PLC Communication Converter

COM-JE [For RB Series]

Manual

communication data, the detail handling procedures and various function settings, please read if necessary the following separate manuals.

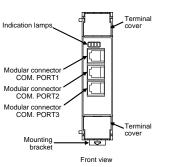
• COM-JE [For RB Series] Installation Manual (IMR01Y38-E□): Attached to the product

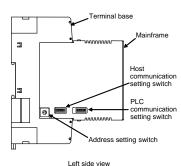
This manual describes the basic operation method of the COM-JE. For the installation, the

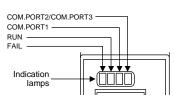
- COM-JE [For RB Series] Communication Data List (IMR01Y40-E□):
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1. PARTS DESCRIPTION







CAUTION

Do not separate the mainframe from the terminal base with the power turned on. If so, instrument failure may result.

Indication lamps

FAIL [Re	d] • When CPU/RAM abnormally: Turn • Communication environment setting mode by the Flasi	s on e switch: hes
RUN [Green	Self-diagnostic error: Flasi Data collection just after the power is turned on:	s on hes slowly hes rapidly
COM. PORT1 [Yellov	v] During COM. PORT1 data send and receive: Turn	s on
COM. PORT2/ COM. PORT3 [Yellov	During COM. PORT2/ COM. PORT3 data send Turn	and receive: s on

• Modular connectors

COM. PORT1	Connector for PLC or Host computer [Based on RS-422A/RS-232C]	
COM. PORT2	Connector for PLC, Host computer o	r COM-JE connection [Based on RS-422A]
COM. PORT3	Connector for COM-JE extension	[Based on RS-422A]

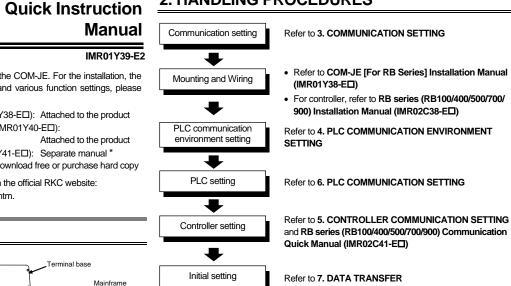
Switches

Address setting switch	Set the address for COM-JE Used for the PLC communication environment setting
Host communication setting switch	Set the communication speed, data bit configuration, and protocol for Host communication. Used for the PLC communication environment setting
PLC communication setting switch	Set the communication speed, data bit configuration, and protocol for PLC communication Select the communication port of modular connector Used for the PLC communication environment setting

Others

Terminal cover	Terminal covers above and below the COM-JE
Mounting bracket	Used for the DIN rail mounting When panel mounted, two mounting brackets are required for the upper and lower sides (one required for the upper side: separately sold).
Terminal base	Part of the terminal and base of COM-JE (There is the termination resistor transfer switch in the inside of terminal base)
Mainframe	Part of the mainframe of COM-JE

2. HANDLING PROCEDURES





To avoid error at operation start-up, COM-JE must be powered on LAST (after the controller, PLC, etc.).

Refer to 7. DATA TRANSFER

3. COMMUNICATION SETTING

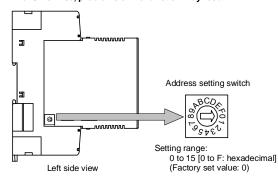
3.1 Address Setting

Data setting

For this setting, use a small blade screwdriver



Set the address such that it is different to the other addresses on the same line. Otherwise, problems or malfunction may result.



Up to four COM-JE units can be connected to a PLC communication port. Therefore the unit address uses the four COM-JE units as a group. Use consecutive numbers in any one of four groups in the following table as address.

Group	Address setting switch	Group	Address setting switch
Group 1	0	Group 3	8
	1		9
	2		A
	3		В
Group 2	4	Group 4	С
	5		D
	6		E
	7		F



Always set the address of each group including 0, 4, 8 or C. 0, 4, 8 or C becomes the master for communication transfer

Host communication

Differently from PLC communication, there are no group restrictions. Free settings can be made in the range of 0 to F.



Address setting for the controller

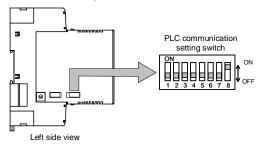
There are two address settings for the controller (RB100/400/500/700/900) connecting to the COM-JE: continuous setting and free setting. Set by the PLC communication environment setting.

- For the continuous setting (factory set value), consecutive addresses starting from 1 are set to each controller
- Free settings can be made in the range of 1 to 31.

3.2 Protocol Selections and Communication Speed Setting

■ PLC communication setting switch

Set the communication speed, data bit configuration, and protocol for PLC communication. In addition, select the communication port of modular connector.



1	2	Data bit configuration
OFF	OFF	Data 8-bit, without parity, Stop 1-bit
ON	OFF	Data 7-bit, Odd parity, Stop 1-bit
OFF	ON	Data 7-bit, Even parity, Stop 1-bit
ON	ON	Data 7-bit, Even parity, Stop 2-bit

Factory set value: Data 8-bit, without parity, Stop 1-bit

3	4	Communication speed
OFF	OFF	9600 bps
ON	OFF	19200 bps
OFF	ON	38400 bps
ON	ON	Do not set this one.

Factory set value: 9600 bps

5	6	7	Communication protocol		
OFF	OFF	OFF	Do not set this one.		
ON	OFF	OFF	Do not set this one.		
OFF	ON ON	OFF	Do not set this one.		
ON	ON	OFF	PLC communication: OMRON SYSMAC series special protocol C mode command (RD/WD, RE/WE)		
OFF	OFF	ON	PLC communication: MITSUBISHI MELSEC series special protocol A-compatible 1C frame (format 4), ACPU common command (WR/WW)		
ON	OFF	ON	PLC communication: MITSUBISHI MELSEC series special protocol Register type: 0 to 2 * A-compatible 1C frame (format 4), AnA/AnUCPU common command (QR/QW) Register type: 3 to 6 * QnA-compatible 3C frame (format 4), command (0401/1401) * The register type is selected by the PLC communication environment setting. When CPU unit QnUCPU of the Q series is used, select the QnA-compatible 3C frame.		
OFF	ON	ON	Do not set this one.		
ON	ON	ON	Do not set this one.		

Factory set value: 5: OFF, 6: OFF, 7: OFF (Always set the PLC communication)

8	Communication port assignment		
OFF	COM. PORT1: PLC communication [RS-232C/RS-422A] COM. PORT2/3: Host communication [RS-422A]		
ON	COM. PORT1: Host communication [RS-232C/RS-422A] COM. PORT2/3: PLC communication [RS-422A]		



Factory set value: ON (COM. PORT1: Host communication [RS-232C/RS-422A]) COM. PORT2/3: PLC communication [RS-422A]



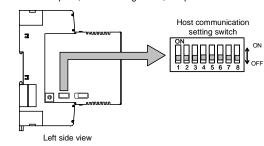
When two or more COM-JE units are multi-drop connected in PLC communication, set the PLC communication setting switches in all of the COM-JE units to the same positions.



COM. PORT2 and COM. PORT3 become the same communication

■ Host communication setting switch

Set the communication speed, data bit configuration, and protocol for Host communication.



1	2	Data bit configuration
OFF	OFF	Data 8-bit, without parity, Stop 1-bit
ON	OFF	Data 7-bit *, Odd parity, Stop 1-bit
OFF	ON	Data 7-bit *, Even parity, Stop 1-bit
ON	ON	Data 7-bit *, Even parity, Stop 2-bit

^{*} To be changed to data 8-bit only when Host communication (Modbus) is selected.

Factory set value: Data 8-bit, without parity. Stop 1-bit

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3	4	Communication speed
OFF	OFF	9600 bps
ON	OFF	19200 bps
OFF	ON	38400 bps
ON	ON	Do not set this one.

Factory set value: 9600 bps

6	Communication protocol
OFF	Host communication (RKC communication)
ON	Host communication (Modbus)

Factory set value: Host communication (RKC communication)

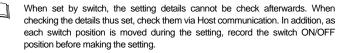


- . Switch No. 5, 7 and 8: OFF fixed (Do not set this one.)
- · When two or more COM-JE units are multi-drop connected in Host communication, set the Host communication setting switches in all of the COM-JE units to the same positions.

4. PLC COMMUNICATION ENVIRONMENT SETTING

There are two types of PLC communication environment settings: by switch and via Host

■ Setting by the switch

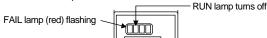


Setting procedure

- 1. Turn off the power supply
- 2. Before setting the PLC communication environment, record the ON/OFF positions of address setting switch, Host communication setting switch and PLC communication setting switch.
- 3. Turn off all of the sub switches in the Host communication setting switch. In addition, turn on all of the sub switches in the PLC communication setting switch.



4. Turning on the power sets the COM-JE to the PLC communication environment setting mode. If set to the PLC communication environment setting mode, the RUN lamp goes off and the FAIL lamp flashes.



- Select a setting item with a Host communication setting switch or a PLC communication setting switch. Select setting items one by one.
- · For the Host communication setting switch, change its position from OFF to ON.
- For the PLC communication setting switch, change its position from ON to OFF.
- Set data with address setting switch.
- After the setting is finished, for the Host communication setting switch return its position to OFF from ON (for the PLC communication setting switch, to ON from OFF). The RUN lamp goes on and it goes off after the set data has been registered (about 3 seconds, later).
- Repeat the above steps from 5. to 7. to set other setting items.
- First check that the RUN lamp goes off, and then turn off the power.
- 10. Return the ON/OFF positions of address setting switch, the Host communication setting switch and PLC communication setting switch to the positions already recorded.
- 11. Turn on the power again.

The set data valid if the power is turned on again.

Setting items of Host communication setting switch

Switch No.	Setting item	Data range (Address setting switch)	Factory set value
1	Station number	0 to F: 0 to 15	0
2	PC number ¹	0 to E: 0 to 14 F: 255	255
3	Register start number	0 to F: 0 to 15000 (set value × 1000)	1000
4	Maximum controller number of PLC communication	0: 1 controller 1 to E: 2 to 28 controllers (set value × 2) F: 31 controllers	10 controllers
5	Register type	For MITSUBISHI PLC 0: D register (A-compatible 1C frame) 1: R register (A-compatible 1C frame) 2: W register (A-compatible 1C frame) 3: ZR register (QnA-compatible 3C frame) 4: D register (QnA-compatible 3C frame) 5: R register (QnA-compatible 3C frame) 6: W register (QnA-compatible 3C frame) 7 to F: Do not set this one. For OMRON PLC 0: DM register A: EM register 1 to 9, B to F: Do not set this one.	For MITSUBISHI PLC: D register (A-compatible 1C frame) For OMRON PLC: DM register
6	PLC scanning time	0 to 7: 0 to 280 ms (set value × 40) 8 to E: 800 to 1400 ms (set value × 100) F: 3000 ms	255 ms
7	COM-JE link recognition time ²	0: No controller 1 to E: 10 to 140 seconds (set value × 10) F: 255 seconds	10 seconds
8	Unused	Do not set this one.	_

Do not set for the OMRON PLC.

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Switch No.	Setting item	Data range (Address setting switch)	Factory set value
1 to 5	Cannot be used for setting the PLC communication environment.	_	1
6	Action mode selection	Selection of the address setting method and the error elimination method of the controller 0: Continuous setting, Manual elimination 1: Free setting, Manual elimination 2: Continuous setting, Automatic elimination 3: Free setting, Automatic elimination 4 to F: Do not set this one.	Continuous setting, Manual elimination
7	Monitor item selection	Monitoring items are assigned to each binary bit and their combination is decimally expressed. 0: 1 6: 3587 C: 3687 1: 3 7: 3590 D: 3695 2: 6 8: 3591 E: 4079 3: 7 9: 3617 F: Do not set this one. 4: 3585 A: 3619 5: 3586 B: 3681 Monitor item Bit 0: Measured value (PV) monitor Bit 1: Current transformer 1 (CT1) input value monitor Bit 2: Current transformer 2 (CT2) input value monitor Bit 3: Set value (SV) display while the setting change rate limiter is working Bit 4: Reserve (This item is fixed at 0) Bit 5: Manipulated output value (MV1) monitor [neat-side] Bit 6: Manipulated output value (MV2) monitor [cool-side] Bit 7: Digital input (DI) state Bit 8: Output state monitor Bit 9: Controller state 1 Bit 10: Controller state 2 Bit 11: Controller state 3 Bit 12 to 15: Reserve (This item is fixed at 0)	4079
8	Cannot be used for setting the PLC communication environment.	_	_

In addition to the above, it is possible to select the Controller communication block and to set the Controller communication speed. For setting procedure, refer to the COM-JE [For RB Series] Instruction Manual (IMR01Y41-E□)

Setting by Host communication

Set the PLC communication environment after connecting the modular connector (COM.PORT) assigned with Host communication to the host computer.

Setting items are the same as those set by the switches. However only the PLC communication start time can be set via Host

Setting items list

RKC identifier	Modbus register address	
	HEX	DEC
QV	8000	32768
QW	8001	32769
QX	8002	32770
QY	8003	32771
QZ	8004	32772
QS	8006	32774
QT	8007	32775
VT	8009	32777
RZ	800C	32780
R5	800F	32783
VX	8012	32786
	QV QX QY QZ QS QT VT RZ R5	Add HEX

- Do not set for the OMRON PLC. Valid only when QnA-compatible 3C frame (excluding the R register) of
- the MITSUBISHI PLC is selected. For data range of Host communication, refer to the
- COM-JE [For RB Series] Communication Data List (IMR01Y40-E□).

5. CONTROLLER **COMMUNICATION SETTING**

Set the communication setting of controller as follows.

Protocol: Modbus

Data bit configuration: Data 8-bit, without parity, Stop 1-bit Communication speed: 19200 bps (factory set value)



For details on changing the Controller communication speed of the COM-JE, refer to the COM-JE [For RB Series] Instruction Manual (IMR01Y41-ED)

6. PLC COMMUNICATION SETTING

Set the PLC as follows. (Recommend setting example)

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ltem	Description
Protocol	Type 4 protocol mode
Station number	00
Computer link/ multi-drop selection	Computer link
Communication rate	Set the same as COM-JE
Operation setting	Independent
Data bit	8
Parity bit	Without
Stop bit	1
Sum check code	Provided
Writing during RUN	Allowed
Setting modification	Allowed
Termination resistor	Connect the termination resistor attached to the PLC

■ OMRON SYSMAC series

Item	Description
Serial communication mode	High-order link
Unit number (Model No.)	0
Start bit	1
Data bit	7
Stop bit	2
Parity bit	Even
Transmission speed	Set the same as COM-JE
I/O port selection	RS-422A
Synchronization selection	Internal synchronization
CTS selection	0 V (always ON)
5 V supply	OFF
Termination resistor	Termination resistor is inserted

The setting item varies depending on the PLC. The details of the setting procedure for the PLC, refer to the instruction manual for the PLC being used.

7. DATA TRANSFER



Data transferred between the PLC and controller is shown in a PLC communication data map. For the PLC communication data map, refer to the COM-JE [For RB Seriesl Communication Data List (IMR01Y40-E□).

7.1 Data Transfer Type

For data transfer between the PLC and controller, both Fixed data transfer type and Specified data transfer type are available.

■ Fixed data transfer type

The PLC communication data map data already assigned is transferred by the request command.

■ Request command "0: Monitor (PLC ← Controller)"

- Command which requests the controller to write data such as temperature measured values, etc. (attribute: RO) to the PLC side.
- The controller always repeats data writing until "1: Setting" or "2: Set value monitor" is set to the request command.
- The COM-JE communication state is set to "1: Writing monitoring data" during data transfer.

Request command "1: Setting (PLC → Controller)" or "Setting item number × 10 + 1"

- Command which requests the controller to read data such as temperature set values, etc. (attribute: RW) from the PLC side. Just when "1: Setting" or "Setting item number \times 10 + 1" is set
- to the request command, the controller starts reading the data from the PLC side.
- For "1: Setting," all of the objective data is transferred. For "Setting item number × 10 + 1," only the data corresponding to that setting item number is transferred.
- The COM-JE communication state is set to "2: Set data read" during data transfer.
- After the data is transferred, the request command and COM-JE communication state returns to "0: Monitor" and "1: Writing monitoring data," respectively.

• Request command "2: Set value monitor (PLC ← Controller)" or "Setting item number x 10 + 2"

- Command which requests the controller to write data such as temperature set values, etc. (attribute: RW) to the PLC side.
- Just when "2: Set value monitor" or "Setting item number × 10 + 2" is set to the request command, the controller starts writing the data to the PLC side.
- For "2: Set value monitor," all of the objective data is transferred. For "Setting item number \times 10 + 2," only the data corresponding to that setting item number is transferred.
- The COM-JE communication state is set to "3: Set data write" during data transfer
- After the data is transferred, the request command and COM-JE communication state returns to "0: Monitor" and "1: Writing monitoring data," respectively.



For details on the setting item number, refer to the PLC communication data map of COM-JE [For RB Series] Communication Data List (IMR01Y40-E□).

■ Specified data transfer type

This is the transfer type of specifying data address and the number of data points to be transferred. It is possible to transfer all of the data exchangeable via Host communication (Modbus). Data corresponding to up to 16 words can be transferred. For data transfer, Control word 1 (request command) is used.



For the Specified data transfer type, refer to the COM-JE [For RB Series] Instruction Manual (IMR01Y41-E□).

7.2 Transfer Procedures =

CAUTION

If a program to set all of the set values to zero is sent by the PLC to the controllers at the beginning of the data transmission, unexpected operation may occur in the control. To avoid this, carefully read the manual for the data transmission protocol when creating a program

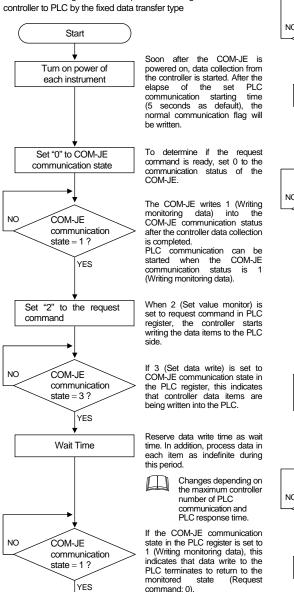


Change each set value of controller from the PLC after the initial settings are made.

If each set value of controller is changed from the PLC without setting the initial values, all set values of the controller are rewritten to 0 if the set values of the PLC at that time are 0.

■ Initial setting

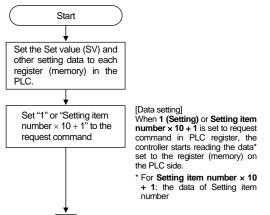
When transmitting data of temperature setting values from the



Data setting

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When transmitting data of temperature setting values from PLC to the controller by the fixed data transfer type



■ Data processing precautions

communication

YES

state = 1?

End

 The data type is treated as binary data with a sign and without a decimal point. For this reason, carefully express and set the data. (excluding the bit data)

1 (Writing monitoring data), this

PLC terminates to return to the

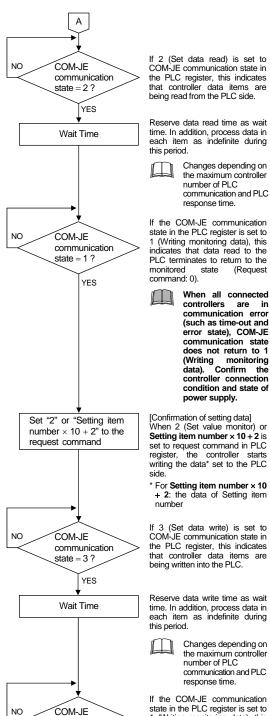
monitored state

command: 0)

 The COM-JE does not detect a data setting range error. After the setting is changed, execute the request command "2: Set value monitor" to check that the data has been correctly set.

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Set this item to the COM-JE (master) with the address of 0, 4, 8 or C.