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**MH-RC-MBS-1** v.0.3

MODBUS RTU (RS-485) Interface for MITSUBISHI  
HEAVY INDUSTRIES air conditioners.

**User's Manual**

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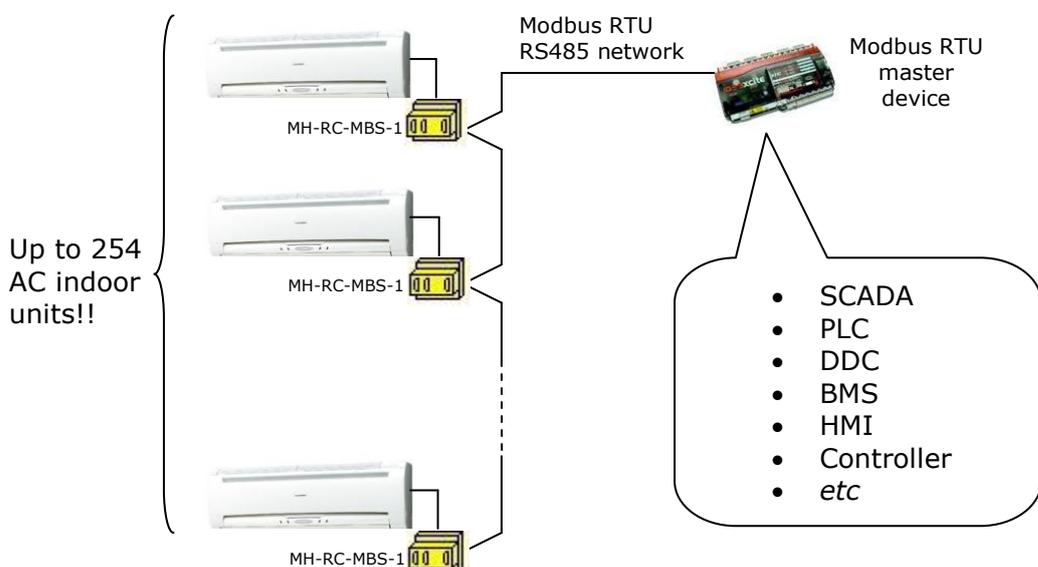
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## 1. Presentation



The MH-RC-MBS-1 interface allows a complete and natural integration of **MITSUBISHI HEAVY INDUSTRIES** air conditioners into Modbus RTU (RS-485) networks.

- Reduced dimensions. 93 x 53 x 58 mm.
- Quick and easy installation.  
*Mountable on DIN rail, wall, or even inside the indoor unit in some models of AC.*
- External power not required.
- Direct connection to MODBUS RTU (RS-485) networks. Up to 254 MH-RC-MBS-1 devices can be connected in the same network.  
*MH-RC-MBS-1 is a Modbus slave device.*
- Direct connection to the AC indoor unit.
- Configuration from both on-board DIP-switches and MODBUS RTU.
- Total Control and Supervision.
- Real states of the AC unit's internal variables.
- Allows using simultaneously the IR and wired remote controls and MODBUS RTU.



## 2. Connection

### 2.1 Connection of the interface to the AC indoor unit

The MH-RC-MBS-1 connects directly to the MITSUBISHI HEAVY INDUSTRIES two wire X/Y bus. Depending on which controllers are available the recommended connection methods are the following (details in Figure 2.1):

- **Wired remote control available.** Connect the gateway as Slave in parallel with the wired remote controllers (Wall controller acts as master).
- **Infrared remote control available.** Connect the gateway as Master in parallel with the infrared remote controller (Infrared receiver) as Slave.
- **No remote control available** Connect the gateway directly to the X/Y bus of the indoor unit as Master when there is no MITSUBISHI HEAVY INDUSTRIES remote controller.

Disconnect mains power from the AC unit and use a 2 wire cable with a diameter of 2mm<sup>2</sup> for the connection of MH-RC-MBS-1, MITSUBISHI HEAVY INDUSTRIES' remote controller and its corresponding indoor unit. Screw the suitably peeled cable ends in the corresponding X/Y terminals of each device, as summarized in Figure 2.1.

Maximum X/Y bus length is 600 meters, cable has no polarity.

### 2.2 Connection of the interface to Modbus

Use the EIA485 connector in the MH-RC-MBS-1 to connect to the Modbus network.

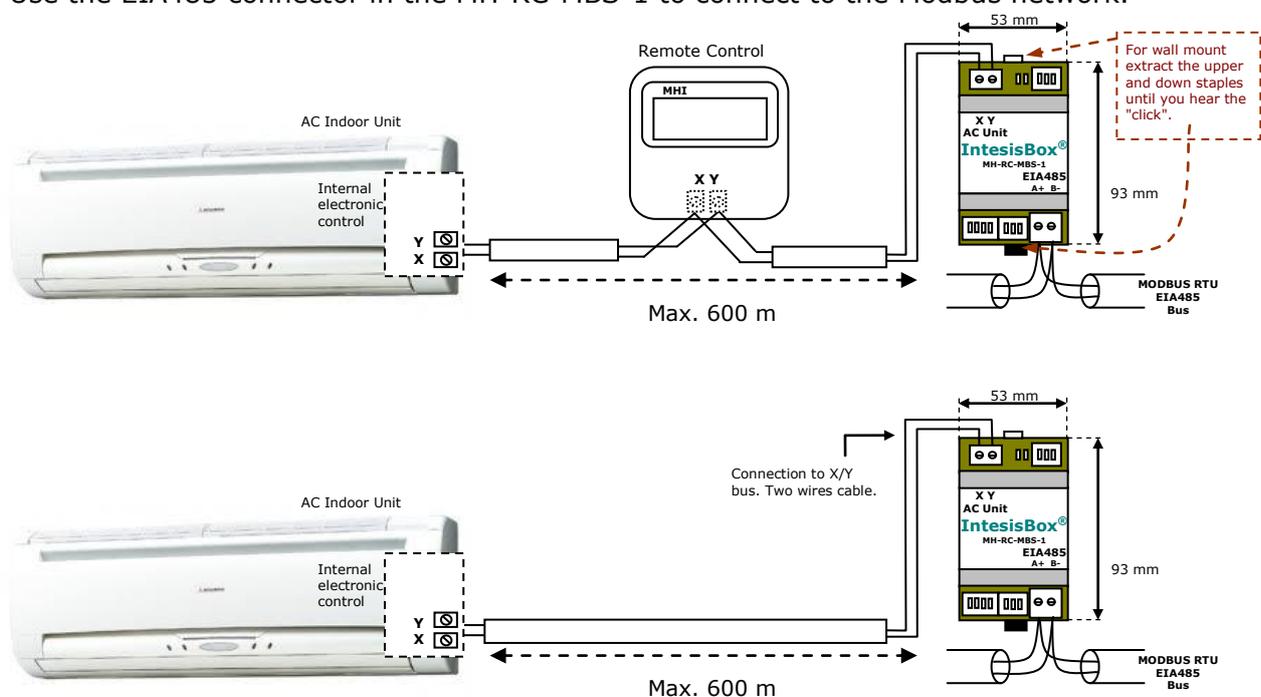


Figure 2.1 MH-RC-MBS-1 Connection diagrams

### 3. Modbus Interface Specification

#### 3.1 Modbus physical layer

MH-RC-MBS-1 implements a MODBUS RTU (slave) interface, to be connected to an RS-485 line. It performs an 8N1 communication (8 data bits, no parity and 1 stop bit) with several available baudrates (2400 bps, 4800 bps, 9600 bps -default- and 19200 bps).

#### 3.2 Modbus Registers

All registers are of type "16-bit unsigned Holding Register", in standard ModBus' big endian notation.

##### 3.2.1 Control and status registers

Register Addr (protocol address)	Register Addr (PLC address)	R/W	Description																													
0	1	R/W	AC unit On/Off <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 0: Off</li> <li>▪ 1: On</li> </ul>																													
1	2	R/W	AC unit Mode <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 0: Auto</li> <li>▪ 1: Heat</li> <li>▪ 2: Dry</li> <li>▪ 3: Fan</li> <li>▪ 4: Cool</li> </ul>																													
2	3	R/W	AC unit Fan Speed <sup>1</sup> <table border="1" style="margin-left: 20px;"> <thead> <tr> <th rowspan="2">Val.</th> <th colspan="4">Num. of Fan Speeds</th> </tr> <tr> <th>4 (default)</th> <th>3</th> <th>2</th> <th>1</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>Low</td> <td>Low</td> <td>Low</td> <td>High</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2</td> <td>Mid</td> <td>Mid</td> <td>High</td> <td>-</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3</td> <td>High</td> <td>High</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4</td> <td>Powerful</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Val.	Num. of Fan Speeds				4 (default)	3	2	1	1	Low	Low	Low	High	2	Mid	Mid	High	-	3	High	High	-	-	4	Powerful	-	-	-
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3	4	R/W	AC unit Vane Position <sup>1</sup> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 1: Pos. 1</li> <li>▪ 2: Pos. 2</li> <li>▪ 3: Pos. 3</li> <li>▪ 4: Pos. 4</li> <li>▪ 10: Swing</li> </ul>																													
4	5	R/W	AC unit Temperature Setpoint <sup>2</sup> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 16..30 (°C)</li> <li>▪ 61..91 (°F)</li> </ul>																													
5	6	R	AC unit Ambient Temperature <sup>2</sup>																													
6	7	R/W	Window Contact <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 0: Closed</li> <li>▪ 1: Open</li> </ul>																													

<sup>1</sup> Configurable according to Table 3.1

<sup>2</sup> Magnitude for this register can be adjusted through DIP switch (Check Table 3.4)

Register Addr (protocol address)	Register Addr (PLC address)	R/W	Description
7	8	R/W	Device Disablement <sup>3</sup> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0: MH-RC-MBS-1 enabled</li> <li>1: MH-RC-MBS-1 disabled</li> </ul>
8	9	R/W	Remote Command Disablement <sup>3</sup> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0: Remote Command enabled</li> <li>1: Remote Command disabled</li> </ul>
9	10	R/W	AC unit Operation Time <sup>3</sup> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0..65535 (hours). Counts the time the AC unit is in "On" state.</li> </ul>
10	11	R	AC unit Alarm Status <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0: No alarm condition</li> <li>1: Alarm condition</li> </ul>
11	12	R	Error Code Information in section 5
22	23	R/W	Input sensor temperature Can be °C or °F, x1 or x10 0x8000 (-32768d) means "no input sensor"
43	44	W	Filter reset <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1: Filter reset</li> </ul>
44	45	R	Filter status <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0: Gone off</li> <li>1: Lit</li> </ul>
45	46	W	Error reset <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1: Error reset</li> </ul>

### 3.2.2 Configuration Registers

Register Addr (protocol address)	Register Addr (PLC address)	R/W	Description
13	14	R/W	"Open Window" switch-off timeout <sup>3,4</sup> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0..30 (minutes)</li> <li>Factory setting: 30 (minutes)</li> </ul>
14	15	R	Modbus RTU baudrate (bps) <sup>3,5</sup> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2400</li> <li>4800</li> <li>9600</li> <li>19200</li> </ul>
15	16	R	Device's Modbus slave address <sup>3,6</sup> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1..63</li> </ul>
21	22	R	Max number of fan speeds <sup>1</sup> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1..4</li> </ul>
49	50	R	Device Identification MH-RC-MBS-1: 0x0F00
50	51	R	Software version

<sup>3</sup> This value is stored in non-volatile memory

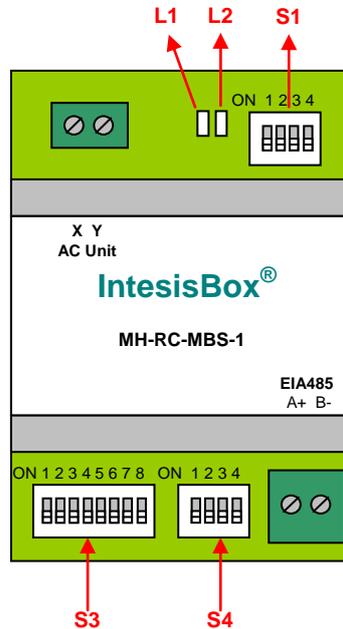
<sup>4</sup> Once window contact is open, a count-down to switch off the AC Unit will start from this configured value

<sup>5</sup> Configurable through S3 (See Table 3.3)

<sup>6</sup> Configurable through S3 (See Table 3.2)

### 3.3 DIP-switch Configuration Interface

In this section the values of the configuration switches and their meaning are specified:



**Figure 3.1** MH-RC-MBS

**S1** – AC unit configuration: Master/Slave, Fan speeds and Vanes

Binary value b <sub>0</sub> ...b <sub>4</sub>	Decimal value	Switches 1 2 3 4	Description
0xxx	0	↓ x x x	Slave (default value) – A MITSUBISHI HEAVY INDUSTRIES Controller must be present in X/Y, configured as Master.
1xxx	1	↑ x x x	Master in X/Y bus – MITSUBISHI HEAVY INDUSTRIES Controller not needed in X/Y. If existing, it must be configured as Slave.
x00x	0	x ↓ ↓ x	Indoor unit has 1 Fan Speeds
x01x	1	x ↓ ↑ x	Indoor unit has 2 Fan Speeds
x10x	2	x ↑ ↓ x	Indoor unit has 3 Fan Speeds
x11x	3	x ↑ ↑ x	Indoor unit has 4 fan Speeds (default value)
xxx0	0	x x x ↓	Indoor unit has no Vanes
xxx1	1	x x x ↑	Indoor unit has Vanes (default value)

**Table 3.1** S1 Switch configuration

**S3 – Modbus protocol: Slave address and baudrate**

Add	Switches								Add	Switches								Add	Switches								Add	Switches							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
0	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	x	x	16	↓	↓	↓	↓	↑	↓	x	x	32	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↑	x	x	48	↓	↓	↓	↓	↑	↑	x	x
1*	↑	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	x	x	17	↑	↓	↓	↓	↑	↓	x	x	33	↑	↓	↓	↓	↓	↑	x	x	49	↑	↓	↓	↓	↑	↑	x	x
2	↓	↑	↓	↓	↓	↓	x	x	18	↓	↑	↓	↓	↑	↓	x	x	34	↓	↑	↓	↓	↓	↑	x	x	50	↓	↑	↓	↓	↑	↑	x	x
3	↑	↑	↓	↓	↓	↓	x	x	19	↑	↑	↓	↓	↑	↓	x	x	35	↑	↑	↓	↓	↓	↑	x	x	51	↑	↑	↓	↓	↑	↑	x	x
4	↓	↓	↑	↓	↓	↓	x	x	20	↓	↓	↑	↓	↑	↓	x	x	36	↓	↓	↑	↓	↓	↑	x	x	52	↓	↓	↑	↓	↑	↑	x	x
5	↑	↓	↑	↓	↓	↓	x	x	21	↑	↓	↑	↓	↑	↓	x	x	37	↑	↓	↑	↓	↓	↑	x	x	53	↑	↓	↑	↓	↑	↑	x	x
6	↓	↑	↑	↓	↓	↓	x	x	22	↓	↑	↑	↓	↑	↓	x	x	38	↓	↑	↑	↓	↓	↑	x	x	54	↓	↑	↑	↓	↑	↑	x	x
7	↑	↑	↑	↓	↓	↓	x	x	23	↑	↑	↑	↓	↑	↓	x	x	39	↑	↑	↑	↓	↓	↑	x	x	55	↑	↑	↑	↓	↑	↑	x	x
8	↓	↓	↓	↑	↓	↓	x	x	24	↓	↓	↓	↑	↑	↓	x	x	40	↓	↓	↓	↑	↓	↑	x	x	56	↓	↓	↓	↑	↑	↑	x	x
9	↑	↓	↓	↑	↓	↓	x	x	25	↑	↓	↓	↑	↑	↓	x	x	41	↑	↓	↓	↑	↓	↑	x	x	57	↑	↓	↓	↑	↑	↑	x	x
10	↓	↑	↓	↑	↓	↓	x	x	26	↓	↑	↓	↑	↑	↓	x	x	42	↓	↑	↓	↑	↓	↑	x	x	58	↓	↑	↓	↑	↑	↑	x	x
11	↑	↑	↓	↑	↓	↓	x	x	27	↑	↑	↓	↑	↑	↓	x	x	43	↑	↑	↓	↑	↓	↑	x	x	59	↑	↑	↓	↑	↑	↑	x	x
12	↓	↓	↑	↑	↓	↓	x	x	28	↓	↓	↑	↑	↑	↓	x	x	44	↓	↓	↑	↑	↓	↑	x	x	60	↓	↓	↑	↑	↑	↑	x	x
13	↑	↓	↑	↑	↓	↓	x	x	29	↑	↓	↑	↑	↑	↓	x	x	45	↑	↓	↑	↑	↓	↑	x	x	61	↑	↓	↑	↑	↑	↑	x	x
14	↓	↑	↑	↑	↓	↓	x	x	30	↓	↑	↑	↑	↑	↓	x	x	46	↓	↑	↑	↑	↓	↑	x	x	62	↓	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	x	x
15	↑	↑	↑	↑	↓	↓	x	x	31	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↓	x	x	47	↑	↑	↑	↑	↓	↑	x	x	63	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	x	x

**Table 3.2** S3 Modbus Slave address

Binary value b <sub>0</sub> ...b <sub>8</sub>	Decimal value	Switches 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	Description
xxxxxx00	0	x x x x x x ↓ ↓	2400bps
xxxxxx10	1	x x x x x x ↑ ↓	4800bps
xxxxxx01	2	x x x x x x ↓ ↑	9600bps (- default value)
xxxxxx11	3	x x x x x x ↑ ↑	19200bps

**Table 3.3** S3 Modbus baudrate

**S4 – Temperature and termination: Degrees/Decidegrees (x10), temperature magnitude (°C/°F) and EIA485 termination resistor**

Binary value b <sub>0</sub> ...b <sub>4</sub>	Decimal value	Switches 1 2 3 4	Description
0xxx	0	↓ x x x	Temperature values in Modbus register are represented in degrees (x1) (default value)
1xxx	1	↑ x x x	Temperature values in Modbus register are represented in decidegrees (x10)
x0xx	0	x ↓ x x	Temperature values in Modbus register are represented in Celsius degrees (default value)
x1xx	1	x ↑ x x	Temperature values in Modbus register are represented in Fahrenheit degrees
xxx0	0	x x x ↓	EIA485 bus without termination resistor (default value)
xxx1	1	x x x ↑	Internal termination resistor of 120Ω connected to EIA485 bus**

**Table 3.4** S4 Temperature and termination configuration

\* Default value

\*\* Only in the interfaces connected at both ends of the bus must be activated the termination resistor, not in the rest. The EIA485 bus can be biased through internal jumpers JP1. See section 3.6.

### 3.4 Implemented Functions

MH-RC-MBS-1 implements the following standard MODBUS functions:

- 3: Read Holding Registers
- 4: Read Input Registers
- 6: Write Single Register
- 16: Write Multiple Registers (Although this function is allowed, the interface does not allow write operations on more than 1 register with the same request, this means that length field should always be 1 when using this function for writes)

### 3.5 Device LED indicator

The device includes two LED indicators (check Figure 3.1) to signal its different possible operational states. In this section their meaning is explained

<b>L1 (yellow)</b>			
<b>Operation</b>	<b>ON</b>	<b>OFF</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
Blinking	500 ms	500 ms	Communication error
Flashing	100 ms	1900 ms	Normal operation (configured and working)

<b>L1 (yellow) &amp; L2 (red)</b>			
<b>Operation</b>	<b>ON</b>	<b>OFF</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
Pulse	5 sec	--	Device start-up
Alternate blinking	500 ms	500 ms	Flash checksum not OK

### 3.6 RS485 bus. Termination resistors and Fail Safe Biasing mechanism

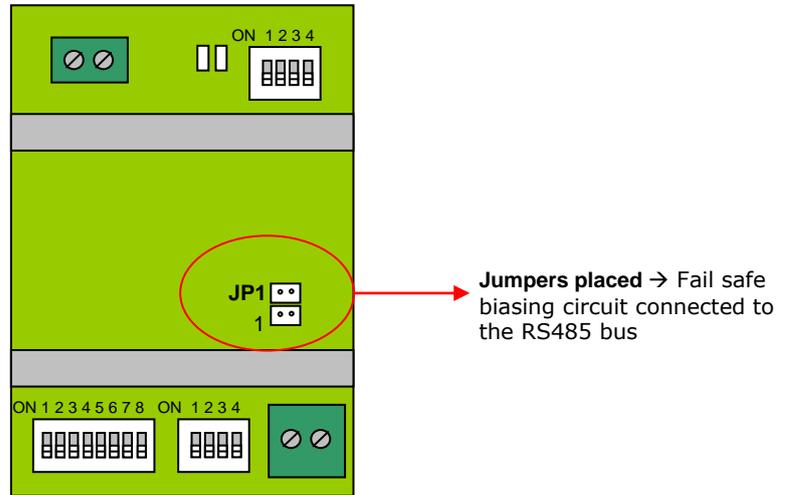
RS485 bus requires a 120Ω terminator resistor at each end of the bus to avoid signal reflections.

The MH-RC-MBS-1 device includes an on-board terminator resistor of 120Ω that can be connected to the RS485 bus by using DIP-switch (Table 3.4).

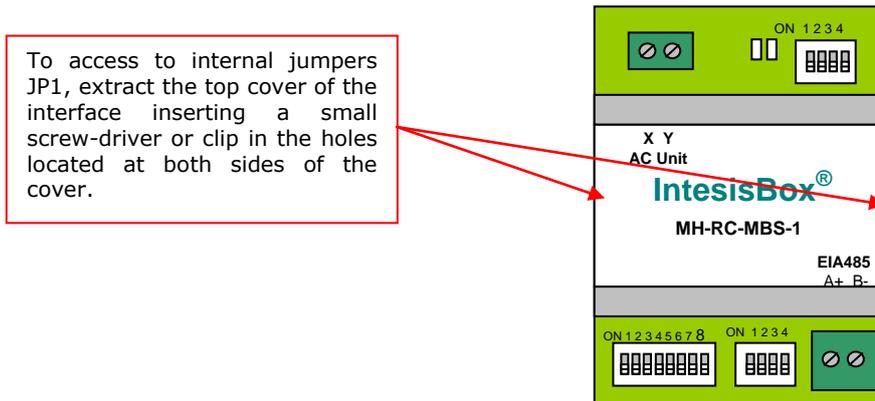
A fail safe biasing circuit has also been included in the board of MH-RC-MBS-1, it can be connected to the RS485 bus by placing the internal jumpers JP1 (see details in Figure 3.2). This fail safe biasing of the RS485 bus must only be supplied by one of the devices connected to the bus.

*Some Modbus RTU RS485 master devices can provide also internal 120Ω terminator resistor and/or fail safe biasing (consult the technical documentation of the master device connected to the RS485 network in every case).*

Location of jumper and DIP-switches for RS485 bus Termination resistor or Fail Safe Biasing selection:



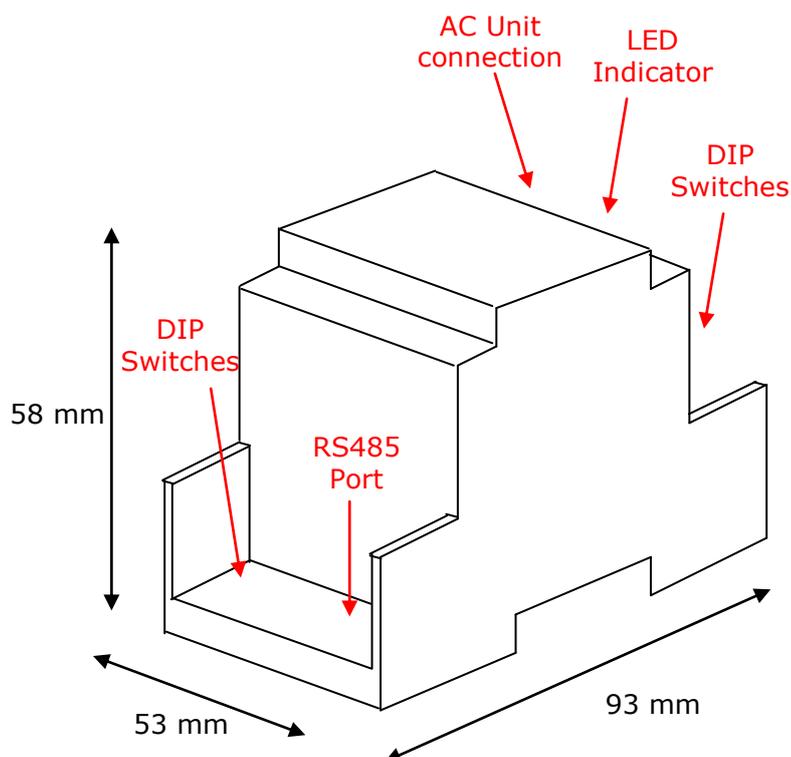
**Figure 3.2** Fail Safe jumpers



**Figure 3.3** Accessing the jumpers

## 4. Specifications

Dimensions:	93 x 53 x 58 mm
Weight:	85 g
Consumption Current:	80 mA
Operating Temperature:	-40 . . . 85°C
Stock Temperature:	-40 . . . 85°C
Operating Humidity:	<95% RH, non-condensing
Stock Humidity:	<95% RH, non-condensing
Isolation voltage:	1000 VDC
Isolation resistance:	1000 MΩ
Modbus Media:	Compatible with Modbus RTU - RS485 networks



## 5. Error Codes

Error Code Modbus	Error in Remote Controller	Error Description
0	N/A	No active error
1	E1	Remote controller communication error
2	E2	Duplicated indoor unit address
3	E3	Outdoor unit signal line error
5	E5	Communication error during operation
6	E6	Indoor heat exchanger temperature thermistor anomaly
7	E7	Indoor return air temperature thermistor anomaly
8	E8	Heating overload operation
9	E9	Drain trouble
10	E10	Excessive number of indoor units (more than 17) by controlling one remote controller
12	E12	Address setting error by mixed setting method
14	E14	Communication error between master and slave indoor units
16	E16	Indoor fan motor anomaly
19	E19	Indoor unit operation check, drain motor check setting error
28	E28	Remote controller temperature thermistor anomaly
30	E30	Unmatched connection of indoor and outdoor unit
31	E31	Duplicated outdoor unit address No.
32	E32	Open L3 Phase on power supply at primary side
33	E33	Inverter primary current error
35	E35	Cooling overload operation
36	E36	Discharge pipe temperature error
37	E37	Outdoor heat exchanger temperature thermistor anomaly
38	E38	Outdoor/Ambient air temperature thermistor anomaly
39	E39	Discharge pipe temperature thermistor anomaly
40	E40	High pressure error
41	E41	Power transistor overheat
42	E42	Current cut
43	E43	Excessive number of indoor units connected, excessive total capacity of connection
45	E45	Communication error between PCB and outdoor control PCB
46	E46	Mixed address setting methods coexistent in same network
47	E47	Inverter over-current error
48	E48	Outdoor DC fan motor anomaly
49	E49	Low pressure anomaly
51	E51	Inverter anomaly
53	E53	Suction pipe temperature thermistor anomaly
54	E54	High/Low pressure sensor anomaly
55	E55	Underneath temperature thermistor anomaly
56	E56	Power transistor temperature thermistor anomaly
57	E57	Insufficient in refrigerant amount or detection of service valve closure
58	E58	Anomalous compressor by loss of synchronism
59	E59	Compressor startup failure
60	E60	Rotor position detection failure / Anomalous compressor rotor lock
61	E61	Communication error between the master unit and slave unit
63	E63	Emergency stop
65535	N/A	Error in the communication of MH-RC-MBS-1 device with the AC unit

In case you detect an error code not listed, contact your nearest MITSUBISHI HEAVY INDUSTRIES technical support service.