

# INSTALLATION & OPERATING MANUAL

**SU8**



## **OVERVIEW OF THE METER**

The SU8 is the latest meter in the range of the IC 900 series of information centres from Autometers Systems Ltd. With new advances in micro processors and the new added features, the meters are user friendlier, easy to install and simple to programme.

The SU8 is an electronic meter and great care has been taken to ensure that it meets the stringent requirement of all the potential users and specifiers of the product, from the buyer who wants a competitively priced product, the installer who wants simple fitting with good connection terminals to the end user who wants a quick and easy means of obtaining information. The SU8 meets all of these requirements.

The SU8 has been designed to communicate with Autometers Horizon range of data collection units, this enabling complete measurement and data collection systems to be built up.

**The SU8 is manufactured in two models SU8/PULSE and SU8 with RS 485 MODBUS.**

The SU8/Pulse meter works by receiving pulses from up to eight external electricity meters. Each external meter sends a known value pulse to one of the eight input channels and this can be displayed by pressing numbers "1-8" on the front of the meter. Each channel is internally summated and can be displayed by pressing the "Total" key on the front of the meter.

Also on the meter is a volt free pulse output representing the summated value of all channels this output is set to 10 kWh per pulse.

**The SU8 with RS 485 MODBUS**

The SU8/Comms meter works by reading the register of each individual meter and then displaying this information on separate registers on the SU8. Each individual channel is then summated internally and can be displayed by pressing the "TOTAL" key on the front of the meter. The benefits of this meter are two fold one is that it can read more individual meters up to 127 in total and the second is that you can loop the RS485 cable at each meter saving wiring from each meter back to the SU8. **SEE DIAGRAM 13, Page 11.**

The SU8 fitted with RS 485 MODBUS module will only work if the external meters also have RS485 MODBUS and the protocol is compatible.

Also available on the meter is a volt free pulse output (terminal 9 & 10 ) representing the sumated value of all channels this output is set to 10 kWh per pulse.

Autometers Systems produce a range of meters with Optically isolated volt free pulse outputs and with RS485 Modbus Protocol.

## INSTALLATION OF THE METER

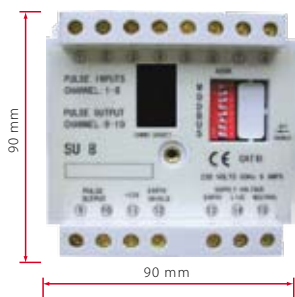
### Location

The SU8 meter should be mounted in a dry, dirt free enviroment away from heat sourcrs and very high electric fields. Tempretures should not exceed 70C or fall below -20C.

### Installation

The SU8 should be installed by a competent qualified electrician. The SU8 meter is a panel mounted meter and therefore must be fitted into a panel where all the terminals are concealed. A typical panel would be a switchgear cabinet door where access to the terminals can only be gained by the use of a tool.

SU8 showing position of red Dill Switches

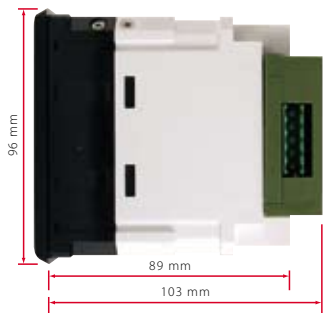


### PERFORMANCE AND DATA.

Technical Parameters.

1. Voltage range: 230 +\_ 20%
2. Working Temperature : -10 + 50C
3. Storing temperature : - 10 + 60C
4. Humidity: <95%
5. Power: 1.5 W
6. communication voltage: 12 V
7. Output relay: 400V, 100 Ma
8. Output relay: 100ms closure time

SU8 with RS485 Communications Module Fitted



**Display:** 20 x 4 LCD characters. Black on green background with backlight.

### MAINTENANCE AND SERVICE

In the unlikely event that a unit should fail, it will generally be serviced by exchanging the unit for a replacement unit.

## WIRING INFORMATION

### Power Supply

The meter should be connected as per the connection diagram below and a suitable fuse should be inserted into the live conductor no greater than 5 amps.

Earth terminal: (13)

Live terminal: (14)

Neutral terminal: (15)

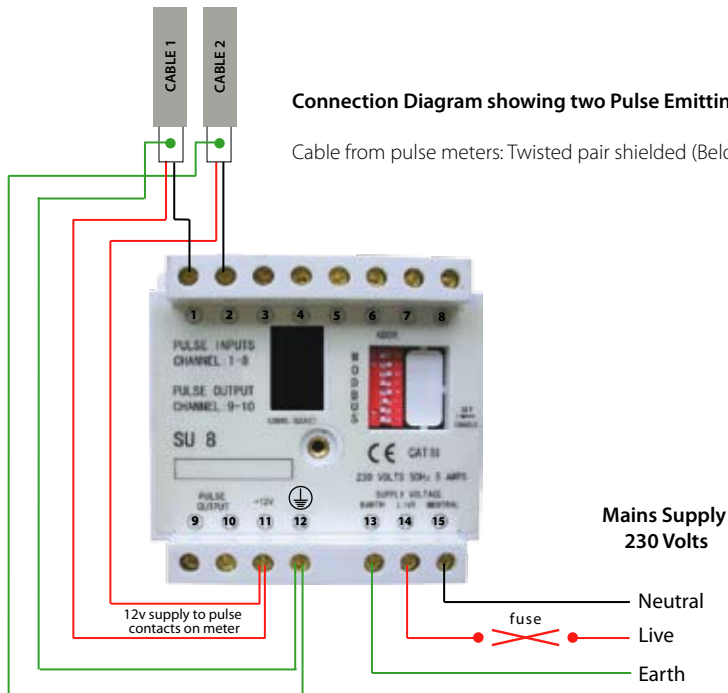
### Wiring

Electrical connections and communication connections are made directly to the back of the meter. The main (230 v) connections are made to terminals 13,14, and 15, low voltage connections to terminals 1-12.

### Electrical Connections

1mm 3 core flexible stranded cable is recommended for all main electrical connections, for the the low voltage communication connections we recommend a twisted shielded cable Belden 2 wire 9841.

## CONNECTION DIAGRAM



## THE SU8/PULSE METER

When you receive the SU8/pulse meter it might be necessary to program the input channels. This is the pulse input value per channel.

When you have fitted the meter and connected all the required terminals power up the meter and take a few minutes to familiarise your self with the keypad and the display.

At the top of the meter you will see a four line information display, this is used for displaying the programming values you are setting and displaying the input channels. Lower down you will see twelve press keys, nine white with black writing on and three green with white writing on

### **The display.**

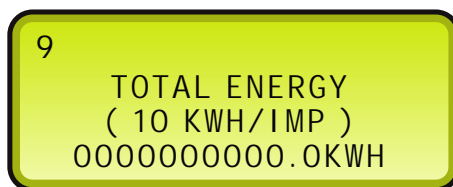
The first line is an editable field so here you can enter a name to identify the pulse inputs.

The second line is the descriptive channel e.g. "INPUT CHANNEL 1", or if you have pressed the green key marked "TOTAL" you will see "Total Energy"

Third line will indicate what you have set the input value at, this must match the external meter pulse input value.

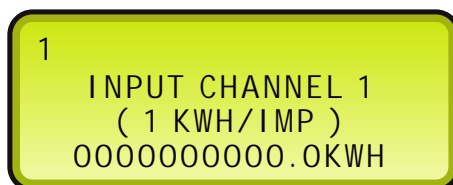
The fourth line indicates kWh units. ( this is calculated on the accumulated pulses received against the value of the pulse set in the meter)

You will receive the meter in a set default mode and the display will show:



Default Display

If key number 1 is pressed, display will be as follows:



## PROGRAMMING THE METER

You can programme the meter only when the dill switch (NUMBER 1, on the back) is set to the ON position.

### Stage 1.

Press the "SET" key to enter the setup menu

Display will show:



Diagram 1

Select one of the three options above in diagram 1..  
e.g. 1. Channel Name

### Stage 2

Press key marked "1" and then press green key marked "ENTER"

(If you get a "SETTING INVALID MESSAGE" check that the **dill switch 1** is in the on position) and repeat stage 1 above.

Display will show:

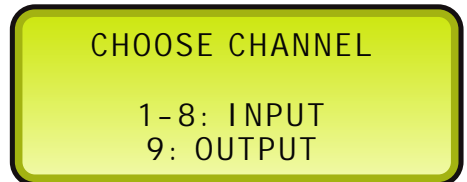


Diagram 2

### Stage 3

Select the channel you now want to edit.

Eg channel "1"

Press key marked "1" now press green key marked "ENTER"

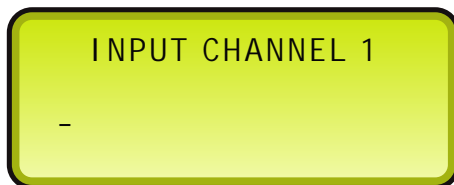


Diagram 3

The cursor is now at position where the minus sign is in the display.

Here you can now enter a descriptive name for the Channel.

e.g. KITCHEN.

1. Press the key marked with the "K" on it.
2. The display will show number 4
3. Press the key again the 4 will change to "J",
4. Press the key again the J will change to "K"



Diagram 4

When the character you have chosen is on the display press the "TOTAL" key.

The cursor will now move to the right.

Repeat the above steps until you have completed your name.

Press the green key marked "ENTER".

This will send you back to "CHOOSE CHANNEL" menu repeat above steps until all channels are named ready for you to name your second channel.

When you have finished naming all your channels, press "ENTER", this returns you to the "SETTING MENU".

## SETTING THE PULSE INPUT VALUE ON EACH CHANNEL

Repeat **Stage 1, Page 5.**

**Stage 2:** press number "2" on the menu list "PULSE VALUE" press "ENTER".  
Select the channel you want programme by pressing the keys numbered 1-9.

### Stage 3

The display will change to:

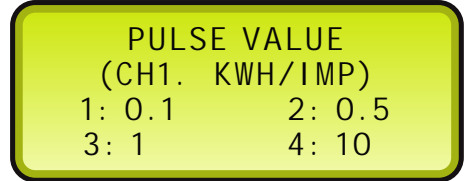


Diagram 5

Check that the pulse value on the display matches your external meter pulse output.

E.g. If the meter has an external pulse output of (0.5kwh/imp), press the number **2** on the keypad then press "Enter".

This takes you back to **Stage 2 Diagram 2 Page 5.**

Repeat until all your channels have been allocated a pulse value.

When completed press "ENTER" this takes you back to **Stage 1 Page 5.**

## SETTING THE CONTRAST

To alter the contrast of the display press key "3" then press "ENTER"

### Stage 1

The display will change to:

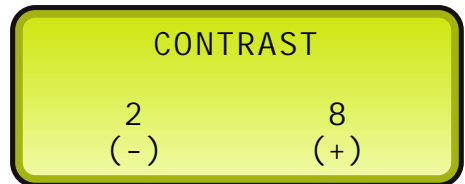


Diagram 6

To increase or decrease the contrast press the keys marked "2" or "8"

When complete press "ENTER" this will take you back to stage 1. Press "ENTER" again and this will take you back to the default display.

## **RESETTING THE REGISTERS TO ZERO**

### **Stage 5**

Repeat **Stage 1 Diagram 1**.

**Press the "TOTAL"** and the display will change to:



Diagram 7

**PRESS KEY "4"** then **press "ENTER"**

The display will change to:

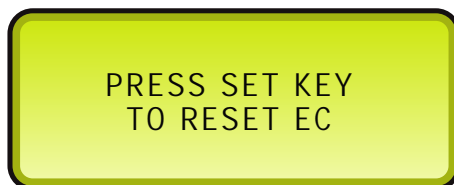


Diagram 8

**Press "set key"**, this will reset all registers back to ZERO and will return you back to the default display.



## THE RS 485 MODBUS MODULE

### Setting the address

On the back of the meter there is a line of red switches (Binary) numbered 1-8.

**Number 8** is used for the programming of the meter details and should be in the **ON** position at this time.



1 = 1	2 = 2	3 = 4	4 = 8
5 = 16	6 = 32	7 = 64	

Diagram 9

To set the modbus address is by means of switching the individual red switches to the "ON" position starting at number 1 through to number 7.

e.g. by moving the number 1 switch to the on position sets the modbus address to number 1. by switching numbers 2 and 5 to the on position this then becomes number 18. The highest address possible with switches 1-7 in the on position is 127.

To return to the default display **press "TOTAL" key.**

## IMPORTANT

The power must be switched off when fitting a communication module to the meter.

When you have selected your address turn number 1 switch to the off position.

To check the details of the meter modbus settings **press key number 9**.

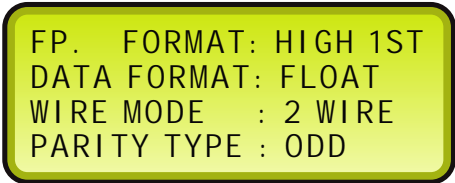
Display will show:



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COMM MODULE: ON LINE
PULSE MODULE: ON LINE
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Diagram 10

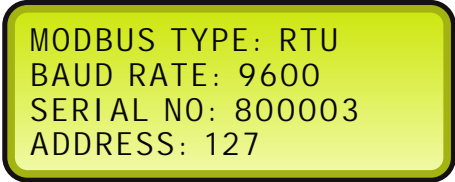
**Press 9 Again:**



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FP. FORMAT: HIGH 1ST
DATA FORMAT: FLOAT
WIRE MODE : 2 WIRE
PARITY TYPE : ODD
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Diagram 11

**Press 9 Again:**



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MODBUS TYPE: RTU
BAUD RATE: 9600
SERIAL NO: 800003
ADDRESS: 127
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Diagram 12

Press any of the white keys to select a channel.

# COMMUNICATION CONNECTIONS

## RS 485 Connection

This connection should be made using the appropriate screened twisted pair cable 22 gauge Belden 9841.

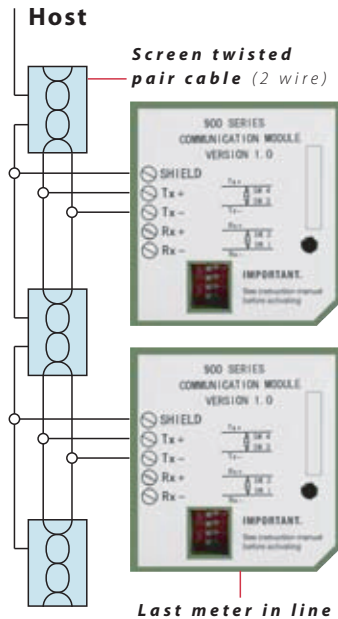
### The su8 with IC900 communication module.

In two wire mode the TX+ must be connected to the meters TX + and TX- must be connected to the TX-. The earth shield must be linked across to the other cables.

It is important that the shield must be earthed at one end only.

See diagram below.

Diagram 13



### Caution:

It is important that the resistors 3 and 4 are switched to the on position at the end of the modbus lan.

