M-Bus Master MultiPort 250D
Installation and User Guide

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1 Introduction

M-Bus is a bus system, which is specially suited for reading of water, heat, cooling, gas and electricity consumption meters. An M-Bus system consists of an M-Bus Master and a number of meters with M-Bus interface. A network can include different meter types and brands. The cable type used will typically be twisted pair copper.

The connected meters are read either directly by the master with data appearing on the master’s display, or by a reading program which is connected to one of the master’s communication ports.

The master powers the M-Bus slave modules in the meters. Battery supplied meters thereby achieve a longer battery lifetime.

The maximum size of an M-Bus network using Kamstrup M-Bus Master MultiPort 250D is 250 meters. If a number of masters are configured as repeaters and coupled in cascade and only secondary addressing is used, a total of 1,250 meters can be connected, and the total cable length can be up to approx. 14 km.

If primary addressing is used, up to 250 meters can be connected.

Communication in the M-Bus network is asynchronous serial bit transmission in half duplex, which means that it is only possible to communicate in one direction at a time.

Communication speed can be 300, 2400 or 9600 Baud.

It is not necessary to connect a PC to the master during installation, maintenance and troubleshooting in the M-Bus network as the master itself includes the functions needed. Operation is carried out via display and front keys.

M-Bus is standardized according to EN 13757-2 and EN 13757-3.

1.1 Design

M-Bus Master MultiPort 250D is built into a solid cabinet, which complies with protection class IP 67.

The front consists of a backlit LCD, 6 keys, 4 status LEDs and an optical eye.

The power supply is a switch mode type which enables you to connect the master to a power supply between 100 and 240 Volt. The frequency must be 50-60 Hz.
2 Functionality

Kamstrup M-Bus Master MultiPort 250D is an M-Bus master designed for the connection of up to 250 meters with M-Bus interface. The cable length of a master can be up to 2800 m depending on cable type.

The master supports primary, secondary and enhanced secondary addressing. Enhanced secondary addressing is supported when the Master is used as level converter, not when reading via the display.

All inputs are galvanically separated from the M-Bus network.

Designing the master it has been considered important that installation and analysis work can be effected direct from the master without having to connect a PC with dedicated software.

Configured as master, MultiPort 250D is operated via its display and the six front keys.

The display has been designed with a user-friendly menu structure, which makes it simple to perform scanning, reading and analysis of the M-Bus network. Furthermore, the display currently provides information on network status such as current communication and number of connected meters (Unit Loads).

Configured as level converter one or several of the integrated communication ports are connected to a reading system, a control unit or similar. Communication is controlled from the connected units.

MultiPort 250D can be accessed from all available communication ports. The integral port controller prevents collision in case of simultaneous communication through more than one port.

When the port controller detects communication on one port, communication on other ports becomes impossible. When communication on one port is finished, all ports are open to communication.

The Repeater function makes it possible to extend the size of the M-Bus network both as to number of meters and total cable length. If one master and four repeaters are installed in a network, the total cable length can be extended to approx. 14 km and up to 1250 meters can be connected.
The master’s module area provides extra communication options, e.g. GSM/GPRS, and also prepares the master for additional future functionalities.

The integrated web server enables remote operation of the master as to configuration, scanning and reading via RS-232, RS-485 and USB.

Operation via keys and communication through the optical eye can be protected by a PIN code.

Four light emitting diodes indicate the status of mains supply, data communication as well as possible overload and short-circuit of the M-Bus network.

Kamstrup M-Bus Master MultiPort 250D has been designed for installation indoors. The protection class can be up to IP 67.
2.1 Overview of functions

- Usable as master, repeater and level converter
- Backlit 128 x 64 pixels LCD
- Reading via display of both Kamstrup meters and foreign brands
- Supports primary, secondary and enhanced secondary addressing
- Collision detection with break signal
- Up to 250 slaves per master
- Integrated repeater function
- Up to four repeaters in a system = a total of 1250 meters
- Up to 14 km cable length
- 300, 2400, and 9600 baud communication speed
- Byte recovery
- Echo suppression
- Transient protection
- Integrated USB, RS-232, RS-485 and optical eye with automatic port controller
- Module area for e.g. GSM/GPRS module
- All ports are transparent and galvanically separated from the M-Bus network
- Integrated web server for remote configuration, analysis and reading
- PIN code protection of keyboard and optical eye
- Event loggers for M-Bus master and M-Bus network
- Cable connection via 9 PG cable glands
- Local and remote update of firmware for future functionality
- Up to IP 67 protection class.
3 Connections

All connections in MultiPort 250D are screw terminals with max. cable size of 2 mm². The protection class of M-Bus Master MultiPort 250D can be up to IP 67. IP 67 means full dust protection as well as water tightness for minimum 30 minutes down to 1 metre.

In order to obtain the highest IP protection the cables used must be correctly mounted through the master’s unions.
### 3.1 Overview of connections

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<td>White/2</td>
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<td>Transmit/Receive inverted</td>
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<td>25</td>
<td>L2</td>
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<td>M-Bus output from master to meters</td>
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3.2 Power supply
The power supply of M-Bus Master MultiPort 250D is the switch mode type which requires voltage between 100 V and 240 V. The frequency can be 50 Hz or 60 Hz.
The mains cable is connected to the master through the associated gland. The diameter must be between 4 and 8 mm. The master is supplied without mains cable and we recommend a fixed installation, i.e. without using a mains plug as this would reduce reliability of operation.

3.3 USB
M-Bus Master MultiPort 250D’s USB-connection can be used for M-Bus communication on an equal basis with the other serial connections.
The following communication speeds can be used for M-Bus communication:
- 300 Baud 8E1
- 2400 Baud 8E1
- 9600 Baud 8E1

USB version 2.0, which allows up to 5 m cable length, is used. In connection with other USB versions than 2.0 the maximum cable length recommended is 3 m.
The master’s integrated port controller makes sure that communication is only possible on one serial port at a time.
The master is available with a factory-mounted 145 cm cable fitted with a USB connector type A.

To be able to communicate with M-Bus Master MultiPort 250D via USB the corresponding USB driver must be installed on the computer used for reading.
The program is available on Kamstrup’s home page.
When selecting Run, the installation program starts automatically. When the program is retrieved, it is saved under C:\Kamstrup\M-Bus Master 250D.
Select as shown below in order to install the program.
3.4 RS-232

M-Bus Master MultiPort 250D’s RS-232-connection can be used for M-Bus communication on an equal basis with the other serial connections.

The following communication speeds can be used for M-Bus communication:

- 300 Baud 8E1
- 2400 Baud 8E1
- 9600 Baud 8E1

Maximum recommended cable length is 15 m.

The master’s integrated port controller makes sure that communication is only possible on one serial port at a time. The master is available with a factory-mounted 145 cm RS-232 cable fitted with a DB9F female connector.
3.5 **RS-485**

M-Bus Master MultiPort 250D’s RS-485-connection can be used for M-Bus communication on an equal basis with the other serial connections.

The following communication speeds can be used for M-Bus communication:

- 300 Baud 8E1
- 2400 Baud 8E1
- 9600 Baud 8E1

Maximum recommended cable length is 1,200 m.

The master’s integrated port controller makes sure that communication is only possible on one serial port at a time.

3.6 **Optical eye**

M-Bus Master MultiPort 250D’s optical eye can be used for M-Bus communication on an equal basis with the other serial connections.

The following communication speeds can be used for M-Bus communication:

- 300 Baud 8E1
- 2400 Baud 8E1
- 9600 Baud 8E1

The master’s integrated port controller makes sure that communication is only possible on one serial port at a time.

3.7 **M-Bus Output**

All meters in an M-Bus network are connected to M-Bus Output terminals 24 and 25. The master includes four sets of connections coupled in parallel.

3.7.1 **Current and voltage**

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<tr>
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<th>Value</th>
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<tr>
<td>Bus mark/space</td>
<td>41 V DC/28 V DC</td>
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<td>Detection level, communication</td>
<td>7 mA</td>
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<td>Detection level, collision</td>
<td>25 mA</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Max. normal operating current</td>
<td>375 mA</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Warning level, operating current</td>
<td>377 mA - Overload LED flashes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Overload level, operating current</td>
<td>500 mA - Overload LED is constantly illuminated</td>
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3.8 M-Bus Repeater Input
Kamstrup M-Bus Master MultiPort 250D can be used as both master and repeater.
Used as master, up to 250 meters can be connected in an M-Bus system.
The Repeater function makes it possible to extend the size of the M-Bus network both as to number of meters and total cable length. If one master and four repeaters are installed in a network, the total cable length can be extended to approx. 14 km, and up to 1250 meters can be connected.
The master is configured as repeater by placing the jumper on the connector marked Repeater. Using an M-Bus Master MultiPort 250D as a repeater the M-Bus network in front of the repeater is connected to “M-Bus Repeater In” on terminals 53 and 54. The following meters are connected to M-Bus Out on terminals 24 and 25.
250D configured as repeater

Main menu, when 250D is configured as repeater

If the repeater is not connected to a master or repeater via terminals 53 and 54, the symbol shown in the top right-hand corner is displayed.

Note: The power supply MUST be switched off during reconfiguration between master and repeater.

The master’s display shows that it is configured as a repeater.

When the master is configured as a repeater, only the menu points which can be used with this configuration are displayed.

4 Cabling

Typically unshielded twisted pair cable up to approx. 1.5 mm² is used. The cabling topology is typically star or bus or a combination of both. The connection in M-Bus is independent of polarity and no termination resistance at the end of the cabling is needed.

If a cable type with shield is used, it is important that the two M-Bus conductors are not connected to ground or shield.

No precise indication as to maximum cable length in an M-Bus network can be given as it depends on various parameters. The two most important parameters to consider when selecting cable for an M-Bus installation are cable resistance and cable capacity. Generally speaking the resistance limits the number of M-Bus slaves, and the capacity limits the communication speed.

Furthermore, we recommend keeping a certain distance between M-Bus cables and other cables in order to minimize noise from high-power electric machinery.

4.1 Special features of M-Bus Master MultiPort 250D

M-Bus Master MultiPort 250D has been designed with the newest cable driver technology, and is, therefore, rather insensitive to the capacity of the M-Bus network.

Thus, designing an M-Bus network to be used together with M-Bus Master MultiPort 250D the limiting factor as to possible cable length will primarily be the cable resistance in the network.
4.2 Electrical conditions in an M-Bus network

According to EN 13757-2, the maximum output voltage from an M-Bus Master must not exceed 42 V. The output voltage from M-Bus Master MultiPort 250D is 41 V.

- If the voltage measured over terminals 24-25 is 24 V or more at the most distant meter, there is a high degree of certainty that all meters can be read
- If the voltage is between 20 and 24 V, it will probably be possible to read all meters
- If the voltage is between 18 and 20 V, the meter may be read
- If the voltage is below 18 V it is most likely that the meter cannot be read

There must be no communication on the M-Bus network when the above measurement is made.

4.2.1 M-Bus modules

Each M-Bus module loads the M-Bus network too. According to the standard, an M-Bus module should load the network with 1 unit load (UL) corresponding to 1.5 mA. Some modules, however, load with up to 4 UL.

Capacitively the load of an M-Bus module is 0.5 – 1 nF.

The number of connected M-Bus slaves is shown on the display of M-Bus Master 250D. Please note that it is not possible to show the exact number of connected slaves. This is due to tolerances in the slaves.

4.3 Installation parameters

The following parameters are essential to the possible cable length of an M-Bus network.

4.3.1 Cable

The cable resistance and capacity must be as low as possible. The thicker the cable, the lower the resistance. The thicker the cable, the higher the capacity.

An M-Bus cable must minimum be able to handle 50 V and 500 mA.

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Diameter (mm ø)</th>
<th>Cross section (mm²)</th>
<th>Resistance in Ohm per 1,000 metres</th>
<th>Length in metres per Ohm</th>
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<tr>
<td>0.5</td>
<td>0.20</td>
<td>90</td>
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<td>0.65</td>
<td>0.33</td>
<td>53</td>
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<td>1.00</td>
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<td>1.6</td>
<td>2.0</td>
<td>8.7</td>
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Examples of resistance in copper cable

Please note that the resistance in copper depends on its purity. The purer the copper, the lower its resistance.
Examples of cable types

In big networks using secondary addressing worst case load must be considered as 250 slaves of 1 UL (Unit Load) each can draw 5.4 A, which thin cables will not be able to withstand.

Please note that resistance can be stated in two different ways in cable specifications; i.e. as cable resistance or as loop resistance.

Loop resistance is the total resistance measured through the two conductors. Cable resistance is the resistance through one conductor. Therefore, loop resistance is always twice the cable resistance.

4.3.2 Cable topology

An M-Bus network normally uses bus or star topology, or a combination of both.

The advantage of bus topology is shorter wires. The disadvantage is that a cable interrupt will mean that all the following meters can no longer be read.

The advantage of star topology is the fact that all the other meters can still be read after a cable interrupt. The disadvantage is a large consumption of cable with a high leading load, which reduces the maximum cable length and makes a reduction of communication speed necessary respectively.

Bus topology offers two solutions, one looping the cable through each meter. This solution presupposes that there is room for two cables and that the connection terminals are prepared for the connection of two sets of cables. All connections are thereby typically made inside the meter.

Using bus topology with each individual meter connected to the bus, a number of connections must be established on the bus itself.
Bus topology with cable looped through meters

Bus topology with each individual meter connected to the bus

Star topology connecting each individual meter direct to the M-Bus Master
Example of the construction of a large M-Bus network.

Dividing the connected meters into several separate cable networks and connecting those individually to the Master will simplify troubleshooting.
### 4.3.3 Examples of network sizes

The below-mentioned tables show examples of possible network sizes with different cable configurations. Each connected repeater increases the possible cable length by the below-mentioned lengths.

#### Cable type 0.34 mm² (56 Ohm/110 nF)

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<th>10</th>
<th>50</th>
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<td>300 Baud</td>
<td>10,000 m</td>
<td>2,000 m</td>
<td>700 m</td>
<td>400 m</td>
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<td>2400 Baud</td>
<td>4,000 m</td>
<td>2,000 m</td>
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Possible cable lengths with meters evenly distributed in the cable network

#### Cable type 1.5 mm² (12 Ohm/110 nF)

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5 M-Bus Addressing

Primary, secondary and enhanced secondary addressing are supported. The master’s integrated collision detector enables wild card search for meters in connection with secondary and enhanced secondary addressing. Using wild card search one or several of the digits of the meter’s address are replaced by wild cards when searching for meters.

5.1 Primary addressing (001-250)
Each meter must have a unique primary address between 001 and 250. If more than one meter have the same address, a collision will occur and the meters cannot be read.
Kamstrup M-Bus modules automatically use the last 2-3 digits of the customer number as their primary address.

5.2 Secondary addressing (00000001-99999999)
Secondary addressing uses the last 8 digits of the meter number as M-Bus ID.
Kamstrup MULTICAL® meters use the customer number as their secondary address, which makes it possible to change the secondary address.

5.3 Enhanced secondary addressing (00000001-99999999)/(00000001-99999999)
The meter’s serial number is used for enhanced secondary addressing. A meter’s serial number is unique and cannot be changed after production.

6 M-Bus communication

M-Bus communication is half duplex allowing two-way communication with one M-Bus slave at a time.
The master’s integrated port controller makes sure that communication is only possible on one serial port at a time.

6.1 Communication speed
M-Bus Master MultiPort 250D supports the following communication speeds:

- 300 Baud 8E1
- 2400 Baud 8E1
- 9600 Baud 8E1 (not via GPRS)
6.2 Transparent reading
MultiPort 250D is equipped with the following communication possibilities for reading from e.g. remote reading systems, control systems and various controllers with M-Bus interface:

- USB
- RS-232
- RS-485
- Optical eye
- GSM/GPRS (optional equipment)

Communication through the above-mentioned ports is transparent and includes collision detection.

7 Operation of M-Bus Master MultiPort 250D
The master can be operated by means of its display and six keys.
7.1 Keys
According to the display structure the left and right function keys are soft keys, i.e. their function depends on the displayed menu point.

The six keys have the following functions:

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<td>Typically page down or go left.</td>
<td>Typically page up when viewing a list, shortcut when shortcut corner is shown, or go right when e.g. entering a value or setting date and time.</td>
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Down
Moves ▼ in the display downwards in the menu.

Up
Moves ▲ in the display upwards in the menu.

Back
Goes one level back (upwards) in the menu, or back to the previous screen if a shortcut key has been used.

OK
Starts the function which has been selected with the arrows keys, or saving a setting. Can also activate a function e.g. detailed view.

7.2 Light Emitting Diodes
The master has four light emitting diodes on its front plate.
7.2.1 Power
Green light emitting diode which is lit when the master is connected to supply power of 100-240 V, 50-60 Hz.

7.2.2 Request
Orange light emitting diode which flashes briefly when a command or a request from the master is transmitted to the M-Bus network.

7.2.3 Data
Orange light emitting diode which flashes when an M-Bus slave sends data to the master. The duration depends on the amount of data being sent.

7.2.4 Overload
Red light emitting diode which flashes when the load on the M-Bus network is between 375 and 500 mA. It is permanently lit when the load on the M-Bus network exceeds 500 mA. 375 mA corresponds to 250UL (M-Bus Unit Loads). At 500 mA M-Bus Master MultiPort 250D disconnects due to overload or short circuit condition.

7.3 Display
The resolution of the backlit display is 128x64 pixels. The master is operated by means of the display and the six keys. The four corners of the display are used for four different types of information.

Title
Displays the name of the menu, e.g. scan, or indicates whether the master is configured as master or as repeater.

Location
Shows where you are in a menu list, a meter list or a meter data list. Alternatively, it displays details of an ongoing function, e.g. secondary scanning at 2400 Baud.

Status
Indicates the status of the screen in question (refers to Title). For example it can indicate the number of slaves found during scanning.
Notifier
Displays information on a recent event. For instance it could be the number of a meter found during scanning.
Notifier can also be a shortcut key, e.g. a meter reading can be started using the right-hand function key.

7.4 Menu overview

The top menu shows time and date, the configuration of the master as master or repeater, and the number of unit loads, with which the meters load the master. Typically the load of one meter is 1 unit load.
If PIN code protection is on, a padlock is displayed.
The main menu shows the different menus available in the master.

7.5 Meter search by means of MultiPort 250D
Carrying out a meter search (scanning) by means of the master, you can choose primary or secondary scanning.
Available communication speeds are 300, 2400 or 9600 Baud, and scanning can be carried out at all three speeds.
It appears from the top of the master’s display whether scanning has been effected with primary or secondary addressing, and also the selected speed is displayed.
At the bottom of the display the number of meters found as well as the number of the last meter found is shown.
7.5.1 Primary scanning

Primary scanning scans for meters with M-Bus addresses between 001 and 250.

When performing an additional scanning, it is possible to keep the existing scanning list and add additionally found meters to the list.
7.5.2 Secondary scanning

Secondary scanning scans for meters with M-Bus addresses between 00000000 and 99999999. Wildcard search is indicated by one or several digits of the meter number being replaced by “F”.

**OBS:** During a secondary scanning, the Overload LED may flash if more than 20 meters reply to the master at the same time. This is quite normal during a secondary scanning.

When performing an additional scanning, it is possible to keep the existing scanning list and add additionally found meters to the list.
7.6 Meter reading by means of MultiPort 250D

Meter reading is effected either immediately after a scanning or from the menu Read Meter.

7.6.1 Meter reading after scanning

Scanning having been completed select Read Meter using the right function key to have the list of meters found displayed. Select the meter to be read using ▼ and ▶.

When the meter has been read the first data will appear in the display, which also indicates the total number of registers that can be read. The example to the left displays registers 1 to 5 of a total of 50 registers.

Pressing ▶ again reading data is displayed in detailed resolution.

Reading MULTICAL® meters both M-Bus specific and manufacturer specific data are displayed by the master. Among other things software version and module type are displayed.

From other meter types M-Bus specific data is displayed.

7.6.2 Meter reading from the menu Read Meter

M-Bus Master MultiPort 250D remembers the meters from the latest scanning. This means that it is not necessary to scan the whole M-Bus network every time a meter is to be read. You just select the meter to be read from the menu Read Meter and press ▶.
7.7 Settings of MultiPort 250D

A number of configurations can be set via the master’s display.

All settings will be remembered, even if the master is without supply voltage. Press ✓ to save the settings.

7.7.1 Date and time

Adjust time and date using the keys. The value is changed using ▲ and ▼ and the left and right function keys are used for switching between the individual values.

7.7.2 Contrast

The contrast of the display can be adjusted for optimum reading.

7.7.3 M-Bus

NKE Delay

NKE Delay sets the master’s delay after having sent a normalisation/initialisation to the meters in the network. An initialisation has the effect that all modules are reset and collect new data from the meters. Some module types require initialisation in order to be read. Other module types need a period of time after initialisation to prepare data for reading. NKE Delay is per default Off, which means that NKE is not sent from the master.
**Legacy Delay**
If the master is connected to old generations of Kamstrup M-Bus modules and secondary addressing is used, Legacy Delay shall be min. 15 sec.
Legacy Delay ensures that the modules are ready to reply to the master when an NKE command is sent from the master.
Above is valid for the following M-Bus modules:
- 6604 and 6607 modules for MULTICAL® III
- 6608 and 6609 modules MULTICAL® 66CDE
- 660S module for MULTICAL® Compact and MULTICAL® 401

**Timing Profile**
If no repeaters are connected to the master, the scanning speed can be set to Fast which improves the scanning speed during meter search.

**Timing Delay**

![Timing Detailed](image)

**Baud Change Delay**
Baud change delay sets how long the master must pause scanning when switching to another Baud rate in the menu Scan All Baud.
Baud Change Delay is per default 700 ms.

**Bus Collision Delay**
Bus Collision Delay sets how long the master must pause before continuing scanning after a collision between a number of M-Bus addresses.
Collision Delay is per default 700 ms.

**Bus Overload Delay**
Bus Overload Delay sets the delay of the internal scanner function after having detected an overload on the M-Bus outputs. This can e.g. be caused by too many connected meters or short-circuit in the cable network.
Overload Delay is per default 700 ms.
**General Delay**
General delay before all actions during M-Bus scanning.
General delay is per default 700 ms.

**7.8 Green Mode**
With the Green Mode function it is possible to switch off the power to all M-Bus slaves connected to the master. This reduces the electricity consumption of the M-Bus network by up to 15 Watt.
Power is automatically switched on again when communication is detected on one of the communication ports as well as when a front button is pressed.
If Green Mode is used in conjunction with a reading program, the program should be configured to send an initialization (SND_NKE) followed by a pause of one minute before reading is started with the M-Bus reading command (REQ_UD).

![Green Mode Bus-off Delay](image)

Green Mode Bus-off Delay sets the time the master waits to switch off the M-Bus power after last detected communication.
The Green Mode feature can be activated in masters with the serial number 48255589 or higher.

**7.9 Other settings**

**Backlight Mode**
Select whether the display should be permanently lit or only when the master is operated.

**Clock Appearance**
Select analog or digital display.
Optical Eye
The optical eye can be activated and deactivated. If not in use, and when the master is placed in very light surroundings, the optical eye ought to be deactivated in order not to disturb communication on the other communication ports.
The optical eye is deactivated per default.

7.10 PIN code
Keyboard and reading via the optical eye of M-Bus Master MultiPort 250D can be protected by a PIN code.
The value is changed using ▲ and ▼ and the left and right function keys are used for switching between the individual digits. Press ✓ in order to activate the PIN code.
A padlock is displayed when the PIN code function is active. If the padlock is open the master is unlocked, the padlock is closed when the master is locked.
The master is automatically locked approx. 30 minutes after end of use.
*Note: If the PIN code has been lost, the master can only be reset by a Kamstrup technician.*

7.11 Advanced
The menu area Advanced includes various functions for meter reading, network troubleshooting, display of operation and error loggers etc.
7.11.1 Reading a specific meter via the M-Bus address
Instead of scanning the whole network in order to read a single meter, the meter can be read by selecting its Baud rate, addressing form and M-Bus address via the function and arrow keys.

7.11.2 Reading a meter via secondary address
Instead of scanning the whole network in order to read a single meter, the meter can be read by selecting its M-Bus address. Address and Baud rate are selected using the function and arrow keys.

7.11.3 Display latest meter reading
Data of the latest meter reading can be displayed by the master without reading the meter again.
7.11.4 Network troubleshooting

If an M-Bus network includes one or more masters which have been configured as repeaters, troubleshooting can be simplified by reconfiguring a repeater to master. Thereby you can scan the network from the selected master without reading the meters mounted before the master.

Communication from the master can be effected using keys and display as well as RS-232, USB and optical eye.

When the troubleshooting has been finished the operator must reconfigure to repeater using the keys or restarting the master.

7.11.5 Information loggers

The M-Bus master has two loggers with information on previous events.

M-Bus logger

The M-Bus logger displays the latest scannings of the M-Bus network. Each event is time stamped by the master’s built-in real time clock.

System logger

The system logger shows events in the master. Each event is time stamped by the master’s built-in real time clock.
7.11.6 Factory settings

The master’s settings can be restored to the default values it had when it was produced. Please note that loggers are reset too.

7.11.7 Communication Test

Communication test is used for testing communication between the master and a meter. The test can be used with either primary or secondary addressing and one, more or all Baud rates. Setting is done via the function and arrow keys.

7.11.8 Bus Info

Bus Info shows information about the communication when the master is used as a repeater in transparent mode. M-Bus Tx and M-Bus Rx show the amount of data to and from the master. The shown values are reset if the master is operated by means of the keys. Noise-bytes show number of bytes received without any ongoing communication. Performed scanning will be counted as noise. Bus Restarts show how many times the master has restarted due to overload and short circuit conditions.
7.11.9 Restart master

If it is not possible to switch off the power supply, the master can be restarted by selecting the menu Reboot.

7.11.10 About M-Bus Master MultiPort 250D

The menu About displays the master’s serial number as well as the individual hardware and software unit revisions.

8 Web Server

MultiPort 250D has a built-in web server for remote control and configuration.

The following programs can be used as PC-program:

- Microsoft® Internet Explorer version 8
- Mozilla Firefox 3
- Google Chrome 5

To be able to communicate with the master an IP for COM port converter must also be installed. The program can be collected on Kamstrup’s homepages.

Communication can be effected via RS-232, RS-485 and USB.

The available options are described below.

8.1 IP->COM program

The program IP->COM Program¹ is downloaded from www.kamstrup.dk.

¹ The IP->COM Program is Freeware from Stephen Hill. Copyright © 2002. All Rights Reserved.
Select Downloads from the menu area Online Services. Then select Software for M-Bus Master MultiPort250D and next IP-COM program.

Save the program file on your PC. Start the installer program and follow the installation instructions on the screen. Start the program when the installation has been completed.
8.1.1 Configuration of IP->COM

Select the COM port, to which the master has been connected. Please note that a USB connection requires the selection of a COM port too. Select Configure.

Select 38400, 8, None, 1, None and click on Apply. Alternatively, 9600, 8, None, 1, None, can be selected if the cable is very long. Please note that the operation at 9600 is somewhat slower than at 38400.

In the menu TCP/IP Service, select Allow multiple connections and Allow only 1st connection to Tx. Support Telnet and Strip Line feeds must be empty. Port number is automatically filled in. Then select Enable.
When finished, Disable must be selected in order to release the COM port.

The selected COM port appears from Windows Device Manager.
If you want to change the selected COM port, double-click on it in Device Manager. Under Port settings select Advanced and change to the required COM port.
8.2 Main menu

In order to access M-Bus Master MultiPort 250D start the browser and enter the following, http://localhost:xxxx.
Replace xxxx by the Port Number of the program IP->COM. In the example 1022, of which 22 corresponds to the COM port, to which the master is connected.

Subsequently select the menu point you wish to apply.
8.3 Status menu
Displays various current status values for the master.
8.4 Settings
Setting of date, time, PIN code etc.
8.5 Remote control
The master can be remotely controlled via its web server.
8.6 Event loggers
Displays an overview of registered events.
8.7 Power statistics
Displays in an overview when the master has been switched on and off.
8.8 About M-Bus Master MultiPort 250D
Displays an overview of serial number, HW and SW versions.
9  **GSM/GPRS**

M-Bus Master MultiPort 250D can be extended by a Kamstrup GSM 6H modem, enabling the master to be remotely read via GSM or GPRS. Reading via GPRS, the maximum M-Bus communication speed is 2400 Baud.

GSM 6H is mounted in the upper module area and is connected to the master’s internal power supply as shown in the picture.

Electrical connection between the GSM 6H module and the M-Bus Master is established by means of a Jumper.

The external antenna must be connected as shown below and placed well away from the M-Bus master and the connected network wires.

**SMS command**

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<td>Return answer, error</td>
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**NOTE:** SMS commands must be sent in either capital or small letters. Capital and small letters must not be mixed in the same SMS command.

As remote reading system we recommend Kamstrup PcBase III and PcNet III.
10 Dimensioned drawings

All measurements in mm.

168 mm

184 mm

210 mm

80.5 mm

140.5 mm

64 mm

3 pcs. M16 ø4...8 mm

6 pcs. M12 ø3...6 mm
11 Technical data

**Electrical (M-Bus)**

Number of slaves per master 250 at 1 unit load per slave
Total number of slaves 1250 at 1 master and 4 repeaters
Cable length per master Up to approx. 2800 m, depending on cable type, cable topology and number of connected slaves
Total cable length Up to approx. 14 km at 1 master and 4 repeaters
Cable thickness Max. 2 mm²
Communication ports RS-232, RS-485, USB, optical eye
Communication speeds 300/2400/9600 baud
Data frame 1 start bit, 8 data bits, 1 parity bit (even), 1 stop bit
Addressing modes, transparent Primary/secondary/enhanced secondary
Addressing modes, direct reading Primary/secondary
Address range, primary 001-250
Address range, secondary 00000000-99999999
Address range, enhanced secondary 00000000-99999999/00000000-99999999
Bus mark/space 41 V DC/28 V DC
Detection level, communication 7 mA
Detection level, collision 25 mA
Max. normal operating current 375 mA
Warning level, operating current 377 mA
Overload level 500 mA

**Electrical (GSM 6H)**

Frequencies 900-1800 MHz phase II+
Transmitting power 900 MHz Class 4 2 W
Transmitting power 1,800 MHz Class 1 1 W
GPRS classes 8, B
Communication speeds GSM 300/2400/9600 baud
Communication speeds GPRS 300/2400 baud
Electrical (HTTP)
Communication ports
RS-232, RS-485, USB
Communication speed
9600/38400 baud
Data frame
1 start bit, 8 data bits, no parity bit, 1 stop bit

Electrical (in general)
Power supply
100-240 V 50/60 Hz
Power consumption
Max. 40 W

Mechanical
Operating temperature range
0…55 °C, non-condensing, installation indoors
Storage temperature range
20…+60 °C
Protection class
Up to IP 67, depending on cables
Dimensions
210 x 168 x 64 mm (H x W x D)
Weight
1 kg

Approvals and standards
Approvals
CE marking
Standards
EN 13757-2, EN 13757-3

12 Ordering numbers

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