MetriNet M-Node PC Software Utility Manual

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M-Node PC Utility

1.1 General

ATI supplies a free PC software utility for use with the M-Node sensors to enable a quick and easy user interface for calibrating or configuring sensors away from the Q52/MetriNet monitor. Operation is very similar to that of the Q52, but the software utility does require the use of a PC and a special USB cable (cable available from ATI.)

1.2 ATI USB-M8 M-Node Sensor Cable

A special USB-to-M8 cable is available from ATI that will communicate with the M-Node sensor, and also supply power to the sensor. This cable can then be used in conjunction with the free software utility to set up new sensors. The cable plugs into the USB port of a PC, and requires a driver from FTDI, which should be installed automatically when the USB connector is inserted. If not, download and install FTDI driver from here — http://www.ftdichip.com/FTDrivers.htm

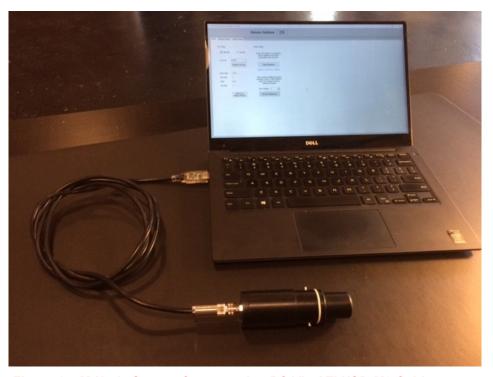


Figure 1 – M-Node Sensor Connected to PC Via ATI USB-M8 Cable

To aid in diagnosing port problems on the PC, the M-Node USB-M8 cable flashes a red LED on every transmission to the M-Nodes sensor, and flashes a green LED on every accepted message from the sensor.



Figure 2 – ATI USB-M8 Sensor Cable Showing Sensor Responses

1.3 Sensor Utility Operation

Once the utility program is installed and launched, the first screen presented is the sensor address connection screen.

1.31 Mode Selection

If selected for "MetriNet" mode, the communication parameters are fixed to a certain configuration, which makes the sensor slave address easy to find. Click on "Find Sensor" and tool will scan slave addresses in an attempt to hook up to sensor. Once address is found, top of screen will show connection address, and you will note a green light flashing on and off on the USB end of the ATI sensor cable as PC sends out and receives information.

Generic Mode can be used to set non-standard communication settings, but only Parity and stop changes are supported at this time. If you change those, you must remember to continue to connect at those settings in Generic mode as the tool will not scan at all options of the generic settings.



Figure 3 – ATI Sensor Utility Setup Tab – Connecting to Sensor

1.32 Set Sensor Address

If desired, the user may change the sensor slave address once connected, by entering the address in the "New Address" window and clicking on "Write Address."



Figure 4 – ATI Sensor Utility Setup Tab – Sensor Address Found

1.33 Comm Debug Tab

Finally, once connected, clicking on "Open Com Debug Window" will open an additional window that will show the actual exchanges between the PC (master) and sensor (slave.) This debug window will then stay open on all the other tabs also. You can close that debug window simply by clicking on the "Close Com Debug Window" button.

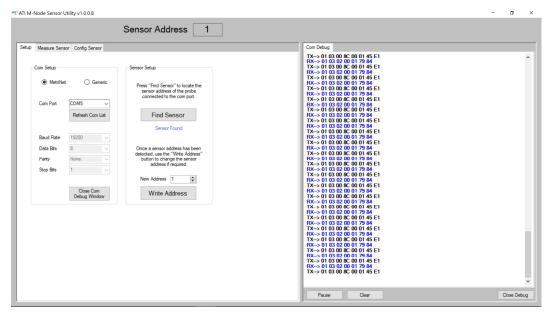


Figure 5 - ATI Sensor Utility Setup Tab - Communications Debug Window

1.34 Measure Sensor Tab

Once the sensor has been connected at the proper slave address, the user can then click on the "Measure Sensor" tab to view all the data that they would see on the lower screen of the Q52 transmitter for a particular sensor slave. Unlike the Q52, however, all this lower data is shown at once on a single screen.

The screens shown here can vary a bit by sensor parameter, but most are common to very sensor. The "S1" is the current sensor slave number. See section below for a description of the various types of data which can be displayed at this point. The "**Stop Scan**" button can be used to temporarily stop polling for sensor data.



Figure 6 – ATI Sensor Utility Measure Sensor Tab

Lower Display Screens

These are data screens that show up in the Q52, Sensor Utility, or portable calibrator. Some data lines only show up with specific parameters.

Top	1005 uS	Sensor main measurement value and units
S1	+25C	Sensor temperature reading
S1	220% Sig	Sensor signal reading (nom 100%) (Q32T)
S1	0% Fol	Sensor fouling reading (nom 0%) (Q32T)
S1	0% Dry	Sensor dry reading (nom 0%) (Q32T)
S1	-16 nA	Sensor raw current (Q32H, Q32D)
S1	55 mV	Sensor raw millivolts (Q32P/R/F/K)
S1	0%sat	%Saturation reading (Q32D)
S1	100%	Sensor calibration slope
S1	0.0nAz	Sensor offset current (Q32H/D)
S1	0.0ntuz	Sensor offset turbidity (Q32T)
S1	0 mVz	Sensor mV offset(Q32P/R/F/K)
S1	0000:00	Time powered, days:hours
S1	Cal 0d	Time since last calibration
S1	AL =	Alarm setpoints triggered (A, B, C,)
S1	1.25 VDC	Voltage output of sensor
S1	No Fault	Existing sensor faults (or none)
S1	Q32C2	Sensor model number
S1	V125	Sensor firmware version

S1 2E COND 0-2000uS

Sensor text field (default type)

1.35 Config Sensor Tab

The "**Config Sensor**" tab allows the user to change all the settings inside the senor, can calibrate the sensor when required. This operates exactly like the Q52 interface, and the various methods of calibrations and configuration changes are discussed earlier in this manual. The moving green dot on the screen scrolls to each screen to show that it has just been updated from a recent query.

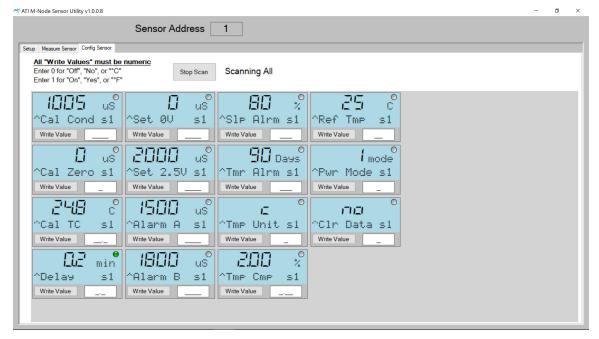


Figure 7 – ATI Sensor Utility Config Sensor Tab – M-Node Menus

When changing a value, enter the new value next to "Write Value" below the actual menu screen. Click on the "Write Value" button, and the green dot will stop on that screen while the request is processed by the sensor. While this is happening, wait for the green dot to begin moving again before attempting to enter any new data or leave the tab. Any messages from sensor (like Accepted!, or Fail!) will be shown during the processing of the value.

Enter the number fields the same way you see it on the display, noting the decimal point position in the entry field. All entries must be numbers, so for entries requiring fields like YES or NO, use numbers as shown in the small key at the upper right of the window.

A simple example is shown in the figure below. A new Delay value is entered, and the sensor responds in the lower screen of the menu with the message "Accepted!" After a few seconds, the green dot will begin scrolling menus again.

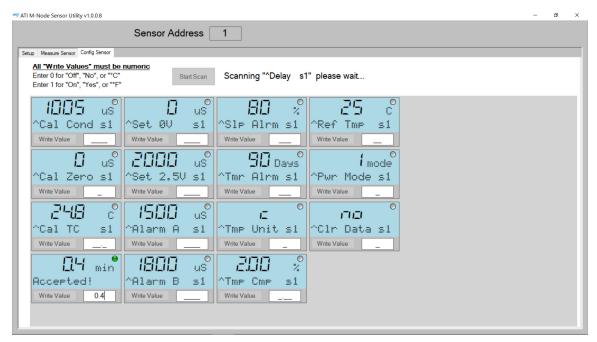


Figure 8 – ATI Sensor Utility Config Sensor Tab – New Delay Value Entered

Spare Parts

Part No. Description

Spare Sensors

Free Chlorine M-Node, 0-4.00 ppm
Conductivity M-Node, 0-2000 uS
pH M-Node, 2-12 pH
ORP M-Node, 0-1000 mv.
Dissolved Oxygen M-Node, 0-20.00 ppm
Dissolved Ozone M-Node, 0-4.00 ppm
Turbidity M-Node, 0-40.00
Combined Chlorine M-Node, 0-4.00 ppm
Total Chlorine M-Node, 0-4.00 ppm
Fluoride M-Node, 0.1-10.00 ppm
Chlorine Dioxide M-Node, 0-4.00 ppm

Spare Sensor Components

Electrolyte chamber, Q32 Sensors
Q32 Electrolyte Chamber o-ring kit (3 each 42-0029and 42-0061)
Membrane Cap
Membrane holder, titanium (for DO ₂ and DO ₃ sensors)
Free chlorine membranes, pkg. of 10
Combined chlorine membranes, pkg. of 10
Total Chlorine membrane cap, pkg. of 2
Free chlorine electrolyte, 60 ml.
Combined chlorine electrolyte, 60 ml.
Total chlorine electrolyte, 60 ml.
pH/ORP/FI ⁻ Reference gel
pH/ORP/FI ⁻ Reference Junction
D.O. membrane, 2-mil, pkg. of 10
D.O. electrolyte, 60 ml.

Cable Assemblies

31-0202	Node to bus bar cable, 12" (30 cm)
31-0204	Q52 to bus bar cable, 155" (4 m)
31-0208	Q52 power supply cable, 12" (30 cm)
31-0212	Bus bar jumper cable, 18" (46 cm)