

Home Automation Interface Module

for

AQUA LOGIC[®] (rev 2.2 or later)

PS MODELS

and

PRO LOGIC[™]

PS MODELS



AQ-CO-SERIAL

User Manual

Introduction: The AQ-CO-SERIAL is a serial home automation module that provides a command set which enables any attached system to fully emulate an Aqua Logic PS pool control running software rev 2.2 or later or any Pro Logic PS pool control. Thus, buttons can be transmitted, and the Aqua Logic PS/Pro Logic PS LED and messaging display states are returned.

A complete description of the operation of an Aqua Logic PS or Pro Logic PS can be found in the user manuals at www.goldlinecontrols.com.

Tools Needed:

- RS232 Cable (Straight through Male to Female DB9 Cable, 25' max)
 - Four conductor low voltage control wire up to 100 feet (RS-485 wiring)
 - Aqua Logic PS model pool control with Rev: 2.2 or later firmware
- OR
- Pro Logic PS model pool control

Functionality:

The AQ-CO-SERIAL interconnects an RS-232 bus from any Home Automation system with the Aqua Logic PS/Pro Logic PS using the powered RS-485. A typical system is shown below.



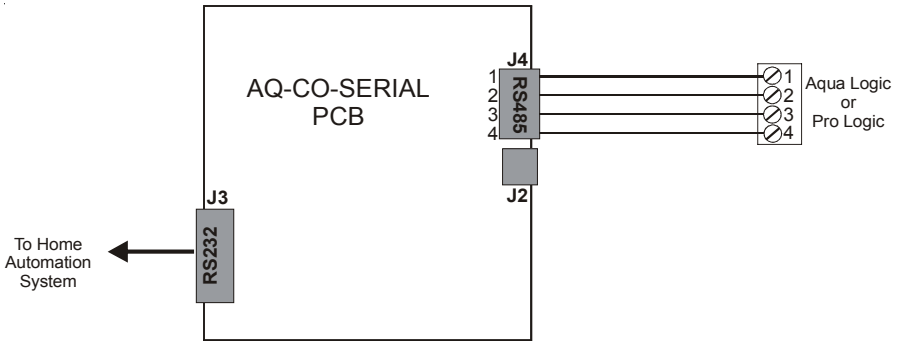
Power:

The AQ-CO-SERIAL is powered via RS485 from the Aqua Logic PS/Pro Logic PS control.

Typical Setup:

The RS-232 end is connected to the Home Automation System and the RS485 end is connected to the Aqua Logic PS/Pro Logic PS. The AQ-CO-SERIAL enclosure is 5" X 5.25" X 1.25" and is designed to be mounted indoors only.

Refer to the diagram below. The Home Automation system is connected to the RS232 (J3) connector. To communicate with Aqua Logic PS/Pro Logic PS, the connectors J2 or J4 are used. (J2 and J4 are connected in parallel internally).



The Aqua Logic PS/Pro Logic PS communicates to its peripherals via a half duplex asynchronous RS-485 link that also supplies DC power. All peripherals are wired in parallel on this bus. The Aqua Logic PS/Pro Logic PS is the master of the bus, and devices only transmit when queried. For example, to receive a keypress from any one of the remote controls, the Aqua Logic PS/Pro Logic PS requests pending keys every 100 ms, and then listens for an answer. If any remote control has a pending keypress, it is immediately sent back to the Aqua Logic PS/Pro Logic PS.

The AQ-CO-SERIAL relieves the Home Automation system from having to respond to the Aqua Logic PS/Pro Logic PS timing and command response requirements. It is a simple board with a processor, a ground isolated RS232 interface via DB9 connector, and a terminal strip for connection to the Aqua Logic PS/Pro Logic PS bus. It performs as a slave to Aqua Logic PS/Pro Logic PS and as a bi-directional interface to the Home Automation System. All the commands needed to emulate a remote control are supported: sending a keypress to the Aqua Logic PS/Pro Logic PS, and receiving text and LED status.

The Aqua Logic PS/Pro Logic PS-16 has 16 internal relays. The PS-4 and PS-8-V has 4 relays. The PS-8 and PS-16-V has 8 relays. The “V” models double the AUX buttons for use as macro buttons called “groups”. The image on page 2 is of a PS-16 remote with all keys un-labeled. The remote is shipped with adhesive labels which allow customization of the keyboard. The same list of labels are available in the system software so that a relay or valve can be more appropriately named.



Shown below is a labeled remote control to a Pro Logic PS pool control. Note that labels have been placed over the generic names to make the keys human readable. In this case, the Pool Filter, Gas Heater, Spa Filter and Water Feature are all turned on.

These names also have been selected in the Aqua Logic PS/Pro Logic PS configuration menu so that when the user presses “Spa Jets” a message says “Spa Jets Turned On” appears on the display.

Note that buttons may not respond under certain conditions. For example, pressing “Cleaner” while the Pool Filter is OFF, will result in the message “Interlock prevents turn on” being displayed and the LED will not light up. There are many such special features and interlocks in the Aqua Logic PS/Pro Logic PS.

The menu button selects the Aqua Logic PS/Pro Logic PS menus. The navigation keys surrounding the menu button allows movement through sub menus (“<” and “>”) and value changes (“+” and “-”). All feedback is via the 2 x 20 alphanumeric display.



The menus are mainly used to configure the pool and change temperature setpoints. Most user interaction is via the direct-access keys in the lower half of the control.

Command overview:

These are the standard commands which are used for communicating between the Home Automation (HA) and the AQ-CO-SERIAL. To keep this system simple, these commands are very similar to the commands used on the Aqua Logic PS/Pro Logic PS bus.

| Hex | Command | |
|-----|------------------------|----------------------|
| 01 | Update Key Pad Press | (HA to AQ-CO-SERIAL) |
| 02 | Update Key Pad Release | (HA to AQ-CO-SERIAL) |
| 03 | Update LEDs | (AQ-CO-SERIAL to HA) |
| 04 | Update Display | (AQ-CO-SERIAL to HA) |
| 05 | Beeper | (AQ-CO-SERIAL to HA) |

Thus, for the home automation system to send a key, a Press and a Release command are required. The Aqua Logic PS/Pro Logic PS will always react to the “Press” command. In some menus where value scrolling is supported, a delay between the press and release greater than two seconds will start the value scrolling. A common use of scrolling is setting the temperature of the heater or the chlorination rate of the chlorine generator.

The AQ-CO-SERIAL will forward an Update LED or Update Display command if a change in content is detected since the previous transmission of such commands. These commands are sent once every 2 seconds, even if no information has changed.

Framing and Rate: Asynchronous serial mode is used with the following character format: 1 start bit, 8 data bits, no parity and 2 stop bits. The data rate is 19.2 kbps. The basic frame structure used is shown below.

Each frame begins with a DLE (10H) and STX (02H) character start sequence, followed by a 2 to 61 byte long Command/Data field, a 2-byte Checksum and a DLE (10H) and ETX (03H) character end sequence.

The DLE, STX and Command/Data fields are added together to provide the 2-byte Checksum. If any of the bytes of the Command/Data Field or Checksum are equal to the DLE character (10H), a NULL character (00H) is inserted into the transmitted data stream immediately after that byte. That NULL character must then be removed by the receiver.

The Command and Data Fields for the various commands and expected responses are as follows:

| | | | | | | |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| (10H) DLE | (02H) STX | Command/Data | Checksum MSB | Checksum LSB | (10H) DLE | (03H) ETX |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|

Command: Update Key Pad Press (From:HA, To:AQ-CO-SERIAL)

Use this command to simulate the user pressing a button. Upon receipt of a Key Press, the AQ-CO-SERIAL first reports the press action, and then reports that the key is being held down until a Key Pad Release is received. Note, if any “pressed” keys are not released within 20 seconds the AQ-CO-SERIAL assumes loss of communication and clears all the key presses.

| | |
|---------|------|
| (01H) | |
| Command | Data |

Data (in Hexadecimal)

| | |
|----|----------------------------|
| 01 | ">" |
| 02 | Menu |
| 03 | "<" |
| 04 | Service/System off |
| 05 | "-" |
| 06 | "+" |
| 07 | Pool/Spa/Spillover |
| 08 | Filter |
| 09 | Lights |
| 10 | Aux1 |
| 11 | Aux2 |
| 12 | Aux3 |
| 13 | Aux4 |
| 14 | Aux5 |
| 15 | Aux6 |
| 16 | Aux7 |
| 17 | Valve3 |
| 18 | Valve4/Heater2 |
| 19 | Heater1 |
| 20 | Aux8 |
| 21 | Aux9 |
| 22 | Aux10 |
| 23 | Aux11 |
| 24 | Aux12 |
| 25 | Aux13 |
| 26 | Aux14 |
| 27 | Super Chlorinate |
| 28 | Unlock Configuration Menu* |

*Note: In order to unlock Configuration menu, the display has to show “Configuration Menu-Locked”, otherwise the unlock command will be ignored.

Command: Update Key Pad Release (From:HA, To:AQ-CO-SERIAL)

Use this command to simulate the user releasing a button.

| | |
|---------|------|
| (02H) | |
| Command | Data |

Data (in Hexadecimal)

- 01 ">"
- 02 Menu
- 03 "<"
- 04 Service/System off
- 05 "-"
- 06 "+"
- 07 Pool/Spa/Spillover
- 08 Filter

- 09 Lights
- 10 Aux1
- 11 Aux2
- 12 Aux3
- 13 Aux4
- 14 Aux5
- 15 Aux6
- 16 Aux7

- 17 Valve3
- 18 Valve4/Heater2
- 19 Heater1
- 20 Aux8
- 21 Aux9
- 22 Aux10
- 23 Aux11
- 24 Aux12

- 25 Aux13
- 26 Aux14
- 27 Super Chlorinate
- 28 Unlock Configuration Menu

Example: When the ">" key is released, the command is:

| | | | | | | |
|-----|-----|-----|------|----------|-----|-----|
| 10H | 02H | 02H | 01H | 00H 15H | 10H | 03H |
| DLE | STX | CMD | DATA | Checksum | DLE | ETX |

Command: Update LEDs (From:AQ-CO-SERIAL To:HA)

The AQ-CO-SERIAL will send this command whenever a change of any LED state occurs.

| | | | | | | | | |
|------------------|--------|--------|--------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| (03H) Command | LEDs 1 | LEDs 2 | LEDs 3 | Blink LEDs 4 | Blink LEDs 1 | Blink LEDs 2 | Blink LEDs 3 | Blink LEDs 4 |
|------------------|--------|--------|--------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|

| Byte | Bit | LED | Byte | Bit | LED |
|--------|-----|--------------|--------|-----|------------------|
| LEDs 1 | 0 | Heater1 | LEDs 2 | 0 | Aux2 |
| LEDs 1 | 1 | Valve3 | LEDs 2 | 1 | (Service) |
| LEDs 1 | 2 | Check System | LEDs 2 | 2 | Aux3 |
| LEDs 1 | 3 | Pool | LEDs 2 | 3 | Aux4 |
| LEDs 1 | 4 | Spa | LEDs 2 | 4 | Aux5 |
| LEDs 1 | 5 | Filter | LEDs 2 | 5 | Aux6 |
| LEDs 1 | 6 | Lights | LEDs 2 | 6 | Valve4/Heater2 |
| LEDs 1 | 7 | Aux1 | LEDs 2 | 7 | Spillover |
| LEDs 3 | 0 | System off | LEDs 4 | 0 | Aux14 |
| LEDs 3 | 1 | Aux7 | LEDs 4 | 1 | Super Chlorinate |
| LEDs 3 | 2 | Aux8 | LEDs 4 | 2 | |
| LEDs 3 | 3 | Aux9 | LEDs 4 | 3 | |
| LEDs 3 | 4 | Aux10 | LEDs 4 | 4 | |
| LEDs 3 | 5 | Aux11 | LEDs 4 | 5 | |
| LEDs 3 | 6 | Aux12 | LEDs 4 | 6 | |
| LEDs 3 | 7 | Aux13 | LEDs 4 | 7 | |

If an LED bit is a 1, then that LED is on. If the LED bit is a 1 and it's associated Blink LED bit is a 1, then that LED should blink at a rate of once per second (half second on/half second off).

Response: None

Command: Update Display (From:AQ-CO-SERIAL To:HA)

The AQ-CO-SERIAL will send this command whenever a change of display text occurs. This command is sent once every 2 seconds, even if no information has changed.

| | | | |
|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| (04H) Command | LCD Line 1 (16/20) | LCD Line 2 (16/20) | Display Flags |
|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------|

The Display Flags are defined as follows:

| | | |
|-----------|------------------------------------|---------------|
| Bit 0: | Blink Display Selection (P-4 Only) | (0=No, 1=Yes) |
| Bit 1: | Display Revision | (0=No, 1=Yes) |
| Bits 2: | Display Backlight Time | (0=No, 1=Yes) |
| Bits 3: | Display Beeper Status | (0=No, 1=Yes) |
| Bits 4-7: | Reserved | |

- Bit 0 Not used currently.
- Bit 1 The Revision has to be filled in by the Home Automation System if Bit 1 is set. For example: In the Diagnostics Menu, when “Display Software” is selected, the Update Display Command is sent as below, (with Bit 1 set to 1):

Display Software
Revision

The revision or the whole display can be replaced by the HA Developer. The Aqua Logic PS/Pro Logic PS display will show its software revision as shown below:

Display Software
Local-08 r4.00

- Bit 2 This is an Aqua Logic PS/Pro Logic PS feature only. Following is a description of how it is used on these pool controls. In Settings Menu, when “Display Light” is selected, the Update Display Command is sent as:

Display Light

Note that the second line is blank. And the Bit 2 will be set to 1. The actual Aqua Logic PS/Pro Logic PS display will show its current mode:

Display Light or Display Light
Always ON On for 60 seconds

- Bit 3 This is also an Aqua Logic PS/Pro Logic PS feature only. Following is a description of how it is used on these pool controls. In Settings Menu, when “Beeper” is selected, the Update Display Command is always sent as:

Beeper
Enabled

Bit 3 is set to 1. The actual Aqua Logic PS/Pro Logic PS display will show its current mode:

Beeper or Beeper
Enabled Disabled

Note: Bits1, 2, 3 can be implemented if desired.

Response: None

For PS Models, in order to make a character blink, the eighth bit of the corresponding character is set. Refer to the following example:

'1' = 31H = 00110001, '1' does not blink

'1' = B1H = 10110001, '1' blinks

Command: Beeper (From:AQ-CO-SERIAL To:HA)

| | |
|---------|-----------|
| (05H) | |
| Command | Beep Time |

Response: None

After the Configuration Menu is unlocked, Aqua Logic PS/Pro Logic PS sends the Beeper command indicating the occurrence. The **Update Key Pad Release** command for the Unlock Configuration Menu has to be sent at this point.

Special Characters:

The symbol "Degree" is sent as an "underscore _". The "Degree" being 0xDF, has the eighth bit set and to make sure that it's not mistaken as blinking its being sent as Underscore (0x5F). For example: To display "Air Temp 99°F", the packet will be "Air Temp 99_F".

Error Conditions:

If the AQ-CO-SERIAL is not communicating with Aqua Logic PS/Pro Logic PS a Display command will be sent stating "Pro Logic Comm Bus Communication Lost".

Product Support

For questions or support on applying the above command language, please send an email to aqcoserial@goldlinecontrols.com.

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