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3 IEC 801-4: Quick periodic electrostatic discharges

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SYMBOLS USED BY USER MANUAL



Danger - important notice, which may affect the safety of the user or device.



Attention - notice on possible problems that may arise in individual cases.



Information Notice - the information that is useful advice or special places.



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1. Introduction

IOMod 8AI is a compact-sized stand-alone Modbus (RTU) or IEC-60870-5-103 analog input controller. IOMod can be used for industrial applications where digital signaling is used and robust communication is needed. IOMod is an ideal solution for applications such as data acquisition, observation, process monitoring, testing and measurement at remote places. It is controlled over Modbus or IEC 60870-5-103 protocol, and can be used with any SCADA system.

2. Features

- 8 analog inputs, each configurable separately
- All inputs are capable of measuring electrical voltage or current
- Inputs can be recalibrated according to the needs of a user
- RS485 communication
- LED input indications, + Data transmission (Rx and Tx) indication.
- Configurable over USB
- Drag-and-Drop firmware upgrade over USB
- A small sized case with removable front panel
- DIN rail mount
- Operating temperature: from -30 to +70°C
- Power Requirements: 12-24 VDC

3. Operational information

IOMod 8AI uses Modbus (RTU) or IEC 60870-5-103 protocol over RS485 interface. A protocol used by a device can be changed by uploading corresponding firmware. Default communication settings: 9600 baud/s baud rate, 8N1 port configuration, Slave address - 1.

a. Common configuration information

1. Measurement type. A user can select measurement type (electrical current or voltage) on each channel individually.
2. Sensitivity selection. To increase a resolution of input measurement capture, a user can define in which range measurement will occur. The best resolution will be achieved within a shortest selected range. For all possible configurations refer to **Technical Information and Configuration over USB** described later in this document.
3. Measurement limits can be selected, which in turn set thresholds on underflow or overflow error statuses. Also, if a scaled integer data type is selected, these limits will be converted to values using limits stated in **Casting data range** for Modbus protocol.
4. Data type selection. A device can output float or scaled integer data types for each input individually for Modbus. Modbus input register read will then show raw float value (in milliamperes or millivolts) or scaled integer types. When a float data type is selected, each input will be represented as two Modbus registers (32-bits). These values can be later converted to

Supported MODBUS functions

02 (0x02) Read Input Status

Used to read analog input overflow and underflow statuses. First 8 inputs show each input underflow statuses (according to **measurement limits** option) and second 8 inputs show overflow statuses.

04 (0x04) Read Input Registers

Used to read measurements of at most 8 analog inputs. IOMod 8AI has 8 analog inputs from address 0 to address 15 (0000Fh). Different analog inputs can be cast in different data types configured over a USB interface.

Modbus register table

Function	Register	Name	Description	Values range
02	00000-0000F	Read Input Status	Returns overflow and underflow statuses of each input. First 8 shows underflow status, last 8 shows overflow	0 – OK, 1 - error
04	00000-0000F	Read Input Registers	Returns Input values	0-65535 (decimal) of one Register

c. IEC 60870-5-103 operational information

IOMod with IEC-60870-5-103 firmware uses a standard communication scheme. Initiation, control messages and queries are initiated by a master (controlling station), while IOMod device (controlled station) only answers requests and sends values. The first message sent by master should be RESET CU to restart communication. When *acknowledge* (ACK) packet is sent from a slave device, a master may proceed with acquiring *General Interrogation* and sending *Time synchronization* packets.

When this initialization is complete, master should poll IOMod device with Class 1 and Class 2 requests. Class 2 is used when master polls for cyclic data. The controlled device responds when spontaneous data exists and master then sends a request for Class 1. Controlled station responds with a time-tagged message.

As IOMod 8AI doesn't have any digital inputs, only analog ones, general interrogation returns nothing. Values of measurements are returned cyclically without any additional request therefore commands sent will be ignored.

4. Technical information

System		
1.	Dimensions	101 x 119 x 17.5 mm
2.	Case	ABS, black
3.	Working environment	Indoor
4.	Working temperature	-30 +70°C
5.	Recommended operating conditions	5 – 60°C and 20 – 80%RH;
6.	Configuration	USB
7.	Firmware upgrade	USB – mass storage device

Electrical specifications		
8.	Inputs	16-bit resolution; Channel-Independent Programmable Input Ranges: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Voltage input: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Bipolar: ± 10.24 V, ± 5.12 V, and ± 2.56 V ○ Unipolar: 10.24 V, 5.12 V; ● Current input: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Bipolar: ± 51.2 mA, ± 25.6 mA, and ± 12.8 mA ○ Unipolar: 51.2 mA, 25.6 mA; Overvoltage protection up to ± 20 V;
Power		
9.	Power Supply	9V to 33V
10.	Current consumption	40mA @ 12VDC, 20mA @ 24VDC

5. Mounting and installation guide

a. IOMod 8AI RS485 interface

IOMod 8AI has integrated 120Ω termination resistor which can be enabled or disabled over USB configuration. It is recommended to use termination at each end of the RS485 cable. See typical connection diagram in Fig. 5.1.

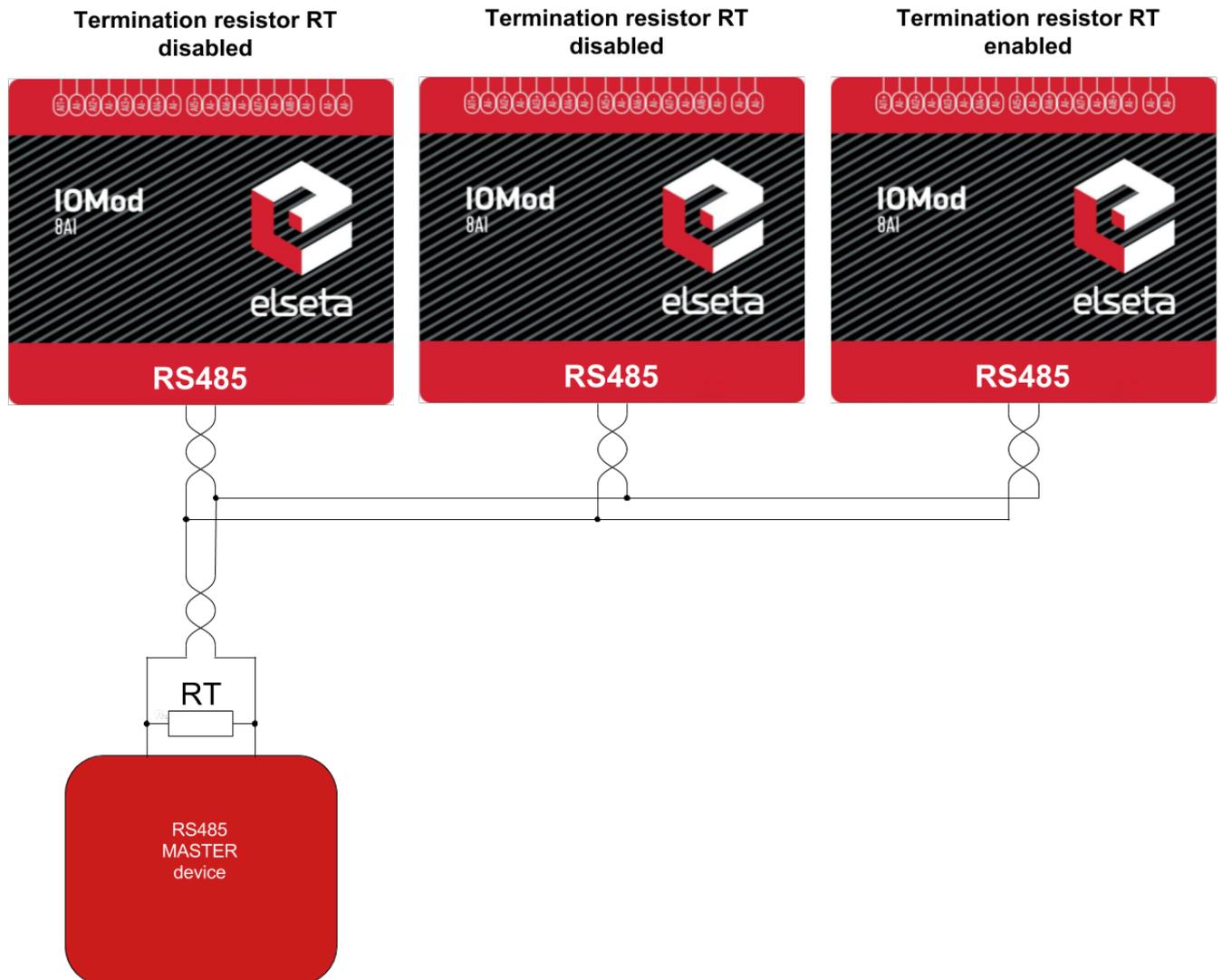


Fig. 5.1. Typical IOMod connection diagram

IOMod 8AI has 1/8 Unit load receiver which allows having up to 255 units on a single line (compared to standard 32 units). To reduce reflections keep the stubs (cable distance from main RS485 bus line) as short as possible.

b. IOMod 8AI inputs

A typical application of IOMod 8AI unipolar and bipolar voltage inputs is shown in Fig. 5.2. See **Configuration over USB** chapter for instructions for analog input configuration.

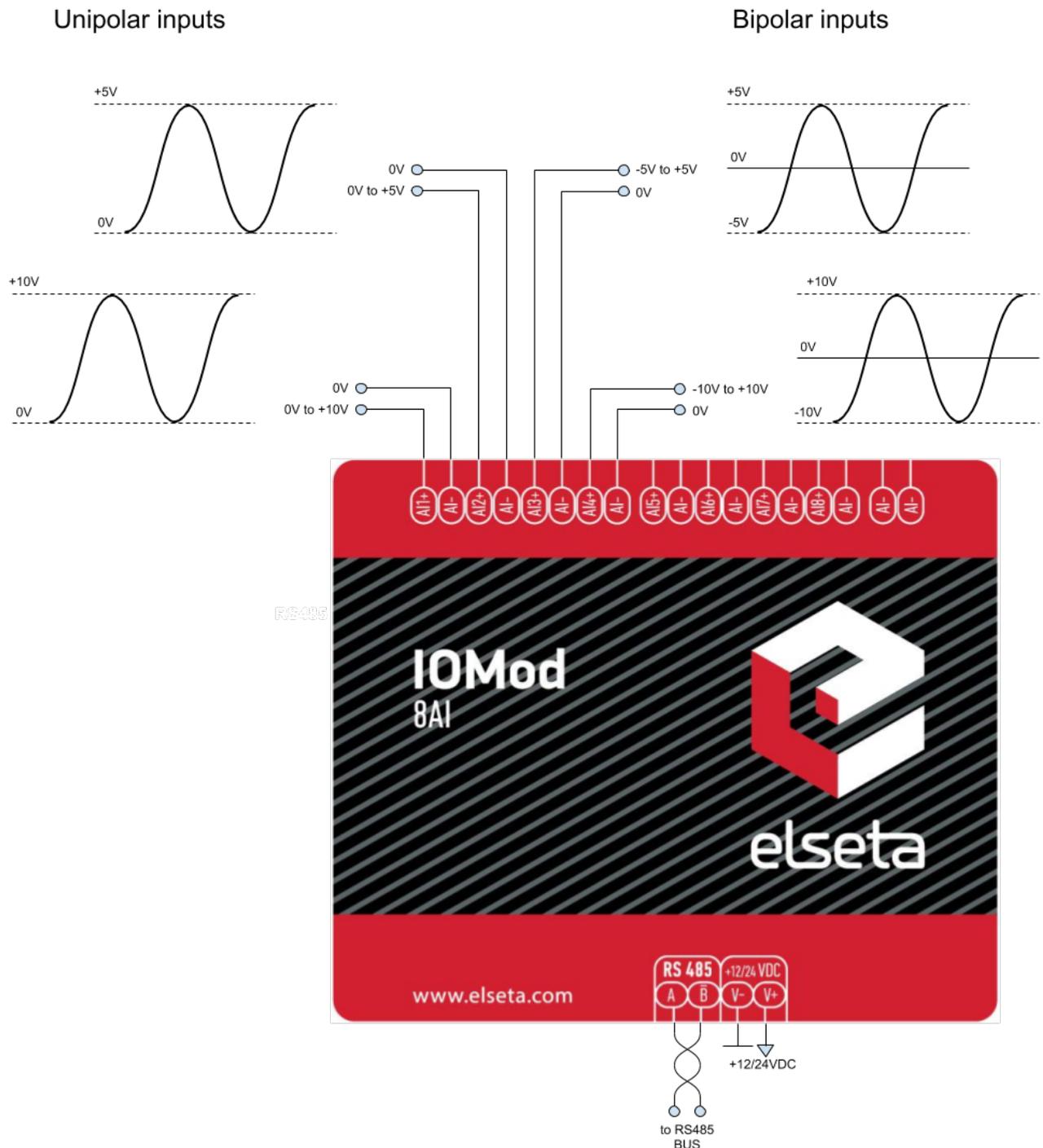


Fig. 5.2. Voltage input connection diagram for IOMod device

All analog inputs can be configured as current inputs to connect 0-20 mA, 4-20 mA or other current output sensors. Typical application of IOMod 8AI unipolar and bipolar current inputs is shown in Fig.

5.3. See **Configuration over USB** chapter for instructions for analog input configuration.

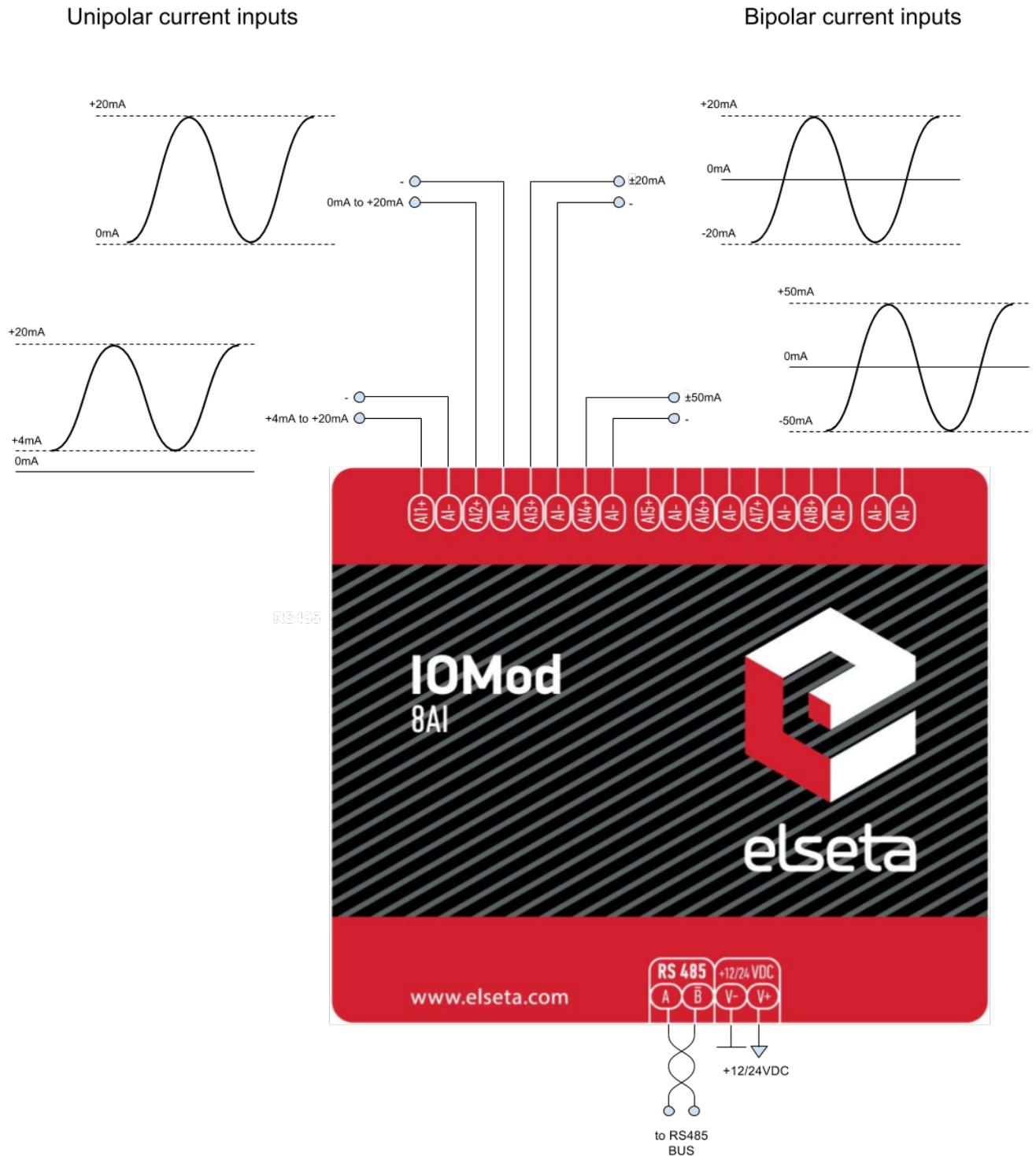


Fig. 5.3. Current input connection diagram for IOMod device

6. Configuration over USB

a. Driver installation

The device requires USB drivers to work as a Virtual COM port. The first-time connection between device and computer could result in “Device driver software was not successfully installed” error (as in Fig. 6.1).

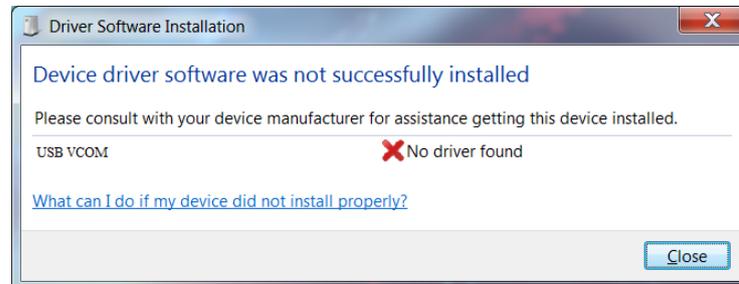


Fig. 6.1. Unsuccessful device software installation error

A user then should manually install drivers by selecting a downloaded driver folder:

- Go to Control Panel -> Device Manager;
- Select a failing device;
- Press “Update driver software”; screen as in Fig. 6.2. should appear:

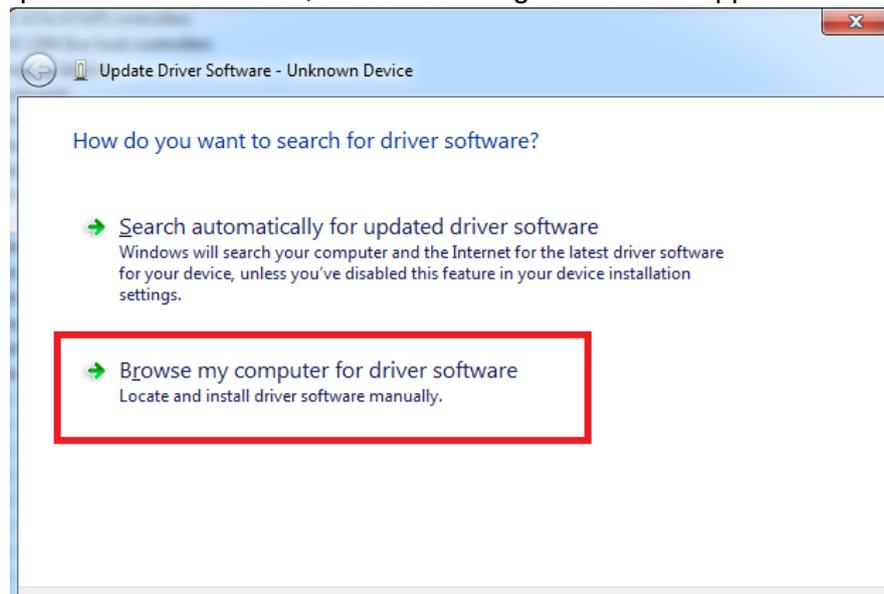


Fig. 6.2. Device driver software update message

- Select “x86” driver for a 32-bit machine or x64 for a 64-bit machine. If not sure, select a root folder (folder in which x64 and x86 lay inside, as in Fig. 6.3).

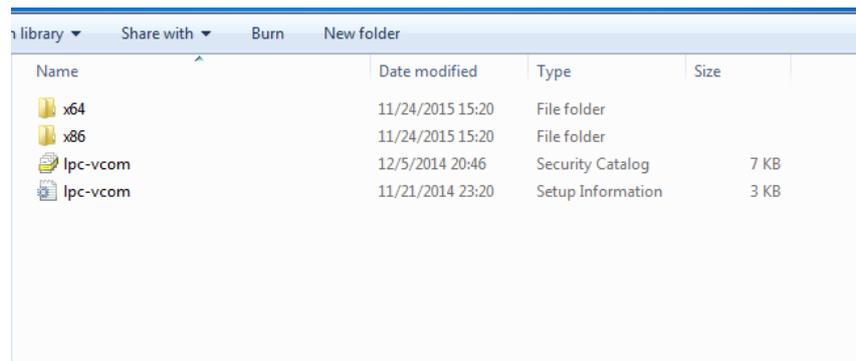


Fig. 6.3. Device driver folder content

b. IOMod configuration via PuTTY terminal

A configuration of IOMod device is done through CLI (Command Line Interface) on the virtual COM port. Drivers needed for Microsoft Windows to install VCOM will be provided. To open up CLI simply connect to specific V-COM port with terminal software (advised to use PuTTY terminal software. If other software is being used, a user might need to send <return> symbol after each command). When connected user should immediately see the main screen. For Modbus check Fig. 6.4, IEC-60870-5-103 - Fig. 6.5.

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----- IOMOD Configure Terminal (Modbus) -----
[1] Slave Address (1)
[2] Communication settings
[3] Individual channel configuration
[7] Set Default Settings
[8] Firmware Upgrade
[9] Diagnostics
[0] Exit
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Fig. 6.4. The main menu for IOMod 8AI, Modbus firmware version

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----- IOMOD Configure Terminal (IEC-103) -----
[1] Link Address (1)
[2] Baudrate & bits(9600, 8+1) N Parity
[3] Data addressing config
[4] RS485 Terminating Resistor (Enabled)
[5] Individual channel configuration
[7] Set Default Settings
[8] Firmware Upgrade
[9] Diagnostics screen
[0] Exit
-----

```

Fig. 6.5. The main menu for IOMod 8AI, IEC-60870-5-103 version

Navigation is performed by sending digits or other symbols to a terminal. A user then proceeds by following on-screen instructions. For example, to set baud rate, press [2] to enter Communication settings screen; press [1] to edit; enter new configuration; press [RETURN] to save, or [ESC] to cancel changes. When done, press [0] (exit) before disconnecting device. Default values are set by pressing [7] on the main screen, and confirming changes [1].



It is highly advised to exit the main screen before disconnecting device

If the terminal window is closed accidentally, a user can connect the terminal program again, and press any key on a keyboard to show the main menu again.

Modbus Main menu

	Name	Function	Values	Default Values
[1]	Slave Address	Setting Modbus Slave address	1-247	1
[2]	Communication settings	[1] Baud rate, [2] Data, Stop and Parity Bits, [3] RS485 Terminating resistor	[1] 100 - 256000, [2] 8 Data bits + 1/2 Stop bits, Even/None/Odd Parity [3] Enabled/Disabled	[1] 9600, [2] 8N1, [3] Enabled
[3]	Individual channel configuration	Channel configuration screen (see Table "Individual Channel Configuration")		
[7]	Set Default Settings	Sets Default Settings	(1 to confirm, 0 to cancel)	-
[8]	Firmware Upgrade	Mass Storage Device Firmware Upgrade	(1 to confirm, 0 to cancel)	-
[9]	Diagnostics	Raw input values	-	-
[0]	Exit	Exit and disconnect	-	-

IEC-60870-5-103 Main Menu

	Menu Name	Function	Values	Default Values
[1]	Link Address	Changing link address	1-247	1
[2]	Baud rate, Parity and Stop bits	[1] Set 8 Data bits + 1 Stop bit	[3] 100-256000	[3] 9600 [4] None

		[2] Set 8 Data bits + 2 Stop bit [3] Configure baud rate [4] Configure Parity	[4] None/ Odd / Even / Mark/ Space	
[3]	Data addressing config	Enters configuring screen for Input address (function type)	1 – 255	160
[4]	RS485 Terminating Resistor	RS485 120 Ohm Terminating Resistor	[1] Enable [2] Disable	Enabled
[5]	Individual channel configuration	Channel configuration screen (see Table “Individual Channel Configuration”)		
[7]	Set Default Settings	Sets Default Settings	(1 to confirm, 0 to cancel)	-
[8]	Firmware Upgrade	Mass Storage Device Firmware Upgrade	(1 to confirm, 0 to cancel)	-
[9]	Diagnostics	Raw input values	-	-
[0]	Exit	Exit and disconnect	-	-

Configuring an individual channel is a job requiring the most effort, therefore an additional table is provided to make a configuration task much easier. Note that number written in brackets shows a number for selection in an IEC-60870-5-103 version.

Individual Channel Configuration Menu

	Menu Name	Function	Values	Default Values
[1]	Measure Current/Voltage	Selecting this option toggles measurement selection	-	-
[2]	Change sensitivity	Selecting a measurement range	[1] [-10.24 V, 10.24 V], [2] [-5.12 V, 5.12 V], [3] [-2.56 V, 2.56 V], [4] [0 V, 10.24 V], [5] [0 V, 5.12 V]	[1] [-10.24 V, 10.24 V]
[3]	Measurement limits	Entering floating point values to use them for marking overflow/underflow statuses	Floating values in a range defined by measuring sensitivity	-5 mV; 5mV

[4] ²	Cast to a scaled integer/float	Selecting this option toggles value casting selection	-	-
[5] ^{1 2}	Casting data range	Check 3a. Common configuration information		
[6] ¹ (4)	Live zero tolerance			
0.	Back	Back to last menu screen	-	-

¹ Only available if casting to a scaled integer is selected

² Not available in IEC-60870-5-103 firmware version

c. Measurements' calibration

Every device is shipped containing factory-predefined calibration coefficients. However, changing temperature and humidity conditions can affect the accuracy of measurements. To get the best accuracy, use the device at room temperature and if that is not possible, calibrate coefficients accordingly.

To enter the calibration screen (Fig. 6.6) from main menu press '@' symbol.

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-----
Select a measurement to calibrate:
[1] Current
[2] Voltage
[] Back
█
```

Fig. 6.6. Analog inputs' calibration screen

In the calibration screen, either current or voltage coefficients can be selected. Selecting current by pressing [1] should enter additional screen (Fig. 6.7). Calibrating voltage is an identical process therefore only current setting is explained.

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[1-8] Change current calibration coeffs for AIIn
[*] Change all calibration coeffs at once
[] Cancel current calibration
█
```

Fig. 6.7. Current calibration screen

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[1-8] Change current calibration coeffs for AIn
[*] Change all calibration coeffs at once
[] Cancel current calibration

Select mode for AI1
[1] Manual
[2] Automatic
[] Back

Currently coeff K for AI1 is: 1.0000
Enter new parameter value (<return> to save, <ESC> to cancel):

Currently coeff B for AI1 is: 0.0000
Enter new parameter value (<return> to save, <ESC> to cancel):
```

Fig. 6.8. Manual calibration coefficients' setting

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[1-8] Change current calibration coeffs for AIn
[*] Change all calibration coeffs at once
[] Cancel current calibration

Select mode for AI1
[1] Manual
[2] Automatic
[] Back

Enter value in mA or press ESC to finish calibration:
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Fig.6.9. Automatic calibration coefficients' setting

All configuration coefficients can either be configured all at once or individually. The coefficient setting for all channels is done manually only. Tweaking individual channels, however, can be automatic (Fig. 6.9) as well as manual (Fig. 6.8). Selecting automatic calibration polls values that user inputs and tweaks coefficients to minimize the additive error. It is therefore advised to scan several values differing by the same value interval to get the best results. Pressing ESC finishes calibration and saves coefficients to non-volatile memory.

d. Protocol simulation over USB

After entering the diagnostics screen, protocol simulator can be turned on by pressing [9]. When it is on, the device will communicate over USB port rather than a RS-485 line. Communication on a RS-485 line is closed and all Modbus or IEC-60870-5-103 commands will only be accepted from USB. To exit this mode device must be restarted.

e. Firmware upgrade over USB

To update device firmware user must:

- Enter the main configuration menu;
- Enter Firmware update screen by pressing [8];
- Confirm update by pressing [1];

The device should now enter Firmware Upgrade mode.



It is recommended to close the terminal window after entering firmware upgrade mode

The device should then reconnect as a mass storage device (Fig. 6.10).



Fig. 6.10. Mass storage device notification

Delete existing file “firmware.bin” and simply upload new firmware file by dragging and dropping as in Fig. 6.11.

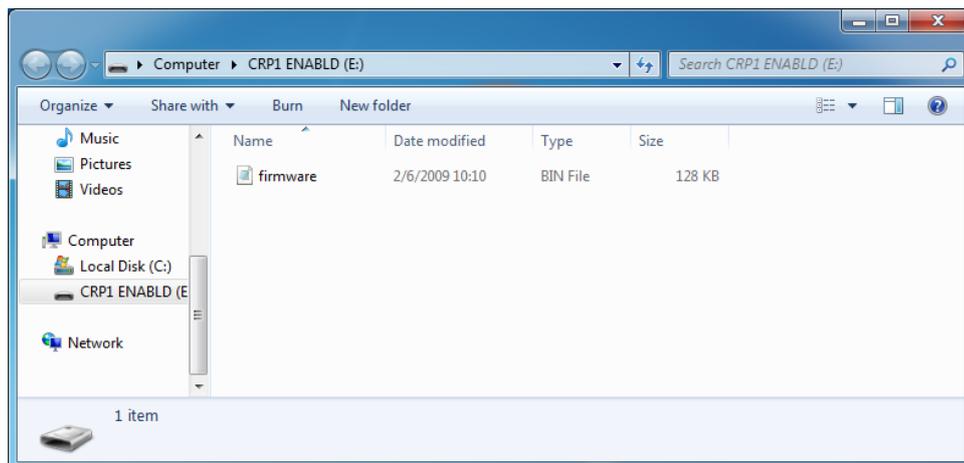


Fig. 6.11. Mass storage device for firmware upload

Reconnect device and check the firmware version. It should have changed.



The settings data structure may differ from version to version, therefore it is highly advised to choose **Default Settings** after writing new firmware. Otherwise, there is no guarantee that all device features are going to work properly.

7. Testing With “THE VINCI” software

To test IOMod with default settings, a device should be connected through RS485 to Modbus master. Example using “The Vinci Expert” device as serial interface converter and adapter to PC with “The Vinci” software. Default settings for Modbus – 9600 baud/s baud rate; 8 data, no parity, 1 stop bit. When opening “The Vinci” software, choose Modbus serial – Master mode. In the Settings tab, choose station number (default – 1); configure tags (as described in section **Modbus operational information**); Press Start and go to “Statistic” tab as shown in Fig. 7.1.

The screenshot shows the 'Statistic' tab of THE VINCI PROTOCOL ANALYZER. The interface includes a menu bar (File, Tags, Options, Help), a protocol dropdown set to 'MODBUS serial', a mode dropdown set to 'Master', a 'Stop' button, and configuration fields for Port A (COM6), Baudrate (9600), and Format (even,8,1). The main window is divided into several panes:

- Statistic Table:** A table with columns: Station, Function, Address, Value, Count, Name. It lists 16 'Read Holding Registers (04)' operations at addresses 0 through 15, with values ranging from 17674 to -2164 and a count of 133 for each.
- Tags Panel:** A panel on the right with 'Tags' and 'Format' tabs. It shows four tag configurations (Tag0-Tag3). Tag0 and Tag1 are named 'AnalogInputs' with values 17674. Tag2 and Tag3 are unnamed. A 'Format' dropdown is set to 'Float' with a value of 2212,315. Buttons for 'Update tags' and 'Show value' are at the bottom.

Fig. 7.1. Testing IOMod Modbus communication using “THE VINCI” software

The screenshot shows the 'Statistic' tab of THE VINCI PROTOCOL ANALYZER configured for IEC-60870-5-103. The interface includes a menu bar (File, Tags, Options, Help), a protocol dropdown set to 'IEC 60870-5-103', a mode dropdown set to 'Master', a 'Stop' button, and configuration fields for Port A (COM19), Baudrate (9600), and Format (none,8,1). The main window is divided into several panes:

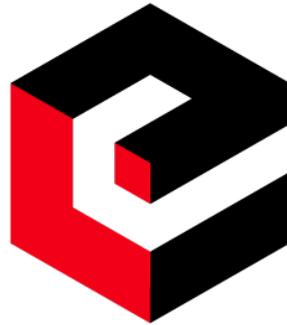
- Statistic Table:** A table with columns: TI, Cause, ASDU, FUN, INF, Value, Status, Time Tag, Count, Name. It shows a 'Start/restart' event followed by seven 'cyclic' events. The 'Value' column contains hex values like 04095 (099.9756%) and 'OV=1 IV=0'. The 'Count' column shows 46 for the first cyclic event and 45 for the others.
- System Panel:** A panel on the right with 'System' and 'Tags' tabs. It includes fields for 'Address', 'ASDU' (1), 'Cause' (1), 'General interrogation' (Send button, SCAN number: 0), 'Clock synchronisation' (Send button, checkboxes for IV, SM, SB, PC time: 2018/12/14 08:53:58), and 'General command' (FUN: 255, INF: 0, RI: 0, ON/OFF buttons).

Fig. 7.2. Testing IEC-60870-5-103 communication using “THE VINCI” software

Default settings for IEC-60870-5-103 – 9600 baud/s baud rate; 8 data, no parity, 1 stop bit. After

opening “The Vinci” software choose IEC-60870-5-103 serial – Master mode. In “Settings” tab, choose station number (default – 1) and ASDU (default - 1); press “Start” and go to “Statistic” tab as shown in Fig. 7.2.

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Version	Date	Author	Description
V1.0	2017.04.03	L.S.	First version
V1.1	2017.05.30	J.S.	Technical information, Mounting and installation guide
V1.2	2018.12.17	A.J.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Added more explanation on how to configure the device and its inputs.• Added calibration information• Marked differences between versions better• Updated images• Improved language
V1.3	2021.08.09	R.S.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Changed manufacturer information