **reset to defaults**. Note in Table 4-4, the 'a' is the current address of the H-3553.

Table 4-4: Reset H-3553 to Factory Defaults

H-3553 Combo Bubbler Setup Menu	SDI-12 Interface
P – Advanced Options	Command: aXSDEF!
:	Response: a0041
Advanced Options Menu	
D – Reset Defaults	
Resetting to Defaults	



### | SDI-12 Address

The **SDI-12** address of a sensor is its identifier on the SDI-12 data bus. The SDI-12 data bus is a one wire communication between normally one master device and one or more slave devices. The **SDI-12** address makes it possible for the master device to communicate with each sensor individually. SDI-12 data collisions will occur when two or more sensors have the same address on the same data bus. The sensors with the same address will try to respond to the request of the master device at the same time and the result is garbage data. Therefore, it is important to know the address of the sensor to which communication is desired and that there are no other sensors with the same address.

The H-3553 **SDI-12 address** by default is 0. To change the H-3553 **SDI-12 address** using the RS-232 main menu, press the 'A' key and enter in the new "**SDI-12 address**".

To change the H-3553 **SDI-12 address** using the SDI-12 interface, send the "aAn!" command and the response should be 'n', the new address. Note in Table 4-5, the 'a' is the current address of the H-3553 and the 'n' is the desired new **SDI-12 address**.

Table 4-5: Change the H-3553 SDI-12 Address

H-3553 Combo Bubbler Setup Menu	SDI-12 Interface
A – SDI-12 Address: a	Command: aAn!
Enter New SDI-12 Address [ n ]	Response: n

### | Stage Units/Slope

The **stage unit** of a sensor is the setting that determines the data output units. Different data units are dependent on the **slope**/multiplier. The **slope** is multiplied by the raw data to achieve the desired units. For example, a pressure sensor raw data output might be in pressure (PSI) units, but the desired units by the user is feet. Therefore, the **slope** to convert PSI to Feet units for water depth is 2.0367 rounded.

The H-3553 has a pressure sensor that measures the pressure required to push a bubble out of the orifice line, which is the line pressure. The line pressure raw value is returned in pressure (PSI) units. Normally, water depth in feet or meters is the **stage units** desired. This then requires the line pressure value to be changed to a different set of units. Table 4-6 shows typical slopes required to convert pressure (PSI) units to other different **stage units**.

Table 4-6: H-3553 Stage Units and Slopes

Units	Slopes (multiplier)
Feet	2.3067
Meters	0.7031
Inches	27.6800
Millimeters	0.0007031
Centimeters	0.007031
Feet down	-2.3067
PSI	1.0000



The H-3553 **stage unit** default is feet, which is a default **slope** of 2.0367. To change the **stage units/slope** using the RS-232 main menu, press the 'U' key and then the up and down arrow keys to toggle to the desired units, then press the 'Enter' key. If the desired **stage unit is** not listed change the **stage units** to user defined, press the 'L' key and enter in the desired **slope**.

To change the H-3553 stage **slope** using the SDI-12 interface, send the "aXWSn.nn!" SDI-12 extended command. The response should be "a0021" which means that it will take 2 seconds to complete the command and then it will put 1 data value in the buffer. To check the **slope** and verify it was written correctly send "aXRS!" and wait the responded time. Then send the "aD0!" command to read back the new **slope**. Note Table 4-7, the 'a' is the current SDI-12 address of the H-3553 and the 'xxxx'/x.xxx' is the current **units/slope** of the H-3553 and the 'nnnn'/n.nnn' is the desired new **units/slope**.

Table 4-7: Change the H-3553 Stage Units/Slope

H-3553 Combo Bubbler Setup Menu	SDI-12 Interface
U – Units: xxxx	Command: aXWSn.nnn!
Stage Units [ nnnn ]	Response: a0021
L – Slope: x.xxx	Command: aXRS!
Enter Slope Value [ n.nnn ]	Response: a0011
	Command: aD0!
	Response: a + n.nnn

### | Set Current Stage

**Set current stage** is setting the stage to the actual measured or surveyed value, this could include the elevation or not. Normally, the **current stage** value comes from a wire weight reading or a surveyed staff gauge reading.

Setting the **current stage** in the H-3553 forces a new measurement and then compares the result of that measurement with the desired current stage and then calculates and sets the stage offset. To set the current stage using the RS-232 main menu, press the 'S' key, enter in the current "**Stage**" and then press the 'Enter' key.

To **set current stage** using the SDI-12 interface, send the "aXSCSn.nn!" SDI-12 extended command. The response should be "a0061" which means that it will take 6 seconds to complete the command and then it will put 1 data value in the buffer. To check if the stage was set correctly, send the "aM!" measurement command, wait the responded time and then send the "aD0" and verify the stage level value. Note Table 4-8, the 'a' is the current SDI-12 address of the H-3553 and the 'x.xxx' is the current measured stage of the H-3553 and the 'n.nnn' is the desired new **current stage**.

Table 4-8: Set the H-3553 Current Stage

H-3553 Combo Bubbler Setup Menu	SDI-12 Interface
S – Stage: x.xxx	Command: aXSCSn.nnn!
Enter Stage Value [ n.nnn ]	Response: a0061
	Command: aM!
	Response: a0066
	Command: aD0!
	Response: a + n.nnn +



Note: The last section of this chapter discusses the "Set Current Stage" section as the most used option.

### | Stage Offset

The **stage offset** is a value that is added to the final stage result after the slope/multiplier has been applied. The **stage offset** is normally used to obtain a final stage level relative to some reference point such as sea level. Writing the **stage offset** is not needed when using the **set current stage** option, because this option calculates and sets the **stage offset** automatically.

The H-3553 **stage offset** default is 0.000. To change the stage "**Offset**" using the RS-232 main menu, press the 'O' key, enter the new **stage offset** and then press the 'Enter' key.

To change the H-3553 **stage offset** using the SDI-12 interface, send the "aXWOn.nn!" SDI-12 extended command. The response should be "a0021" which means that it will take 2 seconds to complete the command and then it will put 1 data value in the buffer. To check the offset and verify it was written correctly send "aXRO!" and wait the responded time. Then send the "aD0!" command to read back the new offset. Note Table 4-9, the 'a' is the current SDI-12 address of the H-3553 and the 'x.xxx' is the current offset of the H-3553 and the 'n.nnn' is the desired new **stage offset**.

Table 4-5. Change the H-5555 Stage Office	
H-3553 Combo Bubbler Setup Menu	SDI-12 Interface
O – Offset: x.xxx	Command: aXWOn.nnn!
Enter Offset Value [ n.nnn ]	Response: a0021
	Command: aXRO!
	Response: a0011
	Command: aD0!
	Response: a + n.nnn

Table 4-9: Change the H-3553 Stage Offset

# | Stage Averaging Time

The **stage averaging time** is the setting that determines how long in seconds the H-3553 will average the measurements before returning the final stage value. It is important to sample multiple times to ensure accuracy of a reading, especially if the water is rough. The **stage averaging time** may need to be adjusted to help smooth out choppy data due to wave action.

The H-3553 stage averaging time default is 2 seconds, which is equal to about 10 samples. The stage averaging time range is 1 to 65535 seconds. To change the averaging time using the RS-232 main menu, press the 'P' key to enter the "Advanced Options" menu, then press the 'T' key, enter in the new "Averaging Time" and press the 'Enter' key.

To set the **stage averaging time** using the SDI-12 interface, send the "aXWATnn!" SDI-12 extended command. The response should be "a0021" which means that it will take 2 seconds to complete the command and then it will put 1 data value in the buffer. To check if the averaging time was set correctly, send "aXRAT!" command, wait the responded time and then send the "aDO" and verify the averaging time value. Note Table 4-10, the 'a' is the current SDI-12 address of the H-3553 and the 'x' is the current averaging time of the H-3553 and the 'n' is the desired **stage averaging time**.



**Note**: This averaging time does not take into account the time it takes to make an atmospheric reading. Therefore, always and about 4 more seconds to the averaging time to calculate how long the full measurement cycle can take.

Table 4-10: Change the H-3553 Stage Averaging Time

H-3553 Combo Bubbler Setup Menu	SDI-12 Interface
P – Advanced Options	Command: aXWATn!
:	Response: a0021
Advanced Options Menu	Command: aXRAT!
T – Averaging Time: x	Response: a0011
Averaging Time [ nnn ]	Command: aD0!
	Response: a + nnn

### | RS-232 Stage Digits

The **RS-232** stage digits are the setting that determines how many digits are displayed to the right of the decimal place for the measured value when printed out the RS-232 port. Normally, two digits to the right of the decimal place is the standard when measuring stage in feet.

The H-3553 **RS-232 stage digits** default is 2. To change the "**Stage Digits**" using the RS-232 main menu, press the 'D' key, enter in the new **stage digits** and then press the 'Enter' key.

To change the H-3553 **RS-232 stage digits** using the SDI-12 interface, send the "aXWSDn!" SDI-12 extended command. The response should be "a0021" which means that it will take 2 seconds to complete the command and then it will put 1 data value in the buffer. To check the **stage digits** and verify it was written correctly send "aXRSD!" and wait the responded time. Then send the "aD0!" command to read back the new **stage digits**. Note Table 4-11, the 'a' is the current SDI-12 address of the H-3553 and the 'x' is the current **stage digits**.

Table 4-11: Change the H-3553 RS-232 Stage Digits

H-3553 Combo Bubbler Setup Menu	SDI-12 Interface
D – Digits: x	Command: aXWSDn!
Stage Digits [ n ]	Response: a0021
	Command: aXRSD!
	Response: a0011
	Command: aD0!
	Response: a + n

### | Bubble Rate

The **bubble rate** is the average number of bubbles flowing from the end of the orifice line per minute. The standard orifice line tubing that we recommend and calibrate the bubble rate has 1/8 inch inner diameter (I.D.). If a different size orifice I.D. is used the **bubble rate** will not be correct.



The **bubble rate** is a determining factor in the response time of the H-3553 tracking a rise in stage. Table 4-12 shows the approximate time needed to respond and track a one foot rise in stage with different bubble rates. Note this is at a depth of one foot, at greater depths the time will increase slightly.

Table 4-12: Bubble Rate vs. Response Time

<b>Bubble Rate</b>	Response for 1 Ft Rise	
30 bubbles/min	25 seconds	
60 bubbles/min	20 seconds	
120 bubbles/min	15 seconds	

Another reason for changing the **bubble rate** may be to reduce noise in the data. Some sites have turbulent water conditions creating water level data that looks jittery. The **bubble rate** may be changed, up or down, to find optimal results to reduce this noise. Normally, it is a combination of changing the **bubble rate** and the mean count/samples to produce the best results. The default values normally work best in the majority of the applications and provide desirable results in a timely manner.

The H-3553 **bubble rate** default is set to 60 bubbles/min. The **bubble rate** range is 30 to 120 bubbles/min. To change the **bubble rate** using the RS-232 main menu, press the 'B' key to enter the "**Bubbler Settings**" menu, then press the 'B' key, enter in the new desired "**Bubble Rate**" and press the 'Enter' key.

To change the H-3553 **bubble rate** using the SDI-12 interface, send the "aXWBRnn!" SDI-12 extended command. The response should be "a0061" which means that it could take 6 seconds to complete the command and then it will put 1 data value in the buffer. To check the **bubble rate** and verify it was written correctly send "aXRBR!" command and wait the responded time. Then send the "aD0!" command to read back the new **bubble rate**. Note Table 4-13, the 'a' is the current SDI-12 address of the H-3553 and the 'xx' is the current **bubble rate** of the H-3553 and the 'nn' is the desired **bubble rate**.

Table 4-13: Change the H-3553 Bubble Rate

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H-3553 Combo Bubbler Setup Menu	SDI-12 Interface
B – Bubbler Settings	Command: aXWBRnn!
:	Response: a0061
Bubbler Settings Menu	Command: aXRBR!
B – Bubbler Rate: xx	Response: a0021
Enter Bubble Rate (30-120) [ nn ]	Command: aD0!
	Response: a + nn

### | Purge

The H-3553 Compact Combo bubbler system has an option built in called **purge**, the purpose of the **purge** is to clear out any debris or silt from the end of the orifice line that could cause false pressure readings.

When a **purge** is initiated the H-3553 makes a new measurement on the line and tank sensor and saves the values away just in case data is requested during the **purge**. The compressor is then turned on and begins compressing air into the tank until the tank pressure is equal to or greater than the **purge** 



pressure value. Then the **purge** valve is opened which then releases the tank pressure into the orifice line. The compressor will continue to run until the **purge** sustain timer has elapsed. Then the H-3553 monitors the tank pressure which is still open to the orifice and waits for it to stabilize. Finally, the **purge** valve closes and the H-3553 **purge** process is complete. Shortly following the **purge** sequence the H-3553 will need to recharge the tank pressure to maintain the bubble rate and continue normal operation.

There are three ways to initiate a **purge**, push the "**PURGE**" button, the RS-232 menu, and the SDI-12 interface. To initiate a **purge** with the button, open the H-3553 enclosure lid and locate the a white push button on the circuit board labeled "**PURGE**", press and hold for about 2 seconds.

To initiate a **purge** using the RS-232 main menu, press 'B' key to enter the "**Bubbler Settings**" menu and then press the 'M' key for "**Manual Purge**". To initiate a **purge** using the SDI-12 interface, send the "aXP!" command or the "aM2!" command. Note Table 4-14, the 'a' is the current SDI-12 address of the H-3553. The 'ttt' is the time it will take to complete the purge, which is dependent on other factors like averaging time and purge sustain. The 'dd.d' is the compressor battery voltage measured immediately following the completed purge sequence.

Table 4-14: Initiate H-3553 Purge

H-3553 Combo Bubbler Setup Menu	SDI-12 Interface
B – Bubbler Settings	Command: aXP! / aM2!
:	Response: attt1
Bubbler Settings Menu	Command: aD0!
M – Manual Purge	Response: a + dd.d
Initiating Purge	

#### | Purge Pressure

The **purge pressure** is the pressure that is used to purge the orifice line. This is normally done to clear the end of the orifice line of debris and or sediment buildup. "False high stage" readings can be caused by debris or sediment buildup at the end of the orifice line. This is because it will cause more restriction when trying to push a bubble out which is like the stage is rising. This may cause a saw tooth profile in your data. As pressure keeps building up until the bubble pushes out past the debris or sediment relieving the pressure in the line. Then the pressure starts building up again causing saw tooth data.

The H-3553 purge pressure default is set to 40 PSI (15 PSI sensor) or 50 PSI (30 PSI sensor). The programmable purge pressure range is 30 to 90 PSI. To change the "Purge Pressure" using the RS-232 main menu, press the 'B' key to enter the "Bubbler Settings" menu and then press the 'P' key, then enter in the desired purge pressure and press the 'Enter' key.

To change the H-3553 **purge pressure** using the SDI-12 interface, send the "aXWPPnn!" SDI-12 extended command. The response should be "a0061", which means that it could take 6 seconds to complete the command and then it will put 1 data value in the buffer. To check the new **purge pressure**, send "aXRPP!" command and wait the responded time. Send the "aD0!" command to read back the new written **purge pressure**. Note Table 4-15, the 'a' is the current SDI-12 address of the H-3553 and the 'xx' is the current **purge pressure** of the H-3553 and the 'nn' is the desired **purge pressure**.



Table 4-15: Change the H-3553 Purge Pressure

H-3553 Combo Bubbler Setup Menu	SDI-12 Interface
B – Bubbler Settings	Command: aXWPPnn!
:	Response: a0061
Bubbler Settings Menu	Command: aXRPP!
P – Purge Pressure: xx	Response: a0021
Enter Purge Pressure (15-90) [ nn ]	Command: aD0!
	Response: a + nn

### **Purge Sustain**

The **purge sustain** is part of the purge sequence discussed earlier, it is the time in seconds that the compressor will keep running after the tank pressure is released into the orifice line. The **purge sustain** helps clear out heavier sediment buildup and or bigger blocks at the end of the orifice because of sustaining a higher pressure.

The H-3553 **purge sustain** default time is set to 20 seconds. The programmable **purge sustain** range is 10 to 240 seconds. To change the **purge sustain** time using the RS-232 main menu, press the 'B' key to enter the "**Bubbler Settings**" menu and then press the 'S' key, enter in the desired "**Purge Sustain**" time and then press the 'Enter' key.

To change the H-3553 **purge sustain** using the SDI-12 interface; send the "aXWPSnn!" SDI-12 extended command. The response should be "a0061", which means that it could take 6 seconds to complete the command and then it will put 1 data value in the buffer. To check the new **purge sustain** time, send "aXRPS!" command and wait the responded time. Send the "aD0!" command to read back the new written **purge sustain** time. Note Table 4-16, the 'a' is the current SDI-12 address of the H-3553 and the 'xx' is the current **purge sustain** time of the H-3553 and the 'nn' is the desired **purge sustain** time.

Table 4-16: Change the H-3553 Purge Sustain

H-3553 Combo Bubbler Setup Menu	SDI-12 Interface
B – Bubbler Settings	Command: aXWPSnn!
:	Response: a0061
Bubbler Settings Menu	Command: aXRPS!
S – Purge Sustain: xx	Response: a0021
Enter Purge Sustain (10-240) [ nn ]	Command: aD0!
	Response: a + nn

### | 4-20 Milliamp Output

The H-3553 has the ability to output the stage value as a **4-20 milliamp** signal. The **4-20 milliamp output** is most commonly used in industrial applications with PLC's or SCADA systems. The H-3553 controls the loop current but does not power the loop. Therefore, the loop must be externally powered. Figure 4-1 below shows a basic wiring diagram for a **4-20 milliamp output** loop with the H-3553. The battery in the loop should be a +24VDC power source.



4-20mA | Green (Out -) | H-3553 | H-3553 | Battery

Figure 4-1: Typical H-3553 4-20mA Output Setup

The H-3553 scales the current measured stage reading for the 4-20 milliamp output based on the 4-20 milliamp min and max stage values.

### | 4-20 Milliamp Min Stage

The **4-20 milliamp min stage** value should be the lowest the stage gets at the installed site. When the stage equals this value or lower the 4-20 milliamp output will be 4.0 milliamps, the min.

The H-3553 **4-20 milliamp min stage** default value is set to 4. There is no limit to this value, but keep in mind that the smaller the overall range of the 4-20 stage scalar, which is the min to the max stage, the more accurate the 4-20 milliamp output will be. To change the **4-20 milliamp min stage** using the RS-232 main menu, press the 'P' key to enter the "**Advanced Options**" menu and then press the 'F' key to enter the "**4-20mA Output Setup**" menu. Then press the 'N' key in this menu and enter in the new "**Min Stage**" value and press the 'Enter' key.

To change the H-3553 **4-20 milliamp min stage** using the SDI-12 interface, send the "aXWILn.nn!" SDI-12 extended command. The response should be "a0021", which means that it could take 2 seconds to complete the command and then it will put 1 data value in the buffer. To check the new 4-20 milliamp min stage, send "aXRIL!" command and wait the responded time. Then send the "aD0!" command to read back the new written **4-20 milliamp min stage**. Note Table 4-17, the 'a' is the current SDI-12 address of the H-3553 and the 'x.xx' is the current **4-20 milliamp min stage** and the 'n.nn' is the desired **4-20 milliamp min stage**.

Table 4-17: Change the H-3553 4-20 milliamp Min Stage

H-3553 Combo Bubbler Setup Menu	SDI-12 Interface
P - Advanced Options	Command: aXWILn.nn!
:	Response: a0021
Advanced Options Menu	Command: aXRIL!
F – 4-20mA Output	Response: a0011
:	Command: aD0!
4-20mA Output Setup Menu	Response: a + n.nn
N – Min Stage: x.xx	
Enter 4-20mA Min Stage [ n.nn ]	



### | 4-20 Milliamp Max Stage

The **4-20 milliamp max stage** value should be the highest the stage gets at the installed site. When the stage equals this value or greater the 4-20 milliamp output will be 20.0 milliamps, the max.

The H-3553 **4-20 milliamp max stage** default value is set to 20. There is no limit to this value, but keep in mind that the smaller the overall range of the 4-20 stage scalar, which is the min to the max stage, the more accurate the 4-20 milliamp output will be. To change the **4-20 milliamp max stage** using the RS-232 main menu, press the 'P' key to enter the "**Advanced Options**" menu and then press the 'F' key to enter the "**4-20mA Output Setup**" menu. Then press the 'X' key in this menu, enter in the new "**Max Stage**" value and press the 'Enter' key.

To change the H-3553 **4-20 milliamp max stage** using the SDI-12 interface, send the "aXWIHn.nn!" SDI-12 extended command. The response should be "a0021", which means that it could take 2 seconds to complete the command and then it will put 1 data value in the buffer. To check the new **4-20 milliamp max stage**, send "aXRIH!" command and wait the responded time. Then send the "aD0!" command to read back the new written **4-20 milliamp max stage**. Note Table 4-18, the 'a' is the current SDI-12 address of the H-3553 and the 'x.xx' is the current 4-20 milliamp max stage and the 'n.nn' is the desired 4-20 milliamp max stage.

Table 4-18: Change the H-3553 4-20 milliamp Max Stage

H-3553 Combo Bubbler Setup Menu	SDI-12 Interface
P – Advanced Options	Command: aXWIHn.nn!
:	Response: a0021
Advanced Options Menu	Command: aXRIH!
F – 4-20mA Output	Response: a0011
:	Command: aD0!
4-20mA Output Setup Menu	Response: a + n.nn
X – Max Stage: x.xx	
Enter 4-20mA Max Stage [ n.nn ]	

### | Modbus Mode Enable

The **Modbus mode enable is** the setting that determines whether the H-3553 will communicate with a Modbus master device. Modbus is an industry standard serial digital interface for interconnecting Programmable Logic Controllers (PLCs), intelligent sensors and other devices. The H-3553 can be used as a Modbus slave and has a serial RS-485 port for connecting to a Modbus compatible host device. See the "**Chapter 5 Modbus Operation**" for more information on Modbus settings Modbus register definitions. Note: this mode requires more power because it does not go to sleep, the normal operation current draw increase to about **14mA** instead of normal mode of about **6mA**.

The H-3553 **Modbus mode enable** default is 0 meaning disabled/off. To enable the "**Modbus Mode**" using the RS-232 main menu, press the 'P' key to enter the "**Advanced Options**" menu and then press the 'M' key to enter the "**Modbus Setup**" menu. Then press the 'M' key in this menu and the Modbus mode enable will change to on.



To change the H-3553 **Modbus mode enable** using the SDI-12 interface, send the "aXWME1!" SDI-12 extended command to enable or change the '1' to a 0 to disable. The response should be "a0021" which means that it will take 2 seconds to complete the command and then it will put 1 data value in the buffer. To check the **Modbus mode enable** and verify it was written correctly send "aXRME!" and wait the responded time. Then send the "aD0!" command to read back the **Modbus mode enable**. Note Table 4-19, the 'a' is the current SDI-12 address of the H-3553 and the 'n' is the desired Modbus mode enable "1 = On" or "0 = Off".

Table 4-19: Change the H-3553 Modbus Mode Enable

H-3553 Combo Bubbler Setup Menu	SDI-12 Interface
P – Advanced Options	Command: aXWMEn!
:	Response: a0021
Advanced Options Menu	Command: aXRME!
M – Modbus Setup	Response: a0021
:	Command: aD0!
Modbus Settings Menu	Response: a + n
M – Modbus: Off/On	

### | Auto Mode Enable

The **Auto mode enable is** the setting that determines whether the H-3553 is put in a unique mode. When in this mode the H-3553 does not go to sleep but stays awake and based on a user defined measure rate measures itself and updates all the outputs like 4-20mA, RS-232, and the SDI-12 buffer. This mode makes it possible for the H-3553 to run on its own completely independent of a data logger or master device. Note: this mode requires more power because it does not go to sleep, the normal operation current draw increase to about **14mA** instead of normal mode of about **6mA**.

The H-3553 **Auto mode enable** default is 0 meaning disabled/off. To enable the "**Auto Mode**" using the RS-232 main menu, press the 'P' key to enter the "**Advanced Options**" menu. Then under the "Measurement Options" section press the 'A' key and the **Auto mode enable** will change to on.

To change the H-3553 **Auto mode enable** using the SDI-12 interface, send the "aXWAE1!" SDI-12 extended command to enable or change the '1' to a 0 to disable. The response should be "a0021" which means that it will take 2 seconds to complete the command and then it will put 1 data value in the buffer. To check the **Auto mode enable** and verify it was written correctly send "aXRAE!" and wait the responded time. Then send the "aD0!" command to read back the **Auto mode enable**. Note Table 4-20, the 'a' is the current SDI-12 address of the H-3553 and the 'n' is the desired **Auto mode enable** "1 = On" or "0 = Off".

Table 4-20: Change the H-3553 Auto Mode Enable

H-3553 Combo Bubbler Setup Menu	SDI-12 Interface
P – Advanced Options	Command: aXWAEn!
:	Response: a0021
Advanced Options Menu	Command: aXRAE!
A – Auto Mode: Off/On	Response: a0021
	Command: aD0!
	Response: a + n



### | Measure Rate (Auto Mode Enabled)

The **Measure Rate** is the time in minutes the H-3553 will update itself and outputs when in auto mode (see section **Auto Mode Enable**). This is useful in the application where the H-3553 is no connected to a master device to say when to measure and give data.

The H-3553 **Measure Rate** default time is set to 1 minute. The programmable **measure rate** range is 0 to 255 minutes. Note: When the measure rate is set to 0 minutes the H-3553 will measure itself as fast as it can. This speed is dependent on the averaging time setting and also when doing this the atmospheric pressure reading will be measured about every 3 ½ minutes rather than every measurement. To change the **measure rate** using the RS-232 main menu, press the 'P' key to enter the "**Advanced Options**" menu. Then found under the "Measurement Options" section, press the 'R' key and enter in the desired auto mode **measure rate**.

To change the H-3553 **measure rate** using the SDI-12 interface, send the "aXWMRnn!" SDI-12 extended command. The response should be "a0021", which means that it could take 2 seconds to complete the command and then it will put 1 data value in the buffer. To check the new **measure rate**, send "aXRMR!" command and wait the responded time. Send the "aD0!" command to read back the new written **measure rate**. Note Table 4-21, the 'a' is the current SDI-12 address of the H-3553 and the 'xx' is the current **measure rate** of the H-3553 and the 'nnn' is the desired **measure rate** time.

Table 4-21: Change the H-3553 Measure Rate

H-3553 Combo Bubbler Setup Menu	SDI-12 Interface
P – Advanced Options	Command: aXWMRnnn!
:	Response: a0021
Advanced Options Menu	Command: aXRMR!
R – Measure Rate: xx	Response: a0021
Enter Measure Rate (0-255) [ nnn ]	Command: aD0!
	Response: a + nnn

#### | Test Display

If the display seems to be displaying numbers incorrectly, the Test Display command can be used to verify the individual segments are working properly. This command cycles the numbers 0-9 in each number location then displays 100.000, 1000.00, and 10000.0 to ensure the decimals are also working properly.

# | Help

The Help command outputs a complete list of commands that this unit supports. The response is not SDI-12 compliant but many devices in a transparent mode can display the table of commands.



### | Setup and Operation Conclusion

This chapter has focused on the setup and operation of the H-3553 Compact Combo bubbler system. Although there are many settings, most applications will work just fine with the default settings. Design Analysis has put great efforts in testing and adjusting the default settings to fit most applications, therefore try using the default settings, and then make adjustments as needed.

The option that will probably be of most importance in this chapter is the "**Set Current Stage**" section. Once the H-3553 Compact Combo bubbler system is mounted and installed, the last thing to do is set the current stage. All the other settings found in this chapter will only need to be change if the default settings will not work for the application.

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# **| Modbus**

The H-3553 supports a Modbus client protocol interface. Modbus is an industry standard field bus for interconnecting Programmable Logic Controllers (PLCs), intelligent sensors and other devices. The H-3553 communicates Modbus via the RS-485 serial port connections; see Chapter 2 Table 2-1 for wiring connections. This chapter will focus on Modbus setup and operation using the RS-232 menu interface or the SDI-12 interface.

### | Communication Setup

The Modbus communication interface is designed to work with a Modbus Host device like PLC's, etc. The host must support RTU (Remote Terminal Unit) mode to communicate with the H-3553. Table 5-1 shows the default settings required to communicate with the H-3553 through the RS-485 Modbus interface port. For more information regarding Modbus RTU communication protocol and specifications see <a href="https://www.modbus.org">www.modbus.org</a>.

Table 5-1: H-3553 RS-485 Modbus Comm Settings

Setting	Default Setting
Baud Rate	9600
Data Bits	8
Stop Bits	1
Parity	Even
Protocol	RTU

# | Function Codes

Modbus **Function Codes** are codes that are part of the Modbus command that specify what is being requested via the Modbus protocol. The H-3555 supports two Modbus function codes. Table 5-2 shows the supported function codes.

Table 5-2: H-3553 Supported Modbus Function Codes

<b>Function Code</b>	Description	# of Registers
03	Read Holding Registers	41
16	Write Multiple Registers	41



### | Holding Registers

The H-3553 has 41 **Holding Registers**; these registers contain all the needed data for setup and measuring the H-3553. Table 5-3 is a list of the holding registers available.

**Table 5-3: H-3553 Holding Registers** 

Register Description	Start Address	# of 16-bit Registers	Data Type
*ID String	0 / "0000"	16	<b>Char String</b>
<b>Modbus Address</b>	16 / "0010"	1	Short Integer
Stage Units	17 / "0011"	1	Short Integer
Reserved	18 / "0012"	1	Short Integer
Baudrate	19 / "0013"	1	Short Integer
Parity	20 / "0014"	1	Short Integer
<b>Bubble Rate</b>	21 / "0015"	1	Short Integer
Purge Pressure	22 / "0016"	1	Short Integer
Purge Sustain	23 / "0017"	1	Short Integer
Purge	24 / "0018"	1	Short Integer
Stage Offset	25 / "0019"	2	32 Bit Float
Stage Slope	27 / "001B"	2	32 Bit Float
*Stage	29 / "001D"	2	32 Bit Float
*Pressure	31 / "001F"	2	32 Bit Float
*Temperature	33 / "0021"	2	32 Bit Float
*Control Battery	35 / "0023"	2	32 Bit Float
*Tank Pressure	37 / "0025"	2	32 Bit Float
*Compressor Battery	39 / "0027"	2	32 Bit Float

<sup>\*</sup>Note: These registers are read only but if written there is no effect.

### | ID String Registers

The **ID String** is the first set of registers in the Holding Registers; these registers return the same information that the SDI-12 ID command returns. The ID string consists of 16, 16-bit registers in ASCII character data format. These registers can be read separately but to get the full ID string the user must read all 16-registers at once. These registers are read only registers; however, writing to them will have no effect. As shown in Table 5-3 the response to reading the ID string is sent as ASCII character string.

# | Modbus Address Register

The **Modbus Address** holding register allows the user to change the Modbus address of the H-3553. A Modbus host / master device can be connected to many Modbus slave devices at one time. Therefore, the Modbus address is a device identifier. This register must be read and wrote as a short integer.

The default Modbus address for the H-3553 is 1 and the programmable address range is: 1 - 247. Address "0" is reserved as the broadcast address meaning that all Modbus sensors must listen when commands are sent to address "0".



### | Stage Units Select Register

The **Stage Units** holding registers allows the user to change the units of the final measured stage value. Table 5-4 shows what the stage units holding register must be set to obtain the desired units.

**Table 5-4: Stage Units Select Register Options** 

Register Value	Stage Units
00	Feet (Default)
01	Meters
02	Inches
03	Millimeters
04	Centimeters
05	PSI
06	User Defined

The H-3553 default stage units are in feet. In the case that there is a user defined units, first change the stage units select to '06' and then write the slope manually. Writing the stage slope before setting stage units to user defined will have no effect. This register must be read and wrote as a short integer.

### | Baudrate Select Register

The **Baudrate** holding register allows the user to change the baud rate of the Modbus RS-485 serial port. Table 5-5 shows what the Modbus baudrate holding register should be set to get the desired baudrate.

**Table 5-5: Baudrate Select Register Options** 

Register Value	Stage Units
00	9600 (Default)
01	4800
02	2400
03	1200

The H-3553 default baudrate is 9600. When the user changes the baud rate it does not take effect until the power is cycled. This register must be read and wrote as a short integer.

# | Parity Select Register

The **Parity** holding register allows the user to change the pairity of the Modbus RS-485 serial port communication. Table 5-6 shows what the parity holding register should be set to get the desired parity.

**Table 5-5: Parity Select Register Options** 

Register Value	Stage Units
00	None
01	Even (Default)
02	Odd



### | Bubble Rate Register

The **Bubble Rate** holding register allows the user to change the bubble rate. See **Chapter 4 – Bubble Rate** for more information. This register must be read and wrote as a short integer.

### | Purge Pressure Register

The **Purge Pressure** holding register allows the user to change the purge pressure. See **Chapter 4 – Purge Pressure** for more information. This register must be read and wrote as a short integer.

### | Purge Sustain Register

The **Purge Sustain** holding register allows the user to change the purge sustain time. See **Chapter 4 – Purge Sustain** for more information. This register must be read and wrote as a short integer.

# | Purge Register

The **Purge** holding register allows the user to initiate a purge sequence. Writing a '1' to this register will initiate a purge sequence. See **Chapter 4 – Purge** for more information. This register must be read and wrote as a short integer.

### | Stage Offset Register

The **Stage Offset** holding register allows the user to enter a user defined stage offset. The factory default is 0. See **Chapter 4 – Stage Offset** for more information. This holding register is a 32-bit holding register. Therefore, the value sent to write to this register must be in a 32-bit floating point number format.

# | Stage Slope Register

The **Stage Slope** holding register allows the user to enter a user defined stage slope. Writing to this register is only applicable when the Stage Units Select Register is set to 06, which indicates the user defined mode for the units. The factory default slope is 2.3067, which is the slope for stage unit's feet. See **Chapter 4 – Stage Slope** for more information. This holding register is a 32-bit holding register. Therefore, the value sent to write to this register must be in a 32-bit floating point number format.

# | Stage Register

The **Stage** holding register holds the current measured stage value. This holding register is a 32-bit holding register. Stage is the result of the pressure in the line multiplied by the stage slope and added to the stage offset.



### | Pressure Register

The **Pressure** holding register holds the current measured pressure value before the slope and offset is applied. Therefore, it holds the raw PSI value. This holding register is a 32-bit holding register.

### | Temperature Register

The **Temperature** holding register holds the current measured temperature. The temperature reading is the temperature of the internal pressure sensor and may not accurately reflect air temperature.

### | Control Battery Register

The **Control Battery** holding register holds the current measured battery connected to the control circuit board or sensor interface cable power connections. This holding register is a 32-bit holding register.

### | Tank Pressure Register

The **Tank Pressure** holding register holds the current measured tank pressure value. This holding register is a 32-bit holding register.

# | Compressor Battery Register

The **Compressor Battery** holding register holds the current measured battery connected to the compressor power input on the H-3553 box. This holding register is a 32-bit holding register.

# | Modbus Command Examples

Below are some examples of Modbus commands and their format.

#### Example #1: Read Holding Register Command:

Format: "aabbccccddddeeee"

Where: aa = 1 byte Modbus address

bb = 1 byte function code cccc = 2 byte start address

dddd = 2 byte quantity of registers

eeee = 2 byte crc check

Example: 010300010001D5CA



#### **Example #2: Write Multiple Registers Command:**

Format: "aabbccccddddeeffffgggg"

Where: aa = 1 byte Modbus address

bb = 1 byte function code cccc = 2 byte start address

dddd = 2 byte quantity of registers

ee = byte count

ffff = 2 byte data value gggg = 2 byte crc value

Example: 011000010001022000BE41



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