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Specifications

Power supply voltage: 9.0 – 16.0VDC

Power supply current – Active: 3.5mA Typ. @ 12.0V (slightly higher with DO or Pulse board) Power supply current – Sleep: 60µA Typ. @ 12.0V (slightly higher with DO or Pulse board)

Measurement Latency: Depends on warm-up time set in sensor

Default SDI-12 Address: 0

SDI-12 Command Nomenclature

a= Sensor address

{crc} = SDI-12 compatible 3-character CRC

<cr> = ASCII carriage return character

<lf> = ASCII line feed character

highlighted values indicate variable data

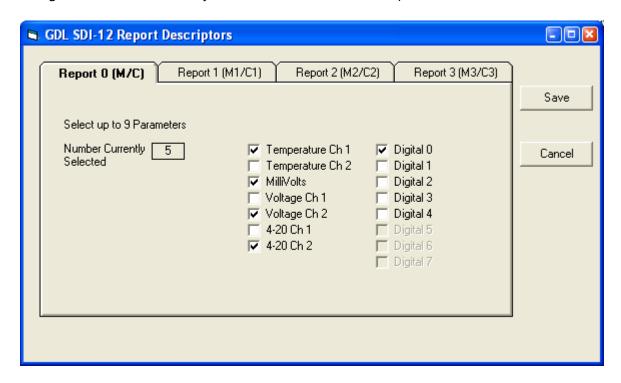
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Channel Setup Using Aqua4Plus

Standard SDI-12 commands are limited to returning a maximum of nine values. The GDL, depending on how it is configured, may have as many as 15 channels. For this reason, Aqua4Plus contains an SDI-12 setup utility to allow you to define which channels are returned for the M or C, M1 or C1, M2 or C2, and M3 or C3 commands.

Open the SDI-12 setup utility from Aqua4Plus by clicking on the Configure Menu and then selecting Advanced. From the flyout menu, select SDI-12 Setup.



Use the SDI-12 Setup window in Aqua4Plus to define what values are returned for specific SDI-12 commands.

This window consists of four tabs, one for the M and C commands, one for the M1 and C1 commands, one for the M2 and C2 commands, and one for the M3 and C3 commands.

On the tab for the command you want to define, checkmark the channels to be returned using this command. A maximum of nine channels can be selected for any command.





Once you have selected the channels for each command you want to use, click on OK to save the information to the logger.

SDI-12 Commands

Setup Commands

Name	Command	Response	
Sensor Identification	al!	a13 INWUSA TempHi2.6ssssssssss <cr><lf></lf></cr>	
		Note: 2.6 will change to reflect current firmware revision,	
		sssssssss = device serial #	
Acknowledge Active	a!	a <cr><lf></lf></cr>	
Address Query	?!	a <cr><lf></lf></cr>	
Change Address	aAb!	b <cr><lf></lf></cr>	
		Change address from a to b	

Measurement Commands

Note: The default units settings are:

Temperature channels Degrees Celsius

mV channelmVVoltage channelsVolts4-20 mA channelsmA

Digital Channels User defined

To change these, use the Direct Read Units option under the Configure | Advanced menu in the Aqua4Plus Control Software.

Request Measurement

Name	Command	Response
Request measurement: • 1 st selected channel • 2 nd selected channel • • Last selected channel	aM! aM1! aM2! aM3!	atttn <cr><lf>"n" values available after "ttt" seconds Sample: a0023<cr><lf></lf></cr></lf></cr>





Read results	aD0!	aValue1Value2Valuen <cr><lf></lf></cr>
		Value1 = 1 st selected channel
		$Value2 = 2^{nd}$ selected channel
		Value3 =
		Valuen = last selected channel
		Sample: a+22.0512+12.0512++15.343 <cr><lf></lf></cr>

Request Measurement with CRC

Name	Command	Response
Request measurement: • 1 st selected channel • 2 nd selected channel • • Last selected channel	MC! MC1! MC2! MC3!	atttn <cr><lf>"n" values available after "ttt" seconds Sample: a0023<cr><lf></lf></cr></lf></cr>
Read results	aD0!	aValue1Value2Valuen{crc} < cr > < lf > Value1 = 1 st selected channel Value2 = 2 nd selected channel Value3 = Valuen = last selected channel Sample: a+22.0512+12.0512++15.343{crc} < cr > < lf >

Concurrent Measurement

Name	Command	Response
Request measurement: • 1 st selected channel • 2 nd selected channel • • Last selected channel	C! C1! C2! C3!	atttnn <cr><lf>"nn" values available after "ttt" seconds Sample: a00203<cr><lf></lf></cr></lf></cr>
Read results	aD0!	aValue1Value2Valuen <cr><lf> Value1 = 1st selected channel Value2 = 2nd selected channel Value3 = Valuen = last selected channel Sample: a+22.0512+12.0512++15.343<cr><lf>></lf></cr></lf></cr>

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Concurrent Measurement with CRC

Name	Command	Response
Request measurement: • 1 st selected channel • 2 nd selected channel • • Last selected channel	aM! aM1! aM2! aM3!	atttnn <cr><lf>"nn" values available after "ttt" seconds Sample: a00203<cr><lf></lf></cr></lf></cr>
Read results	aD0!	aValue1Value2Valuen{crc} < cr > < lf > Value1 = 1 st selected channel Value2 = 2 nd selected channel Value3 = Valuen = last selected channel Sample: a+22.0512+12.0512++15.343 < cr > < lf >

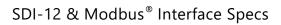
Modbus Register Definitions

Parameter data

Read measurements using Modbus function 03 – Read Holding Registers. Readings are located in two registers each, starting at address 62592. (INW Smart Sensor register addressing is zero based, i.e., starts at zero. If your equipment uses one based addressing, you will need to add one to the register address.

Modbus parameter data is returned as 32-bit IEEE floating point values, high word first, also referred to as big-endian, float inverse, or float AB CD. Each value is 32 bits in length, and therefore occupies two Modbus registers. As a result, the parameter registers must be read as pairs.

Table 1: Register Addresses for GDL Data Logger					
Addresses for st	andard channe	· <u>ls</u>	Addresses for digita	l channels	
	Zero-Based	One-Based		Zero-Based	One-Based
Temperature 1	62592	62593	If Configured for Dis	solved Oxygen	
Temperature 2	62594	62595	DO 1	62606	62607
mV	62596	62597	DO Temperature 1	62608	62609
Voltage 1	62598	62599	DO 2	62610	62611
Voltage 2	62600	62601	DO Temperature 2	62612	62613





4-20 mA 1	62602	62603	DO 3	62614	62615	
4-20 mA 2	62604	62605	DO Temperature 3	62616	62617	
			DO 4	62618	62619	
			DO Temperature 4	62620	62621	
			If Configured for Hear	t Rate Monito	or	
For futher ad	dressing inform	ation	Heart Rate	62606	62607	
and detailed	examples, see IN	١W	If Configured for Tippe	ing Bucket Ra	in Gauge	
	ote, "Modbus Di		Rainfall	62606	62607	
Read on AquiStar Smart Sensors"			If Configured for Generic Digital Channels			
,	n our web site a		Digital 1	62606	62607	
			Digital 2	62608	62609	
http://www.ir	nwusa.com/appr	notes.htm	Digital 3	62610	62611	
•			Digital 4	62612	62613	
			Digital 5	62614	62615	

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For further addressing information and detailed examples, see INW application note, "Modbus Direct Read on AquiStar Smart Sensors" available from our web site at http://www.inwusa.com/appnotes.htm.

GDL's Power On Function

Some devices require a warm-up or stabilization time after application of power before accurate readings can be taken. The GDL provides a means to explicitly turn power on or off to the analog circuit and any devices attached to the switched power output prior to requesting a reading. This same function allows you to specify how long the circuit remains on after a reading has been taken.

There is a "power on" register on the GDL (register 62720 or 0xF500). When a positive value "n" is written to this register, the power is turned on to the sensing probe and remains on for n/4 seconds. When a reading is requested, the timer is reset and the sensing element remains on for another n/4 seconds. To force the power off immediately after a reading, for power savings, write a zero to the register. If the power to the entire GDL sensor is turned off, this value defaults to 30 (or 7.5 seconds).

The recommended procedure to ensure proper warm-up/stabilization and to conserve power is:

- Write Power On value of 30 (30/4 = 7.5 seconds) *
 - o Power turns on
 - o Starts sampling about two times per second
- Wait 7 seconds then request a reading *
 - o Returns most recent sample
 - Resets Power On value to 30 (30/4 = 7.5 seconds) *
- Write Power On value of 0 (zero)
 - o Turns power off
 - Retains last reading

^{*} If your attached sensors have a longer warm-up/stabilization time, increase these values.

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If You Cannot Write to the Power On Register

If you are reading your sensor using a meter or other device that cannot write the Power On value but simply takes readings on a specified schedule, be sure to set the polling interval to less than 7.5 seconds. This will ensure that the GDL is always providing power to the connected sensors and readings should be fresh and stable. Note that the first reading when you turn on the GDL will be old but will refresh within a second or two.

Sensor Configuration/Control

Modbus registers are provided for the following configuration and control functions.

Modbus Register	Description
62976=a	Set sensor modbus address = a (Write Only)
64544=b	Set modbus baud rate according to b (Write Only)
	b=0:38400 b=1:19200 b=2:9600





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