Applications

The VMA1615/1630 programmable digital controllers are designed for VAV applications that communicate through the MSTP or N2 protocol. These VMA controllers feature combinations of an integral digital pressure sensor (DPT), a damper actuator, and a 32-bit microprocessor. The controllers’ small package size facilitates quick field installation and efficient use of space without compromising high-tech control performance. These VMA controllers connect easily to the wired network sensors for zone and discharge air temperature sensing.

Important: The MS-VMA1615-xU and MS-VMA1630-xU models are used in Metasys Release 8.1 smoke control applications and are UL 864 UUKL/UUKLC 10th Edition Smoke Control Listed. You must refer to the Metasys® System UL 864 10th Edition UUKL/ORD-C100-13 UUKLC Smoke Control System Technical Bulletin (LIT-12012487) for detailed requirements and procedures for installing, commissioning, and operating UL 864 UUKL/UUKLC Listed Metasys system devices. The UL 864 UUKL/UUKLC listing for Smoke Control Equipment is voided if (1) you do not use the required software tools at the required versions; or (2) you do not meet the requirements or do not follow the procedures as documented in the Metasys® System UL 864 10th Edition UUKL/ORD-C100-13 UUKLC Smoke Control System Technical Bulletin (LIT-12012487).

Switchable Communications Protocols

By default, the Metasys® system FEC Family Controllers and network sensors communicate using either the standard BACnet protocol, based on the ANSI/ASHRAE 135-2004, or the BACnet/IP protocol. The BACnet protocol is a standard for ANSI, ASHRAE, and the International Standards Organization (ISO) for building controls.

FEC, VMA, and most IOM field controllers are BTL-listed as BACnet Application Specific Controllers (B-ASCs). FAC field controllers and the VMA1930 Field Controller are BTL-listed as BACnet Advanced Application Controllers (B-AACs).

Release 10.3 with Release Module (RM) 10.2 of the Controller Configuration Tool (CCT) can be used to switch the Field Bus communications protocol in supported FEC, FAC and VMA controllers to be either the standard BACnet MSTP or the N2 protocol. All new controllers use BACnet MSTP as the default communications protocol. Switchable communications protocols in the MSTP models provide a cost-effective upgrade and modernization path for customers with existing N2 controllers.

The N2-capable FEC Family Controllers can be used as functional replacements for legacy N2 controllers. The N2-capable FEC Family Controllers:

• have the input and output (I/O) quantities and characteristics of the FEC Family Controllers
• must be programmed with CCT, which has similar, but not identical programming capabilities as HVACPro, GX9100, GPL, and other legacy tools
• support SA Bus devices
• are available in Buy American versions (most models)
• are listed for UL864 UUKL/UUKLC (some models). N2 is supported as part of the Metasys® 10th Edition listing for Smoke Control System Equipment.

The N2-capable FEC family controllers:

• do not support Zone Bus (for example, TMZ sensors and M100 actuators) or XT-Bus (System 91) devices (for example, XT, XTM, and XP modules)
• do not support a wireless connection to the N2 bus
• do not support NxE passthrough
North American Emissions Compliance

**United States**

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class A digital device pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference when this equipment is operated in a commercial environment. This equipment generates, uses, and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instruction manual, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. Operation of this equipment in a residential area may cause harmful interference, in which case the users will be required to correct the interference at their own expense.

**Canada**

This Class (A) digital apparatus meets all the requirements of the Canadian Interference-Causing Equipment Regulations.

Cet appareil numérique de la Classe (A) respecte toutes les exigences du Règlement sur le matériel brouilleur du Canada.

**Installation**

Observe these guidelines when installing a VMA1615/1630 controller:

- Transport the VMA controller in the original container to minimize vibration and shock damage to the VMA controller.
- Do not drop the VMA controller or subject it to physical shock.

**Parts Included**

- one VMA1615/1630 controller with removable FC and SA buses and power terminal blocks
- one installation instructions sheet
- one self-drilling No. 10 x 25 mm (1 in.) screw

**Materials and Special Tools Needed**

- several 6 mm (1/4 in.) female spade terminals for input and output wiring, and crimping tool for spade mounted terminal blocks
- small, straight-blade screwdriver for securing wires in the terminal blocks

- 8 mm (5/16 in.) wrench or 10 mm (3/8 in.) 12-point socket to tighten the square coupler bolt
- several shims or washers to mount the VMA controller
- power screwdriver, 100 mm (4 in.) extension socket, punch, drill, and 3.5 mm (9/64 in.) drill bits to mount the VMA
- pliers to open and close the damper
- required length of 3.97 mm (5/32 in.) ID pneumatic tubing and barbed fittings

**Mounting**

Observe these guidelines when mounting a VMA:

**Important:**

When the air supply to the VAV box is below 10°C (50°F), make sure that any condensation on the VAV box, particularly on the damper shaft, does not enter the VMA electronics. Mount the VMA vertically above the damper shaft to allow any shaft condensation to fall away from the VMA. Additional measures may be required in some installations.

- Ensure that the mounting surface can support the VMA and any user-supplied enclosure.
- Mount the VMA on a hard, even surface whenever possible.
- Use shims or washers to mount the VMA securely and evenly on the mounting surface.
- Mount the VMA in an area free of corrosive vapors that matches the ambient conditions specified in the Technical Specifications section.
- Provide sufficient space around the VMA for cable and wire connections and adequate ventilation through the controller (at least 50 mm [2 in.] on the top, bottom, sides, and front of the controllers).
- Do not mount the VMA in areas where electromagnetic emissions from other devices or wiring can interfere with controller communication.
- Avoid mounting the VMA on surfaces with excessive vibration.

To mount the VMA1615/1630 controllers:

1. Set all the switches on the field controller to their known settings.
2. Place the VMA controller in the proper mounting position on the damper shaft so that the wiring connections are easily accessible. Make sure the VMA controller base is parallel to the VAV box (perpendicular to the damper shaft). If needed, use
a spacer to offset tipping of the VMA controller caused by the shaft bushings.

**Note:** Use the alignment marks to center the captive spacer to ensure sufficient VMA movement in either direction.

3. Secure the self-drilling No.10 screw through the captive spacer (Figure 2) with a power screwdriver and 100mm (4 in.) extension socket. Otherwise, use a punch to mark the position of the shoulder washer, and then drill a hole into the VAV box using a 3.5mm (9/64 in.) drill bit. Insert the mounting screw and tighten against the spacer.

**Important:** Do not overtighten the screw, or the threads may strip. If mounting to the VAV box, make sure the screws do not interfere with damper blade movement.

4. Locate the damper position using the typical marking on the end of the damper shaft as shown in the figure below.

   **Figure 1: Typical Damper End Shaft Icons**

5. Note the direction, clockwise (CW) or counterclockwise (CCW), required to close the damper. Grasp the damper shaft firmly with pliers, and either manually close the damper for 90° boxes or manually open the damper for 45° or 60° boxes.

6. Push down and hold the Manual Override button (Figure 2) and turn the VMA controller coupler until it contacts the mechanical end-stop at either the full-closed (90° boxes) or full-open (45° and 60° boxes) position.

7. If the damper for a 90° box closes CCW, rotate the coupler to the CCW mechanical limit. If the damper for a 90° box closes CW, rotate the coupler to the CW mechanical limit. The open end-stop is automatically set for 90° boxes. For 45° and 60° boxes, hard stops must be provided at both full-closed and full-open damper positions. By installing the VMA controller at the full-open position, the VMA controller provides the open stop for 45° and 60° boxes. The closed damper seal provides the full-closed stop.

8. All models are compact in size and are easily installed on VAV boxes. The VMA1615/1630 models have either a round shaft up to 13 mm in diameter or a 10 mm square shaft. Tighten the square coupler bolt to the shaft using an 8 mm (5/16 in.) wrench or 10 mm (3/8 in.) 12-point socket. Tighten to 10.5 to 11.5 N·m (95 to 105 lb·in).

9. Push the Manual Override button, and turn the actuator coupling manually to ensure that the actuator can rotate from full-closed to full-open positions without binding.

10. Complete the mounting by rotating the damper to the full-open position.

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**Risk of Property Damage.** Rotate the damper to the full-open position before starting the air handler. Failure to rotate the damper to the full-open position may result in damage to the VAV box or ductwork when the air handler is started.

**Risque de dégâts matériels.** Faire pivoter le registre pour le placer en position d'ouverture complète avant de démarrer l'unité de traitement d'air. Le non-respect de cette directive risque d'endommager le caisson de l'unité à volume d'air variable (VAV) ou le réseau de conduites au démarrage de l'unité de traitement d'air.
Figure 2: VMA1615/1630 Controller Wiring Terminations and Physical Features (VMA1630 Shown)
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| 9       | Universal Input: Voltage Analog Input (0–10 VDC)  
Resistive Analog Inputs (0–600 kohm) (see Table 3):  
0–2k Potentiometer  
RTD: 1k Nickel, 1k Platinum, or A99B SI  
NTC: 10K Type L (10K Johnson Controls Type II is equivalent to Type L) or 2.252K Type II  
Dry Contact Binary Input |
| 10      | FC Bus Terminal Block. May also be used for N2 connections. See FC Bus Terminal Block (Or N2 Protocol As Required) |
| 11      | EOL (End-of-Line) Switch (see Setting the EOL Switch) |
| 12      | SA Bus Terminal Block |
| 13      | Modular Port (FC Bus) RJ-12 6-Pin Modular Jack (see Modular Ports) |
| 14      | Modular Port (SA Bus) RJ-12 6-Pin Modular Jack (see Modular Ports) |
| 15      | Captive Spacer and Screw (see Figure 2) |
| 16      | LED Status Indicators (see Table 8) |
Wiring

**CAUTION**

**Risk of Electric Shock.** Disconnect the power supply before making electrical connections to avoid electric shock.

**Risque de décharge électrique.** Débrancher l'alimentation avant de réaliser tout raccordement électrique afin d'éviter tout risque de décharge électrique.

**Important:** Do not connect supply power to the controller before finishing wiring and checking all wiring connections. Short circuits or improperly connected wires can result in damage to the controller and void any warranty.

**Important:** Do not exceed the controller electrical ratings. Exceeding controller electrical ratings can result in permanent damage to the controller and void any warranty.

**Important:** Use copper conductors only. Make all wiring in accordance with local, national, and regional regulations.

**Important:** Electrostatic discharge can damage controller components. Use proper electrostatic discharge precautions during installation, setup, and servicing to avoid damaging the controller.

For detailed information on configuring and wiring an MSTP Bus, Field Controller (FC), or Sensor/Actuator (SA) Bus, refer to the MSTP Communications Bus Technical Bulletin (LIT-12011034).

**VMA Terminals and Bus Ports**

See Figure 2 for input and output terminal and bus port locations on the VMA1615/1630 controllers. Observe the following guidelines when wiring a VMA controller.

**Input and Output Terminals**

The input spade terminals are located on the side of the VMA near the FC Bus terminal block. The output spade terminals are located on the opposite side of the controller near the power supply terminal block. See Table 3 for more information.

**FC Bus Terminal Block (Or N2 Protocol As Required)**

The FC Bus terminal block is a blue, removable, 4-terminal plug that fits into a board-mounted jack.

Wire the removable FC Bus terminal block plugs on the VMA and other controllers in a daisy-chain configuration using 3-wire twisted, shielded cable as shown in Figure 3. See Table 5 for more information.

**Figure 3: FC Bus Terminal Block Wiring**

**SA Bus Terminal Block**

The SA Bus terminal block is a brown, removable, 4-terminal plug with +15 VDC that fits into a board-mounted jack.

Wire the removable SA Bus terminal block plugs on the VMA and other SA Bus devices in a daisy-chain configuration using 4-wire twisted, shielded cable as shown in Figure 4. See Table 5 for more information.

**Figure 4: SA Bus Terminal Block Wiring**
Modular Ports
The modular and FC Bus ports on the face of the VMA (Figure 2) are RJ-12 (6-position) modular jacks as shown in Figure 5.

The modular SA Bus port provides a connection for the VAV Balancing Tool and NS Series sensors.

**Figure 5: Pin Number Assignments for Sensor (SA Bus and FC Bus) Ports on VMA1615/1630 Controllers**

- **Sensor, SA Bus, or FC Bus Port**
  - **(RJ-12 Modular Jack)**

Note: Do not use the modular SA Bus port and the terminal block SA Bus simultaneously. Only use one of these connections at a time.

Supply Power Terminal Block
The 24 VAC supply power terminal block is a gray, removable, 2-terminal plug that fits into a board-mounted jack on the upper left of the VMA controller.

Wire the 24 VAC supply power wires from the transformer to the HOT and COM terminals on the terminal plug as shown in Figure 6. See Table 5 for more information.

**Figure 6: 24 VAC Supply Power Terminal Block Wiring**

**Important:** Connect 24 VAC supply power to the VMA and all other network devices so that transformer phasing is uniform across the network devices. Powering network devices with uniform 24 VAC supply power phasing reduces noise, interference, and ground loop problems. The VMA does not require an earth ground connection. However, when grounding the secondary of the 24 VAC transformer is required, only one connection to ground should be made near the transformer. See the following figure.

**Figure 7: Transformer Grounding**

**NOTICE**

**Risk of Property Damage:** Do not apply power to the system before checking all wiring connections. Improper wiring of this terminal may cause a short circuit across the 24 VAC power supply on VMA models. A short circuit may result in a tripped circuit breaker or blown fuse. If using a transformer with a built-in fuse, the transformer may need to be replaced.

**Risque de dommages matériels:** Ne mettez pas l’appareil sous tension avant d’avoir vérifié toutes les connexions du câblage. Le câblage inadéquat de cette borne peut causer un court-circuit sur l’alimentation électrique de 24 V c.a. des -1 VMA modèles. Un court-circuit peut causer le déclenchement du disjoncteur ou le grillage d’un fusible. Si vous utilisez un transformateur avec un fusible intégré, vous pourriez devoir remplacer le transformateur.

To wire the VMA1615/1630 controller:

1. Terminate wiring according the appropriate figure in **Termination Diagrams**.
2. Wire network sensors and other devices to the VMA’s SA Bus.
3. Wire the FC Bus in a daisy chain.
4. Ensure that the VMA’s device address DIP switches are set to the appropriate device address. (See...
Setting the Device Address.) Also, activate the end-of-line (EOL) switch if necessary.

5. Connect the VMA controller to 24 VAC, Class 2 power.

**Wireless Network Applications**

**Important:** Wireless operation is not approved for smoke control applications. Refer to the Metasys® System UL 864 10th Edition UUKL/ORD-C100-13 UUKLC Smoke Control System Technical Bulletin (LIT-12012487) for detailed requirements and procedures for installing, commissioning, and operating UL 864 UUKL/UUKLC Listed Metasys system devices.

**VMA Terminal Functions, Ratings, Requirements, and Wiring Guidelines**

**Input and Output Wiring Guidelines**

*Table 3* provides information about the functions, ratings, and requirements for the VMA input and output terminals, and *Table 4* provides guidelines for wire sizes and cable lengths.

In addition to the wiring guidelines in *Table 3*, observe these guidelines when wiring VMA inputs and outputs:

- Run all low-voltage wiring and cables separate from high-voltage wiring.
- All input and output cables, regardless of wire size or number of wires, should consist of twisted, insulated, and stranded copper wires.
- Shielded cable is not required for input or output cables but is recommended for input and output cables that are exposed to high electromagnetic or radio frequency noise.
- Cable runs of less than 30 m (100 ft) typically do not require an offset in the input/output software setup.
- Cable runs over 30 m (100 ft) may require an offset in the input/output software setup.

**Maximum Cable Length versus Load Current**

Use *Figure 8* to estimate the maximum cable length relative to the wire size and the load current (in mA) when wiring inputs and outputs.

**FC and SA Bus and Supply Power Wiring Guidelines**

*Table 5* provides information about terminal block functions, ratings, and requirements. *Table 5* also provides wire size, cable type, and cable length guidelines for wiring the VMA communication buses and supply power.

In addition to the guidelines in *Table 5*, observe these guidelines when wiring the SA/FC Buses and supply power:

- Run all low-voltage wiring and cables separate from high-voltage wiring.
- All FC and SA Bus cables, regardless of wire size, should be twisted, insulated, stranded copper wire.
- Shielded cable is strongly recommended for all FC and SA Bus cables.
- Refer to the MSTP Communications Bus Technical Bulletin (LIT-12011670) for detailed information regarding wire size and cable length requirements for the FC and SA Buses.
## Termination Diagrams

A set of Johnson Controls® termination diagrams provides details for wiring inputs and outputs to the controllers. See the figures in this section for the applicable termination diagrams.

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![Diagram 1](image1)

**Diagram 1:**
- **THERMOSTAT CIRCUIT BOARD:**
  - **CABLE WITH AN RJ12 CONNECTOR ON EACH END**
  - **JACK 12 IS FOR COMMISSIONING TOOLS**
  - **Terminal 1 is to the extreme left as you face the JACK opening. Tab Napoli down.**

![Diagram 2](image2)

**Diagram 2:**
- **THERMOSTAT CIRCUIT BOARD:**
  - **ADDRESS SWITCH:**
    - **SW1:** OFF, ON
    - **SW2:** OFF, ON
  - **ADDRESS:** 200, 201, 202, 203
  - **CONNECTOR ON STAT MOUNTING BASE SLIDES INTO W4 PINS ON CIRCUIT BOARD**
  - **FROM PREVIOUS SA BUS DEVICE:**
    - **COM SA_PWR (15 VDC)**
  - **TO NEXT SA BUS DEVICE IF REQUIRED:**
    - **COM SA_PWR (15 VDC)**

![Diagram 3](image3)

**Diagram 3:**
- **THERMOSTAT CIRCUIT BOARD:**
  - **CONNECTOR ON STAT MOUNTING BASE SLIDES INTO W4 PINS ON CIRCUIT BOARD**
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    - **COM SA_PWR (15 VDC)**
  - **TO NEXT A BUS DEVICE IF REQUIRED:**
    - **COM SA_PWR (15 VDC)**
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<td>UNIVERSAL (Inputs)</td>
<td>+15 V</td>
<td>15 VDC Power Source for active (3-wire) input devices connected to the Universal INn terminals. Provides 35 mA total current.</td>
<td>Same as (Universal) INn. Note: Use 3-wire cable for devices that source power from the +15 V terminal.</td>
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<td>INn</td>
<td>Analog Input - Voltage Mode (0–10 VDC)</td>
<td>10 VDC maximum input voltage Internal 75k ohm Pulldown</td>
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<td>Analog Input - Resistive Mode (0–600k ohm)</td>
<td>Internal 12 V, 15k ohm pull up Qualified Sensors: 0–2k potentiometer, RTD (1k Nickel [Johnson Controls sensor], 1k Platinum, and A99B Silicon Temperature Sensor) Negative Temperature Coefficient (NTC) Sensor 10K Type L (10K Johnson Controls Type II is equivalent to Type L) or 2.252K Type II</td>
<td>See Guideline A in Table 4.</td>
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<td>Binary Input - Dry Contact Maintained Mode</td>
<td>1 second minimum pulse width Internal 12 V, 15k ohm pull up</td>
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<td>ICOMn</td>
<td>Universal Input Common for all Universal IN terminals</td>
<td>Note: All Universal ICOMn terminals are isolated from all other commons on the -0 models. The -1 model ICOMn terminals are isolated from FC BUS COM terminals only.</td>
<td>Same as (Universal) INn.</td>
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<td>BINARY (Outputs)</td>
<td>OUTn</td>
<td>Binary Output - 24 VAC Triac (Internal Power) Sources internal 24 VAC power (24~ HOT)</td>
<td>See Guideline C in Table 4.</td>
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<td>OCOMn</td>
<td>Binary Output - 24 VAC Triac (Internal Power) Connects OCOMn to 24~ COM when activated. Internal Power Source: 30 VAC maximum voltage to load 0.5 A maximum output current 1.3 A at 25% duty cycle 40 mA minimum load current</td>
<td>See Guideline C in Table 4.</td>
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| CONFIGURABLE (Outputs) | OUTₙ | Analog Output - Voltage Mode (0–10 VDC)  
10 VDC maximum output voltage  
10 mA maximum output current  
External 1k to 50k ohm load required | See Guideline A in Table 4. |
| | | Binary Output 24 VAC Triac  
Connects OUT to OCOM when activated.  
External Power Source:  
30 VAC maximum voltage to load  
0.5 A maximum output current  
1.3 A at 25% duty cycle  
40 mA minimum load current | See Guideline C in Table 4. |
| | OCOMₙ | Analog Output Signal Common: All Configurable Outputs defined as Analog Outputs share a common, which is isolated from all other commons except the Binary Input common.  
Binary Output Signal Common: All Configurable Outputs defined as Binary Outputs are isolated from all other commons, including other Configurable Output commons. | Same as (Configurable) OUTₙ. |

¹ Table 4 defines cable length guidelines for the various wire sizes that may be used for input and output wiring.

### Table 4: Cable Length Guidelines for Recommended Wire Sizes

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| A         | 1.0 mm (18 AWG) stranded copper  
0.8 mm (20 AWG) stranded copper  
297 m (975 ft) twisted wire  
0.6 mm (22 AWG) stranded copper  
183 m (600 ft) twisted wire  
0.5mm (24 AWG) stranded copper  
107 m (350 ft) twisted wire | 457 m (1,500 ft) twisted wire  
297 m (975 ft) twisted wire  
183 m (600 ft) twisted wire  
107 m (350 ft) twisted wire | 100 mV maximum voltage drop  
Depending on the cable length and the connected input or output device, you may have to define an offset in the setup software for the input or output point. |
| B         | 1.0 mm (18 AWG) stranded copper  
0.8 mm (20 AWG) stranded copper  
297 m (975 ft) twisted wire  
0.6 mm (22 AWG) stranded copper  
183 m (600 ft) twisted wire  
0.5mm (24 AWG) stranded copper  
107 m (350 ft) twisted wire | 229 m (750 ft) twisted wire  
137 m (450 ft) twisted wire  
91 m (300 ft) twisted wire  
61 m (200 ft) twisted wire | 100 mV maximum voltage drop  
Depending on the cable length and the connected input or output device, you may have to define an offset in the setup software for the input or output point. |
| C         | See Figure 8 to select wire size/gauge.  
Use stranded copper wire. | See Figure 8 to determine cable length.  
Use twisted wire cable. | N/A |
Table 5: Communication Bus and Supply Power Terminal Blocks, Functions, Ratings, Requirements, and Cables

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<th>Recommended Cable Type</th>
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<tr>
<td><strong>FC BUS</strong>&lt;sup&gt;2&lt;/sup&gt;</td>
<td>+</td>
<td>FC Bus Communications</td>
<td>0.6 mm (22 AWG) stranded, 3-wire twisted, shielded cable recommended</td>
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<td></td>
<td>-</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>COM</td>
<td>Signal Reference (Common) for bus communications</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>SHLD</td>
<td>Isolated terminal (optional shield drain connection)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>SA BUS</strong>&lt;sup&gt;2&lt;/sup&gt;</td>
<td>+</td>
<td>SA Bus Communications</td>
<td>0.6 mm (22 AWG) stranded, 4-wire (2 twisted-pairs), shielded cable recommended</td>
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<td></td>
<td>COM</td>
<td>SA Bus Signal Reference and 15 VDC Common</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>SA PWR</td>
<td>15 VDC Supply Power for Devices on the SA Bus</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>FC BUS</strong>&lt;sup&gt;2&lt;/sup&gt;</td>
<td>FC BUS</td>
<td>RJ-12 6-Position Modular Port provides FC Bus Communications</td>
<td>24 AWG 3-pair CAT3 Cable &lt;30.5m (100 ft)</td>
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Note: The + and - wires are one twisted pair, and the COM and SA PWR wires are the second twisted pair.
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<tr>
<td>HOT</td>
<td>24~</td>
<td>24 VAC Power Supply - Hot Supplies 20–30 VAC (Nominal 24VAC)</td>
<td>0.8 mm to 1.0 mm (20 to 18 AWG) 2-wire</td>
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<tr>
<td>COM</td>
<td></td>
<td>24 VAC Power Supply Common The -0 models isolate this terminal from all other commons. The -1 models only isolate this terminal from the FC bus common.</td>
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1 See Table 4 to determine wire size and cable lengths for cables other than the recommended cables.
2 The SA Bus and FC Bus wiring recommendations in this table are for MS/TP Bus communications at 38.4k baud. For more information, refer to the ,MS/TP Communications Bus Technical Bulletin (LIT-12011034).

**Setup and Adjustments**

**Important:** Electrostatic discharge can damage controller components. Use proper electrostatic discharge precautions during installation, setup, and servicing to avoid damaging the controller.

**Setting the Device Address**

*Metasys*® field controllers are master devices on BACnet® MSTP (SA or FC) Buses. Before operating field controllers on a bus, you must set a valid and unique device address for each controller on the bus.

Set a field controller’s device address by setting the positions of the switches on the Device Address DIP switch block at the top of the controller (Figure 2). Device addresses 4 through 127 are the valid addresses for these controllers.

The DIP switch block (Figure 9) has eight switches numbered 128, 64, 32, 16, 8, 4, 2, and 1. Switches 64 through 1 are device address switches. Switch 128 is a mode switch that enables a field controller to operate on a ZFR /ZFR Pro Series Wireless Field Bus. Set switch 128 to OFF for all hard-wired SA and FC Bus applications.

**Note:** Switch 128 is used to enable or disable a VMA for wireless operation.

![Figure 9: Device Address Switches Set to 21](image)

To set the device addresses on a *Metasys* field controller:

1. Set all of the switches on the field controller’s device address DIP switch block (128 through 1) to OFF.
2. Set one or more of the seven address switches (64 through 1) to ON, so that the sum of the switch numbers set to ON equals the intended device address. See Table 6 for valid field controller addresses.

To ensure the best bus performance, set sequential device addresses with no gaps in the device address range (4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and so on). The field controllers...
do not need to be physically connected on the bus in their numerical device address order.

5. Write each field controller’s device address on the white label below the DIP switch block on the controller’s cover.

Refer to the MSTP Communications Bus Technical Bulletin (LIT-12011034) for more information on field controller device addresses and how to set them on MSTP Buses.

Table 6 show and describe the valid FC Bus and SA Bus device addresses for Johnson Controls MSTP communications bus applications.

Table 6: FC Bus Device Address Descriptions

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<tr>
<td>0 (Switch 128 OFF)</td>
<td>Reserved for FC Bus Supervisory Controller (not valid for field controllers).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1 to 3 (Switch 128 OFF)</td>
<td>Reserved for peripheral devices (not valid for field controllers).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4 to 127 (Switch 128 OFF)</td>
<td>Valid for MSTP Master field controllers on a hard-wired SA Bus or FC Bus.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Setting the N2 Controller Address to be Greater than 127

N2-configured controllers support the full range of possible N2 device addresses provided by the N2 protocol standard (1-255). However, these controllers require special configuration for addresses above 127.

Use the following instructions for controller addresses greater than 127. Prior to performing this procedure, be sure the controller has been converted from BACnet to N2 protocol first. Refer to the Modernization Guide for Legacy N2 Controllers (LIT-12012005) for more information.

1. Disconnect the 24 VAC supply from the controller.
2. Remove the FC Bus connector from the controller.
3. Set the address switch set to the desired N2 address.
4. Set the address switch segment labeled 128 to OFF.
5. Reconnect the 24 VAC supply to the controller.
6. Using an SA bus connection, download the firmware and controller application file. The download process asks to confirm switching the communication protocol to N2.
7. Click OK.
8. After the download is finished, disconnect the 24 VAC supply to the controller.
9. Set the address switch segment labeled 128 to ON.
10. Reattach the FC Bus connector to the controller.
11. Reconnect the 24 VAC supply to the controller.

Setting the EOL Switch

Each field controller has an EOL switch, which, when set to ON (up), sets the field controller as a terminating device on the bus. See (Figure 2) for the EOL switch location on the field controller. The default EOL switch position is OFF (down). The amber EOL LED illuminates to show the EOL is active.

To set the EOL switch on a field controller:
1. Determine the physical location of the controller on the SA or FC Bus.
2. Determine if the controller must be set as a terminating device on the bus.

Note: The EOL termination rules for SA Buses and FC Buses are different. Refer to the MSTP Communications Bus Technical Bulletin (LIT-12011034) for detailed information regarding EOL termination rules and EOL switch settings on SA and FC Buses.

3. If the controller is a terminating device on the FC Bus, set the EOL switch to ON. If the controller is not a terminating device on the bus, set the EOL switch to OFF.

Note: When the EOL switch is set to ON, the LED light on the face of the controller is illuminated.
**Commissioning**

Use the following procedure to commission the VMA1615/1630 controller:

1. Download the control application to the VMA controller using the Controller Configuration Tool (CCT). Refer to the Controller Tool Help (LIT-12011147).

2. Commission the VAV Box. Refer to the Controller Tool Help (LIT-12011147).


4. Perform commissioning checkout procedures. Refer to the Controller Tool Help (LIT-12011147).

**Repair Information**

The MS-VMA1615-xU and MS-VMA1630-xU models are UL 864 10th Edition UUKL/ORD-C100-13 UUKLC listed for smoke control. If the VMA1615/1630 controller fails to operate within its specifications, contact the Johnson Controls Repair Center in Louisville, Kentucky, at 1-502-671-7312.

**Troubleshooting**

*Table 8* provides LED status indicator information for troubleshooting the VMA1615/1630 controller. *Table 7* provides some additional troubleshooting information for possible problems.

**Note:** If you experience short circuits in the 24 VAC power supply causing protective devices such as breakers or fuses to trip, make sure that the power connections on the VMA are not reversed. The most common cause of this problem is when the 24 VAC power supply on the VMA is reversed but not reversed on a connected secondary device. Improper wiring of this power terminal may cause a short circuit across the 24 VAC power supply on -1 models.
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<th>Problem</th>
<th>Possible Cause</th>
<th>Correction</th>
<th>Verification</th>
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| Controller is Off | Transformer has tripped | 1. Transformer is shorted  
2. 24VAC powered sensor is not wired with the same polarity as the controller  
3. SA bus device is not wired with the same polarity as the controller | 1. Ensure polarity of ~24 V COM / ICOM / +15VCOM/SA BUS COM on the controller, auxiliary devices and I/O is the same.  
2. Ensure OUT1-OUT3 terminals of binary outputs are not connected to ~24 VAC COM, verify that OCOM1-OCOM3 are not connected to ~24 VAC HOT (these terminals are internally sourced).  
3. Verify the short circuit has been resolved with an ohm-meter.  
4. Reset the breaker/fuse or replace the transformer. | 1. Disconnect the secondary of the 24 VAC transformer  
2. Use an ohm-meter to measure between ~24 V HOT and COM; there should be no short circuit. |
| Power at Primary of Transformer, 24 V at Secondary, 0 V at Fuse/Breaker. | Breaker/Fuse has tripped. | | 1. Measure the output and verify that it matches the command.  
2. Disconnect the connected device and verify the commanded value is present. |

**Note:** Note that some installations require the secondary of the Transformer to be Earth Grounded. If this is the case, verify that the Earth Ground connection is valid and not shared between multiple pieces of equipment.

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| 0–10 V output is set to 10–100%, but 0 V is at output terminals | Output is in protection mode - a state the analog portion of the configurable output goes into when it detects a wiring problem. The analog output is set to 0% regardless of the command whenever a wiring fault is detected. | Ensure polarities of ~24 V COM/OCOM match and that the connected end device uses the same polarity. | 1. Measure the output and verify that it matches the command.  
2. Disconnect the connected device and verify the commanded value is present. |
| 0–10V output has an undesirable offset of up to 1 V | Common Reference is incorrect | Connect OCOM terminal of the configurable output to the common of the connected end device. | |
Table 8: VMA Controller Status LEDs

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<tr>
<th>LED Label</th>
<th>LED Color</th>
<th>Normal State</th>
<th>Descriptions of LED States</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>POWER</td>
<td>Green</td>
<td>On Steady</td>
<td>Off Steady = No power</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>On Steady = Power is supplied by primary voltage</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FAULT</td>
<td>Red</td>
<td>Off Steady</td>
<td>Blink - 2 Hz = Download or startup in progress, not ready for normal operation, SA Bus devices offline (such as netsensors)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Rapid blink = SA Bus communications issue</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Off Steady = No faults</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>On Steady = Device fault or no application loaded</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FC BUS</td>
<td>Green</td>
<td>Blink - 2 Hz</td>
<td>Blink - 2 Hz = Data transmission (normal communication)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Off Steady = No data transmission (auto baud in progress)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>On Steady = communication lost, waiting to join communication ring</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SA BUS</td>
<td>Green</td>
<td>Blink - 2 Hz</td>
<td>Blink - 2 Hz = Data transmission (normal communication)</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Off Steady = No data transmission (N/A - auto baud not supported)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>On Steady = Communication lost; waiting to join communication ring</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>EOL</td>
<td>Amber</td>
<td>Off</td>
<td>On Steady = EOL is active</td>
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<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Off Steady = EOL is not active</td>
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Accessories
Use Table 9 to order accessories.

Table 9: VMA1615/1630 Controller Accessories (Order Separately)

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<th>Product Code Number</th>
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<tr>
<td>PAN-PWRSP-U</td>
<td>Transformer, 120/24 VAC, 96 VA, with circuit breaker and 120 VAC outlet, approved for Smoke Control</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NS Series Network Sensors</td>
<td>Refer to the NS Series Network Sensors Product Bulletin (LIT-12011574) for specific sensor model descriptions.</td>
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Technical Specifications

Table 10: VMA1615/1630 Controllers

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<td>MS-VMA1615-0U</td>
<td>32-bit, Integrated VAV Controller/Actuator/Pressure Sensor - DPT, 3 UI and 2 BO, 24VAC, FC and SA Bus</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MS-VMA1615-1U</td>
<td>32-bit, Integrated VAV Controller/Actuator/Pressure Sensor - DPT, 3 UI and 2 BO, 24VAC, FC and SA Bus</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MS-VMA1630-0U</td>
<td>32-bit, Integrated VAV Controller/Actuator/Pressure Sensor - DPT; 3 UI, 3 BO, and 2 CO; 24VAC; FC and SA Bus</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MS-VMA1630-1U</td>
<td>32-bit, Integrated VAV Controller/Actuator/Pressure Sensor - DPT; 3 UI, 3 BO, and 2 CO; 24VAC; FC and SA Bus</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Communications Protocol</td>
<td>BACnet MSTP, N2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Supply Voltage</td>
<td>24 VAC (nominal, 20 VAC minimum/30 VAC maximum), 50/60 Hz, Power Supply Class 2 (North America)</td>
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## Table 10: VMA1615/1630 Controllers

| Power Consumption | 10 VA typical, 14 VA maximum  
| Note: The VA rating does not include any power supplied to the peripheral devices connected to Binary Outputs (BOs) or Configurable Outputs (COs), which can consume up to 12 VA for each BO or CO, for a possible total consumption of an additional 60 VA (maximum). |
| Ambient Conditions | Operating: 0 to 50°C (32 to 122°F)  
| Storage: -40 to 70°C (-40 to 158°F) |
| Terminations | Inputs/Outputs: 6.3 mm (1/4 in.) Spade Lugs  
| FC Bus, Pluggable Screw Terminal Block  
| FC and SA Bus Modular Ports: RJ-12 6-Pin Modular Jacks |
| Controller Addressing for BACnet MSTP | DIP switch set; valid field controller device addresses 4–127  
| (Device addresses 0–3 and 128–255 are reserved and not valid field controller addresses.) |
| Controller Addressing for N2 | DIP switch set; valid field controller device addresses 1–255 |
| Communications Bus¹ | RS-485: selectable between BACnet MSTP or N2  
| FC Bus: 0.6 mm (22 AWG) standard 3-wire, twisted, shielded cable recommended between the supervisory controller and field controller  
| SA Bus: 0.6 mm (22 AWG) stranded, 4-wire (2-twisted pairs) shielded cable recommended from the VMA controller for network sensors and other sensor/actuator devices; includes a terminal to source 15 VDC supply power from VMA to SA Bus devices¹ |
| Processor | RX630 32-bit Renesas microcontroller |
| Memory | 1 MB flash memory and 512 KB RAM |
| Universal Input Mode/Configurable Output Mode Accuracy | UI Analog Input Mode: 15-bit resolution on UIs  
| CO Analog Output Mode (VMA1630 only): 0–10 VDC ± 200 mV |
| Air Pressure Differential Sensor | Range: -1.5 in. to 1.5 in. W.C.  
| Performance Characteristics:  
| Accuracy: ±1.3% Full Span Maximum² (±0.039 in. W.C.)  
| Typical accuracy at zero (null) pressure is ±0.02 in. W.C.³ (if provided) |
| Actuator Rating | 4 N·m (35 lb·in) minimum shaft length = 44 mm (1-3/4 in.) (if provided) |
| Mounting | Mounts to damper shaft using single set screw and to duct with single mounting screw |
| Dimensions (Height x Width x Depth) | 165 x 125 x 73 mm (6.5 x 4.92 x 2.9 in.)  
| **Center of Output Hub to Center of Captive Spacer:** 135 mm (5-5/16 in.) |
| Weight | 0.65 kg (1.45 lb) |
### Table 10: VMA1615/1630 Controllers

| Compliance | United States: UL Listed, File E107041, CCN PAZX, UL 916, Energy Management Equipment; FCC Compliant to CFR47, Part 15, Subpart B, Class A  
UL Listed, File S4977, UL 864 UUKL/UUKLC 10th Edition Listed, Smoke Control Units and Accessories for Fire Alarm Systems |  
Canada: UL Listed, File E107041, CCN PAZX7 CAN/CSA C22.2 No.205, Signal Equipment; Industry Canada Compliant, ICES-003  
UL Listed, File S4977, UL 864 UUKL/ORD-C100-13 10th Edition Listed, Smoke Control Units and Accessories for Fire Alarm Systems |  
Europe:  
CE Mark – Johnson Controls declares that this product is in compliance with the essential requirements and other relevant provisions of the EMC Directive.  
Australia and New Zealand:  
RCM Mark, Australia/NZ Emissions Compliant. |  
BACnet International  
BACnet Testing Laboratories (BTL) Protocol Revision 12 Listed BACnet Advanced Application Controller (B-AAC) |

1 For more information, refer to the MSTP Communications Bus Technical Bulletin (LIT-12011034).  
2 Combined error due to offset, non-linearity, and temperature variation.  
3 Includes error due to non-linearity.  

The performance specifications are nominal and conform to acceptable industry standard. For application at conditions beyond these specifications, consult the local Johnson Controls office. Johnson Controls shall not be liable for damages resulting from misapplication or misuse of its products.

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