Power and Communication Conversion System

User's Guide

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Attention!

Return Policy for Instruments with Anti-fouling Treatment

WET Labs cannot accept instruments for servicing or repair that are treated with anti-fouling compound(s). This includes but is not limited to tri-butyl tin (TBT), marine anti-fouling paint, ablative coatings, etc.

Please ensure any anti-fouling treatment has been removed prior to returning instruments to WET Labs for service or repair.

Warranty

This unit is guaranteed against defects in materials and workmanship for one year from the original date of purchase. Warranty is void if the factory determines the unit was subjected to abuse or neglect beyond the normal wear and tear of field deployment, or in the event the pressure housing has been opened by the customer.

To return the instrument, contact WET Labs for a Return Merchandise Authorization (RMA) and ship in the original container. WET Labs is not responsible for damage to instruments during the return shipment to the factory. WET Labs will supply all replacement parts and labor and pay for return via 3rd day air shipping in honoring this warranty.

Shipping Requirements for Warranty and Out-of-warranty Instruments

1. Please retain the original shipping material. We design the shipping container to meet stringent shipping and insurance requirements, and to keep your meter functional.

2. To avoid additional repackaging charges, use the original box (or WET Labs-approved container) with its custom-cut packing foam and anti-static bag to return the instrument.
   - If using alternative container, use at least 2 in. of foam (NOT bubble wrap or Styrofoam "peanuts") to fully surround the instrument.
   - Minimum repacking charge for PCCS meters: $60.00.

3. Clearly mark the RMA number on the outside of your shipping container and on all packing lists.

4. Return instruments using 3rd day air shipping or better: do **not** ship via ground.

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1. Overview

The Power and Communication Conversion System (PCCS) allows the user to supply power from either a 110 or 220 VAC (50–60 Hz) outlet, and communicate via a USB port. The PCCS has two components:

- The deck unit, which converts AC power to DC power and has a communication port.
- The submersible unit, which converts the DC power and outputs 12 VDC to the user's instrument.

Deck box with USB cable, software, power cord. Sea cable not shown.

Submersible unit with patch cable

1.2 Deliverables

The PCCS ships with the following components:

- Deck box.
- ac power cord.
- Three foot long A–B USB cable. (A longer cable may be purchased.)
- Optional: Floppy disk with installation software.
- Sea cable (customer-specified length) (not shown above).
- Submersible unit.
- Patch cable (customer-specified length).
- This user's guide.

2. Specifications

2.1 Deck Box

Height	3 in. (7.6 cm)
Width	6.25 in. (15.8 cm)
Length	10 in. (25.4 cm)
Weight	2 lbs (0.9 kg)
Temperature range	0–85 deg C
Connectors	• 10-socket sea cable • USB • AC power
Communication	USB
Input voltage	110 to 220 VAC (50–60 Hz)
Output, max.	75 W

2.2 Submersible Power Converter

Height	4 in. (10.1 cm)
Diameter	4 in. (10.1 cm)
Weight	2 lbs (0.9 kg)
Pressure Housing	Acetal copolymer
Rated depth	600 m
Input voltage	48 VDC (from deck box)
Output	12 VDC
Output, max	75 W
Connectors	10-pin sea cable input (from deck box) and 8-socket MCBH output

2.3 Connectors

The submersible unit has an eight-socket MCBH output (Table 1) that connects customer-specified connectors for communication to the customer's instrument.

The deck box of the PCCS is configured with an AC power connector, one USB connector, and one 10-pin sea cable connector (Table 2).

Table 1. 8-connector pin-out summary

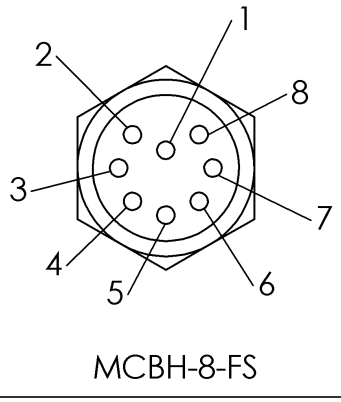
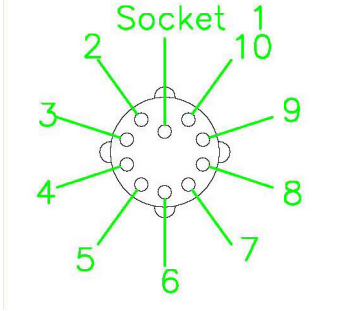
Pin	Function	Diagram
1	Ground	
2	RS-232 RX	
3	N/C	
4	V+	
5	RS-232 TX	
6	N/C	
7	N/C	
8	N/C	

Table 2. 10-connector pin-out summary

Pin	Function	Diagram
1	Ground	
2	RS-232 (RX)	
3	RS-422 Y (TX)	
4	V+ (48 V)	
5	RS-232 (TX)	
6	RS-422 Z (TX-INV)	
7	RS-422 A (RX)	
8	RS-422 B (TX-INV)	
9	N/C	
10	N/C	

3. Instrument Setup and Operation

The Power and Communication Conversion System (PCCS) submersible accepts a power input voltage of 48 volts (pin 4), from the deck box, and outputs 12 volts of regulated power from socket 2. Communication with the meter of choice is via the patch cable.

Note

The patch cable is an additional component of the PCCS and its length is customer-specified. It will typically be 8-pin-to-6-socket.

Setting up and checking the functionality of the PCCS requires the following:

- deck box
- power converter
- patch cable
- host computer with host software installed (WETView or WET Labs Host)
- meter to generate data
- USB cable. Note that its associated software needs to be installed first.

1. Connect the deck box to an AC power source.

2. Connect the 10-pin cable to the *SEA CABLE* connector on the deck box and the other end (sockets) to the submersible's connector.

3. Connect the USB cable to the deck box and host computer.

4. Connect the patch cable to the submersible and the meter that will be generating data.

5. Turn power on at the deck box.

Data should appear in the window of the host software.

3.1 Diagnostics

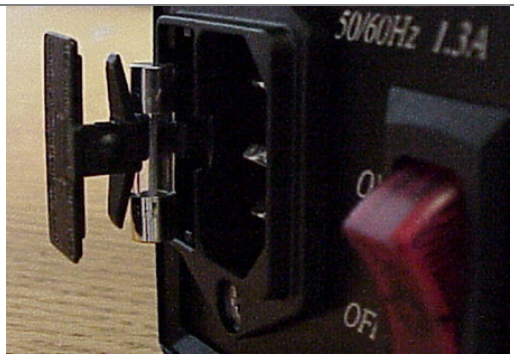
1. Use the push to test buttons to verify
   - 48 V power supply to the sea cable.
   - Transmit from the submersible unit

2. The *RX* and *TX* light in the top of the deck box should light, indicating the meter is sending and receiving data via the USB port.

3. When the deck box is receiving AC power, the power switch is backlit red.

4. The sub unit is equipped with an indicator light that lights when the unit is receiving 12V power.

- If the backlight on the power switch fails to light when AC power is supplied, check the 250V, 2 amp, 5 x 20 mm slow-blow fuse. It may need to be replaced.



The ability to transmit settings to a data logger such as a DH-4 is accomplished using an 8-conductor cable. When sending settings to a data logger, the *TX* light will be lit.

Revision History

Revision	Date	Revision Description	Originator
A	8/31/03	New document (DCR 420)	M. Levin, H. Van Zee
B	12/23/04	Remove serial connector option (DCR 445)	M. Levin, H. Van Zee
C	3/17/05	Change equipment name (DCR 462)	I. Walsh
D	1/13/06	Clarify warranty statement (DCR 481)	A. Gellatly, S. Proctor