**User Manual** 

# **Protocol converter**

PC-S, Serial to Serial

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#### Preliminary

Protocol converter is a versatile gateway / Data sharer with Windows based configuration Software.

This manual will help you to *safely* install, configure and operate protocol converter.

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## **1. INTRODUCTION**

#### 1.1 Purpose of this Manual

The intention of this Operation Manual is to provide a guide for Safe installation, Configuration and operation of serial to serial Protocol converter.

Read this operation manual thoroughly before installing and operating Protocol converter.

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#### 1.2 Introduction to Protocol converter

Protocol converters provide interface between different devices having different communication protocols. It also provides interface between same communication protocols (Example: Data sharer between two slaves having the same protocol). Protocol conveters communicates with PLCs / Inverters / Controllers using RS232 / RS422 / RS485 (2 / 4 wire) or CMOS serial communication.

Configuration of Protocol converter:

Each Protocol converter has to be configured using Windows based configuration Software before connecting it to the PLC.

Configuration



Normal Operation:



Connect PLC with specific protocol to COM1 of Protocol converter.

Connect PLC or Inverter or Transmitter etc. which supports Modbus RTU protocol on COM2 of Protocol conveter.

Correct cables are required.

Once, Protocol converter configured and download project from PC from Protocol bridge studio software, then Protocol converter exchange data between the two devices as per configuration,

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#### **1.3 Protocol converter Applications:**

Protocol converter connects one field device to another over a serial link irrespective of their protocols. User can define the blocks of registers to be fetched from one device and to be transferred to the other. Protocol converter units have been used in various different applications across many industries. The typical configurations include the followings:

PLC as Master on the Modbus network



#### 1.4 Protocol converter Specifications

Power Supply	: 24 VDC +/- 10 %, 100 mA max
Communication	: Two ports as follows:
	PLC1 : RS232C / RS422 / RS485 / CMOS
	For configuration and PLC communication
	PLC2: RS232C / RS422 / RS485 / CMOS
	For PLC communication
Indications	: PLC1 LED - for PLC1 port status
	OK LED - for Protocol converter status
	PLC2 LED - for PLC2 port status
Temperature	: Operating: 0 to 60 °C
	Storage: - 40 to 90 °C
Humidity	: 10% to 90% (Non condensing)
Immunity to ESD	: Level 3 as per IEC1000-4-2
Immunity to Transients	: Level 3 as per IEC1000-4-4
Radiated Susceptibility	: Level 3 as per IEC1000-4-3
Emissions	: EN55011 CISPR A
Certifications	: CE, cUL.
Dimensions	: 105mm (L) X 40mm (D) X 51mm (W) (DIN RAIL mounting)
Weight	: 125 g approximately

#### 2.1 Dimensional Details and Mounting Instructions

Protocol converter unit can be mounted on a back panel or on a DIN rail or can be left hanging. Each Protocol converter unit comes with a separate DIN rail plate when it is packed. User will have to attach the DIN rail plate to the unit if it has to be mounted on a panel or DIN rail. If it has to be left hanging, make sure to screw the cables to the DB9 connectors on the Protocol converter unit. DIN rail plate also has the provision to screw the unit to the back panel. Following drawing shows how to attach the DIN rail plate to



Following drawing shows the dimensional details of Protocol converter with DIN rail plate





Following drawing displays how the unit can be mounted on the DIN rail:

Follow instructions given below:

- 1. Attach the DIN rail plate to the unit using the clamps on the DIN rail plate.
- 2. Pull out the clip of the plate.
- 3. Put the unit on the DIN rail.
- 4. Push the clip in to secure the unit on the DIN rail.

Following drawing displays how the unit can be mounted on a back panel:



Follow instructions given below:

- 1. Attach the DIN rail plate to the unit using the clamps on the DIN rail plate.
- 2. Insert screws in the 4 holes provided on the DIN rail plate.
- 3. Tighten the screws to secure the unit in the panel.

#### 2.2 Power Requirements

Protocol converter is a 24VDC powered unit. Power should be applied on the PCB Terminal block on the Protocol converter unit. Power rating is +24VDC +/- 10%, 100mA max. Please follow the instructions given below when making power supply connections:

Follow the sticker wiring diagram on the unit which shows terminals for the positive DC, negative DC and ground.

To make a connection strip about 1/4" (6mm) of insulation of the wire and turn the connector screw counter-clock wise until the gap is wide open. Insert the wire all the way in and turn the screw clockwise until it is tight.

Wire lengths should be minimum. Wires should run in pairs with a neutral or common paired with a live or signal wire.

A fuse should be connected from outside wherever required for protocol converters

Protocol converter products are housed in a molded ABS plastic case which eliminates any electrical shock hazard. Hence Safety ground is not required to be connected to the chassis of the unit.



The DC ground is not directly coupled to Earth ground internally. The unit is designed to operate properly whether or not the DC ground is connected to the Earth ground. We do recommend, however, that if the DC ground has to be connected to the Earth ground, the Earth connection should be made to a central star point as poor site earths can introduce noise into a system.



Do not power Protocol converter and inductive loads with the same power supply even though there is enough immunity in the Protocol converter to withstand the transients present on these lines. Avoid using power supplies with large capacitive outputs, which may cause problems if power is cycled within a short time period. If wiring is to be exposed to lightening or surges, use appropriate surge suppression devices.



Keep AC, high energy and rapidly switching DC wiring separate from signal wires.

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Connecting high voltages or AC power mains to the DC input will make Protocol converter unusable and may create an electrical shock hazard to personnel. Such a failure or shock could result in serious personal injury, loss of life and/or equip ment damage.

DC voltage sources should provide proper isolation from main AC power and similar

#### 2.3 Communication Ports

Protocol converter unit has two communication ports. Both the ports have DB9 type connectors and are compatible with RS232C, RS422, RS485 and CMOS signal levels. PLC1 (also known as COM1) and PLC2 (also known as COM2) have exactly the same pin outs which are as shown below:



**Pin Description** 

Pin	Name	Signal Level	Description
1.	TX+	RS422 / RS485	Differential Transmit +, also referred as TXA
2.	TXD	RS232	Transmit
3.	RXD	RS232 / CMOS	Receive
4.	RX+	RS422 / RS485	Differential Receive +, also referred as RXA
5.	GND	-	Signal Ground common to all signals.
6.	+5VDC	-	DO NOT USE
7.	TXD	CMOS	Transmit
8.	TX-	RS422 / RS485	Differential Transmit -, also referred as TXB
9.	RX-	RS422 / RS485	Differential Receive -, also referred as RXB

User can convert RS485 4 wire + Signal Ground system to a 2 Wire + Signal Ground system by shorting following signals in the communication cable:



<u>Note:</u> If user has attached shield to Earth on Device end, leave the shield open on Protocol converter end. If user has connected shield to Signal Ground on Device end, connect shield to Signal Ground on Protocol converter end.

Upto 31 Devices can be multi-dropped on RS485 port of Protocol converter.

## **3. GETTING STARTED**

#### 3.1 Introduction to Protocol converter

Protocol converter is a Gateway / Data sharer for devices like PLCs, inverters (Adjustable Speed Drives), and other Controllers. Protocol converter has two serial ports that connect with two different devices. These devices share data through Protocol converter. Protocol converter communicates with a device to get the information required by the device connected on the other port. The device that requires data is called Destination Device and the device that provides data is called Source Device. Information could be,

- value of a PLC register.
- status of a PLC coil.

- Command from Source Device to Destination Device to perform any action at the destination end.

#### 3.2 **Protocol converter Operation - Configuration and Communication**

Protocol converter can communicate with any two devices using appropriate cables and configuration. Microsoft Windows<sup>®</sup> based configuration software, Protocol Bridge Studio Setup, configures the Protocol converter unit. 'Configuration' means making the Protocol converter unit work as per system requirements.

Complete configuration for a Protocol converter using the Protocol bridge studio Setup is termed as a 'Project'. A Project consists of Devices to be attached on two ports, Communication settings for two ports to communicate with two devices, Register addresses for data transfer, Conditions for data transfer etc.

Protocol converter can now communicate with the specified devices without any change in the Protocol converter hardware. To communicate with a device, Protocol converter needs Communication Drivers for the devices and Protocol converter - Device communication cables.

Each Device has a unique and predefined protocol for communication. Protocol converter driver has this protocol to communicate with the desired device. As two devices are connected on Protocol converter, it requires two drivers for communication.

User MUST download Project, PLC1 driver and PLC2 driver in Protocol converter before installing any system using Protocol converter. Protocol converter can accept drivers and configuration data on either of the ports. User needs a special RS232 Interface cable for downloading configuration from PC to Protocol converter.

## If any change in the current / working project is made, user must download the changed project from PC to Protocol converter.

Pin details of RS232 Interface cable for are as follows:



IMPORTANT NOTE:

AS Protocol converter HAS MULTIPLE SIGNALS ON ITS COMMUNICATION PORTS, PC CABLE for Protocol converter MUST HAVE ONLY THREE RS232 SIGNALS (TXD, RXD AND GND) AS MEN-TIONED ABOVE.

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Protocol converter needs Firmware, Project and TWO drivers to communicate with two devices. Firmware is factory programmed. If both or one of the drivers has not been downloaded in Protocol converter, Protocol converter permanently waits for PC download (indicated by continuous blinking of the OK LED).

Create project as per system requirements. Select PLC1 Driver, PLC2 Driver and Project for downloading. PC-S can be configured by following method.

- 1.If both the drivers are downloaded, at power up Protocol converter polls for PLC1 / COM1 device (OK LED steady on max upto 5 seconds). If no device is found on this port, Protocol converter waits for PC download on either of the ports (OK LED blinking for 10 seconds). If PC download is not established, Protocol converter will again poll for PLC1 / COM1 device. This sequence continues till either of the communication is established.
- 2.If communication with PLC1 / COM1 device is established, Protocol converter tries to connect with PLC2 / COM2 device. If this communication is not successful, Protocol converter polls for PC download.

Once the project is configured in Protocol Bridge Studio software, connect RS232 interface cable from PC to Protocol converter and Download PLC1 / COM1 driver, PLC2 / COM2 driver and Project.

Software will ask user if the Protocol converter has to be reset. Protocol converter must be reset unless user wants to download setup again.

#### **IMPORTANT:**

1. When user wants to establish PC communication on one port, communication on the other port should not interrupt PC communication. It is advised that communication on the other port be stopped to ensure error free PC communication.

PC download scheme for PC-S models with Bootblock version 2.00A :

PC-S configured by either of the following two methods:

#### METHOD I

- 1. Connect configuration Cable and power cables to PC-S
- 2. Apply power to PC-S
- 3. Download PLC1 driver, PLC2 driver and project within 10 seconds after power-on.

#### METHOD II

- 1. Short pins 3 and 4 on PLC1 port of PC-S for at least 1 second after power-on. Remove the short. Now PC-S permanently waits for PC download. Connect PC download cable.
- 2. Download PLC1 driver, PLC2 driver and project.

The unit will automatically return to normal operation mode after a download cycle. If the user wants to perform another download user has to bring the unit back into configuration mode using Method I or Method II.

#### 4.1 Protocol converter Modes

Protocol converter has two modes of operation: Master-Master and Master-Slave. Before explaining these modes further Master and Slave concept should be explained.

Master:

Master is a Device which initiates communication.

Slave:

Slave is Device which processes Master's query, takes necessary action and responds to the query, if necessary.

#### 4.1.1 Master-Master configuration

In this mode both Protocol converter ports (PLC1 & PLC2) are master in nature and devices connected on these ports are slave. Protocol converter ports initiate communication when the proper Protocol converter-Device communication cable is attached. Data is transferred in blocks. This transfer can either be a continuous process or as per requirement. A control word (Section 4.4), present in device on either side, enabled from Protocol bridge studio Setup Software, can control the block execution.

When control word is disabled, then block transfer is a continuous process. A block of data is fetched from one device and transferred to the other device. The amount of data to be transferred (Number of words) depends on Block definition in "Block Definition Area" in Configuration Software. One block is executed at a time. A cycle consists of execution of blocks from #1 to #n.

Execution of blocks is performed as follows,



When Control word is enabled, it decides which block has to be executed by writing a specific data in the control word. Please refer to Example 4.1 for description on defining Blocks in Master - Master configuration.

#### Example 4.1 Master to Master configuration

This configuration can be used to make Rockwell PLC function as a Master at PLC1. Configure AB DF1 protocol for COM1, select Rockwell Micrologix 1000 Series PLC, Configure COM2 as Modbus (Master) - RTU. Once protocols and devices selected for COM1 and COM2, then click on "Configure" at the Menu available at Bottom side of the protocol bridge studio configuration software screen. Then new spread sheet will be opened. Now user has to enter all the following details

- 1. # Words defines number of registers/coils to be read / written between two devices.
- 2. Source PLC: Source device for data availability
- 3. Source ID: Address of the source device
- 4. Source address: Register/coil address in the source device for data transfer
- 5. Destination PLC: destination device for data transfer
- 6. Destination ID: Address of the destination device
- 7. Destination address: Register/coil address in the destination device for data transfer

F	ile Edit	View Commun	ication Hardware T	est Help					
	Block No.	# Words/	Source PLC	Source	Source Address	Destination PLC	Destinatio	Destination Addr	Repea
	1	7	AB DF1 (Full Du	1	N007:000	Modbus	1	400001	1
	2	1	Modbus	1	400010 💌	AB DF1 (Full Du	1	N007:020 🗾	1

Block #1: Protocol converter reads 7 words starting from N7:0 from Rockwell PLC and write these seven words data to Modbus Master device in holding registers starting from 400001.

Block #2: Protocol converter reads Modbus Master holding register 400010 and writes it to Rockwell Master integer register N7:020

As this example has only two blocks, Protocol converter will execute Block #1 after executing Block #2 continuing this cycle forever.

#### Notes:

- 1) Maximum 255 blocks can be configured in any mode.
- 2) In Master-Master configuration, typical time required to execute one block is 75 msec. approx.

Please refer to Example 4.2 for description on defining register / coil maps in Master - Slave configuration.

#### 4.1.2 Master-Slave configuration

In this mode, one of the Protocol converter ports is a master and other is the slave so the devices connected on these ports are slave and master respectively. Blocks do not control data transfer in this mode. Data transfer takes place only when Master Device, connected on slave port of Protocol converter, sends a request to read / write data. This mode requires mapping registers / coils for data transfer. Mapping means defining one or multiple registers / coils in the Slave Device corresponding to one or multiple registers / coils in the Master Device. Mapping can be done using the Block definition area, so in this mode, any Block is used for mapping registers / coils of the two devices.

In Block Definition area, # Words Field indicates number of registers / coils to be mapped <u>linearly</u> from the starting addresses of the Source Device to the Destination Device. Maximum number of registers / coils that can be mapped is 255, but this does not mean that Master Device has to read / write 255 registers / coils in one command. For example, if user wants to map register DM0 to DM9, he has to define a single block of 10 registers starting from DM0.

In one command Master can read / write registers / coils from one Block only, so if multiple registers are to be read / written using a single command, # Words also limits the maximum number of registers / coils to be read / written. Number of registers to be read /written in one command also depends on

- protocol of BOTH the devices
- Buffer capacity of Protocol converter.

Please refer to Example 4.2 for description on defining register / coil maps in Master - Slave configuration.

#### Example 4.2 Modbus/Slave configuration

This configuration can be used to make Rockwell PLC as a Master. Configure Protocol converter COM1 ports as: DF1 Protocol - Allen Bradley SLC-500 Series, COM2 Protocol - Modbus Slave. Once entered into configuration, source PLC will be shown as Modbus Slave and Destimation PLC as AB DF1 Rockwell PLC. No need for the user to select source and destination PLC. Please neglect the naming conventions of source and destination when you are using Master/Slave configuration.

Block No.	# Words/	Source PLC	Source	Source Address	Destination PLC	Destinatio	Destination Addr	Repea
1	5	Modbus Slave	1	100001	AB DF1 (Full Du	1	B003:000/00	1
2	7	Modbus Slave	1	300001 📃 💌	AB DF1 (Full Du	1	N007:000	1

File Edit View Communication Hardware Test Help

Block #1 maps 5 coils of Rockwell PLC starting from B3:000/000 to Modbus Slave coils starting from 100001. Block #2 maps 7 registers of Rockwell PLC starting from N7 000 to Modbus Slave registers starting from 300001.

Here # Words field contains 5 coils in block 1 and 7 registers in block 2, so if protocol and Protocol converter buffer permit, Modbus Master can access 5 coils / 7 registers in one command. For ex: In case of Toshiba PLC, the limitation is 28 registers/coils. This is the limitation in Toshiba protocol. So max. of 28 registers/coils can be exchanged. Simillarly for different PLC protocols, this numbers will vary. During configuration, once u select the source PLC, then if you are trying to enter more number of registers then particular PLC protocol supports, then you will get error message saying that protocol or protocol buffer is not not sufficiant. In this case, decrease the number at # words and try once again.

In above example, request from Modbus Master is executed as follows:

- 1. Rockwell PLC acting as Master sends command to Protocol converter for setting Bit register B3:000/000 to '1'.
- 2. Protocol converter searches defined Blocks and checks whether this coil is mapped to any coil in the Modbus Slave.

In example 4.2, Bit register B3:000/000 is mapped to Modbus slave coil 100001 in Block 1. Protocol converter accepts this command and sets Modbus slave coil 100001 ON.

If Master sends a command to read / write a register / coil not defined in any Block then Protocol converter sends exception response to master.

#### NOTES:

- 1) If multiple registers / coils are to be read or written in one command, then all the regis ters / coils have to be defined in one Block.
- 2) As Protocol converter Setup Software is common for both the Protocol converter Mod bus master/ Master and Master/Slave modes, titles in the Block Definition Area, source PLC and Destinatino PLC may not be appropriate when using Protocol converter in Master - Slave mode. Hence please neglect naming convention in Master/Slave Mode.
- 3) Maximum 255 blocks can be configured in any mode.
- 4) In Master slave mode, If somebody mapped read only registers or coils at destination end to any registers at source end, it's users responsibility that these registers are not going to be written by master.

#### 4.2 Multi-dropping of Devices using Protocol converter

Protocol converter supports multidropping on both the ports. Following illustration explains multidropping of devices on Protocol converter ports. Devices with protocols that support networking can be multidropped on RS485 port of Protocol converter. Maximum 31 devices can be networked using RS485 ports.



Example 4.3:

Suppose Protocol converter is used to share data between multiple Modicon PLCs (Modbus Slave) to multiple devices (Modbus Slave). Master - Master mode has to be used to enable data sharing. User must define Blocks for sharing data.

File Edit	View Commu	inication Hardware	Test Help					
Block No	# Words/	Source PLC	Source	Source Add	ress Destination PLC	Destinatio	Destination Addr	. Repea
1	1	Com1 Modbus	1	300001	Com2 Modbus	2	400001	▼ 1

Source PLC and Destination PLC appears as 'Com1' and 'Com2' before the name Modbus when protocols are same on both the ports.

Source ID / Destination ID: These fields define the device ID on respective port side of Protocol converter. So using ID's it is possible to transfer data from device#1 on port1 to device#2 of port2.

#### 4.3 Repeat Cycle

User can control Block execution by using the Repeat Cycle field. This number decides whether the Block will be executed in each cycle. Larger the number lower the priority of the Block. Range for Repeat Cycle setting is 1-99.

Repeat Cycle = 1 ..... Highest priority Repeat Cycle =99 .....Lowest priority

Repeat cycle is important when using Protocol converter in Master - Master mode. If Protocol converter is used in Master - Slave mode, Repeat Cycle field should be kept as '1'.

Repeat cycle defines the number of times a Block will be skipped while executing Blocks in a sequential manner. Block will not be executed for [Repeat Cycle - 1] cycles. So if Repeat Cycle for a Block is 1, it will be executed in each cycle whereas if Repeat Cycle is 2, then this Block will NOT be executed in alternate cycles.

For example, suppose Blocks are defined with following Repeat Cycles:

Block #1	Repeat Cycle = 1
Block #2	Repeat Cycle = 2
Block #3	Repeat Cycle = 3
Block #4	Repeat Cycle = 4

After power up, Cycles will be executed as follows: Cycle 1:

	Block #1 Block #2 Block #3 Block #4
Cycle 2:	
	Block #1
Cycle 3:	
	Block #1
	Block #2
Cycle 4:	
	Block #1
	Block #3
Cycle 5:	
	Block #1
	Block #2
	Block #4

#### 4.4 Control Word

Another way of controlling Block execution is by use of the Control Word. This feature is extremely useful for small applications where less than 17 blocks are required. Control Word can be enabled or disabled in Protocol converter Configuration. Normally Control Word is disabled for a New project. It can be enabled just by clicking on check box in the setup software. Control Word can be chosen from any of the Devices connected.

Control Word can only be used in Master-Master mode since no continuous data transfer takes place in Master -Slave mode (data transfer only takes place on Master's request)

When the Control Word is disabled, Block execution is totally controlled by Repeat Cycle settings. When the Control Word is enabled, Block execution is controlled using discrete bits of that word.

Bit 0 in control word controls execution of Block #1

Bit 1 in control word controls execution of Block #2

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Bit 15 in control word controls execution of Block #16

When a bit is high, '1', corresponding Block is executed depending on its Repeat Cycle. When a bit is low, '0', execution of corresponding Block is disabled.

#### 4.5 Error Indication Bit

This feature enables detection of communication breaks during error free communication between Protocol converter and two devices. Communication breaks can occur due to no cable connection, wire faults, device power failure at both ends of Protocol converter. An Error bit can be designated in each external device connected to Protocol converter. Using this bit, fault at the PLC1 end can be reported to PLC2 Device and fault at PLC2 end can be reported to PLC1 Device. When communication error occurs on PLC1, Protocol converter sets error bit in PLC2 device. *Error Indication Bit can only be used in Master-Master mode. In Master-Slave mode any error can easily be detected by a communication time out on the Master.* 

Error indication bit can be enabled using Protocol converter configuration software. Normally Error bit is disabled for a New project. It can be enabled just by clicking on the check box in the setup software. Error indication bit can be enabled in both or any one of the Devices connected to Protocol converter. Error Indication bit is "OFF" to indicate error free communication. In case of communication error on PLC2, Protocol converter sets error bit on PLC1 port and vice versa.

#### 4.6 Communication Parameters

Communication Parameters of Protocol converter can be set from configuration Software. This enables Protocol converter to readily communicate with any device. Communication parameters for PLC1 and PLC2 ports can be configured independently. This feature allows changes in Baud rate, Number. of stop bits, Parity etc. at any time without downloading the driver for that particular device. After the driver for a particular device is downloaded, the communication parameters can be changed simply by selecting new communication parameters and downloading the same project.

#### 4.7 Status LEDs

Protocol converter has 3 status LEDs located near PLC1 side. These LEDs indicate communication status and Protocol converter operation. Three LEDs are identified as PLC1, OK and PLC2. PLC1 and PLC2 LEDs indicate communication status on two ports whereas OK LED indicates the Protocol converter mode, either configuration or operation.

PLC1 LED	
Status	Description
Blinking	Communication on PLC1 is OK.
Off	No Communication on PLC1 due to
	- Device fault.
	- No power to Device.
	- Cable fault.
	- Wrong Communication Parameters.
OK LED	
Status	Description
Off	No power to Protocol converter.
Fast Blinking	Protocol converter is waiting for download from PC.
Slow Blinking	Communication error on PLC1 port. Error may be due to - Device Fault.
	- No power to either of the device.
	- Cable Idull. Wrong Communication Parameters
Stoody on	- Wong Communication Farameters.
Sleauy Off	Communication ON on FLOT poll.

# PLC2 LED Status Description Off No communication on PLC2. Fast Blinking Communication with device on PLC2 is OK. Slow blinking Protocol converter is trying to Communicate with the Device on PLC2, Device not responding due to - Device has no power. - Cable fault.

- Wrong Communication Parameters.

#### 4.8 **Project Setup**

This Chapter explains, how a simple Protocol converter project can be created and tested. To develop a Protocol converter system, select appropriate Protocol converter model depending on the system requirements. A new project can be created as follows:

- 1. Define the Protocol converter System:
  - 1.1 Protocol of Device(s) connected to PLC1
  - 1.2 Protocol of Device(s) connected to PLC2
- 2. Load Microsoft Windows® based Protocol bridge studio Setup software.
- 3. Select devices to be connected on two ports.
- 4. Define Blocks for data transfer.
- 5. Set the communication parameters for the selected devices.
- 6. Set conditions for block execution if required (Repeat Cycle, Control Word etc.)
- 7. Apply power to Protocol converter.
- 8. Download the Project and Communication Drivers into Protocol converter.
- 9. Remove Configuration Cable from PLC1 Connect Protocol converter Device cable to PLC1 10. Test system.

## **5. CONFIGURATION SOFTWARE**

#### 5.1 System Requirements:

Protocol converter Setup software runs on a PC/AT compatible computer with the following specifications:

Windows Version	: Microsoft Windows 9x / 2000
Processor	: PENTIUM or higher
Hard disk Space	: 5 MB or more
Serial Mouse	: Required
RAM	: 16 MB or more
Display resolution	: 800 X 600 (VGA) or better
Display colors	: 16 bit color

#### 5.2 Installation Instructions:

Use the following procedure to install the Microsoft Windows® based Protocol bridge studio setup software This installation shows the procedure to install the software from a CD Disk on drive E. On machines with different drive configurations, change the names as needed. It is recommended that a backup disk of the Protocol converter setup software disk be created and stored in a safe place.

- 1. Launch the Windows operating system.
- 2. Insert the setup CD into CD-drive.
- 3. Point to the start button then click RUN
- 4. In the command line box enter E:\Disk1\setup.exe. Click OK. This will launch the Protocol converter installer.
- 5. Follow the instructions to complete setup.

Or else, browse the CD, search for the setup file and then execute the file, then follow on screen instructions to complete the setup.

Protocol Bridge Studio Project:

Each Protocol converter must be configured before connecting it to the PLC. Protocol bridge studio configuration software allows the following:

- 1. Create a new Protocol converter project
  - Select protocols for both communication ports of Protocol converter.
  - Create blocks for data to be shared.
  - Set Communication Parameters for both the ports.
  - Set Control Word. (Optional)
  - Set Error Indication Bit, etc. (Optional)
- 2. Downloading.
  - Download Project
  - Download drivers
  - Download new firmware, if required (only for upgrading).
- 3. Upload Project. The existing project in the Protocol converter module can be viewed/edited.
- 4. Upload System Data.

This option enables viewing of version number, status of firmware, drivers used, and boot block.

## 6. CONNECTION DIAGRAMS

#### 6.1 Wiring Diagrams

User must ensure correct wiring for problem-free operation of Protocol converter. Each device being connected to Protocol converter has a unique communication port. Pin outs of communication ports of Protocol converter are given in section 2.3. Port details of the other devices can be found in the device manual.

Protocol converter has RS232, RS422, RS485 and CMOS compatible communication ports, so user can directly connect any device with these communication signals.

This section gives wiring diagrams for connecting Protocol converter using various signal levels.

#### 1. Network of RS422 / RS485 4 wire + signal ground system



Note: User should add Termination resistor (R<sub>r</sub>=180 Ohm) in Receive lines of first and last node.

#### 2. Network of RS485 2 wire + signal ground system









































































## 8. TROUBLE SHOOTING GUIDE

#### **LED Indicators**

Protocol converter has three LEDs and two optional Error bits to indicate any possible problem in the system. When the system is communicating with two Devices, STATUS LED is steady ON, PLC1 and PLC2 LEDs are blinking. Error bits are OFF.

PLC1 LED Status Blinking Off	Description Communication on PLC1 is OK. No Communication on PLC1 due to - Device fault. - No power to Device. - Cable fault. - Wrong Communication Parameters.
OK LED	
Status Off	Description
Fast Blinking	Protocol converter is waiting for PC download.
Slow Blinking	Communication error on PLC1 port. Error may be due to
	- Device Fault.
	- No power to either of the device.
	- Cable Tault.
Steady on	Communication OK on PLC1 port.
PLC2 LED	
Status	Description
Off	No communication on PLC2.
Fast Blinking	Communication with device on PLC2 is OK.
Slow blinking	Protocol converter is trying to Communicate with the Device on PLC2, Device not re-
sponding due t	0
	- Device has no power.
	- Cable fault.
	- Wrong Communication Parameters.

#### **Download from PC**

Download from PC is described in Chapter 3 may become slightly slow for some drivers. If user faces such problems while downloading setup, user can use this alternative method:

1. Pins 3 and 4 on any one of PC - S port should be shorted at power-on. Wait for atleast 1 second.

After the 'OK' LED starts blinking, remove the short. Now PC-S permanently waits for download from PC. Connect RS232 Interface cable to any of the ports.

2. Download PLC1 driver, PLC2 driver and project.

#### Setup Software

If someone encounters problems to run the setup software in Windows 95 environment, please check details of error message. If error message shows - 'Protocol converter caused an invalid page fault in module COMCTL32.DLL at 014f:bfbd3ad0'.

This may be due to older version of COMCTL32.DLL stored in Windows\System directory. To solve the problem, please follow the steps given below:

1. Copy COMCTL32.DLL on a floppy from any other Microsoftt Windows98 Operating System.

2. Restart the PC in MS-DOS mode.

#### Hardware Test (using Protocol converter Setup Software)

Protocol converter Setup Software provides a Hardware testing feature to confirm that communication ports of Protocol converter are functional. User can test all three signal levels on both the ports one by one. This feature is supported for Boot-block version 2.00C or higher.

One port of Protocol converter unit is connected to PC using the standard RS232 Interface cable. Other port, 'test-port', will be tested by the software using the LOOP-BACK method. Software sends a test string 'HELLO' to the Protocol converter unit. This string is used to test other port by LOOP-BACK method. If the port is functional, Protocol converter send the same string back to the software. User must test all three signal levels on both the serial ports.

Test Setup:

- 1. Protocol converter unit (PC-S)
- 2. Protocol bridge studio Setup Software
- 3. RS232 Interface cable
- 4. 24VDC power supply
- 5. Shorting Link/s

#### Test Instructions:

- 1. Apply power to Protocol converter unit.
- 2. Launch Protocol bridge studio Software.
- 3. Select 'Hardware Test' menu from the menu bar to enter hardware test mode.
- 4. Select a Protocol converter communication port for the test.
- 5. Attach RS232 Interface cable to the other port.
- 6. Select Signal level.
- 7. Either of the following instructions will be displayed in the test window:
  - For RS232 signal test: Short pins 2 3 on the test port
    - For RS422 / RS485 signal test: Short pins 1 4 and 8 9 on the test port.
  - For CMOS signal test: Short pins 3 7 on the test port.
- 8. Short links according to the selected signal level.
- 9. Click on 'Start Test'.
- 10. 'Send String' box will display 'HELLO'.
- 11. If test port and the RS232 levels of the port attached to PC are functional, same string will be received and displayed in the 'Received String' box. Result will be displayed in the Test Result window.
- 12. Now repeat the steps 6 to 11 for testing other two signal levels on the same port.
- 13. After all three signal levels are tested for current test port, remove the links.
- 14. Now selected port is completely tested. User must test the second port for all the three signal levels. Select appropriate port in the test window.
- 15. Repeat steps 4 to 12.

#### Important Notes:

- 1. User must ensure that the RS232 cable used for testing is as per specifications given in the User Manual and completely functional.
- 2. User must ensure that the communication port of PC is functional.
- 3. User must follow the instructions as per the selection made. If wrong pins are shorted while test ing, correctness of the tests conducted is not assured.

## 9. SUPPORTED PLC'S LIST FOR PROTOCOL CONVERTER, PC-S

## COM1 (PLC1)

Protocol Bridge - PC-S			
Project Communication Hardware Test Help			
<ul> <li>Com1 Protocol</li> <li>AB DF1 (Full Duplex Master)</li> <li>Allen Bradley DH485 (SLC 500 Series)</li> <li>Aromat FP Series PLCs</li> <li>Calisto</li> <li>Discovery Panel</li> <li>GE-90 series PLCs</li> <li>Idec Micro<sup>3</sup> PLCs</li> <li>K1339_SLAVE</li> <li>KEYENCE KV</li> <li>LG MASTER-K 80S-300S PLCs</li> <li>Mitsubishi FX PLCs</li> <li>Messung XMP-8</li> <li>METTLER TOLEDO</li> <li>Modbus</li> <li>Moisture Analyser</li> </ul>			
<ul> <li>OMRON HOST LINK</li> <li>RHEONIK Mass Flowmeter</li> <li>SARTORIUS</li> <li>Siemens-S7 300 Series PLCs</li> <li>Siemens Step-7 Micro PLCs</li> <li>Telemecanique TSX-07 PLCs</li> <li>Toshiba ASD's.</li> <li>Toshiba T Series PLCs</li> <li>Toshiba T Series PLCs</li> <li>Uss protocol</li> <li>Yaskawa Drives</li> </ul>	<ul> <li></li> <li></li></ul>		

## SELECTED PROTOCOL

PLC Name : AB DF1 (Full Duplex Master) PLC Model : MicroLogix (M1000) \*\*\* Click Configure Project button on Toolbar \*\*\* To Configure the Project

## 9. SUPPORTED PLC'S LIST FOR PROTOCOL CONVERTER, PC-S

COM2 (PLC2)

- Com2 Protocol
  - 🗄 Modbus
  - 🗄 Modbus Slave
  - OMRON HOST LINK
  - 🗄 Uss protocol
  - 🗄 Yaskawa Drives 🛛

## SELECTED PROTOCOL

PLC Name : Modbus PLC Model : RTU \*\*\* Click Configure Project button on Toolbar \*\*\* To Configure the Project