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**INSTALLATION, OPERATING
AND 1st LINE MAINTENANCE
INSTRUCTIONS
FOR
PM36 Water Level & Quality
PLATFORMS**

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CAUTION

This equipment contains circuits and components which are sensitive to static electricity.

Any operation requiring the handling of the electronic circuit board should be carried out at a protected work station.

The PM36 equipment is designed to enable the following operations on site:

- ↪ standard exchange of some unit such as the memory cartridge,
- ↪ implementation of new sensors systems including probes, connection devices, internal and external cables,
- ↪ replacement of the software memory component. This operation requires special precautions and appropriate tools must be used, as listed in this manual.

For any advice concerning these operations, whether carried out on site or at a protected work station, please contact ELTA Division LCD Toulouse (Service Dept. - Phone: +33 561.163.230, Fax: +33 561.163.231 or Email: lcd@elta.fr).

For storage, the equipment should be kept in a dry and temperate area (15 to 40 °C) and in its original packing.

1. OPERATION OF THE PM36 PLATFORMS

1.1 DESCRIPTION OF THE EQUIPMENT

The PM36 for Level and Water Quality measurements platform is an automatic and self-contained system which records rainfall, level variations and quality measurements issued from a multi-parameter probe.

Data frames are stored on an amovable 1 Megabyte memory module.

Le PM36 can also transmits its data via Meteosat geostationnary satellite in CREX code according to Med-Hycos and SADC-Hycos format.

A low power consumption and a high reliability are achieved thanks to a specific electronic board, the PM36 board, which allows not only the connection of sensors but as well the lead battery regulation.

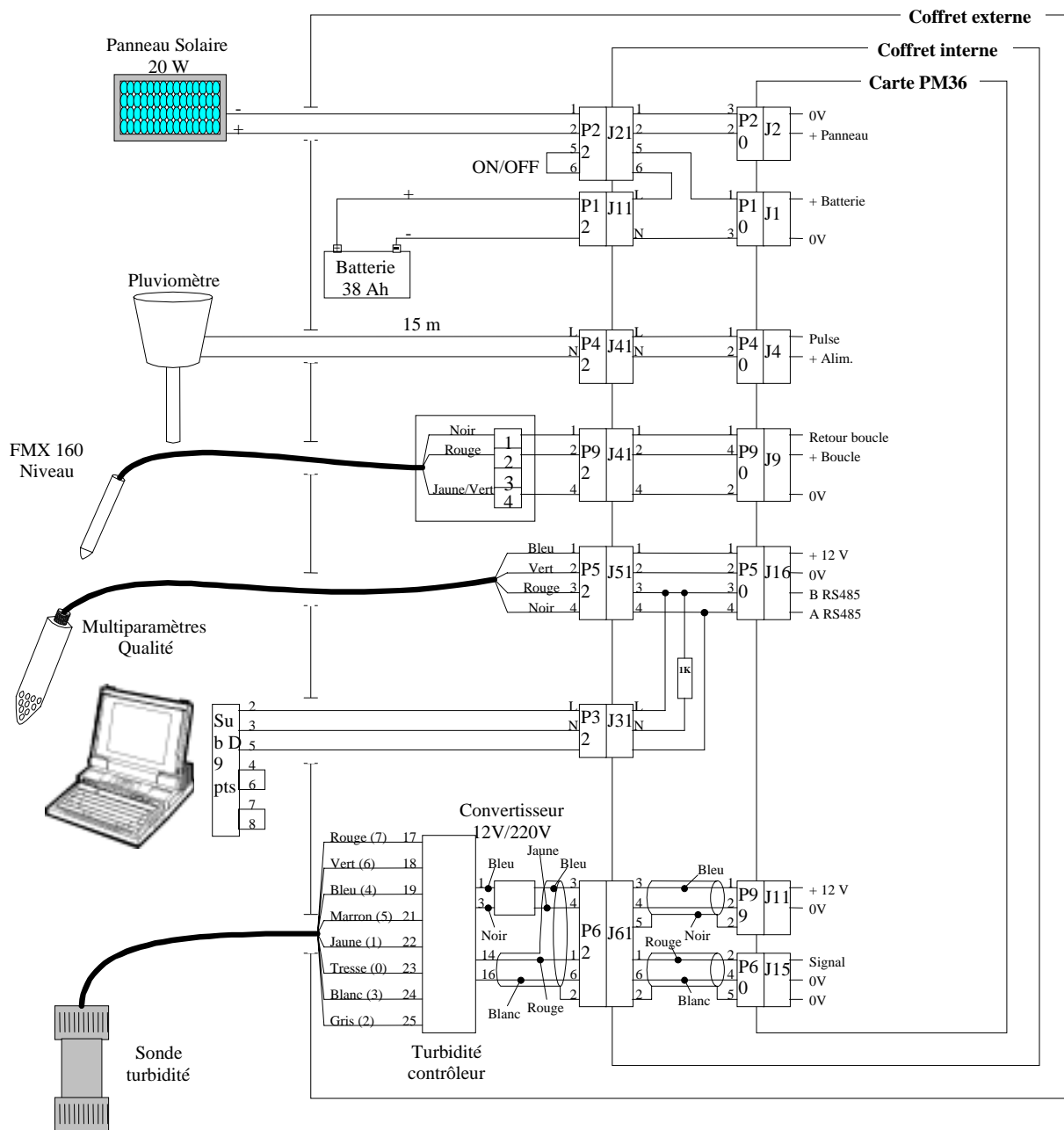
Thanks to the software adapted, this new platform brings an easy solution to measure water parameters.

The PM36 platform initialises itself automatically each time it is energised.

However, the operator can modify its configuration on site by means of the user operator interface.

The *smooth running* of the PM36 platform can be easily checked out on site by the operator, thanks to keybord-display integrated and the the field terminal for initializing the multi-parameter probe.

General synoptic and wiring scheme :



1.2 DEFINITIONS OF MEASUREMENT CHANNELS AND PERIODS

The PM36 acquisition board measures :

4 multiplexed analog input channels distributed as follows :

- ✓ **Channel 1** for PT100 sensor..... not used,
- ✓ **Channel 2** for level voltage < 100 mV not used,
- ✓ **Channel 3** dedicated to the water level sensor FMX160,
- ✓ **Channel 4** dedicated to the turbidity sensor connected in 4-20 mA loop,
- ✓ **Channel 5** for current loop or voltage.... not used,
- ✓ **Channel 6** for rainfall pulses,
- ✓ **Channel 7** for the serial multi-parameter quality probe,
- ✓ **Channel 8** for serial connection.... not used.

More internal measurements for :

- ✓ battery voltage,
- ✓ board components temperature indication.

Definition of periods :

Except the rain which is continuously sampled, each channel is sampled at a S individual and programmable period.

S can take the following values : 1, 5, 6, 15, 30 minutes, 1, 3, 6, 12, 24 hours.

Default value : 1 hour.

In Med-Hycos project, period S is also used to compare variations measurements to internal thresholds programmed into the platform. If the variation is higher (increasing or decreasing) than the threshold, a storage of the concerned parameter happens directly on the amovable module.

The samples are computed at a representative and commun programmable period P necessary in meteorology for means, maximums, ...

P can take the following values : 6, 15, 30 minutes, 1, 3, 6, 12, 24 hours.

Default value : 1 hour.

Limits :

P is always superior or equal to the highest S period and must be a multiple of all used S periods.

The internal memory of the PM36 board limits some pairs of (P,S). The spreadsheet after describes unauthorized values of (P,S).

P/S ratio:

P \ S	1mn	5mn	6mn	15mn	30mn	1h	3h	6h	12h	24h
6mn	6		1							
15mn	15	3		1						
30mn	30	6	5	2	1					
1h	60	12	10	4	2	1				
3h	180	36	30	12	6	3	1			
6h	360	72	60	24	12	6	3	1		
12h	720	144	120	48	24	12	4	2	1	
24h	1440	288	240	96	48	24	8	4	2	1

The grey cells are not possible. For instance, the user can not choose P = 24 h, S = 1 minute.

The software controls forbidden pair values.

Warming time before measurement (not programmable):

- for the multi-parameter quality probe B&C SA8065 (channel 7) 1 minute,
- for the turbidity controller and probe TU7685/TU810 (channel 4) 25 seconds,
- for the analog water level sensor (channel 3) 35 seconds.

The computed values are stored on the amovable memory module at a programmable period E, in the limit of the capacity of the memory module (1 Megabyte).

E can take the following values : 6, 15, 30 minutes, 1, 3, 6, 12, 24 hours.

Default value : 1 hour.

For Med-Hycos project, E is used to store all blocks of parameters which have varied between S period. It is only a period to reduce power consumption.

This temporary buffer is stored at E period or if it is full.

The data storage is not cyclic and when the module is full, it stops.

Then data must be read thanks to the furnished reader linked to a PC computer. The computer creates an ASCII file compatible with the most well-known spreadsheet calculator : Excel,...

Data security access on memory module :

The PM36 platform can not write data on another memory module which is not already in use on the platform : this memory module can come from another platform, can also be not free of data,...

The « put into use » functionality accessible with the display-keyboard of the platform avoids manipulation mistakes.

The PM36 software checks before writing data the serial number of the memory module AND the free space which is the same as at the end of the preceding storage.

The PM36 software allows to clear the whole memory module in use. Be careful !

Between 2 storages the user can withdraw the memory module without problems.

1.3 DATA STORAGE FRAME

Med-Hycos Platforms :

Data are stored according variabilities of the parameters at each end of S period.

▣ **either :**

- *platform identifier* (**IDENT**) on 5 bytes (from 00000 to 99999) followed by a space 20h,

▣ **or a dat block including :**

- *datation* (**AAMMJJ HH:MN**) on 12 bytes followed by a space 20h,

- Sensors measurements :

- *measurement identifier* including 2 descriptive bytes and the input channel number on 2 bytes,

- *measurement* (**+yy...y** ou **yy..y**) in the defined format depending on sensor type, A space 20h separate each measurement.

The block is finished by 2 characters CR 0Dh and LF 0Ah.

Example of a stored block which contains 2 parameters higher than the variability thresholds :

AAMMJJ HH:MN HHxx +yyyy RRnn yyy

12345	①
960528 11:05 HH03 +0007 RR06 000000	②
960528 12:00 RR06 000010	③
32564	④
960528 15:11 HH03 +0007 RR06 000030	②
960529 12:00 HH03 +0010	⑤

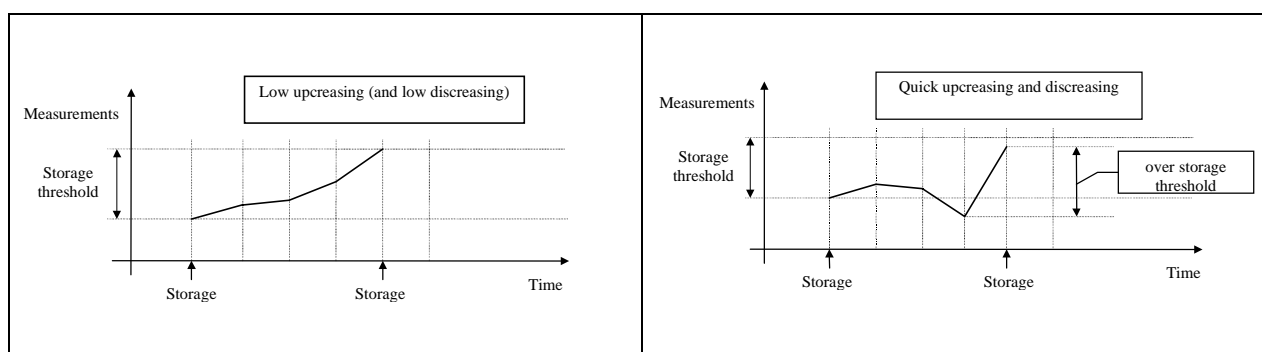
- ① Platform identifier
- ② First Acquisition of each sensor : the first line after writing platform identifier
- ③ Storage on detected rain
- ④ New platform identifier
- ⑤ Storage on water level HH overtaking

Storage condition on Water level measurement :

A storage of HHxx occurs when :

- the difference between the last acquired value and the acquired value at the precedent period S is higher than the programmed threshold,
- OR if the difference between the last acquired value and the last stored value is higher than the programmed threshold.

These conditions allows to keep in memory either a low rising (or descent) inflow or a serated rising (or descent) inflow.



About storage conditions :

These conditions can be cancelled by programming 0 in the selected threshold.

Quality Measurement Platforms (Verseau example) :

The stored blocks are :

▫ **either :**

- *platform identifier* (**IDENT**) on 5 bytes (from 00000 to 99999) followed by a space 20h,

▫ **or a dat block including :**

- *Datation* (**AAMMJJ HH:MN**) on 12 bytes followed by a space 20h,

- *Sensors measurements* :

- *Measurement* (**+yy...y** ou **yy..y**) in the defined format depending on sensor type.

A space 20h separate each measurement.

The block is finished by 2 characters CR 0Dh and LF 0Ah.

Included measurements :

	<i>Type of Measurement</i>	<i>Unité</i>	<i>Gamme</i>
Rain	Total cumulative count	0,1 mm	0 / 9999999
Water level	Average on P	Cm	-9999 / +9999
Water temperature	Average on P	0,1 °C	-50 / +550
Conductivity	Average on P	10 µS	-6000 / +6000
PH	Average on P	0,1 pH	-20 / +160
Redox voltage	Average on P	Millivolt	-1100 / +1100
Dissolved Oxygen	Average on P	0,1 mg/l	0 / 200
Turbidity	Average on P	0,001 NTU (A: 0/4.000 NTU) 0,01 NTU (B: 0/40.00 NTU) 0,1 NTU (C: 0/400.0 NTU) NTU (D: 0/4000 NTU)	0 / 4000
PM36 board temperature	Average on P	°C	-10 / +70
Battery voltage	Average on P	0,1 V	0 / 300

Message :

AAMMJJ HH:MM	9999999	+/-9999	+/-999	+/-9999	+/-999	+/-9999	999	X9999	+/-99	999	CrLf
Datation	①	②	③	④	⑤	⑥	⑦	⑧	⑨	⑩	

- ① Rain (0,1mm unit, on 7 bytes),
- ② Water level (cm unit, on 5 bytes),
- ③ Water temperature (0,1°C unit, on 4 bytes),
- ④ Water conductivity (10μS unit, on 5 bytes),
- ⑤ Water pH (0,1pH unit, on 4 bytes),
- ⑥ Water Redox voltage (mV unit, on 5 bytes),
- ⑦ Water dissolved oxygen (0,1mg/l, on 3 bytes),
- ⑧ Water turbidity (on 5 bytes : 1 for the range and 4 for the measurement)
 - A9999 : 0.001 NTU for a range 0/4.000 NTU,
 - B9999 : 0.01 NTU for a range 0/40.00 NTU,
 - C9999 : 0.1 NTU for a range 0/400.0 NTU,
 - D9999 : 1 NTU for a range 0/4000 NTU.
- ⑨ PM36 component temperature (°C unit, on 3 bytes),
- ⑩ Battery voltage (0,1V unit, on 3 bytes).

Total message length : 67 bytes including spaces and CR, LF.

The order is always the same.

When a missed value of a sensor occurs, this is replaced by / characters , the number depends on number of bytes.

Either on Reset of the PM36 (power supply ON) or on memory module replacement/erasing, the PM36 writes the Identifier of the platform and then, do a serial of measurements in order to write the first dated block.

After, a storage frame is stored at E period and so on.

Example of a storage frame :

```

00000                                     ①
990101 00:02 0000000 +0003 +246 +0000 +115 -0338 121 ///// +39 141 ②
12345                                     ③
990101 00:11 0000002 +0003 +245 +0000 +116 -0326 123 ///// +39 140 ④
990101 01:00 0000006 +0002 +247 +0000 +114 -0307 120 D2552 +40 142 ⑤

```

① Platform identifier 00000,

② First sensors acquisition :

Measurements 01/01/99 00:02 : (rain : 0mm), (level : 3cm), (temperature : 24,6°C), (conductivity : 0mS), (pH : 11,5pH), (Redox : -338mV), (dissolved oxygen : 12,1mg/l), (turbidity : measurement out of order), (PM36 temperature : 39°C), (battery voltage : 14,1V),

③ New platform identifier

④ First sensors acquisition :

Measurements 01/01/99 00:11 : (rain : 0,2mm), (level : 3cm), (temperature : 24,5°C), (conductivity : 0mS), (pH : 11,6pH), (Redox : -326mV), (dissolved oxygen : 12,3mg/l), (turbidity : measurement out of order), (PM36 temperature : 39°C), (battery voltage : 14,0V),

⑤ Storage at E (last period P) :

Measurements 01/01/99 01:00 : (rain : 0,6mm), (level : 2cm), (temperature : 24,7°C), (conductivity : 0mS), (pH : 11,4pH), (Redox : -307mV), (dissolved oxygen : 12,0mg/l), (turbidity : 2552NTU D: range 0/4000NTU), (PM36 temperature : 40°C), (battery voltage : 14,2V).

Capacity of the memory module :

The PM36 platform can store up to 1 megabyte of data frames.

With 67 bytes per frame, 1 storage per hour, the capacity of the module allows up to 650 days.

When the memory module is full, the storage stops.

1.4 MEMORY CARD READER

After to have link the Memory reader to the serial port of the PC computer and thanks to the MEMOWIN software running on PC computer (Win 95, Win 3.1), the user can retrieve its data.

The data are exchanged through the serial line COM1 of the PC computer at a maximum speed of 115.2 Kbps.

The user can read his memory cartridges and store the data in a file and export them to a spreadsheet compatible with Excel for example.

Be careful ! :

It is important to use the delivered adaptator to connect and supply the MEMO-DRIVE.

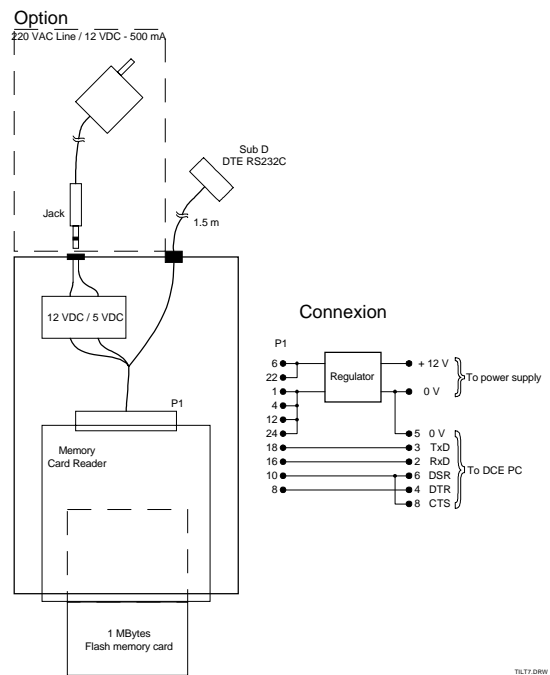
Running the MEMOWIN software :

1. First of all, install it if it does not execute from Windows « SETUP » on the disk A:,
2. Click in the bottom of the main display and if the reader is connected the user can read « MEMO DRIVE »
3. Then the user can access to the cartridge inserted in the reader for read or to erase it. This can be done by following the instructions given through the MEMOWIN software.

Lecteur MEMO-BOX



Memory Card Reader Unit Synoptic



1.5 METEOSAT CREX DATA TRANSMISSION

MED-HYCOS platforms transmits CREX-FM95-XI data every 3 hours.
The P period is intentionally fixed at 1 hour and then a CREX message includes 3 blocks.

Message CREX

CREX++

T000101 A000 **D05009**++

Identification line code **D01029**

Identification line for measurements, codes **D01012**, **B0465** et **R01000**

Measurement line number 1, code **D05008**

Measurement line number 2, code **D05008**

Measurement line number 3, code **D05008**

Supplementary technologic parameters

End of message line (EOM : 7777)

				<u>Unit</u>	<u>Bytes</u>
D05009	D01029 Identifier	B01018 : WMO station identifier			5
		B02001 : Type of station			1
		D01011 Date	B04001 : Year		4
			B04002 : Month		2
			B04003 : Day		2
	D01012 Time (HHMM) of the first measurements	B04004 : Hour (HH) of the first measurements			2
		B04005 : Minutes (MM) of the first mesurements			2
	B04065 : Time increment			minutes	2
	R01000 : Repeating time of the next line (n=3)				4
	D05008 Measurement line	D05006 One measure- ment	B13072 : Water level	cm	4
			B13082 : Water temperature	0,1 K	4
			B13019 : Last hour rain	0,1 mm	4
B12073 : Air temperature			0,1 K	4	
B13073 : Maximum water level (on P period)			cm	4	
B13060 : Cumulative rain			0,1 mm	5	
B12031 : Soil temperature		0,1 K	4		

Following these data, the PM36 software place technologic parameters.

Detailed codage :

- Headline,
- Data,
- Platform identification line,
- Definition line,
- Measurement line number 1 (H hour),
- Measurement line number 2 (H-1 hour),
- Measurement line number 3 (H-2 hour),
- Technology parameters line,
- End of message line (7777).

Definition of lines :

1 Headline :

CREX++

8 characters, including 'CR' and 'LF'.

② Data :

	T	0	0	0	1	0	1		A	0	0	0		D	0	5	0	0	9	+	+		
N° of master CREX table (00 = standard CREX table (WMO FM 95))																							
Table edition																							
CREX version																							
Reference of the table A, CREX format																							
N° of reference code of the D table (class 5 : Hydrology et Meteorology)																							
N° of sequence in the class 5 : data format description																							

23 bytes, including 'CR' and 'LF'.

③ Platform identification line :

	6	8	0	1	9		0		1	9	9	6		0	7		0	2
Identification platform number																		
Station type																		
Acquisition CREX datation (last H message)	Millenium																	
	Year																	
	Month																	
	Day																	

20 characters, including 'CR' and 'LF'.

④ Definition line :

		0	1		0	0		-	6	0		0	0	0	3
Acquisition CREX Time (last H message)	Hour														
	Minute														
Representative Périod (in minutes) of messages															
Number of include blocks into the message															

16 characters, including 'CR' and 'LF'.

⑤ Measurement lines :

	0001	0002	0003	0004	0005	0006	0007
Last water level (cm)							
Last water temperature (0,1 K) (not used in this application)							
Cumulative rain sum during P (0,1mm)							
Last air temperature (0,1 K) (not used in this application)							
Maximum water level (cm)							
Cumulative rain sum, not reinitialized (0,1 mm)							
Last soil temperature (0,1 K) (not used in this application)							

39 characters, including 'CR' and 'LF'.

Only water level measurements can be negative : in this case, the minus sign '-' is placed before, otherwise it is a space character.

All measurements are made on the P period (1 hour in standard).

CREX message is on a 3 hour period then it includes 3 blocks or measurement lines.
Therefore, the CREX message is placed on fixed hours : 00:00:00, 03:00:00, 06:00:00, 09:00:00,...

The third message is finished with 2 characters "++".

⑥ Technology parameters line :

SUPP	0001	002	-0003	004	005	006	0	V01.00PM36H	0	++
Battery voltage average (mV)										
Solar panel percent use (%) (not used in this application)										
Temperature component average (°C)										
Free memory available (%) (not used in this application)										
1 st sensor 4/20mA average (mA) (not used in this application)										
2 nd sensor 4/20mA average (mA) (not used in this application)										
RESET indication since the last Meteosat transmission (0 : RESET; 1: not RESET)										
Software version (Vxx.xx)										
GPS synchronisation indication (0: OK; 1: no synchronisation occurred)										

53 characters including 'CR' and 'LF'.

Only the componen temperature can be sign.

All these supplementary measurements are made at the end of the last P period.

⑦ End message line :

7777

6 characters including 'CR' and 'LF'.

1.6 DIRECT USER INTERFACE

Thanks to an alphanumeric 4 lines display and a 16 keys keyboard, the user can :

- initializes sensors and platform measurements,
- checks PM36 in running,
- verifies internal parameters.

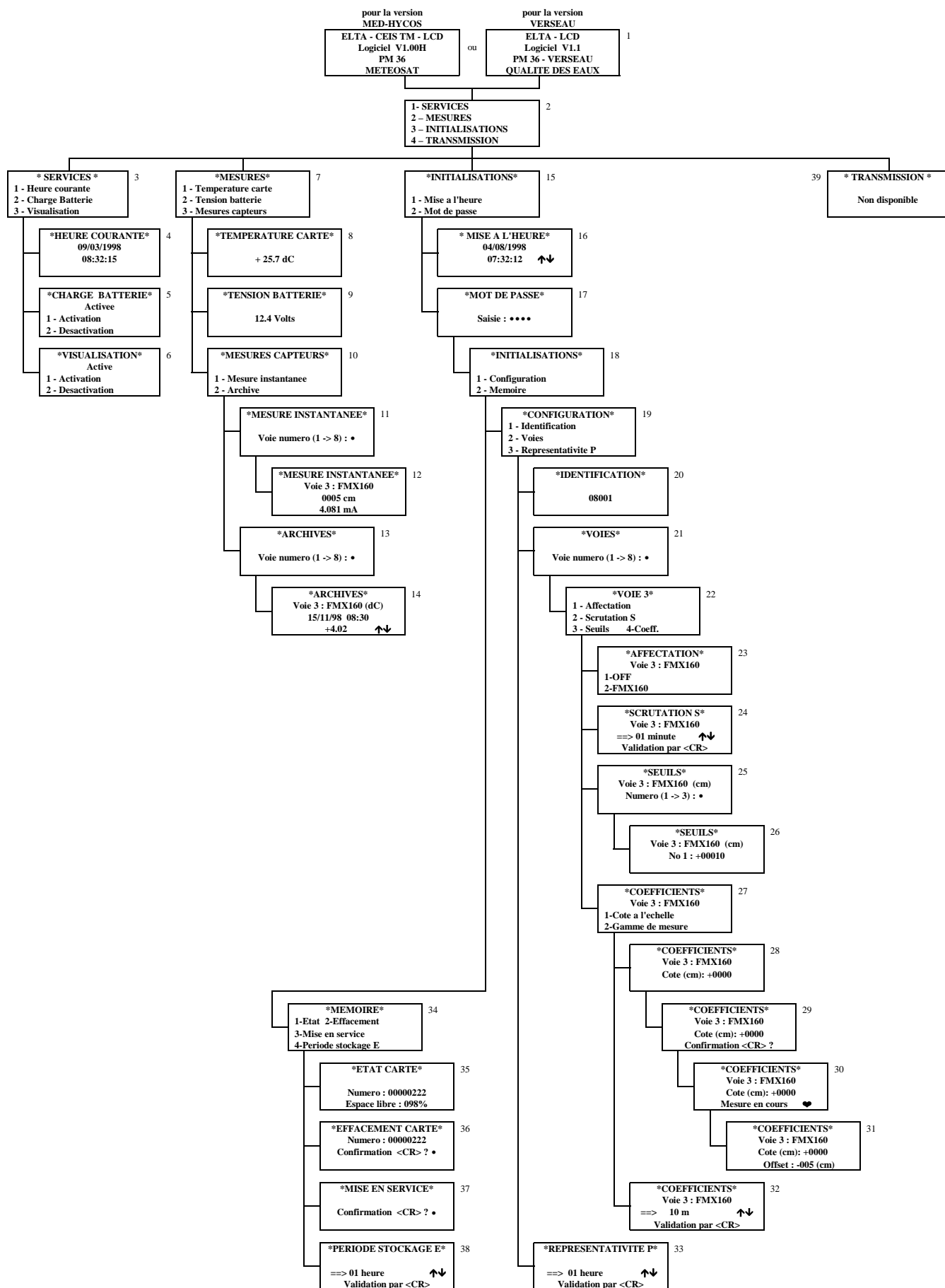
The user can access to a lower choice by pressing the corresponding number key and to access to an upper choice he must press the ESC key.

To valid a choice or an entered value, he must press the Enter key.

Input areas are defined by a blanking cursor.

Be careful ! When this User interface is in function (display ON), regular acquisitions and storages are aborted.

Different choices :

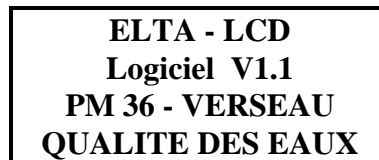


Screen description :

Screen 1 :

Welcome screen showing the software version. Appears on Reset or when the user press the ↵ key.

For the PM36 Water Quality :



After 1 hour of non-use, the display is switch off.

To come back from a screen, the user must press Esc. On the welcome screen, Esc switch off the display.

Screen 2 :

It is the main choice which permits to go to the 4 functions of the PM36 : Services, Measurements, Initialisations et Transmission.

① Services.

Screen 3 :

Choice between : Date and current Time display, ON/OFF of the battery regulation, ON/OFF of the display mode.

Screen 4 :

Date and current Time display in Universal Time.
Compliant with Year 2000.

Screen 5 :

ON/OFF of the battery regulation.

When activated, the solar panel is connected to the battery. The internal regulation automatically disconnects the solar panel if voltage is upper than 14,4 Volts.

This voltage is controlled every 6 minutes.

The solar panel is also connected every 3 hours by software

Screen 6 :

Display mode. If ON, more informations are displayed.

This option is not recommended in this application.

② Measurements.

Screen 7 :

Choice between of display of instantaneous values of : PM36 component board, Battery voltage, connected sensors.

Screen 8 :

Display of the PM36 internal component temperature. Measurement taken on a silicium junction. Approximately 10 degrees upper than the ambient internal box temperature.

Measurement in degree. Accuracy : ± 3 °C.

Screen 9 :

Display of the battery voltage.

Measurement in $1/10^{\text{ème}}$ V. Accuracy : +/- 0,2 Volts.

Screen 10 :

Choice between : Display of instantaneous values or 48 last local stored values of sensors.

Screen 11 :

Display of instantaneous values.

The user must choose the channel number (see paragraph 1.2). The PM36 platform has 8 measurement channels.

To see the instantaneous value of a channel, it is necessary the channel is selected (ON).

Screen 12 :

Display of the selected channel. The value is permanently displayed.

For the channel 7 interfacing the multi-parameter quality probe, several measurements are displayed. By pressing the Up or Down arrow you can choose your parameter.

Screen 14 :

Display of the 48 last local stored values.

The user must choose the channel number.

To see the dated stored values of a channel, it is necessary the channel is selected (ON).

Data are stored at the end of the period E.

For the channel 7 interfacing the multi-parameter quality probe, several measurements are displayed. By pressing any key except Esc, you can see the different measurements.

③ Initialisations.

Screen 15 :

Choice between : Time initialisation, Measurement parameters, Storage parameters.

INITIALISATIONS
1-Mise a l'heure
2-Mot de passe

Screen 16 :

PM36 Date and Time initialisation.

The user must press ↵ and EFF keys to place the cursor on the right field to modify.

En fin de saisie, l'utilisateur valide l'envoi de l'heure à la carte PM36.

The Up arrow increase value and the Down arrow decrease the value.

Screen 17 :

Password input screen (4 numeral digits) allowing access to programmation screens.

Screen 18 :

Choice between : Configuration platform, Storage parameters.

Screen 19 :

Choice between : Identifier, Init channels, Init P period.

Screen 20 :

Display and input of the Identifier number of the platform (5 digits).

The current number is displayed.

If you do not want to change it press Esc, or input the new and press ↵.

Screen 21 :

Choice of the channel number, from 1 to 8.

Screen 22 :

Choice for the selected channel : Type, S period, alert thresholds, specific coefficients.

Screen 23 :

Choice of the channel type. The current type is displayed and other possible types can be chosen.

Screen 24 :

Choise of S period of the selected channel.

Screen 25 :

Choice of alert thresholds of the selected channel (not possible here).

Screen 26 :

Modification of alert thresholds.

Not possible here and without any effect.

Screen 27 :

Selection and modification of 1 or 2 coefficients of the selected input.

If only one coefficient is used, it is the COEFF1.

For the raingauge, Coeff1 is used as the resolution.

For the level water sensor, Coeff1 is used as the range to measure.

For the turbidity measurement, Coeff1 is used as the range to measure.

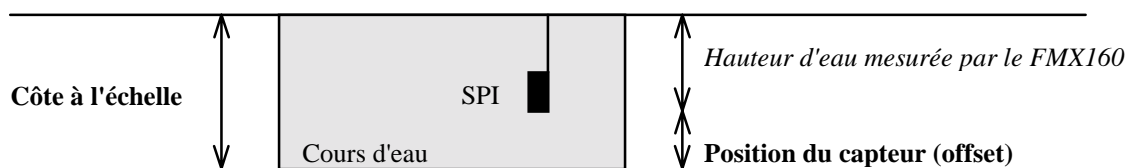
The water level measurement need also another setting : to adapt the reading to the scale of the river : screen 28 to 32 only for this measurement.

Screen 28 :

Scale river adaptation for the water level measurement.

The reading of the value deliver by the sensor must be adapted (offset) to the value read on the scales placed on the river.

Explanation :



This scale adaptation is introduced by the user.

Screen 29 :

Confirmation of the new scale value to the platform.

Screen 30 :

Waiting display for software calculation after to have introduce new scale value.

Calculation of offset.

Then this offset will be added ro all sensor readings.

Screen 31 :

Display of the offset value.

Screen 32 :

Display and modification of the range of water level measurement.

Screen 33 :

Display and input of the representativity period P.

The user choose the correct value by using the Up and Down arrows and valid by pressing ↵.

Screen 34 :

Choice between : Display of memory module status, Erasing of the memory module, Display of the E period.

Screen 35 :

Status of the memory module and its internal reader.

Indication of the availability of the module : number of the module, free space on it, « in use » on this platform or not.

Screen 36 :

Erasing a memory module.

Need a confirmation.

Screen 37 :

Put a memory module « in use » .

Need a confirmation.

This operation must be done when the user change the module.

A memory module can be put « in use » only if it is entirely blank.

Screen 38 :

Display and choice of the E period.

At the end of this period, data are stored on the memory module.

Be careful, $E \geq P$.

④ Transmission.

Screen 39 :

Communication parameters.

Not available in this application.

1.7 COMPOSITION OF A PM36

The platform is an electronic assembly. The sealed electronic unit contains the PM36 board and the storage unit.

The sealed lead battery is put into the external ventilated box.

The sensors associated with this platform are :

- ✓ a water level probe Endress & Hauser, X meters range, FMX160 with 30 meters cable,
- ✓ a rain-gauge Qualimetrics 6011B, each tip measure 0,1 mm, with 15 meter cable,
- ✓ a multi-parameter probe B&C for measuring pH, conductivity, temperature, dissolved oxygen, Redox voltage SA 8000, with 30 meters cable,
- ✓ a turbidimeter B&C including a TU7685 controller and a TU810 probe. 30 meters cable links the TU810 to the controller.

For the turbidity measurement, the PM36 board supply a 12 VDC/220VAC converter to the TU7685 controller during the acquisition phase.

The TU7685 controller and the converter are placed in the ventilated external box.

A 20 Watts solar panel power charge the battery.

The regulation is controlled by electronics components of the PM36 board.

1.8 SPOT CHECKS TO BE CARRIED OUT BEFORE INSTALLATION

Storage conditions :

The PM36 platform and the sensors must be stored in a dry temperature area avoiding direct sunlight.

Moreover, the PM36 platform must be placed on an horizontal support because of its lead battery.

Although the unit is sealed, it is necessary to ensure that there is no air leaks: door not closed properly, connector or protection plug removed...

1.8.1 In the laboratory

When the platform is taken from a place of storage, it is essential to check its correct operation in the laboratory before taking it to its installation site.

1. Open the door and check by seeing the connections between the fixed connectors on the side of the casing and the PM36 electronic card and the memory unit.
2. Check the state of the fuses F1 and F2. These are not delayed fuses marked 3.15 A.
3. Connect the sensors.
4. The platform is booted up by plugging the solar panel connector. Even if there is no light sun, this connection allows the battery to supply the electronics,
5. Check through the operator interface. The PM36 platform is ready to be installed.
6. Sensors calibration : the user must verify the right calibration of its sensors.

1.8.2 Calibration of sensors

After PM36 control, it is important to check the quality of the measurements coming from sensors.

The user get from constructors specific datasheets on sensor and also a calibration sheet.

Rain-gauge Qualimetrics 6011B :

The documentation includes :

- a user's manual which describes the standard installation, connection, calibration and maintenance of the sensor.
- a copy of the passed test record.

Water level sensor Endress & Hauser FMX160-SDA8AAA :

Range : 2 meters. Maximum overload 16 meters.

The probe for level measurement presents an accuracy better than 0,5% on the whole range. That is to say 1 cm on the 2 meters range.

No calibration certificate is delivered.

The user must adapt the level measurement to the scale on the river. See how in the paragraph 1.5 Direct user interface.

The documentation includes :

- a commercial brief description
- a technical information about FMX160.

Multi-parameter probe B&C SA8065 :

The probe measures :

- water temperature,
- water conductivity,
- pH,
- redox voltage,
- dissolved oxygen.

Its serial RS485 interface delivers these informations when the PM36 supply it.

To calibrate the probe, the user must connect to the PM36, a compatible terminal using the specific delivered software and continuously supply the sensor.

Standard solutions are necessary to do this operation.

This can be directly done with the PM36 platform by using specific functions through the interface operator.

As this function can perturb the well running of the platform, it is accessible through a hidden supplementary password.

Please contact ELTA for calibrating the probe.

The documentation includes :

- an operator's manual including functioning, technical characteristics, calibration and principles of measurement.
- an operator's manual for using the B&C software.

Turbidity probe B&C TU810 :

The probe is directly connected to its TU7685 controller. The PM36 platform supply the set to get measurement on a 4-20mA current loop.

To calibrate the probe, it is just necessary to supply the controller and the probe by choosing the display of instantaneous channel value paragraph 1.5 Direct user interface.

The calibration procedure is describe in the turbidity meter operator's manual.

The documentation includes :

- an operator's manual including functional specifications, calibration sequences, configuration and installation recommendations.

For correct measurements, the constructor B&C recommends to let the probe into its short dark tubing and to control the flow rate from 0,1 to 3 litre/mn.

This tube minimize flow time to the instrument and the algs growth.

Be careful, turbidity is a difficult measurement. Since it is an emissive light principle, the day of the light may have an effect on the cell. Moreover air bubbles can make false results.

To acquire the measurement, the PM36 platform has 4 programmable ranges. The choice of the range must be in accordance with the controller range and auto-ranging must be OFF.

1.8.3 Outdoors, before leaving for the site

The purpose of this test is to check the PM36 platform :

- ✓ is well initialised,
- ✓ is acquiring data,
- ✓ is storing data,

1. Ensure that the PH36 Tilt platform is placed on an horizontal area because of the lead battery, and protected against direct solar radiation,
2. Ensure the solar panel is correctly lighted all day long,

3. Ensure the sensors are correctly linked and installed. Please refer to its own User's Manual,
4. Then, verify the PM36 instantaneous measurements of the sensors,
5. Verify the battery voltage (more than 12,5 Volts),
6. Finish with a display of the status memory.

1.9 POWER SUPPLY OF THE PM36 PLATFORM

There is no external switch to cut or not the supply of the PM36 Tiltmeter platform and its sensors.

To run the system, the user must plug in or plug off the solar pannel connector which automatically establishes the 12 Volts battery voltage on the PM36 electronic board input.

2. INSTALLATION OF THE EQUIPMENT

2.1 INSTALLATION OF THE SOLAR PANEL

The 20 Watts solar panel must be oriented to be lighted by the sun in the middle of the day

The slope between the horizontal plane and the glass must be at least 15° in order to be cleaned when it rains.

For fixing or orienting the solar panel on its mast, tools are required : 10 and 13 millimeters wrenches.

2.2 INSTALLATION OF THE PM36 PLATFORM

See recommendations written in paragraph 1.7.2. Outdoors before living for the site.

Connection of sensors :

This connection is carried out by taking into account the prerequisites defined by the manufacturer of sensors and especially for the wter quality multi-parameter probe and the turbidimeter.

There is no particular problem, it is merely necessary to use the suitable protection furnished to protect sensors cable.

Earthing of the platform :

In this application, it is important that there is **CONNECTION** between the earth and the 0 Volt reference of the platform, the minus of the battery thanks to a large braided conductor.

The PM36 platform must not be « floating » as compared to the ground voltage because electrostatics discharges.

Connection of the power supply :

Connect the solar panel connector Bulgin to the PM36 platform.
The platform begins to run.

Note the solar panel is charging the battery on start up.
This forced charging function will cancel itself automatically as soon as the battery has reached its highest charge threshold.

Initialisation of the PM36 platform :

The platform is delivered pre-configured. It boots up and initialises automatically.

Check the activity of the platform before leaving the site, by calling up the functions allowed - refer to the previous paragraph.

Before leaving the site, it is then important to fill in the platform configuration sheet, specifying the characteristics of its configuration.

2.3 PM36 CONFIGURATION SHEET

It is never easy to manage a network of acquisition platforms because of the sensor maintenance and the periodic checking of the energy -electronics assembly.

ELTA recommends that the information concerning the environment of the PM36 platform on the site should be recorded.

To do this, the operator should fill in a configuration sheet when the platform is installed, and should record all operations carried out each time he visits the platform.

PM36 PLATFORM Serial No.:	
Installation date:	Installer:
Date of visit: Battery voltage (installation): Important remarks:	
Configuration of Acquisitions <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <i>Type</i> <i>Period S</i> <i>Coeff1, coeff2</i> <i>River Scale</i> </div> Channel 1 : Channel 2 : Channel 3 : Channel 4 : Channel 5 : Channel 6 : Channel 7 : Channel 8 :	Representativity Period P :
Storage Card Type:	Storage period E : Serial No.:
Comments	

3. MAINTENANCE AND SERVICING OF THE PM36

3.1 ON THE BASIS OF THE STORED RESULTS

The stored message enables to check the correct operation of the PM36 platform:

Battery voltage evolution :

Three status bit directly taken by the PM36 software on the battery enable to control the evolution of the battery voltage.

The solar panel is disconnected from the battery as soon as the battery reaches the 14.4 Volts threshold and will be re-connected as soon as the battery voltage will drop below 12.4 Volts.

What is happening if the battery voltage increase or decrease ?					
Vbat Volts DC	Solar Panel	PM36 electronics	Storage Unit	Multi- parameter S.	Turbidity Sensor
V>14.4	Not possible for a long time . The solar panel is disconnected.				
10.8<V<12.4	Connected	OK	OK	OK	OK
8<V<10.8	Connected	OK	OK	Not powered	Not powered
<8	Connected	Not Running			

This board shows **the battery voltage must not drop below 10.8 V** which is the right working limit. However, under this threshold, there is no disconnection of specific components such as sensors.

The battery capacity is calculated to supply correctly all the components. The technology parameters stored are useful to determine the slope of the battery voltage and thus, of the solar panel system.

A stable battery voltage between **12.4 and 13.4 VDC** when the battery is not being charged, corresponds to a **healthy battery**.

Estimated current consumed by the PM36 platform :

With S (for all sensors) = 1 heure, P = E = 1 hour, the mean current drained is less than **15 mA**.

However the consumption shows some pics :

- 500 mA for turbidity measurement,
- 80 mA for water quality measurements including water level.

Sensor measurements :

The stored message frame includes the values of each sensor measured.

It is then easy to retrieve them through the read file.

The chosen ranges for measurements allows to determine if one of them is out of range or broken.

3.2 IN THE FIELD

Thanks to the Interface Operator, the user can find a default occurring in the measurement line and then tests every part from the sensor measurement to the transmitted final results.

Refer to the concerned chapter Direct user interface.

4. PH36 TILT PLATFORM SPECIFICATIONS

Automatic platform with data amovable storage in-situ.

Upgraded platform with respect to the initial to obtain Quality measurements.

4.1 ENVIRONMENTAL SPECIFICATIONS

Storage :

- ✓ Temperature range for storage (without the battery) : -30 to + 70°C.
- ✓ Humidity range for storage : 5 to 95% without any condensation.
- ✓ The battery is a lead acid sealed battery which does not withstands very low and high temperatures without any deterioration. Maximum temperature admissible for the battery: 40°C.

Running conditions :

- ✓ Operating temperature range : -20 to +70°C.
- ✓ Protection degree of the cabinet : IP66. Although the sealed enclosure is weatherproof, ELTA recommends to protect it with a simple cover against direct solar radiation to avoid high and fast temperature elevation and rain.
- ✓ Humidity range for operating : 5 to 95% without any condensation.

The sensors have specific recommendations, see their documentation.

The solar panel must be cleaned regularly and be exposed to the sun with a minimum 15° elevation.

Connections :

- ✓ Type BULGIN Bucaneer series.
- ✓ Degree protection when the connections are protected with their caps : IP66.

4.2 ELECTRICAL SPECIFICATIONS

Power supply :

- ✓ Battery 12 VDC / 38 Ah included in the cabinet.
- ✓ Solar regulation included on the PM36 board.
- ✓ Solar panel input : 12 VDC - 5 A. Accepts up to 25 VDC with 100 mV noise.

- ✓ Platform ON, battery connected, by plugging the solar panel connector.
- ✓ Right functioning : from 11 to 15 VDC on the battery input.

Power requirements with 12 VDC : less than 15mA with S(all)=1 heure, P = 1 heure, with a storage once a hour.

PH36 Tilt board :

- ✓ Processor : 16 bits MCS251 Intel family running at 3.6864 MHz with a low power consumption mode.
- ✓ Battery input range : 6 VDC to 25 VDC protected against over voltage and against polarity inversion with limiting diodes.
- ✓ Solar panel input : 12 VDC -5 A. Solar regulation integrated with automatic cut off when the voltage of the battery becomes superior to 14.4 Volts.
- ✓ Power requirements with 12 VDC : less than 10 mA in Idle mode, less than 40 mA in active mode.
- ✓ Memory Unit link : RS232 serial connection with hardware control. V28 levels. Power of the memory unit controlled ON/OFF. Current consumption less than 400 mA when activated.
- ✓ 1 analog input for low voltage less than 100 mV,
- ✓ 3 analog inputs for tension or loop measurement. For each : 16 bits resolution on a 2 Volts input range (or 4-20 mA. True accuracy of 14 bits.
- ✓ 1 linear analog input for RTD PT100 type sensor, range -10 to +50°C. Resolution better than 0.1°C, 13 bits. Accuracy of 0.3°C all errors included : probe 1/3 class A, measurement error...

5. PM36 SENSORS BRIEF DESCRIPTION

5.1 MODEL 6011-B QUALIMETRICS RAIN GAUGE

Each tip equals to 0,1 mm of falled water.

Collecting area : 340 cm².

Can be equipped with heater.

Qualimetrics 6011B



5.2 MODEL FMX160-2M E&H WATER LEVEL PROBE

Hydrostatic sensor with piezometric cell for water level measurement.

- Inox 316Ti conception,
- delivered with 30 meters of leading cable, connected to atmospheric pressure through a box,
- with fastening,
- measurement fixe range of 2 meters with accuracy better than 0,5%,
- 2 wires connexion 4-20 mA.

Endress & Hauser FMX160

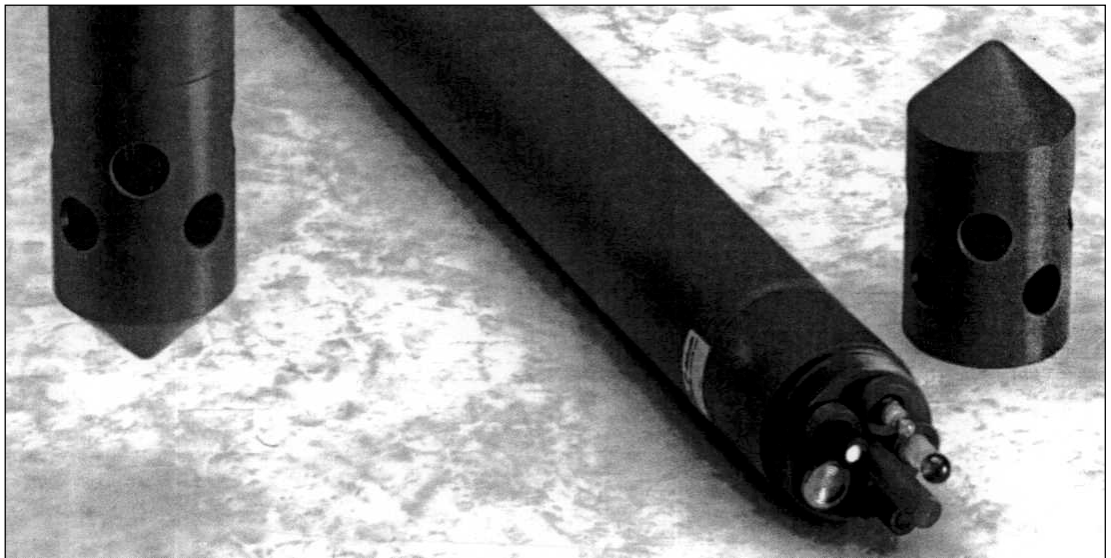


5.3 MODEL SA8065 B&C WATER QUALITY MULTIPARAMETER PROBE

6 parameters among :

- conductivity range 6/60 mS autorange or manual,
- pH,
- dissolved oxygen en % air, ou mmHg, ou ppm, ou mg/l, range 0-20mg/l,
- redox voltage range -1100/+1100mV,
- temperature PT1000 range -5/+55°C,
- water level not compensated.

Data output on RS485.



B&C Electronics SA8065

5.4 MODEL TU7685/TU810 TURBIDITY

- Input from preamplified probe TU810,
- Selectable range 0/4, 0/40, 0/400, 0/4000 NTU, possible autoranging,
- Easy calibration,
- 0-20 or 4/20 mA main isolated output,
- Alarms relays into the controller for dirty probe, no liquid, ambient light to high, min-max values,...
- 220 VAC power supply.

6. WARRANTY

The warranty period is of 16 months as from the delivery date.

The warranty covers the cost of spare parts and workmanship for the repair or replacement of defective parts supplied by ELTA and returned to the factory in a suitable packing of the same class used for the delivery.