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EMFA

CAN INLINE ADAPTER FOR LOAD CELLS

Operating manual with description of the CANopen interface



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The EMFA sits between an analogue strain gauge load cell and the CAN bus: it excites the load cell, converts its mV/V signal at 24 bit and outputs it over CANopen. Sections 3 and 4 describe the device and its connection, sections 5 to 7 the CANopen interface, the object dictionary and all commands with example frames.



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1 General

1.1 About this manual

- This manual describes the connection of the EMFA and its operation over the CANopen protocol: network management, process and service data objects, the object dictionary and every command with an example frame.
- It describes the features of firmware V1.1. The user parameters (section 7.7.5) and the option to disable RPDO1 are available from this version on.
- The EMFA can be switched from CANopen to the J1939 protocol (section 7.3.3). J1939 is not described in this manual but in a separate document.
- The technical data are given in the EMFA datasheet; section 3 summarises them.
- This manual is part of the product. Keep it accessible for all users and read it before connection and start-up.

1.2 Liability

The information in this manual has been compiled with care; it is subject to change without notice. No liability is accepted for damage caused by accident, misuse, use contrary to the intended purpose, unauthorised modifications or repairs, or failure to follow this manual.

1.3 Notation and data types

- Hexadecimal values carry the suffix "h" (e.g. **9Ch**); numbers without a suffix are decimal.
- All data are transmitted in little-endian format, i.e. least significant byte first. The index **3004h** therefore appears in the frame as **04h 30h**.
- Unless stated otherwise, all parameters and results are transmitted as signed 32-bit integers.

Abbreviation	Data type	Range
UI8	unsigned 8-bit integer	0 ... 255
UI16	unsigned 16-bit integer	0 ... 65535
UI32	unsigned 32-bit integer	0 ... 4294967295
I32	signed 32-bit integer	–2147483648 ... 2147483647
R32	32-bit floating point number as per IEEE 754	$\approx \pm 3.4 \times 10^{38}$
RO · RW · WO · Const	read only · read and write · write only · constant	

1.4 Terms and abbreviations

Term	Meaning
bps, kbps	bits per second, kilobits per second (data rate)
CAN	Controller Area Network; communication bus for vehicles and automation
CANopen	higher-layer communication protocol of the CAN in Automation (CiA) organisation
Client-server	communication started by the client with a request; the server always responds
COB, COB-ID	communication object (one or more CAN messages) and its identifier
Confirmed service	message whose receipt is acknowledged by the receiver (as opposed to an unconfirmed service)
DLC	Data Length Code; number of data bytes in a CAN frame
ECU	Electronic Control Unit; here the EMFA
FDC	PC application for analysis and configuration of the device
Heartbeat	periodic CANopen message showing that a node is still present on the network
Index, sub-index	16-bit address in the object dictionary, extended by an 8-bit sub-index for arrays and records
J1939	higher-layer communication protocol of the Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE)
LSB, MSB	least and most significant byte of a number
LSS	Layer Setting Services; setting of node ID and baud rate
Node ID	unique identifier of a node on the bus
NMT	Network Management; state control of the nodes
NVM	non-volatile memory; retains data without power
Object dictionary	list of all communication and application parameters of a CANopen device
PDO, TPDO, RPDO	process data object (unconfirmed, high priority); transmitted or received PDO
RTR	Remote Transmission Request; requests the data of a node
SDO	service data object; confirmed client-server access to the object dictionary

2 Safety instructions

Caution! Read and follow this manual before operating or servicing the device. Only trained personnel may operate, clean, inspect, maintain or service the device. Always disconnect the device from the power supply before cleaning or maintenance.

Warning! Only qualified personnel may service the device. Take care with checks and adjustments made with power on – failure to do so can result in bodily harm.

Warning! Before connecting or disconnecting any wiring between electronic equipment, remove power and wait at least 30 seconds. Otherwise equipment can be damaged or destroyed, and there is a risk of bodily harm.

Caution! The device contains electrostatic sensitive components; observe the precautions for handling them.

For parts, information and service, please contact octogon.

3 Product description

3.1 Function

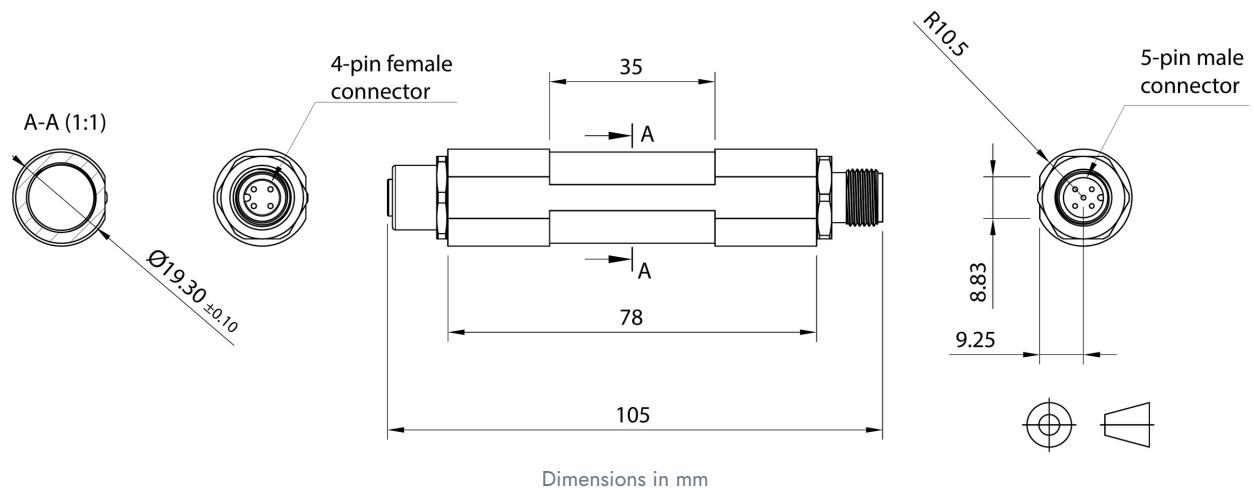
The EMFA is a digitiser for strain gauge load cells with a 24-bit delta-sigma A/D converter, for weighing and force measurements mainly in vehicles and mobile machines. It excites the load cell with 5 V, measures its mV/V signal and transmits it over CAN, either with CANopen (10 kbps to 1 Mbps) or J1939. The 120 Ω termination resistor is built in and is switched on or off over the bus.

Components designed to meet Regulation 10, ISO 13766:2018 and ISO 14982:1998; the unit itself is not certified for these standards – suitability is to be confirmed by the user.

3.2 Key data

Feature	Value
Input	1 strain gauge load cell, bridge output mV/V, 4- or 6-wire
Measuring range	± 3 mV/V
Load cell excitation	5 V DC
Load cell impedance	87.5 ... 1,100 Ω (e.g. 1 $\times$ 350, 4 $\times$ 350, 4 $\times$ 1,100 Ω)
A/D converter	24 bit, delta-sigma
Filter	selectable: moving average or IIR
Update rate CANopen	5 ... 2,500 samples/s
Protocol	CANopen or J1939, switchable
Baud rate CANopen	10, 20, 50, 125, 250, 500, 800, 1000 kbit/s
Termination resistor	120 Ω , selectable over CAN
Supply voltage	9 ... 36 V DC, via the M12 CAN plug
Operating temperature	-20 ... +70 $^{\circ}\text{C}$
Storage temperature	-40 ... +125 $^{\circ}\text{C}$
Connectors	M12 socket 4-pole (load cell) · M12 plug 5-pole (CAN and supply)
Housing	stainless steel 17-4PH, IP67 according to EN 60529
Dimensions, weight	$\varnothing 21 \times 105$ mm, approx. 120 g

3.3 Dimensions



Information! Secure the EMFA, e.g. with P-clips or a bracket – do not support it by the cables only.

4 Connection and start-up

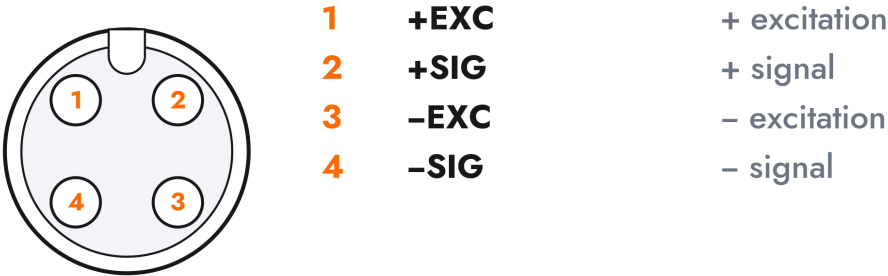
4.1 Equipment required

- a USB to CAN converter for CANopen,
- a load cell or scale with test weights, or a load cell simulator,
- a 12 ... 24 V DC power supply capable of delivering approximately 100 mA,
- suitable software, e.g. the FDC application for analysis and configuration.

Information! The FDC application was developed with the PEAK-System USB-to-CAN adapter. When the FDC is used with CANopen or J1939, this adapter should be used.

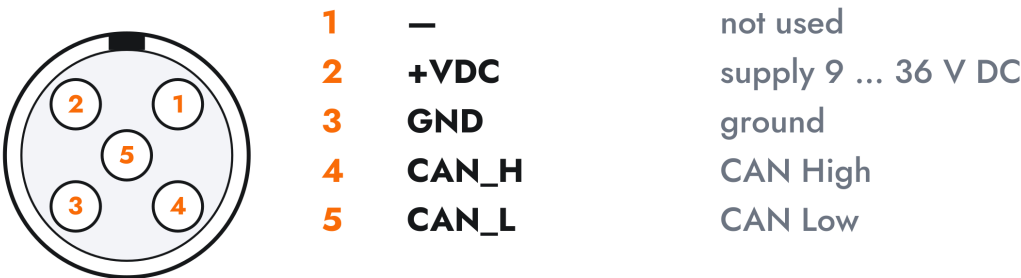
4.2 Pin assignment

Load cell input · M12 socket, 4-pole



M12 socket, 4-pole · notch at the top

CAN output · M12 plug, 5-pole



M12 plug, 5-pole · notch at the top

Load cell at the 4-pole M12 socket, CAN bus and supply at the 5-pole M12 plug. The product label of the specific device always applies.

4.3 Connecting the load cell

A 4-wire load cell is connected directly to the socket. With a 6-wire load cell, connect Sense+ to Excitation+ (EXC+) and Sense- to Excitation- (EXC-).

Pin	Signal	4-wire load cell	6-wire load cell
1	+EXC	excitation +	excitation + and sense+
2	+SIG	signal +	signal +
3	-EXC	excitation -	excitation - and sense-
4	-SIG	signal -	signal -

4.4 Power supply

The EMFA is supplied via the 5-pole M12 plug, pin 2 (+VDC, 9 ... 36 V DC) and pin 3 (GND). The power supply ground is the same potential as the communications: only use the appropriate pins for supply and return, and reference all communication lines to the supply ground.

4.5 CAN bus and termination

For the CAN network to operate properly, a 120 Ω termination resistor between CAN High and CAN Low is required both at the host end and at the furthest point of the network. The EMFA has a built-in 120 Ω resistor, enabled at the factory. It is enabled or disabled with the termination resistor parameter (section 7.3.4).

4.6 First start-up

- Factory settings: node ID 1, baud rate 500 kbps, heartbeat off, no self-start, mV/V values as integers (× 10000), filter 16-sample moving average at 50 samples/s, termination resistor enabled.
- After power-on the EMFA sends its boot-up message (**700h** + ID, data **00h**) and stays in the Pre-operational state.
- With the NMT command Operational (**000h: 01h 00h**) it starts to transmit TPDO1 with the mV/V signal. To have it do so after every power-on, enable self-start (section 7.3.6).

- Write changed settings to non-volatile memory with “Save setup parameters” (section 7.7.3) – otherwise they are lost at the next power cycle.

5 CANopen interface

5.1 General information

- The CANopen interface conforms to CAN 2.0B with 11-bit identifiers; the factory baud rate is 500 kbps.
- The EMFA conforms to the requirements for an NMT slave as defined in CiA 302 DSP Part 2: Network Management (February 2009).
- On first connection to the network it sends its boot-up message (a heartbeat with node state 0), followed – if enabled – by periodic heartbeat messages.
- If self-start is configured, it passes through Pre-operational into the Operational state. Otherwise it stays in Pre-operational, waiting for NMT messages or SDO requests.
- The EMFA implements static PDO mapping and a single, statically defined SDO server.

5.2 Node ID

Each node on the CANopen network must have a unique 7-bit node ID in the range 1 ... 127 (**7Fh**); node ID 0 is reserved for the NMT master. It is set via SDO (section 7.3.2) or via LSS (section 7.4.3).

5.3 Network management (NMT)

The NMT protocol is used to tell the nodes to change state and to indicate device boot-up and error conditions. The EMFA supports the following for this purpose:

Name	CAN-ID	DLC	Data
Boot-up	700h + ID	1	00h (initialising)
Heartbeat	700h + ID	1	04h Stopped · 05h Operational · 7Fh Pre-operational
NMT	000h	2	byte 0: 01h Operational · 02h Stopped · 80h Pre-operational · 81h Reset Node · 82h Reset Communication; byte 1: 00h all nodes or 01h ... 7Fh node ID

The current state dictates how the node communicates on the network:

State	reached by	SDO	PDO
Initialising	power-on; then Reset Node and Reset Communication, then automatically Pre-operational	–	–
Pre-operational	automatically after initialising; NMT 80h	yes	no
Operational	NMT 01h; automatically after initialising if self-start is enabled	yes	yes
Stopped	NMT 02h	no	no

Heartbeat messages – if enabled – are transmitted in Pre-operational, Operational and Stopped. Reset Node resets the object dictionary range **2000h ... FFFFh**, Reset Communication the range **1000h ... 1FFFh**. NMT commands lead from each operating state to each other; power-off or reset ends every state.

5.4 Process data objects (PDO)

PDOs transmit real-time measurement and status information. They are unconfirmed and have a higher message priority than SDOs, so they take precedence on the bus.

5.4.1 Transmit PDOs (TPDO)

In the Operational state the EMFA transmits the TPDOs on specific events; they can also be requested with a Remote Transmission Request (RTR). A TPDO is disabled by writing a 1 to bit 31 of its COB-ID (**1800h:1** for TPDO1, **1801h:1** for TPDO2).

	TPDO1	TPDO2
Content	net mV/V signal and ECU status	tare signal and ECU status
COB-ID	180h + ID	280h + ID
Trigger	on event: A/D sample available	on event: Set mV/V tare or Reset mV/V tare command executed
Data 0 ... 3	R32 or I32 (as per data output options): mV/V value, SDO 3004h:02h	R32 or I32 (as per data output options): tare signal, SDO 3004h:04h
Data 4	UI8: ECU status, SDO 3004h:03h	UI8: ECU status, SDO 3004h:03h
DLC	5	5

Information! Depending on the baud rate, the higher sample rates (up to 2500 samples/s) can exceed what can be transmitted on the CAN bus. Multiple nodes on the network or lower baud rates can also reduce the output rate. In these cases, set a lower sample rate (section 7.2.1).

5.4.2 Receive PDOs (RPDO)

In the Operational state the EMFA accepts RPDO1 to set or reset the tare. RPDO1 is disabled by writing a 1 to bit 31 of its COB-ID (1400h:1).

	RPDO1
Content	Set and reset mV/V tare commands
COB-ID	200h + ID
Data 0 (DLC = 1)	UI8: set / reset mV/V tare (section 7.6), SDO 3005h:01h

5.5 Service data objects (SDO)

SDOs give access to all entries in the object dictionary: reading device attributes, reading and writing configuration parameters and executing commands. The SDO protocol is a confirmed client-server service; one SDO is made up of two CAN frames with different IDs, the client request and the server response. The EMFA is the SDO server and supports only expedited (single-frame) transfers. SDOs operate only in the Pre-operational and Operational states.

5.5.1 The SDO message frame

SDO requests and responses always contain 8 data bytes (DLC = 8), regardless of the data they contain.

Frame	CAN-ID	D0	D1 D2	D3	D4 ... D7
Request (client to server)	600h + ID	command	index	sub-index	data
Response (server to client)	580h + ID	command	index	sub-index	data

The command byte D0 is split up further (only the services supported by the EMFA):

Bit	Symbol	Meaning
7 ... 5	SP	command specifier. Client: 1 = initiate write, 2 = initiate read, 4 = abort transfer. Server: 2 = initiate read response, 3 = initiate write response, 4 = abort transfer
4	T	toggle bit; for segmented reads only – not used by the EMFA
3 ... 2	N	unused data bytes (valid only if E = S = 1): 0 = four, 1 = three, 2 = two, 3 = one data byte in the transfer
1	E	0 = segmented transfer (not used by the EMFA), 1 = expedited transfer (single frame)
0	S	0 = data size not indicated, 1 = data size indicated by bits 3 ... 2

This gives the command bytes used in the examples: **40h** read; **23h**, **2Bh**, **2Fh** write of 4, 2 or 1 byte; **43h**, **4Bh**, **4Fh** response with 4, 2 or 1 byte; **60h** write confirmed; **80h** abort.

5.5.2 SDO abort codes

As the SDO protocol is a confirmed service, the EMFA responds to every request. If it cannot execute a request, it sends an abort message with command specifier **80h** and a 32-bit abort code in the data bytes:

Code	Description
05040001h	invalid bit combination in the command specifier byte
06010001h	attempt to read a write-only object
06010002h	attempt to write a read-only object
06020000h	object does not exist in the object dictionary (invalid index)
06070010h	incorrect data length for an SDO write
06090011h	sub-index does not exist for the given object
06090030h	value for an SDO write is out of range
08000000h	general error (e.g. the request does not have 8 bytes or there is non-zero data in a read request)
08000022h	conditions not correct to execute the request at this time (e.g. the EMFA is not in administrator mode)

5.6 Emergency messages (EMCY)

On detection of certain errors in the EMFA or on the bus itself, the EMFA sends an unsolicited message containing details of the error:

	EMCY
COB-ID	80h + ID
Trigger	on event: a new error type has been detected
Data 0 ... 1	UI16: error code (table below)
Data 2	UI8: error register, SDO 1001h:00h
Data 3 ... 7	vendor-specific data
DLC	8

Error code	Description
0000h	error reset – transmitted when all errors are cleared
5001h	an error has been detected in the A/D converter
5002h	an open circuit has been detected in one of the load cell connections
5003h	the load cell excitation voltage is too low
8110h	CAN overrun – a message has been lost
8120h	the EMFA CAN controller has entered the Error Passive state
8140h	the EMFA CAN controller has recovered from a Bus Off condition
8150h	COB-ID collision: another device on the bus has the same node ID
8210h	an RPDO1 message has been received with an incorrect data length
FF01h	non-recoverable fault in the factory settings memory – return the device
FF02h	error in the configuration data memory – recoverable by reconfiguring all user parameters

6 Object dictionary

The following tables show the object dictionary entries needed for access to the EMFA data. For data types and access types see section 1.3.

6.1 Communication segment

Index	Sub	Name	Type	Access	Default	Information
1000h	0	Device type	UI32	RO	0	non-standard device profile
1001h	0	Error register	UI8	RO	0	bit 0 generic error, bit 4 communication error, bit 7 manufacturer-specific error
1003h		Pre-defined error field				
	0	Number of errors	UI8	RW	0	read the number; write 0 to erase the history
	1 ... 8	Standard error field	UI32	RO	–	most recent errors (EMCY sent)
1010h		Store parameters				
	0	Number of entries	UI8	RO	4	
	1	Save all parameters	UI32	RW	1	save setup parameters (7.7.3)
	2	Dummy	UI32	RO	0	not supported
	3	Dummy	UI32	RO	0	entries 6000h ... 9FFFh not supported
	4	Reserved	UI32	RW	–	do not write to this entry
1011h		Restore default parameters				
	0	Number of entries	UI8	RO	1	
	1	Restore all defaults	UI32	RW	1	restore factory defaults (7.7.4)
1014h	0	Emergency COB-ID	UI32	RO	80h + ID	CAN ID of the EMCY message
1017h	0	Producer heartbeat time	UI16	RW	0	cycle time in ms (7.3.5)
1018h		Identity object				
	0	Number of entries	UI8	RO	4	
	1	Vendor ID	UI32	RO	044Ah	
	2	Product code	UI32	RO	device-specific	application firmware part number (7.1.1)
	3	Revision number	UI32	RO	version-specific	application firmware version (7.1.2)
	4	Serial number	UI32	RO	–	device-specific serial number (7.1.3)
1026h		OS prompt				
	0	Number of entries	UI8	RO	2	
	1	StdIn	UI8	WO	–	reserved for the manufacturer
	2	StdOut	UI8	RO	–	reserved for the manufacturer
1400h		RPDO1 communication parameter				
	0	Number of entries	UI8	RO	2	
	1	COB-ID of RPDO1	UI32	RW	200h + ID	set bit 31 to disable RPDO1
	2	Transmission type	UI8	RO	FFh	asynchronous
1600h		RPDO1 mapping				
	0	Number of entries	UI8	Const	1	
	1	Mapping entry 1	UI32	Const	30050108h	mV/V tare commands (7.6)
1800h		TPDO1 communication parameter				
	0	Number of entries	UI8	RO	2	
	1	COB-ID of TPDO1	UI32	RW	180h + ID	set bit 31 to disable TPDO1
	2	Transmission type	UI8	RO	FEh	manufacturer-specific
1801h		TPDO2 communication parameter				
	0	Number of entries	UI8	RO	2	
	1	COB-ID of TPDO2	UI32	RW	280h + ID	set bit 31 to disable TPDO2
	2	Transmission type	UI8	RO	FEh	manufacturer-specific

Index	Sub	Name	Type	Access	Default	Information
1A00h		TPDO1 mapping				
	0	Number of entries	UI8	Const	2	
	1	Mapping entry 1	UI32	Const	30040220h	filtered mV/V signal (7.5.2)
	2	Mapping entry 2	UI32	Const	30040308h	ECU status (7.5.3)
1A01h		TPDO2 mapping				
	0	Number of entries	UI8	Const	2	
	1	Mapping entry 1	UI32	Const	30040420h	tare signal (7.5.4)
	2	Mapping entry 2	UI32	Const	30040308h	ECU status (7.5.3)
1F80h	0	NMT start-up	UI32	RW	4 (no self-start)	self-start (7.3.6)

6.2 Manufacturer segment

Index	Sub	Name	Type	Access	Default	Information
3000h		Device identification				
	0	Number of entries	UI8	RO	4	
	1	Bootloader part number	UI32	RO	–	7.1.4
	2	Bootloader f/w version	UI32	RO	–	7.1.5
3002h		General parameters				
	0	Number of entries	UI8	RO	3	
	1	ADC sample rate	I32	RW	50 (Hz)	7.2.1
	2	Filter type	I32	RW	2	digital filter (7.2.2)
	3	Warm-up time	I32	RW	0	time for system stabilisation (7.2.3)
3003h		Communication parameters				
	0	Number of entries	UI8	RO	4	
	1	Baud rate	I32	RW	500000 (bps)	7.3.1
	2	Node ID	I32	RW	1	7.3.2
	3	Bus protocol	I32	RW	–	CANopen or J1939 (7.3.3)
	4	R120 status	I32	RW	1 (enabled)	termination resistor (7.3.4)
3004h		Data access				
	0	Number of entries	UI8	RO	5	
	1	Data output options	UI8	RW	0 (I32)	integer or floating point (7.5.1)
	2	Filtered mV/V signal	R32 / I32	RO	–	latest filtered value (7.5.2)
	3	ECU status	UI8	RO	–	status flags (7.5.3)
	4	mV/V tare signal	R32 / I32	RO	–	tare value (7.5.4)
	5	Filtered ADC sample	I32	RO	–	latest filtered ADC output (7.5.5)
3005h		mV/V tare control				
	0	Number of entries	UI8	RO	1	
	1	Set and reset mV/V tare	UI8	WO	–	7.6
3007h		Miscellaneous				
	0	Number of entries	UI8	RO	3	
	1	System reset	I32	WO	–	warm start (7.7.1)
	2	Write passcode register	I32	WO	–	administrator mode (7.7.2)
	3	Reserved	I32	WO	–	reserved for the manufacturer
3008h		User parameters				
	0	Number of entries	UI8	RO	4	
	1 ... 4	User parameter 1 ... 4	I32	RW	0	7.7.5

7 Commands

This section describes all commands the EMFA accepts via SDO, each with an example of request and response. “ID” stands for the node ID. For the frame layout and the command bytes see section 5.5.

7.1 Device identification

7.1.1 Read firmware part number (1018h:02h)

Returns the application firmware part number; it is also the product code for LSS. The value is device-specific – 112328 in the example.

Direction	CAN-ID	Command	Index	Sub	Data (D4 ... D7)
Controller sends	600h + ID	40h	18h 10h	02h	00h 00h 00h 00h
EMFA responds	580h + ID	43h	18h 10h	02h	C8h B6h 01h 00h

7.1.2 Read application firmware version (1018h:03h)

Data bytes 4 and 5: minor version (LSB, MSB), data bytes 6 and 7: major version (LSB, MSB). The example returns version 1.0.

Direction	CAN-ID	Command	Index	Sub	Data (D4 ... D7)
Controller sends	600h + ID	40h	18h 10h	03h	00h 00h 00h 00h
EMFA responds	580h + ID	43h	18h 10h	03h	00h 00h 01h 00h

7.1.3 Read serial number (1018h:04h)

Returns the device-specific serial number as an unsigned 32-bit integer; 2052999 in the example.

Direction	CAN-ID	Command	Index	Sub	Data (D4 ... D7)
Controller sends	600h + ID	40h	18h 10h	04h	00h 00h 00h 00h
EMFA responds	580h + ID	43h	18h 10h	04h	87h 53h 1Fh 00h

7.1.4 Read bootloader part number (3000h:01h)

Part number 109960 in the example.

Direction	CAN-ID	Command	Index	Sub	Data (D4 ... D7)
Controller sends	600h + ID	40h	00h 30h	01h	00h 00h 00h 00h
EMFA responds	580h + ID	43h	00h 30h	01h	88h ADh 01h 00h

7.1.5 Read bootloader firmware version (3000h:02h)

Data byte 4: minor version, data byte 5: major version, data bytes 6 and 7: compatibility number (LSB, MSB). The example returns version 2.1, compatibility number 8177.

Direction	CAN-ID	Command	Index	Sub	Data (D4 ... D7)
Controller sends	600h + ID	40h	00h 30h	02h	00h 00h 00h 00h
EMFA responds	580h + ID	43h	00h 30h	02h	01h 02h F1h 1Fh

7.2 General parameters

7.2.1 ADC sample rate (3002h:01h)

Reads and sets the A/D converter sample rate: 5 ... 2500 samples/s, factory default 50 samples/s. The IIR filters have a fixed sample rate; if such a filter is selected, writing a new value has no effect (section 7.2.2).

Read – the response returns 125 samples/s:

Direction	CAN-ID	Command	Index	Sub	Data (D4 ... D7)
Controller sends	600h + ID	40h	02h 30h	01h	00h 00h 00h 00h
EMFA responds	580h + ID	43h	02h 30h	01h	7Dh 00h 00h 00h

Write – set 250 samples/s:

Direction	CAN-ID	Command	Index	Sub	Data (D4 ... D7)
Controller sends	600h + ID	23h	02h 30h	01h	FAh 00h 00h 00h
EMFA responds	580h + ID	60h	02h 30h	01h	00h 00h 00h 00h

7.2.2 Filter type (3002h:02h)

Reads and sets the digital filter. Factory default: 2 (16-sample moving average). The IIR filters each have a fixed sample rate; the moving average filters use the configured sample rate (section 7.2.1).

Value	Filter type
00h	no filtering
01h · 02h · 03h · 04h	8 · 16 · 32 · 64-sample moving average
20h ... 25h	IIR, 40 SPS, cut-off 0.2 · 0.5 · 1 · 2 · 5 · 10 Hz
26h ... 2Dh	IIR, 600 SPS, cut-off 0.25 · 0.5 · 1 · 2 · 3 · 4 · 8 · 18 Hz

The values within a row belong together in order, e.g. **22h** = IIR, 40 SPS, 1 Hz and **28h** = IIR, 600 SPS, 1 Hz.

Read – the response shows the 32-sample moving average filter:

Direction	CAN-ID	Command	Index	Sub	Data (D4 ... D7)
Controller sends	600h + ID	40h	02h 30h	02h	00h 00h 00h 00h
EMFA responds	580h + ID	43h	02h 30h	02h	03h 00h 00h 00h

Write – set the IIR filter 600 SPS, 1 Hz:

Direction	CAN-ID	Command	Index	Sub	Data (D4 ... D7)
Controller sends	600h + ID	23h	02h 30h	02h	28h 00h 00h 00h
EMFA responds	580h + ID	60h	02h 30h	02h	00h 00h 00h 00h

7.2.3 Warm-up time (3002h:03h)

The warm-up time is the time from power-on or system reset during which the mV/V signal is reported as the under-range value –109, to avoid false readings while the system is stabilising. Range 0 ... 3600 s, factory default 0 s.

Read – the response returns 15 s:

Direction	CAN-ID	Command	Index	Sub	Data (D4 ... D7)
Controller sends	600h + ID	40h	02h 30h	03h	00h 00h 00h 00h
EMFA responds	580h + ID	43h	02h 30h	03h	0Fh 00h 00h 00h

Write – set 30 s:

Direction	CAN-ID	Command	Index	Sub	Data (D4 ... D7)
Controller sends	600h + ID	23h	02h 30h	03h	1Eh 00h 00h 00h
EMFA responds	580h + ID	60h	02h 30h	03h	00h 00h 00h 00h

7.3 Communications

7.3.1 Baud rate (3003h:01h)

Reads and sets the CAN bus speed in bit/s: 10000, 20000, 50000, 125000, 250000, 500000, 800000 or 1000000, factory default 500000. Once saved with “Save setup parameters”, the new baud rate is enabled after the next power cycle or system reset. It can also be set via LSS (section 7.4).

Read – the response returns 500000 bps:

Direction	CAN-ID	Command	Index	Sub	Data (D4 ... D7)
Controller sends	600h + ID	40h	03h 30h	01h	00h 00h 00h 00h
EMFA responds	580h + ID	43h	03h 30h	01h	20h A1h 07h 00h

Write – set 1 Mbps:

Direction	CAN-ID	Command	Index	Sub	Data (D4 ... D7)
Controller sends	600h + ID	23h	03h 30h	01h	40h 42h 0Fh 00h
EMFA responds	580h + ID	60h	03h 30h	01h	00h 00h 00h 00h

7.3.2 Node ID (3003h:02h)

Reads and sets the node ID: **01h ... 7Fh**, factory default **01h**. Once saved, it becomes active after the next power cycle or system reset. It can also be set via LSS (section 7.4).

Read – the response returns **33h**:

Direction	CAN-ID	Command	Index	Sub	Data (D4 ... D7)
Controller sends	600h + ID	40h	03h 30h	02h	00h 00h 00h 00h
EMFA responds	580h + ID	43h	03h 30h	02h	33h 00h 00h 00h

Write – set node ID **0Fh**:

Direction	CAN-ID	Command	Index	Sub	Data (D4 ... D7)
Controller sends	600h + ID	23h	03h 30h	02h	0Fh 00h 00h 00h
EMFA responds	580h + ID	60h	03h 30h	02h	00h 00h 00h 00h

7.3.3 Bus protocol (3003h:03h)

Switches between CANopen (**120h**) and J1939 (**793h**). Once saved, the new protocol is enabled after the next power cycle or system reset. The EMFA must be in administrator mode to write this parameter (section 7.7.2). “Restore factory defaults” does not change this parameter.

Read – the response shows: CANopen after the next power cycle:

Direction	CAN-ID	Command	Index	Sub	Data (D4 ... D7)
Controller sends	600h + ID	40h	03h 30h	03h	00h 00h 00h 00h
EMFA responds	580h + ID	43h	03h 30h	03h	2Dh 01h 00h 00h

Write – J1939 after the next power cycle:

Direction	CAN-ID	Command	Index	Sub	Data (D4 ... D7)
Controller sends	600h + ID	23h	03h 30h	03h	93h 07h 00h 00h
EMFA responds	580h + ID	60h	03h 30h	03h	00h 00h 00h 00h

7.3.4 CAN termination resistor (3003h:04h)

Reads and sets the built-in 120 Ω termination resistor: 0 = disabled, 1 = enabled, factory default 1 (section 4.5).

Read – the response shows: disabled:

Direction	CAN-ID	Command	Index	Sub	Data (D4 ... D7)
Controller sends	600h + ID	40h	03h 30h	04h	00h 00h 00h 00h
EMFA responds	580h + ID	43h	03h 30h	04h	00h 00h 00h 00h

Write – enable:

Direction	CAN-ID	Command	Index	Sub	Data (D4 ... D7)
Controller sends	600h + ID	23h	03h 30h	04h	01h 00h 00h 00h
EMFA responds	580h + ID	60h	03h 30h	04h	00h 00h 00h 00h

7.3.5 Producer heartbeat time (1017h:00h)

The EMFA implements the heartbeat protocol to monitor the network; the message – if enabled – is transmitted in Pre-operational, Operational and Stopped. Node guarding is not supported. The parameter is the period between two heartbeat messages in ms (UI16): 0 (disabled) ... 65535, factory default 0.

Read – the response returns 250 ms:

Direction	CAN-ID	Command	Index	Sub	Data (D4 ... D7)
Controller sends	600h + ID	40h	17h 10h	00h	00h 00h 00h 00h
EMFA responds	580h + ID	4Bh	17h 10h	00h	FAh 00h 00h 00h

Write – disable the heartbeat:

Direction	CAN-ID	Command	Index	Sub	Data (D4 ... D7)
Controller sends	600h + ID	2Bh	17h 10h	00h	00h 00h 00h 00h
EMFA responds	580h + ID	60h	17h 10h	00h	00h 00h 00h 00h

7.3.6 Self-start / NMT start-up (1F80h:00h)

The EMFA supports only the NMT Master Start flag of this object: whether it switches to Operational on its own at start-up and then transmits TPDO1 without an NMT message. **00h** = self-start, **04h** = stays in Pre-operational; factory default 4.

Read – the response shows: no self-start:

Direction	CAN-ID	Command	Index	Sub	Data (D4 ... D7)
Controller sends	600h + ID	40h	80h 1Fh	00h	00h 00h 00h 00h
EMFA responds	580h + ID	43h	80h 1Fh	00h	04h 00h 00h 00h

Write – enable self-start:

Direction	CAN-ID	Command	Index	Sub	Data (D4 ... D7)
Controller sends	600h + ID	23h	80h 1Fh	00h	00h 00h 00h 00h
EMFA responds	580h + ID	60h	80h 1Fh	00h	00h 00h 00h 00h

7.4 Layer Setting Services (LSS)

Node ID and baud rate can also be set via LSS. The current node ID is not used in the protocol, so LSS can be used if the node ID is not known or two nodes share the same ID. The EMFA supports:

Code	Service
04h	switch state global
11h · 13h · 15h · 17h	configure node ID · configure bit timing · activate bit timing · store configuration
40h · 41h · 42h · 43h	switch state selective: select vendor ID · product code · revision number · serial number
5Ah · 5Bh · 5Ch · 5Dh · 5Eh	inquire vendor ID · product code · revision number · serial number · node ID

Before configuring, the device must be selected for configuration – globally or selectively.

7.4.1 Switch state global

Selects all devices on the bus with a single command. Mode **00h** = waiting (no configuration via LSS), **01h** = configuration. The service is unconfirmed – no node responds.

Direction	CAN-ID	DLC	Data	Meaning
Controller sends	7E5h	8	04h 01h 00h 00h 00h 00h 00h 00h	all devices into configuration state

7.4.2 Switch state selective

Selects a specific node. Four messages are sent, each identifying a different attribute; only when all four match does the node enter the configuration state and respond.

Attribute	EMFA value
Vendor ID	044Ah
Product code	application firmware part number (1018h:02h, section 7.1.1)
Revision number	application firmware version (1018h:03h)
Serial number	device serial number (1018h:04h)

Example: select the device with product code 112328, version 1.0 and serial number 202101999:

Direction	CAN-ID	DLC	Data	Meaning
Controller sends	7E5h	8	40h 4Ah 04h 00h 00h 00h 00h 00h	vendor ID
Controller sends	7E5h	8	41h C8h B6h 01h 00h 00h 00h 00h	product code
Controller sends	7E5h	8	42h 00h 00h 01h 00h 00h 00h 00h	revision number
Controller sends	7E5h	8	43h EFh D4h 0Bh 0Ch 00h 00h 00h	serial number
EMFA responds	7E4h	8	44h 00h 00h 00h 00h 00h 00h 00h	all four attributes matched

7.4.3 Configure node ID

On the selected device, the node ID is set with "Configure node ID", the NMT Reset Communication message and "Store configuration" (01h ... 7Fh). Example for node ID 3Bh:

Direction	CAN-ID	DLC	Data	Meaning
Controller sends	7E5h	8	11h 3Bh 00h 00h 00h 00h 00h 00h	configure node ID
EMFA responds	7E4h	8	11h 00h 00h 00h 00h 00h 00h 00h	error code 0, spec error 0
Controller sends	000h	2	82h 00h	reset communications, all nodes
EMFA responds	73Bh	1	00h	boot-up with 700h + new node ID
Controller sends	7E5h	8	17h 00h 00h 00h 00h 00h 00h 00h	store configuration
EMFA responds	7E4h	8	17h 00h 00h 00h 00h 00h 00h 00h	error code 0, spec error 0

7.4.4 Configure bit timing

On the selected device, the baud rate is set with "Configure bit timing", "Activate bit timing" and "Store configuration". The EMFA uses a manufacturer-specific bit timing table (table selector 80h):

Table index	CAN bus speed
0 · 1 · 2 · 3 · 4	1 Mbps · 800 kbps · 500 kbps · 250 kbps · 125 kbps
5	reserved, do not use
6 · 7 · 8	50 kbps · 20 kbps · 10 kbps

Example for 125 kbps:

Direction	CAN-ID	DLC	Data	Meaning
Controller sends	7E5h	8	13h 80h 04h 00h 00h 00h 00h 00h	table 80h, index 4
EMFA responds	7E4h	8	13h 00h 00h 00h 00h 00h 00h 00h	error code 0, spec error 0
Controller sends	7E5h	8	15h 32h 00h 00h 00h 00h 00h 00h	activate, switch delay 50 ms (UI16)
Controller sends	7E5h	8	17h 00h 00h 00h 00h 00h 00h 00h	store configuration
EMFA responds	7E4h	8	17h 00h 00h 00h 00h 00h 00h 00h	error code 0, spec error 0

The switch delay is the time in ms the nodes wait before accepting the new bit rate; after a second delay of the same length they transmit again. "Activate bit timing" is unconfirmed – no response is sent.

7.5 Data access

7.5.1 Data output options (3004h:01h)

Determines the format of all mV/V data (UI8). Bit 0 = IEEE 754 flag: 0 = signed 32-bit integer, multiplied by 10000; 1 = 32-bit floating point number as per IEEE 754. Bits 7 ... 1 are always 0. Factory default 0 (integer).

Read – the response shows: integer format:

Direction	CAN-ID	Command	Index	Sub	Data (D4 ... D7)
Controller sends	600h + ID	40h	04h 30h	01h	00h 00h 00h 00h
EMFA responds	580h + ID	4Fh	04h 30h	01h	00h 00h 00h 00h

Write – output in IEEE 754 format:

Direction	CAN-ID	Command	Index	Sub	Data (D4 ... D7)
Controller sends	600h + ID	2Fh	04h 30h	01h	01h 00h 00h 00h
EMFA responds	580h + ID	60h	04h 30h	01h	00h 00h 00h 00h

7.5.2 Read filtered mV/V signal (3004h:02h)

Returns the latest value of the load cell signal in mV/V after the selected filter – as net value, with any tare already subtracted. Format as per the data output options. Above +3.3 mV/V the over-range value 109 is returned. The under-range value –109 is returned while the warm-up time is running, the signal is below –3.3 mV/V or a fault flag in the ECU status is set.

Read – the response returns 11084 (integer), i.e. 1.1084 mV/V:

Direction	CAN-ID	Command	Index	Sub	Data (D4 ... D7)
Controller sends	600h + ID	40h	04h 30h	02h	00h 00h 00h 00h
EMFA responds	580h + ID	43h	04h 30h	02h	4Ch 2Bh 00h 00h

7.5.3 Read ECU status (3004h:03h)

Returns the status of the EMFA as a set of bit-mapped flags (UI8):

Bit	Value	Condition
7	80h	critical fault, non-recoverable – return the device
6	40h	load cell fault (open circuit or low excitation voltage)
5	20h	configuration fault – recoverable by configuring all parameters
4	10h	copy of the IEEE 754 flag in the data output options
3	08h	mV/V signal above the maximum limit of +3.3 mV/V
2	04h	mV/V signal below the minimum limit of –3.3 mV/V
1	02h	mV/V net/tare function active
0	01h	warm-up active (warm-up time not yet expired)

Read – the response 12h shows: output in IEEE 754 format and tare active:

Direction	CAN-ID	Command	Index	Sub	Data (D4 ... D7)
Controller sends	600h + ID	40h	04h 30h	03h	00h 00h 00h 00h
EMFA responds	580h + ID	4Fh	04h 30h	03h	12h 00h 00h 00h

7.5.4 Read mV/V tare signal (3004h:04h)

Returns the current tare signal level in mV/V, format as per the data output options; zero if the net/tare function is not active.

Read – the response returns 0.2003 mV/V (IEEE 754):

Direction	CAN-ID	Command	Index	Sub	Data (D4 ... D7)
Controller sends	600h + ID	40h	04h 30h	04h	00h 00h 00h 00h
EMFA responds	580h + ID	43h	04h 30h	04h	71h 1Bh 4Dh 3Eh

7.5.5 Read filtered ADC sample (3004h:05h)

Returns the last calculated ADC value after the selected filter; 10255261 counts in the example.

Direction	CAN-ID	Command	Index	Sub	Data (D4 ... D7)
Controller sends	600h + ID	40h	04h 30h	05h	00h 00h 00h 00h
EMFA responds	580h + ID	43h	04h 30h	05h	9Dh 7Bh 9Ch 00h

7.6 Set and reset mV/V tare (3005h:01h)

Each bit of the parameter (UI8) represents a command executed only if that bit is set: bit 0 (01h) = set mV/V tare, bit 1 (02h) = reset mV/V tare, bits 7 ... 2 always 0. The commands run from bit 0 – with 03h, set is executed first, immediately followed by reset. The object is mapped to RPDO1 and can be used as an unconfirmed service in the Operational state (section 5.4.2).

7.6.1 Set mV/V tare

01h sets the tare to the current mV/V signal level and activates the net/tare function; all subsequent readings are offset from this value. The command is rejected if the signal is outside ± 3.3 mV/V, the warm-up time has not yet expired or a fault flag in the ECU status is set. When executed, the tare flag in the ECU status is set and – in Operational – TPDO2 is broadcast.

Direction	CAN-ID	Command	Index	Sub	Data (D4 ... D7)
Controller sends	600h + ID	2Fh	05h 30h	01h	01h 00h 00h 00h
EMFA responds	580h + ID	60h	05h 30h	01h	00h 00h 00h 00h

7.6.2 Reset mV/V tare

02h resets the tare to zero and deactivates the net/tare function; all subsequent readings are the true load cell signal. The tare flag in the ECU status is cleared and – in Operational – TPDO2 is broadcast.

Direction	CAN-ID	Command	Index	Sub	Data (D4 ... D7)
Controller sends	600h + ID	2Fh	05h 30h	01h	02h 00h 00h 00h
EMFA responds	580h + ID	60h	05h 30h	01h	00h 00h 00h 00h

7.7 Miscellaneous commands

7.7.1 System reset (3007h:01h)

Writing any value instructs the EMFA to perform a full firmware reset (warm start). The response is returned before the reset; initialisation afterwards can take up to 250 ms, during which messages may not be received.

Direction	CAN-ID	Command	Index	Sub	Data (D4 ... D7)
Controller sends	600h + ID	23h	07h 30h	01h	00h 00h 00h 00h
EMFA responds	580h + ID	60h	07h 30h	01h	00h 00h 00h 00h

7.7.2 Write passcode register (3007h:02h)

Writes a 32-bit integer into the passcode register. If it matches the system passcode (default **9A52Fh**), the EMFA enters administrator or OEM mode, allowing changes to restricted parameters and access to restricted functions. An incorrect code outside these modes returns an error, and the command becomes unavailable for around 5 s. The mode ends when the register is written again while in the mode (a success response is returned), when no administrator command is executed for around 10 minutes, or on a power cycle or system reset.

Write – enter administrator mode:

Direction	CAN-ID	Command	Index	Sub	Data (D4 ... D7)
Controller sends	600h + ID	23h	07h 30h	02h	2Fh A5h 09h 00h
EMFA responds	580h + ID	60h	07h 30h	02h	00h 00h 00h 00h

7.7.3 Save setup parameters (1010h:01h)

Writing the value **65766173h** saves changed setup parameters to non-volatile memory; unsaved changes are lost on a power cycle or system reset. Saved are: RPDO1, TPDO1 and TPDO2 disable bits, ADC sample rate, filter type, warm-up time, baud rate, node ID, bus protocol, termination resistor status, producer heartbeat time, NMT start-up, data output options and user parameters 1 ... 4.

Information! Saving can take up to 75 ms. The response only means that the request was valid and saving has begun. The CPU is halted during this time; messages sent within 75 ms may be lost.

Direction	CAN-ID	Command	Index	Sub	Data (D4 ... D7)
Controller sends	600h + ID	23h	10h 10h	01h	73h 61h 76h 65h
EMFA responds	580h + ID	60h	10h 10h	01h	00h 00h 00h 00h

7.7.4 Restore factory defaults (1011h:01h)

Writing the value **64616F6Ch** overwrites all setup parameters except the bus protocol with the factory defaults and saves them at once – “Save setup parameters” is not needed. The 75 ms note of section 7.7.3 applies. The EMFA must be in administrator mode.

Parameter	Index:Sub	Default value
Producer heartbeat time	1017h:00h	0 (heartbeat disabled)
RPDO1 · TPDO1 · TPDO2 COB-ID	1400h · 1800h · 1801h:01h	200h · 180h · 280h + ID (enabled)
NMT start-up	1F80h:00h	04h (self-start disabled)
ADC sample rate	3002h:01h	50 samples/s
Filter type	3002h:02h	2 (16-sample moving average)
Warm-up time	3002h:03h	0 s
Baud rate	3003h:01h	500000 bps
Node ID	3003h:02h	1
CAN termination resistor	3003h:04h	1 (enabled)
Data output options	3004h:01h	0 (mV/V data in integer format)
User parameters 1 ... 4	3008h:01h ... 04h	0

Direction	CAN-ID	Command	Index	Sub	Data (D4 ... D7)
Controller sends	600h + ID	23h	11h 10h	01h	6Ch 6Fh 61h 64h
EMFA responds	580h + ID	60h	11h 10h	01h	00h 00h 00h 00h

7.7.5 User parameters 1 ... 4 (3008h:01h ... 04h)

Four locations for arbitrary user data, not used by the firmware. Reading returns the value, writing overwrites it. Store new values afterwards with “Save setup parameters”. The EMFA must be in administrator mode to use this command.

Write – user parameter 3 = –16180:

Direction	CAN-ID	Command	Index	Sub	Data (D4 ... D7)
Controller sends	600h + ID	23h	08h 30h	03h	CCh C0h FFh FFh
EMFA responds	580h + ID	60h	08h 30h	03h	00h 00h 00h 00h

Read – user parameter 3, response –16180:

Direction	CAN-ID	Command	Index	Sub	Data (D4 ... D7)
Controller sends	600h + ID	40h	08h 30h	03h	00h 00h 00h 00h
EMFA responds	580h + ID	43h	08h 30h	03h	CCh C0h FFh FFh

8 Messages and error values

Overview of how an error shows up and where it is described:

Symptom	Cause	see
mV/V value 109	signal above +3.3 mV/V	7.5.2
mV/V value –109	warm-up running, signal below –3.3 mV/V or fault flag in the ECU status	7.5.2, 7.5.3
ECU status bit 6, EMCY 5002h / 5003h	open circuit in a load cell line or excitation too low – check the connection	4.3, 5.6
EMCY 8150h	two nodes with the same node ID – change via LSS	7.4
EMCY 8110h	message lost – lower the sample rate	5.4.1, 7.2.1
SDO abort 08000022h	command requires administrator mode	7.7.2
EMCY FF02h, ECU status bit 5	configuration memory faulty – set all parameters again and save them	7.7.3
EMCY FF01h, ECU status bit 7	non-recoverable – return the device	5.6
setting lost after power-on	not saved	7.7.3