

# User Manual

## 455U Radio Modem

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Thank you for your selection of the 455U radio modem. We trust it will give you many years of valuable service.

## **ATTENTION!**

Incorrect termination of supply wires may cause internal damage and will void warranty.

To ensure your 455U enjoys a long life,

**double check ALL your connections with**

**the user's manual**

before turning the power on.

### **Important Regulatory Information**

#### **FCC**

Part 15 – This device has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC rules (Code of Federal Regulations 47CFR Part 15). Operation is subject to the condition that this device does not cause harmful interference.

Part 90 – This device has been type accepted for operation by the FCC in accordance with Part 90 of the FCC rules (47CFR Part 90). See the label on the unit for the specific FCC ID and any other certification designations.

#### **Industry Canada**

RSS-119 - This device has been type accepted for operation by Industry Canada in accordance with RSS-119 of the Industry Canada rules. See the label on the unit for the specific Industry Canada certification number and any other certification designations.

#### **Notice**

Any changes or modifications not expressly approved by ELPRO Technologies P/L could void the user's authority to operate this equipment.

To operate this equipment legally the user must obtain a radio operating license from the government agency. This is done so the government can coordinate radio users in order to minimize interference.

## How to Use This Manual

To receive the maximum benefit from your 455U product, please read the **Introduction**, **Installation** and **Operation** chapters of this manual thoroughly before putting the 455U to work.

Chapter Four **Configuration** details the configurations available and explains the diverse operation of the product in detail.

Chapter Five **Specifications** details the features of the product and lists the standards to which the product is approved.

Chapter Six **Troubleshooting** will help if your system has problems and Chapter Seven specifies the **Warranty and Service** conditions.

The foldout sheet *455U Installation Guide* is an installation drawing appropriate for most applications.

## WARNING

1. To avoid the risk of electrocution, the antenna, antenna cable, and all terminals of the 455U module should be electrically protected. To provide maximum surge and lightning protection, the module should be connected to a suitable earth and the antenna, antenna cable, and the module should be installed as recommended in the Installation Guide.
2. To avoid accidents during maintenance or adjustment of remotely controlled equipment, all equipment should be first disconnected from the 455U module during these adjustments. Equipment should carry clear markings to indicate remote or automatic operation. eg. "This equipment is remotely controlled and may start without warning. Isolate at the switchboard before attempting adjustments."
3. The 455U module is not suitable for use in explosive environments without additional protection.
4. All antenna installation and servicing should be done by qualified personal only. When installing or working near the antenna it is important to ensure that the transmitter is not operating, **ensure the transmitter is disabled.**
5. The antenna can have very high RF radiating fields and must be installed so that under normal operating conditions that a person cannot approach within 2.3 metres (7.5 feet) of the antenna. See chapter 2 for antenna installation guidelines.

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# Chapter One

# INTRODUCTION

## 1.1

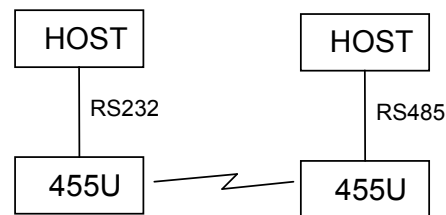
## General

The 455U radio modem module has been designed to provide flexible and reliable radio modem functions, at an economical price. *Radio modems* transmit serial data over a long distance via radio. The serial data is not changed - the output data is the same as the input data. Although the 455U is intended to be simple in its application, it also provides many sophisticated features. This manual should be read carefully to ensure that the modules are configured and installed to give reliable performance.

Each 455U module will connect to a host device by RS232 or RS485 serial connection. Examples of host devices are PLC's, data loggers, intelligent transducers and computers. The 455U unit can receive data from the host device and transmit this data by radio to another (or several) 455U module. The other module will recreate the serial data and output it as either a RS232 or RS485 serial signal. The 455U unit provides two-way communications - each module can accept serial data and also output serial data.

The 455U module includes power supply, microprocessor controller, serial input/output circuits and a fixed frequency radio transceiver (range from 360Mhz to 520Mhz) - no external electronics are required. The units are configured from a PC using a Microsoft Windows "free-ware" configuration package, or from a PC terminal using Hayes commands.

RS232 is an electrical standard format for a full duplex point-to-point serial connection. RS485 is an electrical standard format for a half-duplex multidrop serial connection. Up to 32 devices can communicate on a common RS485 serial bus. Each 455U can simultaneously connect to signals from both RS232 and RS485. In addition, RS232 data from one host device can be transmitted to a remote 455U unit and output as RS485 data to another host device.



The 455U has been designed to be flexible enough to cover a wide range of applications. The user is able to configure many different parameters such that the 455U unit will connect reliably to different types of host devices. Before the radio modem can be used, these parameters must be configured. Some of these parameters are :-

- Character type - the 455U will accept a variety of 7 or 8 data bit characters
- RS232 Serial Data Rate - between 1200 and 115,200 bits/sec
- RS485 Serial Data Rate - between 1200 and 187,500 bits/sec
- Radio Data Rate - 1200 to 19,200 bits/sec
- Operating mode - unacknowledged mode, Acknowledged mode, Host Protocol Specific modes (DF1, Modbus, Profibus, DNP3), Remote Configuration and Diagnostics mode.

The operation of the 455U radio modem is relatively simple. As data is received at the serial port, the data is transmitted on the radio channel. Up to 1024 bytes of data can be transmitted in one transmission. The radio transmission commences when the first data byte is received, and ends when there are no more data bytes in the input buffer, or when the

number of bytes transmitted equals the maximum message length (user configurable - default 1024 bytes). If more than 1024 bytes is input, the 455U unit will transmit the first 1024 bytes, then the next 1024 bytes, and so on until all of the data has been transmitted.

Because the radio data rate could be less than the input serial data rate, an input memory buffer of up to 8Kbytes is provided. The RS232 connection provides CTS control to prevent the buffer overflowing. There are no data flow control signals for RS485.

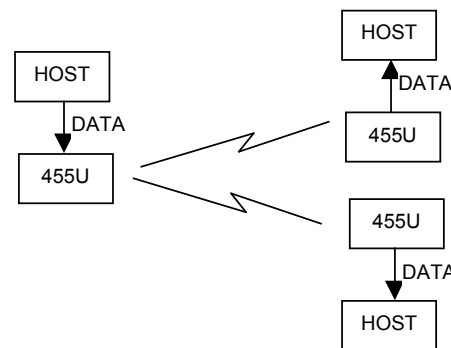
A radio channel cannot provide as secure a data channel as a wired connection. The 455U uses a radio band with a low level of natural or industrial noise, however there is a chance of interference from other (unlicensed) users of the licensed radio channel. We recommend that the flow of data over the radio channel is controlled by using error detection and “handshaking” - that is, returning an acknowledgment transmission if a data packet is received on the radio channel without error. This function can be performed by either the host devices or the 455U modules. The modules may be configured by the user to operate in one of two modes. In unacknowledged mode, it is assumed that the host devices control the flow of data. In Acknowledged mode, the 455U units control the flow of data.

The modem supports encryption of data sent over the air to prevent eavesdropping. AES-128 encryption provides a high level of security and immunity to hacking.

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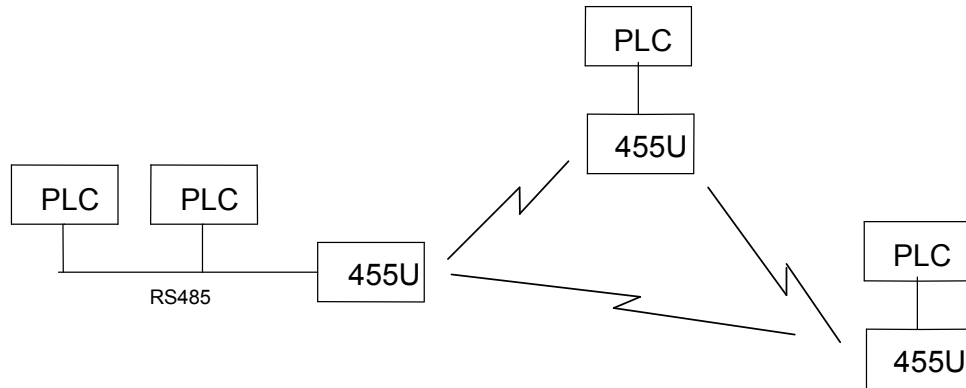
## Unacknowledged Mode

The default configuration of the 455U modem is unacknowledged mode - the modules are set in this mode at the factory. In unacknowledged mode, the 455U provides no control of the data transmissions (no error correction). Input data is simply transmitted by radio and every other 455U unit in that system which receives the transmission will output the data. This mode relies on the host devices to perform the “handshaking” function, and



re-transmitting serial data if the data is corrupted (no “handshake”). It also relies on the host devices to include any addressing necessary in the data. In this mode, modules are not configured with a unit address. Data is “broadcast” - every other 455U in the system will receive the data and output the data to their individual host devices. The user may configure the 455U modems to add error checking to each data packet transmitted - if error checking is configured, data will not be output if it is received without a correct error-check. This feature provides additional protection against corruption of the data during the radio transmission. If error-checking is not configured, then the data received by radio will be output without checking for errors.

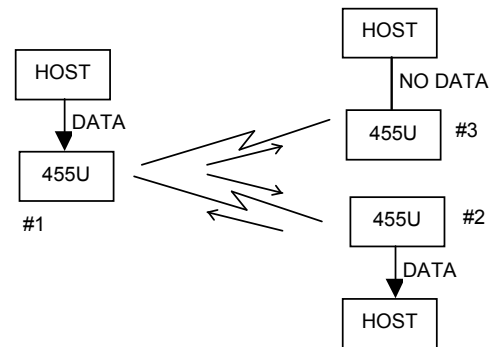
Unacknowledged mode is “point-to-multipoint” communications, suitable for a host device which is able to communicate on a multi-drop “bus” type network. An example of an application is the use of radio modems to extend a PLC RS485 network. The serial messages from the PLC’s already include PLC addressing and error detection/correction to control the flow of data



### 1.3

### Acknowledged Mode

“Acknowledged mode” provides “point-to-point” communications similar to telephone modems. In Acknowledged mode, the flow of data is Acknowledged by the 455U units. Each 455U unit is configured with an address by the user, and a destination address for the data to be transmitted to. Data is transmitted addressed to the destination module, and only this module will output the serial data. The source module will add an error-check (16 bit CRC) to the data transmitted by radio. The destination module will process the error-check, and if correct, it will transmit an acknowledgment message (ACK) back to the source module. If the source module does not receive a ACK, it will re-transmit the data. The source module will attempt to re-transmit the data, until an acknowledgment (ACK) is received or the configured number of re-tries has expired. If an acknowledgment is still not received, then the DCD signal on the RS232 port will be reset and an alarm message can be sent to the host via the serial port.



An example of an application using Acknowledged mode would be a radio modem link between an intelligent gas analyser and a monitoring computer system. Intelligent transducers do not normally provide addressing or error checking functions - these would be provided by the 455U modules.

In Acknowledged mode, the destination address may be pre-set, or set on-line by the host device using “Hayes” commands. Hayes commands are a standard set of commands used with conventional telephone modems. An example of an application that would use Hayes command to set destination addresses would be a central computer polling data loggers for periodic information.

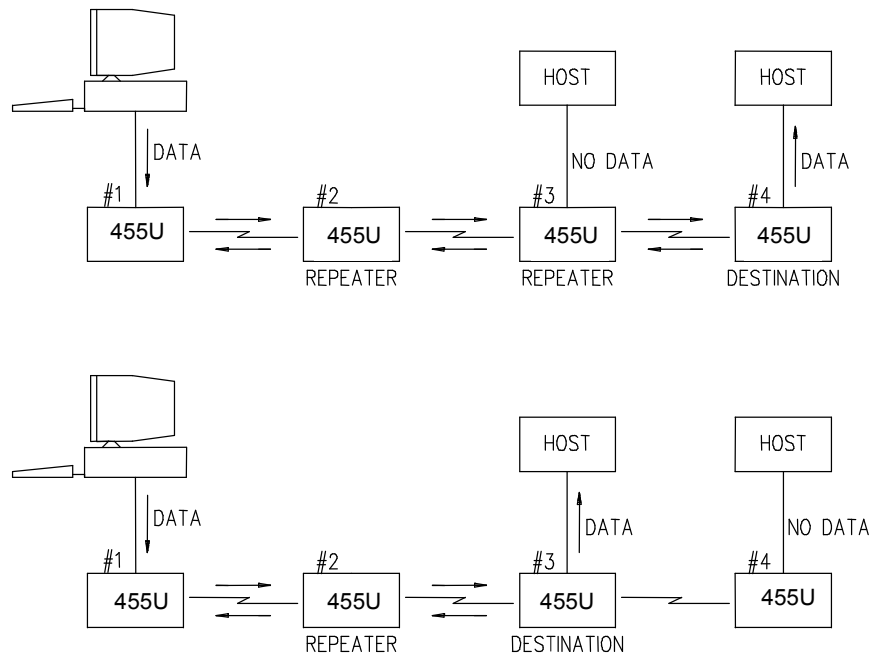


## 1.4

## Repeater Units

A 455U unit may be used as a repeater to re-transmit radio messages. The purpose of a repeater unit is to extend radio range.

Up to six repeaters may be configured for any transmission path. The repeaters are configured by address.



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## Chapter Two

## INSTALLATION

### 2.1

### General

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The 455U module has is housed in a rugged aluminium case suitable for DIN-rail mounting. Terminals will accept wires up to 2.5 mm<sup>2</sup> in size.

**Normal 110-240V AC supply should not be connected to any terminal of the 455U module.** Refer to Section 2.3 **Power Supply**.

To operate this equipment legally the user must obtain a radio operating license from the government agency. This is done so the government can coordinate radio users in order to minimize interference.

Before installing a new system, it is preferable to bench test the complete system. Configuration problems are easier to recognize when the system units are adjacent. Following installation, the most common problem is poor communications caused by incorrectly installed antennas, or radio interference on the same channel, or the radio path being inadequate. If the radio path is a problem (ie path too long, or obstructions in the way) then higher performance antennas or a higher mounting point for the antenna may rectify the problem. Alternately, use an intermediate 455U Module as a repeater.

The foldout sheet 455U *Installation Guide* provides an installation drawing appropriate to most applications. Further information is detailed below.

Each 455U module should be effectively earthed via the "GND" terminal on the 455U module - this is to ensure that the surge protection circuits inside the 455U module are effective.

### 2.2

### Antenna Installation

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The 455U module will operate reliably over large distances. The distance which may be reliably achieved will vary with each application - depending on the type and location of antennas, the degree of radio interference, and obstructions (such as hills or trees) to the radio path. The expected range for radio data rates of 19200 bits/sec (with 25Khz bandwidth) is 30 km line-of-sight. At 9600 bit/sec (with 12.5Khz), the expected distance will be approx 35 km.

Where it is not possible to achieve reliable communications between two 455U modules, then a third 455U module may be used to receive the message and re-transmit it. This module is referred to as a repeater.

An antenna must be connected to each 455U module using the female SMA connector at the top of the module.

To achieve the maximum transmission distance, the antennas should be raised above intermediate obstructions such that the radio path is true "line of sight". Because of the curvature of the earth, the antennas will need to be elevated at least 5 metres above ground for paths of 5 km. For short distances, the modules will operate reliably with some obstruction of the radio path. Obstructions which are close to either antenna will have more of a blocking

effect than obstructions in the middle of the radio path. For example, a group of trees around the antenna is a large obstruction, and the antenna should be raised above the trees. However if there is at least 100 metres of clear path before a group of trees, the trees will have less affect on the radio path. To help in planning radio systems, ELPRO provides a free utility for estimating path performance.

The modules provide test diagnostics to test the radio path and display radio signal strength.

An antenna should be connected to the module via 50 ohm coaxial cable (eg RG58, Cellfoil or RG213) terminated with a male SMA connector. The higher the antenna is mounted, the greater the transmission range will be, however as the length of coaxial cable increases so do cable losses. For use on unlicensed frequency channels, there are several types of antennas suitable for use. It is important antennas are chosen carefully to avoid contravening the maximum allowed power limit on the on the radio channel - if in doubt refer to an authorized service provider.

The gains and losses of some typical antennas and cable types are

Antenna	Gain (dB)	Cable type	Loss (dB per 10 m)
3dBd Collinear	5	RG58	-4.5
6dBd Collinear	8	RG213	-1.65
6 element Yagi	9	Cellfoil	-2.25
9 element Yagi	12		
16 element Yagi	15		

The net gain of the antenna/cable configuration is determined by adding the antenna gain and the cable loss. For example, a 6dBd Collinear with 20 metres of RG58 has a net loss of 1 dB ( $8\text{dB} - ((20/10) \times 4.5) \text{dB} = 8\text{dB} - 9\text{dB} = -1\text{dB}$ )

Another important consideration when installing the antenna system is RF exposure. The antenna can radiate a large amount of RF energy. It is important to ensure that a person approach the antennas within the recommended minimum safe distances in the table below.

Antenna Type	Minimum safe distance
Dipole	0.4 metres
3dBd Collinear	0.7 metres
6dBd Collinear	0.9 metres
6 element Yagi	1.2 metres
9 element Yagi	1.5 metres
16 element Yagi	2.3 metres

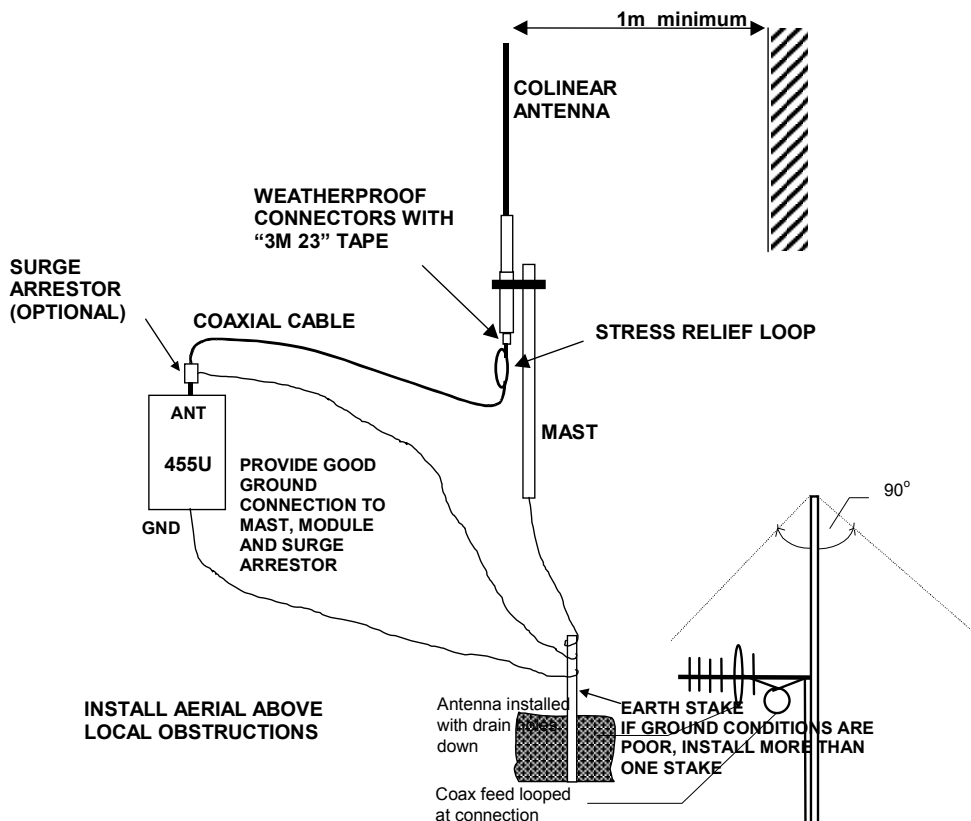
Connections between the antenna and coaxial cable should be carefully taped to prevent ingress of moisture. Moisture ingress in the coaxial cable is a common cause for problems with radio systems, as it greatly increases the radio losses. We recommend that the connection be taped with a layer of PVC insulating tape, then a layer of vulcanizing tape such

as “3M 23 tape”, with a final layer of PVC insulating tape.

Where antennas are mounted on elevated masts, the masts should be effectively earthed to avoid lightning surges. Although the 455U module is fitted with surge protection, additional surge suppression devices are recommended if lightning surge problems are experienced. If the antenna is not already shielded from lightning strike by an adjacent earthed structure, a lightning rod may be installed above the antenna to provide shielding.

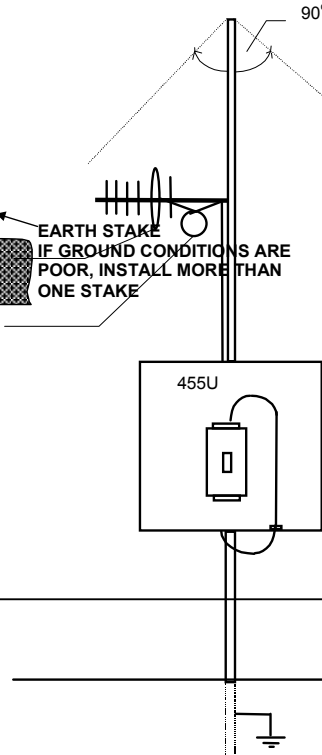
**2.2.1 3dB/6dB Collinear antenna.**

A collinear antenna transmits the same amount of radio power in all directions - as such they are easy to install and use. For marginal radio paths, the following lengths are the recommended maximum for the coaxial cable to the antenna. RG58 -10 metres RG213 - 20 metres. Note that this applies to marginal paths only - if the radio path has a strong radio signal, then longer lengths of cable ( and hence more cable loss) can be tolerated. If more than 20 metres of cable is required for a marginal path installation, then a low loss cable such as 10D-FB, or a higher gain antenna should be used. Collinear antennas should be mounted vertically, at least 1 metre away from a wall or mast.



**2.2.2 Yagi antennas.**

A Yagi antenna provides high gain in the forward direction, but lower gain in other directions. This may be used to compensate for coaxial



cable loss for installations with marginal radio path.

The Yagi gain also acts on the receiver, so adding Yagi antennas at both ends of a link provides a double improvement.

Yagi antennas are directional. That is, they have positive gain to the front of the antenna, but negative gain in other directions. Hence Yagi antennas should be installed with the central beam horizontal and must be pointed exactly in the direction of transmission to benefit from the gain of the antenna. The Yagi antennas may be installed with the elements in a vertical plane (vertically polarized) or in a horizontal plane (horizontally polarized). For a two station installation, with both modules using Yagi antennas, horizontal polarization is recommended. If there are more than two stations transmitting to a common station, then the Yagi antennas should have vertical polarization, and the common (or “central” station should have a collinear (non-directional) antenna.

Also note that Yagi antennas normally have a drain hole on the folded element - the drain hole should be located on the bottom of the installed antenna.

## 2.3

## Power Supply

The 455U module is powered either by an 12 - 15VDC supply, or a 18-28VDC supply. minimum 24 Watt capacity.



The 12-15 V Supply may be used to charge a backup battery (12V Lead-acid) when the main supply is available, and the module will automatically change over to run from the backup battery in the case of main supply failure.

For DC supplies, the negative side of the supply is connected to “ground”. The supply negative is connected to the module case internally. The positive side of the supply **must not be connected to earth**. The DC supply may be a floating supply or negatively grounded.

The power requirements of the 455U units is 90mA at 12VDC (Quiescent) and 2A at 12VDC when transmitting (5Watt).

## 2.4

## Serial Connections

**2.4.1 RS232 Serial Port**

The serial port is a 9 pin DB9 female and provides for connection to a host device as well as a PC terminal for configuration, field testing and for factory testing. Communication is via standard RS232 signals. The 455U is configured as DCE equipment with the pinout detailed below.

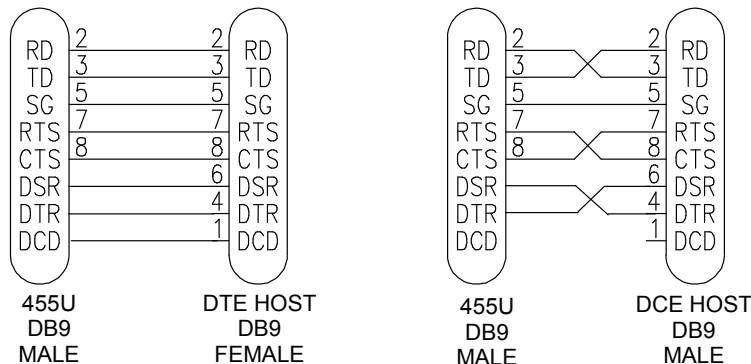


Hardware handshaking using the CTS/RTS lines is provided. The CTS/RTS lines can be configured to reflect the status of the local unit's input buffer. The 455U supports XON/XOFF flow control.

Example cable drawings for connection to a DTE host (a PC) or another DCE host (or modem) are detailed below.

**DB9 Connector Pinout**

Pin	Name	Direction	Function
1	DCD	Out	<b>Data carrier detect</b> – - driven when link is established in Acknowledged mode - driven always in unacknowledged mode
2	RD	Out	<b>Transmit Data from modem</b> – Serial Data Output
3	TD	In	<b>Receive Data into modem</b> – Serial Data Input
4	DTR	In	<b>Data Terminal Ready</b> - DTR can be configured to initiate low power mode, or to force a link disconnection (“hang up” in Acknowledged mode.
5	SG		<b>Signal Ground</b>
6	DSR	Out	<b>Data Set Ready</b> - always high when unit is powered on.
7	RTS	In	<b>Request to Send</b> - hardware flow control configurable
8	CTS	Out	<b>Clear to send</b> - hardware flow control configurable
9	RI	Out	<b>Ring indicator</b> - indicates another module is attempting to connect in Acknowledged mode.



### 2.4.2 RS232 Configuration Port

The serial port is a 9 pin DB9 female and provides configuration and diagnostics of both the local module and of other modules in the system while the primary RS232 port is active. This port is wired as a DCE according to EIA-561. The following table describes the connections required to connect to a PC serial port. The highlighted entries in this table are those essential for operation of the Configuration port.

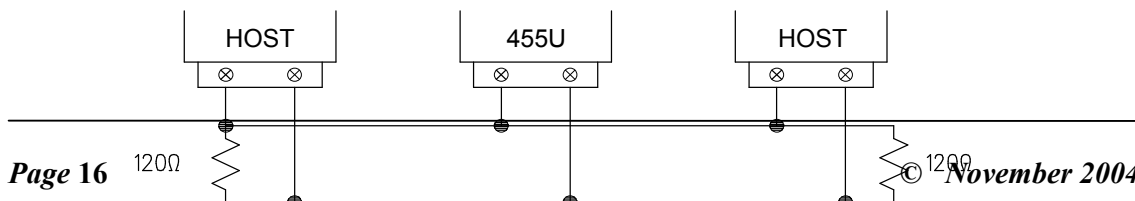
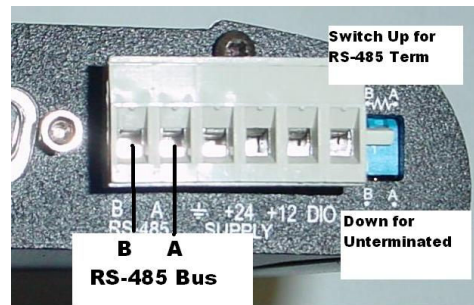


RJ-45 Pin	E455U Modem Function	EIA-561 Signal Name
1	None	Ring Indicator
2	None	Data Carrier Detect
<b>3</b>	<b>Input</b>	<b>Data Terminal Ready</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Common</b>	<b>Signal Common</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Output</b>	<b>Receive Data (from Modem)</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Input</b>	<b>Transmit Data (to Modem)</b>
7	None	Clear to Send
8	None	Request to Send

### 2.4.3 RS485 Serial Port

The RS485 port provides for communication between the 455U unit and its host device using a multi-drop cable. Up to 32 devices may be connected in each multi-drop network.

As the RS485 communication medium is shared, only one of the units on the RS485 cable may send data at any one time. Thus communication protocols based on the RS-485 standard require some type of arbitration. RS485 is a balanced, differential standard but it is recommended that shielded, twisted pair cable be used to interconnect modules to reduce potential RFI. It is important to maintain the polarity of the two RS485 wires. An RS485 network should be wired as indicated in the diagram below and terminated at each end of the network with a 120 ohm resistor. On-board 120 ohm resistors are provided and may be engaged by operating the single DIP switch in the end plate next to the RS485 terminals. The DIP switch should be in the “1” or “on” position to connect the resistor. If the module is not at one end of the RS485 cable, the switch should be off.



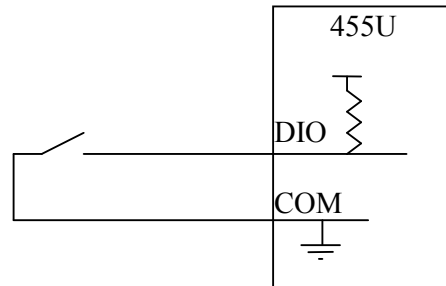
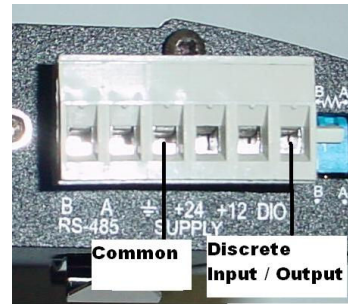
## 2.5

## Discrete I/O Point

The 455U provides a single connection which can be used as a discrete input for alarms, or a discrete output, to control remote equipment,

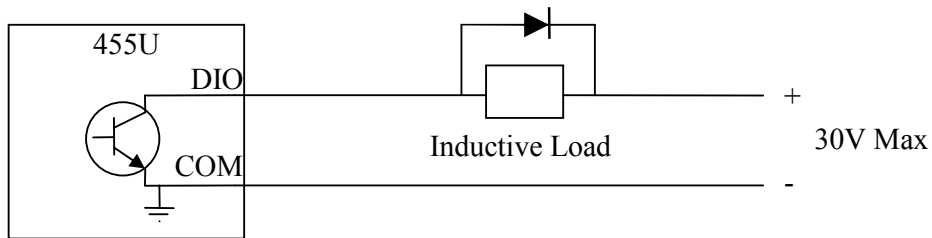
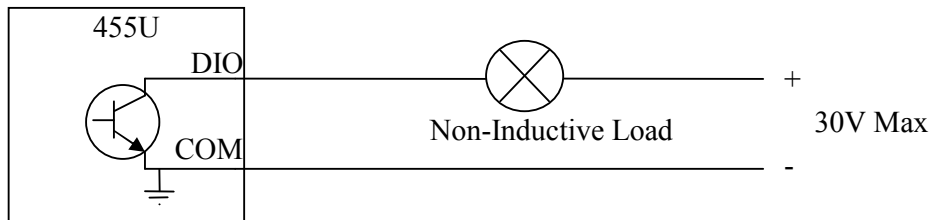
### 2.5.1 Using The discrete I/O point as an Input

When using the DIO pin as an input, it is activated by connecting the DIO pin to COMMON, This can be done using a voltage free contact (Relay or Switch) or a NPN transistor to common. To read the status of the Input, ensure the output function is disabled (AT#00) and read S-Register S33.



### 2.5.1 Using The discrete I/O point as an Output

When using the DIO pin as an output, it acts as an NPN transistor to common. It can be wired to an indicator or alarm (Max 24VDC, 500mA) or to a relay to remotely operate equipment. The output is controlled using the AT#O command (AT#00 turns off, AT#01 turns on).





## Chapter Three

## OPERATION

### 3.1

### Power-up and Normal Operation

When power is initially connected to the 455U module, the module will perform internal diagnostics to check its functions. The following table details the status of the indicating LEDs on the front panel under **normal** operating conditions.

LED Indicator	Condition	Meaning
OK	Green	Normal Operation
OK	Off	Power Disconnected or Battery Over-voltage
OK	Red	Low Supply voltage or Internal Module fault
Radio RX	Green flash	Radio receiving data
Radio RX	Red flash	Weak radio signal
Radio TX	Flash	Radio Transmitting
RS232	flash	RS232 Serial Port Activity
RS485	flash	RS485 Serial Port Activity
DCD	Green	Modem is Online and ready to send data.
DCD	Red	Modem is Online but Currently in Command Mode
DCD	Off	Communications failure or data connection not established

Other conditions indicating a fault are described in Chapter Six **Troubleshooting**.

### 3.2

### Serial and Radio Data

The 455U module provides a full-duplex RS232 serial port and half-duplex RS485 serial port. The radio communications is half-duplex - this means that the 455U operates at half duplex. Many applications use full duplex RS232 communications but do not require full duplex - the protocol used operates at half-duplex and will operate with the 455U without problems. If an application really requires full duplex communications, then the 455U should not be used.

Data input at the serial port is placed into the input buffer. This buffer will store up to 8Kbytes of data, and CTS/RTS control can be configured on the RS232 port to prevent overflow.

When the 455U unit detects data in the input buffer, it initiates a radio message. The radio message will end when the number of transmitted bytes reaches the maximum message length (configurable by the user), or if the input buffer becomes empty.

If the configured serial data rate is the same or more than the radio data rate, then data is transmitted as soon as it enters the input buffer - data “streams” from the input buffer to the radio port. If the serial rate is less than the radio rate, then the transmission will be delayed for a period to allow sufficient data to build up in the input buffer to avoid the radio emptying the input buffer before a complete serial message has been input. This delay is configurable separately for the RS232 and RS485 serial ports.

The radio transmission will stop when the input buffer is empty or when the radio has transmitted the maximum number of bytes (user configurable - maximum 1024 bytes). If there is still data in the input buffer, the 455U will start another radio transmission.

If error checking is configured, then a 16 bit CRC error-check is added to the end of the transmitted data packet. The receiving module will receive the full data packet and check the CRC before outputting the data.

The maximum size of the data packet is configurable by the user (maximum is 1024 bytes). If less data than the maximum size is input to the 455U, then the 455U will transmit the actual data input. If more data is input than the maximum size, then the 455U will transmit multiple packets until all of the data is transmitted.

Because of radio start-up delays, the effective radio data rate will be lower than the transmitted data rate. If you are sending large blocks of data, and the serial rate is equal or more than the radio rate, we recommend that you use CTS/RTS flow control to prevent the input buffer from overflowing.

### **3.2.1 Character Type**

The 455U may be configured by the user to recognize the following types of characters - 7 or 8 data bits, even or odd or no parity, 1 or 2 stop bits.

Most applications will require the character type to be the same at each 455U modem in the system. Nevertheless, the character type may be configured to be different at different 455U modems. Data is transmitted by radio as an eight-bit byte without stop or start bits. If the input data is 7 data bits, then the byte transmitted by radio comprises the 7 bits plus a zero bit. Input characters with 8 bits are transmitted as just the 8 data bits, with no parity. Because the data is transmitted without parity, the user may configure CRC error checking to be added to each transmitted data packet. Data is output at the destination module based on the character type configured at that module - that is, the start/stop bits and parity is added to the radio data.

Use the AT&A command to set the RS485 port Character type. AT&B to select the RS-232 port character type.

### **3.2.2 Serial Data Rate**

The communications baud rates supported on both the RS232 serial port and the RS485 serial port are 600, 1200, 2400, 4800, 9600, 14400, 19200, 28800, 31250, 38400, 57600, 76800, 93750, 115200 and 187500 baud - the user selects one of these rates during the configuration of the modem. The RS232 and RS485 ports may be configured with separate data rates. ATC command selects RS232 baud rate. ATR selects the RS485 baud rate.

### 3.2.3 Radio Data Rate

The data is transmitted by radio as direct modulated synchronous data at 1200, 2400 4800 or 9600 bits/second. The user must configure the radio data rate at each 455U module. The configured radio data rates must be the same for each module in a system. Radio data rate is set via the ATB command.

### 3.2.4 Radio Message

The radio message includes the following :-

- A 20 mSec leading sequence of alternating 1's and 0's provides the receiving unit with time to capture and lock onto the incoming signal (Configurable for systems using talk-through repeaters).
- A system address is superimposed on each message to provide discrimination between different 455U systems on the same radio channel. Each 455U unit in the same system must be configured with the same system address - refer Section 4, Configuration. Although other 455U modules may hear the radio transmissions, because they have a different system address, the radio transmission is ignored and no serial data is output.
- Addressing for the sending unit, any repeater units, and the final destination unit indicates where the message is to be sent and how to get there.

An error-check (16 bit CRC) and security encryption (AES128) may be configured by the user. Error checking is configured with the AT&E command, Data Encryption is configured with the AT#E and AT#S commands.

Up to 1024 bytes of data may be transmitted in a message - the maximum message size is configurable between 4 and 1024 bytes. The data consists of a sequence of 8 bit bytes. Start, stop and parity bits are not transmitted, but they are re-generated at the receiving unit (if configured).

The time taken to transmit a message is :-

Section	Item	Number	Time (At 9600 Baud)
PEAMBLE	Lead-in	20 mSec Default (Configurable)	20 mSec
HEADER	System Address	2 Bytes	2.08 mSec
	Header Control	2 Bytes	2.08 mSec
	Source Address	1 Byte	1.04 mSec
	Destination Address	1 Byte	1.04 mSec
	Intermediate Addresses	1 Byte per address	1.04 mSec for each intermediate address
	Header Error Check	1 Byte	1.04 mSec
ENCRYPTION	Initialisation Vector	16 Bytes (if data Encryption is enabled)	16.64 mSec (If configured)
DATA	Message Data	Data Bytes	1.04 mSec x no of data bytes
CHECK	CRC Error Check	2 bytes (If CRC checking is configured)	2.08 mSec (If CRC configured).

The time for each byte is 1.04msec @9600 bits/sec, 2.08 mSec ant 4800 baud, and 4.16 mSec at 2400 baud.. If error checking is not configured at the receiving unit, data will start to be output approx 1msec after the first data byte has been received. If error checking is configured, data will be output approx 2msec after the end of the message. For example, a message with 20 bytes of data transmitted at 9600 bits/sec with no repeaters, will be output approx 52msec after the data is input, if error checking is configured, and will be output approx 29 mSec after the data is input if no error checking is configured. Error checking is configured with the AT&E command, Data Encryption is configured with the AT#E and AT#S commands.

A “transmit delay” time and a “receive delay” time may also be configured. These parameters may be used to fine tune and give priority to different 455U units in a system.

- After each message is transmitted, a 455U unit will not transmit another message during the transmit delay time. This could be used to allow a reply message to be received before the next message is sent.
- After a message is received, a message will not be transmitted during the receive delay time. This could be used to delay a reply message until other messages have been sent.

### 3.3

### Addressing

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A 455U network comprises modules with the same "system" address. Only modules with the same system address will communicate with each other. This feature allows more than one system to operate in the same area on the same radio channel.

A 455U must also be configured with a “unit” address - this gives the module a unique identification. The Unit address is used when issuing a “Dial” command to the modem (ATD) and when configuring the RS232 path, The RS485 path and the Stored Numbers (AT&Z)

Each 455U has two addresses, the RS232 port is accessed by addressing the configured unit address. The RS485 port is accessed by addressing the configured unit address +128. So, to access the RS232 port on unit 7, use address 7. To access the RS485 port on this unit, use address 135 (128+7).

Addresses 0 and 128 are reserved as “wildcard” addresses. Sending a message to address 0 results in all modules accepting the message. Address 0 refers to every RS232 port in the system. Address 128 is the wildcard address for every RS485 port in the system.

Every modem can also act as a repeater unit for other modems in the system. If the modem is expected to repeat messages to the wildcard address, the repeater mode should be set to “wild card” (AT&R1)

### 3.4

### Unacknowledged Mode

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In unacknowledged mode, units do not provide handshaking functions to control the flow of data. Messages are not acknowledged, and are sent on a “Best attempt” basis. It is up to the host equipment to determine if data is lost or corrupted.

To improve reliability in this mode, Units may be configured to send each message multiple times (S-Register S29) (The receiving unit will detect repeat messages and only send the data out the serial port once).

In Unacknowledged mode, messages may be sent to a particular modem (Message is addressed to that modem), or to all modems in the system (Messages is addressed to wildcard address 0). Each modem is configured with a separate unit address. The wildcard address is used to send a message to a group of modems.

Data received at the serial port is transmitted out of the radio port, addressed to the configured destination module. Data received from the radio with the correct addressing is transmitted out of one of the serial ports (RS232 or RS485). Prior to transmitting, units will listen to the radio channel to ensure that it is clear - units will hold off from transmitting until the radio channel is clear. At the RS232 port, the CTS pin can be configured to go high while there is space in the input data buffer - otherwise it is always high.

Host devices should provide a suitable protocol to ensure that error checking, handshaking and implementation of an appropriate re-transmission scheme is provided. This mode of operation is particularly suited to devices designed to operate over a multidrop network, such as PLC systems designed for operation over a RS-485 network.

If error checking is not configured at the receiving unit, data will start to be output approximately 1 msec after the system address has been received. If error checking is configured, data will be output approx 2msec after the end of the message. For example, a message with 20 bytes of data transmitted at 19200 bits/sec will begin to be output approx 23msec after the data is input, if there is no error checking, or 47msec after the data is input if error checking is configured.

### **3.5.1 Auto-Connect Unacknowledged mode**

This operating mode is selected by selecting Unacknowledged mode (AT&M0) and leased line mode (AT&L1) and by configuring a destination address into auto dial location 0 (AT&Z0). In this mode, the modem will go Online as soon as it is powered up. This will be indicated by the LINK LED going green. All messages received at the RS-232 serial port are sent to the destination address configured in the auto dial setting (&Z0). Use the wildcard address (0 or 128) to send messages to multiple units in the system.

### **3.5.2 Single-Connect Unacknowledged mode.**

This operating mode is selected by selecting Unacknowledged mode (AT&M0) and deselecting leased line mode (AT&L0) In this mode, the modem will go to command mode as soon as it is powered up. The RS232 port will print the message "OK" and wait for commands. The host software chooses which remote module to configure by issuing a dial command (ATD). As soon as the Dial command is issued, the modem will issue a "Connect" message and go on-line. This will be indicated by the LINK LED going green. All messages received at the RS-232 serial port are sent to the dialled address. Use the wildcard address (0 or 128) to send messages to multiple units in the system.

### **3.5.3 Unacknowledged mode Repeaters**

Every 455U module automatically acts as a repeater by including its address in the address list. To provide more flexibility, the modules may be configured to repeat messages sent to

the wildcard address, and to send repeated messages out their own serial port (AT&R). This allows networks where messages are repeated several times throughout a complex network of modems.

### 3.5.3 RS-485 Unacknowledged mode

The RS-485 serial port on the 455U always operates in unacknowledged mode. This mode is best suited to broadcast-oriented protocols which use RS-485. Messages received at the RS485 port of the modem are sent to the address configured in auto dial location 3 (AT&Z3). Use the wildcard address (0 or 128) to send messages to multiple units in the system. The RS-485 port becomes functional as soon as the module is powered up.

## 3.6

## Acknowledged mode

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In Acknowledged mode, data is only transferred between the RS-232 ports of two modules (that is, a point to point link). One of the modules is configured as an initiator unit and the other as a responder unit. There can also be up to five intermediate repeaters in the link. Each 455U unit is configured with a unit address - only the unit with an address matching the destination address of the radio message will process the message and output the serial data.

Note that Acknowledged mode only applies to the RS-232 port. The RS-485 port always operates in Unacknowledged mode.

To establish a link, the initiator transmits a special “connect” message. This initial message does not include any data. If the responder unit receives the initial message, and is not already connected to another 455U unit, it will return an acknowledgment message. Both units will activate their DCD LED, and also activate their DCD output signal (If configured – AT#O2). If the master unit does not receive the acknowledgment, the DCD output will reset. When the connection is made (DCD set), the 455U units can transmit data to each other.

Once the communications channel has been established, the 455U unit will accept input data and send radio messages with data. When a 455U unit receives a radio message, it will check the system address and destination address, and also the error-check (optional). If these are correct, it will return a ACK (acknowledgment) message to the source unit. If the system address or destination address is not correct, or if the error-check is not correct, then no return message is sent.

### Establishing a Communications Link

Master Unit		Slave Unit
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Listen to ensure channel is clear</li> <li>If clear, transmit “connect” message</li> <li>Radio TX LED flashes</li> </ul>	----->	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Receives message</li> <li>Radio RX LED flashes</li> <li>Check system and destination address</li> <li>If OK, set DCD LED and output</li> </ul>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If message OK, transmit back an ACK message.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Radio RX LED flashes</li> </ul>	<-----	Radio TX LED flashes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Acknowledgment received okay communication link established</li> <li>Set DCD LED and output</li> </ul>		

If the source unit does not receive an ACK message, it will re-transmit the same message. It will attempt to transmit the message the configured number of times (S-Register S30). If the unit still does not receive an ACK message after the configured number of attempts, it will reset the LINK LED, and reset the DCD output on the DB9 RS232 port (AT&C) and reset the DIO output if configured (AT#O).

During normal operation, if there has been no radio activity for a period (called the “link check” period), the initiator will transmit a “check” message to check the radio path. The link check period is a time configured by the user (S-Register S6). If the responder doesn’t receive any messages within the configured link check timeout (AT\T), it will drop the radio link. (Turn off the LINK LED, and reset the DIO and DCD signals if configured).

### Successful Communications

Source Module		Destination Module
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Serial data is received</li> <li>Serial LED flashes</li> </ul>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Listen to ensure channel is clear</li> <li>If clear, transmit message</li> <li>Radio TX LED flashes</li> </ul>	----->	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Receive message</li> <li>Radio RX LED flashes</li> <li>Check system and destination address</li> <li>If OK, check error-check</li> </ul>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If message okay, transmit back an ACK message.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Radio RX LED flashes</li> </ul>	<-----	Radio TX LED flashes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Acknowledgment received okay - communication complete</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Serial data is output</li> <li>Serial LED flashes</li> </ul>

**Unsuccessful Communications**

Source Module	Destination Module
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Listen to ensure channel is clear</li> <li>• If clear, transmit message -----&gt;</li> <li>• TX LED flashes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Receives message</li> <li>• RX LED flashes</li> <li>• Check system and destination address</li> <li>• If incorrect, transmit no message and no serial output.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No ACK received</li> <li>• Retry up to four times -----&gt;</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If no ACK message received after five attempts</li> <li>• “NO CARRIER” message sent to host</li> <li>• DCD signal and DCD LED reset</li> </ul>	

There are several configurations for Acknowledged mode:

**3.6.1 Auto-Connect Acknowledged mode**

Auto-connect mode is similar to “fixed line” modem operation. The master unit wants to connect to only one slave address. Normally the slave address is preconfigured. On power up, the master unit continuously tries to connect to the slave address. The slave unit, on power up, does not try to connect but waits for a connect message. Once a connection is made, the DCD status at both ends is set and data can be transferred in either direction. If there is no data transfer within the preconfigured “link check” time, the master will send a connect message to check the communications link.

The connection will be broken if a communication failure occurs, or if one of the hosts issues a “disconnect” AT command (although this would be unusual for this mode). When the master is disconnected, it will continuously try to connect to its auto-connect address.

Up to five repeater addresses may be configured as part of the auto-connect address. That is, up to 5 intermediate modules can act as repeaters between the master and slave modules.

**3.6.2 Low Power Auto-Connect Mode**

For special installations, the 455U may be operated in a low power condition where it switches off its receiver - power consumption is reduced to approx 30% of normal. The low power condition will occur if the 455U is configured for auto-connect mode AND if the low power mode feature is configured (AT&D). The DTR signal on the RS232 port will control switching between low power and normal operation. When DTR is “low”, the module will change to low power operation, reset any connected link and switch off its receiver. When DTR goes “high”, the module will revert to normal operation and will auto-connect to its slave address.

The use of this low power operation may be applicable in remote locations where there is a limited power supply such as solar panels. In this situation, the DTR signal from the host



device is used to “wake-up” the 455U unit. The 455U unit will then operate normally until the DTR signal is reset by the host device.

### **3.6.3 Single-Connect Acknowledged mode**

Single-connect is similar to a dial-up modem. In this mode, the module will only make one attempt to connect to a destination address. A host device will issue a connect (ATD) command, and the module will send a connect message to the destination address. If the destination module responds, then the link is connected and the DCD status is set (LINK LED comes on, DCD signal and DIO signal turn on if configured). If the destination module does not respond, then the link is not established and no data can be transferred. The module will not attempt to reconnect again until it receives another connect command from its host.

The link is normally disconnected by the host issuing a disconnect command. In this mode, it is normal for a host to connect and disconnect to several slave modules using AT commands. A common example is a PC polling several analyzers or dataloggers. The PC connects to a remote station one at a time, transfers data, disconnects and connects to the next station.

Up to five repeater addresses may be configured as part of the remote address. That is, up to 5 intermediate modules can act as repeaters between the master and slave modules.

The RS232 DTR signal can be configured to act as a disconnect signal. If so configured (AT&D), the DTR signal will force a hang-up (DCD reset) if the host device resets the DTR signal.

## **3.7 What Operating Mode to Use ?**

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### **3.7.1 Unacknowledged or Acknowledged mode?**

Unacknowledged mode provides simpler operation as the units do not acknowledge transmissions received. However confirmed operation in unacknowledged mode will only occur if the host devices check the messages and return acknowledgments. Generally, if a device is able to operate on a RS485 multi-drop serial link, it is suitable for unacknowledged mode.

The RS-485 port only operates in Unacknowledged mode. It is possible for the RS-485 port to be operating at the same time as the RS-232 port is sending data to another location, using either Acknowledged or Unacknowledged mode.

Acknowledged mode is suitable for point-to-point RS-232 links. For multi-point networks, a “master” host device must control connecting and disconnecting to remote units.

It is possible to configure different units in the same system with different operating modes, however this requires care. A 455U unit configured in one mode will act as a repeater for messages sent between two 455U units configured in the other mode, and it is always possible to send Unacknowledged mode messages to the RS-485 port on a module regardless of the configuration of the RS-232 port.

### **3.7.2 Error Check ?**

Error-checking may be configured in both unacknowledged and Acknowledged mode. When the error-check is configured, a 16-bit CRC (Cyclic Redundancy Check) attached to the end of

each message. These bytes are used to detect any corruption of the data when it is received at another 455U unit.

Error checking is configured using the AT&E command. This allows error checking to be individually selected for the RS232 port and the RS485 port.

When a unit receives a radio message with error-check, it will not output data until it has received the whole message and ensured that the error-check is correct. If the unit does not have error-check configured, then it will output data as it is received. Hence operation of the units is faster if error-check is not configured.

Usually units in the same system will have the same error-check configuration, however it is possible for users to configure the units differently. Each message sent indicates within the message header whether it uses error-checking or not., so a single modem can receive messages with and without error checking without requiring changes to the configuration.

Error-check is strongly recommended for Acknowledged mode operation. If error-check is not configured, then a 455U unit will transmit an acknowledgment message (ACK) whenever it receives a radio message, without checking for errors. If error-check is configured, the unit will only transmit an ACK message if the error-check is correct.

### 3.7.3 Data Encryption Option

Some applications require that the system be made secure from eavesdropping and hacking. To provide for these applications, the modem supports AES-128 data encryption. This is enabled by setting the the encryption option (AT Command AT#E) and by setting the encryption key (AT Command AT#S). The modem may be configured to transmit messages with or without encryption, accept messages without encryption, or to require that received messages are encrypted.

## 3.8

## Serial / Radio Rates

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The 455U will operate most efficiently when the serial and radio data are configured to the same value. If the serial data rate is less than the radio rate, there is a risk that the radio will empty the input buffer too quickly, resulting in a single input message being broken into more than one output messages. Many host protocols such as those used by PLC's, will not accept a message being broken.

To avoid this occurring, the 455U will automatically delay the radio transmission starting. This is called "PLC Mode". The radio will not start transmitting until a certain number of bytes have been input into the input buffer. The 455U calculates the number of starting bytes depending on the values of the configured serial and radio rates. The number of bytes to start transmitting is stored in register S18 (refer section 4 "Configuration") - when a configuration is entered whereby the serial rate is less than the radio rate, the 455U will automatically enter an appropriate value in S18. The user can change this value. If the serial rate is the same as the radio rate, or more, than there is no delay.

There is an automatic protection - if a certain time has elapsed and the number of starting bytes has not been input, then the radio will start transmitting. This is an override protection. The 455U will automatically calculate the override time based on the configured serial rate

and S18 (the number of bytes required to start). The override time is stored in register S19 - this value can also be changed by the user.

## 3.9

## Operating Problems

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Most operating problems relate to an inadequate radio path, or radio interference. Before installing a system, bench test the complete system with the 455U units near each other. This test eliminates the radio path or interference as a factor, and ensures that the system will operate in the way that you want. It is not necessary to connect antennas, however a small length of wire should be inserted into the middle pin of the coaxial connector - this will act as an antenna.

If the bench test does not give adequate performance, then you need to adjust the configuration parameters. We recommend that you do not install the system until you are happy with the bench test performance.

If a system gives poor performance after it is installed, check the adequacy of the radio path - refer to the Diagnostics Section 6.

Interference will only cause a problem if the amplitude of the interference is comparable to the radio signal from the 455U units. If the interference level is relatively small, then it will not affect the performance of the system. If interference is causing a problem, try to improve the normal radio level by mounting the antennas higher or in a better location. This not always possible.

System performance may be improved by changing the following parameters :-

- If in unacknowledged mode, try Acknowledged mode.
- If configured for a radio data rate of 9600 bits/sec, reduce the rate to 4800 bits/sec.
- If large radio messages are being transmitted, reduce the maximum message length, and transmit the data in more messages of smaller size.

Another common problem is the response time of the host software. Some hosts operate by sending a message from one end and require a response to that message within a certain time. If this time is less than the turn-around time of the radio modem, then the system will not operate. It may be possible to lengthen the response time in the host software.

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## Chapter Four

## CONFIGURATION

### 4.1

### Before Configuring

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Configuration comprises selecting parameter values for the operation of the 455U unit. Four pre-set configurations may be achieved using the four DIP switches. These configurations cover most applications - refer section 4.7.

Before you start configuration, parameter settings must be decided. The main parameters are:-

- Addressing - system address, group address, unit address.
- Character type. You need to find out the character type of the host devices connected to the 455U units. The most common character type is 8 data bits, no parity, 1 start bit and 1 stop bit.
- Serial Data Rate. You need to find out the serial data rate used by the host devices. It is possible to have different serial rates configured at different modules in the same system.
- Radio Data Rate. You need to decide what radio data rate you wish to use. It does not have to be the same as the serial data rate. Remember that the radio range for 9600 bits/sec will not be as good as that for 4800. We recommend that you use 4800 bits/sec unless your application requires the faster data rate.
- Operating mode . You need to decide which operating mode you wish to use. Modes are unacknowledged or controlled (auto-connect, single-connect, low power mode), error-checked or no-error-check,. These modes are discussed in more detail in following sections.

The other configuration parameters do not need to be selected, and are provided as a means of "fine tuning" the operation of the 455U units.

Configuration may be achieved by three different methods:

1. Using a Windows configuration program run on a PC. This is the most common way of configuring.
2. Using Hayes AT commands. This method can be performed manually by the user from a PC terminal (for example, Hyperterminal), or can be performed automatically by the host device.
3. Using the four DIP switches located in the end-plate of the module. It is not possible to select addressing using these switches, so these switches are normally used as a quick way to try other configuration modes or data rates.

### 4.2

### Addressing

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A 455U network comprises modules with the same "system" address. The system address is a 16 bit value (Two registers, each with values 0 to 255). Only modules with the same system address will communicate with each other. If you are adding another module to an existing system, use the same value as the existing modules. If you are starting a new system, select random values and use the same value for each module.

Each module is also configured with a unit address between 1 and 127 - there can be up to 127 modules in the one Acknowledged mode system.

## 4.3 Default Configuration

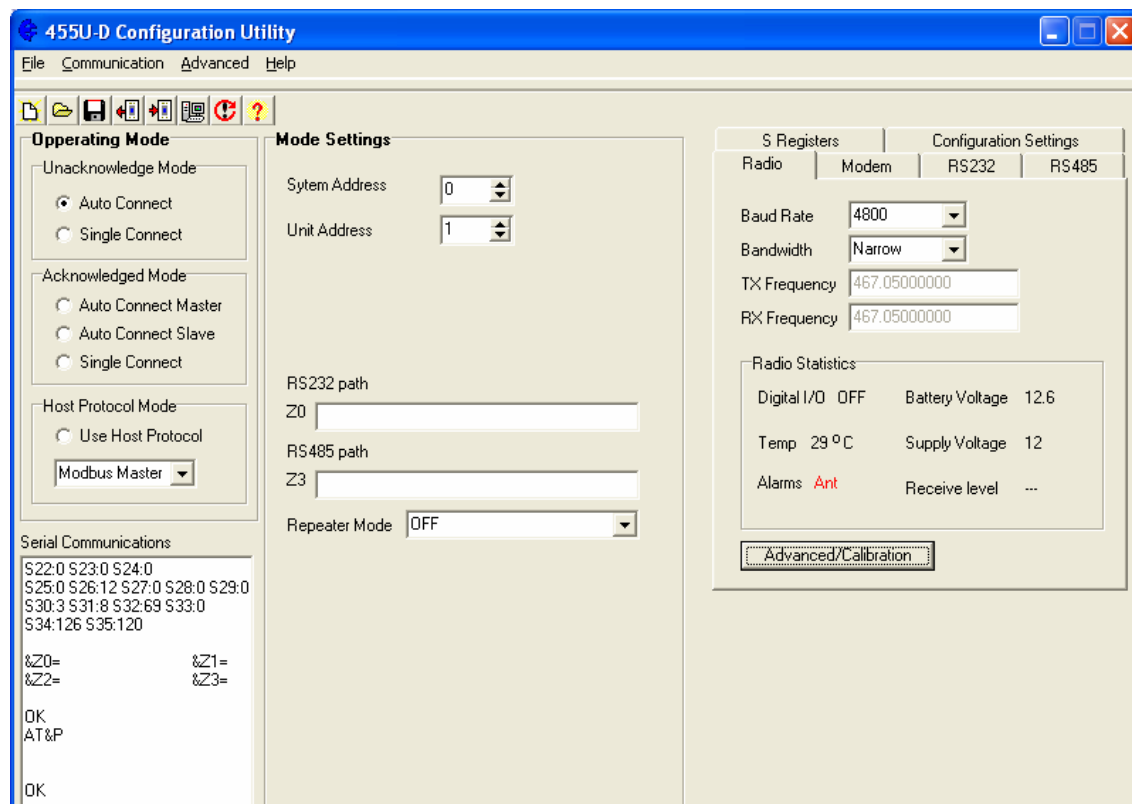
The default configuration of the 455U is unacknowledged mode, no error check, no CTS/RTS flow control, serial rate 19200, radio rate 4800, character type 8/n/1. The system address will be set in the factory according to the module serial number.

The module may be forced to factory default setting by using any of the three configuration methods.

## 4.4 Configuration Program

The configuration program is Cfg\_455UD. This program will run under Windows 95, 98, NT, or 2000. The program may be obtained from the Product CD which came with your purchase, or can be downloaded from our web page ([www.elprotech.com](http://www.elprotech.com)). When you use this program, you create a configuration in the PC and then load or program the configuration into the 455U module. You can also read the configuration from a module to edit.

The opening screen will show default settings with a random number for the system address.



### Reading and Configuring a module

You will need a connection cable between the PC and the 455U. The cable may connect to either the DB9 port or the RJ45 configuration port. Connecting to the RJ45 configuration port allows the modem to be configured while the DB9 port remains connected to the functioning host system.

The cable to connect to the DB9 should have straight-through connections as per section 2.4.1 of this manual. If your PC only has USB serial connections with no RS232 port, you will need to purchase a USB to RS232 converter cable.

The cable to connect to the RJ45 Config port should be wired as described in section 2.4.2 of this manual.

Select the communications port that you will be using on the PC - make sure that no other program is using this com port. The program default is COM1 - if you are using a different com port, select the "Com Port Settings" icon from the toolbar and select the com port.

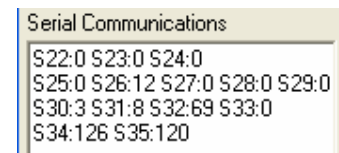
If connecting to the DB9 port, Make sure that the serial data rate and character type is the same as that already configured in the module. If you are configuring a new module, then this will be the case. If you are configuring a module which has already been in service, and you do not know this information, then you will need to force the module to factory default settings using the DIP switch in the module end plate (see section 4.7 of this manual).

If connecting to the RJ45 port, the serial data rate is fixed at 9600 baud. The character type is 8 data, No parity, 1 stop bit.

To read the configuration in a module, connect the cable and select the "Upload" icon on the toolbar. To configure a module, select the "Download" icon on the toolbar.

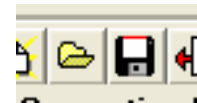


When you read or configure a program, you will see the communication messages between the program and the module in the "Serial Communications" box in the bottom left hand corner of the program. The communication messages are Hayes AT commands being generated or read by the program.



### Saving and Opening a configuration file

Configuration details may be saved to disk or read from disk.. To save a configuration file, select the "Save" icon on the toolbar. The program will ask you for a filename and will give a file extension of ".55D". For example, "PLC57.55D". To open an archived file, select the "Open" icon on the toolbar.



### Modifying an existing configuration

If you read a configuration from a module or a saved file, the program will display the configuration parameters. You can change these parameters, and then program the module and/or save the file.

#### 4.4.1 Unacknowledged Mode

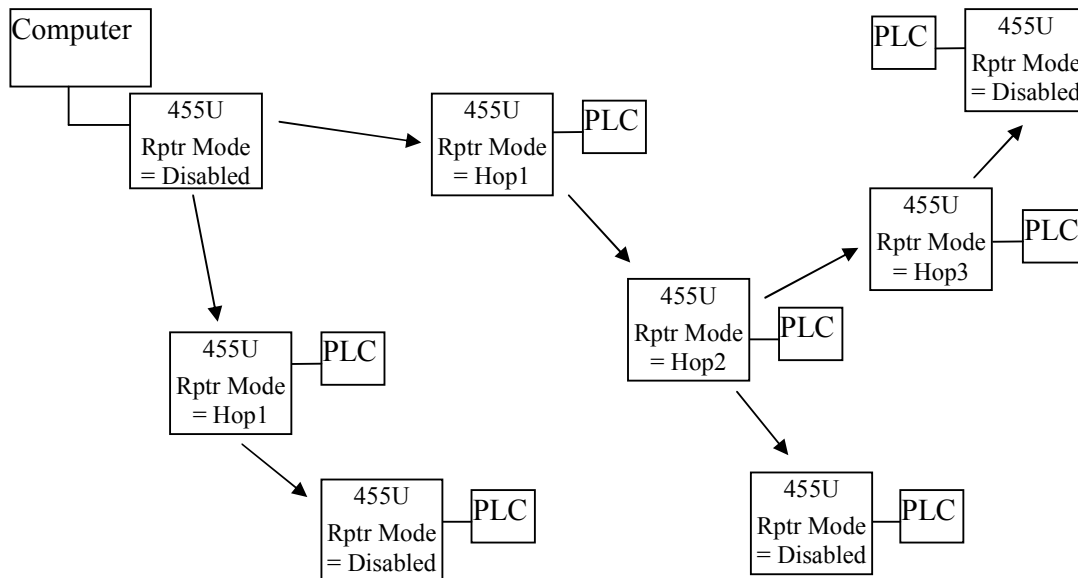
The default setting of the program is unacknowledged mode. Select the system address or use the random value already selected - if the module is to become part of an existing system then you must select the same system address as the existing modules.

Select a Unit address for the module. Giving each module a unique unit address allows the modules to be accessed over the radio using remote configuration and diagnostics

The “Auto Connect” button will normally be selected for unacknowledged mode. This causes the modem to go directly online. Usually the RS232 path will be set to “0” to broadcast to all RS232 ports in the system, and the RS485 path will be set to 128 to broadcast to all RS485 ports in the system. If you select “Single Connect”, then the module will start-up in command mode, and will not operate until the host device sends it an AT command to go on-line.

### Broadcast Repeater

Selecting the broadcast repeater mode to causes the modem to become part of the a broadcast backbone. Setting the repeater mode to “Hop 1” causes the modem repeat all messages which have completed one hop, and have a “0” in the first intermediate address position of the address. Similarly, setting Setting the repeater mode to “Hop 2” causes the modem repeat all messages which have completed two hop, and have a “0” in the second intermediate address position of the address.



### 4.4.2 Acknowledged mode

If you select any of the Acknowledged mode options, you will be asked to select a unit address for the module. This should be a unique address for that module (0 – 127).

#### **Auto-Connect Master**

In auto-connect mode, the “master” will automatically attempt to connect to the slave address. Once connected, the link can transfer data in either direction, with error-checking, acknowledgement messages, and automatic re-transmissions if necessary. If the link connection fails (indicated by the LINK led), then the master unit will automatically try to reconnect to the slave.

At the master unit, you need to enter the address of the slave. Select the “RS232 Path” section.. The address of the slave is entered by clicking on the “Z0” box. Up to five repeater addresses may be entered. Repeater modules may be configured in any Acknowledged mode option, but they must have the same system address. The repeater addresses are entered in order from the master - that is, the leftmost address is the first repeater after the master.

You can enter address structures for four slaves - “Dest 1” to “Dest 4”. However the host must use AT command to select which slave is required. Without the use of AT commands, the master will only attempt to connect to the address configured in “Dest 1”.

#### **Auto-Connect Slave**

The only configuration required for a auto-connect slave module is to enter its unit address.

#### **Single-Connect**

In single-connect Acknowledged mode, the host devices use AT commands to select destination addresses to connect to. Normally the only configuration required is a unit address.

#### **Acknowledged mode Options**

For each Acknowledged mode, there are some options. In the “Advanced” page, there are some timing parameters.

If you enter a “Link Check Time”, then the master unit will send a “check message” if the check time has elapsed without any data transmissions. For example, if you enter 10 seconds, then if there is a 10 second period without a data transmission, then the master module will transmit a check message. If the slave does not acknowledge, then the master will transmit the check message up to five times. If there is still no ACK, then the master will reset the link (DCD reset).

If you enter an “Inactivity Timeout” value, then the 455U will automatically reset the link if there has been no data transmissions within this time. If you use the link check feature, you should enter an “Inactivity Timeout” value to reset the link at the slave unit.

It is a good idea to use these timers as it provides a higher level of security for the Acknowledged mode system. Normally a link check time will be entered at the master unit (for example, 10 seconds), and a inactivity timeout will be entered at the slave unit (for example, 15 seconds). It is important that the inactivity timeout is greater than the link check time.

A value of zero disables these parameters.



### 4.4.3 Other Parameters

#### Radio Data Rate

Select the radio data rate which you want to use. Note that modules will only communicate with each other if they have the same radio data rate. If you select a rate which is faster than the serial rate, the 455U will automatically set transmission delay parameters in registers S18 and S19 (refer section 3.8). To disable this, deselect the “PLC Mode” box in the Serial configuration window.

Note that modules will only communicate with each other if they have the same radio data rate.

#### CRC Error Checking for transmitted messages

It is normal for error checking to be disabled for unacknowledged mode and enabled for controlled. However you can select either for either mode, and separately select for the RS-232 port and the RS485 port. The modem is always able to receive messages both with and without error checking, so different modems in the system may be configured with different error checking options. (AT&E).

#### Data Encryption

Data Encryption may be set to “Disabled”, “Enabled on TX”, or “Forced on RX”. “Disabled” setting allows the modem to receive both encrypted and unencrypted messages, but the modem will only transmit unencrypted messages. “Enabled on TX” causes the modem to transmit encrypted messages and to receive both encrypted and unencrypted messages. “Forced on RX” causes the modem to transmit encrypted messages and only accept messages which are encrypted. Note that the encryption keys must be set up in each modem to the same values to allow the modem to decrypt encrypted data correctly. If incorrect encryption keys are entered, the data will be forwarded out the correct port, but will be garbled.

#### Packet Size (bytes)

This selects the maximum number of bytes which will be transmitted in one message. If more than this number of bytes is input into the 455U, then the module will transmit more than one message.

The default value is 1024 bytes which is the largest packet value. If you are operating in a noisy radio environment, then the system may be more reliable if you reduce the maximum packet size and transmit a larger number of small messages rather than a lesser number of large messages.

#### Transmit and Receive Hold-off delay times

A “transmit delay” time and a “receive delay” time can be configured. These parameters may be used to fine tune and give priority to different 455U units in a system.

- After each message is transmitted, a 455U unit will not transmit another message during the transmit delay time. This could be used to allow a reply message to be received before the next message is sent.
- After a message is received, a message will not be transmitted during the receive delay time. This could be used to delay a reply message until other messages have been sent.

**Serial Port settings**

The serial port settings should be selected to match the host device. Different port settings may be selected for different modules in the same system.

Serial data rate can be selected between 600 and 187,500 baud. If you select a rate which is slower than the radio rate, the 455U configuration software will automatically set transmission delay parameters in registers S18 and S19 (refer section 3.8).

To disable this feature, deselect the “PLC Mode” box. Then there will be no delay - data bytes will be transmitted as soon as they appear in the input buffer.

The number of Data Bits can be selected as 7 or 8. The number of stop bits can be 1 or 2. Parity can be none, even or odd.

**Flow Control**

“Flow control” affects the use of the CTS and RTS signals on the RS232 port. These signals can be used to prevent overflow of the input buffer or output buffer of the 455U. The settings should be selected to match the host device. The options for this setting are :

- “None” - The RTS signal from the host is ignored and the 455U sets the CTS signal always on.
- “CTS/RTS” - input buffer flow control - the 455U will reset the CTS signal when its input buffer is full
- “XON / XOFF” the modem uses the XON and XOFF symbols to control flow of data. This protocol should not be used with raw binary data, as the raw data may contain the XON and XOFF characters. This flow control method is only suitable for use with ASCII data.

**DTR Control**

The DTR signal on the RS232 port can be used for different functions in Acknowledged mode:

“Ignore DTR” - the DTR signal does not perform any function

“Command Mode” - if the host resets DTR, the 455U will go into command mode - when DTR is activated, the module will revert to on-line mode

“Command Mode, Disconnect” - as above except that the module will also force a disconnection of the communications link

“Low Power, Disconnect” - when the host resets DTR, the module will disconnect the link and go to low power mode. If you select the “Low Power” option in the Acknowledged mode page, this selection of DTR will be automatically made.

**DCD Control**

The DCD signal on the RS232 port can be used to give an indication of communications link status in Acknowledged mode. Note that the link is always connected in unacknowledged mode.

- “Always On” - the 455U sets the DCD to be always on

- “Only High When Connected” - the DCD signal will be on when the link is connected and off when the link is reset
- “Pulse Low on Disconnect” - the DCD signal will be normally on but will switch off momentarily (for 0.5 sec) when the link is reset.

**Advanced Settings**

These settings may be adjusted if the host device is using AT commands - refer to Appendix A for an explanation of the different parameters.

**S Registers**

These are parameter registers settable by AT commands. They do not normally need to be changed. Refer to Appendix A for an explanation of these parameters.

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## 4.5

## Hayes Commands

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The 455U unit may be configured by a host device using Hayes AT commands. Configuration may be done “off-line” by a user (with a PC terminal as the host device) or it can be done automatically “on-line” by a host device such as PLC or SCADA. The AT commands are ASCII messages designed for use with conventional telephone modems.

Before a 455U unit will accept Hayes commands, it must be in “command” mode. A host device may force the unit to command mode by sending a sequence of three “escape” characters - “+++”. The default escape character is “+”, however this may be changed as it is one of the configuration parameters. There must be a 1 second break of data before and after the escape sequence. The 455U can be configured to start up in command mode (or alternately in operating mode). It would be normal for the modem to start up in command mode when used in single-connect Acknowledged mode.

Once in configuration mode, the 455U unit will accept a string of Hayes commands, and the configuration changes made. The changes will not however be stored in permanent memory (EEPROM) unless the Hayes command for recording the configuration (AT&W) is sent. When the configuration changes are made, the module must be put back into its operating mode by using the “online” Hayes command, **ATO**

Commands are entered in the format ATxy, where x selects the parameter, and y the value of the parameter. For example, ATB2 sets the radio data rate to 4800 baud. B selects the radio rate parameter and 2 is the value corresponding to 4800 baud.

### Summary

Enter command mode	<1sec break> + + + <1 sec break>
Response from 455U	OK
Enter configuration commands	ATxy
Response from 455U	OK
Save configuration	AT&W
Exit command mode	ATO

Note that some commands will automatically exit command mode. Several commands can be run together, for example, ATB2&WO is the same as ATB2 and AT&W and ATO

### Prior to Configuration

Before configuring a module initially, force the module to its factory default configuration - either by using the DIP switch (refer section 4.3), or by using the AT&F command. If you are making a change to an existing configuration, this step is not necessary.

Appendix A details all of the Hayes commands accepted by the 455U. The following commands are the most common.

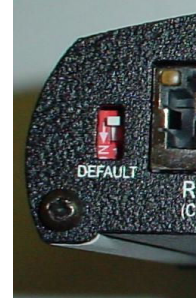
## 4.6

## Switch Configuration

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Factory default configuration may be restored to the modem by setting the DIL switch on the end plate to “Default” setting. This will not change the configuration settings in non-volatile memory, but will set the volatile configuration to factory default settings. This is equivalent to entering the command “AT&F” to the modem. To restore Factory defaults, perform the following

1. Set the switch to “Default” (down) position
2. Turn off module power
3. Turn module power back on
4. Return the switch to the up position



The module will now be configured for 19,200 baud communication on the RS232 DB9 port.

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## 4.7

## Configuration Examples

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### Typical Applications

The following section describes some typical applications and the configuration of the modems involved.

#### 4.7.1 Data Logger Network with Central Computer

In this application, the computer connects to each logger on a regular basis, and uploads information from the logger. The logger protocol does not support error checking, and the PC application software is designed to work with telephone modems. The PC software issues ATD commands to the central modem to make connection with each logger. When it has finished communicating with the logger, it issues an ATH command to terminate the connection.

##### 4.7.1.1 Central Modem configuration

AT&M1 – Configure Acknowledged Mode

AT&E1 – Enable Error checking

AT&U1 – Set unit address to 1.

##### 4.7.1.2 Remote Modems configuration

AT&M1 – Configure Acknowledged Mode

AT&E1 – Enable Error checking

ATS0=1 – Enable Auto Answering on first attempt.

AT&U2, AT&U3, etc – Set unit address to 2, 3, 4, etc for each remote modem.

#### 4.7.2 Unsupported Protocol, with broadcast messages and repeaters.

This example demonstrates how to operate with an unsupported protocol, and demonstrates how to broadcast messages to the entire system.

This example incorporates a single station connected to Master host device, two repeater stations with connected slave host devices, and three remote stations each with a connected slave host device. The master station is address 1. The two repeater stations are address 2 and 3. The remote stations are addresses 4, 5 and 6.

Remote station 4 communicates directly to the master station. Remote stations 5 and 6 communicate with the master via repeater stations 2 and 3 respectively. Messages from the Master host device must be delivered to all of the slave devices, and messages from each of the slave devices must be delivered to the master station.

This example uses operating mode 0, which routes all messages according to the path set with the &Z0 command.

The host protocol is packet based, with message packets of up to 100 bytes. The master station initiates all communication, and waits for a response from the slave devices.

##### 4.7.2.1 Master Host site Modem configuration

AT&M0 - Configure mode 0 – Unacknowledged mode.

AT&L1 – Go directly online at startup

AT&U1 - Set Modem's address to 1

AT&Z0=0,0 - Set all messages to go to the wildcard address, and repeat once

#### **4.7.2.2 Slave Repeater stations address 2 and 3**

AT&M0 - Configure mode 0 – Unacknowledged mode.

AT&L1 – Go directly online at startup

AT&U2 (or &U3)- Set Modem's address to 2(or 3)

AT&Z0=1 - Set all messages to go directly to master station, address 1.

AT&R1 - Set Broadcast Repeater mode – Repeat messages on first hop to wildcard address 0.

ATS17=20 or 40 – Set the receive hold-off to a different value for each repeater. This ensures that the repeated messages from the repeaters don't clash with each other. Also this ensures the repeated messages don't clash with responses from any of the directly communicating devices. This command sets one repeater to 200 mSec hold-off and the other to 400 mSec hold-off.

#### **4.7.2.3 Slave device Site address 4**

AT&M0 - Configure mode 0 – Unacknowledged mode.

AT&L1 – Go directly online at startup

AT&U4 - Set Modem's address to 4

AT&Z0=1 - Set all messages to go directly to master station, address 1.

#### **4.7.2.4 Slave device Site addresses 5 and 6**

AT&M0 - Configure mode 0 – Unacknowledged mode.

AT&U5(or U6)- Set Modem's address to 5(or 6)

AT&P0=:1 - Set all messages to go directly to master station, address 1..

### **4.7.3 Modbus Network, including repeaters**

This example applies to both a modbus network and to a DF1 half duplex network. The difference will be the of &M setting (mode).

The application requires the following configuration

- Master station. modem address 99 (No modbus address).
- Remote stations 1-4 communicate directly to master station. Modbus addresses 11-14 are connected to these stations.
- Remote stations 5-6 communicate to master station through remote station 3. Modbus addresses 25-26 are connected to these stations.
- Remote station 7 communicates to master station through remote stations 6 and 3. Modbus address 27 is connected to this stations.

#### **4.6.2.1 Master station configuration**

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AT&M4 – Configure Modbus specific mode – master

AT&U99 - Set unit address to 99

AT&P0=11-14:1 - To communicate to modbus addresses 11-14, transmit the message directly to modems 1 through 4 respectively.

AT&P4=25-26:3,5 - Communicate to modbus address 25 and 26, transmit to station 5 via station 3 and to station 6 via station 3 respectively.

AT&P6=27:3,6,7 - Communicate to modbus address 27 via stations 3,6, and 7.

#### **4.6.2.2 Remote stations 1-4 Configuration**

AT&M5 - Configure Modbus specific mode – slave

AT&U1 to AT&U4 - Set the station address 1 to 4

AT&P0=0:99 - Send all messages to station 99.

#### **4.6.2.3 Remote stations 5-6 Configuration**

AT&M5 - Configure Modbus specific mode – slave

AT&U5 to AT&U6 - Set the station address 5 or 6

AT&P0=0:3,99 - Send all messages to station 99 via station 3.

#### **4.6.2.4 Remote station 7 Configuration**

AT&M5 - Configure Modbus specific mode – slave

AT&U7 - Set the station address 7

AT&P0=0:6,3,99 - Send all messages to station 99 via stations 6 and 3.

### **4.7.4 DNP3 network with repeaters**

The DNP protocol is a peer-to-peer protocol, with both the source and destination address encoded in the data frame. This example describes a network with 5 stations. Station addresses are 1-5, with connected DNP devices having addresses 1001 – 1005 respectively. Stations 1, 2 and 4 can communicate to station 3. Station 4 can also communicate to station 5.

This example also applies to Profibus networks, except that the mode setting (&M) will have a different value.

#### **4.6.3.1 Stations 1&2 configuration**

AT&M8 - Configure DNP3 protocol mode

AT&U1 or AT&U2 - Set station address to 1 or 2.

AT&P0=1002:3,2 - To talk to 1002, communicate via 3 and station 2 (For station 1)

AT&P0=1001:3,1 - To talk to 1001, communicate via 3 and station 1 (For station 2)

AT&P1=1003:3 - To talk to 1003, go via station 3

AT&P2=1004:3,4 - To talk to 1004, go via station 3 then 4

AT&P3=1005:3,4,5 - To talk to 1005, go via station 3, 4 then 5

#### **4.6.3.2 Station 3 configuration**



AT&M8 - Configure DNP3 protocol mode

AT&U3 - Set station address to 3.

AT&P0=1001-1002:1 - To talk to 1001 or 1002, communicate via station 1 or station 2 respectively

AT&P2=1004:4 - To talk to 1004, go directly to station 4

AT&P3=1005:4,5 - To talk to 1005, go via station 4 then 5

#### **4.6.3.3 Station 4 configuration**

AT&M8 - Configure DNP3 protocol mode

AT&U4 - Set station address to 4.

AT&P0=1001-1002:3,1 - To talk to 1001 or 1002, communicate via 3 then to stations 1 and 2 respectively.

AT&P1=1003:3 - To talk to 1003, go directly via station 3

AT&P3=1005:5 - To talk to 1005, go directly via station 5

# Chapter Five

# SPECIFICATIONS

<b>General</b>		
EMC specification	EN 300 279	89/336/EEC
Radio specification	EN-300-219/1	360 – 520 MHz, 5W
Housing	130 x 145 x 40mm DIN rail mount	Powder-coated, extruded aluminium or plastic
Terminal blocks	Removable	Suitable for 2.5sqmm conductors
LED indication	OK operation, Serial RX and TX, Radio RX and TX, DCD active	
Operating Temperature	-30 to +60 degrees C -40 to +70 degrees C 0 – 99% RH non-condensing	Full performance Typical performance
<b>Power Supply</b>		
Nominal supply	11 to 15VDC – Backup Lead Acid Battery  15-30 VDC – Main Supply	Overvoltage and reverse voltage protected. Provides Battery charging features from main supply.  Reverse current protected.
Current Drain @ 12VDC	90 mA quiescent	During transmission up to 1.5A
<b>Radio Transceiver</b>		
Single channel	synthesized, fixed band 12.5 or 25KHz	360 –520 MHz (In 20 MHz bands)
Transmit power	Four levels 5W, 2W, 1W and 0.5W	Configurable
Receive Sens (BER 10 <sup>-3</sup> )	-106 dBm -112 dBm -114 dBm -116 dBm	9600 Baud 4800 Baud 2400 Baud 1200 Baud
Signal detect / RSSI	-120 to -60 dBm	

Expected line-of-sight range	30 km @ 19200 baud (25Khz) 35 km @ 9600 baud (12.5Khz) 60 km @ 4800 baud	Range may be extended by up to 6 intermediate modules as repeaters, in Acknowledged mode
Antenna Connector	Female SMA coaxial	
<b>Serial Ports</b>		
RS232 Port	DB9 female DCE	RTS/CTS/DTR/DCD hardware signals provided
RS485 Port	2 pin terminal block	Maximum distance 1.2 km
Data rate (bit/sec) - configurable	600, 1200, 2400, 4800, 9600, 14400, 19200, 28800, 31250, 38400, 57600, 76800, 93750, 115200, 187500	
Byte format	7 or 8 data bits	Stop/start/parity bits configurable
<b>System Parameters</b>		
Operating modes	Unacknowledged mode Acknowledged mode	Broadcast or Addressed Addressed communications with retry – acknowledge protocol
System address	Configurable 16 bit	
User Configuration		Hayes commands from local or remote host device. Configuration Software Utility Factory Default via switch
<b>Diagnostics</b>		
	OK and PWR leds	
	Low signal receive led CTS/RTS indication	
	RSSI measurement in dBm	BER test

# Chapter Six

# TROUBLESHOOTING

## 6.1

## Diagnostics Chart

INDICATOR	CONDITION	MEANING
OK LED OFF	Continuously	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Power supply failure</li> <li>Battery Supply Overvoltage</li> </ul>
OK LED RED	Continuously	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CPU Failure</li> <li>Low Supply Voltage</li> </ul>
OK LED ON	Continuously	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Normal Operation</li> </ul>
Radio TX LED ON	Flashes briefly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Radio transmitting</li> </ul>
Radio RX LED ON	GREEN flash RED flash	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Radio receiving data</li> <li>Weak radio signal (&lt;-95dBm)</li> </ul>
RS232 LED ON	Flash	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>RS232 Serial Port Receiving or transmitting</li> </ul>
RS485 LED ON	Flash	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>RS485 Serial Port Receiving or transmitting</li> </ul>
DCD LED OFF	Continuously	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Radio Link established.</li> </ul>
DCD LED GREEN	Continuously	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Modem is online &amp; ready to transmit.</li> <li>In Acknowledged mode, a radio link has been established.</li> </ul>
DCD LED RED	Continuously	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Modem is in Command mode, but has a radio link established.</li> <li>Must send "Online" command to modem before communicating to other modems.</li> </ul>

The green OK LED on the front panel indicates correct operation of the unit. This LED becomes red on failure as described above. When the OK LED becomes red shutdown state is indicated. On processor failure, or on failure during startup diagnostics, the unit shuts down, and remains in shutdown until the fault is rectified.

## 6.2

## Test Functions

### 6.2.1 Radio Testing - AT&Tx

To aid in the checking and setup of the 455U unit, diagnostic functions are provided using the standard Hayes AT commands. To perform the tests, you will need a terminal (PC + hyper-terminal) set-up to match the module (same character type and serial speed). The table below outlines the functions of the various tests:

AT&T	Radio Self Tests. Allows in-field diagnostics, and factory testing.
&T0	Stop Tone Reversals.
&T1	Tone Reversals – 200 HZ modulation
&T2	Tone Reversals – 2400 HZ modulation
&T3	Tone Reversals – No modulation
&T4	Random Tone Reversals. Generates pseudo random data and sends out radio.
&T5	RSSI Measurement. Monitors the received signal strength, and displays in dBm

Most radio tests are carried out using the AT&T2 test as this is the easiest to accomplish.

### AT&T5 - Received Signal Strength Display

This option provides for testing the radio path between two 455U units. Although a pair of units may communicate successfully, radio communication may be affected by a range of influences, including atmospheric conditions, changing landscape, degradation of antennas or co-axial cable, low battery voltage etc. Fade margin is an indication of how far a radio path can deteriorate before reliable communication becomes unreliable.

When using this feature, the current value of the received signal strength is displayed in dBm (decibels referenced to 1 mW). This value is updated every half second. To check the radio path between two units, force the remote unit to generate data and read the signal level from the local terminal. The remote unit can be forced to transmit by selecting AT&T2.

Also measure the background noise by stopping transmission from the remote module and reading the value from the terminal. For reliable operation (that is, a bit error rate of more than 1 in 300) the transmitted signal should be better than the following margins:

Radio Baud Rate	Margin above Noise	Minimum Value (dBm)
9600	10	-95
4800	10	-105

When using directional antennas (YAGI antennas) this feature may be used to align the antenna in the correct direction by selecting the peak signal when moving the antenna. Setup the remote unit to transmit, and observe the signal indication while adjusting the orientation of the antenna. A peak in signal level indicates optimum orientation of the antenna.

### 6.2.2 Bit Error Rate Test (BER)

BER may be tested by typing AT#B (BER master) The sending unit will repeatedly send pseudo-random frames, and the receiving unit will check these frames for errors. The receiving unit returns a response message indicating how many (if any) errors were found. The test results are displayed on the sending unit.

An example of the sending unit's display is here.

Test	Errors	Extra	Level	TotErr	TotMissed	TotTest
109	0	0	-77dBm	3	0	109 kbit

**Test** - the sequence number of the last received frame

**Errors** - the number of bit errors in the last received frame

**Extra** - any extra characters at the end of the frame (negative numbers indicate frame dropped out early)

**Level** - the RSSI level when the frame was received.

**TotErr** - The total errors received during this test.

**TotMissed** - The number of missed frames during this test

**TotTest** - The total number of bits sent (in 1000's)

Occasionally during testing, the following may be displayed:

Test	Errors	Extra	Level	TotErr	TotTest

**Bad Header**

This indicated that the header information has been corrupted. Corrupted headers do not contribute to the bit errors, which are calculated only on the 1,000 bit frame.

The BER test will automatically end if a test time has been entered at S8 register (refer Appendix A). If S8 has a zero value (default), the timer is inactive and the BER test will continue until manually stopped.

### 6.2.3 On-line diagnostics

Some diagnostic values may be read by a host device, using AT commands. These values include the radio signal strength of the last message received (ATS9?) and the reason for the communication link resetting in Acknowledged mode (ATS12?) - refer Appendix 1.

Other Diagnostic registers are :

S-Register	Meaning
S31	Radio Flags, 0 for All OK, Otherwise some Radio faults. (8 indicates no antenna)
S32	Module Temperature (Subtract 50 to get temp in deg C)
S33	State of Digital I/O point
S34	Battery Input Voltage (Units 0.1Volt)
S35	Supply Input Voltage (Units 0.1Volt) (0-25.5 Volts)

## Chapter Seven WARRANTY & SERVICE

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# Appendix A

# Hayes Commands

The following details all of the Hayes commands supported by the 455U. Default settings are shown by a “dot”, •

Command	Function
ATA	Answer Incoming Call – The modem can also be set to answer incoming calls immediately or after a certain number of attempts. (See S-Register S0)
ATB	Set Radio Baud Rate – Radio Baud rates are 1200, 2400, 4800, 9600 and 19200 baud. Some baud rates may not be possible for some country codes. The baud rate selected depends on the radio bandwidth setting (AT\N0 or AT\N1)
	With Narrowband radio (AT\N1 selected)
	With wideband radio (AT\N0 selected)
B0	Set 1200 baud
B1	Set 2400 baud
B2•	Set 4800 baud
B3	Set 9600 baud
ATC	Serial Baud Rate selection / Automatic Baud Detection control ( These commands refer to the RS-232 serial port. ATR commands refer to RS-485 port).
C0•	Set automatic baud rate detection
C1	Set 600 baud
C2	Set 1200 baud
C3	Set 2400 baud
C4	Set 4800 baud
C5	Set 9600 baud
C6	Set 14,400 baud
C7	Set 19,200 baud
C8	Set 28,800 baud
C9	Set 31,250 baud (Foundation Fieldbus + Profibus FMS)
C10	Set 38,400 baud
C11	Set 57,600 baud
C12	Set 76,800 baud
C13	Set 93,750 baud (For Profibus)
C15	Set 115,200 baud
C16	Set 187,500 baud (For Profibus)
ATD	Connection/Dialling Control. Dial a specific remote or a stored number. This



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	command has a different effect depending on whether it is issued from the RS-232 main serial port (connects to the remote modem's serial ports) or from the Diagnostic serial port (Connects to the remote modems diagnostic functions).
ATE	Local Echo Control. Enable/Disable Command Echo.
E0	Disable Local Echo
E1•	Enable Local Echo
ATH	Hang up/Hook control. End a call, or disable incoming calls.
ATI	Modem Identity / Firmware version
ATO	Go to on-line
ATQ	Quiet mode (Suppress/enable response codes)
Q0•	Enable response codes
Q1	Disable response codes
ATR	RS-485 Serial Baud Rate selection.
R1	Set 600 baud
R2	Set 1200 baud
R3	Set 2400 baud
R4	Set 4800 baud
R5•	Set 9600 baud
R6	Set 14,400 baud
R7	Set 19,200 baud
R8	Set 28,800 baud
R9	Set 31,250 baud
R10	Set 38,400 baud
R11	Set 57,600 baud
R12	Set 76,800 baud
R13	Set 93,750 baud (For Profibus)
R14	Set 115,200 baud
R15	Set 187,500 baud (For Profibus)
ATSn?	Read value from S-Register n
ATSn=xx	Set value of S-Register n to xx
ATV	Verbal/Numeric Response Codes
V0	Numeric response codes
V1•	Verbose response codes
ATX	Extended Response Codes. Allows more detailed response codes, including

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	connection speed.
X0●	Basic response codes only
X1	X0 + Connection Baud rate codes (CONNECT 19200, CONNECT 57600)
X2	X1 + BUSY Message
X3	X2 + RINGING Message
ATZ	Reset the modem, and re-load the configuration stored in non-volatile memory.
AT#A	Remote Configuration and Diagnostics Access Mode
#A0●	Disallow Remote Access
#A1	Allow Remote Access (Password required if configured in security menu) (Use security Menu AT#S to change password)
AT#B	Perform BER (Bit Error Rate) test to specified address (AT#B1,2,3,4 to do BER test to site 4 via 1, 2 and 3).
AT#C	Radio Calibration Options (Can only be accessed when #R Password entered)
#C0	Calibrate Power level for Power setting 0.
#C1	Calibrate Power level for Power setting 1.
#C2	Calibrate Power level for Power setting 2.
#C3	Calibrate Power level for Power setting 3.
#C4	Calibrate Radio Frequency offset
#C5	Calibrate Radio Deviation
#C6	Calibrate Radio Modulation Balance
#C7	Calibrate Radio RSSI Using Radio TestSet
#C8	Calibrate Radio RSSI (Set default Calibration or enter actual values)
AT#E	Encryption Mode (Use security menu AT#S to change encryption key)
#E0●	Disable security encryption
#E1	Enable security encryption on transmitted messages
#E2	Enable security encryption on transmitted messages and enforce encryption on received msgs.
AT#O	Control digital I/O point
#O0	Turn digital I/O point off (And enable as an input)
#O1	Turn digital I/O point on
#O2	Digital I/O point reflects communications link
AT#R	Enter Radio Access Password – Enables radio commands until next reset. (Password is ELPROTech).
AT#S	Enter AES Security key.

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AT&Axx	RS-485 Serial port Character Type (Data bits, Stop bits, Parity)
0●	8 data, No parity, 1 Stop Bit
1	8 data, No parity, 2 Stop Bits
2	7 Data Bits, Even Parity, 1 Stop bit
3	7 Data Bits, Odd Parity, 1 Stop bit
4	8 Data Bits, Even Parity, 1 Stop bit
5	8 Data Bits, Odd Parity, 1 Stop bit
AT&Bxx	RS-232 Serial port Character Type
0●	8 data, No parity, 1 Stop Bit
1	8 data, No parity, 2 Stop Bits
2	7 Data Bits, Even Parity, 1 Stop bit
3	7 Data Bits, Odd Parity, 1 Stop bit
4	8 Data Bits, Even Parity, 1 Stop bit
5	8 Data Bits, Odd Parity, 1 Stop bit
AT&C	Data Carrier Detect (DCD) Control.
&C0	DCD Always on.
&C1●	DCD High when connected (Acknowledged Mode) or when online (Unacknowledged mode). Low otherwise.
&C2	DCD Always on, Pulses low on Disconnect (Acknowledged Mode) or on Hangup (Unacknowledged mode).
AT&D	Data Terminal Ready (DTR) Behaviour. The host controls DTR. This command controls how the modem reacts to the state of DTR.
&D0●	Modem ignores DTR, and acts as if it is asserted.
&D1	If the host lowers DTR, the modem returns to command mode, but does not disconnect.
&D2	If the host lowers DTR, the modem disconnects and returns to command mode.
&D3	If the host lowers DTR, the modem disconnects and goes to low power mode. Raising DTR will cause the modem to dial if the leased line settings are correct (&L1).
AT&E	CRC Error Checking
&E0●	Disable CRC Error Checking
&E1	Enable CRC Error Checking for RS-232 port
&E2	Enable CRC Error Checking for RS-485 port
&E3	Enable CRC Error Checking for both RS-232 and RS-485 port
AT&F	Restore Factory Defaults. This function is also available from the external DIP

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	Switch.
AT&K	RS-232 Serial port Flow Control Configuration. Flow control options are: none, CTS/RTS and XON/XOFF.  In Acknowledged mode, flow control passes across the modem link, as the local buffers become full, then back to the remote host device as the remote modem's buffers become full.  No Flow control is provided on the RS-485 port.
&K0•	Flow Control Disabled. CTS Always high. Modem ignores RTS.
&K1	CTS/RTS Flow Control. CTS follows RTS high if there is space in the local buffer. Otherwise CTS goes low. On Serial Transmit, CTS goes high, and waits for RTS to go high before transmitting. <b>Note: Currently not implemented (Behaviour is as for &amp;K3)</b>
&K2	CTS/RTS Flow Control. CTS Reflects the state of the remote buffer, AND the local buffer, AND the remote RTS input. The modem only transmits serial data when RTS is high. RTS input is transferred to the remote modem. <b>Note: Currently not implemented (Behaviour is as for &amp;K3)</b>
&K3	CTS/RTS Flow Control. CTS Reflects the state of the local buffer. Modem only transmits serial data when RTS is high.
&K4	XON – XOFF Flow Control. Modem uses XON (Hex value 0x17) and XOFF (Hex value 0x19) to control flow of information between modem and host.
AT&L	Leased Line Mode Control. Allows configuration for answer, originate, or command mode.
&L0•	Normal Mode. At power-up, the modem enters command mode and waits for commands.
&L1	Leased Line mode. For Acknowledged mode, ATD automatically dials the number stored in Z0, ATA answers an incoming call. For Unacknowledged modes, the modem automatically goes online, and sends messages to the modem configured in Z0.
&L2	Leased Line Originate mode. The modem dials the number stored in &Z0 automatically. It continuously attempts to connect to that number. Use DTR with the AT&D command to control the connection. This mode is only allowed when operating in Acknowledged mode.
&L3	Leased Line Answer mode. The modem continuously attempts to answer any incoming call. Use DTR with the AT&D command to control the connection. This mode is only allowed when operating in Acknowledged mode.
AT&M	Operating Mode. This allows selection between unacknowledged mode, acknowledged mode and the different protocol specific modes.
&M0•	Unacknowledged Mode. All serial data is sent to the configured destination address (In Z0 or specified in a dial command). No Acknowledgement is required, and broadcast messages are allowed by using the wildcard address "0".

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	In this mode, Messages on the RS-485 port are sent the the address configured in register &Z1. Messages on the RS-232 port are sent to the address dialled from the command line, or configured in the auto-dial register &Z0.
&M1	Acknowledged mode. This mode simulates telephone modems, with a single connection being made to a remote modem in the system, and each message is acknowledged before more data is sent. If no Acknowledgement is received, the message is re-transmitted.
&M3 &M4 etc	Host protocol specific modes.
AT&N	Abort Connection Control. Controls whether the modem will abort a connection attempt if a character is entered. This item is only meaningful with the acknowledged mode of operation.
&N0	Ignore characters entered while attempting to make a connection.
&N1•	If a key is hit while attempting to connect, abort the connection attempt and return to command mode.
AT&P	Protocol Routing Paths – Up to 100 paths can be stored. Routing paths are used in conjunction with host protocol specific routing, so that device addresses may be extracted from the data frame and used to direct the message. Each path consists of a destination address extracted from the protocol frame, a radio destination address and up to 6 store and forward addresses.  Format: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. “AT&amp;Pxx= a[-a]: {n,}f”.  “xx” = 0 to 99. “a” = 0 to 65535 (depending on protocol). “n” = 0 to 127, “f” = 0 to 255. This indicates the path to send the message. “a” is the protocol address to match. (“a-a” indicates a range of addresses) “n” indicates a repeater address in the radio network, and “f” indicates the final address (0-127 indicates RS232 port, 128-255 indicates RS485 port)</li> <li>2. “AT&amp;Px=” “x” = 0 to 99. Clear path number “x”</li> <li>3. “AT&amp;Px?”. “x” = 0 to 99. Display setting for Path “x”</li> <li>4. “AT&amp;P?” or “AT&amp;P” – Display all configured paths</li> <li>5. “AT&amp;P=” Clear all paths</li> </ol> These paths may apply to either the RS-232 port or the RS-485 port depending on the modem’s operating mode
AT&R	Repeater Functionality– Enable or disable repeating of messages to the wildcard addresses 0 and 128, and enable or disable sending messages to serial port.
&R0•	Don’t repeat messages to the “Wildcard” address, and don’t copy repeated messages out the local serial port..
&R1	Repeat Messages sent to the wildcard address.
&R2	Send A copy of repeated messages out the serial port (RS-232 or RS-485 port)

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	depending on whether the message destination address is greater than 127).
&R3	Do both of R2 and R3. (Send A copy of repeated messages out the serial port AND repeate messages to the wildcard address).

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AT&T	Self Tests. Allows in-field diagnostics, and factory testing. Tests time out after the period configured in S-Register S8 (if not zero).
&T0	Stop Tone reversals (See T1 to T4 below).
&T1	Transmit tones Modulated at 200 Hz
&T2	Transmit tones Modulated at 2400 Hz
&T3	Transmit Tones Unmodulated
&T4	Transmite Random Modulated tones at current radio baud rate
&T5	RSSI Measurement. Monitors the received signal strength, and displays in dBm.
AT&V	View Current Configuration – List the value of all settings as well as S-Registers (except &P settings).
&V0	Same as AT&V
&V1	Only show settings that are different from the defaults.
&V2	Show all settings, including &P settings.
&V10	View configuration in non-volatile memory
&V11	As for V1, but configuration in non-volatile memory
&V12	As for V2, but configuration in non-volatile memory
AT&U	Set modem’s Unit Address Range 0-127. Default 1. The Unit address is used to identify the module in the system. It should always be set to a unique number within the modems in the system. This address is also used to access to the module using the remote diagnostics protocol.
AT&W	Write Current Configuration to non-volatile storage
AT&Z	Stored Numbers – Up to 4 stored numbers, also “Auto Connect” number for leased-line mode.  Format: “AT&Zx=nn,nn,nn,nn”. “x” = 0 to 3. “nn” = 1 to 127. Z0 is used for the autoconnect number.  Z0 contains the autoconnect number for the RS232 port (If Leased Line &L1 is selected)  Z3 contains the destination addressing for the RS485 port.
AT\B	Generate Break signal at remote modem. <b>(Currently not implemented)</b>
\Bn	“n” is the break length in units of 0.1 seconds.
AT\F	Set Radio Frequency (Can only be set when #R Password entered)
\FT xxx.xxxx	Set Transmit Frequency xxx.xxxx MHz – Returns ERROR if outside radio range.

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\FR xxx.xxxx	Set Receive Frequency xxx.xxxx MHz – Returns ERROR if outside radio range.		
AT\C	Radio Frequency Increment (Can only be set when #R Password entered)		
\C5	Set Radio frequency increment to 5.00 kHz.		
\C6	Set Radio frequency increment to 6.25 kHz.		
AT\N	Radio Bandwidth (Can only be set when #R Password entered)		
\N1	Set Radio to 2400 HZ bandwidth.		
\N0	Set Radio to 4800 HZ bandwidth.		
AT\P	Radio Power (Can only be set when #R Password entered)		
\P0	Set Radio to 500 mW		
\P1	Set Radio to 1 W.		
\P2	Set Radio to 2 W.		
\P3	Set Radio to 5 W.		
AT\K	Break signal handling control		
	<b>AT\B command from online</b>	<b>Host sends break on serial</b>	<b>Receive break from remote</b>
\K0	Purge Buffers & send break	Enter command state & purge buffers. Don't send Break.	Purge buffers and send break to host.
\K1	As for \K0	Purge Buffers and send break	As for \K0
\K2	Send Break ahead of buffered data.	As for \K0	Transfer break to host ahead of buffered data.
\K3	As for \K2	Send break ahead of buffered data.	As for \K2
\K4	Queue Break behind buffered data.	As for \K0	Queue Break behind buffered data.
\K5	As for \K4	Queue break behind buffered data.	As for \K4
AT\S	Radio Statistics		
\S	Display stats including last received signal strength from all module addresses – 1 – 127 (only modules that have been received are displayed).		
	1 Rssi: -98dBm Rx: 95 Fwd: 0 Err: 72 Last: 0d03h19m18s		
	Stats are: Last Received signal strength, Number of Messages Received from this address, Number of messages Forwarded from this address, and Number of received messages with errors from this address. Also indicates the time since last received a message from this address.		
\Snn	Display Stats for remote number nn only		

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AT\T	Inactivity Timeout – Units Seconds. Value 0-255. 0 = Disable. If there is no activity within this time, the modem drops the connection. See also S Register S6.
ATA	Answer Incoming Call – The modem can also be set to answer incoming calls immediately or after a certain number of attempts. (See S-Register S0)
ATB	Set Radio Baud Rate – Radio Baud rates are 1200, 2400, 4800, 9600 and 19200 baud. Some baud rates may not be possible for some countries. In this case, ERROR is returned. The Bell 202 and V.23 encodings allow use with existing systems that use these schemes.
B0	Set 1200 baud
B1	Set 2400 baud
B2●	Set 4800 baud
B3	Set 9600 baud (Available in some countries only)
B4	Set 19200 baud (Available in some countries only)
ATC	Serial Baud Rate selection / Automatic Baud Detection control ( These commands refer to the RS-232 serial port. ATR commands refer to RS-485 port).
C0●	Set automatic baud rate detection
C1	Set 1200 baud
C2	Set 2400 baud
C3	Set 4800 baud
C4	Set 9600 baud
C5	Set 14,400 baud
C6	Set 19,200 baud
C7	Set 28,800 baud
C8	Set 31,250 baud
C9	Set 38,400 baud
C10	Set 57,600 baud
C11	Set 76,800 baud
C12	Set 93,750 baud (For Profibus)
C13	Set 115,200 baud
C14	Set 187,500 baud (For Profibus)
ATD	Connection/Dialling Control. Dial a specific remote or a stored number. This command has a different effect depending on whether it is issued from the RS-232 main serial port (connects to the remote modem's serial ports) or from the Diagnostic serial port (Connects to the remote modems diagnostic functions).
ATE	Local Echo Control. Enable/Disable Command Echo.
E0	Disable Local Echo
E1●	Enable Local Echo
ATH	Hang up/Hook control. End a call, or disable incoming calls.
ATI	Modem Identity / Firmware version
ATO	Go to on-line
ATQ	Quiet mode (Suppress/enable response codes)
Q0●	Enable response codes
Q1	Disable response codes
ATR	RS-485 Serial Baud Rate selection.
R1	Set 1200 baud
R2	Set 2400 baud



R3	Set 4800 baud
R4•	Set 9600 baud
R5	Set 14,400 baud
R6	Set 19,200 baud
R7	Set 28,800 baud
R8	Set 31,250 baud
R9	Set 38,400 baud
R10	Set 57,600 baud
R11	Set 76,800 baud
R12	Set 93,750 baud (For Profibus)
R13	Set 115,200 baud
R14	Set 187,500 baud (For Profibus)
ATSn?	Read value from S-Register n
ATSn=xx	Set value of S-Register n to xx
ATV	Verbal/Numeric Response Codes
V0	Numeric response codes
V1•	Verbose response codes
ATX	Extended Response Codes. Allows more detailed response codes, including connection speed.
X0•	Basic response codes only
X1	X0 + Connection Baud rate codes (CONNECT 4800, CONNECT 19200)
X2	X1 + BUSY Message
X3	X2 + RINGING Message
ATZ	Reset the modem, and re-load the configuration stored in non-volatile memory.
AT#A	Remote Configuration and Diagnostics Access Mode
#A0•	Disallow Remote Access
#A1	Allow Remote Access (Password required if configured in security menu) (Use security Menu AT#S to change password)
AT#E	Encryption Mode (Use security menu AT#S to change encryption key)
#E0•	Disable security encryption
#E1	Enable security encryption on transmitted messages
#E2	Enable security encryption on transmitted messages and enforce encryption on received messages.
AT#S	Enter AES-128 Encryption Key.
AT&A	RS-485 Serial port Character Type (Data bits, Stop bits, Parity).
&A0•	8 data, No parity, 1 Stop Bit
&A1	8 data, No parity, 2 Stop Bits
&A2	7 Data Bits, Even Parity, 1 Stop bit
&A3	7 Data Bits, Odd Parity, 1 Stop bit
&A4	8 Data Bits, Even Parity, 1 Stop bit
&A5	8 Data Bits, Odd Parity, 1 Stop bit
AT&Bxx	RS-232 Serial port Character Type (Data bits, Stop bits, Parity).
&B0•	8 data, No parity, 1 Stop Bit
&B1	8 data, No parity, 2 Stop Bits
&B2	7 Data Bits, Even Parity, 1 Stop bit
&B3	7 Data Bits, Odd Parity, 1 Stop bit
&B4	8 Data Bits, Even Parity, 1 Stop bit
&B5	8 Data Bits, Odd Parity, 1 Stop bit

AT&C	Data Carrier Detect (DCD) Control. DCD is always on in Unacknowledged mode.
&C0	DCD Always on.
&C1•	DCD High when connected (Acknowledged Mode). Low otherwise.
&C2	DCD Always on, Pulses low on Disconnect (Acknowledged Mode).
AT&D	Data Terminal Ready (DTR) Behaviour. The host controls DTR. This command controls how the modem reacts to the state of DTR.
&D0•	Modem ignores DTR, and acts as if it is asserted.
&D1	If the host lowers DTR, the modem returns to command mode, but does not disconnect.
&D2	If the host lowers DTR, the modem disconnects and returns to command mode.
&D3	If the host lowers DTR, the modem disconnects and goes to low power mode. Raising DTR will cause the modem to dial if the leased line settings are correct (&L1).
AT&E	CRC Error Checking
&E0•	Disable CRC Error Checking
&E1	Enable CRC Error Checking
AT&F	Restore Factory Defaults. This function is also available from the external DIP Switch. Changed to S-Register
AT&H	Broadcast Repeater Hops Setting – Set the number of hops for a message to activate the broadcast repeater function (AT&R).
&H0•	Don't repeat messages to the "Wildcard" address, and don't copy repeated messages out the local serial port, regardless of the AT&R setting.
&H1	Perform the action specified by the AT&R setting when the wildcard address is the first Store&Forward address, and the message has completed one hop.
&H2	Perform the action specified by the AT&R setting when the wildcard address is the second Store&Forward address, and the message has completed two hops.
&H3 .. &H6	Repeat Messages when the wildcard address is the third (.. sixth) Store&Forward address, and the message has completed three (..six) hops.
AT&K	RS-232 Serial port Flow Control Configuration. Flow control options are: none, CTS/RTS, XON/XOFF and RS-485 mode. In Acknowledged mode, flow control passes across the modem link, as the local buffers become full, then back to the remote host device as the remote modem's buffers become full. No Flow control is provided on the RS-485 port.
&K0•	Flow Control Disabled. CTS Always high. Modem ignores RTS.
&K1	CTS/RTS Flow Control. CTS Reflects the state of the local buffer. Modem only transmits serial data when RTS is high.
&K2	As for &K1
&K3	As for &K1
&K4	XON – XOFF Flow Control. Modem uses XON (Hex value 0x17) and XOFF (Hex value 0x19) to control flow of information between modem and host.
AT&L	Leased Line Mode Control. Allows configuration for answer, originate, or command mode.
&L0•	Normal Mode. At power-up, the modem enters command mode and waits for commands.

&L1	Leased Line mode. For Acknowledged mode, The modem automatically dials the number stored in Z0, ATA answers an incoming call. For Unacknowledged modes, the modem automatically goes online, and sends messages to the modem configured in Z0.
&L2	Leased Line Answer mode. The modem continuously attempts to answer any incoming call. Use DTR with the AT&D command to control the connection. This mode is only allowed when operating in Acknowledged mode.
AT&M	Operating Mode. This allows selection between unacknowledged mode, acknowledged mode and the different protocol specific modes.
&M0•	Unacknowledged Mode. All serial data is sent to the configured destination address (In Z0 or specified in a dial command). No Acknowledgement is required, and broadcast messages are allowed by using the wildcard address "0". In this mode, Messages on the RS-485 port are sent the the address configured in register &Z1. Messages on the RS-232 port are sent to the address dialled from the command line, or configured in the auto-dial register &Z0.
&M1	Acknowledged mode. This mode simulates telephone modems, with a single connection being made to a remote modem in the system, and each message is acknowledged before more data is sent. If no Acknowledgement is received, the message is re-transmitted.
&M2	Host protocol specific modes.
&M3	
etc	
AT&N	"Abort Connection" Control. Controls whether the modem will abort a connection attempt if a character is entered. This item is only meaningful with the acknowledged mode of operation.
&N0	Ignore characters entered while attempting to make a connection.
&N1•	If a key is hit while attempting to connect, abort the connection attempt and return to command mode.
AT&P	<p>Protocol Routing Paths – Up to 100 paths can be stored. Routing paths are used in conjunction with host protocol specific routing, so that device addresses may be extracted from the data frame and used to direct the message. Each path consists of a destination address extracted from the protocol frame, a radio destination address and up to 6 store and forward addresses.</p> <p>Format:</p> <p>1 "AT&amp;Pxx= a[-a]: {n,}f".  "xx" = 0 to 99. "a" = 0 to 65535 (depending on protocol). "n" = 0 to 127, "f" = 0 to 255. This indicates the path to send the message. "a" is the protocol address to match. ("a-a" indicates a range of addresses) "n" indicates a repeater address in the radio network, and "f" indicates the final address (0-127 indicates RS232 port, 128-255 indicates RS485 port)</p> <p>2 "AT&amp;Px=" "x" = 0 to 99. Clear path number "x"</p> <p>3 "AT&amp;Px?". "x" = 0 to 99. Display setting for Path "x"</p> <p>4 "AT&amp;P?" or "AT&amp;P" – Display all configured paths</p> <p>5 "AT&amp;P=" Clear all paths</p> <p>These paths may apply to either the RS-232 port or the RS-485 port depending</p>

	on the modem's operating mode		
AT&R	Repeater Functionality– Enable or disable repeating of messages to the wildcard addresses 0 and 128, and enable or disable sending messages to serial port. (Also see AT&H command)		
&R0	Don't repeat messages to the "Wildcard" address (0), and don't copy repeated messages out the local serial port..		
&R1	Repeat Messages when the wildcard address is the next un-visited Store&Forward address in the message, and message has done the number of hops specified by the AT&H setting.		
&R2	Send a copy of the message out the local serial port when the wildcard address is the next un-visited Store&Forward address in the message, and message has done the number of hops specified by the AT&H setting.		
&R3	Do both Actions – Forward the message and send a copy of the message out the local port – when the next store & Forward address is the wildcard address and the message has done the number of hops specified in the AT&H setting.		
AT&T	Self Tests. Allows in-field diagnostics, and factory testing.		
&T0	Transmit Bit Error Rate Test. Generates pseudo random data and sends out radio.		
&T1	Receive Bit Error Rate Test. Receives data from &T0 modem, and records BER statistics.		
&T2	Transmit & Receive BER Test. Used with a second module configured as a transparent repeater.		
&T3	RSSI Measurement. Monitors the received signal strength, and displays in dBm.		
AT&V	View Current Configuration – List the value of all settings as well as S-Registers (except &P settings).		
&V0	Same as AT&V		
&V1	Only show settings that are different from the defaults.		
&V2	Show all settings, including &P and &Q settings.		
&V10	View configuration in non-volatile memory		
&V11	As for V1, but configuration in non-volatile memory		
&V12	As for V2, but configuration in non-volatile memory		
AT&U	Set modem's Unit Address (non-standard command for E455U only) Range 0-127. Default 1. The Unit address is used to identify the module in the system. It should always be set to a unique number within the modems in the system. This address is also used to access to the module using the remote diagnostics protocol.		
AT&W	Write Current Configuration to non-volatile storage		
AT&Z	Stored Numbers – Up to 4 stored numbers, also "Auto Connect" number for leased-line mode. Format: "AT&Zx=nn,nn,nn,nn". "x" = 0 to 3. "nn" = 1 to 127. Z0 is used for the auto-connect number.		
AT\B	Generate Break signal at remote modem.		
\Bn	"n" is the break length in units of 0.1 seconds.		
ATF	Set Radio Frequency ( <b>Requires Radio access Password</b> )		
	FT=xxx.xxxx	Set Transmit Frequency xxx.xxxx MHz – Returns ERROR if outside radio range.	
	FR=xxx.xxxx	Set Receive Frequency xxx.xxxx MHz – Returns ERROR if outside radio range.	
AT\K	Break signal handling control		
	AT\B command from online	Host sends break on serial	Receive break from remote

\K0	Purge Buffers & send break	Enter command state & purge buffers. Don't send Break.	Purge buffers and send break to host.
\K1	As for \K0	Purge Buffers and send break	As for \K0
\K2	Send Break ahead of buffered data.	As for \K0	Transfer break to host ahead of buffered data.
\K3	As for \K2	Send break ahead of buffered data.	As for \K2
\K4	Queue Break behind buffered data.	As for \K0	Queue Break behind buffered data.
\K5	As for \K4	Queue break behind buffered data.	As for \K4

AT\S	Display last received signal strength from all module addresses – 1 – 127.
AT\T	Inactivity Timeout – Units Seconds. Value 0-255. 0 = Disable. If there is no activity within this time, the modem drops the connection. See also S Register S6.

## Appendix B

## Response Codes

Response codes display the status of the module in response to user commands. The response code displayed depends on the ATV setting, the ATX setting and the ATQ setting. ATV0 selects numeric response codes. ATV1 selects verbal response codes. The ATXn command selects extended response codes. ATQ0 disables all response messages. ATQ1 enables response messages. The following table describes the messages. A • symbol indicates that messages is displayed for the corresponding ATX setting.

Numeric Code	Verbal Message	ATX setting				Comments
		X0	X1	X2	X3	
0	OK	•	•	•	•	Valid Command Entered
1	CONNECT	•				Connection established. CONNECT <i>baud</i> is displayed for X1,X2,X3
2	RING	•	•	•	•	Module Received an incoming connection request
3	NO CARRIER	•	•	•	•	Connection with remote module lost, or not initiated.
4	ERROR	•	•	•	•	Invalid Hayes command entered.
7	BUSY			•	•	X0, X1 display NO CARRIER instead of BUSY
13	RINGING				•	X0, X1, X2 Don't display RINGING message
14	CONNECT 1200		•	•	•	CONNECT at 1200 baud
15	CONNECT 2400		•	•	•	CONNECT at 2400 baud
16	CONNECT 4800		•	•	•	CONNECT at 4800 baud
17	CONNECT 9600		•	•	•	CONNECT at 9600 baud
18	CONNECT 19200		•	•	•	CONNECT at 19200 baud

## Appendix C

## S-Registers

The following table lists the S-Registers supported by the 455U modem.

No.	Range	Function	Comment
S0	0-255	Attempts before Answering Call	Should normally be set to 1. 0 disables auto answering of calls (ATA command to answer calls only).
S1	3-255	Escape Sequence Guard Time	Units 20 milliseconds. Min. Delay before and after entering the escape sequence (“+++”) also Max. Delay between characters of the escape sequence.
S2	1-255	Escape Sequence Character	Normally 43 = “+”
S3	0-127	Carriage Return Character	Normally 13 = <CR>
S4	0-127	Line Feed Character	Normally 10 = <LF>
S5	0-127	Back Space Character	Normally 8 = <BS>
S6	0-255	Inactivity Timer/Link Check Timer	Units Seconds. 0 disables. How frequently to send a “Link Check” message. Usually set less than the timeout set by the ATVT command. Default 0.
S7	1-255	Number of Connection attempts (Acknowledged Mode)	How many times to attempt a connection after an ATD command. Default 5.
S8	0-255	Test Timer	Units Seconds – How long to run tests (AT&Tx)
S9	0-255	Modem Receive Level	Units (-)dBm – RSSI indication of last received message. AT&T5 command may be more useful.
S10	0-255	DTR Loss Detection Time	Units 10 milliseconds (Not Implemented)
S11	0-255	Spare Function	Not Implemented
S12	<b>read-only</b>	Command Mode Diagnostic	Reason modem last returned to command mode, i.e. connection lost.
	S12 = 0	Reset (ATZ or Power Up).	
	S12 = 1	Escape sequence (“+++”)	
	S12 = 2	DTR lowered.	
	S12 = 3	No ACK from remote modem after connected.	
	S12 = 4	Activity timer timed out.	
	S12 = 5	No response to dial request to remote modem.	
	S12 = 6	“BUSY” response from remote modem on dial request.	

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	S12 = 7	Character received from host while attempting to connect	
	S12 = 8	Hang-up from remote modem.	
S13	0-255	Spare Function	Not Implemented
S14	0-255	Max Packet (0–1020 bytes)	Max Packet size = S14 x 4. Default 255.
S15	0-255	Break Length	Minimum time to send “BREAK” signal. Units 20 milliseconds.
S16	0-255	Transmit Hold-off (0-12.75 Sec)	How long to disable transmitting after transmitting a message (Units 50 milliseconds)
S17	0-255	Receive Hold-off (0-12.75 Sec)	How long to disable transmitting after receiving a message (Units 50 milliseconds)
S18	0-255	RS-232 Serial Rx Buffer Threshold	This register indicates the number of characters to be received into the RS-232 serial receive buffer before beginning radio transmission. (default 0)
S19	0-255	RS-232 Serial Rx Timeout	If there is data in the RS-232 serial receive buffer, and no data is received on the serial port for this time, radio transmission will begin regardless of the setting of S18. A value of zero disables the timeout, so the modem will not transmit until there are at least S18 characters in the receive buffer.
S20	0-255	RS-485 Serial Rx Buffer Threshold	This register indicates the number of characters to be received into the RS-485 serial receive buffer before beginning radio transmission.
S21	0-255	RS-485 Serial Rx Timeout	If there is data in the RS-485 serial receive buffer, and no data is received on the serial port for this time, radio transmission will begin regardless of the setting of S20. A value of zero disables the timeout, so the modem will not transmit until there are at least S20 characters in the receive buffer
S22	0-255	Default System Address – High Byte	System address is set to this value when factory defaults restored. This register is not affected by the AT&F command.
S23	0-255	Default System Address – Low Byte	System address is set to this value when factory defaults restored. This register is not affected by the AT&F command.
S24	0-255	System Address –High Byte	The 16-bit system address uniquely identifies the radio network

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S25	0-255	System Address –Low Byte	The 16-bit system address uniquely identifies the radio network
S26	0-255	Lead-In Tone Time	This selects the Lead-In tone period – units 4 mSec. The default (10) should not normally be changed.
S27	0-255	Transmitter Hold-Up Time	Selects How long the transmitter will stay on waiting for more data before starting to send the tail (mSec)
S28	0-255	Transmitter Tail Time	Selects how long the transmitter will send a “Tail” at the end of transmission. New data is ignored during the tail time
S29	0-255	Unack Retries	How many times to re-transmit each message in unacknowledged mode. Each message is transmitted this number of times. The sequence number and source address ensure that repeat messages are ignored by the receiver.
S30	0-255	Ackmode retries	Number of times to re-try in acknowledged mode if no Acknowledge response is received..
S31	0-255	Radio Flags	This <b>read-Only</b> register indicates radio Tx error flags <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 1 =&gt; Overtemperature Shutdown on</li> <li>- 2 =&gt; PTT Timeout</li> <li>- 4 =&gt; PLL Out of lock</li> <li>- 8 =&gt; Antenna failure</li> </ul>
S32	0-255	Module Temperature	This <b>read-Only</b> register indicates the module temperature +50 (units °C)
S33	0-1	State of Digital Input	<b>read-Only</b> 0 for off, 1 for on.
S34	0-255	Battery Voltage	This <b>read-Only</b> register indicates the voltage at the battery input (Units 0.1V)
S33	0-255	Supply Voltage	This <b>read-Only</b> register indicates the voltage at the Supply input (Units 0.1V)

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