

COMMUNICATION MANUAL

α2 SIMPLE APPLICATION CONTROLLER

Foreword

- This manual contains text, diagrams and explanations which will guide the reader in the correct programming and operation of the α2 series controller.
- Before attempting to install or use the α2 Series Controller this manual should be read and understood.
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Guidelines for the safety of the user and protection of α2 Simple Application Controllers

This manual provides information for the setup and use of α2 Simple Application Controllers that are being used in data communication applications. The manual has been written to be used by trained and competent personnel. The definition of such a person(s) is as follows;

- a) Any engineer who is responsible for the planning, design and construction of automatic equipment using the product associated with this manual should be of a competent nature, trained and qualified to the local and national standards required to fulfill that role. These engineers should be fully aware of all aspects of safety with regards to automated equipment.
- b) Any commissioning or service engineer must be of a competent nature, trained and qualified to the local and national standards required to fulfill that job. These engineers should also be trained in the use and maintenance of the completed product. This includes being completely familiar with all associated documentation for the said product. All maintenance should be carried out in accordance with established safety practices.
- c) All operators of the completed equipment (see Note) should be trained to use this product in a safe manner in compliance to established safety practices. The operators should also be familiar with documentation which is associated with the operation of the completed equipment.

Note : Note: the term ‘completed equipment’ refers to a third party constructed device which contains or uses the product associated with this manual.

Notes on the Symbols Used in this Manual

At various times throughout this manual certain symbols will be used to highlight points of information which are intended to ensure the users personal safety and protect the integrity of equipment. Whenever any of the following symbols are encountered its associated note must be read and understood. Each of the symbols used will now be listed with a brief description of its meaning.

Hardware warnings



1) Indicates that the identified danger **WILL** cause physical and property damage.



2) Indicates that the identified danger could **POSSIBLY** cause physical and property damage.



3) Indicates a point of further interest or further explanation.

Software warning



4) Indicates special care must be taken when using this element of software.



5) Indicates a special point which the user of the associate software element should be aware of.



6) Indicates a point of interest or further explanation.

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1. Communication Capabilities

The α2 Simple Application Controller has a wide range of communication capabilities that include remote programming, sending SMS messages to mobile telephones or e-mail accounts, and reading/writing data using a dedicated protocol. These powerful features bring a new era of information transfer possibilities to the simple application controllers.

The α2 can be used to monitor and control machines in remote stations and notify maintenance personnel in case of machine error or emergency situations. Remote monitoring through the AL-PCS/WIN-E software (version 2.00 onwards), hereafter referred to as VLS, can provide machine production and status updates as well as enable programming or parameter updates without the necessity of local access.

The Dedicated Protocol option gives the user the ability to transfer and monitor data from a peripheral device without the use of VLS software. Programmers familiar with C, C++, Visual Basic, or similar packages can write specialized communication programs.

Both standard and GSM modems can connect to the α2 controller.

The most powerful function is the ability to send SMS packets to e-mail accounts or mobile phones.

The new functional block which strengthens the communication from external equipment was added to α2 Controller (version 2.20 or later).

The new functional blocks is "Short Message Receiving(SMR) "and" Call Detect (CD)." "Short Message Receiving (SMR)" changes an output by the character string of a mail account. And "Call Detect (CD)" By GSM modem or an analog modem that supports"Calling Line Identification Presentation(CLIP)", an output is changed by call RING of a telephone.

This functionality enables messages to be sent from remote locations to maintenance personnel or the appropriate staff thus reducing downtime for machines and the necessity for on site personnel at each location. The α2 Series Controller can connect to a GSM modem or standard modem to provide remote program upload/download, to monitor devices, set Function Block parameters, or change the I/O status. Program upload/download can be performed remotely by a PC that is using VLS software.

The procedure for Dedicated Protocol, which can remotely monitor or set parameters without using the VLS software, is discussed in Chapters 5 - 9.

Error messages can be prepared and placed on the α2 display to be sent as the SMS packet. Please refer to section 2.3 to view the available character set for SMS/GSM communication. The α2 Series Controllers communicates with a GSM or Standard modem from the connection port on the right side.



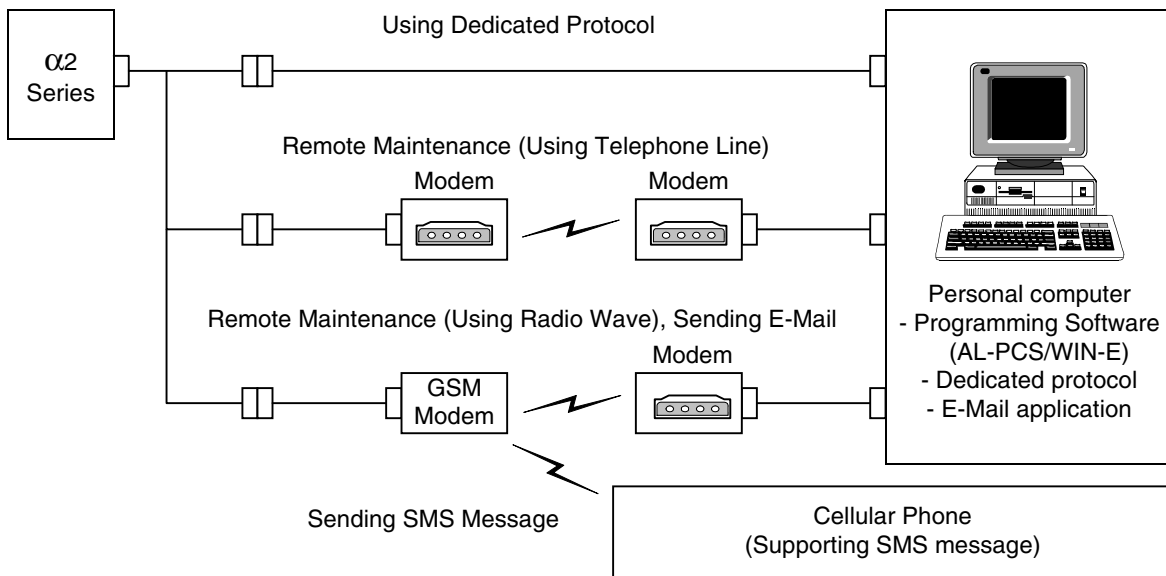
Note: The α controller communicates to a modem via the left side port and cannot connect to a GSM modem.

1.1 System Configurations

There are four methods of modem communication available in the α2 (AL2-14MR-*, AL2-24MR-*) Series Controllers

- 1) Send an SMS packet to a Mobile phone.
- 2) Send an SMS packet (inside an e-mail) to an e-mail account.
- 3) Remote access via GSM modem.
- 4) Remote access via standard Modem.
- 5) RS-232C Communication for Dedicated Protocol.

The configurations and equipment are listed below.



1.1.1 Send an SMS Message to a Mobile Phone

The contents of the display screen will be sent as an SMS packet to a mobile telephone.

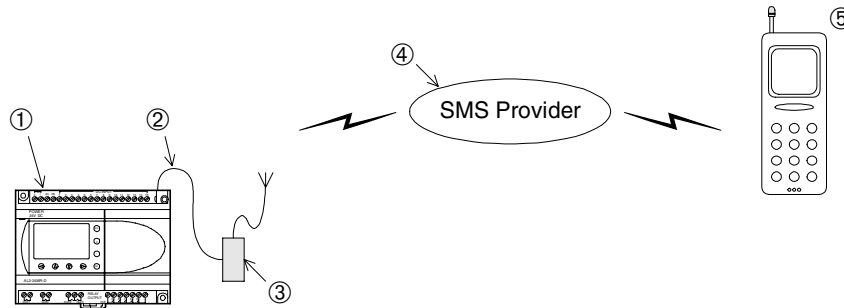


Table 1.1:SMS Message Setup

No.	Description
1	α2 (AL2-14MR-*, AL2-24MR-*) Series Controller
2	AL2-GSM-CAB
3	GSM Modem (with SIM card and Antenna)
4	SMS Provider
5	Mobile Telephone

1.1.2 Receive the Short Message from a PC and phone

The GSM short message (SM) can be sent from a Mobile phone, a Normal Phone (with SM functionality) or PC to a GSM modem that is connected to an α2 controller.

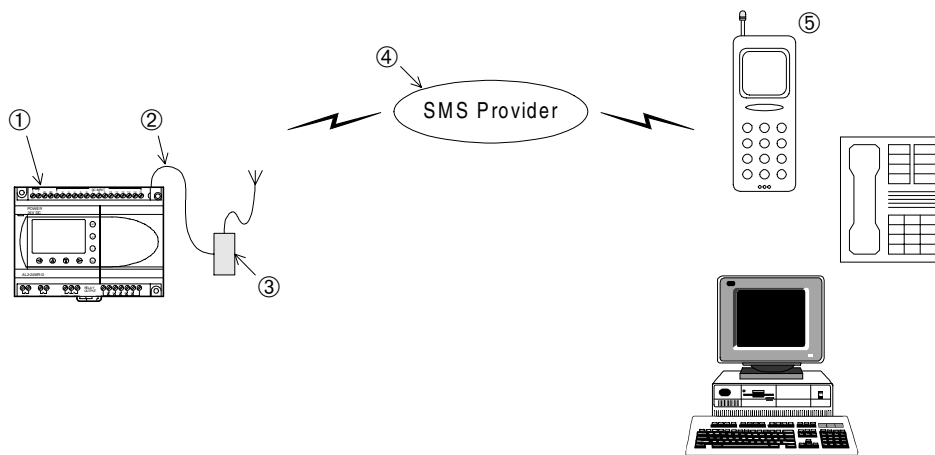


Table 1.2:SMS Message Setup

No.	Description
1	α2 (AL2-14MR-*, AL2-24MR-*) Series Controller
2	AL2-GSM-CAB
3	GSM Modem (with SIM card and Antenna)
4	SMS Provider
5	Mobile Telephone, Normal Phone (with SM functionality), PC

1.1.3 Detect The Phone Ringing

In case a GSM modem or an analog modem that supports Calling Line Identification Presentation (CLIP) is called, the number of the calling partner is sent by the modem by the AT notification "+CLIP" attached to the RING notification.

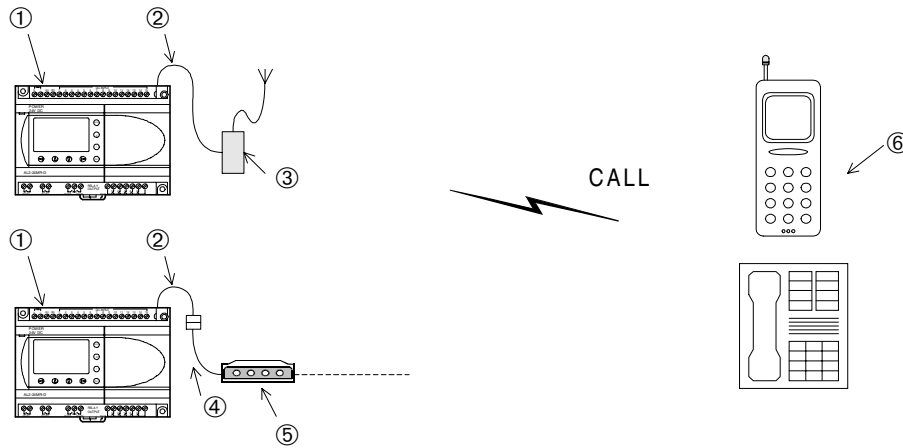


Table 1.3:SMS Message Setup

No.	Description
1	α2 (AL2-14MR-*, AL2-24MR-*) Series Controller
2	AL2-GSM-CAB
3	GSM Modem (with SIM card and Antenna)
4	RS-232C Straight Cable (See Section 1.1.7)
5	Standard Modem
6	Mobile Telephone, Normal Phone

1.1.4 Send an E-mail Message

The SMS packet can be placed inside an e-mail as text. The e-mail address is entered into α2 system parameters through the VLS software or the controller main menu. Refer to chapter 2 to 4 for further detailed information.

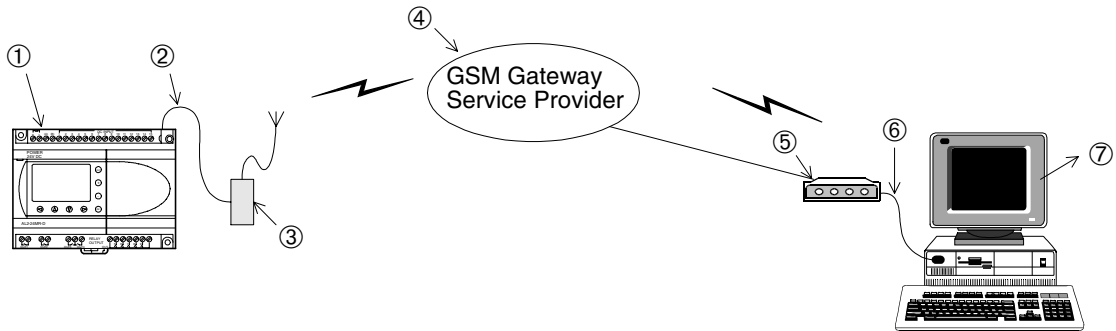
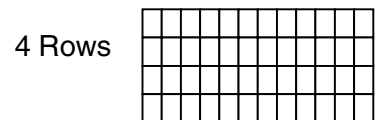


Table 1.4: GSM Modem E-mail Setup

No.	Description
1	α2 (AL2-14MR-*, AL2-24MR-*) Series Controller
2	AL2-GSM-CAB
3	GSM Modem (with SIM card and Antenna)
4	GSM Gateway Provider
5	Standard modem
6	Straight cable
7	PC with VLS software

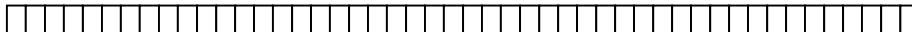
The SMS packet will be the contents of the Display screen as the Input pin for the SMS/GSM Function Block comes ON.

The display screen consists of 4 rows of 12 columns as shown at right.



12 Columns

When the Display contents are placed into the SMS message or the e-mail message, they columns will be lined up as a continuous string of 48 characters.



1.1.5 Program/monitor from remote PC using a GSM Modem

Use the VLS software to monitor and set parameters and bit devices or to upload/download programs.

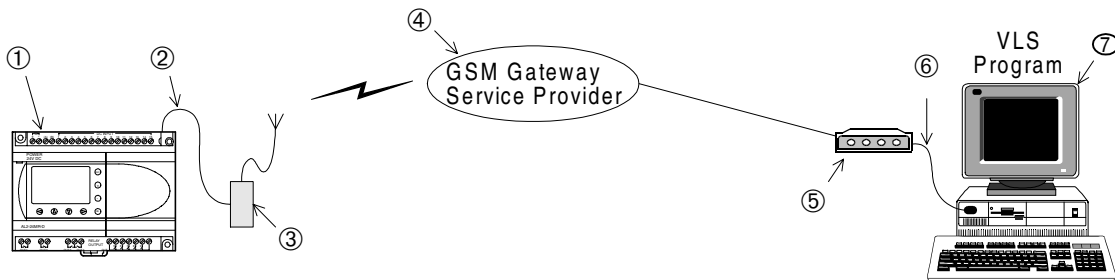


Table 1.5: GSM Modem Program/Monitor Setup

No.	Description
1	α2 (AL2-14MR-*, AL2-24MR-*) Series Controller
2	AL2-GSM-CAB
3	GSM Modem (with SIM card and antenna)
4	GSM Gateway Service Provider
5	Standard Modem
6	RS-232C Cable specified by Modem Manufacturer
7	PC with VLS software

1.1.6 Program/Monitor from remote PC using a standard Modem

Use the VLS software to monitor and set parameters and bit devices or to upload/download programs. The Modem on the PC end must be a serial communication modem.

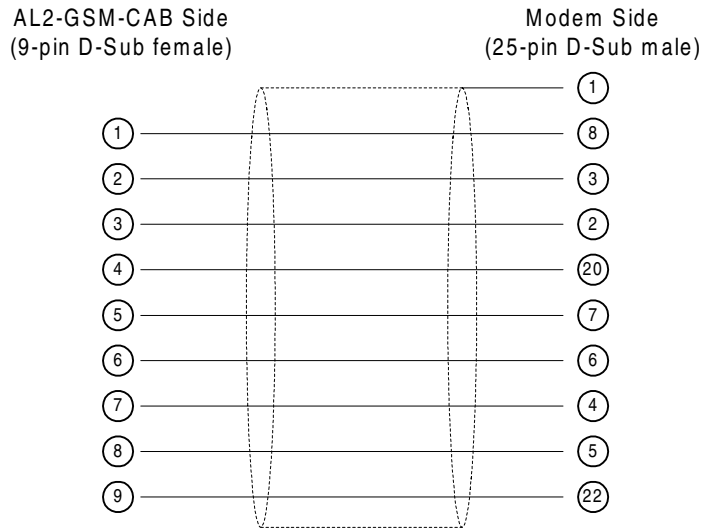


Table 1.6: Standard Modem Setup

No.	Description
1	α2 (AL2-14MR-*, AL2-24MR-*) Series Controller
2	AL2-GSM-CAB
3	RS-232C Straight Cable (See Section 1.1.7)
4	Standard Modem
5	Standard Modem
6	RS-232C Cable as specified by Modem manufacturer
7	PC with VLS software

1.1.7 RS - 232C Straight Cable

The cable pinout and connector information is given below.



1.2 Dedicated Protocol Communication

The α2 (AL2-14MR-*, AL2-24MR-*) Series Controller can transfer data To/From a personal computer, HMI, or other peripheral equipment via Dedicated Protocol. Programs for Dedicated Protocol can be written in C++, Visual Basic, or similar high-level programming languages. Please see the information in Chapters 5 for more information on Dedicated Protocol.

1.2.1 Dedicated Protocol Configuration

The peripheral equipment acts as the Master in the Dedicated Protocol configuration. The communication takes place via a 1:1 RS-232C communication link.

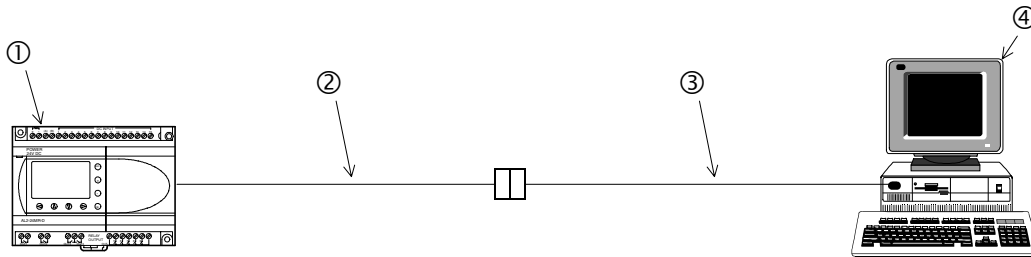
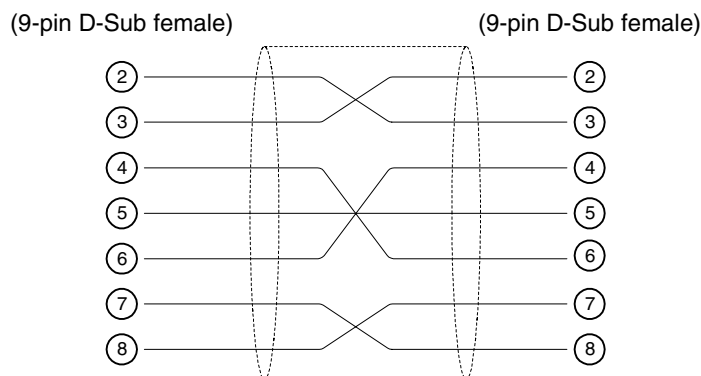


Table 1.7: Dedicated Protocol Setup

No.	Description
1	α2 (AL2-14MR-*, AL2-24MR-*) Series Controller
2	AL2-GSM-CAB Cable
3	RS-232C Cross Cable (see section 1.2.2)
4	PC or other peripheral device

1.2.2 Diagram for RS-232C Cross Cable

The pinouts and connector types for the RS-232C cross cable are shown in the figure below. Both the connectors and the wiring are equivalent so that either side can be connected to the AL2-GSM-CAB or the peripheral device.



2. SMS/SMR/CD Functions and the Modem Setting

SMS messages can be sent to mobile phones and e-mail accounts via a GSM modem if certain parameters in the α2 controller are correctly configured.

The output of SMR changes, when the command text is exactly included in Short Message.

The output of CD changes, when called from the modem that supports Calling Line Identification Presentation (CLIP).

These parameters can be set quickly and easily in the VLS software or from the front panel keys.

Refer to section 1.1 for the system configuration.

2.1 Set the parameters of the GSM modem from VLS software.

The Visual Logic Software (VLS) provides the easiest method to set the parameters and download them to the controller. The communication method is the first setting necessary in the VLS software.

When use a standard modem by CD Funcion Block, see section 3.3.

Open or start a new program and then choose “Option” on the menu bar. Click “GSM and Serial Communication” to open the dialog box necessary to begin parameterisation.

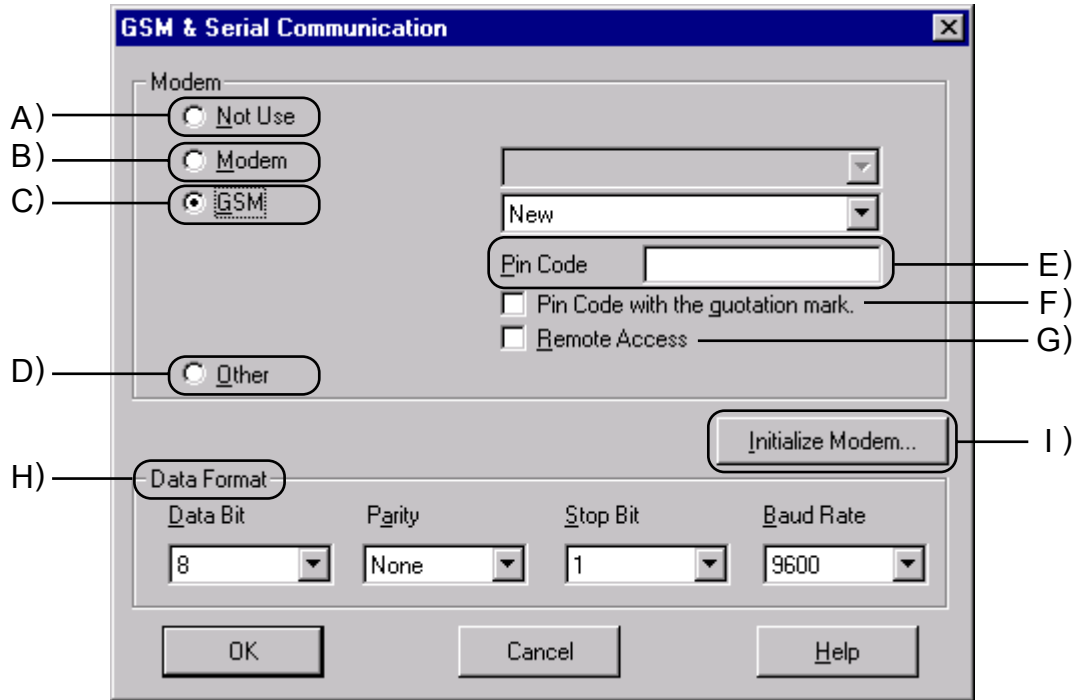


2.1.1 GSM & Serial Communication Dialog Box

The GSM and Serial Communication Dialog Box is used to set the equipment and communication type for the controller.

Refer to the AL-PCS/WIN-E Software Manual for further information concerning VLS.

Click the “GSM” option to enable GSM telemetric functionality.



A) Not Use

This default setting is for situations in which no communication will be used. The AT command is not activated.

B) Modem

This setting is used when a standard modem will be connected to the α2 for use in Remote Access.

C) GSM

This setting is used when a GSM modem will be connected either to send an SMS message or for Remote Access.

D) Other

This setting is used for Dedicated Protocol communication.

E) Pin Code

The GSM PIN (Personal Identification Numbers for use of GSM)

F) Pin Code with the quotation mark

GSM SIM PIN is sent to the modem in quotation marks (necessary for Sony Ericsson GSM modem)

G) Remote Access

Setting to allow GSM modems to have Remote Access.

H) Data Format

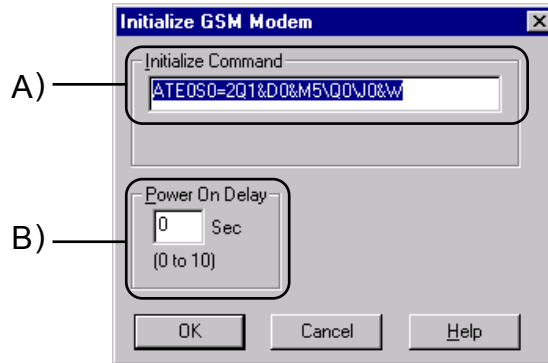
Settings for Com ports and message protocol.

I) Initialize Modem

AT Command used to initialize a modem. See section 2.1.2 for more details.

2.1.2 The “Initialize Modem...” Setting

When the “Initialize Modem...” button is clicked, the “Initialize Controller Modem” dialog box is displayed. This box is used to enter the AT command for the modem and the “Power On Delay” time.



A) Initialize Command

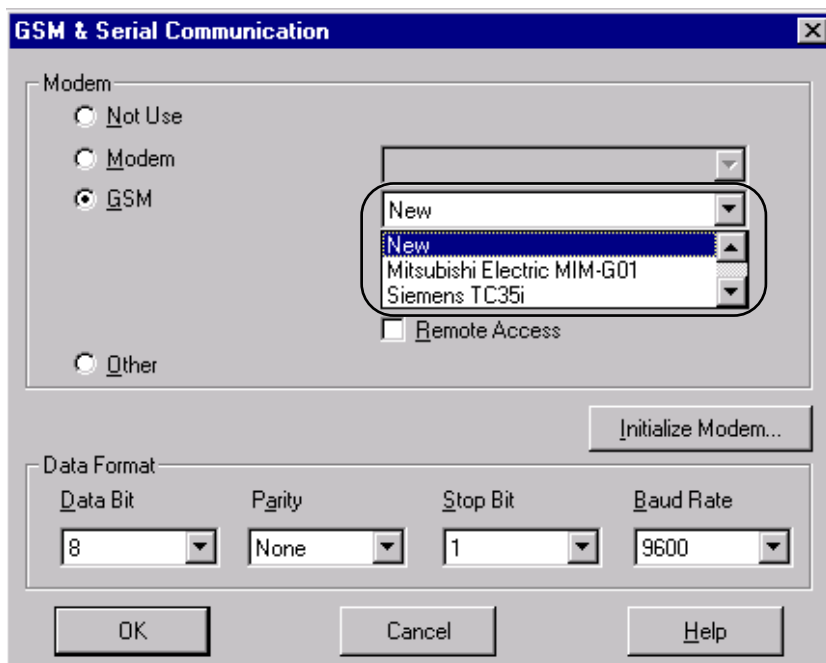
Enter the AT command for the modem. This setting will be automatically entered if one of the preconfigured modems is chosen, see section 2.1.3.

B) Power On Delay

The Power On Delay will set the time in seconds that the α2 will wait on power-up before sending the Modem Initialization command. The delay can help to ensure that the modem is ready to receive the signal from the α2 in case there is a difference in the time necessary to power-up each item.

2.1.3 Pre-Configured GSM Modem Initialization Setting

If using the Modem or GSM option, a preconfigured modem can be used. Choose the down arrow to view the modem options.



Choose one of the listed modems and the AT command will be automatically entered into the software parameter settings in “Initialize Modem...” The frame above shows a preconfigured setting for a GSM modem. The option for the GSM modems is listed below.

GSM Preconfigured Modems

Please refer to the Table 2.1 for information on the pre-configured modems available in AL-PCS/WIN-E for GSM modems.

Table 2.1: GSM Preconfigured Modem Setting

Maker name	Model name	Modem command (AT command)
Mitsubishi	MIM-G01	AT+IPR=9600;+CICB=0;+IFC=0,0;+CMEE=1;E0S0=2&W
Siemens	TC35i	AT+IPR=9600;+IFC=0,0;+CMEE=1;E0S0=2&W
Siemens	MC35i	AT+IPR=9600;+CMEE=1;E0S0=2&S0\Q0&W
Siemens	Siemens M20T	AT+IPR=9600;+IFC=0,0;+CMEE=1;E0S0=2&W
Sony Ericsson	GM29	AT+IPR=9600;+IFC=0,0;+CMEE=1;E0S0=2&W
Tixi	HNG1	AT+IPR=9600;+CICB=0;+IFC=0,0;+CMEE=1;E0S0=2&W
Wavecom	WMOD2	AT+IPR=9600;+IFC=0,0;+CMEE=1;E0S0=2&W

AT Command Profile for GSM Modems

Please refer to the Table below for information on the AT command for GSM modems.

Table 2.2: AT Command Reference for GSM Modems

Item	Content	Example Setting
		Siemens M20T
Enable command echo	Echo mode OFF	E0
Set number of rings before automatically answering the call	Enable automatic answering on the ring twice	S0=2
Set circuit data set ready (DSR) function mode	DSR always ON	&S0
Set TE-TA local data flow control	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Specifies the method which will be used by TE when data is received from TA: None Specifies the method which will be used by TA when data is received from TE: None 	+IFC=0,0
Report mobile equipment error	Enable result code and use numeric value	+CMEE=1
Set fixed local rate	Baud Rate: 9600 bps	+IPR=9600
Store current parameter to use defined profile	The user profile is stored in non-volatile memory	&W



Note:
Additional parameters for the Siemens M20T GSM modem can be included via editing the GSM.ini file.



Note:

The Siemens M20T GSM modem has been used as the default modem for the α2 Series Controller, however, if the user has installed a GSM modem of their choice with a different AT command then additional AT commands can be included.

Having installed VLS to the Program files directory.

C:\Program Files\Alvls\BIN

please choose the GSM.ini file that contains AT information for GSM modem selection in VLS.

Contents of the GSM.ini file:

```

; This is GSM.ini File, used to Display GSM Modem Models
; and their Initialization commands. This file is used
; while Initializing the Controller GSM.
;
; Please add any new Modem models and Initializing commands
; only at the end of the file. An example is given below:
;
;1="USRoboticsXXX","AT&F"
; Here "1" is serial number in increasing order
;   "USRoboticsXXX" is GSM Modem model
;   "AT&F" is the initializing command (Max 64 Chars).
;
[Modem]

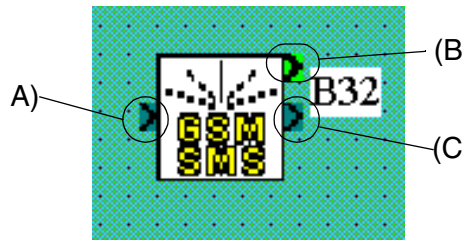
1="New", ""
2="SIEMENS M20T", "ATE0S0=2&S0;+IFC=0,0;+CMEE=1;+IPR=9600&W"
    
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Simply follow the instruction listed above, subsequently, the additional GSM modem will be included with attached AT command string.

2.2 The GSM/SMS Function Block

The GSM/SMS Function block is the trigger to send SMS messages. To enter or edit the GSM/SMS parameters, double click on the icon to open the Short Message Service dialog box described in Section 2.2.2.

When two or more Function Blocks are trying to send a message at the same time, the first to connect will send its SMS message. The other GSM/SMS FB(s) will be placed in “Wait” status. All the FBs will send their messages in turn.



A) The Input Signal

The α2 controller will send the SMS message to the chosen destination when the input pin is activated. Even if the Input pin is turned OFF during the process, the operation will continue until the message is sent or three retries have been completed.

Input signals will be ignored when the Output pin is On or the when the Function Block is in “Wait” status.

B) The Output Signal

The Output signal comes ON when the SMS message has been successfully sent or the final retry has taken place.

If the Input signal that began the operation remains ON, the Output will remain ON.

If the Input signal turns OFF during the send operation, the Output signal will remain ON for one program scan after the send operation is complete and then turn OFF.

C) The Word Output

Check the status of the transmission by checking the Output Word data. The data can be checked in the program or by connecting the Output Word data to a Display FB.

Table 2.3: Output Word Value

Bit	Description
b0	Transmission is Complete
b1	Transmission or retry in Progress
b2	Transmission is in “Wait” status
b3	Transmission Failed
b4	Transmission did not occur due to an SMS Parameter Error
b5 - b15	Reserved, will always be 0

After the Input Pin is turned OFF, the Word Output will also be reset to 0 when the communication is complete.



Note:
The Word Value will display a hexadecimal number. Convert the hexadecimal number to binary form to check the values against Table 2.5 Output Word Value parameters. It is possible that multiple bits will be ON simultaneously.

The status of the entire controller can be seen in the Diagnosis of Controller dialog box described in Chapter 4.

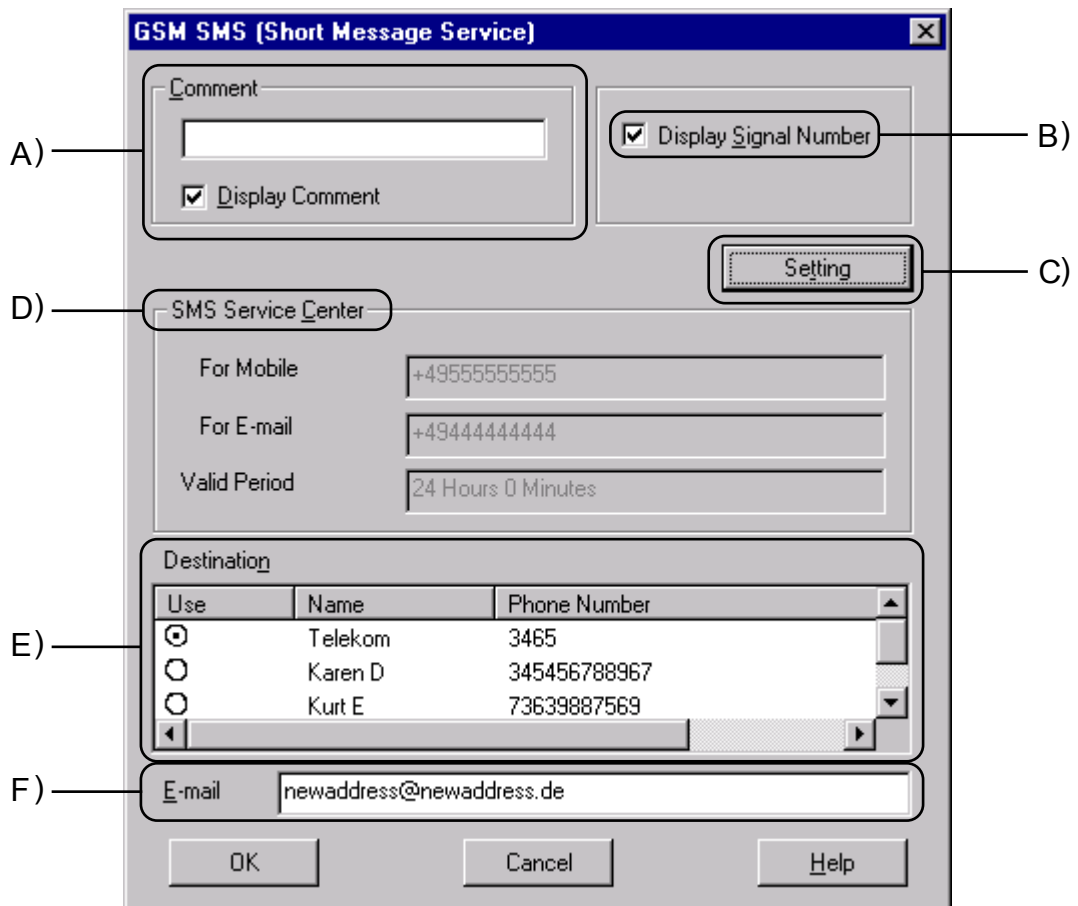


Note:
Transmission of UCS2 encoded short messages to an email account is not necessarily supported for a SMS Gateway. In the event no support by the SMS Gateway, UCS2 encoded short messages cannot be sent to an email account and a fax machine.

Please contact the used GSM network provider.

2.2.1 The Short Message Service (SMS)

The Short Message Service dialog box is used to choose whether to send the SMS message to a mobile phone or an e-mail address. If an e-mail message is chosen, the address is entered in the E-mail entry block at the bottom of the box. **Only one e-mail address can be entered per GSM/SMS Function Block.**



A) Comment

Input a comment to label the function block. The comment will be shown on the VLS software display if the “Display Comment” block is checked.

B) Display Signal Number

Check this box to display the Function Block number on the VLS software display.

C) Setting

This box will open the SMS Setting Dialog box described in Section 2.2.2. The SMS message destinations are input in the SMS Setting dialog box.

D) SMS Service Center

This box shows information regarding access to the SMS Provider. The information is entered in the SMS Setting Dialog Box described in section 2.2.2.

E) Destination

The possible Destination telephone numbers and the e-mail Gateway parameter are shown. Choose the desired Destination phone number or Gateway setting for the specific GSM/SMS Function Block by clicking the appropriate circle.

The choice of a mobile phone number will complete the selection process.

If the Gateway setting is chosen, the destination e-mail address must be entered in the “E-mail” box. Every GSM/SMS FB can have a different e-mail address.

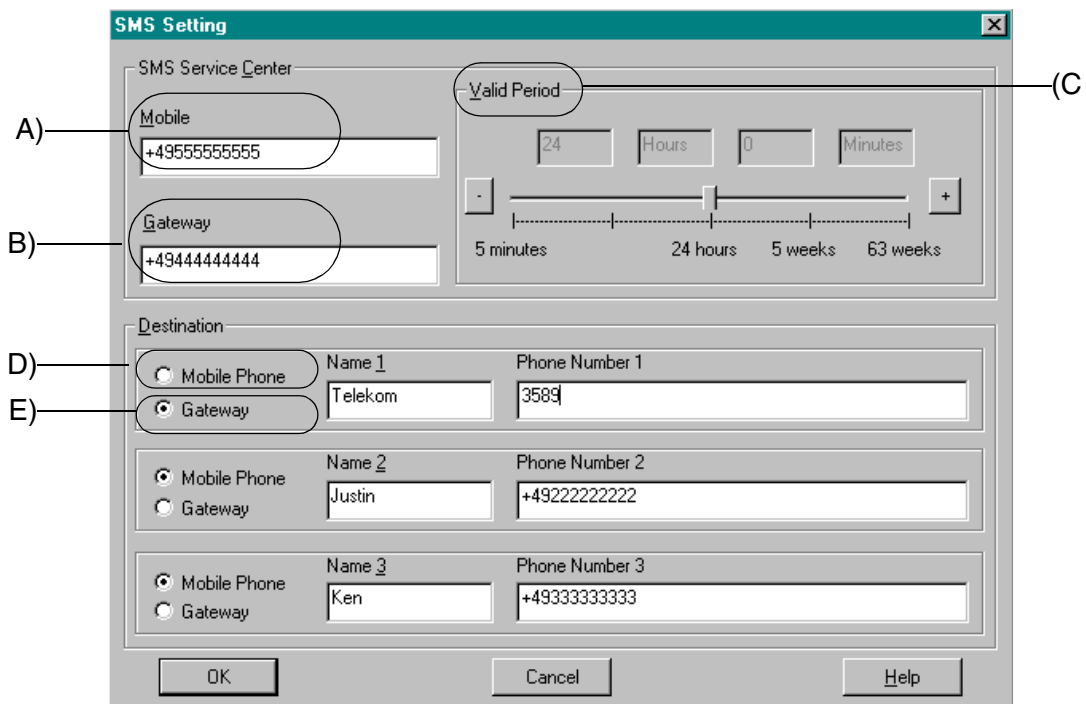
F) E-Mail

Enter the destination E-mail address for the SMS message.

2.2.2 SMS Setting Dialog Box

The SMS Setting Dialog box is accessed from the Short Message service (SMS) dialog box in any GSM/SMS Function Block. The SMS Setting dialog box is not specific to a single Function Block. The parameters entered here apply to all Function Blocks.

The parameter settings are the data required by the SMS provider to set up the destination locations. Messages can be sent to 1) three telephone numbers or 2) two telephone numbers and one Gateway number. The same Gateway can be used for multiple e-mail accounts so that the only limit on e-mails is the α2 programming memory (200 FBs, 5000 bytes). Each GSM/SMS Function Block can service a single e-mail address.



A) SMS Service Center - Mobile

Enter the number given by the SMS Provider for Mobile access. It is possible that the same number will be used for Gateway access. Please verify with the Service Provider whether the International code is needed at the beginning of the phone number.

B) SMS Service Center - Gateway

Enter the number given by the SMS Service Provider for Gateway access. It is possible that the same number will be used for Mobile access. Please verify with the Service Provider whether the International code is needed at the beginning of the phone number.

C) Valid Period

This is the requested period for the message to exist on the Server. The time can be set from a minimum of five minutes to a maximum of 63 weeks. This parameter is ultimately under the control of the Service Provider and the time period will be decided according to their company policy.

D) Destination - Mobile Phone

Click the Mobile Phone circle to input data for a mobile phone. Use the "Name ##" as an optional memo area. Enter the Destination phone number in the "Phone Number ##" box. Please verify with the Service Provider whether the International code is needed at the beginning of the phone number.

E) Destination - Gateway

Click the Gateway circle to input data in order to send an e-mail. Use the "Name ##" as an optional memo area. Enter the e-mail server access code from the Service Provider in the "Phone Number ##" box.

These destination numbers will be valid for all SMS function blocks. E-mails can be sent to as many addresses as the α2 memory allows. SMS messages can be sent to a maximum of three telephone numbers.

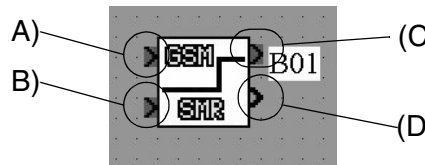
2.3 The SMR Function Block

The GSM short message (SM) can be sent from a cell phone, a normal phone (with SM functionality) or PC to a GSM modem that is connected to an α2 controller.

α2 controller detects the delivery of SM by the modem and downloads the SM from the modem. The Short Message Receive FB (SMR FB) searches for the occurrence of a command in the SM.

The command is given as text string in the FB parameter. In case the command text is exactly included in the SM, outputs are changed.

To enter or edit the SMR parameters, double click on the icon to open the Short Message Receiving dialog box described in Section 2.3.1.



A) The Input Signal

The α2 controller will receive a message when the input pin is activated.

For normal operation the input must be ON. When Input is OFF, all output values are hold and the function block doesn't care an incoming short message. Input is ON when left open (not connected). When Reset and Input are ON at the same time, only Reset becomes active.

B) The Reset Signal

Resets the outputs when ON.

Reset takes priority over Input and takes priority over a command in an incoming short message. Reset is OFF when not connected.

C) The Output Signal

The output is set ON, when the switch ON command is found in the received short message.

The output is set OFF, when the switch OFF command is found in the short message.

When Reset is ON, the bit output is reset (OFF). When Input is OFF the bit output value is hold.

D) The Word Output

Word output for transferred values.

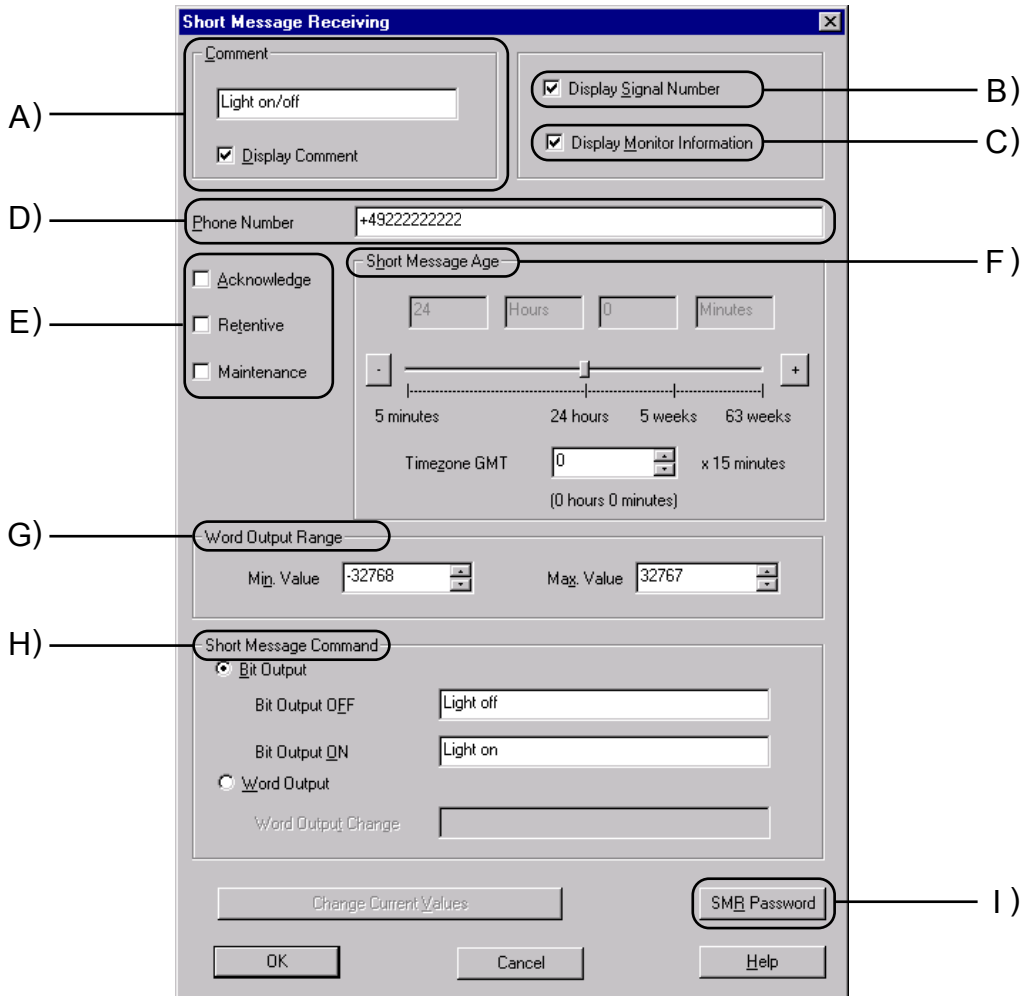
The output is set ON, when the switch ON command is found in the received short message.

The output is set OFF, when the switch OFF command is found in the short message.

When Reset is ON, the bit output is reset (OFF). When Input is OFF the bit output value is hold.

2.3.1 The Short Message Receiving (SMR)

The Short Message Service dialog box is used for a parameter setup when receiving a short message.



A) Comment

This edit box is used to enter a comment that will be displayed above the SMR icon and only when the "Display Comment" box is checked.

B) Display Signal Number

If this check box is checked the signal number will be displayed next to the function icon.

C) Display Monitor Information

If this check box is checked the monitor information will be displayed below the function icon. This information is displayed only in monitor and simulation mode.

D) Phone Number

This phone number is compared with a phone number of an incoming call.

Asterix Character in phone number

The asterix character '*' can be used to terminate phone number or can be stand-alone. It takes place for any combination of numbers. Using the '*', one SMR FB can switch for a group of phone numbers.

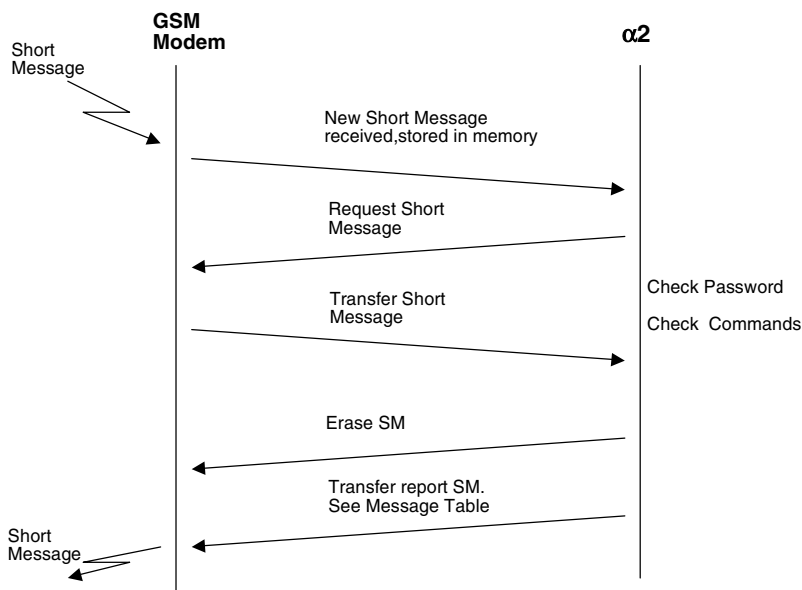
Table 2.4: Phone numbers and Outputs

FB number	Caller's phone number	FB Output
+49 21 02 12 34 56 7	+49 21 02 12 34 56 7	changed
+49 21 02 12 34 56 7	+49 21 02 12 34 56 8	no change
+49 21 02 12 34 56 7	+49 21 02 12 34	no change
+49 21 02 12 34 56 7	+49 21 02 12 34 56 78	no change
+49 21 02 12 34 56 7*	+49 21 02 12 34 56 7	no change
+49 21 02 12 34 56	+49 21 02 12 34 56 7	no change
+49 21 02 12 34 56 *	+49 21 02 12 34 56 7	changed
+49 21 02 12 3*	+49 21 02 12 34 56 7	changed
+49 21 02 12 3*	+49 21 02 12 34 56 8	changed
+49 21 02 12 3*	+49 21 02 12 34 56 78	changed
*	Any phone number	changed
+*	Any international phone number	changed

E) - Acknowledge

If this check box is checked, then an Acknowledge flag will be set.

Report short message handling



Acknowledge messages

Condition	Transmitted Short Message
α2 in Run Mode, all commands of SM successfully processed	"OK"
α2 in Run Mode, some commands in SM were erroneous.	"Error"
α2 in Run Mode, Sender of SM has no authorization	"No access"
α2 in Run Mode, Password Protection Set, Password invalid or not Set	"No access"

- Retentive

Check the "Retentive" checkbox is store the output value even after a Power cut.

- Maintenance

If this check box is checked the maintenance mode will be initiated.

F) Short Message Age

This value defines the duration of time that the short message is stored.

User can click "+" or "-" button to increase or decrease the short message age.

G) Word Output Range

This parameter is only used for when the word output mode is active.

-Min. value

Lower limit of the word output value. In case the word output value is smaller than the min. value set, thus, the min. value will become active.

Min. Value range: -32768 (max. value -1)

-Max. Value

Upper limit of word output value. In case the word output value is greater than the max. value, thus, the max. value will become active.

Max. Value range: 32767 (min. value +1)

H) Short Message Command

-Bit Output

The Bit output can be switched ON and OFF by the appropriate short message command.

-Word Output

The word output value can be set by the appropriate value held in the short message command.

I) SMR Password

Setting the SMR password in this dialog box will create a common password for all equivalent SMR Function blocks.

Setting Range: 0 and 9999.



In order to avoid serious injury and the machine damage caused by unintended SMR FB operation, provide safety devices as countermeasure.

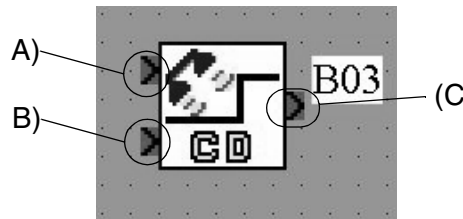


2.4 The CD Function Block

In case a GSM modem or an analog modem that supports Calling Line Identification Presentation (CLIP) is called, the number of the calling partner is sent by the modem by the AT notification "+CLIP" attached to the RING notification. α2 extracts the callers's number after a given number of RING notifications.

In case the numbers of digits of both phone numbers and the phone numbers itself are equal, the CD FB output is switched on.

To enter or edit the SMR parameters, double click on the icon to open the Short Message Receiving dialog box described in Section 2.4.1.



A) The Input Signal

Enables the CD FB operation. For normal operation the Input must be ON.

When Input is OFF, the output is hold and the function block doesn't check caller's number.

Input is ON when left open (not connected). When Reset and Input are ON at the same time, only Reset becomes active.

B) The Reset Signal

Resets the bit output when ON

Reset takes priority over Input and takes priority over an incoming call. Thus, when Reset is ON, an incoming call has no affect.

Reset is OFF when not connected.

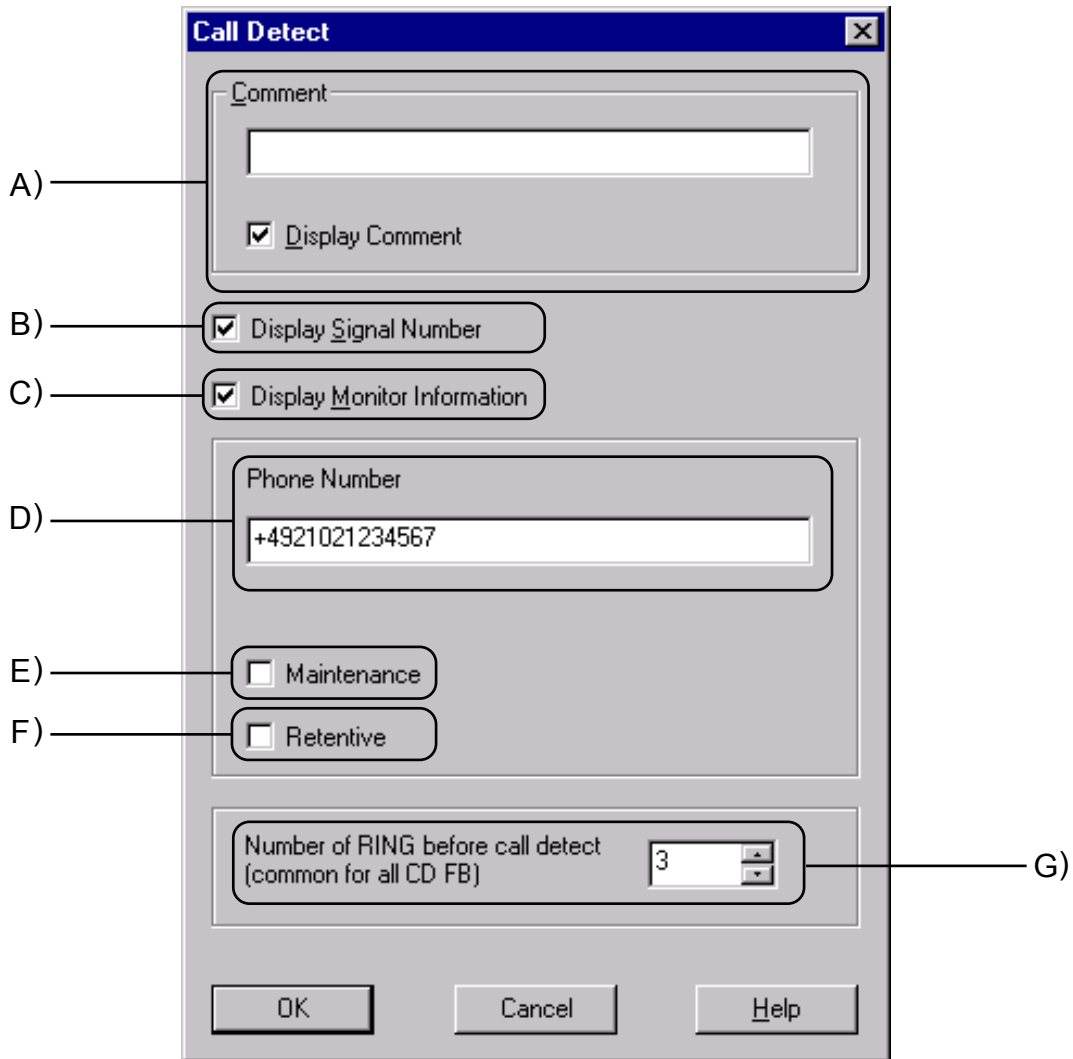
C) The Output Signal

Bit output.

The output is set ON, when the caller's number is equal to the stored phone number and Input is ON. The output state is hold, when Input is OFF, and it is reset (set OFF), when Reset is ON.

2.4.1 Call Detect (CD)

The Call Detect dialog box is used for a Phone Number and Number of rings setup..



A) Comment

This edit box is used to enter a comment that will be displayed above the CD icon and only when the "Display Comment" box is checked.

B) Display Signal Number

If this check box is checked the signal number will be displayed next to the function icon.

C) Display Monitor Information

If this check box is checked the monitor information will be displayed below the function icon. This information is displayed only in monitor and simulation mode.

D) Phone Number

Length: 28 characters, including " +,-,(,)*,0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9 "

Asterix Character in phone number

The asterix character '*' can be used to terminate phone number or can be stand-alone.

It takes place for any combination of numbers. Using the '*', one CD FB can switch for a group of phone numbers.

Table 2.5: Phone numbers and Outputs

FB number	Caller's phone number	FB Output
+49 21 02 12 34 56 7	+49 21 02 12 34 56 7	changed
+49 21 02 12 34 56 7	+49 21 02 12 34 56 8	no change
+49 21 02 12 34 56 7	+49 21 02 12 34	no change
+49 21 02 12 34 56 7	+49 21 02 12 34 56 78	no change
+49 21 02 12 34 56 7*	+49 21 02 12 34 56 7	no change
+49 21 02 12 34 56	+49 21 02 12 34 56 7	no change
+49 21 02 12 34 56 *	+49 21 02 12 34 56 7	changed
+49 21 02 12 3*	+49 21 02 12 34 56 7	changed
+49 21 02 12 3*	+49 21 02 12 34 56 8	changed
+49 21 02 12 3*	+49 21 02 12 34 56 78	changed
*	Any phone number	changed
+*	Any international phone number	changed

E) Maintenance

If this check box is checked maintenance mode will be selected.

F) Retentive

Check the "Retentive" checkbox is store the output value even after a Power cut.

G) Number of RING before call detect

Range: 1-20

Cautions for the use of both Call Detec and remote access



- When it remotely accesses from the same telephone number for Call Detect, CD and FB operate.

Cautions for misoperations

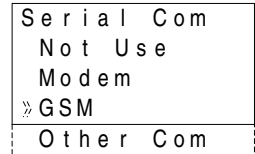


- CD FB operates also by a misoperation of a telephone.

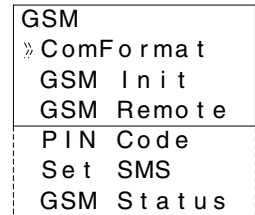
In order to avoid serious injury and the machine damage caused by unintended CD FB operation, provide safety devices as countermeasure.

2.5 Set GSM Modem Parameters from the Front Panel Keys

The settings required to send SMS packets via a GSM modem or to set up the α2 controller for remote access can be accomplished with the front panel keys.

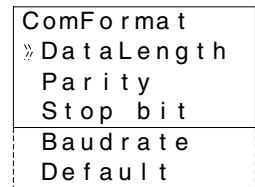


To begin the process from the Top Menu, scroll down to “Others/Serial Com/GSM” and press “OK” to view the options shown at right.



2.5.1 ComFormat

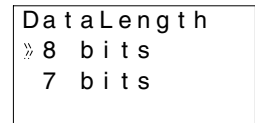
Upon entering the GSM option, the ComFormat dialog will be the first option. The ComFormat allows the user to set the communication settings for Data Length, Parity, Stop Bit, and Baudrate. Most communications can be accomplished with the Default settings.



Scroll to the setting to be adjusted.

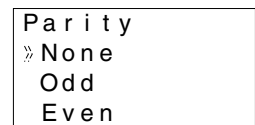
Data Length

Select a Data length parameter of 7 or 8 bits.



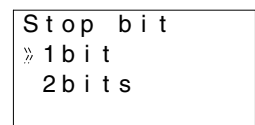
Parity

Select from three options for Parity - None, Odd or Even.



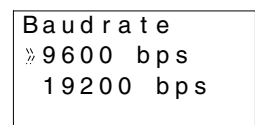
Stop Bits

Choose the number of stop bits - 1 bit or 2 bits.



Baud Rate

Select the baud rate - 9600 or 19200 bps.



Default

The controller can be returned to the default communication settings (DataLength = 8 bits; Parity = None; Stop Bits = 1; and Baud Rate = 9600 bps) by pressing “OK” when the pointer is on the Default option shown in the ComFormat box.

2.5.2 The GSM Init Command (GSM Initialization Command)

The GSM modem must have an initialization command string. After choosing the “GSM Init” option, the Command and Delay Time settings will appear.

```
GSM Init
» Command
DelayTime
```

Command Setting

Choose “Command” to enter the AT command. Details for the AT command should be included in the literature of the modem.

```
GSM Init01
Command
[ A      ]
<=>?@ABCDE
```

Enter the string by choosing the characters using the “▲” and “▼” arrows. When a desired letter is shown onscreen, move to the right by pressing the “▶” key. The character shown will remain and the cursor will move to the right. Do not press the “OK” key until the command has been entered in its entirety.

Move to the left for editing purposes with the “◀” key.

Delay Time

The Delay Time Setting will delay the transmission of the initialization command while the modem completes its power up.

Use the “+” key to increment the value and the “-” to decrement the value within the range of 0 - 10 seconds. Enter the value by pressing the “OK” key.

```
GSM Init
DelayTime
    0s
```

2.5.3 Pin Code

Enter the PIN (Personal Identification Number)

It is necessary to enter a PIN received from the Service Provider when the α2 controller is used to send SMS packets. Use the “+” and “-” keys to choose the digits of the code and the “▶” and “◀” keys to move to adjoining digits.

SIM PIN setup “*****” or **** can be activated and deactivated by the cursor △ and cursor ▽ soft key.

```
PIN Code
Setup
    ****
```

All the numbers must be set to an integer value or a PIN Error will be received. Press the “OK” or “ESC” key to return to the PIN entry display. Finish entering all integer values into all four digits and press “OK” to enter the PIN.

Cancel the PIN

To Cancel an existing PIN, enter the PIN option and confirm with the “OK” button the intent to Cancel the code. The PIN does not have to be entered in order to Cancel the PIN.

```
PIN Code
Cancel
OK or ESC
```

Use the “ESC” button to return to the GSM menu.

2.5.4 Set SMS

The SMS menu is used to set the telephone numbers for the Service Provider, the destination numbers for mobile phones, the access code for e-mail messages, and the Validity Period of the messages.

```

Set SMS
» SMSC1
  SMSC2
  DA1
  DA2
  DA3
  VP
    
```

SMS Provider Mobile Access Number (SMSC1)

The SMSC1 is the number used to access the Service Provider section for mobile phones. Choose the digits and symbols using the “▲” and “▼” arrows. After the digit is set, move to the left or right with the “▶” and “◀” keys. Do not press the “OK” button until the command has been entered in its entirety.

```

Set SMS 01
SMSC1
[ ]
9+ - ( ) 0 1 2 3
    
```

SMS Provider Gateway Access Number (SMSC2)

The SMSC2 is the number used to access the E-mail gateway telephone number of the SMS Service Provider. Choose the digits and symbols using the “▲” and “▼” arrows. After the digit is set, move to the left or right with the “▶” and “◀” keys. Do not press the “OK” button until the command has been entered in its entirety. This number might be the same as used in SMSC1.

```

Set SMS 01
SMSC2
[ ]
9+ - ( ) 0 1 2 3
    
```

Destination Address (DA1, DA2, DA3)

Enter the mobile telephone number or the Service Provider e-mail Gateway code in this window. The number entered here can be accessed by a GSM/SMS Function Block in the user program when trying to send an SMS message.

```

Set SMS 01
DA1
[ ]
9+ - ( ) 0 1 2 3
    
```

Choose the digits and symbols using the “▲” and “▼” arrows. After the digit is set, move to the left or right with the “▶” and “◀” keys. Do not press the “OK” button until the command has been entered in its entirety.

Three destination mobile telephone numbers can be entered, one in each DA address. Alternately, two mobile phone numbers and one e-mail gateway access code can be entered. Only one e-mail Gateway access code needs to be entered and then the individual e-mail addresses can be entered separately in each GSM/SMS Function Block.

Validity Period

The Validity Period is a request to the SMS Service Provider to keep the message on their Server for a length of time. Each Service Provider may have their own policies with regard to this time period. Please check the details with your local Service Provider.

```

Set SMS
VP
  24.0hrs
    
```

Use the “+” and “-” keys to change the value within the range of 5 minutes to 63 weeks.

2.5.5 GSM Status

Check the status of the GSM communication in the following categories.

```
GSM Status
» Status
CME Error
CMS Error
SigStreng
```

Status

The status is given in hexadecimal numbers, convert to binary numbers to check against the Status Table shown in Section **. Error codes are provided in Chapter 4.

```
GSM Status
Status
0000H
```

CME Error

This CME Error status gives information to the functioning of Mobile Equipment (ME), please refer to the GSM modem manual for more details. Reference error Tables are located in Chapter 4 of this manual.

```
GSM Status
CME Error
-1
```

CMS Error

This value gives error information relevant to the Mobile Equipment (ME) or Network, please refer to the GSM modem manual for more details. Reference error Tables are located in Chapter 4 of this manual.

```
GSM Status
CMS Error
-1
```

Signal Strength (Sigstreng)

Check the signal strength of the GSM modem signal.

Table 2.6: Signal Strength Reference Table

Value%	Receiving Level
0	-113 dBm or less
3	-111 dBm
6-96	-109 to -53 dBm
100	-51 dBm or greater

```
GSM Status
SigStreng
0%
```


2.6 Characters in GSM Protocol

The following table gives the characters available for GSM/SMS communication as defined by GSM standard 03.38. The code numbers are for reference only and do not need to be entered by the User. The α2 controller supports more characters than appear in the GSM protocol. Tables are given for each language to show the unsupported characters and how they will appear if used in a GSM message. Languages where all characters are supported do not have GSM character transposition tables.

2.6.1 The GSM Character Table

The Table below gives the characters that can be sent by the α2 controller in a GSM message.

Table 2.7: GSM 03.38 Default Alphabet

Number (Hex)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
0	@	Δ	SP	0	i	P	ı	p
1	£	_	!	1	A	Q	a	q
2	\$	Φ	"	2	B	R	b	r
3	¥	Γ	#	3	C	S	c	s
4	è	Λ	α	4	D	T	d	t
5	é	Ω	%	5	E	U	e	u
6	ù	Π	&	6	F	V	f	v
7	ì	Ψ	'	7	G	W	g	w
8	ò	Σ	(	8	H	X	h	x
9	Ç	Θ	)	9	I	Y	i	y
A	LF	È	*	:	J	Z	j	z
B	Ø	1)	+	;	K	Ä	k	ä
C	ø	Æ	,	<	L	Ö	l	ö
D	CR	æ	-	=	M	Ñ	m	ñ
E	Ä	ß	.	>	N	Ü	n	ü
F	å	É	/	?	O	§	o	à

2.6.2 French GSM Characters

The following table shows the unsupported French characters in the GSM protocol and how those characters will appear in a GSM message.

However these characters are supported Ver. 3.00 or later of α2.

Table 2.8: French Characters in GSM Protocol

Character Type	Display Character							
α2 Character	â	ê	î	ô	û	ë	ï	ç
GSM Character	a	e	i	o	u	e	i	c

2.6.3 Italian GSM Characters

The following table shows the unsupported Italian characters in the GSM protocol and how those characters will appear in a GSM message.

However these characters are supported Ver. 3.00 or later of α2.


Table 2.9: Italian Characters in GSM Protocol

Character Type	Display Character			
α2 Character	á	í	ó	ú
GSM Character	à	ì	ò	ù

2.7 AL-PCS/WIN-E Program Example

2.7.1 SMS Function Block Example

Table 2.10: GSM Function Block

Function	Set Item	Description
	I	Bit input pin for GSM/SMS function block operation
	FB	1) Detects the high status of an input and subsequently sends the SMS message to the predefined user destination. 2) The SMS message will continue to send regardless of the input switching to a low state. 3) The incoming high input will be ignored: a) During a SMS message transmission b) During the waiting period. 4) Communication failure (e.g. busy line) will tell the SMS function block to retry on two further occasions in a period of two minutes. 5) On the third retry the output status will switch to ON and an error message generated through the word pin of the function block. 6) The user may experience incorrect validity period timings. Please check with your Service Provider. 7) If both the Mobile (SMSC1) and Gateway (SMSC2) numbers are entered the α2 controller will automatically choose the correct path number for the SMS in conjunction with the destination chosen. The destination being either to a mobile phone or an email address.
	Output	1) The output status will set ON: a) In succeeding in sending a SMS message b) In failing to send a SMS message after three retries. 2) If more than one SMS function block exists on the program, a FIFO (First In First Out) sequence is performed. *1 3) The following items are available for other function blocks: a) SMS message sent/SMS failed to be sent after 3 attempts b) Current Status



Note:

*1 If a number of SMS Function Blocks have been used in one program the user must take care when calculating the message sending order. The first message to be sent depends on the first input signal turning ON. Thus, if other messages are waiting to be sent they are then placed in a waiting queue. However, since the waiting queue is scan dependant, if after one scan the controller has failed to send the first message due to a busy line, thus, the following message order is no longer dependant on input signals turning ON but is solely dependant on the Function Block order.

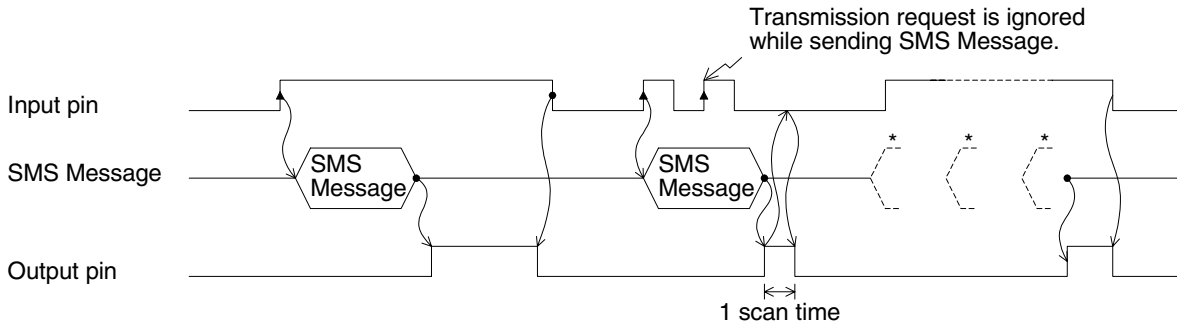
Table 2.11: Abbreviated terms

Term	Description
I	SMS Function Block Input pin
O	SMS Function Block Output pin
W	SMS Function Block Word Output pin

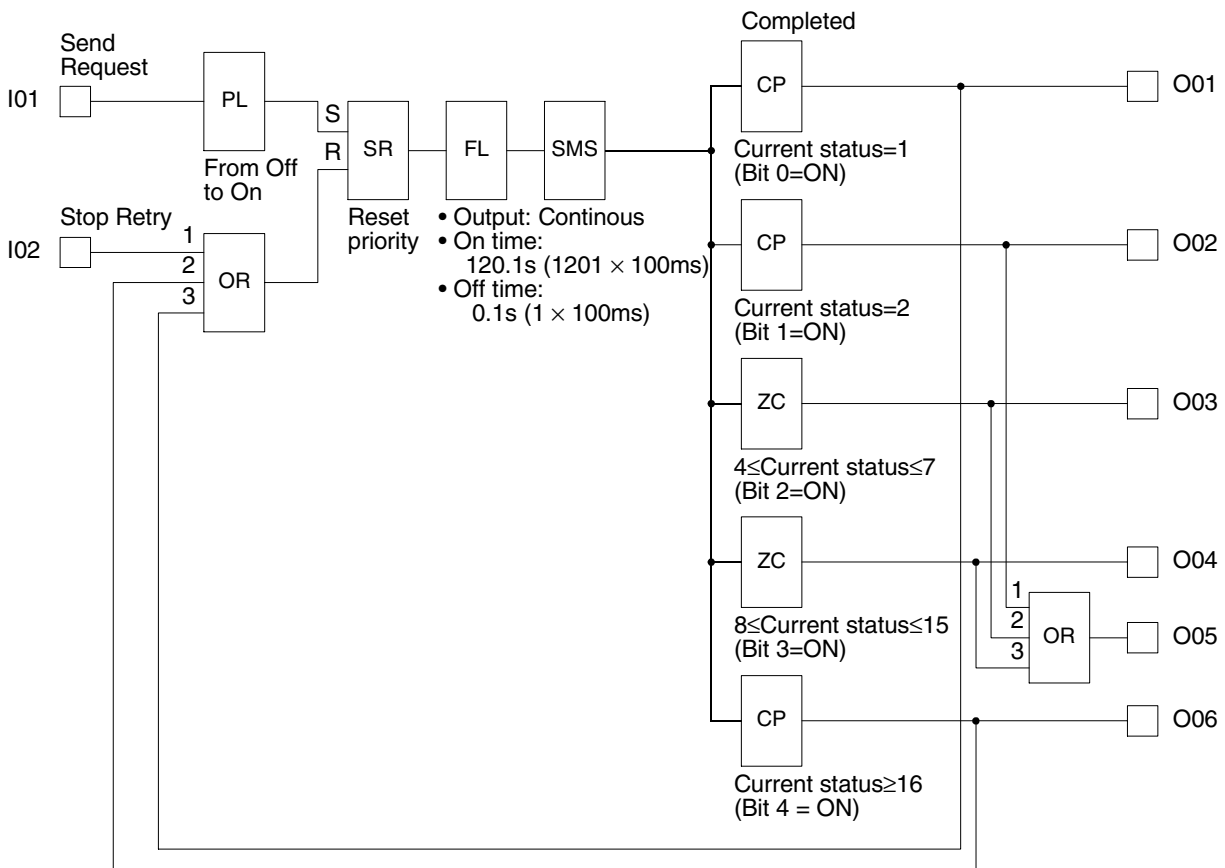
Table 2.11: Abbreviated terms

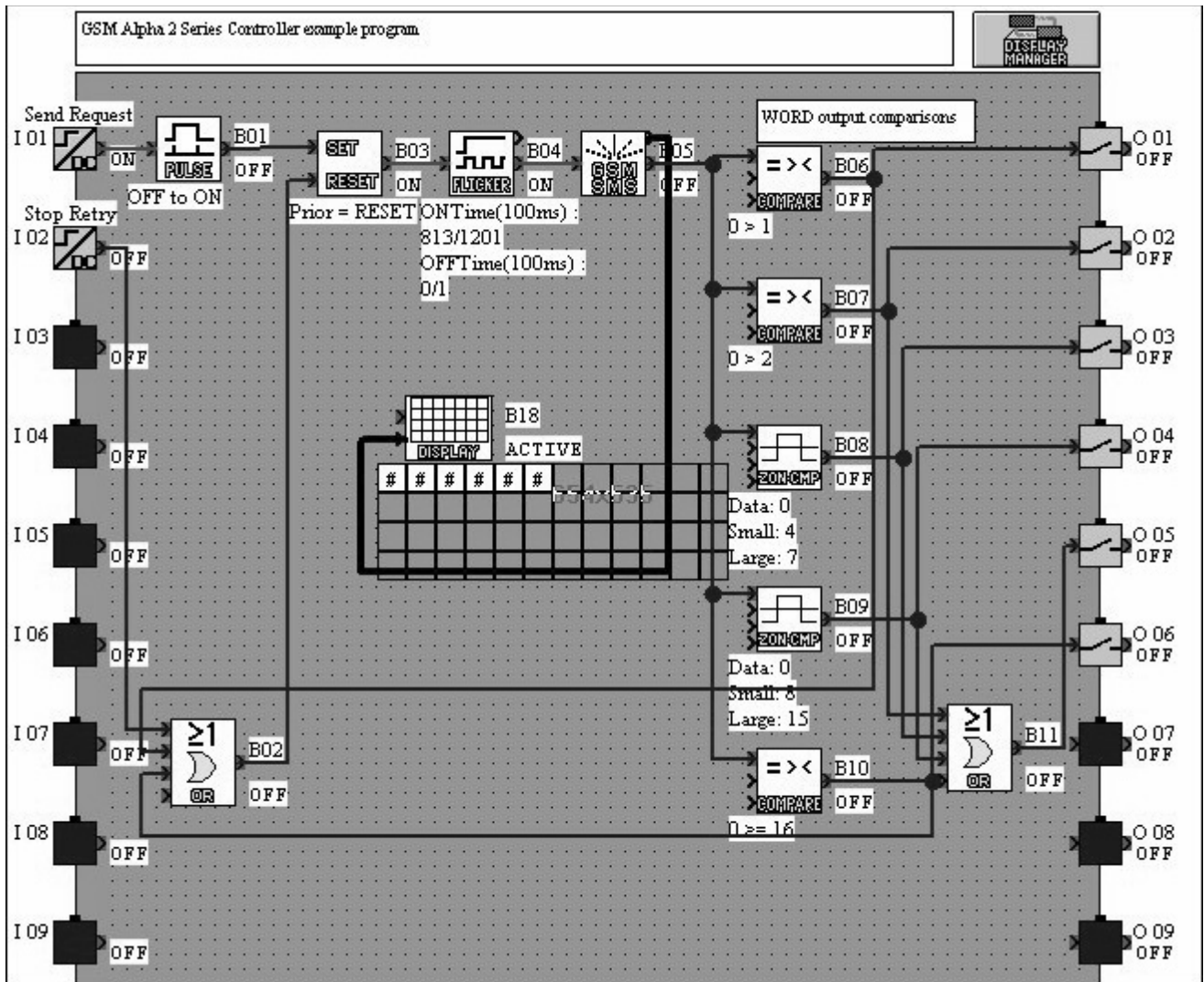
FB	Function Block
SMS	Short Message Service

Timing chart for the SMS function block




VLS program example for the SMS function block





2.7.2 SMR Function Block Example

Table 2.12: SMR Function Block

Function	Set Item	Description
	E	Bit input pin for the function block operation
	FB	<p>1) Cmnd String(Cmmand String) In case of Word output mode, only one command text can be setup. In case of Bit output mode, a command text for switching bit output ON and a command text for switching bit output OFF can be setup.</p> <p>2)SM Age(Short Massage age) Setup maximum age of received short message. a) 5 to 720minutes(Unit:5minutes) b) 12.5 to 24Hours(Unit:30minutes) c) 2 to 30day(Unit:1day) d) 5 to 63week(Unit:1week)</p> <p>3) Phone Number Setup short message senders phone number. By setting the phone number in FB parameter, only the Short Message Entity(SME) with the setup phone number can manipulate a SMR FB. Up to 28 characters,including "+ , - * 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9".</p> <p>Asterix Character in phone number The asterix character '*' can be used to terminate phone number or can be stand-alone. It takes place for any combination of numbers. Using the '*', one SMR FB can switch for a group of phone numbers.(See Table 2.14)</p> <p>4) Password Setup authentication password (4 digit code). The password is common for all SMR FB and stored in Programm Parameter area.</p> <p>5) Acknowledge If this parameter is set and the FB output was manipulated by SM, a acknowledge message is send back to the sender.(See Table 2.15)</p> <p>6) Retention If this flag is set, the SMR FB keeps it's output states at the time of controller power down.</p> <p>7) Upper Limit (Word output mode) In case the transmitted value is bigger than the max. value, max. value becomes active. Max. Value can be [(min.value + 1)...32767].</p> <p>8) Lower Limit (Word output mode) In case the transmitted value is smaller than the min. value, min. value becomes active. Min. Value can be [-32768...(max. value - 1)]</p>

Function	Set Item	Description
	R	Reset pin for the function block
	Output	<p>The SMR FB can be operated in one of two different modes.</p> <p>1) Bit output.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The output is set ON, when the switch ON command is found in the received short message. b) The output is set OFF, when the switch OFF command is found in the short message. c) When R ON, the bit output is reset (OFF). R takes priority over E. When E is OFF the bit output value is hold. <p>2) Word output.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Word output for transferred values. The output is set to the transmitted value, when the set word output command is found and the value after “=” is valid. b) When R is ON, the word output is set to zero. When E is OFF, the word output is hold. R takes priority over E.

Table 2.13: Abbreviated terms

Term	Description
E	SMR Function Block Input pin
R	SMR Function Block Reset pin
O	SMR Function Block Output pin
W	SMR Function Block Word Output pin
FB	Function Block
SMS	Short Message Service

Table 2.14: Phone numbers and Outputs

FB number	Caller's phone number	FB Output
+49 21 02 12 34 56 7	+49 21 02 12 34 56 7	changed
+49 21 02 12 34 56 7	+49 21 02 12 34 56 8	no change
+49 21 02 12 34 56 7	+49 21 02 12 34	no change
+49 21 02 12 34 56 7	+49 21 02 12 34 56 78	no change
+49 21 02 12 34 56 7*	+49 21 02 12 34 56 7	no change
+49 21 02 12 34 56	+49 21 02 12 34 56 7	no change
+49 21 02 12 34 56 *	+49 21 02 12 34 56 7	changed
+49 21 02 12 3*	+49 21 02 12 34 56 7	changed
+49 21 02 12 3*	+49 21 02 12 34 56 8	changed
+49 21 02 12 3*	+49 21 02 12 34 56 78	changed
*	Any phone number	changed
+	Any international phone number	changed

Report short message handling

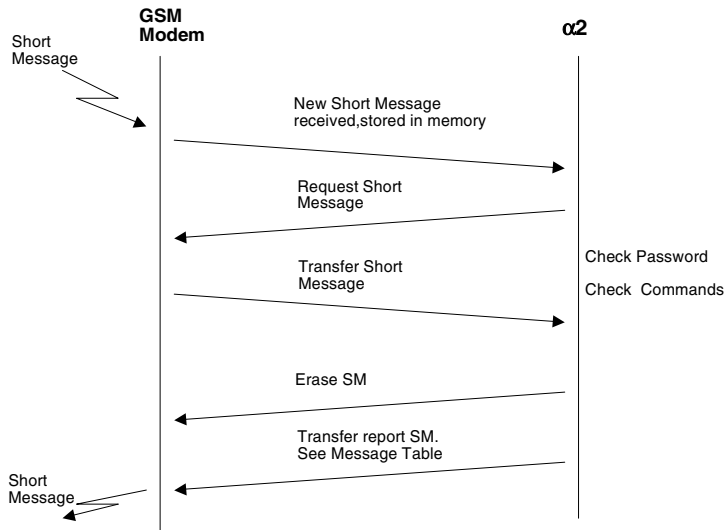
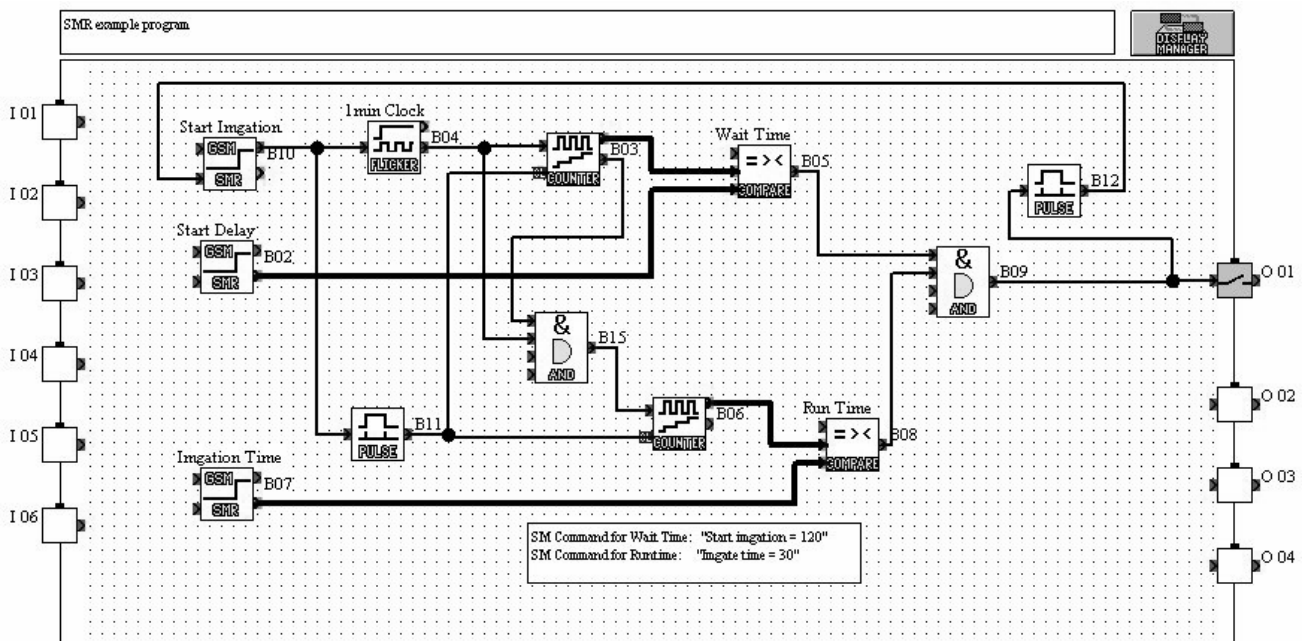


Table 2.15: Acknowledge messages

Condition	Transmitted Short Message
α2 in Run Mode, all commands of SM successfully processed	"OK"
α2 in Run Mode, some commands in SM were erroneous.	"Error"
α2 in Run Mode, Sender of SM has no authorization	"No access"
α2 in Run Mode, Password Protection Set, Password invalid or not Set	"No access"

Application Example: Switch an irrigation system by SM

A system for plant irrigation can be switched ON and OFF by short message (B10). The start of irrigation can be delayed. The delay time (in minutes) is transferred by short message. Also the duration of irrigation can be set by short message.



2.7.3 CD Function Block Example

Table 2.16: CD Function Block


Function	Set Item	Description
	E	Bit input pin for the function block operation
	FB	<p>1) Retention If this flag is set, the CD FB keeps it's output state at the time of controller power down.</p> <p>2) Phone Number Setup short message senders phone number. By setting the phone number in FB parameter, only the SME with the setup phone number can manipulate a SMR FB. Up to 28 characters,including "+ , - * 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 ".</p> <p>Asterix Character in phone number The asterix character '*' can be used to terminate phone number or can be stand-alone. It takes place for any combination of numbers. Using the '*', one CD FB can switch for a group of phone numbers.(See Table 2.18)</p> <p>3) Number of RING Setup number of RING before call detection(Program Parameter, common for all CD FBs) Range:1 to 20</p>
	R	Reset pin for the function block
	Output	The output is set ON, when the caller's number is equal to the stored phone number and E is ON. The output state is hold, when E is OFF, and it is reset (set OFF), when R input is ON.

Table 2.17: Abbreviated terms

Term	Description
E	CD Function Block Input pin
R	CD Function Block Reset pin
O	SMR Function Block Output pin
FB	Function Block

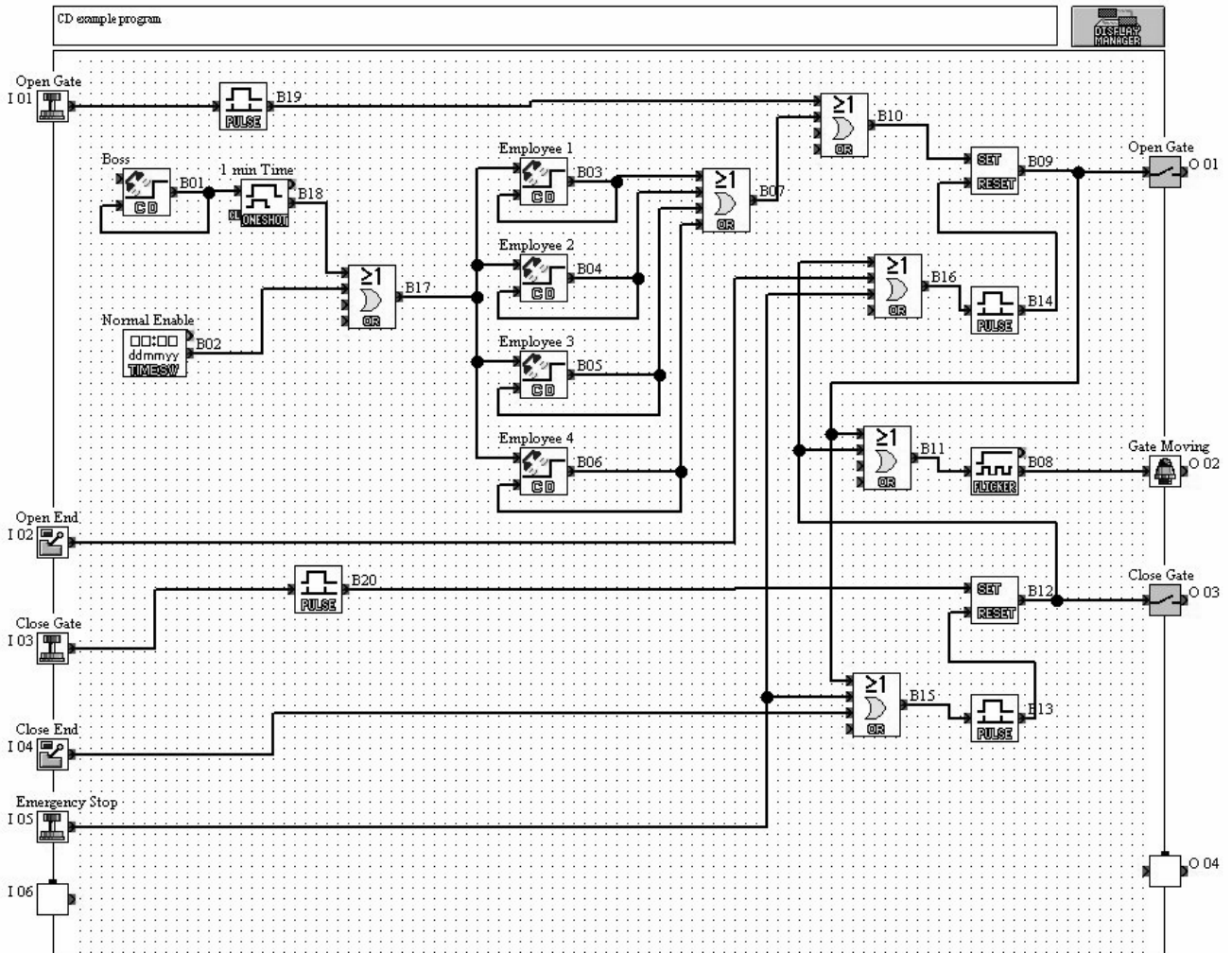
Table 2.18: Phone numbers and Outputs

FB number	Caller's phone number	FB Output
+49 21 02 12 34 56 7	+49 21 02 12 34 56 7	changed
+49 21 02 12 34 56 7	+49 21 02 12 34 56 8	no change
+49 21 02 12 34 56 7	+49 21 02 12 34	no change
+49 21 02 12 34 56 7	+49 21 02 12 34 56 78	no change
+49 21 02 12 34 56 7*	+49 21 02 12 34 56 7	no change
+49 21 02 12 34 56	+49 21 02 12 34 56 7	no change
+49 21 02 12 34 56 *	+49 21 02 12 34 56 7	changed
+49 21 02 12 3*	+49 21 02 12 34 56 7	changed
+49 21 02 12 3*	+49 21 02 12 34 56 8	changed
+49 21 02 12 3*	+49 21 02 12 34 56 78	changed
*	Any phone number	changed
+*	Any international phone number	changed

Application Example: Open roller shutter by phone call

A roller shutter gates the entrance to a company field. Normally pedestrians only can pass this gate. Four employees need to pass the gate with a company car. These employees can open the gate by simply calling a phone number with their cell-phone.

Opening the gate by phone call is enabled only during normal workdays and business times (Time Switch). Outside the business times the company owner can enable the function for a fixed time to give an employee the chance to open the gate.



3. Remote Access

The settings required to send SMS packets via a GSM modem or to set up the α2 controller for remote access can be accomplished with the front panel keys. It is possible to perform remote operations with a standard modem but it is not possible to send SMS packets.

Certain parameters in the α2 controller and GSM modem must be set in order to perform Remote Access from an external PC. These parameters can be set quickly and easily in the VLS software or with slightly more effort from the front panel keys.

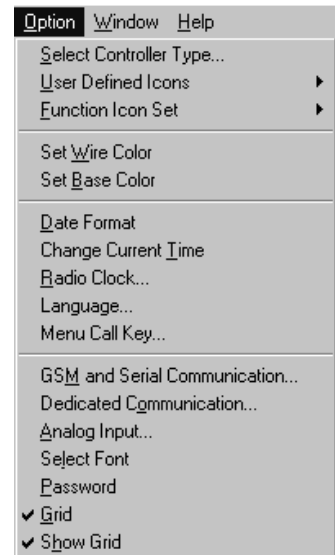
The equipment and configuration for this style of communication is listed in section 1.1 of this manual.

3.1 GSM Remote Access

3.1.1 Set Parameters from the VLS software

The Visual Logic Software (VLS) provides the easiest method to set the parameters and download them to the controller. The communication method is the first setting necessary in the VLS software.

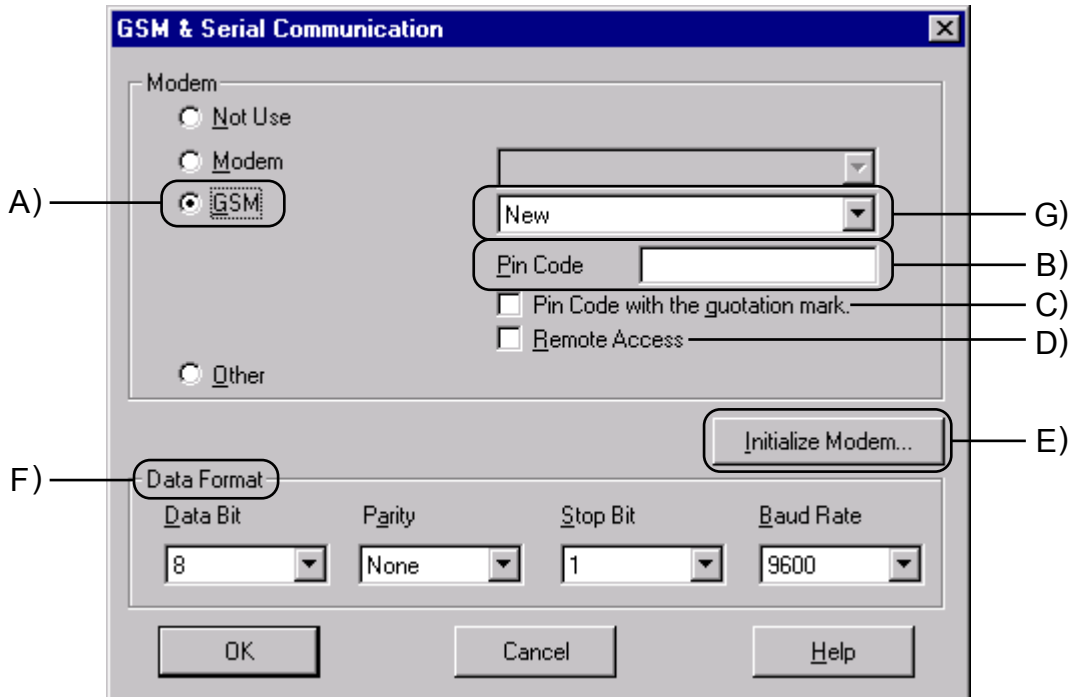
Open or start a new program and then choose “Option” on the menu bar. Click “GSM and Serial Communication” to open the dialog box necessary to begin parameter input.



3.1.2 GSM & Serial Communication Dialog Box

The “GSM and Serial Communication” dialog box is used to set the equipment and communication type for the controller. A short explanation of each parameter is given below.

In order to obtain remote access using a GSM modem, the GSM circle must be clicked, the Remote Access box checked, and the GSM Pin Code entered.



A) GSM - This setting is used when a GSM modem will be connected either to send an SMS message or for Remote Access communication.

B) Pin Code - The GSM PIN (Personal Identification Numbers for use of GSM)

C) Pin Code with the quotation mark - GSM SIM PIN is send to the modem in quotation marks (necessary for Sony Ericsson GSM modem)

D) Remote Access - Setting to allow GSM modems to have Remote Access capability.

E) Initialize Modem - AT Command used to initialize a modem.

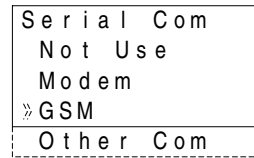
F) Data Format - Settings for Com ports and message protocol.

G) Registered GSM Modems - List of available GSM modems for the user to choose from, however, this list can be extended by writing to the GSM.ini file.

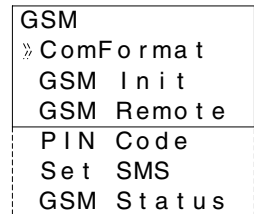
Refer to the section 2.1 for further detailed information concerning VLS settings for remote access using GSM.

3.1.3 GSM Modem Settings

The numerous parameters and options for using the GSM modem can be set using the front panel keys although this procedure is significantly more difficult than using the AL-PCS/WIN-E software.

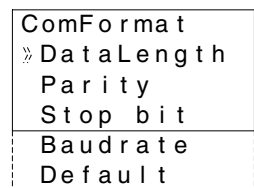


To begin the process from the Top Menu, scroll down to “Others/Serial Com/GSM” and view the options shown at right.



Comformat (Communication Format)

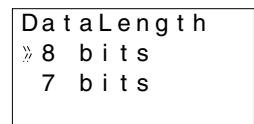
Upon entering the GSM option, the ComFormat dialog will be the first option. The Comformat allows the user to set the communication settings for Data Length, Parity, Stop Bit, and Baudrate.



Scroll to the setting to be adjusted.

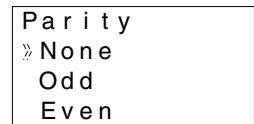
Data Length

Select a Data length send parameter of 7 or 8 bits.



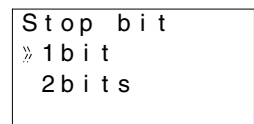
Parity

Select from three options for Parity - None, Odd or Even.



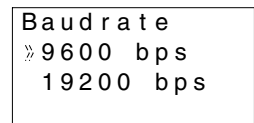
Stop Bits

Choose the number of stop bits - 1 bit or 2 bits.



Baud Rate

Select the baud rate - 9600 or 19200 bps.

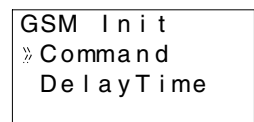


Default

The controller can be returned to the default communication settings - DataLength = 8 bits; Parity = None; Stop Bits = 1; and Baud Rate = 9600 bps - by pressing “OK” when the pointer is on the Default option.

3.1.4 The GSM Init Command (GSM Initialization Command)

The GSM modem must have an initialization command string. After choosing the “GSM Init” option, the Command and Delay Time settings will appear.



3.1.5 Command Setting

Choose "Command" to enter the AT command. Details for the AT command should be included in the literature of the modem.

```
GSM Init 01
Command
[A      ]
<=>?@ABCDE
```

Enter the string by choosing the characters with the "▲" and "▼" arrows. When a desired letter is shown onscreen, move to the right by pressing the "▶" key. The character will remain in the previous cursor space. Do not press the "OK" key until the command has been entered in its entirety.

Move to the left for editing purposes with the "◀" key.

3.1.6 Delay Time

The Delay Time Setting will delay the transmission of the initialization command while the modem completes its power up.

Use the "+" key to increment the value and the "-" to decrement the value within the range of 0 - 10 seconds. Enter the value by pressing the "OK" key.

```
GSM Init
DelayTime
0s
```

3.1.7 GSM Remote Command

Remote access from a computer running the VLS software is allowed when "Permit" is chosen.

SMS packets cannot be sent under the "Permit" setting but can be sent when "Forbid" is used.

```
GSM Remote
» Forbid
Permit
```

3.1.8 The PIN Code

Enter the PIN Code

It is necessary to enter a PIN code received from the Service Provider when the α2 controller is used to send SMS packets. Use the "+" and "-" keys to choose the digits of the code and the "▶" and "◀" keys to move to adjoining digits.

SIM PIN setup "****" or **** can be activated and deactivated by the cursor △ and cursor ▽ soft key.

```
PIN Code
Setup
****
```

All the numbers must be set to an integer value or a PIN Code Error will be received. Press the "OK" or "ESC" key to return to the PIN Code entry display. Finish entering all integer values into all four digits and press "OK" to enter the code.

Cancel the PIN Code

To Cancel an existing PIN code, enter the PIN Code option and confirm with the "OK" button the intent to Cancel the code. The PIN Code does not have to be entered in order to Cancel the code.

```
PIN Code
Cancel
OK or ESC
```

Use the "ESC" button to return to the GSM menu.

3.2 Standard Modem Remote Access

Certain parameters in the α2 controller and standard modems must be set in order to perform Remote Access from an external PC. These parameters can be set quickly and easily in the VLS software or with slightly more effort from the front panel keys.

The equipment and configuration for this style of communication is listed in section 1.2 of this manual.

Cautions for the use of both Call Detec and remote access



- When it remotely accesses from the same telephone number for Call Detect, CD and FB operate.

Cautions for misoperations



- CD FB operates also by a misoperation of a telephone.

In order to avoid serious injury and the machine damage caused by unintended CD FB operation, provide safety devices as countermeasure.

3.3 Set Parameters from VLS software

The Visual Logic Software (VLS) provides the easiest method to set the parameters and download them to the controller. The communication method is the first setting necessary in the VLS software.

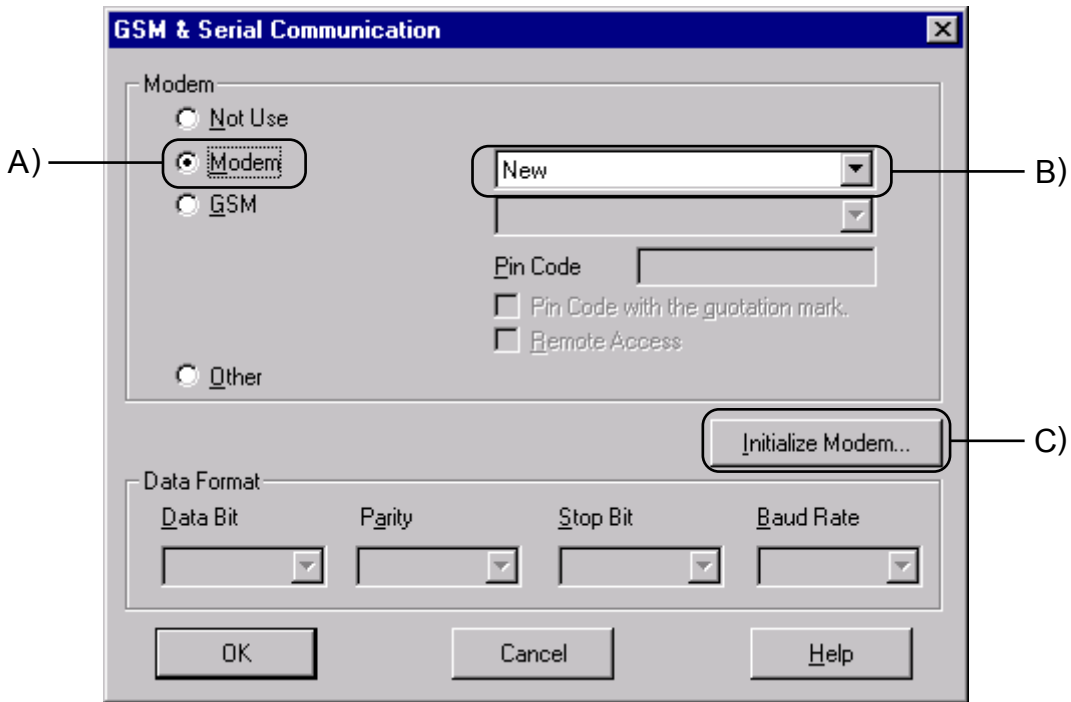
Open or start a new program and then choose “Option” on the menu bar. Click “GSM and Serial Communication” to open the dialog box necessary to begin parameter input.



3.3.1 GSM & Serial Communication Dialog Box

The “GSM and Serial Communication” dialog box is used to set the equipment and communication type for the controller. A short explanation of each parameter is given below.

In order to perform Remote Access using a Standard modem, click the Modem circle. The settings for Pin Code, Remote Access, and Data Format cannot be accessed when the Modem circle is selected.



A) Modem - This setting is used when a standard modem will be connected to the α2 for use in Remote Access.

B) Modem selection - Select from the default modem stored in the Modem.ini file.

C) Initialize Modem - AT Command used to initialize a modem.

Refer to section 2.1 for further detailed information concerning VLS settings for remote access using standard modems.

3.3.2 Standard Modem Settings

A standard modem can setup from the front panel keys but must be accessed from the VLS software package.

Once the Modem option is entered, only two settings are required - the AT command and the power On Delay setting. This is enough information to initialize the modem connected to the α2 upon powerup

```
Serial Com
Not Use
» Modem
GSM
Other Com
```

In the Top Menu, scroll down to the “Others/Serial Com/Modem” option and Press “OK”.

3.3.3 The Command Setting

The modem option contains the “Command” and the “Delay Time” setting. Choose “Command” to input the AT command. Details for the AT command should be included in the literature of the modem. For additional reference information, please see section 2.3 of this manual.

```
ModemInit
» Command
DelayTime
```

Enter the command by choosing the characters with the “▲” and “▼” arrows. When the desired letter is shown on screen, move to the right “▶” to add the next character. Do not press the “OK” key until the command has been entered in its entirety.

```
ModemInit01
Command
[ ]
y z { | } ; ! " # $
```

Move to the left for editing purposes with the “◀” key.

3.3.4 The Delay Time Setting

The Delay Time parameter will delay the transmission of the initialization command while the modem completes its power up.

```
ModemInit
Command
» DelayTime
```

Use the “+” key to increment the value and the “-” to decrement the value within the range of 0 - 10 seconds. Enter the value by pressing the “OK” key.

```
ModemInit
DelayTime
0s
```

3.3.5 Standard Preconfigured Modems

Please refer to the Table below for information on the Preconfigured modems available in the α2 controller for standard modems.

Table 3.1: Standard Preconfigured Modem Settings

Maker name	Model name	Modem command (AT command)
3com	SP560V-P	ATE0Q1&B1&D0&H0&I0&R1&S0S0=2S15=8&W
OMRON	ME3314	ATE0S0=2Q1&D0S15=8&R1&H0&W
AIWA	PV-AF3360	ATE0S0=2Q1&D0&M5\Q0\J0&W

AT Command Profile for Standard Modems

Please refer to the Table below for information on the AT command for Standard Modems.

Table 3.2: AT Command Reference for Standard Modems

Item	Content	Example Setting		
		SP560V-P	ME3314	PV-AF3360
Setting of command echo	None	E0	E0	E0
Call frequency of auto-answering	Twice	S0=2	S0=2	S0=2
Displayed result code	None	Q1	Q1	Q1
DTR control	Always on	&D0	&D0	&D0
DSR control	Always on	&S0	-	-
Communication mode	V.42 bis mode	S15=8	S15=8	&M5
Speed of terminal fixed dimension	Fixed	&B1	-	\J0
Terminal flow control scheme	None	-	&R1	\Q0
Flow control of transmission data	None	&H0	&H0	-
Flow control of received data (software)	None	&I0	-	-
Flow control of received data (RTS control)	None	&R1	-	-
Writing to nonvolatile memory	Write to the nonvolatile memory.	&W	&W	&W

Combination of the "AT" command

Table 3.3: Combination and action

Init string	Action
ATE0S0=2&S0;+IPR=9600;+CMEE=1;&W	Will be send at once to modem
ATE0S0=2&S0;+IPR=9600;AT+CMEE=1;&W	Will be send to modem in 2steps: ATE0S0=2&S0;+IPR=9600 AT+CMEE=1;&W
ATE0S0=2&S0;AT+IPR=9600;AT+CMEE=1;&W	Will be send to modem in 3steps: ATE0S0=2&S0 AT+IPR=9600 AT+CMEE=1;&W
ATE0S0=2&S0;AT+IPR=9600;AT+CMEE=1;AT&W	Will be send to modem in 4 steps: ATE0S0=2&S0 AT+IPR=9600 AT+CMEE=1 AT&W



Note:

The 3COM (SP560-V), OMRON (ME3314) and AIWA (PV-AF3360) standard modems have been used as the default modem for the α2 Series Controller, however, if the user has installed a standard modem of their choice with a different AT command then additional AT commands can be included.

Having installed VLS to the Program files directory.

C:\Program Files\Alvls\BIN

please choose the Modem.ini file that contains AT information for standard modem selection in VLS.

Contents of the Modem.ini file:

```

; This is Modem.ini File, used to Display Modem Models
; and their Initialization commands. This file is used
; while Initializing the Controller Modem.
;
; Please add any new Modem models and Initializing commands
; only at the end of the file. An example is given below:
;
; 1="USRoboticsXXX","AT&F"
; Here "1" is serial number in increasing order
;   "USRoboticsXXX" is modem model
;   "AT&F" is the initializing command (Max 64 Chars).
;
[Modem]
1="New", ""
2="3COM SP560V-P", "ATE0Q1&B1&D0&H0&I0&R1&S0S0=2S15=8&W"
3="OMRON ME3314", "ATE0S0=2Q1&D0S15=8&R1&H0&W"
4="AIWA PV-AF3360", "ATE0S0=2Q1&D0&M5\Q0\J0&W"
    
```

Simply follow the instruction listed above, subsequently, the additional standard modems will be included with attached AT command string.

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4. SMS Messaging Diagnostics

The α2 controller has a number of Diagnostic messages in both the controller and the VLS software.

4.1 Check points for Mobile Phone Communication Problems

Table 4.1: Check Points for a Mobile Phone SMS Error

Error	Check Points
The SMS message has not been sent to a mobile phone	Check that the SMS function block been activated
	Check that the wiring connections are properly made
	Check that the AT command in the GSM modem is correct
	Check that the PIN code has been entered correctly
	Check that the SMS Service Center Mobile phone number has been entered correctly
	Check that the destination phone number has been entered correctly
	Check that the proper destination has been chosen in the GSM function block
	Check the GSM Status in the controller or VLS software for error messages

4.2 Check points for E-mail Communication Problems

Table 4.2: Check Points for a E-mail SMS Error

Error	Check Points
The SMS message has not been sent to an E-mail account	Check that the SMS function block been activated
	Check that the wiring connections are properly made
	Check that the AT command in the GSM modem is correct
	Check that the PIN code has been entered correctly
	Check that the SMS Service Center Gateway phone number has been entered correctly
	Check that the destination e-mail address has been entered correctly
	Check that the Gateway destination has been chosen in the GSM function block
	Check the GSM Status in the controller or VLS software for error messages

4.3 GSM Status

Check the status of the GSM communication in the following categories.

```
GSM Status
» Status
CME Error
CMS Error
SigStreng
```

4.3.1 GSM Status

Check the Status of the GSM modem settings and SMS message transmissions through the table below.

```
GSM Status
Status
0000H
```

Table 4.3: GSM Modem Status

Bit	Status	On (1)	Off (0)
b0	Response from GSM Modem	No	Yes
b1	Initial successful	Yes	No
b2	Set Pin Code	Yes	No
b3	Network Registration failed	Registered	Not Registered
b4	GSM CME Error.	Yes	No
b5	GSM CSM Error.	Yes	No
b6	Remote Access successful *1	Yes	No
b7	SMR Receive Time out	Yes	No
b8-11	Reserved	Reserved = 0	
b12	SMS is sending or retrying	Message	No Message
b13	SMS is waiting for sending)	Transmitting	Off
b14	SMS failed in sending	Yes	No
b15	SMS failed in sending due to wrong setting	Yes	No



Note:

*1 - This bit is not linked to the Remote Access Setting which only enables remote access. This bit checks if Remote Access is currently in progress.

4.3.2 CME Error

This CME Error status gives information to the functioning of Mobile Equipment (ME), please refer to the GSM modem manual for more details.

```
GSM Status
CME Error
- 1
```

Table 4.4: Mobile Equipment Error Codes

Value	Description	Value	Description
-1	No Error	17	SIM PIN2 Required
0	Phone Failure	18	SIM PUK2 Required
1	No Connection to Phone	20	Memory Full
2	Phone-Adaptor Link Reserved	21	Invalid Index
3	Operation Not Allowed	22	Not Found
4	Operation Not Supported	23	Memory Failure
5	PH-SIM PIN Required	24	Text String Too Long
10	SIM not inserted	25	Invalid Characters in Text String
11	SIM PIN Required	26	Dial String Too Long
12	SIM PUK Required	27	Invalid Characters in Dial String
13	SIM Failure	30	No Network Service
14	SIM Busy	31	Network Time-out
15	SIM Wrong	100	Unknown
16	Incorrect Password	...256	All other values below 256 are reserved.

4.3.3 CMS Error

This value gives error information relevant to the Mobile Equipment (ME) or Network, please refer to the GSM modem manual for more details.

```
GSM Status
CMS Error
- 1
```

Table 4.5: Mobile Equipment and Network Error Codes

Value	Description	Value	Description
-1	No Error	315	SIM Wrong
0 - 127	GSM 04.11 Annex E-2 Values	316	SIM PUK Required
128 - 256	GSM 03.40 Subclause 9.2.3.22 values	317	SIM PIN2 Required
300	ME Failure	318	SIM PUK2 Required
301	SMS Service of ME reserved	320	Memory Failure
302	Operation Not Allowed	321	Invalid Memory Index
303	Operation Not Supported	322	Memory Full
304	Invalid PDU Mode Parameter	330	SMSC Address Unknown
305	Invalid Text Mode Parameter	331	No Network Service
310	SIM not Inserted	332	Network Time-out
311	SIM PIN Required	340	No +CNMA acknowledgement expected
312	PH-SIM PIN Required	500	Unknown Error
313	SIM Failure	... 511	Unused Values in the range from 256 to 511 are Reserved.
314	SIM Busy	512 (+)	Manufacturer Specific

4.3.4 Signal Strength (Sigstreng)

Check the signal strength of the GSM modem signal. Generally good operation is possible with a signal strength of 10% or more.

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GSM Status
SigStreng
0%
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Table 4.6: Signal Strength Reference Table

Value %	Receiving Level
0	-113 dBm or less
3	-111 dBm
6-96	-109 to -53 dBm
100	-51 dBm or greater



Note

- 1) During GSM communication, the RS-232C pins 4 and 7 must be set high otherwise no data will be transferred and the GSM modem will appear to hang or experience a state of suspension.
- 2) The α2 Series Controller and GSM modem must be powered ON simultaneously.
- 3) Having configured the GSM communication settings before operation, when the α2 Series Controller and GSM modem are on-line, then the user must not change any settings from VLS or the front panel keys. If such modifications have been made to the GSM communication settings, thus, the α2 Series Controller will stop communication with the GSM modem.
- 4) The power to the α2 Series Controller must be cycled to accept the initial communication settings. If modifications have been made to the communication settings, then please cycle the power again.
- 5) Please check with your service provider concerning the @ symbol within an E-mail address. The @ symbol can be replaced with a ! symbol if the user experiences some difficulties with sending E-mail messages from the α2 Series Controller.
- 6) The Validity period of SMS messages is specified from the GSM function block or from the front panel keys, however, if a certain time period is entered the user should not always expect the same duration as the Service Provider can delete the message from their server without notice.

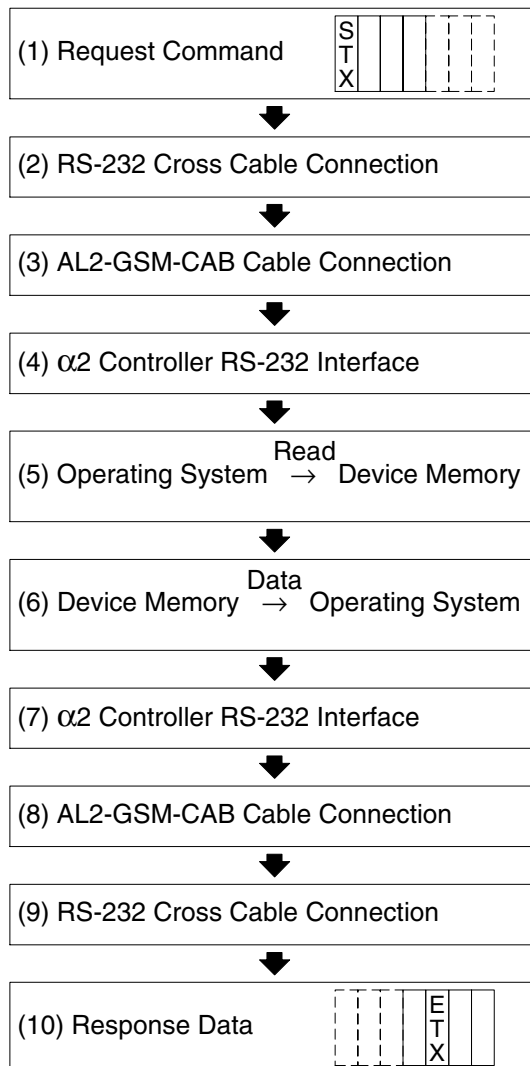
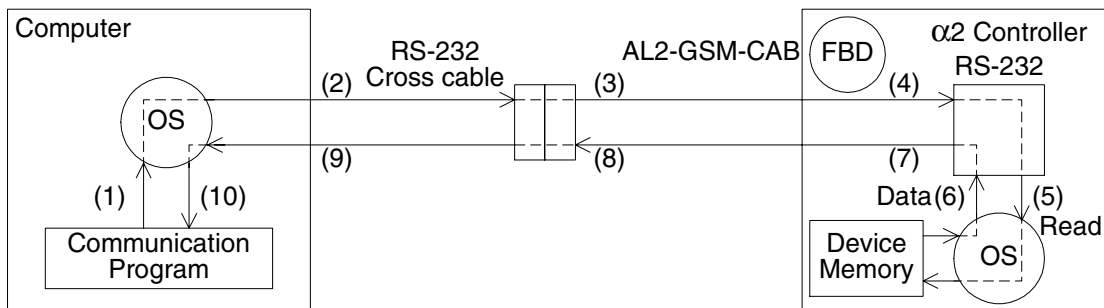
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5. Computer Link - Dedicated Protocol

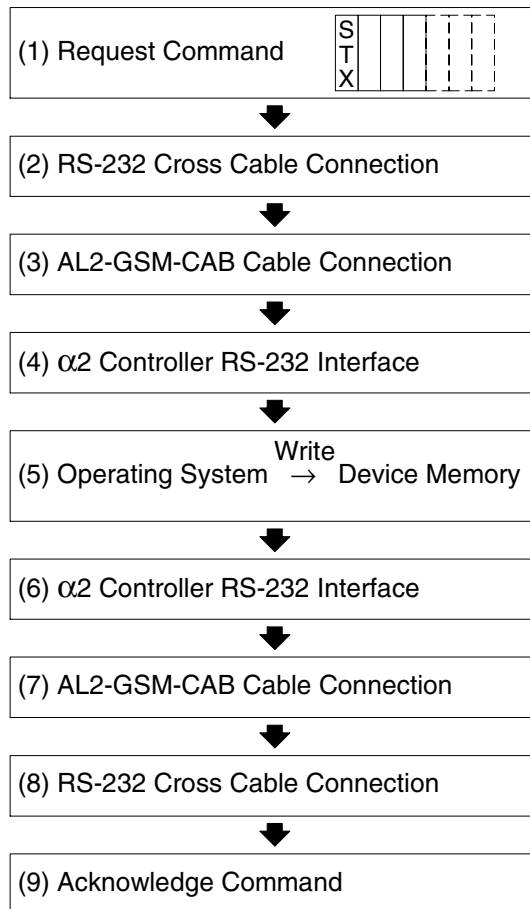
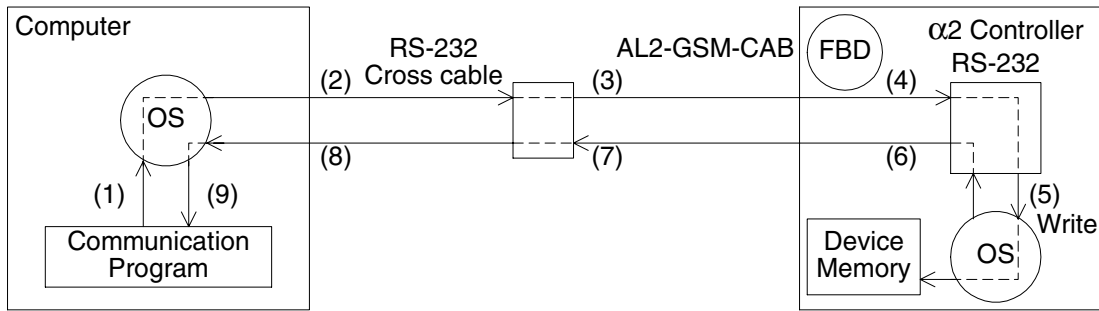
The α2 Series Controller can transfer data To/From a personal computer, HMI, or other peripheral equipment via Dedicated Protocol. The structure of the α2 (AL2-14MR-*, AL2-24MR-*) Series computer link protocol is based upon 8-bit binary interpretation and not an ASCII coded string.

5.1 Data Flow by Link

The computer reads data from the α2 (AL2-14MR-*, AL2-24MR-*) Series Controller



The computer writes data to the α2 (AL2-14MR-*, AL2-24MR-*) Series Controller



The 8-bit binary computer link string is sent from peripheral equipment to the α2 Series Controller using a combination of a AL2-GSM-CAB and user-made cross-cable. The Transmit message consists of either Format A or Format B. Refer to section 5.3 for further outline information. The reply generated from the α2 Series Controller informs the user of the status of the communication line, erroneous messages, status of function block bit data, status of function block word data and the status of the Time Switch settings.

Accessible devices include: System Bits, Input/Output Terminals, Key Inputs, Link Inputs/Outputs, Analog Inputs and Control (N) bits. Additional parameters must be entered for information exchange with Function Block data (Bit or Word) to be enabled.

5.2 Configuration Diagram

The Peripheral equipment acts as the Master in all configurations, hence, messages are never initiated from the α2 Series Controller. This configuration involves a personal computer acting as the Master and the α2 Series Controller the slave unit.

Currently the α2 Series Controller contains an RS-232C interface, thus, only 1:1 communication is available.

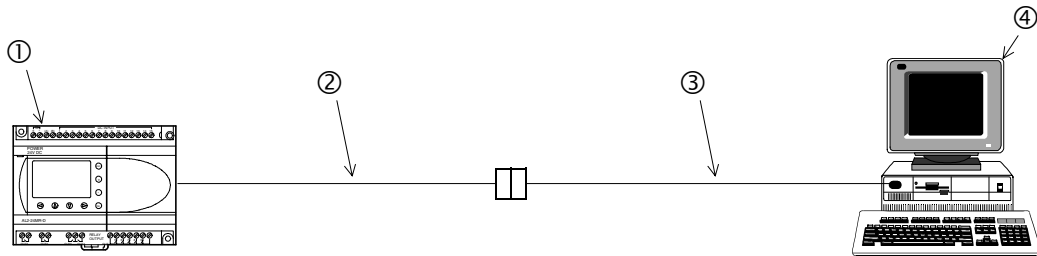
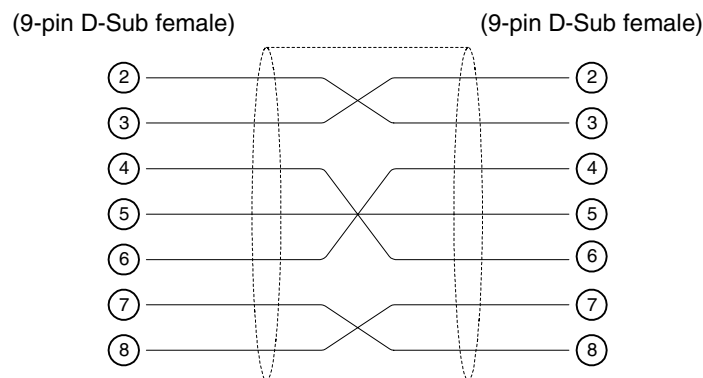


Table 5.1: Configuration Table

No.	Description
1	α2 Series Controller
2	AL2-GSM-CAB
3	RS-232C Cross Cable
4	PC or other peripheral equipment

5.2.1 Cross-Cable Diagram

The pinouts and connector types for the RS-232C cross cable are shown in the figure below. Both the connectors and the wiring are equivalent so that either side can be connected to the AL2-GSM-CAB or the peripheral device.



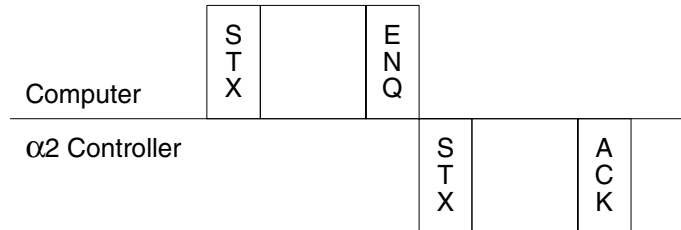
Note:

The 4 and 7 signals must be set to high-level on the personal computer side. If these signals are not set, the personal computer will not communicate with the α2 Series Controller.

5.3 How to read Dedicated Protocol

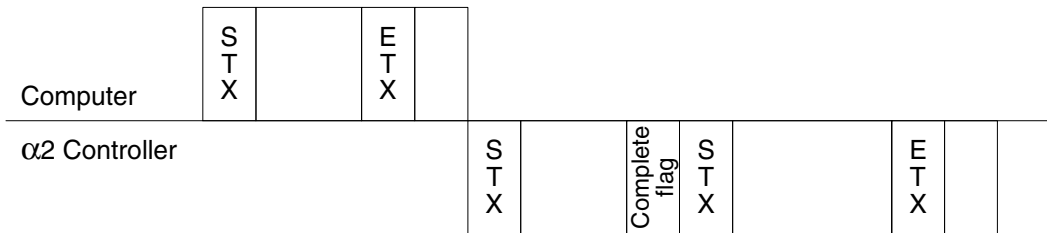
Format A for computer link is used for checking the communication line between the computer and the α2 Series Controller. Thus, the read/write format for the structure of the string is identical. Refer to section 7.1 for detailed 8-bit binary string structure.

Format A: Communication Line Check

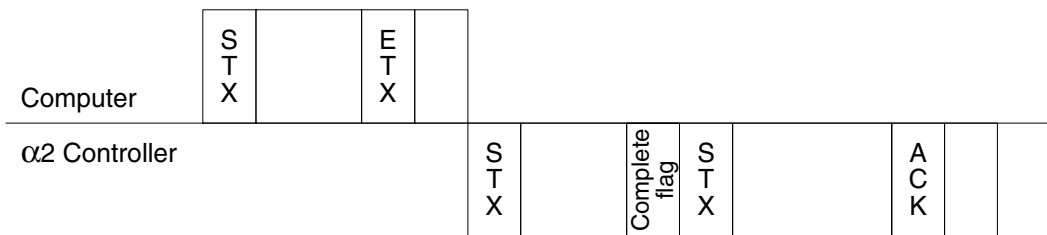


Format B for computer link is generally used for reading/writing to all internal devices, reading/writing to function block bit/word data, run/stop mode and configuring the Time Switch settings. Thus, the command string is more complex compared to the Format A equivalent. Refer to section 8.3 for detailed 8-bit binary string structure.

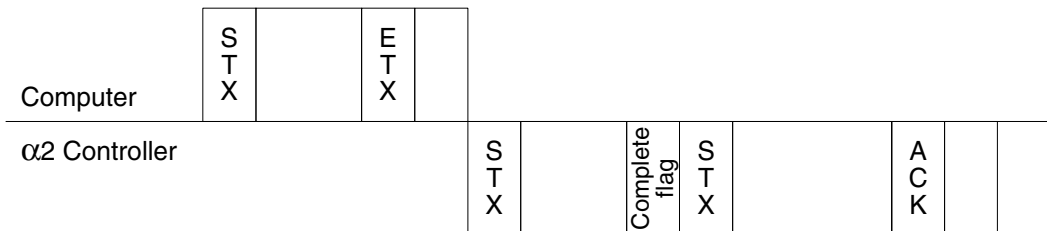
Format B: Computer READS from the α2 Series Controller



Format B: Computer WRITES to the α2 Series Control

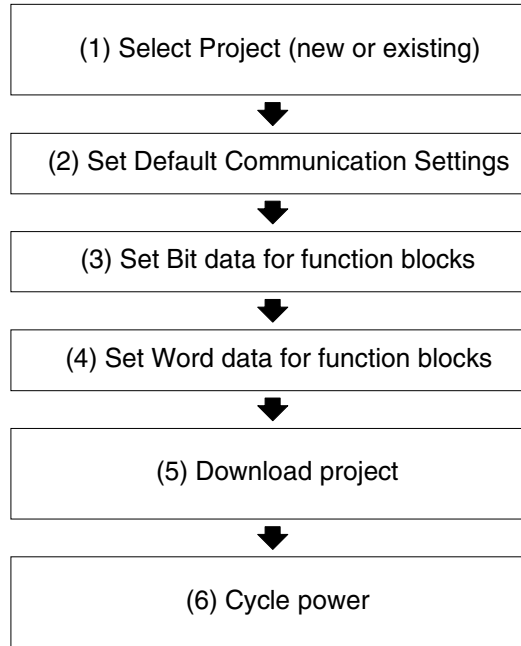


Format B: Computer RUN/STOP operation for the α2 Series Controller



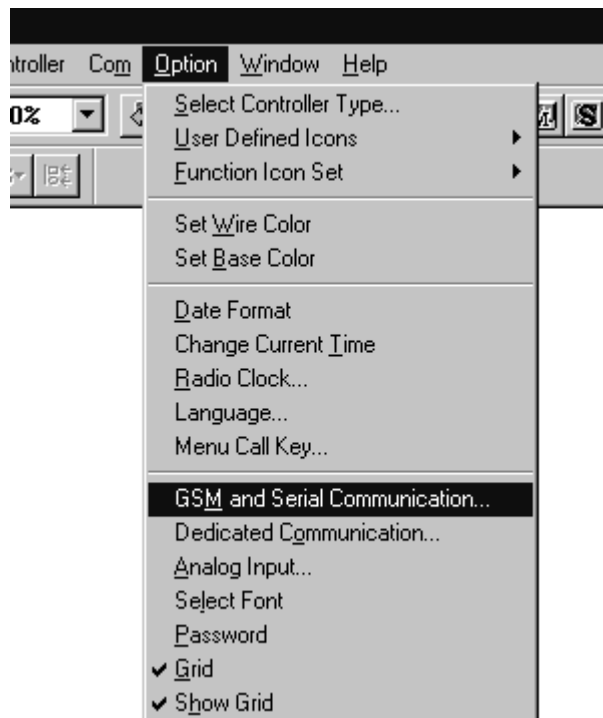
6. AL-PCS/WIN-E Settings for Dedicated Protocol

The personal computer and α2 Series Controller acts as a master slave relationship accordingly. Therefore, all communication starts from the computer side (master) and cannot be started from the α2 Series Controller side (slave). The following chapter will outline the necessary AL-PCS/WIN-E (version 2.00 or above) required settings for Dedicated Protocol.

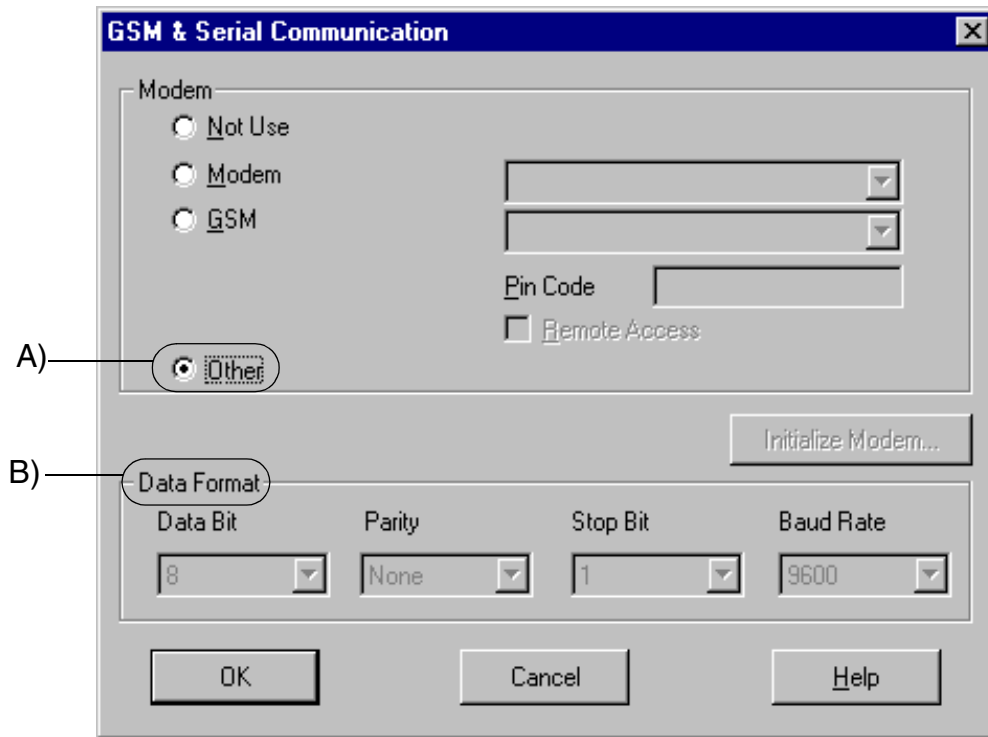


6.1 GSM and Serial Communication Setting

- 1) Open a new or existing file for the α2 Series Controller.
- 2) From the Option menu select the “GSM and Serial Communication.” option.



3) Choose “Other”. Thus, enabling dedicated protocol communication between the computer and the α2 Series Controller. Click the “OK” button to accept.



A) Other - This setting is used for Dedicated Protocol communication.

B) Data Format - Settings for Com ports and message protocol.

From selecting the “Other” option, AL-PCS/WIN-E automatically sets the default communication settings between the personal computer and the α2 Series Controller.

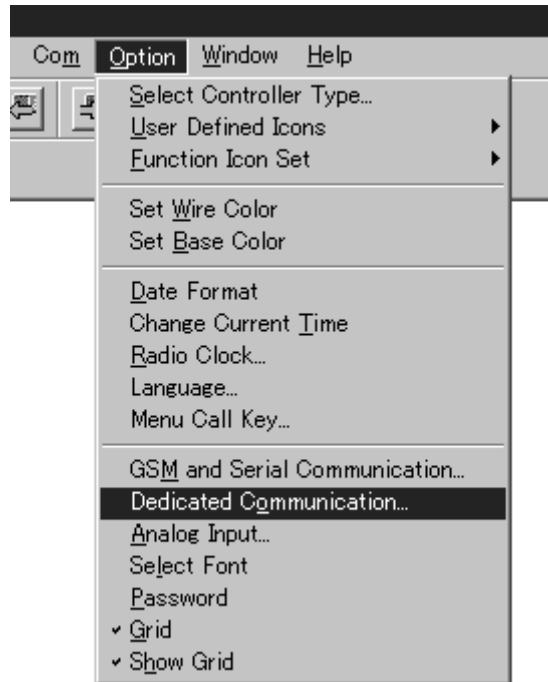
Table 6.1: Default Communication settings

Parameter	Communication Setting
Data Bit	8
Parity	None
Stop Bit	1
Baud Rate	9600

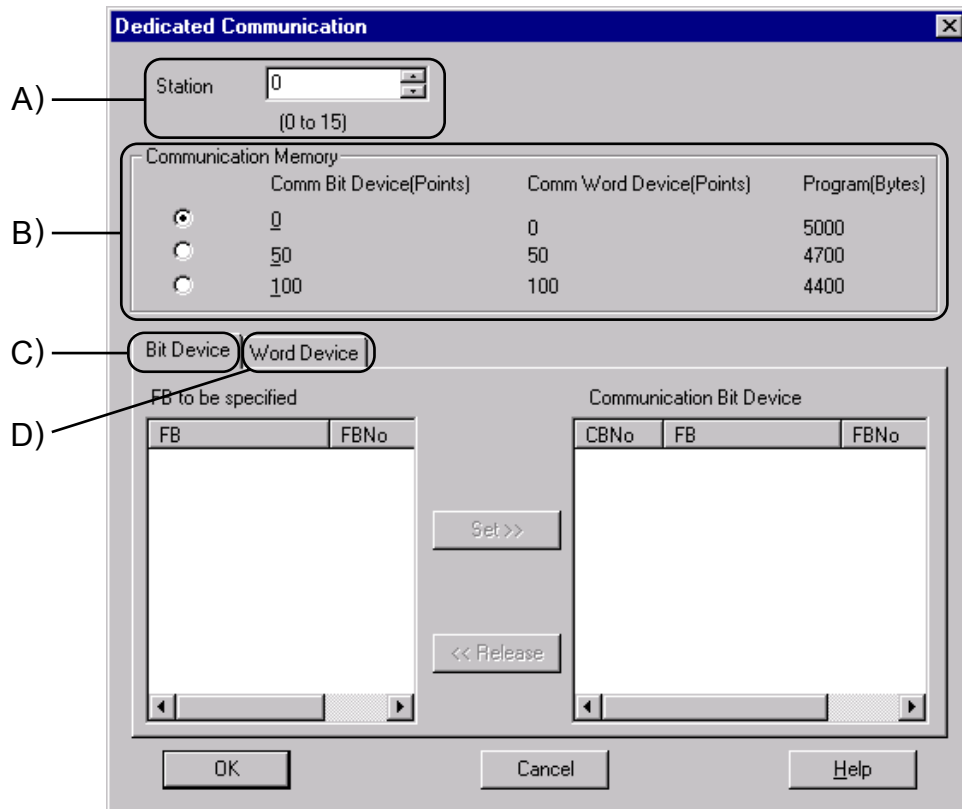


Note:
AL-PCS/WIN-E Version 2.00 or above is necessary for dedicated protocol functionality.

4) From the Option menu select the “Dedicated Communication.” option.



5) The Dedicated Communication dialog box will appear.



A) Station Number

Set the Station Number of the controller from 0 to 15. The default station is 0. Communication is possible to a single α2 Controller when sending messages via RS-232. A networked α2 may have a station number higher than 0.

Setting range: 0 - 15

B) Communication Memory

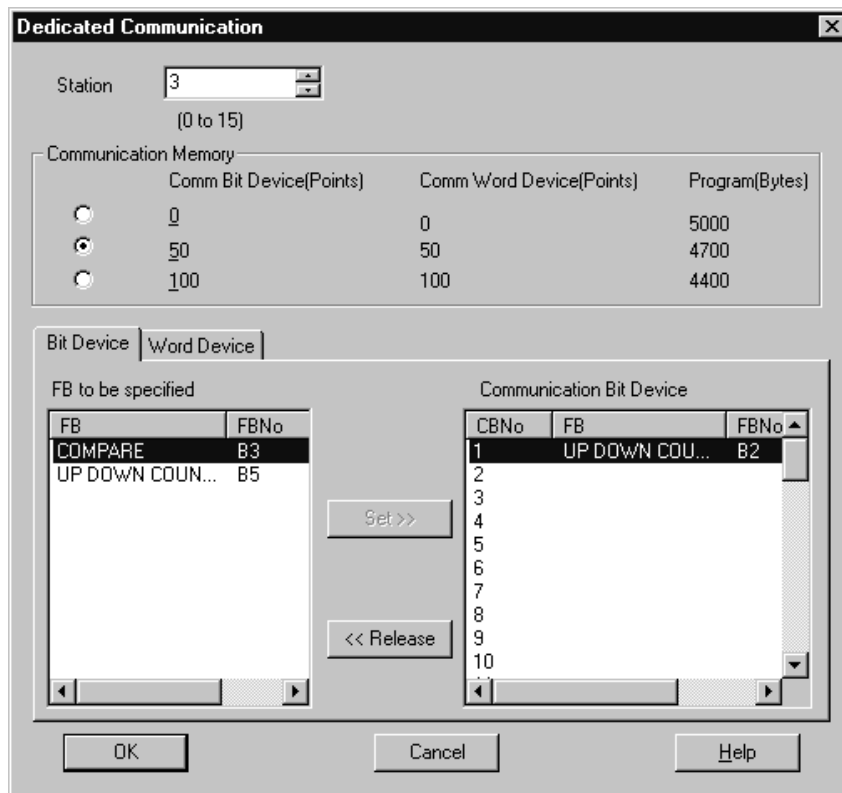
The Communication Memory option allocates a section of the user-program memory for Communication Bit Devices or Communication Word Devices.

Table 6.2: Communication Memory usage

Communication Bit Device	Communication Word Device	Memory Usage (bytes)
0	0	0
50	50	300
100	100	600

A maximum of 100 Function Block Bit Devices and 100 Function Block Words can be accessed. Total memory available to the user is 5000bytes with a 200 function block limit.

C) Communication Function Block Bit Device



To Set a Communication Bit Device choose a number in the right hand “Communication Bit Device” block, then highlight the Function Block in the “FB to be Specified” box. Click on the “Set” button to match the Function Block to the data transmission address.

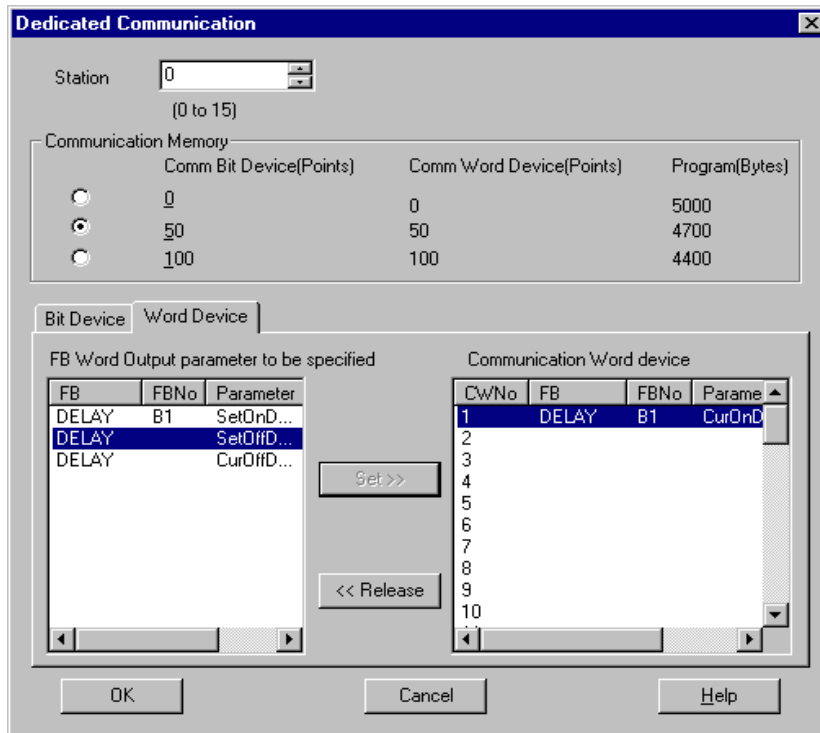
To release a Function Block, highlight the Function Block line in the right hand box and then press the “Release” button. The Communication Bit Device Number will be cleared.

The transmit data will show whether the Function Block output signal is On or Off. Function Blocks without outputs will not appear in the display.



Note: No device can be chosen if the Communication Memory is specified as 0.

D) Communication Function Block Word Device



To set a Communication Word Device choose a number in the right hand “Communication Word Device” block, then highlight the Function Block in the “FB Word Output parameter to be specified” box. Click on the “Set” button to match the Function Block to the data transmission address.

To release a Communication Word Device, highlight the Parameter line in the right hand box and then press the “Release” button. The Communication Word Device will be cleared.

The transmit data will show the word value of the parameter chosen.

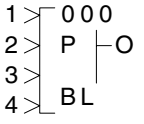
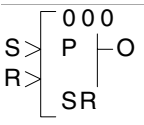
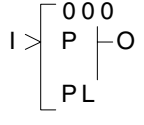
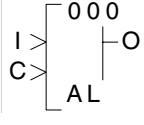
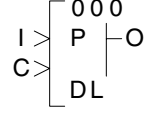
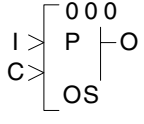
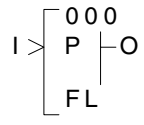
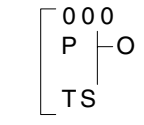
Function Block without Word parameters will not appear in the display.

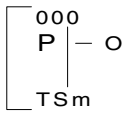
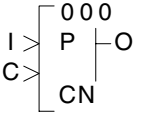
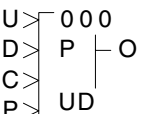
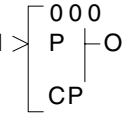
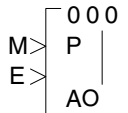
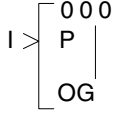
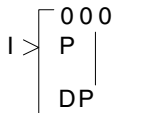
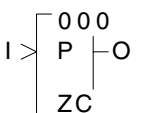
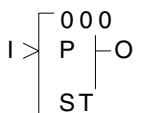


Note: No devices can be chosen if the Communication Memory is specified as 0.

After the parameters are entered, the program must be downloaded to the controller and the power cycled before the Dedicated Protocol can be used. Cycling the power saves the settings into the α2 internal EEPROM memory. Please cycle the power whenever the communication method (Not Use, Modem, GSM, Other) is changed.

6.2 Function Blocks

FB Name	FB Symbol	Description of Function Block	Word Device	Bit Device
Boolean [BL]		The Boolean Function Block uses Boolean algebra to control the ON/OFF state of an output. An operational expression consists of either the AND, OR, XOR or NOT form.	-	■
Set/Reset [SR]		The Set/Reset Function Block either holds an output ON (set) or releases the output OFF (reset.) Priority can be given to either input pin if both inputs have been energised simultaneously. The default priority setting is dedicated to the reset input pin.	-	■
Pulse [PL]		The Pulse Function Block sends a single pulse to the output pin if the input pin receives either an “ON to OFF”, “OFF to ON” or “ON to OFF And OFF to ON” input operation.	-	■
Alternate [AL]		The Alternate Function Block is used to reverse the ON and OFF state of the output as and when the input pin receives a signal. The output will be set ON when the input pin goes high and remain ON until the input receives the second rising edge.	-	■
Delay [DL]		The Delay Function Block provides an ON delay timer and an OFF delay timer. Time intervals for either situation can be set. The time unit can be set to 10ms, 100ms or 1s increments.	Set ON Delay Current ON Delay Set OFF Delay Current OFF Delay	■
One Shot [OS]		The One Shot Function Block awaits a signal supplied to the input pin thereafter setting the output according to the specified time. The timing parameters control the state of the output (depending on the priority setting). The time unit can be set to 10ms, 100ms or 1s increments.	Set One Shot Current One Shot	■
Flicker [FL]		The Flicker Function Block changes the ON and OFF state of the output according to a preset flicker time. The time unit can be set to 10ms, 100ms or 1s increments.	Cycle or Time Current Cycle or Time ON Flicker Current ON Flicker OFF Flicker Current OFF Flicker	■
Time Switch [TS]		The Time Switch Function Block uses a predefined time schedule to control the ON and OFF status of the output.	*1	■

FB Name	FB Symbol	Description of Function Block	Word Device	Bit Device
Time Switch m [TSm]		The Time Switch maintenance Function Block uses a predefined time schedule to control the ON and OFF status of the output. The function block can be setup from the TopMenu "Parameter" via the front panel keys.	*1	■
Counter [CN]		The Counter Function Block increments the current value by one as and when the input pin receives a signal. When the current value reaches the set value the output is set ON. The counter current value is reset as and when the clear pin receives an input.	Count Current Count	■
U/D Counter [UD]		The Up/Down Function block positively or negatively increments the counter until a set value is reached thereby setting the output ON. A preset signal can also equal the set value regardless of the current value for the function block and thereby setting the output ON.	Up/Down Count Current Up/Down Count	■
Compare [CP]		The Compare Function Block monitors the current value of the input pin in relation to a preset expression. The expression consists of =, >, >=, <, <= or <>. If the compared value satisfies the expression subsequently the output pin is set on.	-	■
Analog Output [AO]		The Analog Output function takes a digital value input and delivers a corresponding analog voltage or current to a selected channel on the AL2-2DA module.	-	-
Offset Gain [OG]		The Offset Gain Function Block is based upon a linear function $Y=A/B*X+C$ to which the value obtained from an analog input (X:A01-A08) is set.	Gain Analog Value	-
Display [DP]		The Display Function Block is used as an interface between the user and the devices held within the controller. Current values, timer messages, user-defined messages can be read.	-	-
Zone Compare [ZC]		The Zone Compare Function Block identifies whether the input value lies within a specified upper and lower limited zonal area and if so changes the status of the output accordingly.	-	■
Schmitt Trigger [ST]		The Schmitt Trigger Function Block compares an input value to preset high and low limits. The output is ON when the input value reaches the high limit and then falls below the lower limit. The function only processes the data when the function block is receiving an input signal.	-	■

FB Name	FB Symbol	Description of Function Block	Word Device	Bit Device
Hour Meter [HM]		The Hour Meter Function Block holds the output status ON for a maximum of 32767 hours, 59 minutes and 59 seconds. If the input pin is turned OFF the elapsed time will hold its value until either the clear pin resets the time or the input pin is turned ON again.	Set Hour Current Hour Set Minute Current Minute	■
Speed Detect [SPD]		The Speed Detect Function Block is used to count the incoming pulses max. 20Hz (with an extension module max. of 1kHz) for a set period of time. The upper and lower limits can be set from -32768 to +32767 and the Period interval's set range is 1 to 32767 in 10ms increments.	Current Period Speed Period	■
PWM [PWM]		The Pulse Width Modulation Function Block changes the output status according to a set period of time with a minimum of 100ms and a maximum of 3276700ms in increments of 100ms. The percentage duty for the function controls the amount of elapsed time before the output status is changed.	Current Period Period	■
PID [PID]		The PID Function Block is the AL2 implementation of PID, a method used to obtain stable control over a system variable. It is equipped with an Auto-tuning function, which automatically adjusts the Function Block parameters for the specific application.	Manipulated Value Error Code	■
Retentive Alternate [RAL]		The Alternate Function Block is used to reverse the ON and OFF state of the output as and when the input pin receives a signal. The output will be set ON when the input pin goes high and remain ON until the input receives the second rising edge. When the power is turned OFF the function block will use the last alternation operation to control the output.	-	■
Addition [ADD]		The ADD Function Block is used to summate two input values	Sum	■
Subtraction [SUB]		The SUB Function Block is used to subtract two input values.	Difference	■
Multiplication [MUL]		The MUL Function Block is used to multiply two input values.	Product	■

FB Name	FB Symbol	Description of Function Block	Word Device	Bit Device
Division [DIV]		The DIV Function Block is used to divide two input values.	Quotient Remainder	■
Calculation [CAL]		The CAL Function Block is used to perform a calculation from the combination of different Arithmetic function blocks.	Result	■
Shift [SFT]		This Shift Function Block is used to transfer the Shift Input status just before the Input signal is set ON. It has a bit input pin, a shift input pin, a set input pin, a reset input pin and a bit output pin.	-	■
SMS [SMS]		The GSM SMS Function Block sends the LCD screen as a SMS message to either a mobile phone handset or an E-mail account for remote maintenance purposes.	Current Status	■
Short Message Receiving [SMR]		The Short Message Receive Function Block searches for the occurrence of a command in the SM. In case the command text is exactly included in the SM, outputs are changed.	Word Output	■
Short Message Receiving m [SMRm]		The Short Message Receive maintenance Function Block searches for the occurrence of a command in the SM. In case the command text is exactly included in the SM, outputs are changed. The function block can be setup from the TopMenu "Parameter" via the front panel keys.	Word Output	■
Call Detect [CD]		The Call Detect Function Block in case the numbers of digits of both phone numbers and the phone numbers itself are equal, the CD Function Block output is switched on.	-	■
Call Detect m [CDm]		The Call Detect Function Block in case the numbers of digits of both phone numbers and the phone numbers itself are equal, the CD Function Block output is switched on. The function block can be setup from the TopMenu "Parameter" via the front panel keys.	-	■
Random One Shot [ROS]		The Random One Shot Function Block emits a random length single pulse to the output.	Random One Shot Cur Random One Shot	■

FB Name	FB Symbol	Description of Function Block	Word Device	Bit Device
Delayed One Shot [DOS]		The Delayed One Shot Function Block emits a single pulse after a controlled delay to the output.	One Shot Current One Shot Delay Current Delay	■
Delayed Alternate [DAL]		The Delayed Alternate Function Block alternates the status of the output with each pulse after a controlled delay.	Delay Current Delay	■
Retentive Set/Reset [RSR]		The Set/Reset Function Block either holds an output ON (set) or releases the output OFF (reset.) Priority can be given to either input pin if both inputs have been energised. The default priority setting is dedicated to the reset input pin. When the power is turned OFF the function block will use the last set or reset operation to control the output.	-	■
Control Display [CDP]	-	The Control Display Function allows the user to control the LCD image screens. The function block can only be set in AL-PCS/Win-E software for α Series Controllers. When control bit N04 in ON, it is possible to control the displayed User Screen.	-	-
Connect [_B]		The Connect function block is an internal device used to show the memory used by input bits, system bits, AS-interface bits, and the operational keys. No function block appears on screen or is shown as being used in the "Memory Configuration Usage" dialog box. The purpose is only to calculate the memory that is used by the bits listed above.	-	-
System Outputs	-	Control for external devices through relays and transistors.	-	-

Note:



- 1) Communication Word Devices will only appear if new settings are created using AL-PCS/WIN-E. New settings cannot be created using dedicated Protocol, hence, only modification of time switch settings is possible.

6.3 Settings for Dedicated Protocol - Front Panel Keys

The α2 Controller must be set up to use the Dedicated Protocol. The settings can be performed from the front panel keys or downloaded from the VLS software. The VLS settings are the simplest and most convenient method to enter the required settings but they can also take place from the front panel.

After the settings are changed in the controller, the power MUST be cycled for the Dedicated Protocol settings to take effect.

6.3.1 Top Menu Setting/Serial Com Settings

In the α2 Controller Top Menu, please scroll to the “Others/Serial Com” option shown at right. To use Dedicated Protocol, the “Other Com” setting must be chosen.

Serial Com
Not Use
Modem
GSM
» Other Com

6.3.2 The “Other Com” Settings

Parameters for ComFormat, Station No., and Link Block can be set in this option. These settings provide the complete range of options available to set with the front panel keys.

Other Com
» ComFormat
Station No
Link block

6.3.3 The Comformat (Communication Format)

The ComFormat dialog will allow the user to set the communication settings for Datalength, Parity, Stop Bit, Baudrate and includes a setting for default values.

ComFormat
» DataLength
Parity
Stop bit
Baudrate
Default

Scroll to the setting to be input or changed.

6.3.4 Data Length

Change the Data Length send parameter to be 7 bits or 8 bits.

Choose 8bits for Dedicated Protocol communication.

DataLength
» 8 bits
7 bits

6.3.5 Parity

Select from three settings for Parity - None, Odd or Even.

Choose None for Dedicated Protocol communication.

Parity
» None
Odd
Even

6.3.6 Stop Bits

Choose the number of stop bits - 1 bit or 2 bits.

Choose 1 bit for Dedicated Protocol communication.

Stop bit
» 1 bit
2 bits

6.3.7 Baud Rate

Choose the baudrate from 300, 600, 1200, 2400, 4800, 9600, 19200bps

Choose 9600bps for Dedicated Protocol communication.

Baudrate
2400 bps
4800 bps
» 9600 bps

6.3.8 Default

The default values are DataLength = 8 bits; Parity = None; Stop Bit = 1 bit; and Baud Rate = 9600 bps.

6.3.9 Station Number

Set the Station Number of the controller from 0 to 15. The default station is 0.

Communication is possible to a single α2 Controller when sending messages via RS-232. A networked PLC might have a station number higher than 0.

```
Other Com
Station No
No. 0
```

6.3.10 Link Block

The Link Block setting specifies the amount of Function Block data that can be used in the Dedicated Protocol. The data for the three options is given in the table below.

```
Other Com
Link block
2
```

Table 6.3: Link Block Settings

Link Number	Communication Bit Devices	Communication Word Devices
0	0	0
1	50	50
2	100	100



Note

The user must not change the memory allocation for Communication BIT/WORD device during the computer link operation, otherwise, the settings created in the VLS software will be deleted.

6.3.11 Function Block Bit and Word Data

The Function Block data must be given addresses in memory for the Dedicated Protocol command string. The addresses can only be set in the VLS software.

7. The Command String

The following chapter explains the structure of both types of dedicated protocol format for the α2 Series Controller. The 8-bit binary protocol is available in two different formats:

- 1) Format A
- 2) Format B

The Dedicated Protocol is based on a PC or Peripheral device sending messages to the α2 controller and in return receiving replies to those commands. The string of data that accomplishes these tasks is called the Command String. The Command String can be used to check the communication line, read/write from/to internal bit/word data, perform remote Run/ Stop operation with the controller, and to edit Time Switch data. The data contained in the Command String varies with the type of action to be accomplished.

Two formats have been designed to carry the data - Format “A” for simple Communication line checks and Format “B” for the more involved data processing instructions. The information to construct and read Command Strings is explained in this chapter.

Communication between the computer and the α2 Series Controller is handled using interrupts. The Transmit/Receive process is completed after the last operation has been completed in the Function block sequence order. Refer to the Communication Timing section for further information concerning response delay time.



Notes:

Communication requirements

- a) Power to the α2 Series Controller
- b) Switching the Serial Com mode to Dedicated Protocol. Using the front panel keys select “Serial Com” from the “others...” menu. Select “Other Com” then proceed to cycle the power to accept the setting. Or, using AL-PCS/WIN-E please refer to Chapter 6.

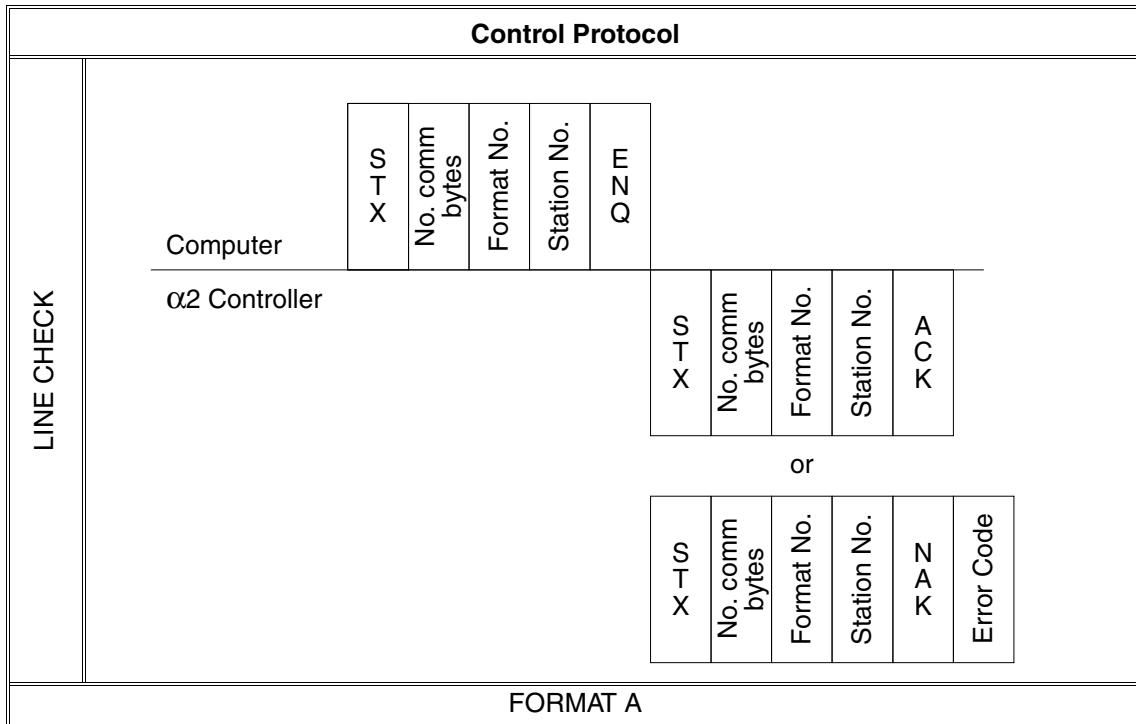
Communication Settings

- a) Baud Rate: 9600bps
- b) Datalength: 8bits
- c) Parity: None
- d) Stop bit: 1
- e) Synchronous method: Half-Duplex
- f) Framing, Overrun or communication errors will occur if the default communication dedicated protocol setting have not been entered. Using the front panel keys, select “Serial Com” from the “others...” menu. Select “Other Com” and adjust the “ComFormat, Station No. and Link Block” accordingly. Refer to Chapter 6 for detailed information concerning Front panel screen. However, the user can also set the default communication dedicated protocol settings from the VLS software.

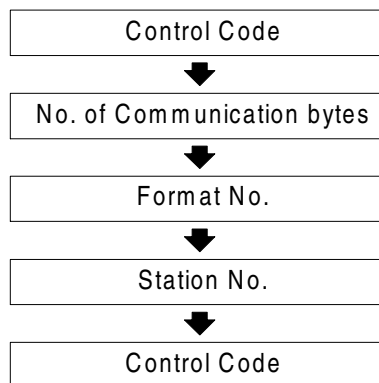
Section 7.1 and 7.2 describe protocol elements used with Format A and B. Refer to section 7.3 for detailed explanation concerning all dedicated protocol elements within both types of formats. Refer to section 7.6 for detailed information concerning α2 Series Commands.

7.1 Format “A”

Table 7.1: 1.1 Format A message structure



Format A LINE CHECK mode



7.2 Format “B” Message

Table 7.2: Format B message structure

		Control Protocol																	
READ	Transmit																		
	Computer	X	1	S										X	1	M	S	S	
		No. comm bytes	Format No.	Station No.	Command	No. of devices	Device code	Device No. (LB)	Device No. (HB)	X	1	M	Sum check (LB)	Sum check (HB)					
	α2 Controller																		
READ	Receive																		
		X	1	S										X	1	M	S	S	
		No. comm bytes	Format No.	Station No.	Complete flag				No. comm bytes	Format No.	Station No.	Command	No. of devices	Device status	X	1	M	Sum check (LB)	Sum check (HB)
	or	X	1	S										X	1	M	S	S	
	No. comm bytes	Format No.	Station No.	⌘	⌘	Z	Error Code												
WRITE (RUN/STOP) OPERATION	Transmit																		
	Computer	X	1	S										X	1	M	S	S	
		No. comm bytes	Format No.	Station No.	Command	No. of devices	Device code	Device No. (LB)	Device No. (HB)	Device status	X	1	M	Sum check (LB)	Sum check (HB)				
	α2 Controller																		
WRITE (RUN/STOP) OPERATION	Receive																		
		X	1	S										X	1	M	S	S	
		No. comm bytes	Format No.	Station No.	Complete flag				No. comm bytes	Format No.	Station No.	⌘	⌘	A					
	or	X	1	S										X	1	M	S	S	
	No. comm bytes	Format No.	Station No.	⌘	⌘	Z	Error Code												
		FORMAT B																	

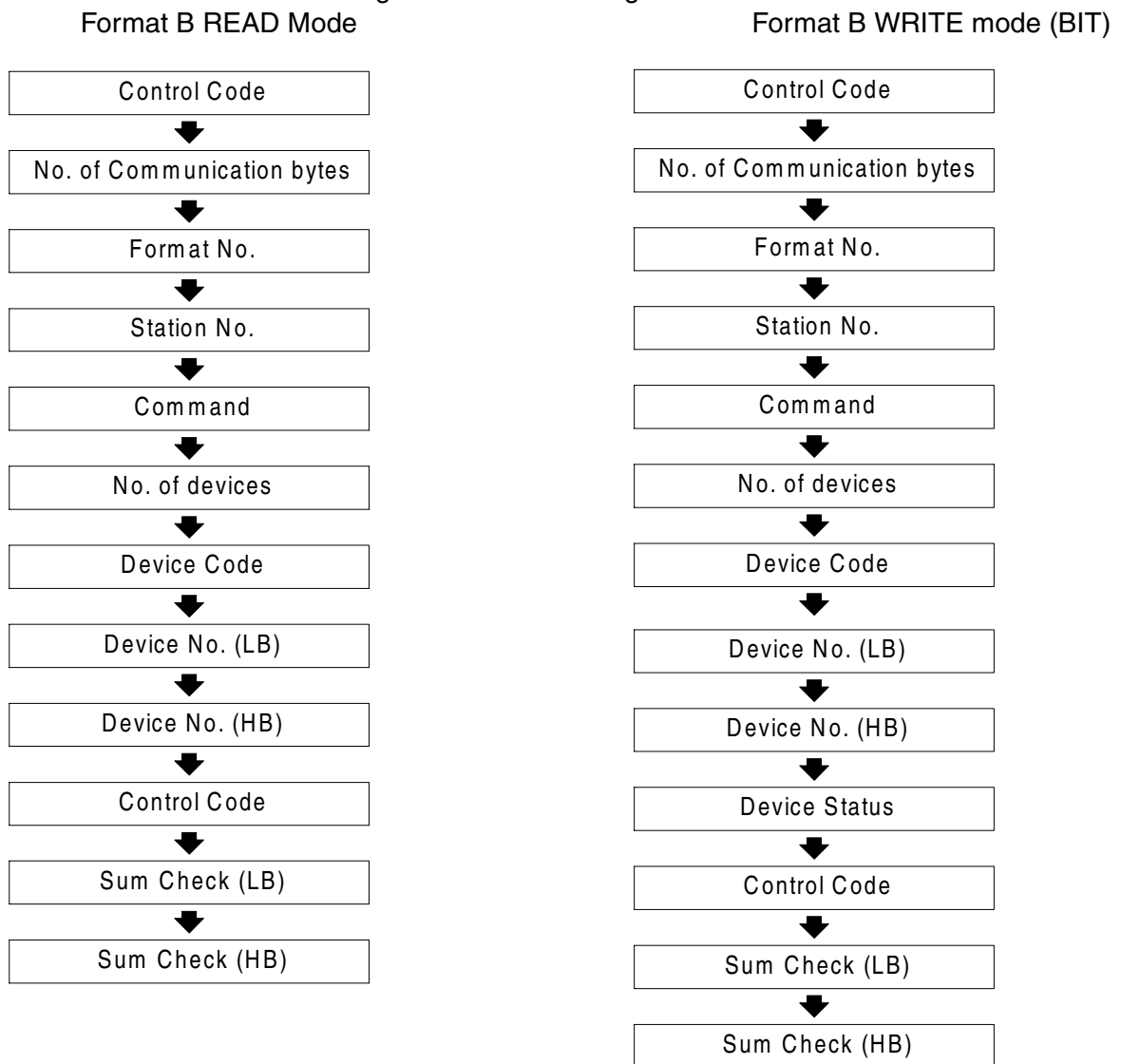


Note:

- 1) Format B WRITE/(RUN/STOP) operation can produce an error code even though a standard complete flag has been sent. If the Transmit message contains the correct syntax then a complete flag will be sent, however, if the reply data is corrupt then a NAK message will be generated.
- 2) The write message string is intended for BIT data accessing, therefore, only one byte has been allocated to the Device Status setting. To write to WORD data, 2 bytes must be allocated to the Device setting. Thus, caution in setting the No. of communication bytes and the sum code check must be taken.

Read/Write operation for Format B follows a different structure to Format A. Format B uses a more complex string to access internal devices. However, the write operation contains the Device Status parameter used to indicate the ON/OFF state of the intended device.

Time Switch settings follow Format B protocol, however, the structure and content of the string differs from the standard READ/WRITE mode operation. Refer to section 7.6.5 for further detailed information concerning Time Switch settings for Format B.



7.3 Control Protocol elements

The following section will explain the control elements used in the α2 Series Dedicated protocol Transmit/Receive message. Refer to section 7.6 for detailed information concerning the commands available with this protocol.

Table 7.3: Format A and B protocol elements

Control Element		Description	Section
1)	Control Codes	The Control codes are one byte hexadecimal ASCII representation of standard protocol terminology.	7.3.1
2)	No. Communication Bytes	Standard number of bytes in one transmit/receive message.	7.3.2
3)	Format No.	Format number used to identify Format A or Format B type protocol message.	7.3.3
4)	Station No.	Assigned station number for controller identification.	7.3.4
5)	Command	Read, Write or Remote RUN/STOP operation are declared as the commands.	7.3.5
6)	No. of Devices	Total number of internal devices or I/O that are to be read/written from/to the controller.	7.3.6
7)	Device Code	Each individual internal device has been given a device code. The single byte code cannot be changed from original default setting.	7.3.7
8)	Device No.	Head address of the internal device or I/O being read or written from/to the controller.	7.3.8
9)	Device Status	Available only to Transmit message in write mode for Format B and reply sent from the controller when in Read mode for Format B.	7.3.9
10)	Sum Check	Sum check used to verify that the data in a message has not been corrupted.	7.3.10
11)	Error Code	Specific error coded relating to either sum check, protocol, device or remote error.	7.3.11



The α2 Series Controller is not a ASCII generated format, but comprised of a 8-bit binary structure.

7.3.1 Control Codes

The Control codes are listed below:

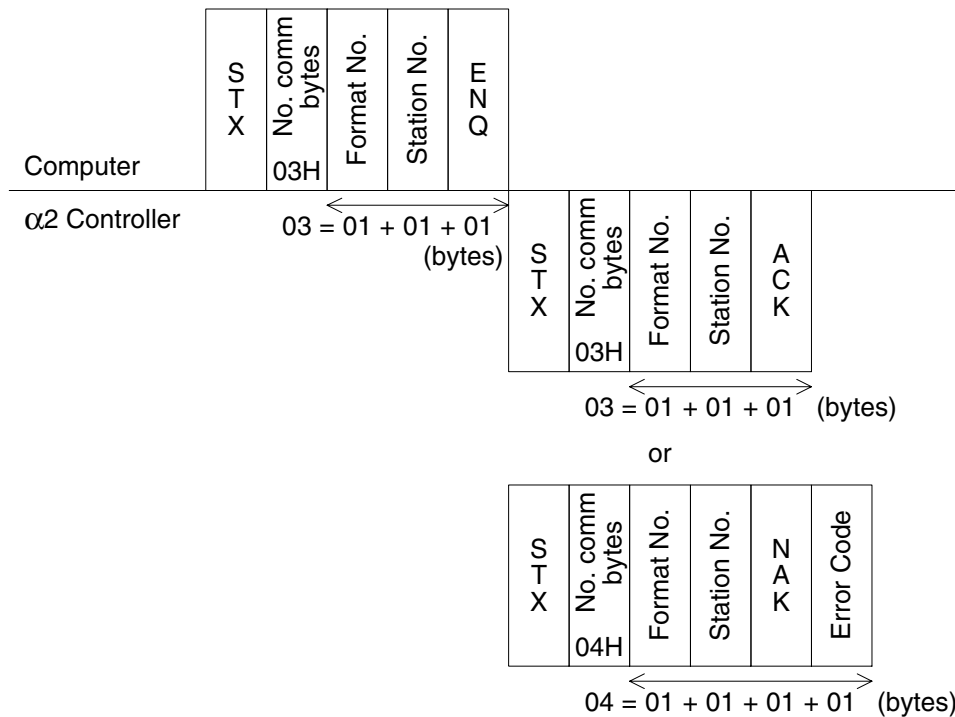
Table 7.4: Control Codes

Signal	Code (Hex)	Description
STX	02H	Start of TeXt
ETX	03H	End of TeXt
ENQ	05H	ENQuiry
ACK	06H	ACKnowledge
NAK	15H	Negative AcKnowledge
!	21H	Completion

7.3.2 No. of Communication Bytes

The number of communication bytes is used to check the validity of the message syntax. When using Format A the number of communication bytes for the Transmit message starts from the Format No. and finishes with the ENQ control code. The number of communication bytes for a Receive message starts from the Format No. and finishes with the ACK control code. In the situation of receiving an error message the number of communication bytes for a Receive message starts from the Format No. and finishes with the appropriate error code.

Format A Type - Line Check



Read message command - When using Format B the number of communication bytes starts from the Format No. and finishes with the Higher Byte of the Device No.

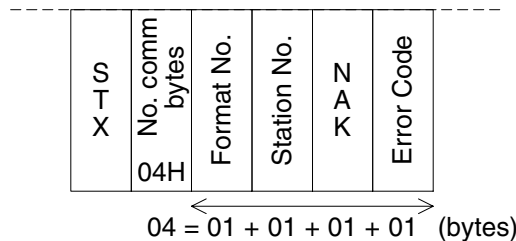
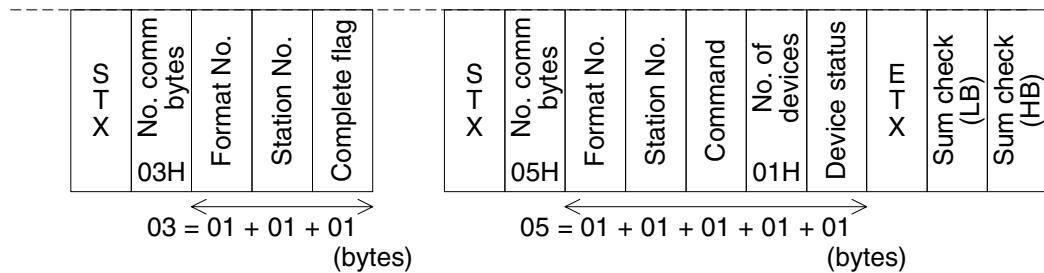
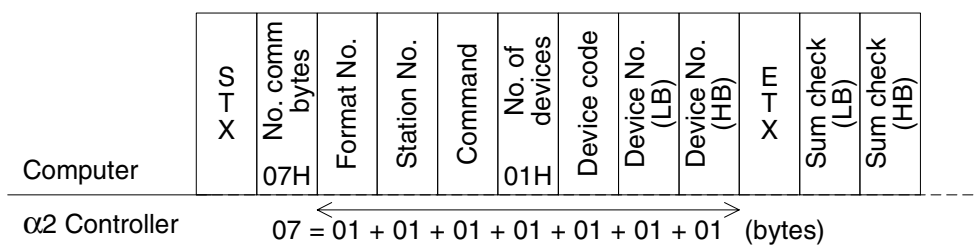
Write message command - When using Format B the number of communication bytes starts from the Format No. and finishes with the Device Status of the last device.

Run/Stop command - When using Format B the number of communication bytes starts from the Format No. and finished with the RUN/STOP command.

Received message command - When using Format B The number of communication bytes starts from the Format No. and finishes with the! completion control code. The number of commutation bytes for the response data message starts from the Format No. and finishes with the Device Status.

Error message command - When using Format B the number of communication bytes starts from the Format No. and finishes with the appropriate error code.

Format B Type - READ message



The maximum number of Communication Bytes for a given message is 250 bytes. Refer to section 7.3.6 for further details for maximum devices to be accessed.

7.3.3 Format Number

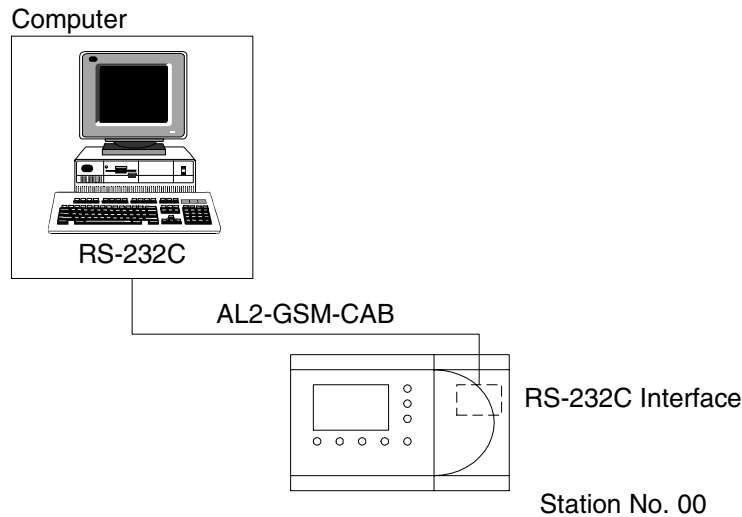
The Format number is used to differentiate format type. Either Format A or Format B is used for the intended task.

Table 7.5: Format Type command

Format Type	Instruction Command
Format A	40
Format B	41

7.3.4 Station Number

The personal computer and α2 (AL2-14MR-*, AL2-24MR-*) Series Controller follow as a master/slave relationship. All communication is initiated from the personal computer. The station number set in the controller must match the station number in the command string. If the station number conflict, then a reply message will not be sent from the controller.



The α2 (AL2-14MR-*, AL2-24MR-*) Series Controller Version 1.00 is equipped with an RS-232C interface, thus a 1:1 relationship can be achieved. A maximum of 00-0F(hex) can be set for the controller.

7.3.5 Command

The command defines if the type of transmission will be a Read/Write Command or a Remote Run/Stop command.

Table 7.6: Instruction Command Setting

Command	Command Code Number (Hex)
Read	00H
Write	01H
Run/Stop ^{*1}	10H
RTC Read ^{*2}	20H
RTC Write ^{*2}	21H
Display Read ^{*3}	30H



Note:

*1 The run/stop operation via dedicated protocol follows format B. However, number of devices, device number and device code is not used as it is replaced by either of the following:

Table 7.7: RUN/STOP command code

Operation	Hex Code
RUN	01H
STOP	00H

Refer to section 7.6.4 for detailed information concerning the command structure.

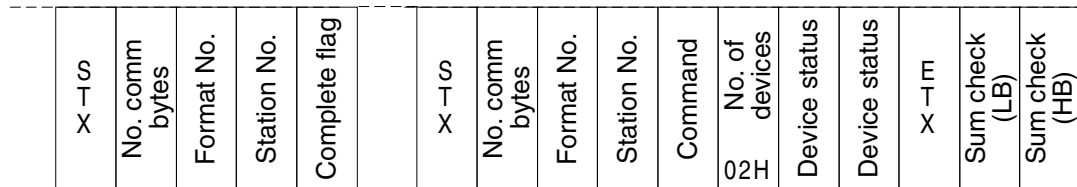
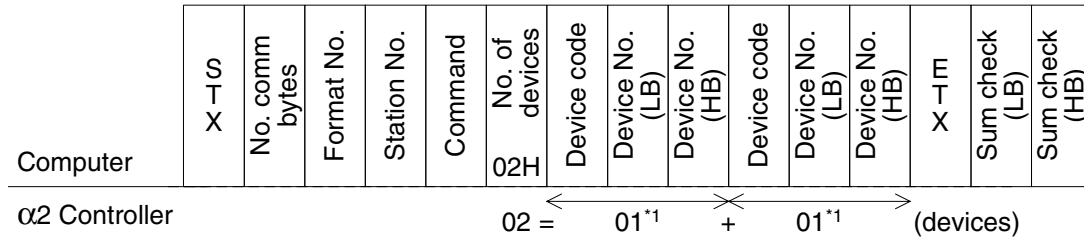
*2 Ver. 2.20 or later

*3 Ver. 3.00 or later

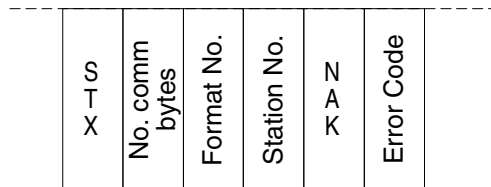
7.3.6 Number of Devices

The Number of Devices is restricted by total number of Communication Bytes. The Transmit/Receive data message contains a maximum of 250 bytes. Thus, caution must be taken when reading BIT/WORD data. Refer to the Note below for detailed caution information.

Format B - READ message



or



Note: Format B cautions

- 1) READ Message - BIT data
 The maximum number of BIT devices that can be read at any one time is restricted by the maximum number of communication bytes (250 bytes) contained in a single message. Each device is represented by the Device code, Device No. (LB) and Device No. (HB).

$$\frac{(\text{Max No. of Comm. bytes} - (\text{Format No.} + \text{Stat No.} + \text{Command} + \text{No. of Devices}))}{(\text{Device code} + \text{Device No(LB)} + \text{Device No. (HB)})} = \frac{(250 - 4)}{3} = 246 / 3 = 82$$
 Therefore, the user can read 1 - 82 BIT devices at any one time.

- 2) READ Message - WORD data
 The maximum number of WORD devices that can be read at any one time is restricted by the maximum number of communication bytes (250 bytes) contained in a single message. Each device is represented by the Device code, Device No. (LB) and Device No. (HB).

$$\frac{(\text{Max No. of Comm. bytes} - (\text{Format No.} + \text{Stat No.} + \text{Command} + \text{No. of Devices}))}{(\text{Device code} + \text{Device No(LB)} + \text{Device No. (HB)})} = \frac{(250 - 4)}{3} = 246 / 3 = 82$$
 Therefore, the user can read 1 - 82 WORD devices at any one time.

- 3) WRITE Message - BIT data
 The maximum number of BIT devices that can be written at any one time is restricted by the maximum number of communication bytes (250 bytes) contained in a single message. Each device is represented by the Device code, Device No, (LB), Device No. (HB) and Device Status (1byte).
 $(\text{Max No. of Comm. bytes} - (\text{Format No.} + \text{Stat No.} + \text{Command} + \text{No. of Devices})) / (\text{Device code} + \text{Device No(LB)} + \text{Device No. (HB)} + \text{Device Status}) = (250 - 4) / 4 = 246 / 4 = 61$
 Therefore, the user can write 1 - 61 BIT devices at any one time.
- 4) WRITE Message - WORD data
 The maximum number of WORD devices that can be written at any one time is restricted by the maximum number of communication bytes (250 bytes) contained in a single message. Each device is represented by the Device code, Device No, (LB), Device No. (HB), Device Status (LB) (1byte) and Device Status (HB) (1byte).
 $(\text{Max No. of Comm. bytes} - (\text{Format No.} + \text{Stat No.} + \text{Command} + \text{No. of Devices})) / (\text{Device code} + \text{Device No(LB)} + \text{Device No. (HB)} + \text{Device Status(LB)} + \text{Device Status(HB)}) = (250 - 4) / 5 = 246 / 5 = 49$
 Therefore, the user can write 1 - 49 WORD devices at any one time.
- 5) Time Switch READ Message.
 The READ operation of a Time Switch settings follows the identical structure to reading a Communication Word device in Format B. The maximum number of Time Switch devices that can be read at any one time is restricted by the maximum number of communication bytes (250 bytes) contained in the reply message.
 $(\text{Max No. of Comm. bytes} - (\text{Format No.} + \text{Stat No.} + \text{Command} + \text{No. of Devices})) / (\text{RTC0} + \text{RTC1} + \text{RTC2} + \text{RTC3}) = (250 - 4) / 4 = 246 / 4 = 61$
 Therefore, the user can read 1 - 61 Time Switch settings at any one time.
 Refer to section 7.6.5 for further information concerning Time Switch settings.
- 6) Time Switch WRITE Message
 The maximum number of Time Switch devices that can be read at any one time is restricted by the maximum number of communication bytes (250 bytes) contained in a single message. Each device is represented by the Device code, Device No, (LB), Device No. (HB), RTC+0, RTC+1, RTC+2 and RTC+3.
 $(\text{Max No. of Comm. bytes} - (\text{Format No.} + \text{Stat No.} + \text{Command} + \text{No. of Devices})) / (\text{Device code} + \text{Device No(LB)} + \text{Device No. (HB)} + \text{RTC0} + \text{RTC1} + \text{RTC2} + \text{RTC3}) = (250 - 4) / 7 = 246 / 7 = 35$
 Therefore, the user can write 1 - 35 Time Switch settings devices at any one time.
 Refer to section 7.6.5 for further information concerning Time Switch settings.

A mixture of Time Switch, BIT and WORD data can be sent via one Transmit message.

7.3.7 Device Code

Each type of Bit or Word Device has a device code which corresponds to a memory location in the α2 series controller. Locations for the System Bits, Inputs, Outputs, Keys, Link Input, and Link Output are permanent but the Function Block settings (Communication Bit and Word Devices) must be set in the “Options/Dedicated Communication” dialog box in the VLS software. Remember to set aside some memory in the same dialog box for these devices. Refer to section 6.1 for VLS settings.

Table 7.8: Device Code and Access Data

Device Name	Device Code (Hex)	Device Range (Decimal)	Device Range (Hex) (HB LB)*3	Read Access	Write Access
System Bit (M)	40	1 - 24	00 01 - 00 18	Yes	No
Input Terminal (I)	41	1 - 15	00 01 - 00 0F	Yes	Yes
External Input (EI)	41	129 - 132 *1	00 81 - 00 84	Yes	Yes
Output Terminal (O)	42	1 - 9	00 01 - 00 09	Yes	Yes
External Output (EO)	42	129 - 132 *2	00 81 - 00 84	Yes	Yes
Key Input (K)	44	1 - 8 *5	00 01 - 00 08	Yes	Yes
Link Input (E)	45	1 - 4	00 01 - 00 04	Yes	Yes
Link Output (A)	46	1 - 4	00 01 - 00 04	Yes	Yes
Control Device (N)	47	1 - 4	00 01 - 00 04	Yes	Yes
Analog In	61	1 - 8	00 01 - 00 08	Yes	No
Communication Bit Device (CB)	48	1 - 100*4	00 01 - 00 64	Yes	Yes
Communication Word Device (CW)	69	1 - 100*4	00 01 - 00 64	Yes	Yes



Note:

- *1 The settings for the α2 controller input extension boards: Where EI 01-04 for AL2-4EX and AL2-4EX-A2 are 129 - 132 respectively.
- *2 The settings for the α2 controller output extension boards: Where EO 01-04 for AL2-4EYR and AL2-4EYT are 129 - 132 respectively.
- *3 Each hexadecimal value is represented by a HB and LB. Where HB is the higher byte and LB is the lower byte.
- *4 The full 100 data range can only be accessed if the appropriate memory has been allocated from either the front panel keys or VLS software.
- *5 key input numerical order

Input No. (hex)	Key
0001	“OK”
0002	“ESC”
0003	“+”
0004	“-”
0005	“▲”
0006	“▼”
0007	“▶”
0008	“◀”

7.3.8 Device Number

The Device Number is used in conjunction with the Device Code. Once the Device has specified what the internal device represents, then the Device Number is used to select the appropriate device from the range mentioned above. Each Device Number is comprised of 2 bytes:

Lower byte (LB)

Higher byte (HB)

Example - The user wants to check the status of Input 11. Converting input 11 to a four digit Hexadecimal number 00 0B. The Higher Byte (HB) = 00. The Lower Byte (LB) = 0B. Thus, the user will enter the Device Code followed by 0B 00 to read/write data from/to Input 11.

7.3.9 Device Status

- 1) BIT Device - A single byte is allocated to the Device Status when used for both READ and WRITE operations.

Table 7.9: Byte representation of the BIT status

State	Device Status (Hex)
ON	01
OFF	00

- 2) WORD Device - Two bytes are allocated to the Device Status when used for both READ and WRITE operations. Therefore, both the lowerbyte (LB) and Higherbyte (HB) of the device status when used in conjunction with a WORD application can allow the user to enter a maximum value of: 32767 (decimal) and minimum value of -32768 (decimal). The counter function block has a minimum value of 0 and the PWM function block has a minimum value of Period Time.

7.3.11 Error Codes

If there is a problem in the communication line or in the command string, the α2 controller will return an error message. The error message will follow an NAK reply as shown below.

Table 7.10: Error Codes for Format “A” Transmissions

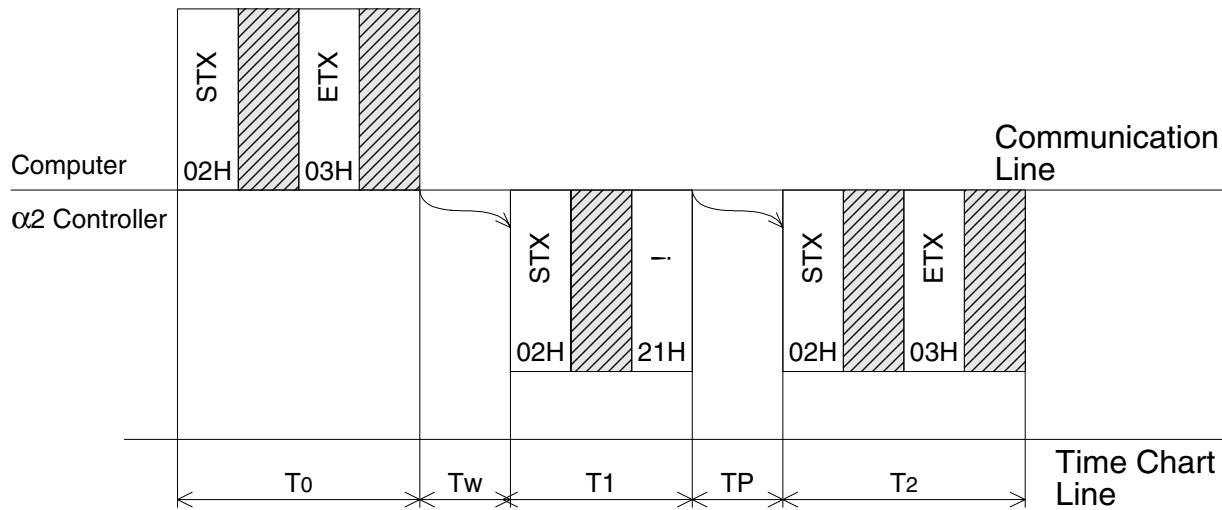
Code	Error	Error Description
01H	Sum Check error	There is an error in the Sum Check value used in Protocol Format “B”.
02H	Protocol error	There is a discrepancy in the number of communication bytes in the message. Command for READ, WRITE or RUN/STOP operation is incorrect.
03H	Device error	The data stored in the device specification is outside the device range. The Device Status setting value is out of the intended devices’s range The write protection for the memory cassette is enabled.
04H	Remote error	There is a problem in the remote Start/Stop operation. Usually the cause of this error is an error in the controller program.
05H	Date/Time error	The Date or Time is invalid.

7.4 Communication Timing Chart

The communication time for α2 Series dedicated protocol is represented by the diagram below. The communication time is identical for Read and Write operations. Thus, only one diagram has been used to demonstrate the possible delaytimes for sending and receiving 8-bit binary messages.

7.4.1 Read/Write Data from the Controller

Format B READ/WRITE operation



7.4.2 Communication Time

The calculation performed below are a guide to the approximate communication timing for dedicated protocol.

$$T0, T1, T2 = 1/\text{Baud Rate} \times \text{No. of bits in 1 character} \times \text{No. of Characters}$$

$$= 1/9600 \times [1 (\text{Startbit}) \times 8 (\text{datalength}) \times 0 (\text{parity none}) \times 1 (\text{stopbit}) \times \text{No. of characters}]$$

$$TP = \text{Process Time} *1$$

maximum time of 2.5s

$$Tw = 5\text{ms} + \text{maximum of 1 scan time}$$

maximum time of 2.5s



Note:

*1 Process Time - Represents the duration needed for the α2 Series Controller to process with either READING the intended device or WRITING to the intended devices specified in the Command String. 1scan time + 5ms is the minimum time used for the Process Time.

7.5 Character Area Data Transmission

The Data Transmission area is the important segment of the message that the user must address correctly in order to read/write the from/to the α2 Series Controller. The procedure to address all internal devices is identical,

Refer to section 7.3.7 for respective device codes.

7.5.1 Read Data Transmission

The READ Data Transmission area is identical in reading BIT or WORD information.

Format B - READ Message

					Data Transmission						
STX	No. comm bytes	Format No.	Station No.	Command	No. of devices	Device code	Device No. (LB)	Device No. (HB)	X-1m	Sum check (LB)	Sum check (HB)
					Data Transmission						

Example - READ Message

				Data Transmission							
				No. of devices	Device code	Device No. (LB)	Device No. (HB)				
				01H	41H	0CH	00H				
				Data Transmission							

Table 7.11: Data Transmission explained

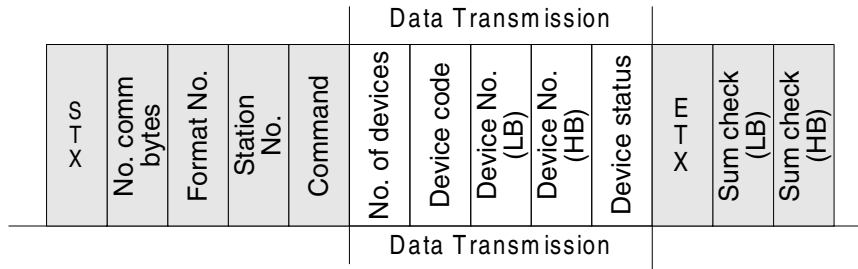
Control element	Hex	Description
No. of devices	01H	There is only one intended device to be READ from the controller
Device Code	41H	The device code is for the Input Device.
Device No. (LB)	0CH	The lower byte in conjunction with the higher byte indicates Input 11 is the intended device.
Device No. (HB)	00H	The higher byte in conjunction with the lower byte indicates Input 11 is the intended device.

7.5.2 Write Data Transmission

The WRITE Data Transmission area is different in reading BIT and WORD information. The following illustration demonstrates the format structure for writing BIT data. The device status is a single byte.

BIT Data

Format B - WRITE Message - BIT data



Example - WRITE Message - BIT data

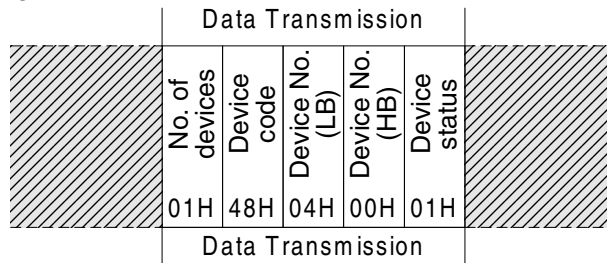


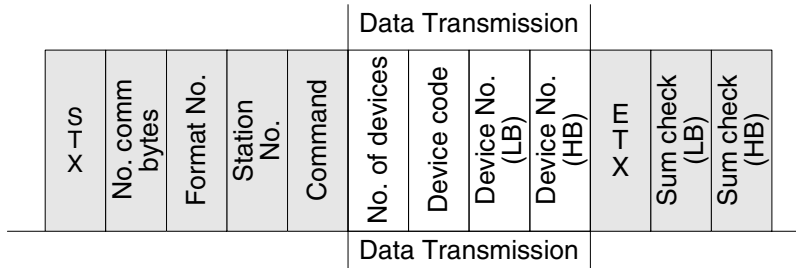
Table 7.12: Data Transmission explained

Control element	Hex	Description
No. of devices	01H	There is only one intended device to be WRITTEN to the controller
Device Code	48H	The device is from the Communication BIT Range.
Device No. (LB)	04H	The lower byte in conjunction with the higher byte indicates Communication Word device 4 is the intended device.
Device No. (HB)	00H	The higher byte in conjunction with the lower byte indicates Communication Word device 4 is the intended device.
Device Status	01H	The Communication BIT device will be turned ON.

The following illustration demonstrates the format structure for writing word data. Writing word data requires the Device Status to contain a lower and higher byte, therefore, the data transmission area is extended by one byte when writing to WORD data

WORD Data

Format B - WRITE Message - WORD data



Example - WRITE Message - WORD data

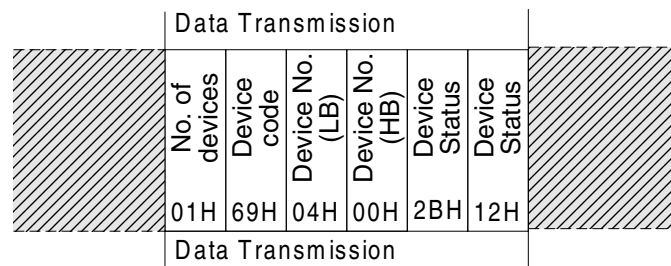


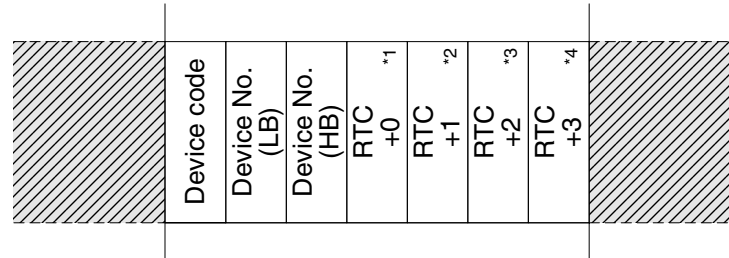
Table 7.13: Data Transmission explained

Control element	Hex	Description
No. of devices	01H	There is only one intended device to be READ from the controller
Device Code	69H	The device is from the Communication Word Range.
Device No. (LB)	04H	The lower byte in conjunction with the higher byte indicates Communication Word device 4 is the intended device.
Device No. (HB)	00H	The higher byte in conjunction with the lower byte indicates Communication Word device 4 is the intended device.
Device Status (LB)	2BH	The lower byte in conjunction with the higher byte indicates a value of 4651 decimal
Device Status (HB)	12H	The higher byte in conjunction with the lower byte indicates a value of 4651 decimal

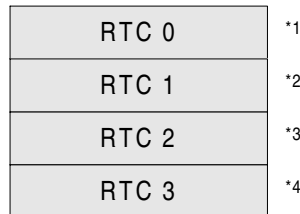
7.5.3 Time Switch Data Transmission

The READ operation for the Time Switch Settings is identical to the READ operation of a Communication Word Device. However, due to the amount of data within one time switch setting, 4 bytes have been allocated.

Format B - WRITE Message



Real Time Clock Structure



Using Format B, setting one Time Switch involves configuring a four-level byte structure.



Note

*1, *2, *3, *4 Refer to Section 7.6.5 for further detailed information.

7.6 Commands

The following section will outline commands used to implement dedicated protocol with an α2 Series Controller.

Table 7.14: Dedicated protocol commands

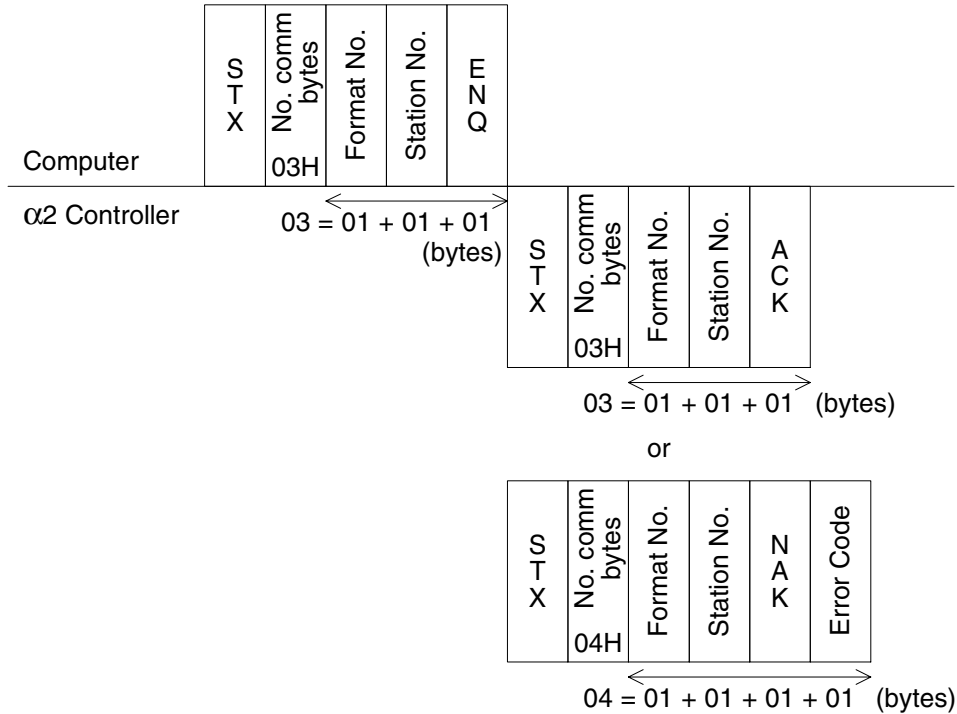
Command		Description	Section
1)	Communication Line Check	Format A has limited operational functionality, however, checking the connection between the controller and the personal computer is the primary aim.	7.6.1
2)	Read Command	The READ command is used to retrieve the status of the intended internal device. Format B only.	7.6.2
3)	Write Command	The WRITE command is used to control the status of the intended internal device. Format B only.	7.6.3
4)	Run/Stop Command	The RUN/STOP command is used to control the operation of the controller.	7.6.4
5)	Time Switch Command	The Time Switch command follows the same principle as the READ/WRITE commands in Format B, however, a different structure is required due to the amount of data needed to implement a setting change.	7.6.5
6)	RTC Read Command*1	The RTC Read Command is Read of α2 time, date and RTC clock speed adjust value.	7.6.7
7)	RTC Write Command*1	The RTC Write Command is Set of α2 time, date and RTC clock speed adjust value.	7.6.8
8)	Display Read Command*2	Display Read Command is used in order to read the character displayed on the display.	7.6.9

*1. Ver.2.20 or later

*2. Ver.3.00 or later

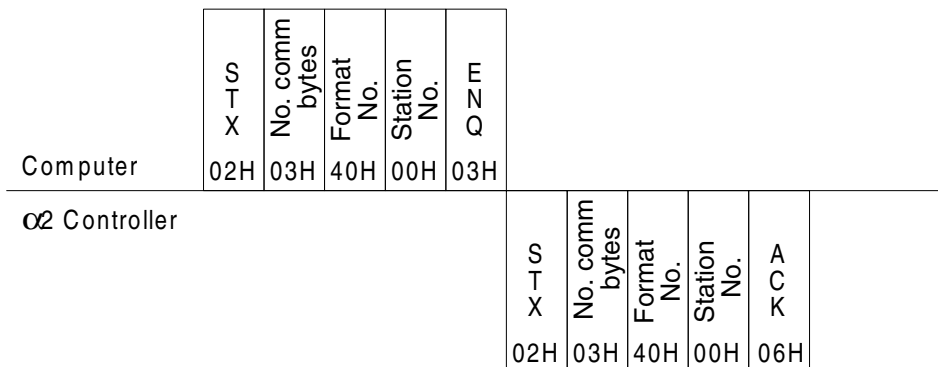
7.6.1 Communication Line Check

1) Command Specification
Format A is shown.



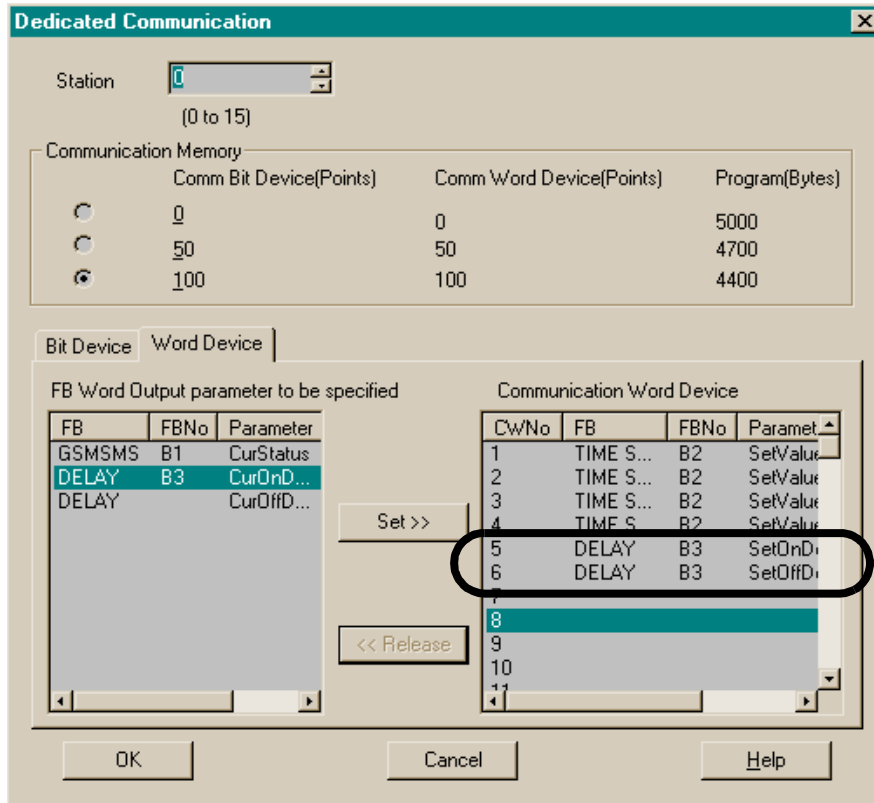
2) Command Example

Standard command for communication line check. This default command string can be used at any time for checking if dedicated protocol is possible. If no response is replied from the controller, check the communication settings, check cabling and check the command string



The received message shows that the communication line is fine.

- b) Read the Status of the Delay FB Word parameters CWNo.5 and 6 as shown below. Refer to section 6.1 for more details concerning VLS settings for dedicated protocol bit/word settings.



The following command string will use device code 69 (communication word CWNo. device code) to access parameters 5 and 6.

	X	T	S										X	T	S		
	No. comm bytes	Format No.	Station No.	Command	No. of devices	Device code	Device No. (LB)	Device No. (HB)	Device code	Device No. (LB)	Device No. (HB)	X	T	S	Sum check (LB)	Sum check (HB)	
Computer	02H	0AH	41H	00H	00H	02H	69H	05H	00H	69H	06H	00H	03H	20H	01H		

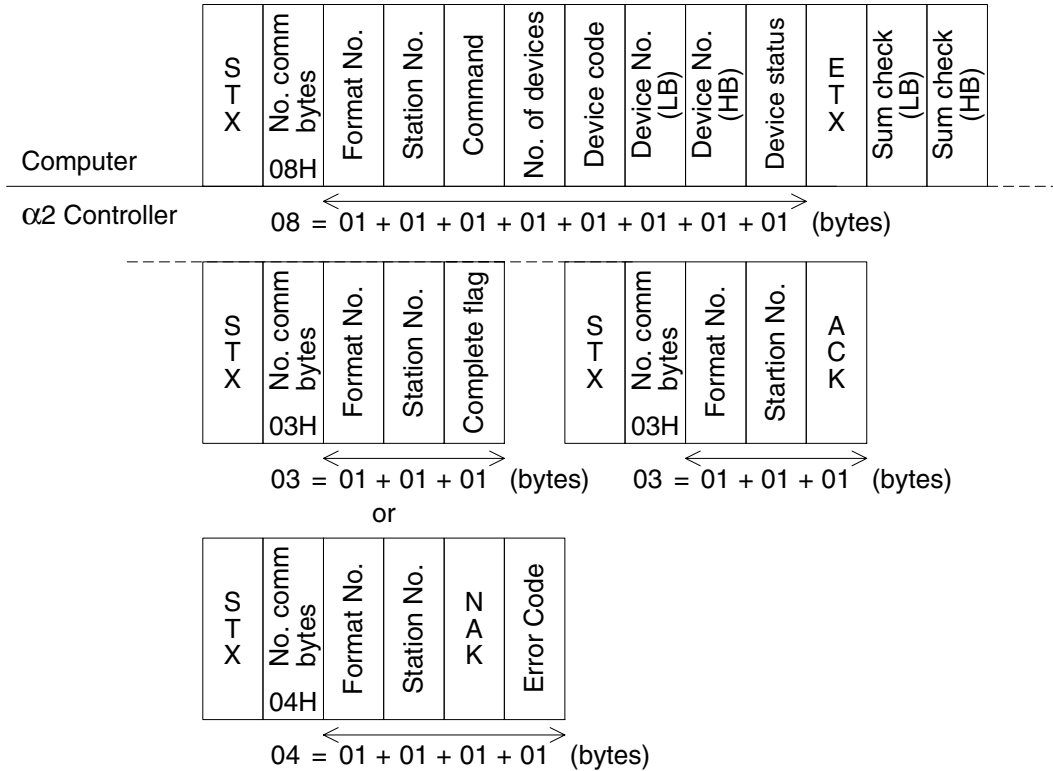
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X	T	S				X	T	S				X	T	S						
No. comm bytes	Format No.	Station No.	Complete flag	X	T	S	No. comm bytes	Format No.	Station No.	Command	No. of devices	Device status	Device status	Device status	Device status	X	T	S	Sum check (LB)	Sum check (HB)
02H	03H	40H	00H	21H	02H	08H	41H	00H	00H	02H	32H	00H	0FH	00H	03H	84H	00H			

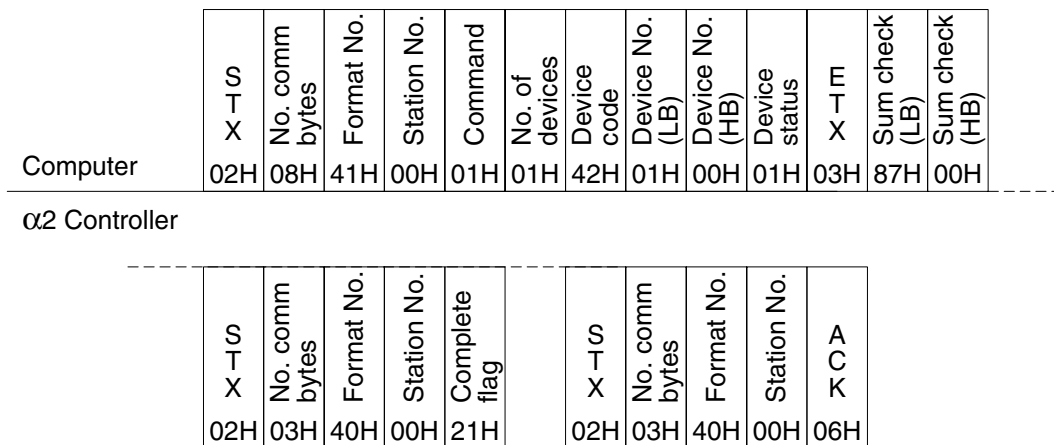
The received message shows that
 Parameter 5 00H (HB) 32H (LB) = 50 decimal
 Parameter 6 00H (HB) 0FH (LB) = 15 decimal

7.6.3 Write Command

- 1) Command Specification
Format B is shown

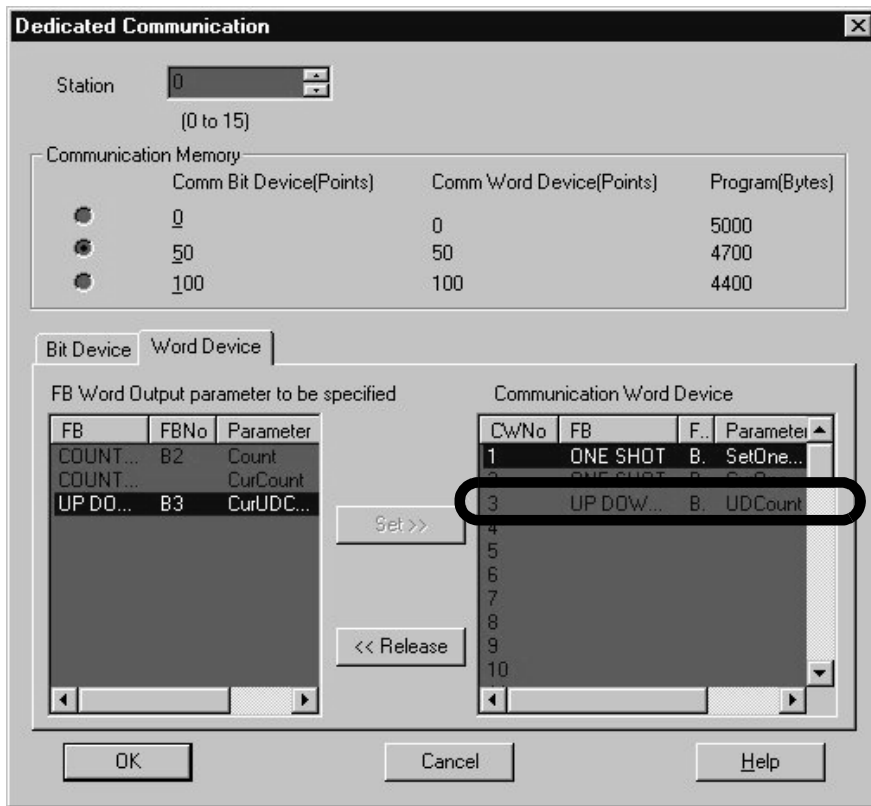


- 2) Command Example
a) Turn Output O1 ON on Station 00



The received message shows that the Transmit message to turn Output O1 ON or 01H in station 00H was successfully completed.

- b) Write a value of 4369 to Count Value of the Up/Down FB Word parameter CWNo.3 as shown below. Refer to section 6.1 for more details concerning VLS settings for dedicated protocol bit/word settings.



	X	T	S																	
Computer	02H	09H	41H	00H	01H	01H	69H	03H	00H	11H	11H	03H	D1H	00H						

α2 Controller

	X	T	S																	
	02H	03H	40H	00H	21H															

The received message shows that VLS has completed the change in count value for the UP/DOWN function block and a value of 4369 (decimal) has been achieved.

7.6.4 Remote RUN/STOP Operation

- 1) Command Example
 - a) RUN command for dedicated protocol

Computer	STX	No. comm bytes	Format No.	Station No.	Command	Run	STX	Sum check (LB)	Sum check (HB)	-----
	02H	04H	41H	00H	10H	01H	03H	52H	00H	

α2 Controller

STX	No. comm bytes	Format No.	Station No.	Complete flag	STX	No. comm bytes	Format No.	Station No.	ACK
02H	03H	40H	00H	21H	02H	03H	40H	00H	06H

- b) STOP command for dedicated protocol

Computer	STX	No. comm bytes	Format No.	Station No.	Command	Stop	STX	Sum check (LB)	Sum check (HB)	-----
	02H	04H	41H	00H	10H	00H	03H	51H	00H	

α2 Controller

STX	No. comm bytes	Format No.	Station No.	Complete flag	STX	No. comm bytes	Format No.	Station No.	ACK
02H	03H	40H	00H	21H	02H	03H	40H	00H	06H

7.6.5 Time Switch Settings

- 1) Command Specification
 - a) Format B - Time Switch WRITE command.

Computer	X	0BH																	
	STX	No. comm bytes	Format No.	Station No.	Command	No. of devices	Device code	Device No. (LB)	Device No. (HB)	RTC +0 *1	RTC +1 *2	RTC +2 *3	RTC +3 *4	X-1m	Sum check (LB)	Sum check (HB)			

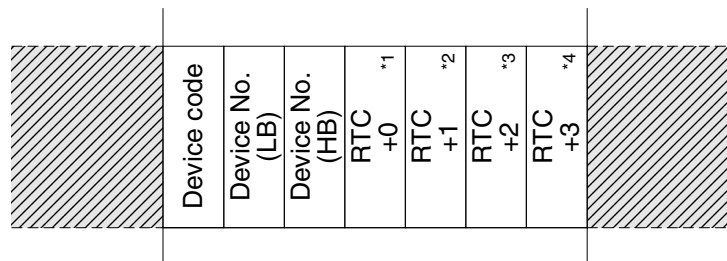
α2 Controller

X	03H																		
STX	No. comm bytes	Format No.	Station No.	Complete flag	X	04H													
					STX	No. comm bytes	Format No.	Station No.	Command	X	CA								

or

X	04H																		
STX	No. comm bytes	Format No.	Station No.	XAZ	Error Code														

Data transmission area



RTC 0	*1
RTC 1	*2
RTC 2	*3
RTC 3	*4



Note:

- *1 Refer to table 7.15 level RTC+0 settings.
- *2 Refer to table 7.15 level RTC+1 settings.
- *3 Refer to table 7.15 level RTC+2 settings.
- *4 Refer to table 7.15 level RTC+3 settings.

b) Format B Time Switch READ command.

Computer	S T X	No. comm bytes	Format No.	Station No.	Command	No. of devices	Device code	Device No. (LB)	Device No. (HB)	X - - - -	Sum check (LB)	Sum check (HB)
		07H					69H					

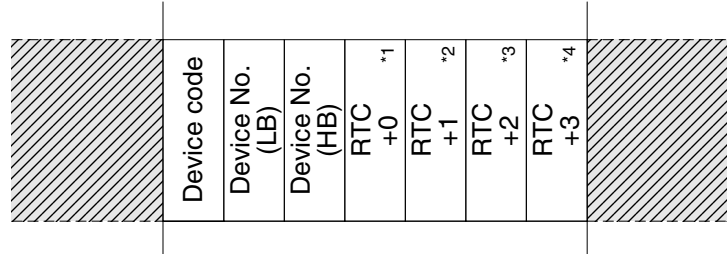
α2 Controller

S T X	No. comm bytes	Format No.	Station No.	Complete flag	X - -	No. comm bytes	Format No.	Station No.	Command	No. of devices	RTC +0 *1	RTC +1 *2	RTC +2 *3	RTC +3 *4	X - -	Sum check (LB)	Sum check (HB)
	03H					08H											

or

S T X	No. comm bytes	Format No.	Station No.	N A K	Error Code
	04H				

Data Transmission area



RTC 0	*1
RTC 1	*2
RTC 2	*3
RTC 3	*4



Note:

- *1 Refer to table 7.15 level RTC+0 settings.
- *2 Refer to table 7.15 level RTC+1 settings.
- *3 Refer to table 7.15 level RTC+2 settings.
- *4 Refer to table 7.15 level RTC+3 settings.

3) Command Example - **Weekly Time Settings**

The data in the Command code for a Weekly Time Setting consists of 4 bytes of data. To determine the hexadecimal numbers to put in the Command string, the entry data has been set up per the Table below. The Hexadecimal numbers can be determined after filling in the box with the appropriate data.

Table 7.15: Weekly Time Setting Schedule

Level	b7	b6	b5	b4	b3	b2	b1	b0
RTC+0	"1"	"0"	"0"	"0"	"0"	"0"	"0"	"0"
RTC+1	Week 5	Week 4	Week 3	Week 2	Week 1	Saturday	Friday	Thursday
RTC+2	Wednesday	Tuesday	Monday	Sunday	Hour	Hour	Hour	Hour
RTC+3	Hour	Min	Min	Min	Min	Min	Min	On/Off



Notes:

The Values in quotation marks "x" are defined for the weekly setting and will not change.

The Values for the Hour parameter is a 5 digit binary number with a range of 0 to 23.

The Values for the Minute parameter is a 6 digit binary number with a range of 0 to 59.

- a) Example - Send Data to Time Switch Setting 1 so that Monday, Wednesday, and Friday of the First Week of Every month at 10:00 AM the Output turns On.

Step 1

The values in +0 level are fixed as described above.

Level	b7	b6	b5	b4	b3	b2	b1	b0
RTC+0	"1"	"0"	"0"	"0"	"0"	"0"	"0"	"0"

Step 2

The **Weekly** values are shown below where only Wk 1 is activated.

Level	b7	b6	b5	b4	b3	b2	b1	b0
RTC+0	"1"	"0"	"0"	"0"	"0"	"0"	"0"	"0"
RTC+1	Wk 5 = 0	Wk 4 = 0	Wk 3 = 0	Wk 2 = 0	Wk 1 = 1	Saturday	Friday	Thursday
RTC+2	Wednesday	Tuesday	Monday	Sunday	Hour	Hour	Hour	Hour
RTC+3	Hour	Min	Min	Min	Min	Min	Min	On/Off

Step3

The **Daily** Values have Monday, Wednesday and Friday = 1.

Level	b7	b6	b5	b4	b3	b2	b1	b0
RTC+0	"1"	"0"	"0"	"0"	"0"	"0"	"0"	"0"
RTC+1	Wk 5 = 0	Wk 4 = 0	Wk 3 = 0	Wk 2 = 0	Wk 1 = 1	Sat = 0	Fri = 1	Thur = 0
RTC+2	Wed = 1	Tues = 0	Mon = 1	Sun = 0	Hour	Hour	Hour	Hour
RTC+3	Hour	Min	Min	Min	Min	Min	Min	On/Off

Step 4

The **Hourly** value is a five digit binary value for 10. 10 (dec) = 01010 binary.

Level	b7	b6	b5	b4	b3	b2	b1	b0
RTC+0	"1"	"0"	"0"	"0"	"0"	"0"	"0"	"0"
RTC+1	Wk 5 = 0	Wk 4 = 0	Wk 3 = 0	Wk 2 = 0	Wk 1 = 1	Sat = 0	Fri = 1	Thur = 0
RTC+2	Wed = 1	Tues = 0	Mon = 1	Sun = 0	Hour = 0	Hour = 1	Hour = 0	Hour = 1
RTC+3	Hour = 0	Min	Min	Min	Min	Min	Min	On/Off

Step 5

The **Minute** value is a 6 digit value for 0. 0 (dec) = 000000 binary.

Level	b7	b6	b5	b4	b3	b2	b1	b0
RTC+0	"1"	"0"	"0"	"0"	"0"	"0"	"0"	"0"
RTC+1	Wk 5 = 0	Wk 4 = 0	Wk 3 = 0	Wk 2 = 0	Wk 1 = 1	Sat = 0	Fri = 1	Thur = 0
RTC+2	Wed = 1	Tues = 0	Mon = 1	Sun = 0	Hour = 0	Hour = 1	Hour = 0	Hour = 1
RTC+3	Hour = 0	Min = 0	Min = 0	Min = 0	Min = 0	Min = 0	Min = 0	On/Off

Step 6

Finally, the On/Off value is 1 for On and the table is complete.

Level	b7	b6	b5	b4	b3	b2	b1	b0
RTC+0	"1"	"0"	"0"	"0"	"0"	"0"	"0"	"0"
RTC+1	Wk 5 = 0	Wk 4 = 0	Wk 3 = 0	Wk 2 = 0	Wk 1 = 1	Sat = 0	Fri = 1	Thur = 0
RTC+2	Wed = 1	Tues = 0	Mon = 1	Sun = 0	Hour = 0	Hour = 1	Hour = 0	Hour = 1
RTC+3	Hour = 0	Hour = 0	Min = 0	Min = 0	Min = 0	Min = 0	Min = 0	On = 1

To values to put into the Command String must be in Hexadecimal values. Combine the table bits b4-b7 and b0-b3 to give a two digit Hexadecimal number.

Step 7

Table 7.16: Weekly Setting Table with Hexadecimal Values

Level	b7	b6	b5	b4	b3	b2	b1	b0	Hexadecimal Command String Value
RTC+0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	80 H
RTC+1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0A H
RTC+2	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	A5 H
RTC+3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	01 H

Format B Command String for the weekly Time Switch.
WRITE Command

Computer	S	No. comm bytes	Format No.	Station No.	Command	No. of devices	Device code	Device No. (LB)	Device No. (HB)	RTC +0 *1	RTC +1 *2	RTC +2 *3	RTC +3 *4	X-TM	Sum check (LB)	Sum check (HB)
	X	0BH	41H	00H	01H	01H	69H	01H	00H	80H	0AH	A5H	01H	03H	DDH	01H

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S	No. comm bytes	Format No.	Station No.	Complete flag	S	No. comm bytes	Format No.	Station No.	A		
X	02H	03H	40H	00H	21H	X	02H	03H	40H	00H	06H



Note:
*1, *2, *3 and *4 refer to the calculation performed in Table 7.16.

2) Command Example - **Time Settings by Date**

The data in the Command code for a Date Time Setting consists of 4 bytes of data. To determine the hexadecimal numbers to put in the Command string, the entry data has been set up per the Table below. The Hexadecimal numbers can be determined after filling in the box with the appropriate data. This data is slightly different than the code for the Weekly Time Settings!

Table 7.17: The Date Parameter Table

Level	b7	b6	b5	b4	b3	b2	b1	b0
RTC+0	"1"	"0"	"0"	DMY *1	DMY	Year *2	Year	Year
RTC+1	Year	Year	Year	Month *3	Month	Month	Month	Day *4
RTC+2	Day	Day	Day	Day	Hour *5	Hour	Hour	Hour
RTC+3	Hour	Min *6	Min	Min	Min	Min	Min	On/Off *7

Table 7.18: Parameter Bit Settings for Date Setting

Parameter	Bit Locations	Setting (Hex)
*1 Date/Month/Year (DMY)	Level +0, b3,4	Time Settings by Date = 00
		Monthly Time Settings = 01
		Yearly Time Settings = 10
*2 Year	Level +0: b0,1,2 Level +1: b5,6,7	Year Setting = 1990 + Offset Value. Offset range is from 8 to 63. Example Year 2020 = 1990 + Offset Value thus, Offset Value = 30 decimal or 011110 binary.
*3 Month	Level +1: b1,2,3,4	Monthly Range is from 0 - 12.
*4 Day	Level +1: b0 Level +2: b4,5,6,7	Day Range is from 1 to 31
*5 Hour	Level +2: b0,1,2,3 Level +3: b7	Hourly Range is from 0 - 23.
*6 Minute	Level +3: b1,2,3,4,5,6	Minute Range is from 0 - 59
*7 On/Off	Level +3: b0	On = 1 Off = 0

Example 2 - Date Setting

Write a Date Setting to turn Off the Time Switch set up as CW02 on February 20, 2002 at 12:00.

Year Value = 2002; Month Value = 02; Day Value = 20; Hour Value = 12; Min Value = 0; On/Off Value = Off.

Table 7.19: Parameter Bit Settings for Date Setting - Example 2

Parameter	Actual Value# of Digits	Description of Setting (Hex)
DMY	00	Time Settings by Date = 00
Year	001100	Year Setting = 2002 - 1990 = 12 decimal or 001100 binary
Month	0010	Month = 2 decimal or 0010 binary
Day	10100	Day = 20 decimal or 10100 binary
Hourly	01100	Hour = 12 decimal or 01100 binary
Minute	000000	Minute = 0 decimal or 000000 binary
On/Off	0	Off = 0

Installing the values from the Table above into the Date Parameter Table in Section 2.3.2 and calculating the Hexadecimal values for each line gives the following values.

Table 7.20: Date Setting Table with Hexadecimal Values - Example 2

Level	b7	b6	b5	b4	b3	b2	b1	b0	Hexadecimal Command String Value
+0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	81 H
+1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	85 H
+2	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	46 H
+3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00 H

Computer	X T S	No. comm bytes	Format No.	Station No.	Command	No. of devices	Device code	Device No. (LB)	Device No. (HB)	RTC +0 *1	RTC +1 *2	RTC +2 *3	RTC +3 *4	X T F	Sum check (LB)	Sum check (HB)
	02H	0BH	41H	00H	01H	01H	69H	02H	00H	81H	85H	46H	00H	03H	FAH	01H

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X T S	No. comm bytes	Format No.	Station No.	Complete flag	X T S	No. comm bytes	Format No.	Station No.	A
02H	03H	40H	00H	21H	02H	03H	40H	00H	06H



Note;
*1, *2, *3 and *4 settings correspond to Table 7.20.

Example 3 - Monthly Time Setting

A Monthly setting does not have a constant setting for either the Month or the Year. These parameters will be ON constantly and must therefore be set to a default value. The Value for the Year Parameter is 08 H and the value for the Month is 01 H.

Write a Monthly Setting to turn On the Time Switch set up as CW03 on the 25th of every month at 08:35 AM.

Year Value = 8 (default); Month Value = 1 (default); Day Value = 25; Hour Value = 08; Min Value = 35; On/Off Value = 1.

Table 7.21: Parameter Bit Setting Values for Monthly Setting - Example 3

Parameter	Actual Value# of Digits	Description of Setting (Hex)
DMY	01	Monthly Time Settings = 01
Year	001000	Year Setting = 8 (default) or 001000 binary
Month	0001	Month Setting = 1 (default) or 0001 binary
Day	11001	Day = 25 decimal or 11001 binary
Hourly	01000	Hour = 8 decimal or 01000 binary
Minute	100011	Minute = 35 decimal or 100011 binary
On/Off	1	On = 1

Installing the values from the Table above into the Date Parameter Table above and calculating the Hexadecimal values for each line gives the following values.

Table 7.22: Date Setting Table for Monthly Values - Example 3

Level	b7	b6	b5	b4	b3	b2	b1	b0	Hexadecimal Command String Value
+0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	89 H
+1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	03 H
+2	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	94 H
+3	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	47 H

Computer	S T X	No. comm bytes	Format No.	Station No.	Command	No. of devices	Device code	Device No. (LB)	Device No. (HB)	RTC +0 *1	RTC +1 *2	RTC +2 *3	RTC +3 *4	X T F	Sum check (LB)	Sum check (HB)
	02H	0BH	41H	00H	01H	01H	69H	03H	00H	89H	03H	94H	47H	03H	16H	02H

α2 Controller

S T X	No. comm bytes	Format No.	Station No.	Complete flag	S T X	No. comm bytes	Format No.	Station No.	A C K
02H	03H	40H	00H	21H	02H	03H	40H	00H	06H



Note:
*1, *2, *3 and *4 settings correspond to Table 7.22.

Example 4 - Yearly Settings

The Yearly setting must be set to a Default setting of 08H because it is On constantly.

Write a Yearly Setting to turn On the Time Switch set up as CW04 on the 24th of Dec. of every year at 18:15 PM.

Year Value = 8 (default); Month Value = 12; Date Value = 24; Hour Value = 18; Min Value = 15; On/Off Value = 1.

Table 7.23:

Parameter	Actual Value# of Digits	Description of Setting (Hex)
DMY	10	Yearly Time Settings = 10
Year	001000	Year Setting = 8 (default) or 001000 binary
Month	1100	Month Setting = 12 decimal or 1100 binary
Day	11000	Day = 24 decimal or 11000 binary
Hourly	10010	Hour = 18 decimal or 10010 binary
Minute	001111	Minute = 15 decimal or 001111 binary
On/Off	1	On = 1

Installing the values from the Table above into the Date Setting Table and calculating the Hexadecimal values for each line gives the following values.

Table 7.24: Yearly Setting Table with Hexadecimal Values

Level	b7	b6	b5	b4	b3	b2	b1	b0	Hexadecimal Command String Value
+0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	91 H
+1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	19 H
+2	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	89 H
+3	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1FH

Computer	STX	No. comm bytes	Format No.	Station No.	Command	No. of devices	Device code	Device No. (LB)	Device No. (HB)	RTC +0 *1	RTC +1 *2	RTC +2 *3	RTC +3 *4	X-EM	Sum check (LB)	Sum check (HB)
	02H	0BH	41H	00H	01H	01H	69H	04H	00H	91H	19H	89H	1FH	03H	02H	02H

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STX	No. comm bytes	Format No.	Station No.	Complete flag	STX	No. comm bytes	Format No.	Station No.	ACK
02H	03H	40H	00H	21H	02H	03H	40H	00H	06H

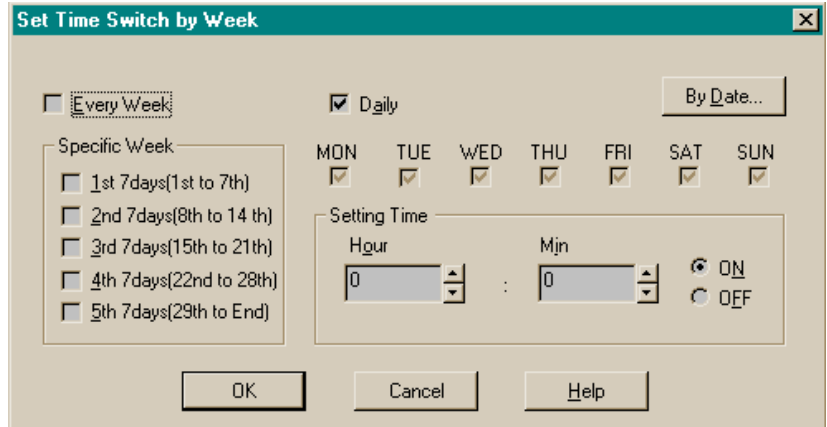


Note:
*1, *2, *3 and *4 settings correspond to Table 7.24.

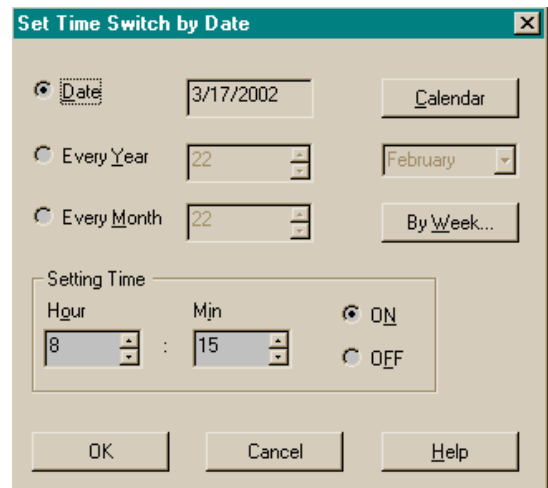
7.6.6 VLS Time Switch Settings (Sample)

The Time Switch Setting at right is a sample of the dialog box in the VLS software.

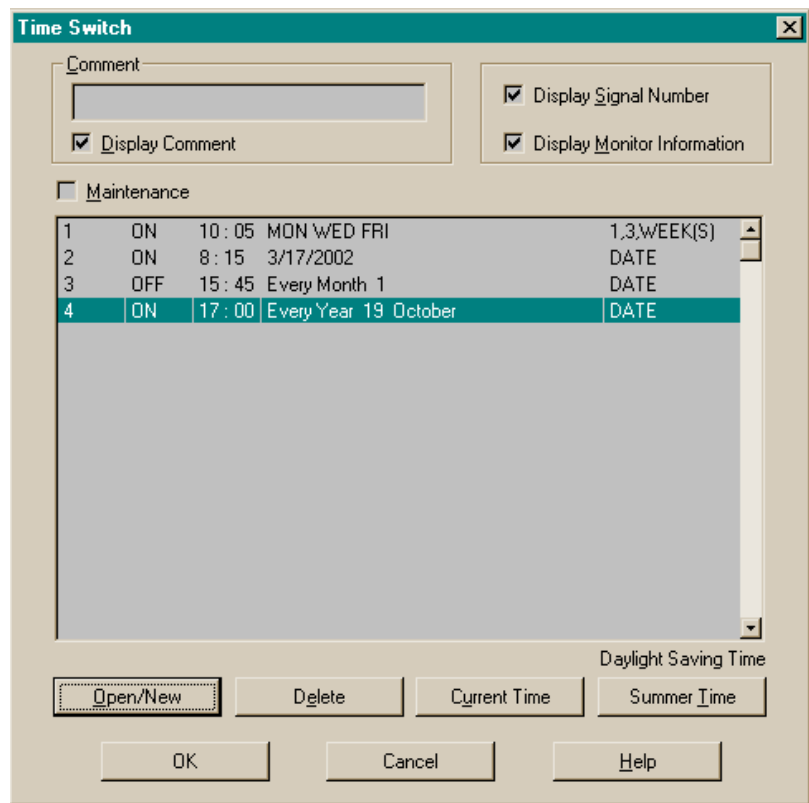
This dialog box can be used to set Weekly or Daily settings.



This is an example of setting a TimeSwitch by date in the VLS software. In this dialog box, it is possible to choose the Date, Monthly or Yearly settings.

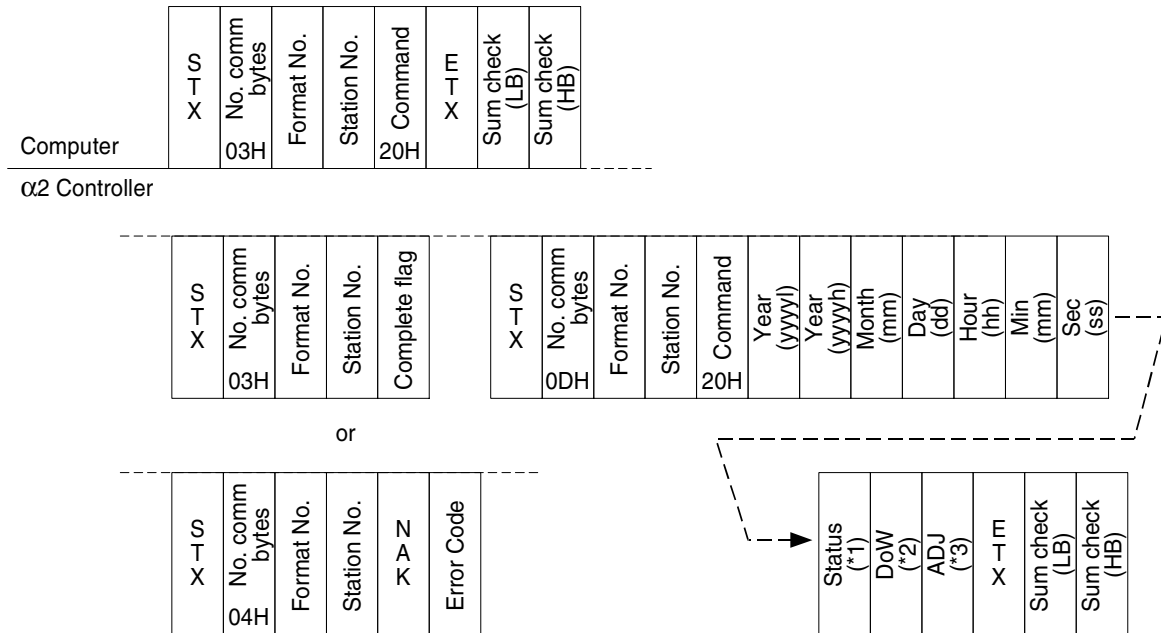


Four Time Settings are shown in this picture of a Time Switch. The types of The source code below is a sample written in Visual Basic and is provided as a testing aide for α2 Dedicated Protocol communication.



7.6.7 RTC Read Command (Ver. 2.20 or later)

1) Command Specification
Format B is shown.



*1 Status of time

0: Winter time , 1: Summer time , 0xff : RTC time invalid

*2 DoW(Day of the week)

0: Sunday , 1: Monday , 2: Tuesday , 3: Wednesday , 4: Thursday , 5: Friday , 6: Saturday

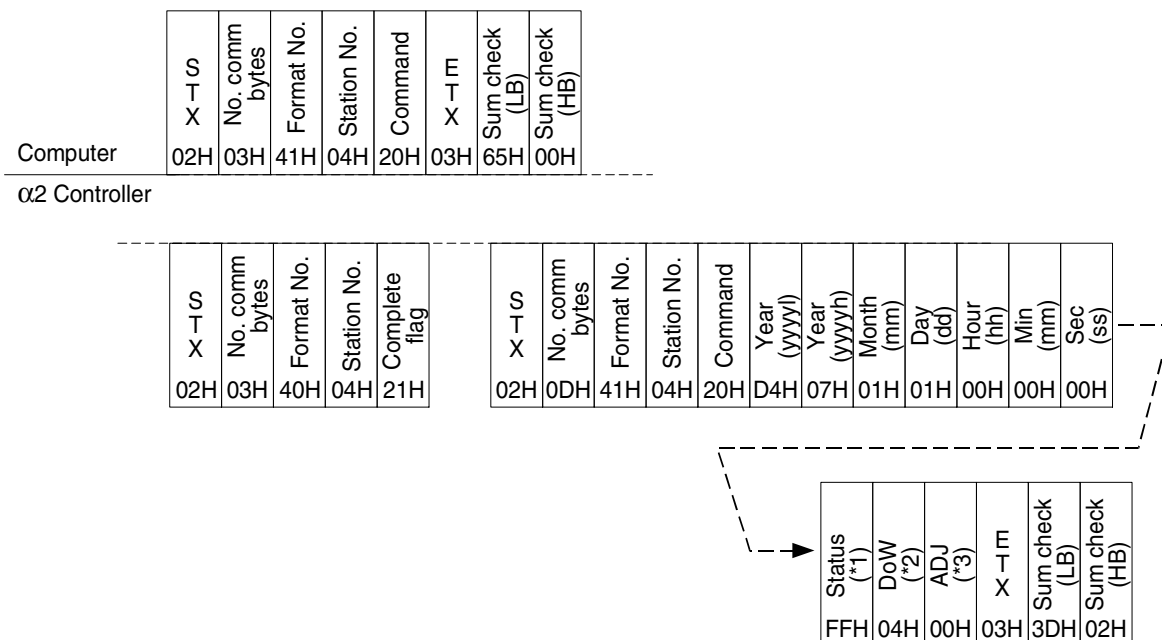
*3 ADJ(RTC clock adjust)

The RTC clock adjust value is the adjustment of the RTC speed in steps of 0.25 s/d.

-41...0...83 (0xD7...00...0x53)

2) Command Example

Controller time: 2004/01/01 00:00.00 Thursday, RTC time invalid

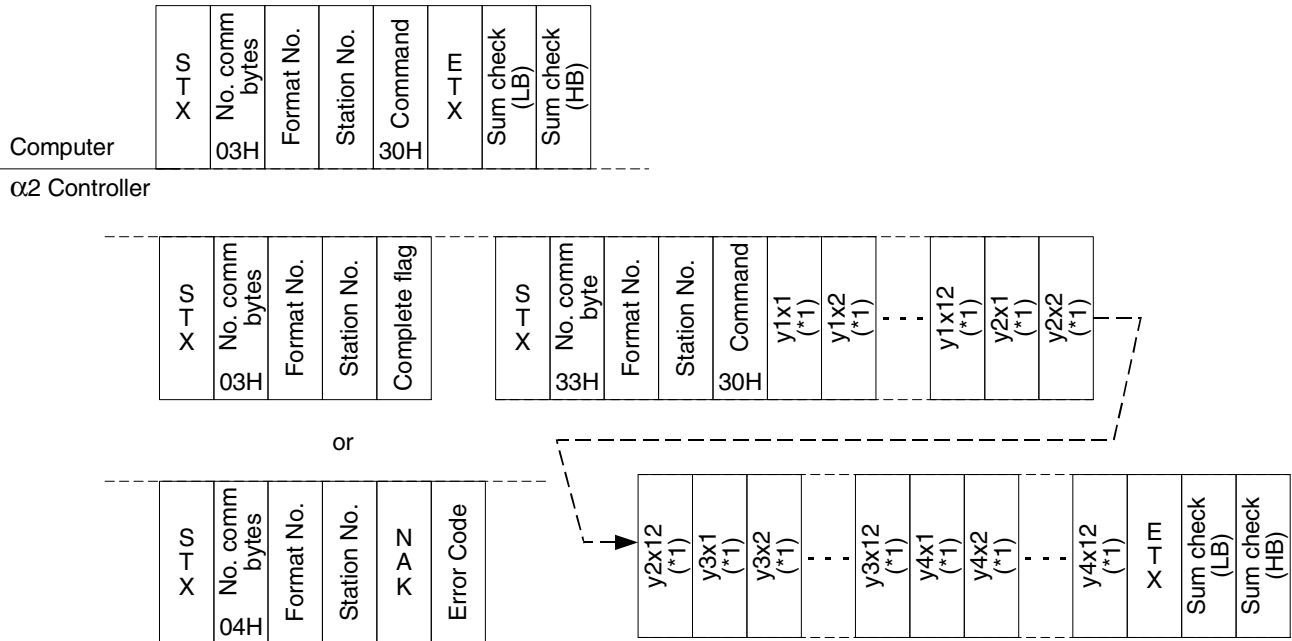


7.6.9 Display Read Command (Ver.3.00 or later)

The α2 Display Buffer can be read using the Decicated Protocol command 30H.

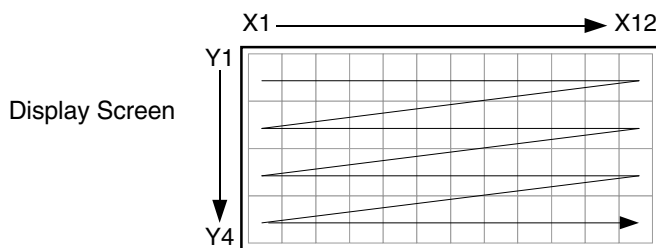
No Cyrillic Character used for Display Output

- 1) Command Specification
Format B is shown.



*1. The content of the display buffer is filled into the serial data stream row, starting from the top-left position.

Read Out of Display Screen



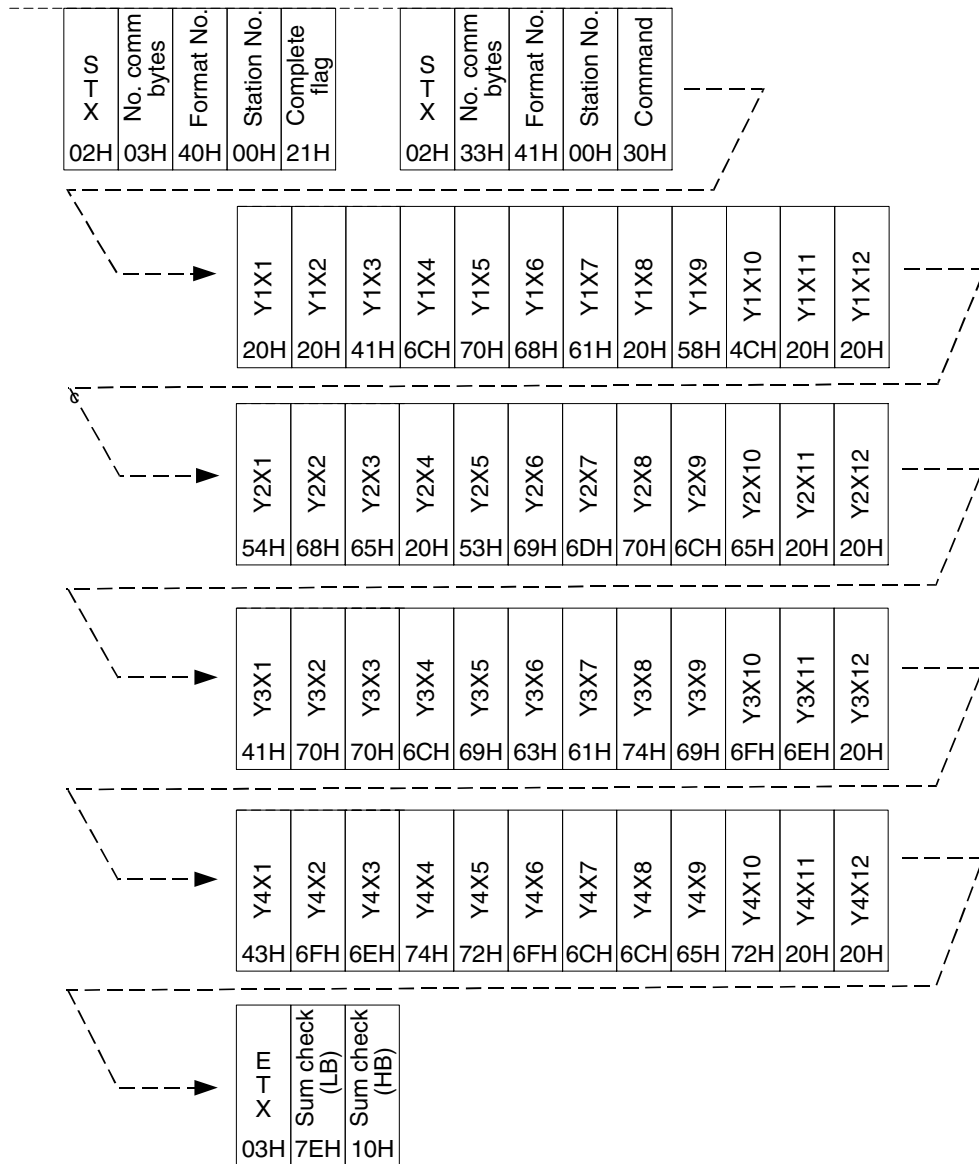
2) Example

Display example

		A	l	p	h	a		X	L		
T	h	e		S	i	m	p	l	e		
A	p	p	l	i	c	a	t	i	o	n	
C	o	n	t	r	o	l	l	e	r		

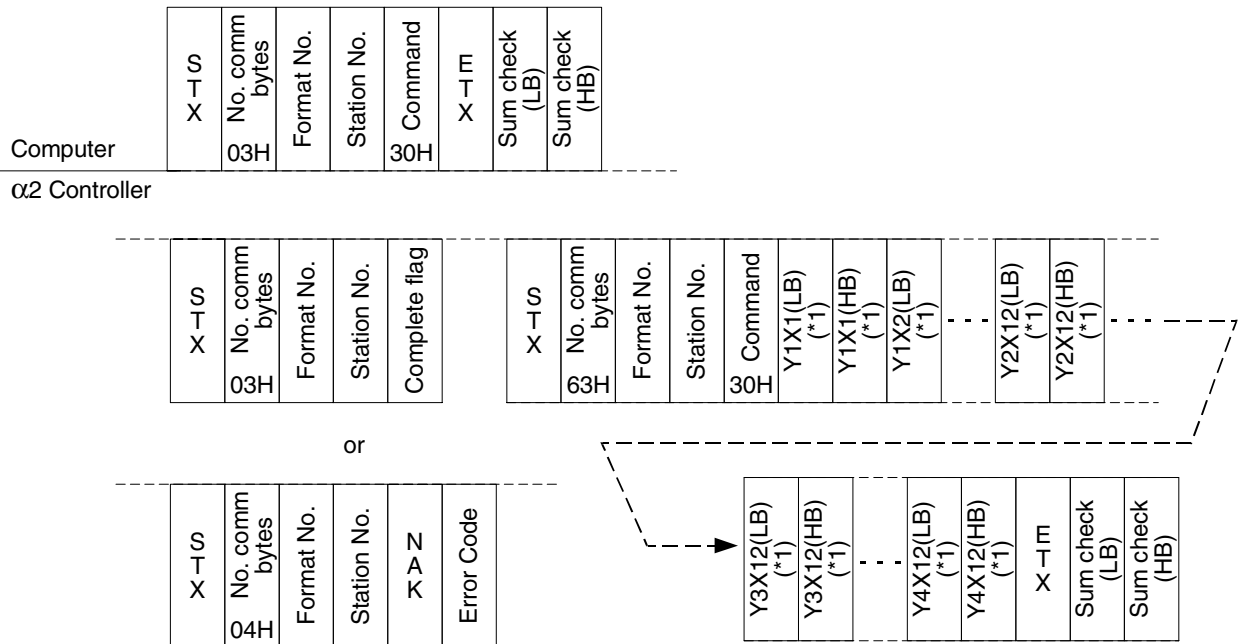
Command example

	S T X	No. comm bytes	Format No.	Station No.	Command	X T X	Sum check (LB)	Sum check (HB)
Computer	02H	03H	41H	00H	30H	03H	71H	00H
α2 Controller								



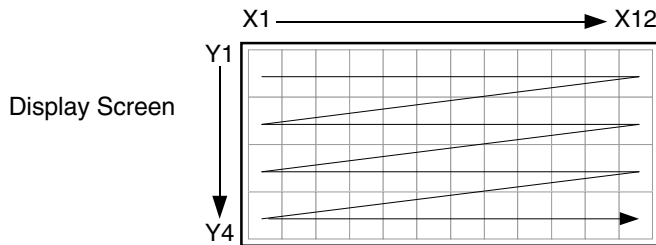
Cyrillic Character used for Display Output

- 1) Command Specification
Format B is shown.



*1. The content of the display buffer is filled into the serial data stream row, starting from the top-left position.

Read Out of Display Screen

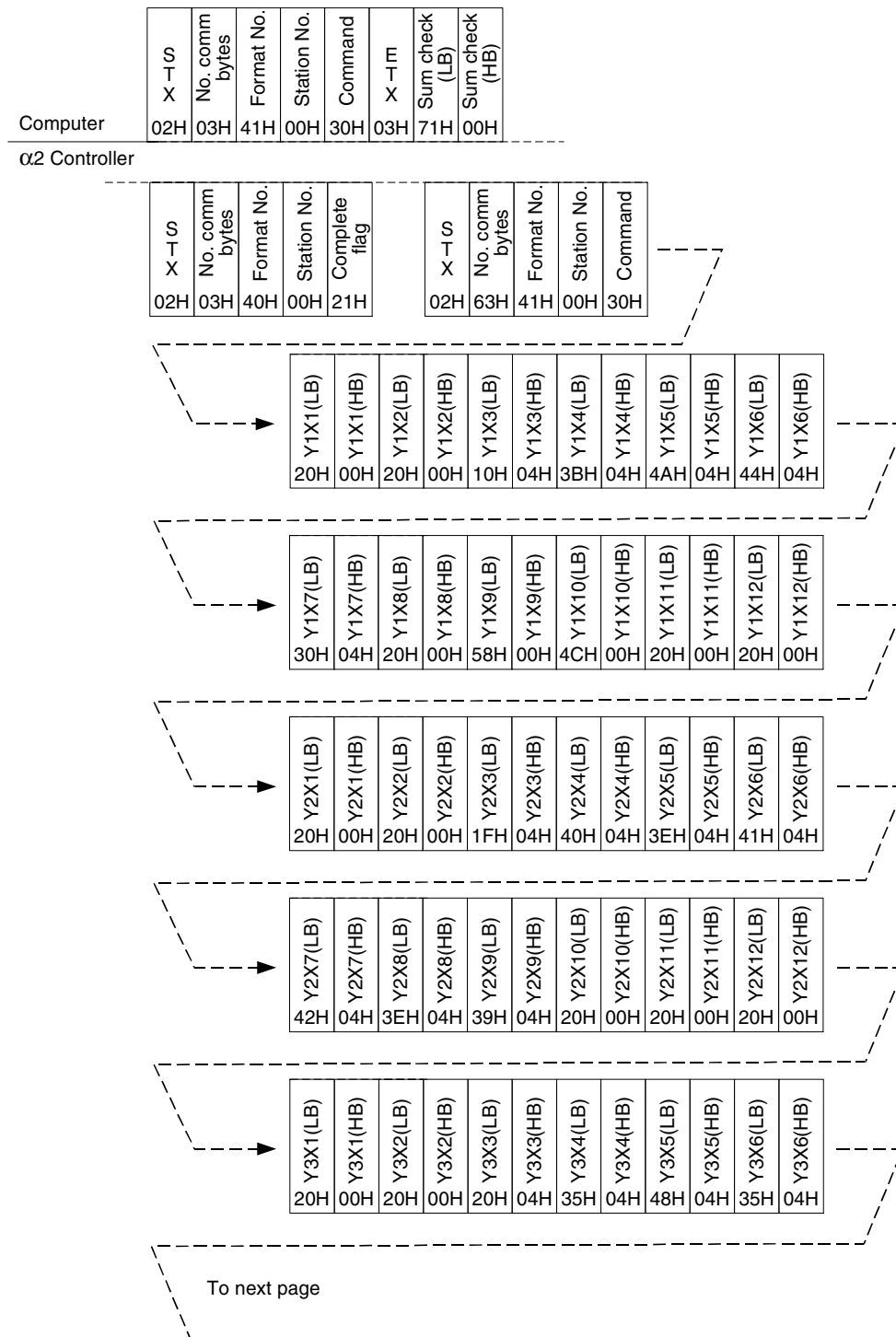


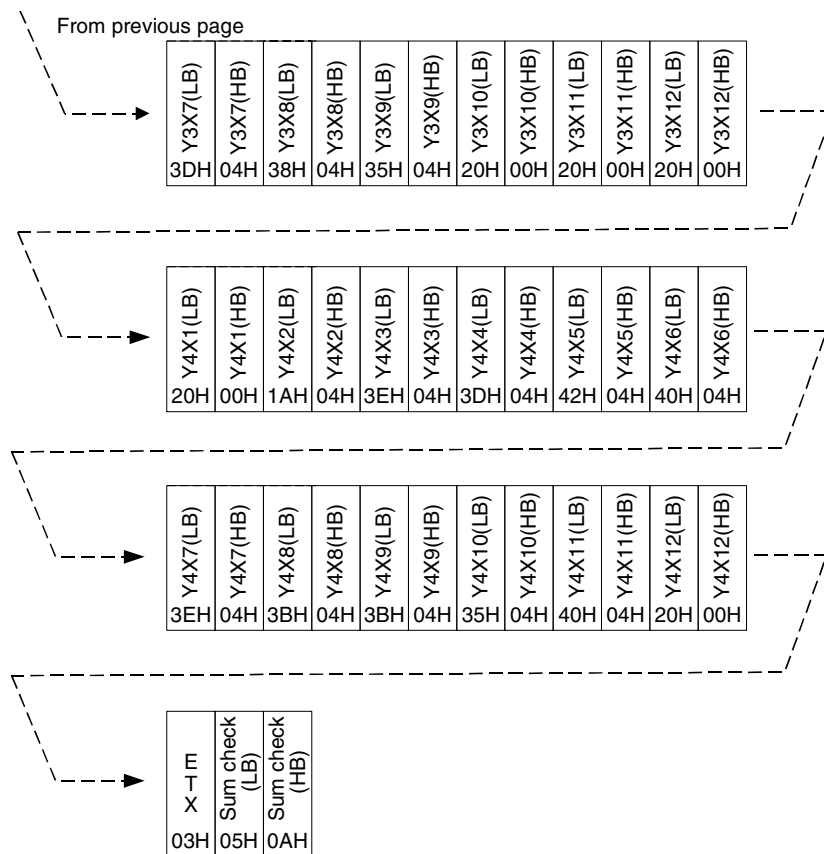
2) Example

Display example

		A	л	ь	ф	а		X	L		
		П	р	о	с	т	о	й			
		Р	е	ш	е	н	и	е			
	К	о	н	т	р	о	л	л	е	р	

Command example





The Display Buffer Character Table

The following table is the character which can be used by the display buffer command by the α2.

Table 7.25: Basic Latin Character Set

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	A	B	C	D	E	F
2x	SP	!	"	#	\$	%	&	'	()	*	+	,	-	.	/
3x	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	:	;	<	=	>	?
4x	@	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O
5x	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	[\]	^	_
6x	`	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k	l	m	n	o
7x	p	q	r	s	t	u	v	w	x	y	z	{	|	}	~	

Table 7.26: Latin-1 Supplement

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	A	B	C	D	E	F
Ax		i														
Bx	°										»					¿
Cx	À	Á	Â	Ã	Ä	Å	Æ	Ç	È	É	Ê	Ë	Ì	Í	Î	Ï
Dx		Ñ	Ò	Ó	Ô	Õ	Ö		Ù	Ú	Û	Ü				ß
Ex	à	á	â	ã	ä	å	æ	ç	è	é	ê	ë	ì	í	î	ï
Fx		ñ	ò	ó	ô	õ	ö		ù	ú	û	ü				

Table 7.27: Basic Cyrillic Character Set

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	A	B	C	D	E	F
041x	A	Б	В	Г	Д	Е	Ж	З	И	Й	К	Л	М	Н	О	П
042x	Р	С	Т	У	Ф	Х	Ц	Ч	Ш	Щ	Ъ	Ы	Ь	Э	Ю	Я
043x	a	б	в	г	д	е	ж	з	и	й	к	л	м	н	о	п
044x	р	с	т	у	ф	х	ц	ч	ш	щ	ъ	ы	ь	э	ю	я

7.7 Sample Visual Basic program



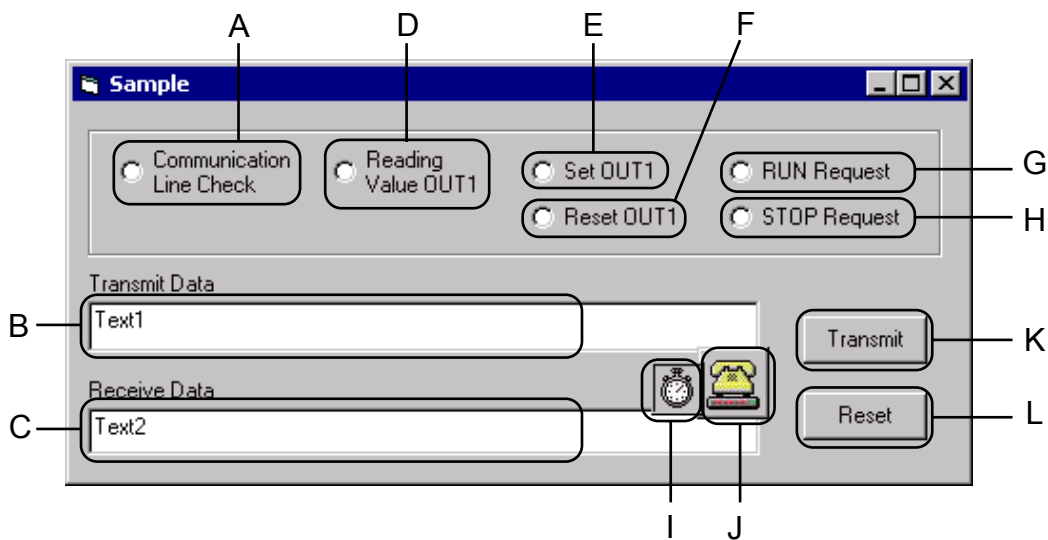
Note:

The Visual Basic program is an example of a user interface to the dedicated protocol functionality within the α2 Controller. The MSCOM settings for RTS and DTR must be enabled for the following program to operate properly.

α2 Dedicated Protocol Communication Example VB Application

1. Start a new VB Project, Project Type "Standard-EXE".
2. Create a graphical user interface as shown in Figure 1. The elements labeled by A...L must be existing with at least the properties of the following table.

Figure 1



	GUI Item	Properties	Value
A	OptionButton	(Name)	optCmd
		Index	0
		TabIndex	0
B	TextBox	(Name)	txtTxText
C	TextBox	(Name)	txtRxText
D	OptionButton	(Name)	optCmd
		Index	1
E	OptionButton	(Name)	optCmd
		Index	2
F	OptionButton	(Name)	optCmd
		Index	3
G	OptionButton	(Name)	optCmd
		Index	4
H	OptionButton	(Name)	optCmd
		Index	5
I	Timer	(Name)	Timer1
J	MSComm	(Name)	MSComm1
K	CommandButton	(Name)	cmdTransmit
L	CommandButton	(Name)	cmdReset

3. Open the Code Window in VB and insert the following codelines.

```

Option Explicit
Private timecnt As Integer
Private optidx As Integer
Private cmdstr() As Byte
Private cmdlen As Integer
Private resplen As Integer

Private Sub Form_Load()
    txtTxText.Text = ""
    txtRxText.Text = ""
    Call StopTimer
    Timer1.Interval = 100
End Sub
Private Sub optCmd_Click(Index As Integer)
    optidx = Index
    Call SetCommand
    Call ShowTxData
End Sub
Private Sub cmdTransmit_Click()
    Dim lenrxdata As Integer
    Dim rxdata() As Byte

    cmdTransmit.Enabled = False
    If PortOpen = True Then
        Call SendCmnd
        lenrxdata = resplen
        Call RecResponse(rxdata, lenrxdata)
        Call ShowRxData(rxdata, lenrxdata)
    End If
    cmdTransmit.Enabled = True
End Sub
Private Sub cmdReset_Click() "'Reset"Button is clicked.
    Call ShowTxData
    txtRxText.Text = ""
    If MSComm1.PortOpen = True Then
        MSComm1.PortOpen = False
    End If
    cmdTransmit.Enabled = True
End Sub
Private Sub SetCommand()
    Select Case optidx
        Case 0 "'Communication Line Check".
            cmdstr = ChrB(&H2) + ChrB(&H3) + ChrB(&H40) _
                + ChrB(&H0) + ChrB(&H5)
            cmdlen = 5
            resplen = 5
    End Select
End Sub

```



```

Case 1          "Reading Values".
  cmdstr = ChrB(&H2) + ChrB(&H7) + ChrB(&H41) _
  + ChrB(&H0) + ChrB(&H0) + ChrB(&H1) + ChrB(&H42) _
  + ChrB(&H1) + ChrB(&H0) + ChrB(&H3) + ChrB(&H85) _
  + ChrB(&H0)
  cmdlen = 12
  resplen = 15
Case 2          "Write Value: Set OUT1"
  cmdstr = ChrB(&H2) + ChrB(&H8) + ChrB(&H41) _
  + ChrB(&H0) + ChrB(&H1) + ChrB(&H1) + ChrB(&H42) _
  + ChrB(&H1) + ChrB(&H0) + ChrB(&H1) + ChrB(&H3) _
  + ChrB(&H87) + ChrB(&H0)
  cmdlen = 12
  resplen = 10
Case 3          "Write Value: Reset OUT1"
  cmdstr = ChrB(&H2) + ChrB(&H8) + ChrB(&H41) _
  + ChrB(&H0) + ChrB(&H1) + ChrB(&H1) + ChrB(&H42) _
  + ChrB(&H1) + ChrB(&H0) + ChrB(&H0) + ChrB(&H3) _
  + ChrB(&H86) + ChrB(&H0)
  cmdlen = 12
  resplen = 10
Case 4          "RUN Request"
  cmdstr = ChrB(&H2) + ChrB(&H4) + ChrB(&H41) _
  + ChrB(&H0) + ChrB(&H10) + ChrB(&H1) + ChrB(&H3) _
  + ChrB(&H52) + ChrB(&H0)
  cmdlen = 9
  resplen = 6
Case 5          "STOP Request"
  cmdstr = ChrB(&H2) + ChrB(&H4) + ChrB(&H41) _
  + ChrB(&H0) + ChrB(&H10) + ChrB(&H0) + ChrB(&H3) _
  + ChrB(&H51) + ChrB(&H0)
  cmdlen = 9
  resplen = 6
End Select
End Sub
Private Sub ShowTxData()
  Dim TxDataStr As String
  Dim ByteData As Byte
  Dim j As Integer

  txtTxText.Text = ""
  txtRxText.Text = ""
  For j = 1 To cmdlen
    ByteData = AscB(MidB(cmdstr, j, 1))
    TxDataStr = TxDataStr + Right$("00" + Hex$(ByteData), 2) & " "
  Next
  txtTxText.Text = TxDataStr
End Sub

```

```

Private Sub ShowRxData(rxdata As Variant, rxdatalen As Integer)
    Dim DataStr As String
    Dim j As Integer
    Dim Re As String

    If rxdatalen > 0 Then
        For j = 0 To rxdatalen - 1
            Re = rxdata(j)
            DataStr = DataStr + Right$("00" + Hex$(Re), 2) & " "
        Next
    ElseIf rxdatalen = 0 Then
        DataStr = "No data received"
    Else
        DataStr = "Communication Reset"
    End If
    txtRxText.Text = DataStr
End Sub

Private Function PortOpen() As Boolean
    Dim message As Variant

    On Error GoTo ErrorHandler
    If MSComm1.PortOpen = True Then
        PortOpen = False
    Else
        With MSComm1
            .InputLen = 0
            .InputMode = comInputModeBinary
            .PortOpen = True
        End With
        Call StartTimer
        Do
            DoEvents
        Loop Until timecnt > 1
        Call StopTimer
        PortOpen = True
    End If
    Exit Function
ErrorHandler:
    txtRxText.Text = "Error! Wrong Port Setup or Port in use."
    PortOpen = False
End Function

Private Sub PortClose()
    MSComm1.PortOpen = False
End Sub

Private Sub SendCmnd()
    MSComm1.Output = cmdstr
End Sub

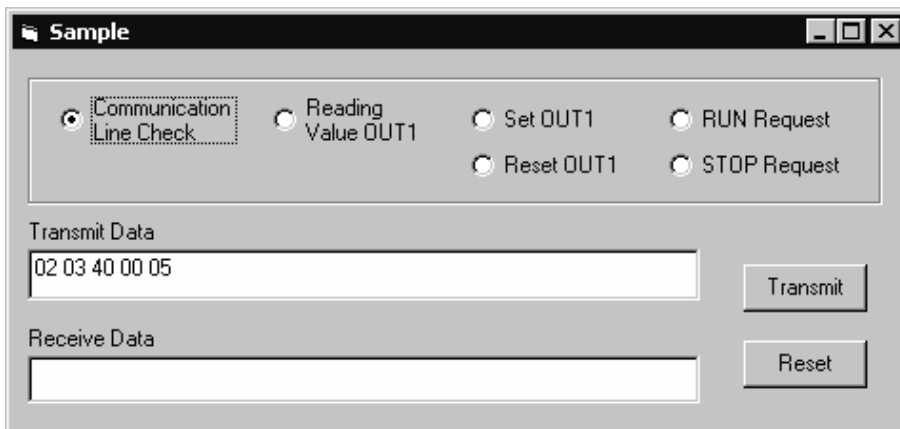
Private Sub RecResponse(ByRef rxdata As Variant, ByRef lenrxdata As Integer)
    Call StartTimer

```

```

'Wait until the number of 'LenRxData' byte were received or timeout.
Do
    DoEvents
Loop Until (MSComm1.InBufferCount >= lenrxdata) Or (timecnt >= 10)
Call StopTimer
If MSComm1.PortOpen = True Then
    lenrxdata = MSComm1.InBufferCount
    rxdata = MSComm1.Input
    Call PortClose
Else
    lenrxdata = -1
End If
End Sub
Private Sub Timer1_Timer()
    timecnt = timecnt + 1
End Sub
Private Sub StartTimer()
    timecnt = 0
    Timer1.Enabled = True
End Sub
Private Sub StopTimer()
    Timer1.Enabled = False
End Sub
    
```

4. Compile the project and run the application



Unless there is no change made to the code above and the MSComm1 default setup is not changed, the example application communicates by serial port 1 at 9600 bps, 8 bit, no parity, 1 stop bit with α2 station number 0.

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8. Dedicated Protocol Error Diagnostics

The α2 controller has a number of Diagnostic messages in both the controller and the VLS software.

8.1 Check points for Dedicated Protocol

Table 8.1: Dedicated Protocol Hardware and Communication Checks

Error	Check Points
No communication is possible	Check that the wiring connections are properly made
	PC COM port is used in another application. Shut down other applications.
	An α2 COM port is used in another application. Shut down other applications.
	The “Other” setting has not been made in the α2 main body or the VLS software.
	Power has not been cycled after choosing the “Other” setting.
	Switching between programming protocol and dedicated protocol will cause the PLC and PC to stop communicating. Check that the Check Sum calculation is correct.
Sum Check Error (01H)	Check that the wiring connections are properly made.
	Check that the pin assignments are correct on the user-made cross-cable.
	Check that considerations have been made for noise sources.
Protocol Error (02H)	Check that the wiring connections are properly made.
	Check that the pin assignments are correct on the user-made cross-cable.
	Check that considerations have been made for noise sources.
	Check that the commands for READ, WRITE, or RUN/STOP are correct.
Device Error (03H)	Check that the Device Status setting value is within the intended device’s range.
	Check that the Write Protect for the memory cassette is not enabled.
Remote Error (04H)	Check the controller program for errors.
Date/Time Error(05H)	Check the Date and Time for errors.

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