

# **Analog Interface Mk.2**

Installation and Operation Manual

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### I Preface

- Thoroughly read this instruction manual before installation and operation of the equipment.
- We recommend to keep this manual nearby the equipment to ensure ready access to it.

### **I.1 Revision History**

Revision No. Software Version		Description	Date	
V1.0	R1_015		17 June 2015	
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V1.0.2	R1_015	Textual changes	01 September 2015	
V1.0.3	R1_029	Textual changes	2 March 2016	

### **I.2 Glossary**

The glossary contains a list of definitions and a list of abbreviations.

#### **I.2.1 Definitions**

The meaning of standard definitions as used in this manual are explained in Table 1: Definitions on page 4.

Redundant	A device that is equipped with multiple part of the same type, for example a double power supply. This equipment will continue to function when one of the redundant part fails.
Heading users	Navigation equipment that uses heading/course information for functioning.
Hardware	The physical parts of the AlphaLine instrument.
LEDs	Light-emitting diodes. These are used for signaling statuses of hardware and software signals to the user.
Central alarm system / Bridge watch monitoring	System that is connected to all vital systems on a ship and that is able to give a centralized indication of the (alarm)status of all connected systems.
NMEA protocol	Protocol standard for transmitting and receiving of asynchronous serial data sentences.
Talker	Device which transmits data. This is usually called transmitter or TX.
Listener	Device which receives data. This is usually called receiver or RX.
ISO GND	Isolated Ground. This is a ground connection to be used for reference signal. It is different from EARTH and should normally not be connected to EARTH.
Grounding point/stud	Point on the chassis of the AlphaLine instrument which should be connected to the ship's mass.
Printed Circuit Board	A printed circuit board, or PCB, is used to mechanically support and electrically connect electronic components using conductive pathways, or traces, etched from copper sheets, laminated onto a non-conductive substrate.
(Galvanic) isolated	Electrical separation of two circuits. There is no current flowing directly from one circuit to another. Electrical energy and/or information can still be exchanged between the sections by other means, such as by induction or by optical means (like transformers or opto couplers).
CAN bus	Controller Area Network. This is a network based serial bus system used for exchanging information. It is the advanced version of RS485/422 serial buses.
Reverse polarity protection	This is a part of the power supply hardware that prevents any damage to the equipment when the power supply is connected to the wrong polarity.





ROT signal	Rate Of Turn (ROT) signal indicates the course change of a ship in degrees per minute. This signal can be analog using voltage or current, or can be an NMEA data signal.	
Heading/bearing repeaters	Navigation type of instruments displaying the heading/course of a ship.	
Baud rate	This is the transmission speed of serial interfaces in characters per second.	
Transmitting interval	The frequency at which complete NMEA sentences are being transmitted in number of times per second.	
Factory setting	Instrument setting for backlight color, language, number of connected apparatus, etc. as configured as a new instrument by the factory.	
Flash memory	Non-volatile type of memory. This type of memory retains its contents even when the instrument is turned off.	
Firmware	(Embedded) software inside the processors of the AlphaLine instrument.	
Compass safe distance	The minimum distances to equipment that will not cause an unacceptable deviation of the ship's standard and steering compasses.	

**Table 1: Definitions** 

### **I.2.2 Abbreviations**

Abbreviations as used in this manual are explained in *Table 2: Abbreviations* on page 5.

А	Ampere	
ARD	AlphaLine Repeater Display	
CAN	Controller Area Network	
DC	Direct Current	
DP	Dynamic Position	
ECDIS	Electronic Chart Display Information System	
GPS	Global Positioning System	
I/O	Inputs and Outputs	
I.S.	Inter Switch	
LED	Light-Emitting Diode	
mA	Milliampere	
mm	Millimeter	
NC	Normally Closed	
NMEA	National Marine Electronics Association	
NO	Normally Open	
OA	Operational Alarm	
TAP	Type Approval Program	
РСВ	Printed Circuit Board	
RCU	Remote Control Unit	
ROT	Rate Of Turn	
VAC	Volts Alternating Current	





VDC	olts Direct Current	
VDR	Voyage Data Recorder	
W	Watt	

**Table 2: Abbreviations** 

### **I.3 Norms and Standards**

The Analog Interface Mk.2 complies with the applicable standards, norms and regulations:

- IEC 60945 (2002) including IEC 60945 Corrigendum 1 (2008)
- Standard DNV 2.4
- IEC 61162 series





### **II Warnings and Cautions**

The signal words WARNING and CAUTION used in this manual indicate the degree of hazard that may be encountered by the user. These words are defined as:



- **WARNING**
- A WARNING indicates potential risk of injury or death to users of the product.



- **CAUTION**
- A CAUTION indicates potential risk of damage to equipment.

To safely install and operate this instrument, so as not to adversely affect the warranty, the following WARNINGS and CAUTIONS must be adhered to.



- Do not disassemble or modify the equipment. Failure to observe this instruction may cause a fire, electric shock, or equipment failure.



- Do not insert or remove the power cord or operate switches with a wet hand. Otherwise, you may suffer an electrical shock.



- WARNING
- Operate the equipment only at the power supply voltage of 24 VDC. Failure to observe this instruction can cause a fire, electric shock, or equipment failure



- WARNING
- Do not scratch, damage, modify, heat, pull, excessively bend, or heavily load the power supply cable. It may cause a fire, or electric shock.



- WARNING
- Immediately turn off the power and disconnect the power supply cable if the equipment is generating any smoke or odor, or is overheated. Immediately inform your local service agent of the symptom to have it repaired. Prolonged equipment operation under such a condition can cause a fire or electric shock.



- WARNING
- Do not place a vessel containing liquid on the equipment. It may cause a fire, electrical shock, or a failure to the equipment if knocked over.



- CAUTION
- Any modification to this equipment without prior written permission from ALPHATRON MARINE will void the warranty.



- **CAUTION**
- Installation of this product shall only be done by a certified installation company approved by either ALPHATRON MARINE or by an official ALPHATRON MARINE distributor. Acting otherwise will void the warranty.



- CAUTION
- This product must be installed in accordance with the installation methods described in this manual. Acting otherwise will void the warranty.



- **CAUTION**
- This product contains no operator serviceable parts. Service and repair shall only be carried out by personnel trained and certified by ALPHATRON MARINE.



- **CAUTION**
- Do not allow the instrument to fall or immerse into water. The equipment can be damaged.



- When unplugging the instrument, be sure to remove the cord terminal correctly. If the cord is pulled, the cord may get damaged resulting in a fire or an electrical shock.





- CAUTION
- If the instruments are not stored as described, it will void the warranty.

- When cleaning the surface, do not use any organic solvent such as thinner or benzine. Otherwise, the paint and markings on the surface may get damaged. For cleaning the surface, remove the dust and debris and wipe with a clean dry cloth.

### **II.1 Warranty**

Non-compliance with the installation, operation and maintenance requirements may void the warranty. Read Warnings and Cautions on page 7.

Contact the Alphatron dealer regarding the terms of the warranty.

### II.2 Storage

The AlphaLine range of instruments are sensitive to humidity, temperature fluctuations and aggressive substances. Store them appropriately.



- CAUTION
- If the instruments are not stored as described, it will void the warranty.





### **III Introduction**

The Analog Interface Mk.2 converts analog to digital signals. Supported signals include 0-20 mA, +/- 5/10/20V and potentiometer signals for use with dimmers or rudder feedback units. The Analog Interface Mk.2 converts the analog signal to a digital MODBUS and IEC 61162-1 signal.





### 1 Installation Instructions

This chapter describes the installation of the Analog Interface Mk.2.

#### 1.1 Mechanical Installation



- CAUTION
- This product must be installed in accordance with the installation methods described in this manual. Acting otherwise will void the warranty.

#### 1.1.1 Supplied Parts

The Analog Interface Mk.2 is delivered as a fully assembled product. No additional assembly is required.

#### 1.1.2 Dimensions

Carefully check the applicable drawing(s) of the instrument. See Mechanical Drawings on page 17.

#### 1.1.3 Mounting Modules

The Analog Interface Mk.2 should be installed on a DIN-rail in a cabinet protected from the environment. Keep at least 5 cm of space between both sides of the interface for thermal emission and cabling space.

When the Analog Interface Mk.2 is removed for service or replacement, pull the DIN-rail clamp to release the interface gently from the DIN-rail.

#### 1.1.4 Module Electric Connections

For electric connections, see *Electric Diagrams* on page 18.

#### 1.1.5 Module Power Supply

The Analog Interface Mk.2 has one 24 VDC (nominal) power input. Power consumption is approx. 200 mA. Connect to a power supply > 1 A.

#### 1.1.6 Connecting Rudder Feedback Unit MD/HD and Analog Interface Mk.2

The Rudder Feedback Unit MD/HD consists of a potentiometer output, combined with limit switches (Rudder Feedback Unit HD only), that can be connected to the display unit via an interface.



Figure 1: Analog Interface Mk.2



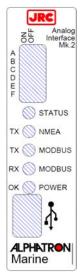
Figure 2: Rudder Feedback Unit MD/HD





Rudder may be connected to the AlphaLine instrument using a serial signal (\$xxRSA sentence, first rudder field), or by using the Rudder Feedback Unit MD/HD.

1. Set the DIP switches on the front as explained below to connect and configure the potentiometer correctly.



Switch Contact	Function
А	Setting analog channel 1
В	Setting analog channel 1
С	Setting analog channel 2
D	Setting analog channel 2
E	Spare
F	Slave address setting

**Table 3: DIP Switch Functions** 

Figure 3: DIP Switch Locations

SW A	SW B	Function		
OFF	OFF +/- 5V and +/- 25mA input			
OFF	ON	+/- 10V input		
ON	OFF	+/- 20V input		
ON	ON	Rudder input potentiometer		

Table 4: Functions Switches A and B

SW C	SW D	Function		
OFF	OFF	+/- 5V and +/- 25mA input		
OFF	ON	+/- 10V input		
ON	OFF	+/- 20V input		
ON	ON	Rudder input potentiometer		

Table 5: Functions Switches C and D

- Note Set the switches A and B to the ON position when the Rudder Feedback Unit MD/HD is connected to analog input 1.
- 2. Connect the Rudder Feedback Unit MD/HD to the Analog Interface Mk.2. See Electric Diagrams on page 18.
  - Note To prevent signal error, the cable with analog signal from the Rudder Feedback Unit MD/HD to the Analog Interface Mk.2 should be as short as possible. Position the Analog Interface Mk.2 as close as possible to the Rudder Feedback Unit MD/HD. The analog signal cable must not exceed 20 meters.





Ensure the analog signal cable is separated from high voltage and high current cables, by placing it in a different trunk.



Note Position the Analog Interface Mk.2 in a cabinet where there can be no interference from electronics such as frequency drives (i.e. use a different/separate cabinet).



- Failure to observe these guidelines could lead to serious system malfunction or wrong rudder information.



- WARNING
- The analog signal cable must be securely earthed to the Rudder Feedback Unit MD/HD side, using the EMC cable gland. The other side of the cable should remain unearthed.
- 3. Check functionality by checking the LEDs.
  - POWER LED Steady green
  - MODBUS RX LED Blinking green
  - MODBUS TX LED Blinking red
  - NMEA LED Blinking red
  - STATUS LED Shows Functionality: OK Steady green, ERROR Steady red
- 4. Use the IEC 61162-2 interface COM 0 Modbus to connect the module to the display unit.

#### 1.1.6.1 Inputs and Outputs Analog Interface Mk.2

Inputs and Outputs are as follows:

- 1. 1 x IEC 61162-1 connection for NMEA signals
- 2. 1 x IEC 61162-2 connection for Modbus connection to MFx display
- 3. 2 x Analog input

The Analog Interface Mk.2 has 2 analog signal input channels and each channel can have the following signals defined in the terminals, depending on switch position, see Table 6: Analog Signal Output Channel 1 on page 12 and Table 7: Analog Signal Output Channel 2 on page 12

Switch A	Switch B	Terminal 11	Terminal 12	Terminal 13	Terminal 14	Terminal 17	Terminal 18
OFF	OFF	ch1 +/- 5V	Х	ch1 0V	Х	Х	Х
OFF	OFF	Х	Х	Х	Х	ch1 +/- 20mA	ch1 0V
OFF	ON	ch1 +/- 10V	Х	ch1 0V	Х	Х	Х
ON	OFF	ch1 +/- 20V	Х	ch1 0V	Х	Х	Х
ON	ON	Х	Pot. Wiper Signal	ch1 0V	Rudder Pow- er	Х	Х

**Table 6: Analog Signal Output Channel 1** 

Switch C	Switch D	Terminal 19	Terminal 20	Terminal 21	Terminal 22	Terminal 15	Terminal 16
OFF	OFF	ch2 +/- 5V	Х	ch2 0V	Х	Х	Х
OFF	OFF	Х	Х	Х	Х	ch2 0V	ch2 +/- 20mA
OFF	ON	ch2 +/- 10V	X	ch2 0V	Х	Х	Х
ON	OFF	ch2 +/- 20V	Х	ch2 0V	Х	Х	Х





Switch C	Switch D	Terminal 19	Terminal 20	Terminal 21	Terminal 22	Terminal 15	Terminal 16
ON	ON	Х	Pot. Wiper Signal	ch2 0V	Rudder Pow- er	Х	Х

**Table 7: Analog Signal Output Channel 2** 



Note Inputs of channel 1 and 2 are electrically isolated. Connect the inputs separately per channel and do not combine wiring, such as ground.

### 1.2 Software Installation

### 1.2.1 Software Update for Modules

The Analog Interface Mk.2 is not field serviceable.

1. Contact the Alphatron Service Desk at www.jrc.am/support if there is an issue with the software.





## 2 Operation

This module cannot be operated without an AlphaLine instrument. For operation, please refer to the original manual with your AlphaLine instrument.





### 3 Maintenance



- CAUTION
- This product contains no operator serviceable parts. Service and repair shall only be carried out by personnel trained and certified by ALPHATRON MARINE.

Maintenance and repair of the Rudder Feedback Unit should only be performed by personnel that is familiar with the Alphatron Rudder Feedback Unit.



- CAUTION
- When cleaning the surface, do not use any organic solvent such as thinner or benzine. Otherwise, the paint and markings on the surface may get damaged. For cleaning the surface, remove the dust and debris and wipe with a clean dry cloth.





## 4 Appendix A

#### Appendix A contains:

- 1. Specifications on page 16
- 2. Mechanical Drawings on page 17
- 3. Electric Diagrams on page 18
- 4. Thales Certificates on page 20

### **4.1 Specifications**

### 4.1.1 Specifications Analog Interface Mk.2

Box Contents upon Delivery	
Analog Interface Mk.2 3109.0192 (Seagoing)	
Analog Interface Mk.2 3109.0252 (River)	

Physical Dimensions	
Dimensions (WxHxD)	22.6x114x144 mm (0.89x4.49x5.67")
Weight	0.14 kg (0.31 lbs)

Power Specifications	
Power supply	24 VDC input +/- 20% (Single source)
Power consumption	2.4 W (24V DC @ 100 mA)
Protection	Reverse polarity protection by serial diode
Start-up time	Direct

Operating Conditions	
Operating temperature	-5° C to +55° C
Operating humidity	Up to 95% (at 40° C)
Storage temperature	-25° C to +70° C
Storage humidity	Up to 95% (at 40° C)
IP rating	IP22
Compass safe distance	Std: 10 cm / Steering: 10 cm

Environmental according to DNV 2.4 table 2.1	
Temperature	Class D
Humidity	Class B
Vibration	Class A
EMC compatibility	Class B
Enclosure	Class C

Input/Output Signals	
MODBUS port (IEC 61162-2)	Modbus RTU Rx/Tx baud rate 19.200
NMEA port (IEC 61162-1)	NMEA Rx/Tx baud rate 4.800
Analog rudder input ch.1	+/-5 V +/-10 V +/-20 V
Analog rudder input ch.2	+/-5 V +/-10 V +/-20 V
Analog input ch.1	4-20 mA
Analog input ch.2	4-20 mA
USB port (Mini)	Used for software update/maintenance

Norms/Standards	
IEC 60945 (2002)	Incl. IEC 60945 Corrigendum 1 (2008)
Standard DNV 2.4	Det Norske Veritas
IEC 61162 series	NMEA Definitions
IEC 62288 (2014)	Testing methods





### **4.2 Mechanical Drawings**

### 4.2.1 Mechanical Drawing Analog Interface Mk.2

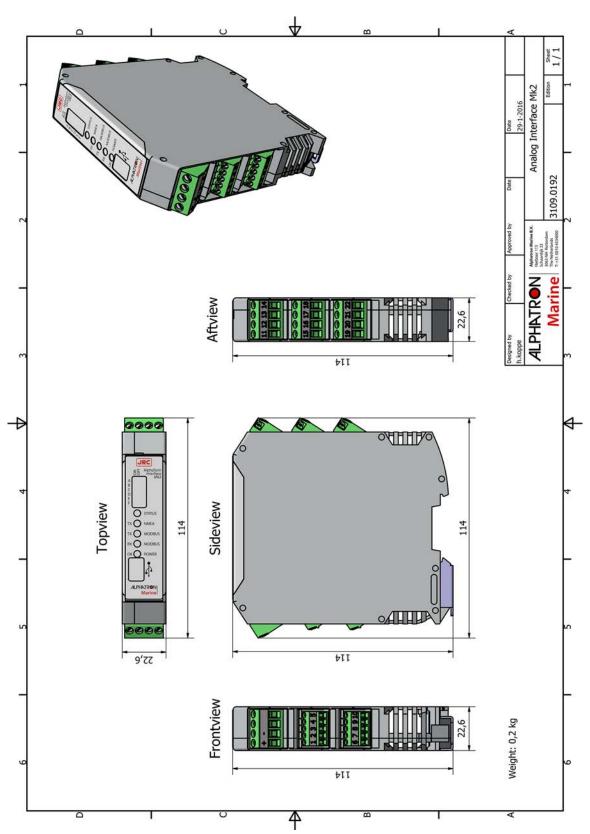


Figure 4: Mechanical Drawing Analog Interface Mk.2





**4.3 Electric Diagrams**The cable diagrams and connection diagrams illustrate the connections to hardware, power and other equipment.





### 4.3.1 Connection Diagram Analog Interface Mk.2

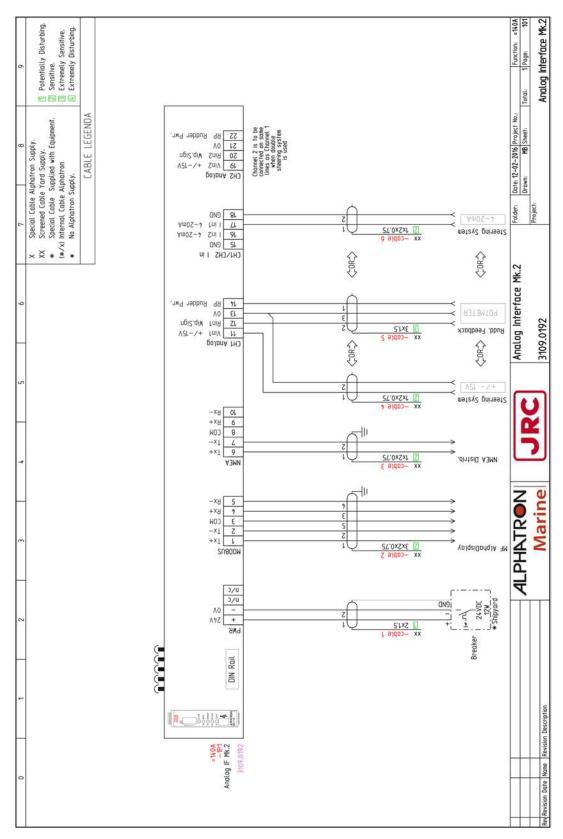


Figure 5: Connection Diagram Analog Interface Mk.2





#### 4.4 Thales Certificates

#### 4.4.1 Thales Certificate Analog Interface Mk.2



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was tested, and found to be compliant to:

IEC 60945, 4th ed. 2002-08 with Corrigendum 1, April 2008.

start of test: test completed: test report numbers: 09-12-2014 11-02-2015

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Hengelo, 13-05-2015 Ing. G.J.M. Grote Beverborg Manager ECC

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Figure 6: Thales Certificate Analog Interface Mk.2





### 5 Appendix B

### 5.1 ISO 9001 Certificate Alphatron Marine R&D



#### CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL

This is to certify that the Quality Management System of:

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Figure 7: ISO 9001 Certificate Alphatron Marine R&D





### 6 Appendix C

### **6.1 EC Declaration of Conformity**





#### **DECLARATION OF CONFORMITY**

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declare under our sole responsibility that the product line:

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to which this declaration relates is in conformity with the following standard(s) or other normative document(s)

- IEC60945 (2002), including corrigendum 1 (2008) Maritime navigation and radiocommunication equipment and systems- Methods of testing and required results
- IEC61162 series Maritime navigation and radiocommunication equipment and systems - Digital interfaces
- DNV 2.4 (2006) ENVIRONMENTAL TEST SPECIFICATION FOR INSTRUMENTATION AND AUTOMATION EQUIPMENT

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Figure 8: EC Declaration of Conformity Analog Interface Mk.2

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