# MD-N32

## Serial to Ethernet Gateway Installation and Operating Guide





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### 1. Introduction

The MD-N32 is a Serial to Ethernet Gateway. One MD-N32 unit is required (unless it is connected to a Rosslare software product that supports direct TCP/IP operation, in which case the PC's internal LAN card may be used).

A Serial to Ethernet Gateway allows connectivity for systems with Legacy serial interface communication, such as RS-232 or RS-485, with local networks and Internet.

The concept is to send and receive information between varied PCmanaged products (access control systems, guard control, security systems, and so on) via a local network or Internet, thereby saving on serial cabling installation, and enabling connections to remote sites (most modern offices are already networked).

As a compact plug-in module, the MD-N32 can easily connect to most products without modification. The module receives serial communication, converts it to TCP/IP format, and sends it over the LAN or Internet to the PC. From the other end, the module converts communications sent from the PC over the network back to serial format into the device.

All the setting and configuration is done using the AS-IPO1 Configuration Utility PC software or by other Rosslare software that supports a direct connection to hardware through TCP/IP (refer to the software manuals of the specific products.) Once the module is configured, the information is saved in a non-volatile memory within the module.

The MD-N32 has two indication LEDS – the green LED indicates LAN connectivity (Link) and the red LED indicates power supply operation (Power).

## 2. Specifications

Electrical Characteristics		
Input Power	10 to 16 VDC	
Power Consumption	Typical: 75 mA Maximum: 115 mA	
Transmission and Con	nectivity Characteristics	
Hardware Protocols	TCP, UDP, IP, ARP, ICMP, Ethernet MAC	
Network Interface	10/100 Base-T Ethernet (Auto Detection) RJ- 45 jack for LAN connection	
Serial Port	D9 Male Connector RS-232	
Data	1, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9 – N.C. 2 – Rx 3 – Tx 5 – GND Signal	
MCU	32 bit micro-controller	
Serial Line Format	8-N-1, 8-O-1, 8-E-1, 7-O-1, 7-E-1	
Serial Flow Control	None, XON/XOFF	
Transmission Speed	1200 bps to ~115 Kbps	
<b>Environmental Charac</b>	teristics	
Operating Temp. Range	0°C to 70°C (32°F to 158°F)	
Operating Humidity Range	10 to 90% (non-condensing)	
Dimensions		
Height x Width x Depth	110 x 63 x 39 mm (4.33 x 2.48 x 1.54 in.)	
Weight	92 g (3.25 oz)	

## 3. Connection and Configuration

#### 3.1 Hardware Requirements

The following are the hardware units required to connect the MD-N32 to the remote unit.

- Standard LAN cables RJ-45 plugs on both sides
- 12 VDC (400 mA) power adaptor, connected to the unit's DC jack
- MD-14 RS-485 to RS-232 Converter (for RS-485 units or RS-232 cable)

#### 3.2 Software Requirements

The following are the requirements for the software installation of the AS-IP01 Configuration Utility PC software.

Your PC configuration must be able to support one of the following operating systems:

- Windows<sup>®</sup> 98/ME
- Windows<sup>®</sup> NT/2000/XP

One of the above operating systems must be installed on your computer.

The PC must have a LAN network connection to configure the MD-N32. Both the PC and external unit must be connected to the same LAN through a hub. It is also possible to use the MD-N32 over a WAN, but this requires network router settings. (It is recommended that system administrators be responsible for setting network routers.)

#### 3.3 Connecting the MD-N32

Before setting, ask your network administrator for an IP address, ports, and subnet masks for each MD-N32.

#### 3.3.1 Network Connection

Connect each MD-N32 to the LAN using the LAN cables through the RJ-45 connector on each unit of the MD-N32 (Figure 1).



Figure 1: Front View of the MD-N32

Make sure that the units are connected to the same LAN through a hub.

#### 3.3.2 Serial Connection

RJ-45 Jack

#### 3.3.2.1 <u>Unit Side</u>

Connect the unit to the MD-N32 D9 jack using an RS-232 cable (Figure 2), or use Rosslare's MD-14 when necessary (RS-485 to RS-232 Converter).



#### Figure 2: Rear View of the MD-N32

#### 3.3.2.2 <u>PC Side</u>

If the MD-N32 is connected to the PC's serial port, connect the MD-N32's D9 jack to the PC using a cross-linked RS-232 cable.



#### 3.3.3 Power Connection

Connect a 12 VDC (200 mA) power adaptor to each MD-N32 unit.

Ensure that the MD-N32 Power LED is on.

#### 3.3.4 Network Connection Diagram

Figure 3 shows the network connection using an MD-N32 and PC network card.



#### Figure 3: TCP/IP Network Connection

#### 3.4 Configuring the AS-IP01

Once you have installed the AS-IPO1 Configuration Utility according to the installation's automated steps, the GUI appears as shown in Figure 4.

IAC Address	Version	- Network	Device Type
		Local IP	Name
			<u> </u>
		Local Port	
			Serial
		Subnet	Speed
		Gateway	
			Inactivity Time (0-65535)
		Course ID	30 \$ [sec]
		Serverin	Data Packing
			J Time (0-10000)
		Server Port	ן 0 🗘 (ms)
			Circ (10.2EE)
			10 (byte)
		Modes	
		Client	
	12 0	C Server	Status

Figure 4: AS-IP01 Configuration Utility GUI

The AS-IP01 Configuration Utility includes the following features:

- A MAC address table in the left pane
- Network, Modes, Device Type, Serial, and Options sections in the right pane
- Search, Apply, About, and Exit buttons in the bottom left pane

Each section of the AS-IPO1 Configuration Utility and its parameters are labeled in Figure 4. An explanation of each section and parameter is provided in the following subsections.

#### 3.4.1 MAC Address Table

#### 3.4.1.1 MAC Address

When the MD-N32 units connected to the network are found, the units are displayed as MAC addresses in the table.

Note

The MAC number is a long 12-digit number that can be found on a sticker located on the bottom side of the MD-N32 unit.

#### 3.4.1.2 <u>Version</u>

The MD-N32 firmware version is displayed.

#### 3.4.2 Buttons

Table 1 presents the buttons that appear in the AS-IP01 Configuration Utility.

Field Description	
Search	Clicking <b>Search</b> retrieves all operating MD-N32 units connected to the network. The results are displayed as MAC addresses in the table.
Apply	Clicking <b>Apply</b> changes the configuration of the selected MD-N32 unit; the selected unit is initialized with the newly entered values.
About	Clicking <b>About</b> displays the details of the AS-IP01 Configuration Utility.
Exit	Clicking Exit exits the software

Table 1: AS-IP0	I Configuration	<b>Utility Buttons</b>
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#### 3.4.3 Network Section

Once a unit is selected in the MAC Address table, the network information of the selected unit is displayed in this section.

You can change the network configuration of the unit by inserting and/or revising the information in the following parameters of the Network section.

Table 2 presents the fields in the Network section.

Field Description	
Local IP and Local Port	The IP address of the unit
Subnet	The subnet address of the unit
Gateway	The gateway address
Server IP and Server Port	Defines the server's IP and port when the unit is set to operate in Client mode

Table 2: Network Section Fields

Field	Description	
Modes	<ul> <li>The network mode of operation:</li> <li>Client mode – Unit operates in Client mode and attempts to connect to the specified server's IP address and port</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Server mode – Unit operates in Server mode and listens in on the specified Listen port and awaits client connection</li> </ul>	

In Client mode, the inactivity time should be set above 30 seconds (the default is 45 seconds). In Server mode, the inactivity timer of the server is set to 0 by default. The client closes and restarts the socket every 45 seconds. When the server is resured after 45 seconds. While data transfer may fail when the socket is restarted, the transfer should be successful the next time the socket is restarted.



Note

Data transfer does not fail as long as "keep alive" data is maintained in the TCP socket.



#### 3.4.4 Device Type

This section contains the name of the product (MD-N32).

#### 3.4.5 Serial Speed

This section lists the product's speed, which can be configured as desired.

Click **Apply** for any changes in the device type or serial speed to take effect.

#### 3.4.6 Options Section

The Options section includes the following parameters:

#### 3.4.6.1 Inactivity Time

The inactivity time is intended for use with the TCP channel when a link is established. If the inactivity timer has expired, the channel is closed to data transfer. Data transfer resumes once the MD-N32 has been set to the client. The inactivity timer range may be 0 (the default, TCP channel is always ON) or from 30 to 65,535 seconds.

#### 3.4.6.2 Data Packing

This options allows you to designate conditions for Serial to Ethernet data transmission. The two conditions are Time and Size, with Time packing as the default.

- Time Designates a time frame for periodic transmission, between 0 and 10,000 milliseconds.
- Size Select the checkbox to enable the size packing feature, and then designate the data size for transmission based on data packet size, between 10 and 255 bytes.

After changes are made, click **Apply** for the changes to take effect.

#### 3.4.7 Status

The Status describes the status of the selected MAC (for example, Configured).

#### 3.5 Configuring the MD-N32

#### To configure the MD-N32:

- 1. Run the AS-IP01 Configuration Utility PC software.
- 2. Click Search.

The Processing window appears.

Status Window	
Processing	

3. When the search is complete, ensure that the correct MD-N32 MAC addresses appear in the MAC Address table (Figure 5).

MAC Address	Version	Network	Device Type
00:50:C2:78:9C:09	5.1	Local IP	Name
00:50:C2:78:9C:19	5.1	192 . 168 . 20 . 68	MD-N32
		Local Port	- L
		1000	Serial
		Subnet	Speed
		255 . 255 . 255 . 0	9600
		Gateway	Options
		192 . 168 . 20 . 250	Inactivity Time (0-65535)
		Server IP	30 🗘 (sec)
		192 . 168 . 20 . 69	Data Packing
		Server Port	Time (0·10000)
		2000	1 🗘 (ms)
			Size (10-255)
		Modes	10 (byte)
		O Client	
	120 120		Status
		Server	Not configured

Figure 5: AS-IP01 Configuration Utility – Search Button Results

It is not possible to run two sets of AS-IPO1 simultaneously on the same PC or on the same network. It is also not recommended that AS-IPO1 be run simultaneously with some software applications either based on Microsoft<sup>®</sup> Visual Basic 6 or featuring TCP/IP support, since the AS-IPO1 may malfunction. For example, it is not recommended to run AS-IPO1 on the same PC and at the same time as Rosslare's AxTraxNG<sup>™</sup> software.

- 4. Select the MAC Address of the MD-N32 unit that is connected to the applicable networked unit.
- In the Network section, in the Local IP and Local Port text boxes, enter the first IP Address and port number (1000 recommended) supplied by your network administrator.
- 6. In the **Subnet** text box, enter the supplied subnet.
- In the Server IP text box, enter the second IP address and port number (1000 recommended).
- 8. In Modes, select either **Client** or **Server**, as required.

- 9. Click Apply to send the configuration to the unit.
- 10. Run the applicable application software for the networked unit.

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