

INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS: MCD MODBUS MODULE

Order Code: 175G9000

1. Important User Information

Observe all necessary safety precautions when controlling the soft starter remotely. Alert personnel that machinery may start without warning.

It is the installer's responsibility to follow all instructions in this manual and to follow correct electrical practice.

Use all internationally recognised standard practice for RS-485 communications when installing and using this equipment.

2. Installation



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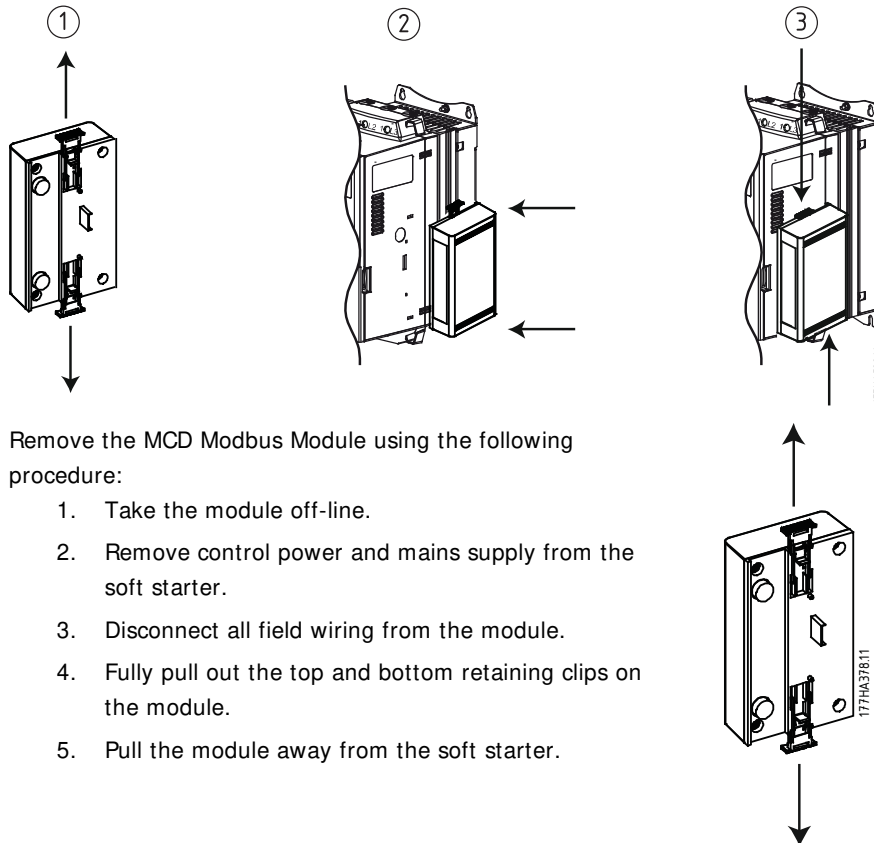
Remove mains and control voltage from the soft starter before attaching or removing accessories. Failure to do so may damage the equipment.

2.1. Installation Procedure

1. Remove control power and mains supply from the soft starter.
2. Attach the Modbus Module to the starter as shown.
3. Apply control power to the soft starter.

2.2. Physical installation

1. Fully pull out the top and bottom retaining clips on the module.
2. Line up the module with the comms port slot.
3. Push in the top and bottom retaining clips to secure the module to the starter.



Remove the MCD Modbus Module using the following procedure:

1. Take the module off-line.
2. Remove control power and mains supply from the soft starter.
3. Disconnect all field wiring from the module.
4. Fully pull out the top and bottom retaining clips on the module.
5. Pull the module away from the soft starter.

2.3. Adjustment

Network communication parameters must be set on the Modbus Module. DIP switch settings take effect on the power-up of the Modbus Module via the soft starter.

①	Protocol
②	Address
③	Baud rate
④	Parity
⑤	Timeout (seconds)
⑥	DIP switch
⑦	Example: Address = 24

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2.4. Master Configuration

For standard Modbus 11-bit transmission, the Master must be configured for 2 stop bits with No Parity and 1 stop bit for odd or even parity.

For 10-bit transmission, the Master must be configured for 1 stop bit.

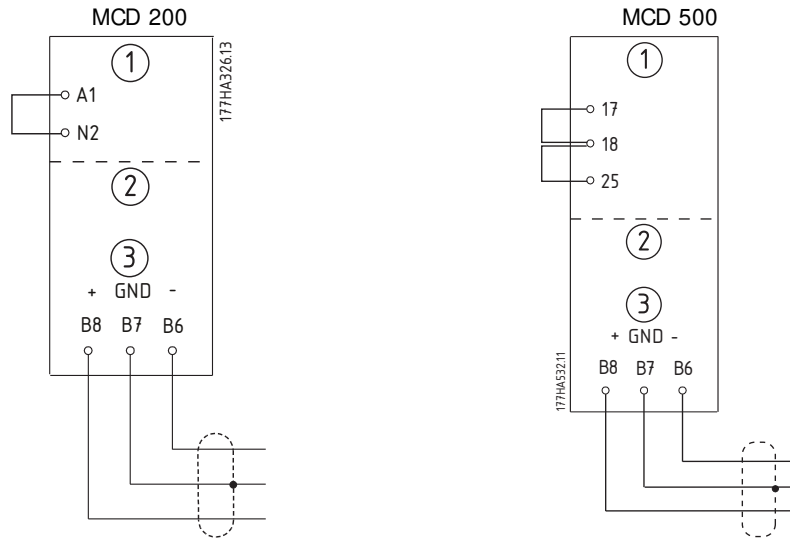
In all cases, the Master baud rate and slave address must match those set on the Modbus Module DIP switches.

3. Connection

MCD 200: For the MCD Modbus Module to accept serial commands, a link must be fitted across terminals A1-N2 on the soft starter.

In order for the MCD 500 to accept commands from the serial network, the soft starter must be in Auto On mode and links must be fitted to terminals 17, 18 and 25, 18.

In Hand On mode, the starter will not accept commands from the serial network but the starter's status can still be monitored.



①	MCD 200	①	MCD 500 (Auto On mode)
②	MCD Modbus Module – RS-485 serial port		17, 18: Stop
③	RS-485 connection onto Modbus network		25, 18: Reset
		②	MCD Modbus Module – RS-485 serial port
		③	RS-485 connection onto Modbus network

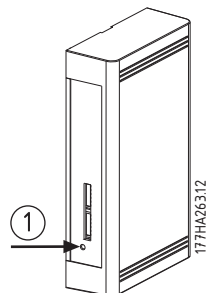


N.B.!

If MCD 500 parameter 3-2 *Comms in Remote* is set to Disable Comms in Remote, the starter will not accept start or stop commands from the serial network (the starter will still accept reset commands and allow status monitoring).

4. LEDs

The Network Status LED (1) indicates the state of the communications link between the module and the network. LED operation is as follows:



①	Off	No connection or soft starter not powered up
	On	Communication active
	Flashing	Communication inactive



N.B.!

If communication is inactive, the soft starter may trip if the Communications Timeout function has been set on the module. When communication is restored, the soft starter will require a Reset.

5. Modbus Functions

The Modbus Module supports the following Modbus functions:

- 03 Read multiple registers
- 06 Write single register
- 16 Write multiple registers

Modbus broadcast functions are not supported.

MCD 200 soft starters (including Remote Operator):

- Read multiple registers 40003 to 40008
- Write single register 40002

MCD 500 soft starters:

- Read multiple registers starting from 40003 up to a maximum of 119 register blocks.
- Single write register 40002 or multiple write registers 40009 to 40599.



N.B.!

A multiple read across register boundary 40008/40009 will result in a Modbus Error code 05 at the Master.

5.1. Modbus Register



N.B.!

Some soft starters do not support some functions.

Registers 40600 and above are not compatible with MCD 200 soft starters. For MCD 200, use registers 40002~40008.

All registers are multiple read/write unless otherwise stated.

Register	Description	Bits	Details
40002	Command (single write)	0 to 2	To send a command to the starter, write the required value: 1 = Start 2 = Stop 3 = Reset 4 = Quick stop (coast to stop) 5 = Forced communication trip 6 = Start using Parameter Set 1 ¹ 7 = Start using Parameter Set 2 ¹
		3 to 7	<i>Reserved</i>
40003	Starter status	0 to 3	1 = Ready 2 = Starting 3 = Running 4 = Stopping (including braking) 5 = Restart delay (including temperature check) 6 = Tripped 7 = Programming mode 8 = Jog forward 9 = Jog reverse
		4	1 = Positive phase sequence (only valid if bit 6 = 1)
		5	1 = Current exceeds FLC
		6	0 = Uninitialised 1 = Initialised
		7	0 = Remote Operator communications are OK 1 = Remote Operator/Communications device fault
40004	Trip code	0 to 7	See Trip Code table.
40005 ²	Motor current	0 to 7	Average 3 phase motor current (A)
40006	Motor temperature	0 to 7	Motor 1 temperature (thermal model)
40007	Product information	0 to 2	Product parameter list version
		3 to 7	Product type code ³
40008	Serial Protocol Version	0 to 7	
40009 ⁴	Parameter management Single or multiple read or write	0 to 7	Manage soft starter programmable parameters.
40600	Version	0 to 5	Binary protocol version number
		6 to 8	Parameter list version number
		9 to 15	Product type code ³
40601	<i>Reserved</i>		

Register	Description	Bits	Details
40602 ⁵	Changed parameter number	0 to 7	0 = parameters not changed 1~255 = index number of the last parameter changed
		8 to 15	Total number of parameters available in the starter
40603 ⁵	Changed parameter value	0 to 13	Value of the last parameter that was changed, as indicated in register 40602
		14 to 15	<i>Reserved</i>
40604	Starter state	0 to 4	0 = <i>Reserved</i> 1 = Ready 2 = Starting 3 = Running 4 = Stopping 5 = Not ready (restart delay, restart temperature check) 6 = Tripped 7 = Programming mode 8 = Jog forward 9 = Jog reverse
		5	1 = Warning
		6	0 = Uninitialised 1 = Initialised
		7	0 = Local control 1 = Remote control
		8	0 = Parameter(s) have changed since last parameter read 1 = No parameters have changed ⁵
		9	0 = Negative phase sequence 1 = Positive phase sequence
		10 to 15	Trip/warning code (see trip codes) ⁶
40605 ²	Current	0 to 13	Average rms current across all three phases
		14 to 15	<i>Reserved</i>
40606	Current	0 to 9	Current (% motor FLC)
		10 to 15	<i>Reserved</i>
40607	Motor temperature	0 to 7	Motor 1 thermal model (%)
		8 to 15	Motor 2 thermal model (%)
40608 ⁷	Power	0 to 11	Power
		12 to 13	Power scale
		14 to 15	<i>Reserved</i>
40609	% Power factor	0 to 7	100% = power factor of 1
		8 to 15	<i>Reserved</i>
40610	Voltage	0 to 13	Average rms voltage across all three phases
		14 to 15	<i>Reserved</i>
40611 ²	Current	0 to 13	Phase 1 current (rms)
		14 to 15	<i>Reserved</i>
40612 ²	Current	0 to 13	Phase 2 current (rms)
		14 to 15	<i>Reserved</i>
40613 ²	Current	0 to 13	Phase 3 current (rms)
		14 to 15	<i>Reserved</i>
40614	<i>Reserved</i>		
40615	<i>Reserved</i>		

Register	Description	Bits	Details
40616	<i>Reserved</i>		
40617	Parameter list version	0 to 7 8 to 15	Parameter list minor revision Parameter list major version
40618	Digital Input state	0 to 15	For all inputs, 0= open, 1=closed (shorted) 0 = Start 1 = Stop 2 = Reset 3 = Input A 4 to 15 = <i>Reserved</i>
40619~ 40631	<i>Reserved</i>		<i>Reserved</i>

¹ Ensure that the programmable input is not set to Motor Set Select before using this function.

² For models MCD5-0053B and smaller this value will be 10 times greater than the value displayed on the LCP.

³ Product type code:

4 = MCD 200

7 = MCD 500

⁴ See the relevant soft starter literature for a complete parameter list. The first product parameter is always allocated to register 40009. The last product parameter is allocated to register 40XXX, where XXX = 008 plus total number of available parameters in the product.

⁵ Reading register 40603 (Changed parameter value) will reset registers 40602 (Changed parameter number) and 40604 (Parameters have changed). Always read registers 40602 and 40604 before reading register 40603.

⁶ Bits 10~15 of register 40604 report the soft starter's trip or warning code. If the value of bits 0~4 is 6, the soft starter has tripped. If bit 5 = 1, a warning has activated and the starter is continuing to operate.

⁷ Powerscale functions as follows:

0 = multiply Power by 10 to get W

1 = multiply Power by 100 to get W

2 = Power is represented in kW

3 = multiply Power by 10 to get kW



N.B.!

The numbering of parameter options via serial communications differs slightly from the numbering displayed on the LCP. Numbering via the MCD Modbus Module starts at 0, so for parameter *2A Phase Sequence*, the options are 1~3 on the LCP but 0~2 via the module.

5.2. Trip Codes

Trip Code	Trip Name	MCD 201	MCD 202	MCD 500
1	Excess start time		■	■
2	Motor overload (thermal model)		■	■
3	Motor thermistor		■	■
4	Current imbalance		■	■
5	Frequency (Mains supply)	■	■	■
6	Phase sequence		■	■
7	Instantaneous overcurrent			■
8	Power loss/Power circuit	■	■	■
9	Undercurrent			■
10	Heatsink overtemperature			■
11	Motor connection			■
12	Input A trip			■
13	FLC too high (FLC out of range)			■
14	Unsupported option (function not available in inside delta)			■
15	Starter communication (between module and soft starter)	■	■	■
16	Network communication (between module and network)	■	■	■
17	Internal fault x (where x is the fault code detailed in the table below).			■
26	L1 phase loss			■
27	L2 phase loss			■
28	L3 phase loss			■
29	L1-T1 shorted			■
30	L2-T2 shorted			■
31	L3-T3 shorted			■
33*	Time-overcurrent (Bypass overload)		■	■
35	Battery/clock			■
36	Thermistor circuit			■
255	No trip	■	■	■

* For MCD 500, time-overcurrent protection is only available on internally bypassed models.

5.3. Internal Fault x

The table below details the internal fault code associated to trip code 17.

Internal fault	Message displayed on the LCP
70 ~ 72	Current Read Err Lx
73	Power On in Simulation mode
74 ~ 76	Motor connection Tx
77 ~ 79	Firing fail SCR _x
80 ~ 82	VZC Fail Px
83	Low Control Volts
84 ~ 98	Internal fault X Contact your local supplier with the fault code (X).

5.4. Examples

Command: Start

Message	Starter Address	Function Code	Register Address	Data	CRC
In	20	06	40002	1	CRC1, CRC2
Out	20	06	40002	1	CRC1, CRC2

Starter status: Running

Message	Starter Address	Function Code	Register Address	Data	CRC
In	20	03	40003	1	CRC1, CRC2
Out	20	03	2 (bytes)	3	CRC1, CRC2

Trip code: Motor overload

Message	Starter Address	Function Code	Register Address	Data	CRC
In	20	03	40004	1	CRC1, CRC2
Out	20	03	2 (bytes)	2	CRC1, CRC2

Download parameter from starter

MCD 500: Read Parameter 1, Motor FLC (Parameter 1-1), 100 A

Message	Starter Address	Function Code	Register Address	Data	CRC
In	20	03	40009	1	CRC1, CRC2
Out	20	03	2 (bytes)	100	CRC1, CRC2

Upload parameter to starter

MCD 500: Write Parameter 4, Current Limit (Parameter 1-4), set = 400% FLC

Message	Starter Address	Function Code	Register Address	Data	CRC
In	20	06	40012	400	CRC1, CRC2
Out	20	06	40012	400	CRC1, CRC2

Upload multiple parameters to starter

MCD 500: Write Parameters 4, 5, 6 (parameters 1-4 *Current Limit*, 1G *Initial Current*, 1H *Start Ramp Time*). Set to values of 350%, 300%, 15 seconds respectively.

Message	Starter Address	Function Code	Register Address	Data	CRC
In	20	16	40012,3	350,300,15	CRC1, CRC2
Out	20	16	40012,3	350,300,15	CRC1, CRC2

Upload multiple parameters to starter

MCD 500: Write Parameters 4, 5, 6 (parameters 1-4 *Current Limit*, 1G *Initial Current*, 1H *Start Ramp Time*). Set to values of 350%, 300%, 15 seconds respectively.

Message	Starter Address	Function Code	Register Address	Data	CRC
In	20	16	40012,3	350, 300, 15	CRC1, CRC2
Out	20	16	40012,3	350, 300, 15	CRC1, CRC2



N.B.!

This function can only be used to upload consecutive parameter blocks. The Register Address data indicates the number of parameters to be uploaded, and the register address of the first parameter.

**N.B.!**

Parameter information can only be uploaded/downloaded from MCD 500 starters.

5.5. Modbus Error Codes

Code	Description	Example
01	Illegal function code	Function other than 03 or 06
02	Illegal data address	Register number invalid
03	Not readable data	Register not allowed for data reading
04	Not writable data	Register not allowed for data writing
05	Data boundary fault	Multiple data transfer across data boundary or data size more than 125
06	Invalid command code	e.g. writing "6" into 40003
07	Illegal parameter read	Invalid parameter number
08	Illegal parameter write	Invalid parameter number, read only, or hidden parameter
09	Unsupported command	Sending a serial command to MCD 500 with parameter 3-2 = Disable control in RMT.
10	Local communication error	Communication error between Modbus slave and starter

**N.B.!**

Some of the above codes are different from those defined in the Modbus Application Protocol Specification available on www.modbus.org.

6. Modbus Control via Remote Operator

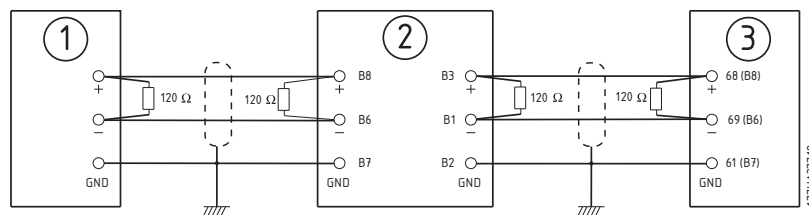
The Modbus Module can be used to connect a Remote Operator to the soft starter, enabling control via an RS-485 serial communications network. See the Remote Operator instructions for details.

6.1. Grounding and Shielding

Twisted pair data cable with earth shield is recommended. The cable shield should be connected to the GND device terminal at both ends and one point of the site protective earth.

6.2. Termination Resistors

In long cable runs prone to excessive noise interference, termination resistors should be installed between the data lines at both ends of the RS-485 cable. This resistance should match the cable impedance (typically 120 Ω). Do not use wire wound resistors.



①	Network master RS-485
②	Remote Operator RS-485
③	Soft starter RS-485

6.3. RS-485 Data Cable Connection

Daisy chain connection is recommended. This is achieved by parallel connections of the data cable at the actual device terminals.

6.4. Remote Operator RS-485 Network Connection Specifications

Input impedance:	12 k Ω
Common mode voltage range:	- 7 V to + 12 V
Input sensitivity:	\pm 200 mV
Minimum differential output voltage:	1.5 V (with max loading of 54 Ω)

7. Specifications

Enclosure

Dimensions	40 mm (W) x 166 mm (H) x 90 mm (D)
Weight	250 g
Protection	IP20

Mounting

Spring-action plastic mounting clips (x 2)

Connections

Soft starter	6-way pin assembly
Network	5-way male and unpluggable female connector (supplied)
Maximum cable size	2.5 mm ²

Settings

Protocol	Modbus RTU, AP ASCII
Address range	0 to 31
Data rate (bps)	4800, 9600, 19200, 38400
Parity	None, Odd, Even, 10-bit
Timeout	None (off), 10 s, 60 s, 100 s

Certification

C✓	IEC 60947-4-2
CE	IEC 60947-4-2
RoHS	Compliant with EU Directive 2002/95/EC

