

S20 communication module for serial data transmission

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Data sheet S20-RS-UNI

1 serial input and output interface
of type RS-485/422 or RS-232

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1 Description

The module is designed for use within an S20 station.

The module is used to operate standard I/O devices with serial interfaces on a bus system.

Features

- A serial input and output channel in RS-232, RS-422, and RS-485 format
- Various protocols supported
- Transmission speed can be set up to 250000 bps
- Parameterization via the PDI channel
- Device rating plate stored



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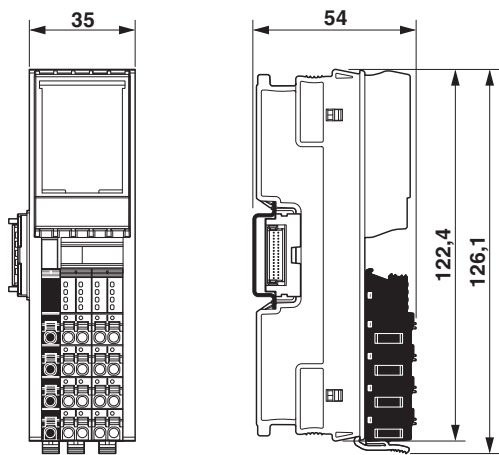
3 Ordering data

Description	Type	MNR	Pcs./Pkt.
S20 communication module for serial data transmission	S20-RS-UNI	R911173343	1
Accessories	Type	MNR	Pcs./Pkt.
S20 bus base module, narrow	S20-BS-S	R911173203	5
S20 Shield set	S20-SHIELD-SET	R911173030	1
Shield connection clamps, for shield on busbars, for conductor diameters ≤ 5 mm, contact resistance < 1 mΩ	S20-SHIELD-SK5	R911173282	10
Shield connection clamps, for shield on busbars, for conductor diameters ≤ 14 mm, contact resistance < 1 mΩ	S20-SHIELD-SK14	R911173286	10
PEN conductor busbar, 3x10 mm, length: 1000 mm	S20-SHIELD-NLS	R911173283	1
Documentation	Type	MNR	Pcs./Pkt.
Application description S20: System and Installation	DOK-CONTRL- S20*SYS*INS-AP..-EN-P	R911335988	1
Application description S20: Error Messages	DOK-CONTRL- S20*DIAG*ER-AP..-EN-P	R911344826	1

Additional ordering data
For additional ordering data (accessories), please refer to the product catalog at www.boschrexroth.com/electrics.

4 Technical data

Dimensions (nominal sizes in mm)



Width	35 mm
Height	126.1 mm
Depth	54 mm
Note on dimensions	The depth applies when a TH 35-7.5 DIN rail is used (in accordance with EN 60715).

General data

Color	Housing: light gray (RAL 7035)
Weight	135 g (with connectors and bus base module)
Ambient temperature (operation)	-25 °C ... 60 °C
Ambient temperature (storage/transport)	-40 °C ... 85 °C
Permissible humidity (operation)	5 % ... 95 % (non-condensing)
Permissible humidity (storage/transport)	5 % ... 95 % (non-condensing)
Air pressure (operation)	70 kPa ... 106 kPa (up to 3000 m above sea level)
Air pressure (storage/transport)	70 kPa ... 106 kPa (up to 3000 m above sea level)
Degree of protection	IP20
Protection class	III (IEC 61140, EN 61140, VDE 0140-1)
Overvoltage category	II (IEC 60664-1, EN 60664-1)
Degree of pollution	2 (IEC 60664-1, EN 60664-1)
Mounting type	DIN rail mounting
Mounting position	any (no temperature derating)

Connection data: S20 connector

Connection method	Push-in connection
Conductor cross-section, rigid	0.2 mm ² ... 1.5 mm ²
Conductor cross-section, flexible	0.2 mm ² ... 1.5 mm ²
Conductor cross-section [AWG]	24 ... 16
Stripping length	8 mm



Observe the specifications for the conductor cross-sections in the application description for the S20 system, material number R911335988.

Interface: Local bus

Number of interfaces	2
Connection method	Bus base module
Transmission speed	100 Mbps

Interface: RS-232, RS-485, RS-422

Number of interfaces	1
Connection method	Push-in connection
Transmission speed	110 bps ... 250 kbps (can be parameterized)
Transmission physics	Copper
Protocols supported	Transparent, end-to-end, XON/XOFF, Modbus/RTU (client support)
Input buffer	4 kByte
Output buffer	1 kByte
Data bits	5 ... 8
Stop bits	1 or 2
Parity	Even, odd or no parity
Termination resistor	active, integrated
Idle time	88 µs (between sending and receiving data)

Supply of the local bus (U_{Bus})

The I/O is also supplied from the communications power U_{Bus} .

The I/O supply is electrically isolated from the local bus.

Supply voltage	5 V DC (via bus base module)
Current consumption	typ. 200 mA max. 240 mA

Power dissipation

Maximum power dissipation for nominal condition	1.2 W
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Input and output address area

Input address area	20 Byte
Output address area	20 Byte

Configuration and parameter data in a PROFIBUS system

Required parameter data	14 Byte
Required configuration data	7 Byte

Electrical isolation/isolation of the voltage areas

Test section	Test voltage
5 V supply of the local bus (U_{Bus}) / 5 V supply (I/Os)	1000 V DC, 1 min
5 V supply of the local bus (U_{Bus}) / functional ground	1000 V DC, 1 min
5 V supply (I/O)/functional ground	1000 V DC, 1 min

Mechanical tests

Vibration resistance in accordance with EN 60068-2-6/IEC 60068-2-6	5g
Shock in accordance with EN 60068-2-27/IEC 60068-2-27	30g
Continuous shock in accordance with EN 60068-2-27/IEC 60068-2-27	10g

Conformance with EMC Directive 2014/30/EU**Immunity test in accordance with EN IEC 61000-6-2**

Electrostatic discharge (ESD) IEC 61000-4-2	Criterion B, ± 6 kV contact discharge, ± 8 kV air discharge
Electromagnetic fields IEC 61000-4-3	Criterion A, Field intensity: 10 V/m
Fast transients (burst) IEC 61000-4-4	Criterion B, ± 2 kV
Transient overvoltage (surge) IEC 61000-4-5	Criterion B, I/O cables: ± 1 kV asymmetrical
Conducted interference IEC 61000-4-6	Criterion A, Test voltage 10 V

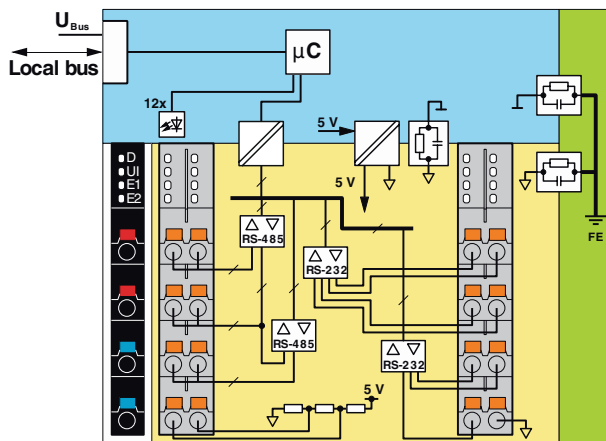
Noise emission test in accordance with EN IEC 61000-6-3	Class B
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Approvals

For the current approvals, please visit www.boschrexroth.com/electrics.

5 Internal circuit diagram

Fig. 1 Internal wiring of the terminal points



Key:

Local bus

FE

Local bus

Functional ground

Microcontroller



Electrical isolation



Diagnostic and status indicators



RS-485/422/232 interface



Coupling network



Electrically isolated areas



6 For your safety

6.1 Intended use

Only use S20 modules in accordance with the information in this data sheet and in the application description for the S20 system, material number R911335988.

If the equipment is used in a manner not specified, the protection provided by the equipment may be impaired.

6.2 Qualification of users

The use of products described in this data sheet is oriented exclusively to electrically skilled persons or persons instructed by them. The users must be familiar with the relevant safety concepts of automation technology as well as applicable standards and other regulations.

6.3 Electrical safety



WARNING Loss of electrical safety

If used incorrectly, device safety may be impaired.

During installation, startup, and operation, observe the notes in this data sheet and the specifications in the application description for the S20 system, material number R911335988.

6.4 Installation

Only install the S20 modules in a control cabinet or junction box.

NOTICE Fire hazard

- The device must be installed in the final protective housing, which provides sufficient resistance to mechanical strain and protection against the spreading of fire in accordance with the standards UL/IEC/EN 61010-1 and UL/IEC/EN 61010-2-201.
- The supply and external circuits intended to be connected to this device shall be galvanically separated from the mains supply or hazardous live voltage by reinforced or double insulation and meet the requirements of SELV/PELV (Class III) circuits of UL/CSA/IEC/EN 61010-1, UL/CSA/IEC/EN 61010-2-201.

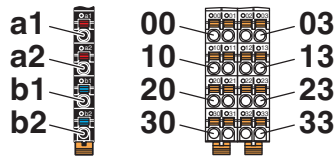
NOTICE Damage to contacts or malfunction

Physical overloads can result in damage to the terminal points.

- Relieve strain in the connected cables.

7 Terminal point assignment

Fig. 2 Terminal point assignment



Connector 1		
Terminal point	Color	Assignment
a1, a2	Red	Not used (bridged internally)
b1, b2	Blue	Not used (bridged internally)



You can use connector 1 for potential routing of the 24 V supply voltage. However the voltage is not used by the module.

Connector 2			RS-485	RS-422	Notes
Terminal point	Color	Signal	Description	Description	
00	Orange	TxD+	Not used	Transmit data	positive
10	Orange	RxD+	Transmit/receive data	Receive data	positive
20	Orange	RxD+	Transmit/receive data	Receive data	Positive; for external bridge to 30
30	Orange	R+	Termination resistor	Termination resistor	Positive pole; for external bridge to 20
01	Orange	TxD-	Not used	Transmit data	negative
11	Orange	RxD-	Transmit/receive data	Receive data	negative
21	Orange	RxD-	Transmit/receive data	Receive data	Negative; for external bridge to 31
31	Orange	R-	Termination resistor	Termination resistor	Negative pole; for external bridge to 21

Connector 3: RS-232				
Terminal point	Color	Signal	Description	
02	Orange	RxD	Serial data input	
12	Orange	RTS	Request to send	Request to send; handshake signal; output
22	Orange	DTR	Data terminal ready	Startup request to the connected device; handshake signal; output
32	Orange	DCD	Data carrier detect	Connected device ready to operate; handshake signal; input
03	Orange	TxD	Serial data output	
13	Orange	CTS	Clear to send	Permission to send; connected device ready to receive; handshake signal; input
23	Orange	DSR	Data set ready	Connected device ready to operate; handshake signal; input
33	Orange	GND	Ground for the serial interface	

8 Connection notes

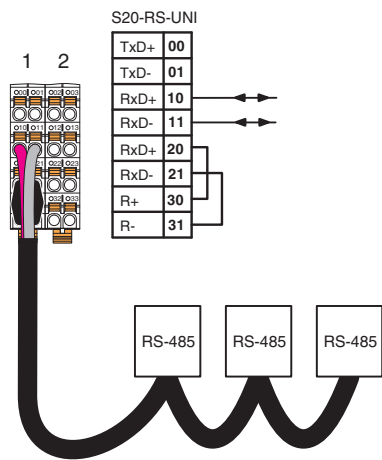
- Connect the shield to a busbar before the module.
- Fit the receive signals of the RS-485 or RS-422 network with a termination resistor at the relevant end point.
- If you use the integrated termination resistor, the polarization of the data cable will also be active.

9 Connection examples

Operating mode	Special feature	Notes	Image
RS-485	Module as the network end point	Termination resistor required	Fig. 3
RS-485	Module in the network center		Fig. 4
RS-422	Module is last receiver	Termination resistor required	Fig. 5
RS-232	Four-wire handshake		Fig. 6
RS-232	Without handshake		Fig. 7

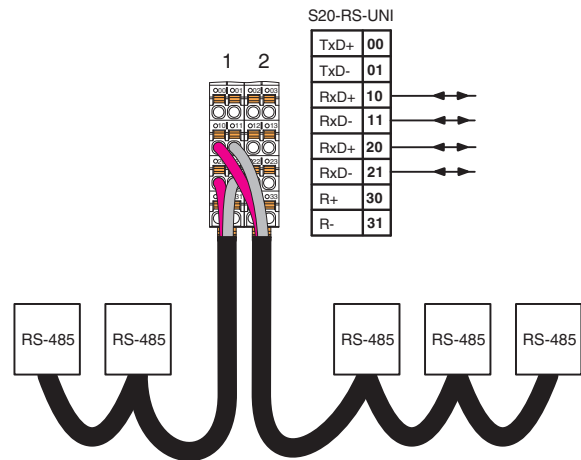
9.1 RS-485: module as the network end point

Fig. 3 RS-485 interface wiring:
Module as the network end point



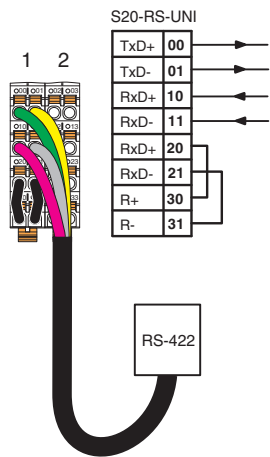
9.2 RS-485: module in the network center

Fig. 4 RS-485 interface wiring:
Module in the network center



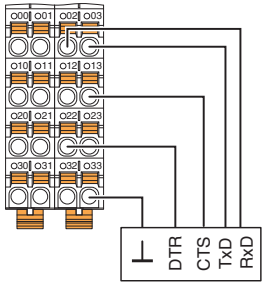
9.3 RS-422

Fig. 5 RS-422 interface wiring, full duplex



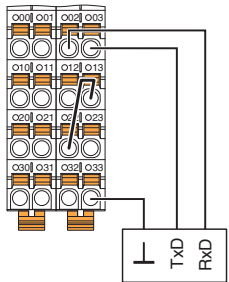
9.4 RS-232: with 4-wire handshake

Fig. 6 RS-232 interface wiring: four-wire handshake



9.5 RS-232: without handshake

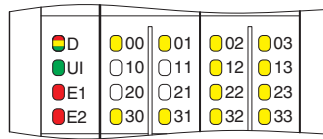
Fig. 7 RS-232 interface wiring: without handshake



For wiring without handshake, insert a bridge between terminal points 22 (DTR) and 13 (CTS).

10 Local diagnostic and status indicators

Fig. 8 Local diagnostic and status indicators



Channel errors are errors that can be associated with a channel.

I/O errors are errors that affect the entire module.

Connector 1				
Designation	Color	Meaning	State	Description
D	Red/ yellow/ green	Diagnostics of local bus communication		
		Run	Green on	The device is ready for operation, communication within the station is OK. All data is valid. An error has not occurred.
		Active	Flashing green	The device is ready to operate, communication within the station is OK. The data is not valid. The controller or higher-level network is not delivering valid data. There is no error on the module.
		Device application not active	Flashing green/ yellow	The device is ready for operation, communication within the station is OK. Output data cannot be outputted and/or input data cannot be read. There is a fault on the periphery side of the module.
		Ready	Yellow on	The device is ready for operation but did not detect a valid cycle after power-up.
		Connected	Flashing yellow	The device is not (yet) part of the active configuration.
		Reset	Red on	The device is ready for operation but has lost the connection to the bus head.
		Not connected	Red flashing	The device is ready for operation but there is no connection to the previously existing device.
		Power down	Off	Device is in (power) reset.
UI	Green	I/O voltage	On	I/O supply voltage is present (generated from U_{BUS}).
			Off	I/O supply voltage is not present.
E1	Red	I/O error	On	I/O error present.
			Off	No I/O error.
E2	Red	Channel error	On	Channel error present.
			Off	Channel error not present.

Connector 2: RS-485/422				
Designation		Color	State	Description
00	TxD	Yellow	On	Module is transmitting data to the connected device
			Off	Module is not transmitting data
10	-	-	-	Not used
20	-	-	-	Not used
30	RS-485	Yellow	On	Module is parameterized for RS-485
			Off	Module is not parameterized for RS-485
01	RxD	Yellow	On	Module is receiving data from the connected device
			Off	Module is not receiving data
11	-	-	-	Not used
21	-	-	-	Not used
31	RS-422	Yellow	On	Module is parameterized for RS-422
			Off	Module is not parameterized for RS-422

Connector 3: RS-232				
Designation		Color	State	Description
02	RxD	Yellow	On	Module is receiving data from the connected device
			Off	Module is not receiving data
12	RTS	Yellow		Request to send
			On	Handshake signal is set by the module
			Off	Handshake signal is not set
22	DTR	Yellow		Data terminal ready
			On	Handshake signal is set by the module
			Off	Handshake signal is not set
32	DCD	Yellow		Data carrier detect
			On	Handshake signal is set by partner
			Off	Handshake signal is not set
03	TxD	Yellow	On	Module is transmitting data to the connected device
			Off	Module is not transmitting data
13	CTS	Yellow		Clear to send
			On	Handshake signal is set by partner
			Off	Handshake signal is not set
23	DSR	Yellow	On	Data set ready
			On	Handshake signal is set by partner
			Off	Handshake signal is not set
33	RS-232	Yellow	On	Module is parameterized for RS-232
			Off	Module is not parameterized for RS-232

11 Serial interfaces

11.1 RS-232

The V.24 interface of the module represents some form of DTE (data terminal equipment). This means that connector 2 terminal point 2.1 (TxD) is always used to transmit and connector 2 terminal point 1.1 (RxD) is always used to receive.

According to the standard, some form of DCE (data communication equipment) should be connected to the RS-232 interface as a peer. DTE can also be connected.

By measuring the voltage between the terminal points for the TxD and GND signals in the idle state, you can determine whether the device to be connected to the V.24 interface is a form of DTE or DCE. If the voltage measures approximately -5 V, the device is a form of DTE. If the voltage is around 0 V, the device is a form of DCE.

Example: when using a 25-pos. standard connector the voltage between pin 2 (TxD) and pin 7 (GND) must be measured.



In order to obtain the correct results, perform the measurement on the open cable end, i.e., if the modules are not connected together.

RS-232 module handshake signals

Any device with an RS-232 interface can be connected to the RS-232 interface on the module.

Both the module and the device connected to the RS-232 interface can act as a transmitter and a receiver for data exchange.

To avoid errors during data exchange, e.g., a buffer overrun, the handshake is used as a procedure for the mutual signaling of clear to receive and clear to send.

The module supports the RTS, CTS, DTR, DSR, and DCD handshake signals. Each uses one wire of the connecting cable.

The connecting signals are described from the point of view of the module, i.e., from the point of view of the DTE.

11.2 RS-485 (2-wire)

In RS-485 mode, you can create a network with several devices using an existing network consisting of two signal cables.

Use a twisted pair, common shielded data cable to connect the devices. Fit a termination resistor to the data cable at both end points of the RS-485 network. For this, you can use the integrated termination resistor in the module via connections R+ and R-.

If you use the integrated termination resistor, the data cable will also be polarized. This will generate a defined cable idle level.

This operating mode only supports half duplex transmission. Make sure that data is not sent simultaneously by several devices.

11.3 RS-422

In RS-422 operating mode, a point-to-point connection can be established.

Use a twisted pair, common shielded data cable to connect the devices. Fit a termination resistor to this data cable at every device. Use the integrated termination resistor when connecting to the module.

This operating mode supports full duplex transmission.

12 Data storage and transmission

The module stores the received serial data in an intermediate buffer until it is requested from the serial interface by the bus controller board or the device. Serial data traffic can be managed using various protocols. The protocol used depends on the type of protocol supported by the peer.

12.1 Supported protocols

Protocol	Receive memory	Transmit memory	Special features when receiving
Transparent	4096 bytes	1023 bytes	
End-to-end	3 buffers each with 340 bytes (PD) or 245 bytes (PDI)	1023 bytes (including end characters)	Two end characters are filtered out
XON/XOFF	4096 bytes	1023 bytes	Software handshake
Modbus/RTU	3 buffers each with 340 bytes (PD) or 245 bytes (PDI)	3 buffers each with 340 bytes (PD) or 245 bytes (PDI)	

PD Data exchange via process data

PDI Data exchange via PDI

12.2 Transparent protocol

If the transparent protocol is used, serial data is transmitted in the same format it is received from the serial interface or from the bus side.

The transmit FIFO (first-in, first-out memory) can store 1023 bytes (1 kB) and the receive FIFO can store 4096 bytes (4 kB). If the module receives another character after the 4095th character, the error pattern is stored in the receive FIFO. All other subsequent characters are ignored.

This protocol supports a CTS hardware handshake.

If the available space in the receive memory is less than 15 bytes, DTR is set to logic 0. As soon as more memory space becomes available again, DTR is set to logic 1.

12.3 End-to-end protocol

The serial data is conditioned for the end-to-end protocol.

If serial data is sent from the bus side, two additional characters, the first and second delimiters, are attached for transmission to the serial interface.

A block of serial data sent from the serial interface is only valid if the module has received the first and second delimiters. It is only then that the data can be read via the bus side. The delimiters are not forwarded to the higher-level bus with the user data, they are filtered out.

Unlike in the transparent protocol, the receive memory is not organized as a FIFO but as a buffer.

Three buffers are available.

The size of the buffer depends on the parameterized path for data exchange:

Data exchange via process data	340 bytes per buffer
Data exchange via PDI	245 bytes per buffer

If the maximum buffer size is exceeded without the two delimiters being detected, the previous characters will be ignored and the buffer will be written again.

The transmit FIFO can store 1023 bytes (1 kbyte). The delimiters are attached to, and stored with, the data to be sent.

12.4 XON/XOFF protocol

This protocol operates in the same way as the transparent protocol, but uses a software handshake.

Data transmission with this protocol is controlled by the XON and XOFF characters. XON is preset to 11_{hex} and XOFF to 13_{hex}.

If the module receives an XOFF, no more serial data will be sent until an XON is received.

The module itself will transmit an XOFF if the available space in the receive memory is less than 15 bytes. As soon as more memory becomes available, the module will transmit a single XON.

Transmission does not depend on the CTS input.

Serial data is not filtered when it is transmitted. Therefore any characters occurring with the code defined for XON and XOFF are transmitted and may trigger undesirable events at the receiver. When serial data is received, the XON and XOFF characters are filtered and are not available to the higher-level system as data. Any characters with the XON or XOFF code are lost. Ensure that characters with these codes do not appear in the regular data stream.

12.5 Modbus/RTU (client support)

Telegram structure

Address	Function	Data	CRC
1 byte	1 byte	0 ... 244 bytes	2 bytes
Data			Automatic generation and check

In the Modbus environment, two time values play an important role: 1.5 characters, also referred to as t1.5 and 3.5 characters, also referred to as t3.5. The times for baud rates above 19,200 baud are set to t1.5 = 1.0 ms and t3.5 = 2.0 ms.

If a break between two characters is greater than t1.5 and less than t3.5, this is identified as a transmission error. The message is considered incomplete and is indicated with a receive error.

If the break after a character is greater than t3.5, this is identified as the telegram end.

Three transmit and three receive buffers are available.

The size of the buffer depends on the parameterized path for data exchange:

Data exchange via process data	340 bytes per buffer
Data exchange via PDI	245 bytes per buffer

Modbus/RTU operating mode offers Modbus/RTU client support. However, the module does not have programmable logic.

Modbus/RTU server support is not implemented.

Data transfer sequence

The two checksum bytes are automatically generated and sent for the user data supplied via the bus (via process data or PDI). Once sent this has been sent, a response is expected.

If the response is not received within 2.5 seconds, a transmit error is generated by setting error bit Tx in the status word.

If the response is received in time, the checksum is checked. If the checksum is invalid, if time t1.5 has elapsed on receipt, or if a parity error has occurred, a receive error is then generated by setting error bit Rx in the status word.

On error-free receipt, the "Rx buffer not empty" bit is set in the status word.

The checksum bytes are not included when reading the receive data.

13 Process data

The module is parameterized via the PDI channel, data exchange with the higher-level controller depends on the parameterization and is either carried out via process data or via PDI.

The module has ten words of process data each in the input direction and output direction. These are made up of 3 bytes of frame data and a maximum of 17 bytes of user data.

Assignment of the ten process data words

Word	0		1		2		...	9	
Byte (Motorola format)	0	1	2	3	4	5	...	18	19
Byte (Intel format)	1	0	3	2	5	4	...	19	18
OUT	K/P	S	L	D	D	D	...	D	D
IN	K/P	S	L	D	D	D	...	D	D

K/P Command/parameter

S Control bits (OUT) or status bits (IN)

L Length: number of characters to be written (OUT) or to be read (IN)

D Data



The byte representation in Motorola format, also called Big Endian (high order byte at starting address), corresponds to INTERBUS standard representation. All byte representations in the data sheet have this format.

The byte representation in Intel format is also called Little Endian (low order byte at starting address).

The command is used to determine the function. The actually transmitted data depends on the command.

14 Process data word 0

14.1 Control word

15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
0	Command			OUT parameter				Control bits							

Control bits

7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
DTR	0	0	0	0	Reset transmit error	Reset receive error	0

DTR (if DTR control enabled)		
Code (bin)	Meaning	Protocol
0	DTR = logic 0	All
1	DTR = logic 1	



The DTR signal can only be controlled via the bit if you have parameterized interface type RS-232 and DTR control via process data in the parameter table.

Reset transmit error		
Code (bin)	Meaning	Protocol
0	No action	Modbus/RTU
1	Reset transmit error	

Reset receive error		
Code (bin)	Meaning	Protocol
0	No action	Modbus/RTU
1	Reset receive error	

Commands

Code (bin)	Code (hex)	Command
000	0	Read number of characters received (in the transparent and XON/XOFF protocol) and fill level of the receive buffer
001	1	Transmit characters
010	2	Store characters temporarily
011	3	OUT parameter = 0 _{hex} : Read characters OUT parameter = C _{hex} : Read firmware version OUT parameter = E _{hex} : Read counters
100	4	Reserved
101	5	Toggling command 1: Transmit characters
110	6	Toggling command 2: Store characters temporarily
111	7	Toggling command 3: Read characters

Command toggling

Command toggling is used to execute a command again. In this way, a second command code is available for the same function.

This applies for the following commands:

- Transmit characters
- Store characters temporarily
- Read characters
- Read counters

Here, bit 14 is used for toggling. If, for example, you wish to transmit character strings in sequence, use command code 001_{bin} for the first transmission and then use 101_{bin} and 001_{bin} alternately.

14.2 Status word

15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	6	4	3	2	1	0
St	Command			IN parameter				Status bits							

St Error bit

Reasons for an error bit set:

- Invalid parameter for the specified command

Status bits

7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
DSR	Transmit buffer not empty	Transmit buffer full	Receive buffer full	DCD	Transmit error	Receive error	Receive buffer not empty

DSR		
Code (bin)	Meaning	Protocol
0	DSR = logic 0	All
1	DSR = logic 1	

The DSR signal state is displayed, if you have parameterized interface type RS-232.

Transmit buffer not empty		
Code (bin)	Meaning	Protocol
0	Empty	All
1	Not empty, transmission in progress	

Transmit buffer full		
Code (bin)	Meaning	Protocol
0	Not full	All
1	Full	

Protocol	Meaning: transmit buffer full
Modbus/RTU	No more buffer space
Other	Space remaining in the transmit buffer ≤ 30 characters

Receive buffer full		
Code (bin)	Meaning	Protocol
0	Not full	All
1	Full	

Protocol	Meaning: receive buffer full
Transparent	Space remaining ≤ 15 characters
XON/XOFF	Space remaining ≤ 15 characters
Modbus/RTU	No more buffer space
End-to-end	No more buffer space

DCD		
Code (bin)	Meaning	Protocol
0	DCD = logic 0	All
1	DCD = logic 1	

The DCD signal state is displayed, if you have parameterized interface type RS-232.

Transmit error		
Code (bin)	Meaning	Protocol
0	No error	Modbus/RTU
1	Transmit error; 2.5 s timeout has elapsed with no response received	

Receive error		
Code (bin)	Meaning	Protocol
0	No error	Modbus/RTU
1	Receive error; telegram received with invalid checksum, a parity error occurred or time $t_{1.5}$ elapsed	

Receive buffer not empty		
Code (bin)	Meaning	Protocol
0	Empty	All
1	Not empty; characters to be read are available	

15 Commands

15.1 “Read number of characters received and fill level of the receive buffer” command

For the transparent and XON/XOFF protocol, the command result is the number of characters that have been received but not yet read.

The number is a 16-bit value and is mapped to word 1.

This command can be used to first reach a minimum number of characters before transmitting the "Read characters" command.

For all protocols, the fill level of the receive buffer is specified in byte 4 as the command result.

Process data assignment for the “Read number of characters received and fill level of the receive buffer” command

Word	0		1		2		...	9	
Byte	0	1	2	3	4	5	...	18	19
OUT	00 _{hex}	xx	xx	xx	xx	xx	...	xx	xx
IN	00 _{hex}	Status bits	Number of characters received		Fill level	xx	...	xx	xx

Fill level		
Byte 4	Protocol	
	Transparent, XON/XOFF	End-to-end, Modbus/RTU
	Number of kbytes free	Number of buffers free
00 _{hex}	4	3
01 _{hex}	< 3	2
02 _{hex}	< 2	1
03 _{hex}	< 1	0

15.2 “Transmit characters” command

The transmit data located in the process data is stored in the transmit memory. From there the data is transmitted directly via the interface.

A maximum of 17 characters can be entered.

Specify the number of characters to be transmitted in the third byte.

If there are characters in the intermediate buffer, these are transmitted first via the selected RS interface.

After the command has been executed successfully, the intermediate buffer is cleared.

Process data assignment for the “Transmit characters” command with 17 characters (Z1 - Z17)

Word	0		1		2		...	9	
Byte	0	1	2	3	4	5	...	18	19
OUT	10 _{hex}	xx	17 _{dez}	Z1	Z2	Z3	...	Z16	Z17
IN	10 _{hex}	Status bits	xx	xx	xx	xx	...	xx	xx

Reasons for an error bit set:

- Byte 2 (number of characters to be transmitted)
= 0 or > maximum user data length (17 characters)
- Interface type “Deactivated”
- Data exchange via PDI

15.3 "Store characters temporarily" command

If more than 17 characters are to be transmitted, the transmit data located in the process data is stored in an intermediate buffer which can store up to 340 characters. No characters are transmitted. The “Transmit characters” command is used to transmit temporarily stored data. In this way, blocks of up to 340 characters can be transmitted without a break. They are divided over 20 telegrams with 17 characters each, for example.

Process data assignment for the “Store characters temporarily” command with 17 characters (Z1 - Z17)

Word	0		1		2		...	9	
Byte	0	1	2	3	4	5	...	18	19
OUT	20 _{hex}	xx	17 _{dez}	Z1	Z2	Z3	...	Z16	Z17
IN	20 _{hex}	Status bits	xx	xx	xx	xx	...	xx	xx

Reasons for an error bit set:

- Byte 2 (number of characters to be transmitted)
= 0 or > maximum user data length (17 characters)
- Not enough space in the intermediate buffer

15.4 "Read characters" command

A maximum of 17 characters can be read.

For block-oriented protocols (end-to-end, Modbus/RTU), the received telegram may be longer than the user data length. In order to indicate that there is more data to be retrieved from the telegram after reading, bit 7 is set in the third receive byte (byte 2).

Process data assignment for the "Read characters" command with 17 characters (Z1 - Z17)

Word	0		1		2		...	9	
Byte	0	1	2	3	4	5	...	18	19
OUT	30 _{hex}	xx	xx	xx	xx	xx	...	xx	xx
IN	30 _{hex}	Status bits	11 _{hex}	Z1	Z2	Z3	...	Z16	Z17

Bit 7 in the third input byte (byte 2)

Byte 2, bit 7	Effect	Protocol
0	The characters read are the last ones in the block received.	e.g., end-to-end
1	There are still more characters to be read from the block received.	e.g., end-to-end

Reasons for an error bit set:

- Interface type "Deactivated"
- Data exchange via PDI

15.5 "Read counters" command

This command can be used to read several counters. The counters are used for interface diagnostics.

Process data assignment for the "Read counters" command

Word	0		1		2		3		4		5		6	
Byte	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
OUT	3E _{hex}	00 _{hex}	xx	xx	xx	xx	xx	xx	xx	xx	xx	xx	xx	xx
IN	3E _{hex}	Status bits	Number of valid characters received		Number of invalid characters received (parity, overrun or framing errors)		Number of characters transmitted		Reserved					

16 Parameter, diagnostics and information (PDI)

16.1 PDI objects

The module has PDI objects. They are used to map parameters, diagnostic data, and information about the module. The PDI objects can be read and/or written acyclically.

In IndraWorks, these parameters are displayed in the configurator.

You can find out how to access the PDI objects in the documentation for the bus coupler or the controller used.

The PDI objects created in the module are described in the following sections.

For an explanation of the data types, please refer to the application description for the S20 system, material number R911335988.

The following applies to all tables below:

Abbreviation	Meaning
Length in bytes	Maximum length of the elements in bytes
R	Read
W	Write
[x]	Number of elements in an array or record



Each visible string is terminated with a null terminator (00_{hex}). The length of a visible-string-type element is therefore at least one byte larger than the number of user data items.

If the number of user data items plus null terminator is smaller than the specified length of the element, the visible string will be populated with a null character (00_{hex}).



For detailed information on PDI objects, please refer to the application description for the S20 system, material number R911335988.

16.2 Retentive storage

S20 modules can have retentively (non-volatily) and volatily stored parameters.

Retentively stored parameters retain their values even after the module voltage is reset.

For writeable parameters, the following tables indicate whether they are stored retentively or volatily.

A write operation to the module memory is only triggered if the value of at least one retentive parameter has been changed.

Due to the storage technology used, parameters that are stored retentively only allow a certain number of write access operations (typ. 100,000 to 1,000,000 times). **They are not suitable for being changed cyclically.**

NOTICE Damage to the Flash memory during cyclic write access

The flash memory is only designed for a limited number of write access operations.

- Make sure that write access operations are not performed too often and, in particular, are not performed cyclically.
- Note this behavior when programming function blocks.
- For systems with initial parameterization (e.g., PROFINET), avoid parameterization from the application program.

17 Standard objects

17.1 Objects for identification (device rating plate)



You can only access these objects via subindex 00, i.e., you access the entire object in each case.

If an object contains several elements, the content is listed in the table in a structured way, e.g. hardware version divided into date and version.

Index (hex)	Object name	Data type	Length in bytes	Rights	Meaning	Contents
Manufacturer						
0001	VendorName	Visible String	17	R	Vendor name	Bosch Rexroth AG
0002	VendorID	Visible String	7	R	Vendor ID	006034
0012	VendorURL	Visible String	28	R	Vendor URL	http://www.boschrexroth.com
Module - general						
0004	DeviceFamily	Visible String	20	R	Device family	I/O function module
0006	ProductFamily	Visible String	4	R	Product family	S20
000E	CommProfile	Visible String	4	R	Communication profile	633
000F	DeviceProfile	Visible String	5	R	Device profile	0010
0011	ProfileVersion	Record [2] of Visible Strings	31	R	Profile version	2011-12-07; Basis - Profil V2.0
0017	Language	Record [2] of Visible Strings	14	R	Language	en-us; English
Module - special						
0005	Capabilities	Visible String	8	R	Capabilities	Energ_0
0007	ProductName	Visible String	11	R	Product name	S20-RS-UNI
0008	SerialNo	Visible String	16	R	Serial number	xx xx xx xx xx xx xx x (e. g., 7602012346BC125)
0009	ProductText	Visible String	24	R	Product text	1 communication channel
000A	OrderNumber	Visible String	11	R	Item No.	R911173343
000B	HardwareVersion	Record [2] of Visible Strings	15	R	Hardware version	e.g., 2020-04-26; AA1
000C	FirmwareVersion	Record [2] of Visible Strings	17	R	Firmware version	e. g., 2010-06-21; V1.10
000D	PChVersion	Record [2] of Visible Strings	17	R	PDI version	2010-01-08; V1.00
0037	DeviceType	Octet string	8	R	Device type	0000 0814 0000 00C0 _{hex}
003A	VersionCount	Array [4] of UINT16	8	R	Version counter	e. g., 0007 0001 0001 0001 _{hex}
Use of the device						
These parameters are stored retentively. They are retained when the voltage is reset.						
0014	Location	Visible String	58	R/W	Location	Can be completed by the user.
0015	EquipmentIdent	Visible String	58	R/W	Equipment identifier	Can be completed by the user.
0016	ApplDeviceAddr	UINT16	2	R/W	Application-specific device address	Can be completed by the user.

17.2 Miscellaneous standard objects

Index (hex)	Object name	Data type	Length in bytes	Rights	Meaning/contents	Retentive storage	
Diagnostics objects							
0018	DiagState	Record [6]	21	R	Diagnostic state		*
0019	ResetDiag	UINT8	1	R/W	Handling diagnostic messages	No	*
Objects for process data management							
0025	PDIN	Octet string	20	R	Input process data The structure corresponds to the representation in the "Process data" section.		
0026	PDOUT	Octet string	20	R	OUT process data The structure corresponds to the representation in the "Process data" section.		

The objects identified with * in the last column are described in more detail in the following sections.

The description of the other objects is to be found in the application description for the S20 system, material number R911335988.

17.3 Diagnostics state (0018_{hex}: DiagState)

This object is used for a structured message of an error.

Read off all information via subindex 00 to receive all information on an error number. Access to individual elements of the object is not permitted.

0018 _{hex} : Diagnostics state (read)					
Subindex/ element	Data type	Length in bytes	Meaning	Contents	
0	Record [6]	21	Diagnostic state	Complete diagnostics information	
1	UINT16	2	Error number	0 ... 65535 _{dec}	
2	UINT8	1	Priority	00 _{hex}	No error
				01 _{hex}	Error
				02 _{hex}	Warning
				81 _{hex}	Error removed
				82 _{hex}	Warning eliminated
3	UINT8	1	Channel/group/module	00 _{hex}	No error
				01 _{hex}	Channel 1
				FF _{hex}	Entire device
4	UINT16	2	Error code	See table below	
5	UINT8	1	Additional information	00 _{hex}	
6	Visible String	14	Text	See table below	



The message with priority 81_{hex} or 82_{hex} is a one-off, internal message to the bus coupler. The bus coupler transfers this error message to the error mechanisms of the higher-level system.



Once the cause of the fault has been removed, the message is automatically reset.

Error and status of the local diagnostics and status indicators

Element	2	3	4	6	LED			
Error	Priority	Channel/ group/ module	Error code	Text				
	hex	hex	hex		D	UI	E1	E2
No error	00	00	0000	Status OK	●	●	○	○
Receive buffer full	02	01	7610	Rx-Buf full	●	●	○	●
Transmit buffer full	02	01	7611	Tx-Buf full	●	●	○	●
Faulty supply voltage	01	FF	5160	Supply fail	✱	○	●	●
Device error	01	FF	6301	CS FLASH	✱	●	○	●

○ Off
● On

● Green on
✱ Flashing green/
yellow

17.4 Handling diagnostic messages (0019_{hex}: ResetDiag)

You can use this object to specify how the module should handle diagnostic messages.

0019 _{hex} : Handling diagnostic messages (read, write)				
Subindex	Data type	Length in bytes	Code (hex)	Meaning
0	UINT8	1	00	Permit all diagnostic messages (default)
			02	Delete all diagnostic messages that are still pending
			06	Delete all diagnostic messages and do not permit new ones
			Other	Reserved

18 Application objects

Index (hex)	Object name	Data type	Length in bytes	Rights	Meaning/contents	Retentive storage
0080	ParaTable	Octet string	1	R/W	Parameter table	Yes
0081	SerialData	Var	0 ... 245	R/W	Serial data	No
0095	EventCounter	Octet string	12	R	Event counter	

18.1 Parameter table (0080_{hex}: ParaTable)

Parameterize the module using this object.

In the case of valid parameters, the parameterization is stored retentively in the module.

After a reset, the module operates with the last retentively stored data. In the delivery state, the module works with the default data (default setting).

0080 _{hex} : Parameter table (read, write)		
Subindex	Data type	Length in bytes
0	Octet string	16

Byte	Meaning	Default value
0	Interface type, protocol	30 _{hex}
1	Baud rate, data width	72 _{hex}
2	1st delimiter	0D _{hex}
3	2nd delimiter	0A _{hex}
4	Error pattern	24 _{hex}
5 ... 7	Uni1 ... Uni3	00 00 00 _{hex}
8	Reserved	00 _{hex}
9	Data exchange	00 _{hex}
10	Tv	00 _{hex}
11	Tn	00 _{hex}
12 ... 15	Reserved	00 00 00 00 _{hex}

Element value range



The options in bold are default settings.

Byte 0 (T/P: interface type/protocol)

7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
res.	DTR	Interface type		Protocol			

DTR: DTR control	
Code (bin)	Meaning
0	Automatic
1	Can be controlled via process data

DTR control is only significant for interface type RS-232.

For automatic control, the following applies in the transparent protocol and in the XON/XOFF protocol:

DTR = logic 0	There are a maximum of 15 characters free in the receive buffer.
DTR = logic 1	There are more than 15 characters free in the receive buffer.

For control via process data, the DTR signal can be controlled directly with bit 7 (DTR).

Interface type	
Code (bin)	Meaning
00	RS-232
01	RS-485
10	RS-422
11	Disabled



Select an RS-xxx interface type. With the "Deactivated" default setting, no data is transmitted or received. When using the default setting, an error message is generated and the error bit is set.

Protocol	
Code (hex)	Meaning
0	Transparent
1	End-to-end
2	XON/XOFF
3	Modbus/RTU
Other	Reserved

Byte 1 (baud rate/data width)

Baud rate	
Code (hex)	Value (bps)
0	110
1	300
2	600
3	1200
4	1800
5	2400
6	4800
7	9600
8	15625
9	19200
A	38400
B	57600
C	115200
D	230400
E	250000
F	Direct (Uni1 ... 3)



The specified baud rates of 110 bps to 250000 bps are sufficient for most applications. However, you can freely choose the baud rate by direct programming. For this, use the 0F_{hex} baud rate code.

Data width			
Code (hex)	Meaning		
	Data bits	Parity	Stop bits
0	7	Even	1
1	7	Odd	1
2	8	Even	1
3	8	Odd	1
4	8	Without	1
5	7	Without	1
6	7	Even	2
7	7	Odd	2
8	8	Even	2
9	8	Odd	2
A	8	Without	2
B	7	Without	2
C	8	Constantly at 0	1
D	8	Constantly at 1	1
E	6	without	1
F	Direct (Uni1)		



The specified combinations of data width, parity and stop bits are adequate for most applications. However, you can freely choose the combination by direct programming. For this, use the 0F_{hex} data width code.

Byte 2 and 3 (1st del, 2nd del: 1st and 2nd delimiters)

The 1st and 2nd delimiters contain the end delimiters for the end-to-end protocol.

When selecting the end-to-end protocol, the two delimiters can be adjusted.

Default settings:

Delimiter	Default value	ASCII character
1st del	0D _{hex}	CR = Carriage return
2nd del	0A _{hex}	LF = line feed

Byte 4 (ErrP: error pattern)

The error pattern contains the character that is written to the FIFO if a character was received with errors (e.g., in the event of a parity error).

The error pattern is used for the following protocols:

- Transparent
- End-to-end
- XON/XOFF

Error pattern	
Code (hex)	Meaning
24	\$
xx	Any character
00	If a character is received with an error, no error pattern is stored.
FF	The invalid character is stored instead of the error pattern.

Byte 5 ... 7 (Uni1 ... Uni3: universal byte 1 ... 3)

These bytes can be used as universal bytes for direct specification of the baud rate or the data width.

Byte 5								Byte 6		Byte 7			
7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	7	...	0	7	...	0
Data width								Baud rate					

Direct specification of the data width

If the provided combinations of data width, parity and stop bits are inadequate, they can be directly specified. Use the Uni1 byte. Bit 1 and bit 0 are reserved.

7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
'Direct' parity mode	Direct parity on/off		Direct stop bits	Direct data bits		res.	res.

'Direct' parity mode	
Code (bin)	Meaning
00	Odd
01	Even
10	Forced to 1
11	Forced to 0

Direct parity on/off	
Code (bin)	Meaning
0	Do not report error to the controller
1	Report error to the controller

Stop bits	
Code (bin)	Meaning
0	1 stop bit
1	2 stop bits

Data bits	
Code (bin)	Meaning
00	5 bits
01	6 bits
10	7 bits
11	8 bits

Direct specification of baud rate

If the provided baud rates do not correspond to the desired baud rate, the baud rate can be directly specified. For this, write the desired baud rate on the Uni1 to Uni3 fields in the form of a numeric value. Transfer is right-aligned. However, only the 2 lower bits of Uni1 are permitted.

The maximum value is 18 bits. The maximum value = 3FFFF_{hex}, which corresponds to 262143 bps.

Example for direct specification of the baud rate:

- Baud rate: 100000 bps
- 100000_{dez} = 01 86 A0_{hex}

Byte	Meaning	Assignment
0	Interface type, protocol	xx _{hex}
1	Baud rate, data width	Fx _{hex}
2	1st delimiter	00 _{hex}
3	2nd delimiter	00 _{hex}
4	Error pattern	xx _{hex}
5 ... 7	Uni1 ... Uni3	01 86 A0 _{hex}
8	Reserved	00 _{hex}
9	Data exchange	00 _{hex}
10	Tv	xx _{hex}
11	Tn	xx _{hex}
12 ... 15	Reserved	00 00 00 00 _{hex}

Byte 9 (data exchange)

Here you can control the path used to exchange data with the selected interface.

Data exchange	
Code (hex)	Meaning
00 _{hex}	Data exchange via process data
01 _{hex}	Data exchange via PDI

Data exchange via process data	340 bytes per buffer A maximum of 17 characters can be transmitted together using the "Transmit characters" command. If you want to transmit more characters, use the "Store characters temporarily" command.
Data exchange via PDI	245 bytes per buffer

Byte 10 and 11 (Tv, Tn: lead time, lag time)

These two times are used for the RS-232 protocol

Tv Lead time

Tn Lag time

The times are specified with a resolution of 1 ms. This allows for waiting times of 0 ms ... 255 ms.

When transmitting data via RS-232 the RTS signal is set. If Tv does not equal 0, transmission only starts after this time has elapsed. After all the data is sent and Tn does not equal 0, the RTS signal is only set to LOW after this time has elapsed.

18.2 Serial data (0081_{hex}: SerialData)

If you have parameterized data exchange via PDI, this object can be used to read and write the serial data.

0081 _{hex} : SerialData (read, write)			
Subindex	Data type	Length in bytes	Contents
0	Var	0 ... 245	Serial data

On write access, the user data of this service is transmitted directly via the interface.

On read access, the user data corresponds to the received characters.

The maximum user data length is 245 bytes.

In the case of the Modbus/RTU protocol, on write access after transmitting the user data, two bytes are appended for a checksum determined by the module.

On read access, the checksum is no longer present when the user data is received.

Error	Error class (hex)	Error code (hex)	Additional code (hex)
"Data exchange" parameter = 00 _{hex} (via process data)	8	0	0022
"Interface" parameter = 3 _{hex} (deactivated)	8	0	0122
On write access, there is not enough space in the transmit memory	8	0	0222
On read/write access, the previous read/write access has not yet been completed	8	0	0322
On write access, the length is equal to 0 or greater than 245	6	5	0000

18.3 Event counter (0095_{hex}: EventCounter)

You can read multiple counters which are used for interface diagnostics with this object.

0095 _{hex} : EventCounter (read)		
Subindex	Data type	Length in bytes
0	Octet string	12

Word	Meaning
1	Number of valid characters received
2	Number of invalid characters received (parity, overrun or framing errors)
3	Number of characters transmitted
4 ... 6	Reserved

19 Device descriptions

The device is described in the device description files. These files are available for download at www.boschrexroth.com/electrics in the download area of the bus coupler used.