

2. RS485/MODBUS-RTU ver. 2 for AC converters ACM

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1. Introduction

Communication with the converter goes on the principle of MASTER – SLAVE by protocol MODBUS RTU. The command is represented by n 8-bit data. Protocol MODBUS RTU defines the end of the command after a time delay longer than the time for sending a 3.5 bits. For baud rate higher than 19200 Bd the delay is constant about 1.8ms. After this time, the command is considered the completed and will be decoded. The first check performed is the calculation and control CRC (checksum). If the converter receives incompatible data or does not agree with the CRC, the converter does not respond. If the converter receives the data with the correct address, but during decode it encounters a syntax error, it corresponds by error messages according (see error messages table 9).

2. Transmission parameters

The device is connected to the RS485 serial line. Transmission parameters (address, parity, baud rate) can be set in the registry *Communication* with address 714d. The description is in the part **Word communication**. The default setting is address 01h, even parity transmission (8E1) and baud rate 19200Bd.

MODBUS RTU protocol structure

address (8 bits)	function (8 bits)	data	CRC16 (16 bits)
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- address Address number for communication with the relevant converter. Address may be from the range 1..247.
- function a number of the relevant function, which is defined by the MODBUS protocol. A description of supported functions is given in chapter no.5
- data a length and meaning of the data varies according to the function used. Description in the table for the relevant function.
- CRC The CRC code is used to detect transmission errors. When a message is received, it is calculated and checked with the transmitted code. If both codes are not identical, a transmission error has occurred, the converter is not responding and is waiting for the next command.

3. Data structure

The MODBUS protocol uses 16b registers to store data. Our converters use separate 16b registers for 16b data and two consecutive 16b registers for 32b data. The description of the used data types, the way of storing the hexadecimal value and the sorting of bytes during communication is given in the following tables.

Tab.1 Description of data type

Data type	Description of data type
Word	unsigned 16b value
Short	signed 16b value
DWord	unsigned 32b value
Long	signed 32b value
Float	32b float value by IEE754

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Tab.2 How numbers are stored in hex format

Type	Format			
32b float	Reg H		Reg L	
	31	30..	..23	22..
			..16	15..
	sign	exponent	mantissa	
32b dword, long	Reg H		Reg L	
	31..		..16	15..
			..0	
16b word, short	H byte		L byte	
	16..		..8	7..
			..0	

Real number calculation 32b float from hexadecimal value:

$$Value = (-1)^{sign} * 2^{(exponent-127)} * \frac{mantissa + 2^{23}}{2^{23}}$$

Sorting mode 32b value during data transfer determines bit Swp register 704d. If Swp = 0, then the sorting method is the same as they are used PLC Modicon, WAGO etc., (see tab 3).

Tab.3 Sorting 32b during data transfer (Swp = 0)

Reg L		Reg H	
H byte	L byte	H byte	L byte

E.g.:

16b word 4660d - 1234h

32b long32 305419896d - 12345678h

32b real 0.15d - 3E19999Ah

it is sent first byte 12h, then 34h

it is sent first byte 56h, then 78h, then 12h and finally 34h

it is sent first byte 99h, then 9Ah, then 3Eh and finally 19h

If Swp = 1, sorting 32b during data transfer it is as Big Endian, (see tab 3). Bit Swp=1 have affects only during data transfer 32b value by function 04.

Tab.4 Sorting 32b during data transfer (Swp = 1)

Reg H		Reg L	
H byte	L byte	H byte	L byte

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4. Supported features and error messages

The converter supports some standard MODBUS RTU protocol functions. Their list and description are given below.

4.1. Function 03h

Function 03h used to read the specified 16-bit or 32-bit converter registers.

Command structure:

<converter address> <03h> <register address> <number of registers read> <CRC>

Tab.5 Function 03h

Meaning of command parameters	
converter address	8bit value of address from the range 1..247
register address	16b the address of the first read memory location
number of registers read	16b the value of the number of consecutive memory locations, allowable values are 0x0001, 0x0002, 0x0003, 0x0004.
CRC	checksum

Right answer:

<converter address> <03h> <2*N> <N*16b consecutive read registers> <CRC>

In the event of an error in the command, the converter does not respond at all or responds with an error message, the meaning of which is in part 5. **Error messages**.

4.2. Function 04h

Function 04h used to read the specified 16-bit or 32-bit converter registers. Bit Swp register 704d affects the shift 16b value to 32b word. (see **4 Data structure** tab. 3 and 3)

Command structure:

<converter address> <04h> <register address> <number of registers read> <CRC>

Tab.6 Function 04h

Meaning of command parameters	
converter address	8bit value of address from the range 1..247
register address	16b the address of the first read memory location
number of registers read	16b the value of the number of consecutive memory locations, allowable values are 0x0001, 0x0002, 0x0003, 0x0004.
CRC	checksum

Right answer:

<converter address> <03h> <2*N> <N*16b consecutive read registers, whose order is determined by the Swp bit > <CRC>

In the event of an error in the command, the converter does not respond at all or responds with an error message, the meaning of which is in part 5. **Error messages**.

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4 .3. Function 06h

Function 03h used to write the specified 16-bit value on specified converter register.

Command structure:

<converter address> <06h> <register address> <written value> <CRC>

Tab.7 Function 06h

Meaning of command parameters	
converter address	8bit value of address from the range 1..247
register address	16b the address of memory location
written value	16b the written value
CRC	checksum

Right answer:

<converter address> <06h> <register address> <written value> <CRC>

In the event of an error in the command, the converter does not respond at all or responds with an error message, the meaning of which is in part 5. **Error messages**.
The values written to the registers affecting the converter settings do not take effect until the device is reset (function 08h).

4 .4. Function 08h

Function 08h invokes software reset of addressed converter.

Command structure:

<converter address> <08h> <0001FF00h> <CRC>

Tab.8 Function 08h

Meaning of command parameters	
converter address	8bit value of address from the range 1..247
0001FF00h	Fixed value
CRC	checksum

Right answer:

<converter address> <08h> <0001FF00h> <CRC>

In the event of an error in the command, the converter does not respond at all or responds with an error message, the meaning of which is in part 5. **Error messages**.

4 .5. Function 11h

Function 11h is used for identification of converter and number of used firmware.

Command structure:

<converter address> <11h> <CRC>

Tab.9 Function 11h

Meaning of command parameters	
converter address	8bit value of address from the range 1..247
CRC	checksum

Right answer:

<converter address> <11h> <04h> <type> <ver. of MB protocol> <ver. of Firmware> <FFh> <CRC>

In the event of an error in the command, the converter does not respond at all or responds with an error message,

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the meaning of which is in part 5. **Error messages**.

Tab.10 Type of converter in answer of function 11h

Type of converter	
80H	ACM-U/M
81H	ACM-I/M
82H	ACM-1P/M or ACM-1P4/M
83H	ACM-1P3/M
84H	ACM-2P/M
85H	ACM-3P/M

In the event of an error in the command, the converter does not respond at all or responds with an error message, the meaning of which is in part 5. **Error messages**.

5. Error messages

If an error is triggered during the execution of the command, the converter responds with an error message containing the function number increased by 80h and also containing the error number (see tab 10).

Error answer:

<converter address> <number of function + 80h> < error number> <CRC>

Tab.11 Meaning of numbers in error message

error number	meaning of error
01h	unknown function
02h	wrong number of registers
03h	command error (wrong data)
04h	measured value out of range (see part 17)

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6. Measuring

The ACM converter can measure a variety of quantities. The possibility of measuring these quantities is given and depends on the type of transducer and its connection for measurement. The converter type must be specified in the order and cannot be changed in the device configuration. Exceptions are type 1P/M and 1P4/M (see meaning of the register 704d).

If the set nominal value of the input current and voltage is exceeded by more than 120% and the register value is read, error message 04h will be provided.

If the set input current and voltage rating is exceeded by more than 120% and the relevant or total active or reactive power, frequency, phase shift or power factor register is read, error message 04h will be provided.

When the voltage drops below 10% of the set nominal value and the frequency register is read, error message 04h will be provided.

If the voltage or current drops below 10% of the set nominal value and the phase shift register or power factor is read, error message 04h will be provided.

With error message 04h, the corresponding error register bit 720d or 721d will be set. (see part 15)

Tab.12 Type of converter

type	measured quantity
ACM-U/M	AC voltage and frequency converter
ACM-I/M	AC current converter
ACM-1P/M	converter for a single-phase network
ACM-1P3/M	converter for a three-wire balanced symmetrical network
ACM-1P4/M	converter for a four-wire balanced network
ACM-2P/M	converter for a three-wire network (Aron connection)
ACM-3P/M	converter for a four-wire network

Tab.13 Definition of measured quantities in register Def₁ 712d

Reg. 712 _d Def ₁ , nr. bit	value	Type of converter						
		U/M	I/M	1P/M	1P4/M	1P3/M	2P/M	3P/M
0	U	x		x	x	x		
1	U1N							x
2	U2N							x
3	U3N							x
4	U12						x	
5	U23						x	
6	I		x	x	x	x		
7	I1						x	x
8	I2							x
9	I3						x	x
10	P			x	x	x	x	x
11	P1							x
12	P2							x
13	P3							x
14	Q			x	x	x	x	x
15	Q1							x

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Tab.14 Definition of measured quantities in register Def2 713d

Reg. 713 _d Def2, nr. bit	value	Type of converter						
		U/M	I/M	1P/M	1P4/M	1P3/M	2P/M	3P/M
0	Q2							x
1	Q3							x
2	PH			x	x	x		
3	PH1							x
4	PH2							x
5	PH3							x
6	PF			x	x	x		
7	PF1							x
8	PF2							x
9	PF3							x
10	F	x		x	x	x	x	x

The converter type is listed in the register at address 600d.

The selection of quantities for measurement is performed by writing individual bits to two 16b registers Def1, Def2 with address 712d and 713d. See tab 12 and 13 for how to store 16b words.

The meaning of the marks describing the measured quantity is in table 14.

Tab.15 Designation of the measured quantity

U	Input voltage
U1N, U2N, U3N	Voltage between the respective phase and middle conductor
U12, U23	Voltage between the two respective phase conductors
I	Input current
I1, I2, I3	Current in the relevant phase conductor
P	Total active network power
P1, P2, P3	Active power measured by relevant systems
Q	Total reactive network power
Q1, Q2, Q3	Reactive power measured by individual systems
PH	Phase shift between input current and voltage
PH1, PH2, PH3	Phase shift angle between input current and input voltage of relevant measuring systems
PF	Power factor
PF1, PF2, PF3	Power factor of relevant systems
F	Frequency

The frequency measurement is derived from the voltage profile. In the case of a multi-system instrument, the frequency is measured on the first system.

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7. Registers of converter

The converter uses registers 16b and 32b to store data, while the MODBUS RTU uses a word to communicate 16b. In the case of 32b registers, the storage method is 16b

Tab.16 Store 32b words

Address register	bit 0-15
Address register + 1	bit 16-31

7.1. Registers for measurement (read only)

The measured values can be obtained from the registers with the address 100d – 126d and registers with address 300d – 352d. In the registers 100d...there are 16b values in RAW format. They are number of type word and short (integers). In the registers 300d...there are 32b values in SCAL format. By multiplying the Raw and Scal numbers, we get the actual measured value in engineering quantities Description of registers is in tab 16 and 17. When using measuring transformers, the Scal values are affected by entering the parameters of these transformers. The measured value registers are read-only.

Tab.17 Raw values

Address dec	Address hex	Measured quantity	Type	Address dec	Address hex	Measured quantity	Type
100	0064	U	word	114	0072	Q	short
101	0065	U1N	word	115	0073	Q1	short
102	0066	U2N	word	116	0074	Q2	short
103	0067	U3N	word	117	0075	Q3	short
104	0068	U12	word	118	0076	PH	short
105	0069	U23	word	119	0077	PH1	short
106	006A	I	word	120	0078	PH2	short
107	006B	I1	word	121	0079	PH3	short
108	006C	I2	word	122	007A	PF	short
109	006D	I3	word	123	007B	PF1	short
110	006E	P	short	124	007C	PF2	short
111	006F	P1	short	125	007D	PF3	short
112	0070	P2	short	126	007E	F	word
113	0071	P3	short				

Measured value Raw = 10000d corresponds 100% nominal values, measured value Raw = -10000d corresponds - 100% nominal values.

The exception is the Raw value of frequency, phase shift and power factor, where Raw value corresponds to the actual measured quantity. The frequency is in [mHz], phase shift in [0,01°], power factor v [0,0001].

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Tab.18 Scal values

Address dec	Address hex	Measured quantity	Type	Address dec	Address hex	Measured quantity	Type
300	012C	U	float	328	0148	Q	float
302	012E	U1N	float	330	014A	Q1	float
304	0130	U2N	float	332	014C	Q2	float
306	0132	U3N	float	334	014E	Q3	float
308	0134	U12	float	336	0150	PH	float
310	0136	U23	float	338	0152	PH1	float
312	0138	I	float	340	0154	PH2	float
314	013A	I1	float	342	0156	PH3	float
316	013C	I2	float	344	0158	PF	float
318	013E	I3	float	346	015A	PF1	float
320	0140	P	float	348	015C	PF2	float
322	0142	P1	float	350	015E	PF3	float
324	0144	P2	float	352	0160	F	float
326	0146	P3	float				

Example of calculation of measured quantity:

Raw registry value at 100d: 5000

Scal registry value at 300d: 0.05

$$U = 5000 \times 0.05 = 250V$$

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7.2. Information registers (read only)

The register with the address 600d - 603d contains information about the given converter. Values are read-only.

Tab.19 Registers 600d – 603d

Address dec	Address hex	Type	Name	Meaning
600	0258	word	Type	Type and configuration
601	0259	dword	Serial number	Serial number of the converter
603	025B	word	Hw version	Version of firmware

word Type 600d

15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
60Hz	50Hz					Us	Uf		3P	2P	1P3	1P4	1P	I	U

- U AC voltage and frequency converter
- I AC current converter
- 1P converter has one measuring system and is switched for a single-phase network
- 1P3 converter has one measuring system and measured in three-wire balanced symmetrical network
- 1P4 converter has one measuring system and measured in four-wire balanced symmetrical network
- 2P converter has two measuring systems and measured in three-wire unbalanced network (Aron connection)
- 3P converter has three measuring systems and measured in four-wire balanced symmetrical network

- Uf input voltage value in the register Un (or Ur) and the measured value is phase voltage
- Us input voltage value in the register Un (or Ur) and the measured value is phase-to-phase voltage
- 50Hz the converter is switched for measurement in the 50Hz network
- 60Hz the converter is switched for measurement in the 60Hz network

dword Serial number 601-602d

Serial number set at the factory.

word Hw version 603d

Number of firmware version contained in the converter

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7.3. Configuration registers (read and write)

Registers with address 700d – 714d contain user settings of converter parameters. From these registers we can read and also write to them. After changing the data in the registers, it is necessary to RESET the converter (**function 08h**). Only then will the entered changes take effect.

Tab.20 Registr 700d – 714d

Address dec	Address hex	Type	Name	Meaning
700	02BC	L byte	Text	ASCII character code č.2
		H byte		ASCII character code č.1
701	02BD	L byte		ASCII character code č.4
		H byte		ASCII character code č.3
702	02BE	L byte		ASCII character code č.6
		H byte		ASCII character code č.5
703	02BF	word	Date	Date last correct of parameters
704	02C0	word	Configuration	Use of additional transformers, frequency value of the measured network
705	02C1	word	If	Input measured phase current If*10 [mA]
706	02C2	word	In	Rated current of the secondary winding of the additional transformer In*10 [mA]
707	02C3	dword	Ir	Rated current of the primary winding of the additional transformer Ir [A]
709	02C5	word	Un	Rated input voltage Un*100 [V]
710	02C6	dword	Ur	Rated voltage of the primary winding of the additional transformer Ur [V]
712	02C8	word	Def1	Selection of measured quantities
713	02C9	word	Def2	Selection of measured quantities
714	02CA	L byte	Communication	Converter address
		H byte	Communication	Baud rate, parity, ...

word Text 700-702d

Possibility to save 6 characters of text in the form of ASCII code for possible identification of the converter. "RAWET1" is saved by default.

word Datum 703d

Date of last parameters correct (only for information).

15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Day (1..31)					Month(1..12)					Year(0..99)					

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word Configuration 704d (correspond with register 600d)

15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Swp		Filter						60Hz	50Hz				1P4	Utr	Itr

Itr additional current transformer used
 Utr additional voltage transformer used
 1P4 switching of the converter for measurement in a four-wire balanced network (computational correction only)
 50Hz switching of the converter for measurement in the network with a frequency of 50Hz
 60Hz switching of the converter for measurement in the network with a frequency of 60Hz
 Filter moving average of 4 measured values (0 - filter OFF, 1 - filter ON, default filter ON)
 Swp swapping the order of values when reading a 32b word (0 – 16b LSB then 16b MSB, 1 – 16b MSB then 16b LSB, default Swp = 0)

word If 705d

Input rated phase current. The value is entered in 0,1 mA. The range of values is 4000 x 0,1mA ... 55000 x 0,1mA.

word In 706d

Rated current through the secondary winding of the additional current transformer. The value is entered in 0,1 mA. The range of values is 4000 x 0,1mA ... 55000 x 0,1mA.

dword Ir 707-708d

Rated current through the primary winding of the additional current transformer. The value is entered in A. The maximal value is 200 000A.

word Un 709d

Input rated voltage. The value is entered in 0,01V. The range of values is 4000 x 0,01V ... 55000 x 0,01V.

dword Ur 710-711d

Rated voltage of the primary winding of the additional voltage transformer. The value is entered in V. The maximal value is 2 000 000V.

word Def1 712d

Determination of measured quantities that will be stored for reading in the appropriate registers. If the instrument does not allow their measurement, the setting will be ignored.

15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Q1	Q	P3	P2	P1	P	I3	I2	I1	I	U23	U12	U3N	U2N	U1N	U

word Def2 713d

Determination of measured quantities that will be stored for reading in the appropriate registers. If the instrument does not allow their measurement, the setting will be ignored.

15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
					F	PF3	PF2	PF1	PF	PH3	PH2	PH1	PH	Q3	Q2

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word Communication 714_d

Communication register in which are stored the converter address, baud rate and method of data transfer settings.

15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
			Baud rate		Parity										

Address in range 1 ... 247 (1 default)

Transmission settings

- Even parity 000b (default)
- Odd parity 001b
- Without parity 1 stop bit 1xxb
- Without parity 2 stop bit 01xb

The baud rate can be selected from two sets. It determines the type of set bit 0 register 1400_H (5120_d)

bit 12,11 register 714 _d	bit 0, register 5120 _d = low	bit 0, register 5120 _d = high
00b	19200	19200
01b	9600	38400
10b	4800	57600
11b	2400	115200

If a non-standard situation occurs during the writing of values (power failure, communication interruption), the communication register is set to default values, which is the address 01_H, even parity, baud rate 19200Bd.

Default communication parameters is 19200 Bd 8E1 with address 01_H. It is recommended also 8O1 or 8N2.

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7.4. Error registers 720d-721d (read and write)

If the converter responds with an error 04h while reading a register (that is value out of range), we can see in registers with address 720d and 721d information which value caused this error. When reading information on voltage, current, active and reactive power, phase shift, power factor and frequency, it is checked whether the maximum possible size of the set nominal value of the respective voltage and current is not exceeded. When measuring the phase shift, power factor and frequency, it is checked whether the input quantities have not fallen below 10% of the set nominal value.

Address dec	Address hex	Type	Name	Meaning
720	0258	word	Over	Overrange the set range
721	0259	word	Under	Below 10% the set range

word over 720d

The bits indicate the value, which is overrange.

15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
						I3	I2	I1	I	U23	U12	U3N	U2N	U1N	U

word under 721d

The bits indicate the value, which is 10% below range

15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
						I3	I2	I1	I	U23	U12	U3N	U2N	U1N	U

The bits indicate the value that has error 04h. The registry must be deleted by the user, it is not deleted automatically.