

Instructions for WATER & GAS METERS





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IMPORTANT WARNINGS

CONFIRM METER COMPATIBILITY before invasive site work. See Meter Guide pg: 9, pre-test On-site, or contact Vata Verks. DO NOT INSERT this device's RJ45 connectors into any ethernet device (ex: your laptop). Permanent damage may result.

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HARDWARE LAYOUT / SPECIFICATIONS







Probe Components

- 1 Remote Probe (various lengths)
- 2 Strap + Snap
- 3A dry RJ45 Coupler
- **CAT6 Extension (not included)** 4
- 5 CAT6 Pigtail
- 6 Strain Relief + mini-Zip Tie

Board Components

7 **RSIM Board**

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- 8 Din Rail Brackets (see pg 8)
 - **Power Options** 9A Power1: 5V via Mini-USB **9B** Power2: Terminal Strip Terminal 5: Ground Terminal 6: +5VDC
- USB Wall Power Plug (not shown) 10
- 11 **Data Options** 11A RTU via Mini-USB 11B Pulse via Terminal Strip (see Pulse Specification right)
- 12 Enclosure (not included)

LED Key

- Blink = Pulse indicator
- Solid = Exited Pulse Mode
 - (OR probe disconnected)
- D4: **RTU Mode** Blink = RTU transmission
- D5: Power Solid = Power

Jumper Key

- Admin Use Only / spare jumper J2
- J3 Console J4
- J5 Pulse

VV-102 SPECIFICATIONS

Water Version: VV-102-XX-W Compatible with 95% of meters All positive displacement, piston compound, multi-jet, single jet Incompatible: Ultra-sonic / Sensus Omni: see VV-200 series

Gas Version: VV-102-XX-G Compatible with 98% of meters All diaphragm, rotary, turbine. Incompatible: Ultra-sonic

Data Protocols

- Pulse via Term. Block
- Modbus-RTU via USB full duplex
- Accuracy (12 month)
 - Water >99% Gas >97%
- Installation Limits
 - -20C to 40C .
 - 10% 95% RH non-condensing
 - Not for hazardous locations Board
 - Indoor or in User enclosure **Remote Probe**
- Outdoor, immersion, burial
- Max extended: 200 ft CAT6

Board Mounting Options

- On included Din Rail brackets •
- On Raspberry Pi •
- Direct fasten to enclosure

Pulse Specification

- 1 to 10,000 meter revolutions
- 10 100 m-sec width
- Solid State Relay: DC or AC ok No Polarity
- Max Voltage: 24V DC / 17V RMS AC
- Max Current: 1A DC / 0.5A AC RMS
- Isolation Voltage: 1kV RMS

Device is a CPC 1020N

- **Modbus RTU Specification Resister Terminated**
 - Full Duplex
 - Output via USB Port
- **Power Consumption**
 - 45mA Max

Power Options

- Power1: 5V via USB adaptor •
- Power2: 5V DC via Term. Block
- Power1/2 may be in parallel
- Available 12 24V via converter •
- **Backup Battery not included**
- Can be provided via Power2 Certifications

Complies with Part 15 of FCC Rules

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- D3: Pulse Mode



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ORANGE

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OPENING CONSOLE

Probe MUST be Connected to Board

Opening Console from Console Mode Jumpers in Position A

- 1. Open Emulator pg 3
- 2. TYPE: shift '6', shift '6', shift '6; (shift '6', 3X) Console Opens on Screen

Not Open? Possibly in Pulse Mode.

- 1. Move Jumpers: Position B
- 2. Follow Instructions **RIGHT**



Console

	Commands:				
	mv	Sat Mada (ov: m m)			
Mode Settings	III X Set Wode (ex. III III)				
	m m for Wodbus (default)				
	m p for Pulse				
	m t fo	m t for Pulse Test			
Pulse Settings	k xxx.xxx	Set Pulse k factor (ex: k 58.95)			
ruise settings	d xxx	Set Pulse width, 10 to 100 msec (ex: d 100)			
Maadhaa Cattinga	а ххх	Set Modbus address: 1-255 (ex: a 170)			
wodbus Settings	bx	Set Modbus baud rate (ex: b 5)			
	Valid Entries:				
38,400 = default	1=2400				
Emulator Baud	2-4800				
MUST change	2-4600				
	3=9600				
	4=19200 5=38400 (default)				
	6=57600				
Boost	h	Set boost signal (default) (enable)			
20000	w	Clear boost signal (disable)			
	с	Display Configuration			
	s	Display Status			
	f	Restore Factory Defaults			
	R	Reset (or power cycle)			
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Opening Console from Pulse Mode: Jumpers in Position B

- 1. Open Emulator pg 3
- 2. TYPE: shift '6', shift '6', shift '6; (shift '6', 3X) D3 LED Lights SOLID
- 3. Move Jumpers: Position A Now in Console Mode.
- 4. Follow Instructions to LEFT



Troubleshooting: Opening Console

- If in Console Mode: Inspect wiring. Possible disconnect
- If in Pulse Mode and D3 LED Solid in **Pos B**, but will not open in **Pos A**. Probe wiring IS disconnected. Inspect. Replace Coupler. Until D3 is Off.
- If Baud Rate of Sensor and Emulator do not match.
 - o Jumpers to **Position A**. Tera Term to 38,400

• Power Cycle, **then** Shift '6' 3X, within <u>**10 sec.**</u> Console Mode opens

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NAVIGATING FROM CONSOLE MODE



3. Complete Configuration

For Pulse:	pg 6
For Modbus RTU:	pg 7

- Mag. field strength, "amp" must be >360. Shift Probe to increase "amp".
- **OVERFLOW** Alert in Console Mode
 - Mag. Field strength, "amp" must be <16,000. Shift Probe to weaker "amp"
 - o Or Disable Boost. Then Reset



CONFIGURING PULSE

C Ju	onfiguring for Pulse from CONSOLE (pg 4) umpers Position 'A'	
1. 2.	m(space)pENTERSet for Pulse Modek(space)XXX.XXENTERPulse K-factor = Revolutions per Pulse	
	If Meter K-factor is Known Calculate Pulse K-factor for chosen Pulse Volume If Meter K-factor is Unknown, and Sensor is being Pre-Configured Choose whole # Pulse K-factor (ex: 10.00 or 100.00 Revs / Pulse)	
3. 4. 5. 6.	cENTERDisplays ConfigurationRENTERActivates Configuration.Enters Pulse ModeJumpers to Position 'B'Optional Pulse Simulation (see bottom right)Complete Final Installation pg 8	
1. 2. 3. 4.	To EXIT Pulse OR Pulse Test Modes to Console Mode:Type:Shift '6' 3XD3 LED lights Solid. Exits Pulse ModeJumpers to Position 'A'Set Terminal Emulator to default 38,400 if changedType:Shift '6' 3XConsole opensNOTE:"Boost" reverts to Enabled upon Exiting Pulse	

Optional Pulse Test Mode: Test Pulse Wiring, Width & Counting with 1 Pulse per sec.

1.	m(space)t	ENTER	Set for Pulse Test Mode	
2.	R	ENTER	to Activate changes	
3.	Jumpers to Position 'B' (right)			
4.	To start Pulses: Shake probe back and forth 5 times.			

Troubleshooting: Pulse

- Will not accept Pulse K-factor
 - Min Pulse K-factor = 1.
 - If <1, increase Pulse k-factor AND Pulse Vol. (ex. Change 0.23 rev/ft3 to 2.3 rev/10 ft3)
 - Max Pulse K-factor = 10,000. Reduce Pulse Vol, to reduce k-factor
- Pulses are Not Counted
 - o Check Pulse output wiring.
 - Pulse Width too short for Pulse Counter. Increase Pulse Width.
 - o Pulse k-factor too small, on meter too fast. Not likely a problem if Pulse K-factor is 10 or more

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SIMULATE PULSE OUTPUT

Configure Pulse as instructed (left)
Roll sensor back and forth
D3 LED will blink with every Pulse.

• If **Pulse k-factor = 1.0** Unit will pulse every cycle



CONFIGURING MODBUS RTU

The VV-102 is Resister Terminated and features Full Duplex Modbus RTU via the USB Port. Have questions? Contact Vata Verks.

Configuring for Modbus RTU from CONSOLE (see pg 4)

Jumpers Position 'A'

1.	m(space)m	ENTER	for Modbus RTU Mode	
2.	Modbus address	(default 170)	Change if required	
3.	Modbus baud Rate	(default 38,400)	Change if required	
4.	С	ENTER	to confirm Configuration	
5.	R ENTER		to Reset or Power-Cycle	
			Activates Configuration	
	NOTE: After Reset, if Baud changed, Emulator Baud MUST change			
6.	Complete Final Insta	Illation Pg 8		



To EXIT Modbus RTU Mode to Console Mode:

Type: shift '6' 3X Console Opens

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NOTE: Baud of Emulator & Sensor must match. See Troubleshooting pg 4.

CONFIGURING MODBUS RTU MASTER

The RTU Sensor defaults are as follows:

- 1. Baud rate: 38,400
- 2. 8 bit data, No Parity, 1 stop bit.
- 3. Modbus Address 170

The RTU Sensor supports the following function codes:

- 03: Read Registers 06: Write Single Register
- 16: Write Multiple Registers

The following data registers are available

Offset	Read / Write	Description			
0	R	Software Version	The version of the running software		
1	R	Address	The current Modbus Address		
2	R	Rev. Count low word	32 bit value of the current revolution count		
3	R	Rev. Count high word	Read the 2 together to confirm no roll over between reads.		
4	R/W	RTU Sensor Command	01: Reset the revolution counter		
5	R	Signal Level	A positive value proportional to the signal strength. Requires >1 revolution of utility meter to be a value other than 0.		
6	R	State	Can either be <u>Acquiring</u> a signal or <u>Counting</u> revolutions. 01=Acquisition 02=Tracking		
7	R	Sensor Bus voltage in mV	Normal operating voltage is 3300mV (+/-100mV) A voltage < 2600mV is unacceptable. Investigate the problem. Lower values can be excessive cable losses (long runs) or low 5VDC supply voltage (USB power).		
8	R	Sensor Temp. in degrees C	Note: not highly accurate. Considered a relative measurement. A temp. approaching 0, is a cause for water freeze alarm. Accuracy is not guaranteed.		



INSTALLATION

Final Installation

NOTE: Confirm Meter Compatibility before invasive site work. NOTE: The Sensor must be Pre-configured, OR Configured during Final Installation.

- Run Cable from Meter to Enclosure (200 ft max) (see diagram pg 1) If probe voltage drops <3000mV, shorten cable or increase wire gauge
 ENTER to confirm probe voltage
- 2. Strap Probe to Meter, cable to pipe. Refer to Meter Guide pg 9
- 3. At Enclosure: Mount Sensor Board with Pigtail
 - a. on Din Rails (brackets shown right) Or on Raspberry Pi, OR to enclosure wall
 - **b.** Zip tie Pigtail cable to Adhesive Strain relief
- 4. Make Connections (pg 2)
 - a. Probe to pigtail with RJ45 Coupler
 - **b.** Pulse: Connect to power. Power1 or Power2 (see pg 2)
 - **c.** Pulse: Wire terminals 1+2 to your Pulse Counter
 - d. RTU: Connect USB cable to network and Power.
 - Note: Power1 / 2 may be wired in parallel for both Pulse or RTU

5. Flow Water or Gas.

- 6. Confirm Pulse or RTU Communications
- 7. Shut OFF Water or Gas flow

8. Document Installation

- Record: Meter Model, K-factor, Pulse K-factor, Probe Serial No (on cable label), Installation Photo
- Keep for your records AND send to: info@vataverks.com Installation Complete

Troubleshooting: Installation

- Exterior Meter with exterior RJ45 Connections
- Use IP68 waterproof Couplers
 Use longer Probes to make interior Connections.
- Pulses are not Counted
 - Check Pulse output wiring.
- Pulses too short for Counter. Increase Pulse width.
- **OVERFLOW** Alert in Console Mode = Over Strong Magnetic field
 - o Shift Probe to weaker location
 - $\circ~$ OR Disable Boost. Then Reset
- Not Tracking Flow
 - Signal too weak. Shift Probe. Amplitude >360 Required to track
 Confirm "Boost" is enabled
- Meter is incompatible (see compatibility pg 2)

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METER GUIDE









METER READING

- **1.** Take meter readings from a photo
- 2. Read digits / dial. Estimate last digit between "hash" marks
- 3. Check Meter units (ex: Gal or Cubic Feet)
- **4.** Avoid register voids and rollovers.

Diaphragm Gas Meters: Place Probe Vertically + Horizontally Centered <u>Front OR Back</u>









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K FACTOR DISCOVERY METHOD "B"



For Diaphragm Gas Meters

Diaphragm Gas Meters lack 10 ft³ & 1 ft³ register resolution. Therefore the ½ ft³ dial must be used.

- 1. Strap Probe to meter. See Meter Guide pg 9
- **2.** t ENTER to Display Tracking Status
- amp = 7785, rev = 2 TRACKING (ex: 2 Revs)
- 1. START Test at Instant of Rev Roll Over.



b. M1: take Photo A of Meter ½ ft³ Dial



- Carefully Count full revolutions of the ½ ft³ dial. ~20 rotations is acceptable. (21 revs illustrated in Photo B)
- 3. STOP Test at the Instant of Roll Over.
 - a. rev2: Record Rev count AND
 - b. M2: take Photo C of Meter ½ ft³ Dial

SHUT OFF GAS FLOW

- 4. Totalize flow volume from Photos Ex: Total = 0.67 + 21.0 + 0.84 = 22.51 revs of ½ ft³ dial
- 5. k-factor = total Revs = rev2 rev1 (from Sensor) M2 – M1 (from Meter)
- 6. Complete configuration pg 6 or 7.

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K FACTOR DISCOVERY METHODS: Choose One

	On-Site Configuration On-Site K-factor Calculation		Off-Site Configuration			
			Off-Site K-factor Calculation			
	(laptop on-site)			(no laptop on-site)		
METHODS	A B		C D		E	F
		PREFERRED	_		PREFERRED	GOOD
Revs from:	Laptop	Lapton	Pulse Flashes	Pulse Flashes	Customer Database	Customer Database
Flow from:	Measured Container	Meter Photo	Measured Container*	Meter Video / Photo	Meter Photo	Utility Bill
	Water ONLY	Meter Resolution <1 ft3	Water & Pulse ONLY	Pulse ONLY	Requires 2 people	No Compound water meters
Situational	Small or Controlled Buildings		Small or Controlled Buildings	Need 110V at meter	If meters res = 100 ft^3 See*	Test month + Prior month MUST
Limits	No compound water meters		No compound water meters Need 110V at faucet	Meter Resolution <1 ft3		No Est. reads
Flow Limits	Test faucet <u>ONLY</u> . All other = 0	All Flows OK	Test faucet ONLY. All other = 0	All Flows OK	All Flows OK	All Flows OK
Accuracy	>95%.	>99%	>95%.	Video:>99%, Eye:~95%	>99%	1 month >93% 2 mon >96%
Poss. Error	Secondary flows Few revolutions	Meter reading	Flash mis-count Secondary flows	Flash mis-count	Meterreading	Time of Bill Start/Stop Low seasonal usage
On-site Effort	Low	Medium	Low	Medium	Low	Zero
Total Time	15 minutes	15 minutes	15 Minutes	15 Minutes	Hours or days or weeks	32 - 63 days after install
		K-Factor Dis	covery Meth	ods: Instruc	tions	
Off - Site Prep	Unit Set-up pg 3	Unit Set-up pg 3 See full example Pg 10	Unit Set-up pg 3 Pre-configure for Pulse pg 6 Pulse K-factor 10-100. Width 100	Unit Set-up pg 3 Pre-configure for Pulse pg 6 Pulse Width: 100	Unit Set-up pg 3 Pre-configure (Pulse/RTU) pg 6 or 7	Unit Set-up pg 3 Pre-configure pg 6 or 7
On - Site Prep	Temporary Install for K-factor Probe on Meter connected to Control Board+Laptop <u>at Faucet</u> (board protected in plastic bag) -at Console Mode pg 4 -for probe locations: pg 9	Temporary Install for K-factor Probe on Meter connected to Control Board + Laptop <u>at Meter</u> (board protected in plastic bag) -at Console Mode pg 4 -for probe locations: pg 9	Temporary Install for K-factor Probe on Meter connected to Control Board <u>at Faucet</u> (board protected in plastic bag) -Wall power to Interface board -for probe locations: pg 9	Temporary Install for K-factor Probe on Meter connected to Control Board <u>at Meter</u> (board protected in plastic bag) -Wall power to Interface board -for probe locations: pg 9	Permanent Install. Pg 8 Probe on Meter connected to Control Board Permanently Installed, tracking, communicating to database. Confirm data reception	Permanent Install. Pg 8 Probe on Meter connected to Control Board Permanently Installed, tracking, communicating to database. Confirm data reception
On - Site Data Collection	t ENTER: to display tracking -run flow until unit tracks -stop flow. AT START: Confirm All flows=0 -Record Rev1 count from laptop -Fill Container to measure line. (larger container the better) AT STOP: Confirm All flows=0 -Record Rev2 count from laptop Repeat to confirm results.	if Diaphragm Gas Meter: pg 10 t ENTER: to display tracking -run flow until unit tracks AT START: Simultaneously -Record Rev1 from laptop -Take Photo of Meter register More flow = more accuracy >400 revs better AT STOP: Simultaneously -Record Rev2 from laptop -Take Photo of Meter register -Stop flow.	-run flow until unit tracks D3 LED flash @ Pulse K-factor rate -Stop Flow. Confirm meter flow=0 -Start Flow down Drain. START: at D3 LED Flash0, instantly divert to container -Do Not Overflow. -Count D3 Flashes. (Do not count 1st Flash0) STOP: at D3 LED Flash, instantly_divert flow to Drain. -if Container Overflow: Do over -Stop flow. Confirm meter flow=0 -Measure volume in container	If Diaphragm Gas Meter: pg 10 -run flow until unit tracks D3 LED flash @ Pulse K-factor rate Video: capture D3 LED flashes & Meter advance in same frame. START Video, START Flow Continue flow, and video as D3 LED Flashes. More flow=more accuracy, but the video must be reviewed. STOP Flow, STOP Video	Tracking indicated by LED Flash. 2 people required: 1 see LED flash and tell other take Meter photo START*: Photo1 Meter at <u>instant</u> : - of D3 LED Flash if PULSE - of D4 LED Flash if RTU Maximize flow: hours, days, wks STOP*: Photo2 Meter at <u>instant</u> : - of D3 LED Flash if PULSE - of D4 LED Flash if RTU	No On-Site Data Collection
Calculation & Final Install	Total Revs = Rev2 - Rev1 K-factor=Tot Revs/Container Vol (convert to std units ex: ft ³) If Pulse: Calc. Pulse K-factor for preferred Pulse Vol.	Read Meters from Photo1 & 2 Total Flow = Meter2 - Meter1 Total Revs = Rev2 - Rev1 K-factor = Tot Revs / Tot Flow If Pulse: Calc. Pulse K-factor for preferred Pulse Vol. See Example Pg 10	OFF-SITE CALCULATIONS Tot Revs=Pulse K-fctr x Flashes K-factor=Tot Revs/Container Vol (convert to std units ex: ft ³) Pulse K-factor is pre-set. Calculate Vol per Pulse	OFF-SITE CALCULATIONS Review Video. -Read Meter1 at first D3 Flash0 -Read Meter2 at last D3 Flash -Count D3 Flashes Meter1 to 2. (Do not count 1st Flash0) Total Flow = Meter2 - Meter1 Tot Revs=Pulse K-fctr X Flashes K-factor = Tot Revs / Tot Flow Pulse K-factor is pre-set. Calculate Vol per Pulse	Use Photo & 2 time stamps to find corresponding data in database. (convert data to meter revs) Read Meters from Photos1 & 2 Total Flow = Meter2 - Meter1 Total Revs = Rev2 - Rev1 K-factor=Tot Revs / Tot Flow If Pulse: Pulse K-factor is pre-set. Calculate Vol per Pulse	Review Utility Bills Test month and Prior month MUST be "Actual" reads. No Est. reads. From database: Identify data which corresponds with: -noon 1st day of bill: Rev1 -noon 1st day of bill: Rev2 (convert data to meter revs) Total Revs = Rev2 - Rev1 Total Flow = Utility Bill volume (convert to std units ex: ft ³)
	Configure (Pulse / RTU) pg 6 or 7 Permanent Install. Pg 8	Configure (Pulse / RTU) pg 6 or 7 Permanent Install. Pg 8	*Larger Pulse Volumes may require large or multiple containers.		*If Meter resolution = 100 ft ³ , then START/STOP at a 100.00 ft ³ meter Rollover	K-factor = Tot Revs / Tot Flow If Pulse: Pulse K-factor is pre-set. Calculate Vol per Pulse
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