ELK41/ELK42/ELK 43 MK1
Communication protocol user's guide

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1 Preface

This document is intended to describe the ELK series controllers using the MODBUS protocol in their communication capability and is mainly directed to technicians, system integrators and software developers.

The subject is subdivided in four levels of interest:

•first level describes the physical connection to the line;

Ÿsecond level presents the data link protocol, that is a subset of the MODBUS RTU (JBUS) protocol;

Ÿthird level describes in detail each data that can be exchanged;

Ÿfourth level states performance characteristics of the system.

2   Physical connection

2.1   Interface

ELK series controllers are provided with a RS485 serial communication interface, insulated so that any problem arising from ground potential is removed.

While at rest, the instruments are in a receive condition and are revert to transmission after a correct message has been decoded that matches the configured address.

2.2   Line

The instruments are equipped with 2 terminals named A and B.
The connection between ELKs has to be carried on in parallel, i.e. all A terminals have to be connected between them so as B terminals.

A termination resistor of 120 ohm is required to maintain the quiescent condition on the line;

Adopted baud rates range from 1200 to 38400 baud, that is very satisfactory for application performances, yet very slow for RS485 interface. This fact allows the wiring of the line with a medium quality twisted pair cable: total capacity of the line should not exceed 200 nF.

The line can be up to 1000 meters in length.

3 Communication protocol

The protocol adopted by ELK series is a subset of the widely used MODBUS RTU (JBUS)[1] protocol, so that connections are easy for many commercial PLCs and supervisory programs.

For users needing to develop their own communication software, all information is available as well as implementation hints.

The MODBUS RTU (JBUS) communication functions implemented in ELK series are:

Ÿ function 3 - n word read

•   function 6 - one word write.

These functions allow the supervisory program to read and modify any data of the controller.

The communication is based on messages sent by the master station (host) to the slave stations (ELK) and viceversa.

The slave station that recognises the message as sent to it, analyses the content and, if it is formally and semantically correct, generates a reply message directed back to the master.

The communication process involves five types of messages:

from master to slave	from slave to master
function 3: n word read request	function 3: n word read reply
function 6: one word write request	function 6: one word write reply
	exception reply (as reply to both functions in abnormal conditions)

Every a message contains four fields:

•slave address (from 1 to 255): MODBUS RTU (JBUS) reserves address 0 for broadcasting messages, but due to inherent unreliability of its not implemented for ELK series;

Ÿfunction code: contains 3 or 6 for specified functions;

Ÿinformation field: contains data like word addresses and word values as required by function in use;

Ÿcontrol word: a cyclic redundancy check (CRC) performed with particular rules for CRC16.

The characteristics of the asyncronous transmission are 8 bits, no parity, one stop bit.

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3.1   Function 3 - read n word

The number of words to be read must be less or equal four.

The request has the following frame:

slave number	3	first word address		number of words		CRC	
		MSB	LSB	MSB	LSB	LSB	MSB
byte 0	byte 1	byte 2	byte 3	byte 4	byte 5	byte 6	byte 7

The normal reply (as opposed to exception reply) has the following frame:

slave number	3	NB number of read bytes	value of first word		following words	CRC	
			MSB	LSB		LSB	MSB
byte 0	byte 1	byte 2	byte 3	byte 4	byte 5	byte NB + 2	byte NB + 3

3.2   Function 6 - one word write

The request has the following frame:

slave number	6	word address		value to write		CRC	
		MSB	LSB	MSB	LSB	LSB	MSB
byte 0	byte 1	byte 2	byte 3	byte 4	byte 5	byte 6	byte 7

The normal reply (as opposed to exception reply) is merely an echo of the request message:

slave number	6	word address		value to write		CRC	
		MSB	LSB	MSB	LSB	LSB	MSB
byte 0	byte 1	byte 2	byte 3	byte 4	byte 5	byte 6	byte 7

3.3   The exeption replay

ELK series instruments reply with an exception when the request is formally correct, but cannot be satisfied standing particular situations; the reply contains a code indicating the cause of the missing regular reply, the frame is:

slave number	function code with most sign. bit set to 1	exception code	CRC	
			LSB	MSB
byte 0	byte 1	byte 2	byte 3	byte 4

ELK series adopts a subset of MODBUS RTU (JBUS) exception code:

Ÿunknown function code   1

Ÿinvalid memory address 2

Ÿinvalid data field   3

  controller not ready   6

3.4   Cyclic redundancy check (CRC)

CRC is a check word that premits to verify the integrity of a message.
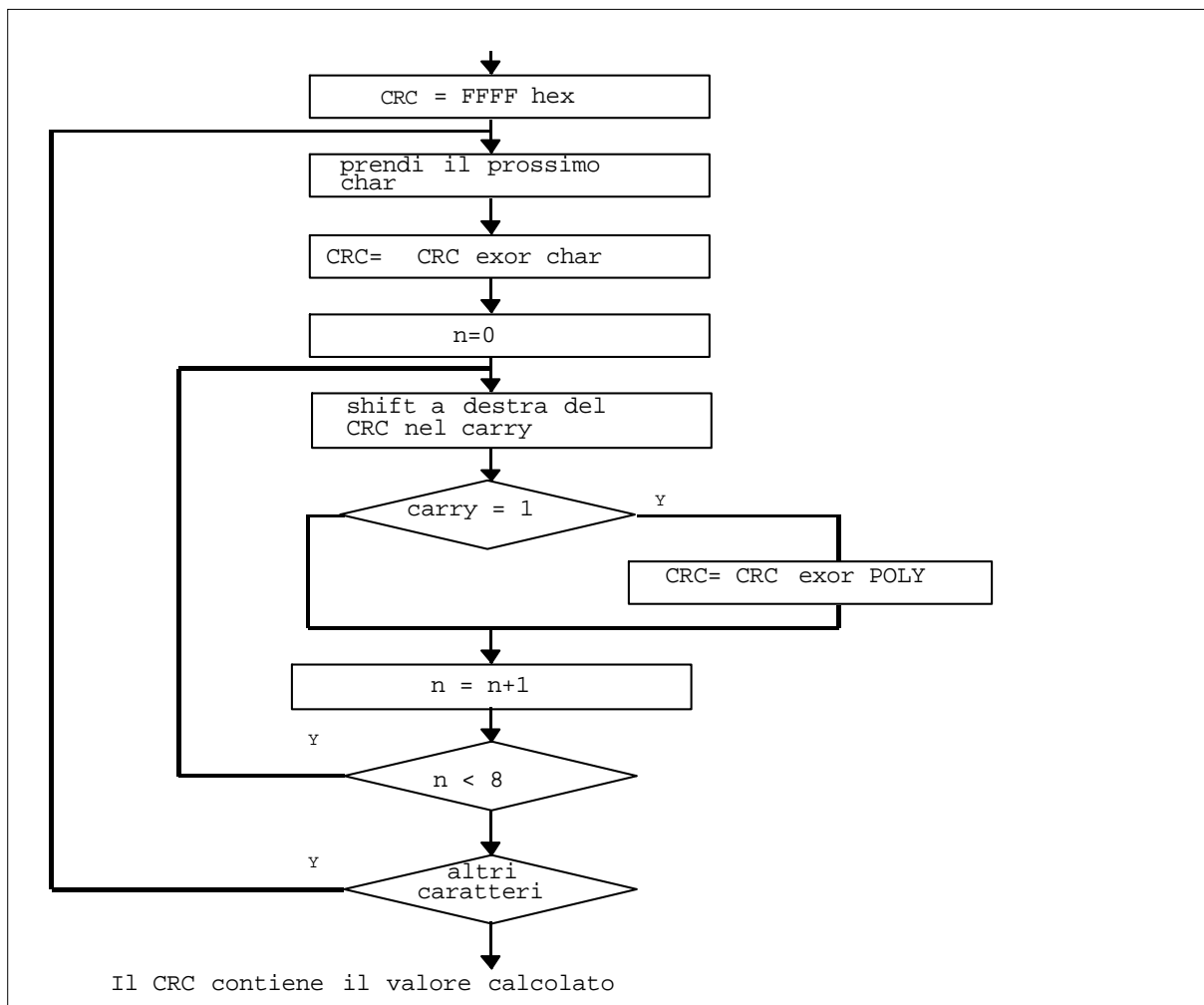
Every message, sent or received, has in the two last characters the CRC check word.

After receiving a request, the controller checks the validity of the received message comparing the received CRC with the calculated one.

When a reply is ready the controller calculates the CRC word and adds two characters to the prepared message.

CRC calculation is performed on every character of the message, excluding the last two.

Being MODBUS RTU (JBUS) compatible , ELK series controllers adopt an identical algorithm for CRC calculation, scketched in following diagram:

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                    ┌──────────────────────┐
                    │    CRC = FFFF hex     │
                    └──────────────────────┘
                    ┌──────────────────────┐
                    │  prendi il prossimo   │
                    │  char                 │
                    └──────────────────────┘
                    ┌──────────────────────┐
                    │ CRC=  CRC exor char   │
                    └──────────────────────┘
                    ┌──────────────────────┐
                    │        n=0            │
                    └──────────────────────┘
                    ┌──────────────────────┐
                    │ shift a destra del    │
                    │ CRC nel carry         │
                    └──────────────────────┘
                         ◇ carry = 1 ◇ ─── Y
                                      ┌──────────────────────┐
                                      │ CRC= CRC  exor POLY   │
                                      └──────────────────────┘
                    ┌──────────────────────┐
                    │       n = n+1         │
                    └──────────────────────┘
              Y ─── ◇    n < 8    ◇
              Y ─── ◇  altri       ◇
                    ◇  caratteri    ◇

        Il CRC contiene il valore calcolato
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The polinomial adopted by MODBUS RTU (JBUS) is 1010 0000 0000 0001.

Note: the first transmitted character of the CRC word is the least significant between calculated bytes.

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4   Data exchange

This section contains informations about data exchanged with ELK series controllers concerning numerical and not numerical data, with their formats and limits.

4.1   Some definitions

All exchanged data are in the form of 16 bit words.

Two types of data are distinguished: numerical and symbolic (or not numerical).

Numerical data represents the value of a quantity (e.g. the measured variable, the set point).

Symbolic data represents a particular value in a set of values (e.g. the thermocouple type in the set of available ones : J,K,S...).

Both types are coded as integers number : signed numbers for numerical and unsigned numbers for symbolic.

A numerical data, coded as an integer, is coupled with appropriate number of decimal digits to represent a quantity with the same engineering units adopted aboard the instrument.

Numerical data are in fixed point representation; however we make a distinction between two kinds of data:

Ÿ   the first kind has determined and unmodifiable decimal point position;

Ÿ   the second has programmable decimal point position (dP parameter).

4.2   Memory zones

All readable and writable data appear to be allocated as 16 bit words in the memory of the instrument.

The memory map has three zones:

Ÿvaraibles,

  parameters,

Ÿinstrument identification code.

Following parameters explore the characteristics of each zone.

4.2.1   Variables zones

In this zone there is a collection of main ELK controller variables, it is a group of frequently computed or updated data residing in volatile memory.

MOST IMPORTANT CHANGE

A) during parameter modification **by push-button**, the serial interface continue to operate without any "limit" (you can see by serial link the value of all parameters and you can set it also)

B) When you write a value in a location the instrument will operate as follows:

  B.1) if you write a value <u>within</u> parameter range, the instrument will accept it; the new value will be memorized and the instrument will send back the standard answer.

  B.2) If you try to write a value OUT of parameter range, the instrument will refuse the new value; the new value will NOT be memorized and the instrument will send an axception message to the master.

These are available data:

n.	address (HEX)	Description	Data type	range of values/symbols	Decimal figures	r/w	note
1	0200	PV : measured variable (signed integer)	N		dP	r	
2	0201	n. of decimals to be associated to PV	N		0	r	as DP parameter
3	0202	Power calculated by the regulator	N		2	r	-100.0% to 100.0%
4	0203	Available power on the heating output	N		2	r	-100.0% to 100.0%
5	0204	Available power on the cooling output	N		2	r	-100.0% to 100.0%

6	0205	Alarm 1 status or output 1 status	S	0: OFF 1: ON 2 : ACK 3 : Reset	0	r/w	Writing 2 =ACK all alarms Writing 3 = reset all alarm
7	0206	Alarm 2 status or output 2 status	S	0: OFF 1: ON 2 : ACK 3 : Reset	0	r/w	Writing 2 =ACK all alarms Writing 3 = reset all alarm
8	0207	Alarm 3 status or output 3 status	S	0: OFF 1: ON 2 : ACK 3 : Reset	0	r/w	Writing 2 =ACK all alarms Writing 3 = reset all alarm
9	0208	Active Set Point	N		dP	r	
10	020A	alarm LBA status	S	0: OFF 1: ON	0	r	
11	020B	alarm HB status	S	0: OFF 1: ON	0	r	
12	020C	HB current with closed contact	N			r	
13	020D	HB current with open contact	N			r	
14	020F	Regulator status	S	0: OFF 1: auto 2: tuning 3: OPLO (Man.)	0	r/w	You can now set the instrument status
15	0290	Temporary Set point	N	NOTE: this value is memorized in RAM	dP	r/w	SPLL...SPHL
16	02A0	Value to be retransmitted on the out 1 analog output	N	NOTE: this value is memorized in RAM	dP	r/w	-1999…9999 (ELK43)
17	02A1	Value to be retransmitted on the out 2 analog output	N	NOTE: this value is memorized in RAM	dP	r/w	-1999…9999 (ELK43)
18	396	Output power when the instrument is in manual mode (oplo)	n	From -100 to 100 % Note: when the instrument is in Auto mode it is "read only"	1	r/w	ro1L, ro1H, ro2L, ro2H.
19	2A4	Out 1 status		0: OFF 1: ON	0	r/w	When O1F=OFF it is writeable and allows to set the output status
20	2A5	Out 2 status		0: OFF 1: ON	0	r/w	When O2F=OFF it is writeable and allows to set the output status

21	2A6	Out 3 status		0: OFF 1: ON	0	r/w	When O3F=OFF it is writeable and allows to set the output status
22	2A7	Out 4 status		0: OFF 1: ON	0	r/w	When O4F=OFF it is writeable and it allows to set the output status
22	240	Digital input status	S	0 = open 1 = Closed	0	r	

Abnormal conditions of process variable are reported as special word values which are beyond the normal result of a measure:

abnormal condition	returned value	front panel display
underrange(measure)	-10000	uuuu
overrange (measure)	10000	oooo
overflow (A/D conv.)	10001	----
variable not available	10003	not available

4.2.2 Parameters programming

The operating and configuration parameters can be read and written through serial communication.

If one tries to read or write a parameter not available for a certain instrument configuration, a message of error is displayed : data not available. (6).

After have written into the parameters zone, it's necessary to start the **CHECKSUM** calculation, writing any value at the address HEX **039B**.

SP group (parameters relative to the Set Point)

Para meter	Address (HEX)	Description	Data type	n° decimals	Possibile values
nSP	2800	Select the number of the programmable Set Point	N	0	1…4
SPAt	2801	Select the active Set Point NOTE: setting SPAt equal to 5 the instrument will use the "temporary set point" (290H)	N	0	1…nSP+ 5
SP1	2802	Set Point 1	N	Dp	SPLL.. SPHL
SP2	2803	Set Point 2	N	Dp	SPLL.. SPHL
SP3	2804	Set Point 3	N	Dp	SPLL.. SPHL
SP4	2805	Set Point 4	N	Dp	SPLL.. SPHL
SPLL	2806	Set Point Lower limit	N	Dp	-1999… SPHL
SPHL	2807	Set Point Higher limit	N	Dp	SPLL… 9999

InP group (parameters relative to the measure input)

Para meter	Address (HEX)	Description	Data Type	n° decimals	Possibile values
HCFG	2808	Input type	S		0=tc, 1=rtd, 2= I, 3=Uolt, 4=Ser
SEnS	2809	Probe type	S		0=J, 1=CrAL, 2=S, 3=Ir.J, 4= Ir.Ca (ELK41/42) 0=J, 1=CrAL, 2=S , 3= B, 4=E, 5=L, 6=N; 7= R, 8=T, 9=C, 10=Ir.J, 11= Ir.Ca (ELK43) 0=Pt1 (Pt100 IEC), 1=Ptc, 2=ntc 0=0.20 (mA), 1=4.20 (mA) 0=0.50 (mV), 1=0.60 (mV), 2=12.60(mV), 3=0.5(V), 4=1.5(V), 5=0.10(V), 6=2.10(V)
rEFL	2857	Reflection coefficient for IRS sensors	N	2	0.10 … 1.00
SSC	280A	Low scale limit in case of input with V / I signals	N	dP	-1999…FSC
FSC	280B	High scale limit in case of input with V / I signals	N	dP	SSC…9999
dp	280C	Number of decimal figures	N	0	0..3
Unit	280D	Temperature unit of measurement	S		0=C, 1=F
FiL	280E	Input digital filter	N	1	0FF…20.0 sec
OFSt	2810	Measuring Offset	N	dP	-1999…9999
rot	2811	Rotation of the measuring straight line	N	3	0.000 … 2.000
InE	2812	"OPE" functioning in case of measuring error	S		0=OR, 1=Ur, 2=OUr

Para meter	Address (HEX)	Description	Data Type	n° decimals	Possibile values
OPE	2813	Output power in case of measuring error	N	0	-100...100
dIF	2858	Digital input function	S	0	0=noF, 1=AaC, 2=Asi, 3=Hold, 4=OFF, 5=CHSP, 6=SP1.2 7= HE.Co

O1 group (parameters relative to output 1)

Para meter	Address (HEX)	Description	Data Type	n° decimals	Possibile values
O1F	2814	Functioning of output 1	S		0=OFF, 1=1.rEg, 2=2.rEg, 3=Alno, 4=ALnc
Aor1	2859	Beginning of analogue output 1 scale	S		0=0 1=no_0
Ao1F	285A	Functioning of analogue output 1	S		0=OFF, 1=1.rEg, 2=2.rEg, 3=r.inp, 4=r.err, 5=r.SP, 6=r.SEr
Ao1L	285B	Minimum reference for analogical output 1 for signal retransmission	N	Dp	-1999..9999
Ao1H	285C	Maximum reference for analogical output 1 for signal retransmission	N	Dp	Ao1L...9999

O2 group (parameters relative to output 2)

Para meter	Address (HEX)	Description	Data Type	n° decimals	Possibile values
O2F	2815	Functioning of output 2	S		0=OFF, 1=1.rEg, 2=2.rEg, 3=Alno, 4=ALnc
Aor2	285D	Beginning of analogue output 2 scale	S		0=0 1=no_0

Para meter	Address (HEX)	Description	Data Type	n° decimals	Possibile values
Ao2F	285E	Functioning of analogue output 2	S		0=OFF, 1=1.rEg, 2=2.rEg, 3=r.inp, 4=r.err, 5=r.SP, 6=r.SEr
Ao2L	285F	Minimum reference for analogical output 2 for signal retransmission	N	Dp	-1999..AO2H
Ao2H	2860	Maximum reference for analogical output 2 for signal retransmission	N	Dp	Ao2L...9999

O3 group (parameters relative to output 3)

Parameter	Address (HEX)	Description	Data Type	n° decimals	Possibile values
O3F	2816	Functioning of output 3	S		0=OFF, 1=1.rEg, 2=2.rEg, 3=r.inp, 4=r.err, 5=r.SP, 6=r.SEr
Aor3	2861	Beginning of analogue output 3 scale	S		0=0 1=no_0
Ao3F	2862	Functioning of analogue output 3	S		0=OFF 1=r.inp, 2=r.err, 3=r.SP, 4=r.SEr
Ao3L	2863	Minimum reference for analogical output 3 for signal retransmission	N	Dp	-1999..A03H
Ao3H	2864	Maximum reference for analogical output 3 for signal retransmission	N	Dp	Ao3L...9999

O4 group (parameters relative to output 4)

Parameter	Address (HEX)	Description	Data Type	n° decimals	Possibile values
O4F	2817	Functioning of output 4	S		0=OFF, 1=1.rEg, 2=2.rEg, 3=Alno, 4=ALnc

AI1 group (parameters relative to alarm 1)

Parameter	Address (HEX)	Description	Data Type	n° decimals	Possibile values
OAL1	2818	Output where alarm AL1 is addressed	S		0=OFF, 1=Out1, 2=Out2, 3=Out3, 4=Out4
AL1t	2819	Alarm AL1 type	S		0=LoAb, 1=HiAb, 2=LHAb, 3=LodE, 4=HidE 5=LHdE

Para meter	Address (HEX)	Description	Data Type	n° decimals	Possibile values
Ab1	281A	Alarm AL1 functioning	N	0	+0 = no function +1 = alarm hidden at the start up +2= alarm delaied +4 = alarm stored +8 = alarm aknowledged
AL1	281B	Alarm AL1 threshold	N	Dp	-1999..9999
AL1L	281C	Low threshold band alarm AL1 or Minimum set alarm AL1 for high or low alarm	N	Dp	-1999..9999
AL1H	281D	High threshold band alarm AL1 or Maximum set alarm AL1 for high or low alarm	N	Dp	-1999..9999
HAL1	281E	Alarm AL1 hysteresis	N	Dp	0=0FF...9999
AL1d	281F	Activation delay of alarm AL1	N	Dp	0=0FF…9999 sec
AL1i	2820	Alarm AL1 activation in case of measuring error	S		0=no, 1=YES

Al2 group (parameters relative to alarm 2)

Para meter	Address (HEX)	Description	Data Type	n° decimals	Possibile values
OAL2	2821	Output where alarm AL2 is addressed	S		0=OFF, 1=Out1, 2=Out2, 3=Out3, 4=Out4
AL2t	2822	Alarm AL2 type	S		0=LoAb, 1=HiAb, 2=LHAb, 3=LodE, 4=HidE 5=LHdE
Ab2	2823	Alarm AL2 functioning	N	0	+0 = no function +1 = alarm hidden at the start up +2= alarm delaied +4 = alarm stored +8 = alarm aknowledged
AL2	2824	Alarm AL2 threshold	N	Dp	-1999..9999
AL2L	2825	Low threshold band alarm AL2 or Minimum set alarm AL2 for high or low alarm	N	Dp	-1999..9999
AL2H	2826	High threshold band alarm AL1 or Maximum set alarm AL2 for high or low alarm	N	Dp	-1999..9999

Para meter	Address (HEX)	Description	Data Type	n° decimals	Possibile values
HAL2	2827	Alarm AL2 hysteresis	N	Dp	0=0FF...9999
AL2d	2828	Activation delay of alarm AL2	N	Dp	0=0FF…9999 sec
AL2i	2829	Alarm AL2 activation in case of measuring error	S		0=no, 1=YES

Al3 group (parameters relative to alarm 3)

Para meter	Address (HEX)	Description	Data Type	n° decimals	Possibile values
OAL3	282A	Output where alarm AL3 is addressed	S		0=OFF, 1=Out1, 2=Out2, 3=Out3, 4=Out4
AL3t	282B	Alarm AL3 type	S		0=LoAb, 1=HiAb, 2=LHAb, 3=LodE, 4=HidE 5=LHdE
Ab3	282C	Low threshold band alarm AL3 or Minimum set alarm AL3 for high or low alarm	N	0	+0 = no function +1 = alarm hidden at the start up +2= alarm delaied +4 = alarm stored +8 = alarm aknowledged
AL3	282D	High threshold band alarm AL3 or Maximum set alarm AL3 for high or low alarm	N	Dp	-1999..9999
AL3L	282E	Alarm AL3 hysteresis	N	Dp	-1999..9999
AL3H	282F	Activation delay of alarm AL3	N	Dp	-1999..9999
HAL3	2830	Alarm AL3 activation in case of measuring error	N	Dp	0=0FF...9999
AL3d	2831	Low threshold band alarm AL3 or Minimum set alarm AL3 for high or low alarm	N	Dp	0=0FF…9999 sec
AL3i	2832	High threshold band alarm AL1 or Maximum set alarm AL2 for high or low alarm	S		0=no, 1=YES

Group "LbA" (parameters relative to Loop Break Alarm)

Para meter	Address (HEX)	Description	Data Type	n° decimals	Possibile values
OLbA	2833	Output where alarm LbA is addressed	S		0=OFF, 1=Out1, 2=Out2, 3=Out3, 4=Out4
Lbat	2834	Time necessary to activate alarm LbA	N	0	0=OFF..9999 sec

Group "Hb" (parameters relative to Heater Break Alarm)

Para meter	Address (HEX)	Description	Data Type	n° decimals	Possibile values
OHb	2835	Output where alarm HB is addressed	S		0=OFF, 1=Out1, 2=Out2, 3=Out3, 4=Out4
IFS	2836	High scale limit for input TA HB	N	1	0.0..100.0
HbF	2837	Alarm HB function	N	0	1,2,3,4
IHbL	2838	Low alarm HB threshold (with Out 1rEG ON)	N	1	0.0..IFS
IHbH	2839	High alarm HB threshold (with Out 1rEG OFF)	N	1	IHbL..IFS

Group "rEG" (parameters relative to control)

Para meter	Address (HEX)	Description	Data Type	n° decimals	Possibile values
Cont	283B	Control type	S		0=Pid, 1=On.Fa, 2=On.FS, 3=nr 4=3Pt
Func	283C	Functioning mode output 1rEg	S		0=Heat, 1=Cool
Auto	283D	Autotuning Fast enable	N	0	0=OFF,1,2,3,4
SELF	283E	Selftuning enable	S		0=No, 1=YES
HSEt	283F	Hysteresis of ON/OFF control	N	Dp	9999…-1999
Pb	2840	Proportional band	N	Dp	0..9999

Para meter	Address (HEX)	Description	Data Type	n° decimals	Possibile values
Int	2841	Integral time	N	0	0=0FF..9999 sec
dEr	2842	Derivative time	N	0	0=0FF..9999 sec
FuOc	2843	Fuzzy overshoot control	N	2	0.00..2.00
tcr1	2844	Cycle time of output 1rEg	N	1	0.1..130. sec
Prat	2845	Power ratio 2rEg / 1rEg	N	2	0.01..99.99
tcr2	2846	Cycle time of 2rEg	N	1	0.1..130.0 sec
rS	2847	Manual reset	N	1	-100.0..100.0%
tcor	2866	Time for motorised actuator run	N	0	4..1000 sec
SHrl	2867	Minimum value for motorised actuator control	N	1	0.1 ..10.0%
PoSI	2868	Switch on position for motorised actuator	S		0=No, 1=close, 2=open
SLor	2849	Gradient of rise ramp	N	2	0.00..99.99 >=100.00=InF Unità/min
dur.t	284A	Duration time	N	2	99.59 h.min >=100.00=InF
SLoF	284B	Gradient of fall ramp	N	2	0.00..99.99 Unità/min >=100.00=InF
ro1L	2869	Minimum power in output from 1rEG	N	0	0..100%
ro1H	286A	Maximum power from output from 1rEG	N	0	ro1L .. 100%
ro2L	286B	Minimum power in output from 2rEG	N	0	0..100%
ro2H	286C	Maximum power from output from 2rEG	N	0	ro2L .. 100%
tHr1	286D	Split Range Power threshold of output 1rEG	N	0	-100 … 100%
tHr2	286E	Split Range Power threshold of output 2rEG	N	0	-100 … 100%
OPS1	286F	Power variation speed in output from 1rEG	N	0	0..50%/sec
OPS2	2870	Power variation speed in output from 2rEG	N	0	0..50%/sec
St.P	284C	Soft-Start power	N	0	-100, -101=OFF, 100

Para meter	Address (HEX)	Description	Data Type	n° decimals	Possibile values
SSt	284D	Soft-start time	N	2	0=0FF.. 7.59 h.min >=8.00=InF

Group "PAn" (parameters relative to the user interface)

Para meter	Address (HEX)	Description	Data Type	n° decimals	Possibile values
USrb	284E	Functioning of key "U"	S		0=noF, 1=tune, 2=OPLO, 3=Aac, 4=Asi, 5=CHSP, 6=OFF
diSP	284F	Variable visualized on the SV display	S		0=DEF(OFF), 1=Pou, 2=SPF, 3=Spo, 4=AL1, 5=AL2, 6=AL3
AdE	2850	Shift index	N	Dp	0=0FF..9999
Edit	2851	Fast programming of active Set Point and alarms	S		0=SE, 1=AE, 2=SAE, 3=SAnE

4.2.3 Idintefication code zone

This zone provides only informations for identifying model, order code and software release of the ELK serie instrument.

Starting from the address 0800H it's possibile to read the instrument name (ELK41, etc) and from the address 0x80A (up to 0x818) it's possibile tro read the instrument sales code (starting from 2.2 version)

5 Performance

After receiving a valid request the instrument prepares the reply, then sends it back to the master station according following specifications:

- a minimum time is granted greater or equal 3 characters time (depending on adopted baud rate, allowing line direction reversal);
- the reply is ready to be transmitted in less then 20 ms except in case 3;

A 20 ms silence on the line is necessary to recover from abnormal contitions or erroneous messages; this means that a time less than 20 ms is allowed between any two characters in the same message.

It's not possible to write more than one word at the same time.

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