User Manual





BLACKBOX 2

Long-term PLC process data recording and remote maintenance with PLC-ANALYZER pro 5 Mini-PC for integration in a switching cabinet

User Manual BLACKBOX for PLC-ANALYZER pro 5

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WARNING

Errors that can occur in the automated facility endangering humans or causing large-scale material damage must be prevented by additional external measures.
These measures (e.g. independent limit monitors, mechanical interlocks) must guarantee safe operation even in the case of dangerous errors.

WARNING

If you use the BLACKBOX within an unprotected network you should install Windows security updates regularly.



WARNING

For some types of signal recording (e. g. cycle-precise acquisition) PLC-ANALYZER pro has to modify the PLC program. An influence of this modification on the behaviour of the PLC can not be eliminated entirely. See driver addendum of the PLC driver for further information.

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1 Introduction

1.1 Overview

The BLACKBOX from AUTEM provides an ultra-compact data acquisition computer for the long-term recording of PLC signals and external electrical values (PLC process data archiving) and also remote maintenance using the PLC-ANALYZER pro 5. Due to its small dimensions, the system can be integrated in a switching cabinet without any problem.

The BLACKBOX can continuously record and archive PLC signals over a longer period of time; typically more than 3 years¹.

The BLACKBOX is connected to the PLC by means supported by the PLC-ANALYZER pro 5, i.e. via connection to the PU interface or an automation network (MPI, PROFIBUS, Industrial Ethernet TCP/IP, Modbus+ ...).

The recording of any electrical signal outside the PLC is also possible by means of the AD_USB-Box (optional).

The BLACKBOX automatically begins recording signals after being switched on and then archives the requested data.

The BLACKBOX is equipped with a special version of PLC-ANALYZER pro 5. This version has special features that make an automated operation possible.

These additional functions includes e. g. the automatic starting of the data acquisition, the supervision of the data acquisition by watchdog functionality, the "LIFE-INDICATOR" contact for external indication of operating status or the possibility of dispatching status messages via "REMOTE-STATUS-INDICATOR".

WARNING

In any case use the "LIFE-INDICATOR" and, if necessary, also the " REMOTE-STATUS-INDICATOR " to supervise the status of the BLACKBOX. This is the only way to recognize possible problems during data acquisition at an early stage.

¹ Depending on the number of recorded signals and signal value changes, the recording capacity may be considerably lower.

1.2 Field of application

- Long-term PLC process data recording
- Failure diagnosis
- Determine cause of production loss / warranty case
- Objective inspection of operating parameters
- Preventive maintenance / Condition monitoring
- System documentation (QA), TPM, QEE, CMS
- PLC Remote-Service

1.3 Performance characteristics

- Massive aluminium case (FANless)
- Fanless Mini-PC Celeron M 1.86 GHz
- 320 GB HDD / 2 GB RAM
- Dimensions (WxDxH): 195 x 268 x 80 mm / 4,4 kg
- Control LEDs for RECORDING, POWER, HDD, LAN
- Connections: PS/2 keyboard & mouse, VGA, DVI, Mic-IN, Speaker OUT, 6 x USB, 3 x RS232, 1 x RS232/RS422/485, 2 x RJ45 LAN 10/100/1000
- Power supply 12 ~ 30 V DC, 40 W
- Ext. power adapter 100 ~ 240 V AC, 2 A, 50 ~ 60 Hz
- Plug with cable for ext. DC power supply
- Environment: Operating temperature: 5°C ~ 45°C, Relative humidity: 10 % ~ 93 % (Non-Condensing)
- Signal recording capacity typ. \emptyset 3 years
- Watchdog monitoring
- External, free floating contact ("LIFE-INDICATOR") for external indication of operating status (plug is scope of delivery)
- Status messages via E-mail or SMS (,,REMOTE-STATUS-INDICATOR"); optional via GSM-modem
- Remote maintenance SW (Win9x/ 2000/XP/Vista/7) and 3 m LAN patch cable + crossover adapter for direct remote control by external PC
- Windows 7 Ultimate operating system (multi-lingual)
- Remote control via LAN, dial-up networking (modem) or internet (VPN) possible
- BLACKBOX-license PLC-ANALYZER pro 5 with PLC-driver Siemens SIMATIC S7 MPI/PPI/PROFIBUS cycle-precise, incl. documentation; other PLC-driver optional
- Siemens CP 5611 SIMATIC-NET PROFIBUS/MPI adapter in internal PCI-slot; other PLCadapter optional (e.g. PCI85 for Modbus+)
- Software is completely installed, preconfigured and ready to use
- 48-hour burn-in, CE certificate
- 12 months warranty

1.4 Typical operation

- Create a project with PLC-ANALYZER pro 5 and save it in the BLACKBOX directory
- Switch off BLACKBOX
- Connect BLACKBOX to PLC
- Switch on BLACKBOX
- Check RECORDING-LED (flashes when signal recording is running successfully)
- Process data recording is running \checkmark

1.5 Help / Support

Should problems occur when using the BLACKBOX for the PLC-ANALYZER pro 5, please read this user manual thoroughly for assistance. Refer especially to chapter 5 Troubleshooting (FAQ). You can also find information and hints unter **http://www.autem.de**.

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Please have the following information at hand in addition to an exact error description:

- Serial number of the BLACKBOX
- Version and serial number of PLC-ANALYZER pro
- If necessary PLC model and CPU type (e.g. SIMATIC S7-300 / CPU 314) and release number

2 Installation

2.1 Installation

Due to the small dimensions, the BLACKBOX can be installed directly in a switching cabinet. It can be installed either horizontally or vertically. Please refer to Fig. 2-1 for the exact dimensions.

The BLACKBOX should be protected against vibration and impacts. If necessary, use rubber vibration damper (part-no. ANA9055E) to protect the BLACKBOX from ambient vibration. An electric potential separation is also accomplished thereby.



Fig. 2-1 BLACKBOX dimensions

Connect the BLACKBOX to power supply. The BLACKBOX requires a power supply of $12 \sim 30$ Volt DC, 40 watt. An appropriate DC connector is part of the material supplied. Connect [red + yellow] wire to + $12 \sim 30$ V of DC. The [black + blue] wire must be connected with ground. The single anthracite colored wire is the housing screen and can be connected to ground too.



Fig. 2-2 Pinout Power Supply

Alternatively, the power adapter supplied can be used in order to operate the BLACKBOX with $100 \sim 240$ Volt AC, $50 \sim 60$ Hz.

Now connect the data cable between the BLACKBOX and the PLC.



2.2 LIFE-INDICATOR for external indication of operating status

A floating contact located on the rear of the BLACKBOX provides the option of externally monitoring the operating status of the BLACKBOX. When signal recording is operating properly, the LIFE-INDICATOR contact is closed. In the case of an interruption of the recording or computer malfunctions or crashes, the contact opens. The electrical load of the contact is max. 15 W (max. switching voltage is 200 V DC.)



Fig. 2-3 Floating contact jack (LIFE-INDICTOR)

2.3 Installation of additional hardware

Other hardware and software components may need to be connected, depending on the purpose for which the BLACKBOX is being used. Examples of this are a modem for remote maintenance, a GSM modem for dispatching of SMS- or e-mail status messages or an external DVD drive to backup signal files.

Usually the BLACKBOX is supplied with the requested software configuration ready installed.

3 Starting up and operation

There are two methods to start up the BLACKBOX for the first time for configuration purposes. These are explained in the following sections.



NOTE

The BLACKBOX is equipped with a watchdog which monitors the signal recording. In case of an unforeseen interruption of the recording or a computer crash, the BLACKBOX is automatically rebooted because of the watchdog.

See *section 3.4* for a detailed description of the watchdog and hints for how to disable it.



NOTE

The BLACKBOX clock is defaultly adjusted to CET/MEZ (central european time). Check time and date during putting into operation and adjust to local time if necessary.

NOTE

If the BLACKBOX is installed at a place far away from your location, the remote operation (*s. section 3.2 Remote operation of BLACKBOX*) is a good possibility to avoid long access routes for maintenance work. By this means you can also install software updates comfortably or download signal files for analysis.

3.1 Operation using keyboard, mouse and screen

- Connect the keyboard, mouse and screen to the corresponding connections on the BLACKBOX.
- Switch on the BLACKBOX. The power-on button is located on the front panel of the BLACKBOX ⁽¹⁾.
- Press and hold the <Ctrl> key during the entire boot routine so that the activation of the Watchdog is prevented (also refer to *section 3.4*).

The BLACKBOX can then be operated as a normal PC running under Windows.



NOTE

The operation system of the BLACKBOX (Windows 7 Ultimate) is multi-lingual, i. e. the language can be changed during runtime. See section 3.3 for further infor-

mation.

3.2 Remote operation of BLACKBOX

3.2.1 Remote operation via LAN

For remote operation via LAN (network) connect the BLACKBOX by use of enclosed LAN patch cable directly to a network hub/switch.



Fig. 3-1 LAN connection via hub/switch

Alternatively establish a direct connection between BLACKBOX and external PC by use of enclosed LAN patch cable + crossover adapter.



Fig. 3-2 Direct connection with LAN patch cable + crossover adapter

Ensure that the corresponding LAN connection of the BLACKBOX is assigned to an IP address appropriate to your network address scheme.

3-2

For remote operation of the BLACKBOX, a PC or Notebook with Win9x / NT / 2000 / XP / Vista / 7 is required.

- Establish a connection between the right LAN port of the BLACKBOX and a hub/switch or LAN port of the external PC. Ensure that crossover adapter must be used for a direct connection without network hub/switch.
- Set the IP address for the network connection of the PC to 192.168.0.2.

Since the hard disk C: of the BLACKBOX is enabled in the network, access is already available to the drive (Explorer / My Network Places), e.g. to copy PLC-ANALYZER pro 5 signal or project files.

- If Windows XP or higher is not installed on the PC, the client for remote operation must be installed on the external PC first of all. Otherwise, skip the following instruction: The client is located on the BLACKBOX's hard disk (c:\blackbox\client\msrdpcli.exe). Start the file and follow the instructions in order to install the client.
- Start the remote client. It is located under: Start / All Programs / Accessories / Remote Desktop Connection



Fig. 3-3 Establish a Remote Desktop Connection

- Enter the *Logon settings*:
 - *Computer*: 192.168.0.1 (IP address of the BLACKBOX) *User name*: Blackbox
- Select *Local Resources / Local devices and resources / More* and select the *Drives* checkbox. This is useful because it enables access to the local drives of the external PC during remote operation of the BLACKBOX.

	Remote Desktop
	Connection
cal devices an	d resources
Choose the de use in your rem	vices and resources on this computer that you want to — lote session.
Smart cards	
Po <u>r</u> ts	
 	supported Plug and Play (PnP) devices
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Fig. 3-4 Enable access to the local drives of the external PC

• Press the *Connect* button. The remote desktop connection is established. Enter the logon password:

Password: Blackbox

• Now the BLACKBOX can be controlled by remote operation.



NOTE

If necessary, you can assign any other IP addresses to the LAN connections of the BLACKBOX. Write down any change made to the IP address of the right LAN connection because it is essential for establishing a connection for remote operation. More detailed information on network parameter settings in Windows is available in the Windows Help.



NOTE

If necessary, the user name and password of the BLACKBOX (Default: "Blackbox") can be modified under *Start / Control Panel / User Accounts*. Note down any changes to the settings clearly. More information is available in the Windows Help.

3.2.2 Remote operation via Internet (VPN)

Remote operation of the BLACKBOX can also be performed via Internet. Normally, a VPN (<u>V</u>irtual <u>Private Network</u>) is set up for this purpose. Modern Windows versions (e.g. Windows 7) are already prepared for this. Define the necessary settings under *Start / Control Panel / Network and Internet* (Window 7).

More detailed information on network parameter settings in Windows is available in the Windows Help.

3.2.3 Remote operation using remote data transmission (via modem)

Remote operation of the BLACKBOX can also be performed via a modem (DFÜ/ Rempte data transmission). To do this, a modem or an ISDN adapter must be connected to the BLACKBOX. Define the necessary settings under *Start / Control Panel / Network and Internet / Network and Sharing Center* (Windows 7).

More detailed information on network parameter settings in Windows is available in the Windows Help.

3.2.3.1 Settings BLACKBOX

- Click "Change Apapter settings"
- Press the <Alt> key and select "File New incoming connection".
- Select user account "Blackbox". Next
- Click "Through a dial up modem" and select a modem. Next¹
- Open the properties of the TCP/IP-connection. Set via "Specify IP address" the TCP/IPaddress from 192.168.0.1 to 192.168.0.10. Activate the control field "Allow calling computer to specify its own IP address". OK.
- Click "Allow access"

3.2.3.2 Settings PC, which will be connected with the BLACKBOX for remote control

- Click "Set up a new connection or network" in the Network and Sharing Center.
- Select "Set up a dial-up connection". Next
- Enter name for the connection (e.g. "BLACKBOX BMW, USA").
- Enter via "Dial-up phone number" the phone number of the BLACKBOX-modem.
- Enter "User Name" Blackbox
- Click "Create". Finish

By left click on the monitor symbol in the right task bar you can choose the new connection symbol. Click "Connect" to open the connection window. Enter user name "Blackbox" and password "Blackbox". Under "Connect" the phone number of the modem should be registered already.

¹ If you use an ISDN adapter choose "PPP over ISDN" ("PPP", "PPPoE") as DFÜ device

Now press "Connect". The connection to the BLACKBOX is established.

After connection is established, open "Remote Desktop Connection" (via "Start / All programs / Accessories ").

3.3 Set up the language of operating system

The operation system of the BLACKBOX (Windows 7 ultimate) is multi-lingual, i. e. the language can be changed during runtime.

mats Location Reyboards and Langu	ages Administrative
Keyboards and other input lang	guages
To change your keyboard or in	nput language click Change keyboards.
	Change keyboards
How do I change the keyboard	l layout for the Welcome screen?
Display language	
Install or uninstall languages t where supported recognize sp	that Windows can use to display text and beech and handwriting.
	Install/uninstall languages
Choose a display language	6877 T.
encode a applay language.	
English	•
English	• uages?

Fig. 3-5 Set up Language of Windows 7

Change the language by clicking *Change display language* in *Start / Control Panel / Clock, Language and Region*. Choose the desired language under *Choose a display language* and confirm with *OK*.

Log off the user "Blackbox" (*Start / Shut down / log off*). After re-login the user "Blackbox" (password: Blackbox) the menus and dialogs are displayed in the selected language.

3.4 Watchdog

The BLACKBOX is equipped with a watchdog which monitors the signal recording. In case of an unexpected recording interruption or a computer crash, the watchdog makes sure, that the PLC-ANALYZER pro is stopped and the BLACKBOX is automatically rebooted.

Watchdog is always activated when the PLC-ANALYZER pro 5 is started with the -watchdog parameter active (setting in Startup).

There are three ways in which to **disable** the BLACKBOX Watchdog function for maintenance work and remote operation:

- Hold the <Ctrl> key pressed during the boot routine (only with a keyboard which is connected directly).
- Manual termination of signal recording in PLC-ANALYZER pro 5.
- Availability of a PC for remote operation of the BLACKBOX in the network whose IP address (network address) was made known to the PLC-ANALYZER pro 5 during startup with the -cip:<ip-address> parameter (refer to *section 4.3*)

4 Operation with PLC-ANALYZER pro 5

Before beginning long-term data acquisition, the PLC-ANALYZER pro 5 must be appropriately configured. The most important steps are described, briefly, below.

More information on the PLC-ANALYZER pro 5 is available in *PLC-ANALYZER pro 5 User Manual*.



NOTE

The BLACKBOX is equipped with a special version of PLC-ANALYZER pro 5. This version has special features that make an automated operation possible.

4.1 Creating the project for signal recording

Start the PLC-ANALYZER pro 5 and create a project file for recording the signals. The PLC-ANALYZER pro 5 is configured in such a way that the signal recording defined in the project begins automatically after starting the BLACKBOX. Information on the PLC-ANALYZER pro 5 start parameters is provided in *section 4.3*.

For reasons of data integrity, it is recommended to limit the size of the signal files created for long-term recording. We recommend a size of 60 minutes. Select *Project / Project Options / Acquisition Mode* and set *Signalfile Size* to 60 minutes.



Avoid large signal files to prevent possible data loss in case of e. g. unexpected powering off the BLACKBOX during data acquisition. Small signal files have additional advantages. They can be transferred more easily during a remote session.

If not specified otherwise, signal files are stored to the hard disk up to 300 MB free space. Thereafter the oldest signal files are being automatically deleted step by step (FIFO ring buffer). With -d you can specify a period of time in days, after that the oldest signal file is being deleted gradually (refer to *section 4.3*).

Save the project on the BLACKBOX hard disk in the c:\blackbox\project folder under the name blackbox.prj.

WARNING

For some types of signal recording (e. g. cycle-precise acquisition) PLC-ANALYZER pro has to modify the PLC program. An influence of this modification on the behaviour of the PLC can not be eliminated entirely. See driver addendum of the PLC driver for further information.

4.2 Start signal recording

- Open c:\blackbox\project and check whether a valid project file blackbox.prj is available.
- Terminate the Windows session and switch the BLACKBOX off.
- Check that the connections to the PLC and power supply are correct. If the BLACKBOX should operate autarkic, disconnect the connections to the keyboard, mouse and screen.
- Switch on the BLACKBOX. The system is booted and signal recording should start, fully automatically, after about 1 minute.
- The red RECORDING LED (*see Fig. 4-1*) flashes at intervals of one second when signal recording has been started successfully.
- The system is now active. Signal files are subsequently recorded according to the project settings.
- The bottom status bar of PLC-ANALYZER pro continously displays the number of *Reboots* caused by watchdog, the *Reconnects*, the *Created signal files*, the *Trigger* and the duration of recording.
- The BLACKBOX enables a practically continuous recording of signals over a very long time. When the capacity has been reached, the oldest signal file is automatically deleted to create space for new signal data.



Fig. 4-1 RECORDING LED



NOTE

If the red RECORDING LED does not start to flash at intervals of one second after 2 minutes, signal recording has not been started successfully. Also, permanent rebooting of the BLACKBOX ("Beep") indicates that signal recording has not been successfully started.



NOTE

We recommend to monitor the LIFE-INDICATOR (s. *section 2.2*) electrically e.g. by integrating it into process visualisation (HMI / SCADA). Thereby the machine operator is informed immediately about a possible interrupt in data acquisition.

A further means to monitor data acquisition is dispatching status messages via REMOTE-STATUS-INDICATOR. See *section 4.5* for further information.

4.3 Start parameters for PLC-ANALYZER pro 5

The PLC-ANALYZER pro 5 is started automatically through an entry in the Windows *Startup* folder after the BLACKBOX has been booted.

The syntax of the PLC-ANALYZER pro 5 start parameters is explained below:

```
anawin [-run] [-watchdog] [-wrd:<minutes>] [-d:<days>] [-cip:<client-
IP>] [<projectfile>]
```

Example (BLACKBOX default setting):

anawin -run -watchdog -wrd:10 -d:60 -cip:192.168.0.2 blackbox.prj

Parameter	Description
-run	Signal recording in the project <projectfile> is started automatically after starting the PLC-ANALYZER pro 5.</projectfile>
-watchdog	Enables the watchdog feature when the PLC-ANALYZER pro 5 is started (also refer to <i>section 3.3</i>).
-wrd: <minutes></minutes>	Delay in minutes the watchdog waits for, until the BLACKBOX is rebooted after an interruption of signal recording. If not specified, the delay time is 5 minutes.
-d: <days></days>	Specifies the size of the "ring buffer". Signal files, which are older than the number of days specified, are being deleted. For this, PLC-ANALYZER pro 5 only cares for those signal files, which were created during the current session (also refer to <i>section 4.1</i>)
-cip: <client-ip></client-ip>	If a PC with this IP address is available in the network on starting the PLC-ANALYZER pro, watchdog is not enabled (also refer to <i>section 3.3</i>). This can be helpful for maintenance purposes.
<projectfile></projectfile>	Project file with predefined settings for recording signals.

Table 4-1 PLC-ANALYZER pro 5 start parameters for BLACKBOX

The start parameters can be changed by opening *Start / All Programs / Startup*. Position the mouse on *PLC-ANALYZER pro 5* and click the right mouse. The start parameters can then be modified in *Properties / Shortcut / Target*.

Security		Details	Previous Versions
General		Shortcut	Compatibility
SI SI	PS-ANALY	ZER pro 5	
Target type:	Applicatio	'n	
Target location	: SPS-ANA	ALYZER pro 5	
Target:	"C:\Prog	ram Files\AUT	EM\SPS-ANALYZER pro
4740532	-		
<u>S</u> tart in:			
Shortcut <u>k</u> ey:	None		
<u>R</u> un:	Maximize	ed	-
C <u>o</u> mment:	PLC logi	c analyzer	
Open <u>F</u> ile L	ocation	Change loo	n A <u>d</u> vanced

Fig. 4-2 Changing the PLC-ANALYZER pro 5 start parameters

4.4 Reading out recorded signal files

Signal files can be copied at any time from the c:\blackbox\project folder - even when signal recording is actually running. For more information on operation, refer to *section 3*.

4.5 Status Messages via REMOTE-STATUS-INDICATOR

It is possible to monitor the operation of the BLACKBOX from a distance. Therefore the PLC-ANALYZER pro 5 for BLACKBOX provides the possibility of dispatching status messages via SMS or E-mail. Besides any text also some different variables (signal- and status values) can be sent.

1essage		То	Sending interval
aily status hydraulic press 44	active	+441301234567	daily
eekly status PLC system 3	active	office@mail.uk	weekly on monday

Fig. 4-3 REMOTE-STATUS-INDICATOR - status messages

To create or change a status message choose *REMOTE-STATUS-INDICATOR* in menu *Extras*. The window shows all status messages defined. Inactive status messages are displayed grey.

Click *New* in order to create a new status message. Select *Change* in order to change an existing one.

Message Configuration		×
✓ Message active Description: daily status hydraulic press 44 Send message as ● SMS Configure Test ● E-mail Recipient (telephone number): +441301234567 Sending interval As of: 09.05.2008 ♥ ● hourly ● Every 1 ● daily ● Every weekday ● weekly ● monthly ● After saving a signal file	Text: 27 characters left SYSTIME> Pressure: <sigvalue(mw 3)=""> Error: <sigvalue(m 4.4)=""> Current file: <lastsigfile> Reboots:<reboots> Reconnects:<reconnects> Free Space:<freediskspace> <gsmquality></gsmquality></freediskspace></reconnects></reboots></lastsigfile></sigvalue(m></sigvalue(mw>	Variables: Variables Description <reedisk< td=""> free volume space <gsmqual< td=""> GSM signal quality <lastsigf< td=""> current signal file name <reeoots> Number of reboots cause <reconne< td=""> Number of acquisition inte <reconne< td=""> Number of cacquisition inte <sigfiles> Number of created signal <sigvalue< td=""> Value of PLC signal <systime> Time in dd.mm.yy hh:mm <trigger> Number of trigger events</trigger></systime></sigvalue<></sigfiles></reconne<></reconne<></reeoots></lastsigf<></gsmqual<></reedisk<>
	OK Cancel	

Fig. 4-4 Configure a status message

Choose a meaningful *Description* for the message. Define whether the message should be sent as *SMS* or *E-mail*. Click on *Configure* to select the options for SMS or *E-mail* dispatching (s. *4.5.1 Configure SMS* and *4.5.2 Configure E-mail*).

Enter the telephone number or the E-mail address of the *Recipient* of the status message.

To ensure that all settings are correct, press *Test* in order to send the SMS or E-mail for evaluation purposes to the recipient.

Adjust the Sending interval accordingly.

B

NOTE

Pay attention to the fact that high costs may incur depending on sending interval and transmission path.

Enter the message in the textbox *Text*. Besides normal text also variables can be used. Drag the desired variable (*s. Table 4-2 status* variables) from the list of *Variables* to the textbox or use \leq and \geq .

Variable	Description
<freediskspace></freediskspace>	Free space on current disk drive
<gsmquality></gsmquality>	GSM signal strength (0 - 100 %)
<lastsigfile></lastsigfile>	Current signal file name
<reboots></reboots>	Number of BLACKBOX reboots (watchdog)
<reconnects></reconnects>	Number of reconnects after acquisition interrupt
<recordtime></recordtime>	Current duration of acquisition
<sigfiles></sigfiles>	Number of created signal files
<sigvalue(x)></sigvalue(x)>	Current value of PLC signal X
<systime></systime>	System time and date in the time of message dispatching
<trigger></trigger>	Number of trigger events

Table 4-2 status variables

An SMS status message is limited to 160 characters. The size of an E-mail status message is not limited.

After configuration of a status message, you can activate the message with check box *Message active*. Otherwise the configured message is only stored for now. The message can be activated anytime later.

Accept the settings with OK. All active status messages are now dispatched with the specified *Sending Interval*.

4.5.1 Configure SMS dispatching

SMS Configuration
Dispatch by
Motorola USB Modem
SMS Center
Use SIM card settings
O Enter manually
SMS Center: Protocol:
D1 V 01/12521001 TAP V
Modem at an extension line MSN:
Exchange code:
Max. redial attemps: 1
OK Cancel

Fig. 4-5 SMS settings

Choose the device over which the SMS should be dispatched. The installation of a modem (GSM / wired) or an ISDN-CAPI (ISDN adapter) is required for that.

Select the *SMS Center*. You can *use SIM card settings* or *enter manually*. If you coose enter manually type in the number of the SMS Center. If necessary enter the *MSN* number und activate *Modem at an extension line*, if your modem/ISDN adapter is connected to an extension line. If applicable enter also the exchange code.

Confirm with OK.

4.5.2 Configure E-mail dispatching

E-mail Configuration 🛛 🔀
Dispatch by
Standard mail program (e.g. Outlook)
SMTP-server
Establish connection via
OLAN
Modem: GPRS Managed Connection
Outraine weil comment (CMTD)
Outguing mail server (SMTP)
SMTP-server: Port:
smtp.mail.uk 25
This server requires a secure connection (SSL)
Forwarder e-mail address:
blackbox@mail.uk
Liker name:
blackbox
Password:
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OK Cancel

Fig. 4-6 E-mail settings

Choose, whether E-mails should be dispatched by installed *standard mail program* (*e.g. Outlook*) or by *SMTP-Server*. For dispatching by *SMTP-Server* you must specify, whether the connection to SMTP-Server should be established via *LAN* or *Modem*.

A suitable dial-up connection is assumed. See windows help for more information on how to set up a dial-up connection.

Besides *SMTP-Server* address enter also the *forwarder e-mail address*. If necessary enter a *user name* and a *password*. Click on the corresponding checkbox if the SMTP-server requires a secure connection (SSL).

Confirm with OK.

5 Troubleshooting (FAQ)

This chapter provides hints for troubleshooting the BLACKBOX.

Symptom	Help
BLACKBOX reboots permanently	Reason: The watchdog is enabled and signal recording could not be established successfully.
	Disable the watchdog (see <i>3.4 Watchdog</i>), if you want to do maintenance work.
	Check the connection with the PLC, if the problem occurs during data recording.
Black screen, when VGA-display is connected	Reason: External VGA port is automatically disabled, if the BLACKBOX is booted without a display connected.
	Enable the external display by pressing <ctrl> <alt> F1</alt></ctrl>

Table 5-1 Troubleshooting