

# User Manual

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## IA-3131-U2i

32-ch Relay

USB or RS-232 Controlled



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## Introduction

The IA-3131-U2i is an Industrial, 32-ch, Relay Controller Board with either standard or pluggable industrial terminals. The board is supported by the rich Series-3000 commands list, with single, eight and 32 relays control commands, as well as several boards global control commands, that can set the status of several hundred relay at the same time. The IA-3131-U2i Relay Controller supports a Daisy-Chain operation. It includes a buffered output port communication method, enabling a simple and a transparent control over a massive amount of boards. The IA-3131-U2i is being widely supported by Microsoft Studio Class Library, by National-Instruments Labview Drivers and by various open code software examples. for fast and easy product implementation.

## Features

- Pluggable connectors (IA-3131-U2i-P Version)
- USB & RS-232 Controlled
- 32 Relays
- 2A @ 30VDC, 1A @ 125VAC
- Isolated USB Port
- Highly Featured Command List
- Local and Global Commands
- Open Source Code Samples
- Setup & Operation Utilities
- Watchdog Protection
- Simple Transparent Chaining
- DIN-Rail mounting ready

## Specifications

### Relays

Channels	32
Contact current	2 Amp @ 30 VDC 1 Amp @ 125 VAC
Contact method	SPST, form A
Operation Time	7mS
Release Time	4mS
Mechanical Endurance	1x10 <sup>8</sup>
2A@30VDC Endurance	1x10 <sup>5</sup>
1A@30VDC Endurance	3x10 <sup>5</sup>

### Communication

Main COM	Isolated USB or RS-232, DB9 Female
Expansion Port	Buffered RS-232, DB9 Male
Factory Defaults	Baud Rate 19.2bps Data bits 8 Parity None Stop bits 1
Baud Rate Range	1200-115Kbps
Host USB Cable	USB A/B, Included
Host RS-232 Cable	DB9 M/F Straight Through
Expansion RS-232 Cable	DB9 M/F Straight Through Pin-to-Pin 3 wires, pin 2, 3 and 5 Up to 15m Long

### General

Power supply	24VDC, 0.6Amp
Module Size	220x115x45 mm
Mounting	Din-Rail Ready
Weight	485 gr

## Ordering Information

- IA-3131-U2i  
32-ch SPST Relay Board,  
USB or RS-232 controlled,  
Multi-Drop Expandable.  
USB Cable and installation CD Included
- IA-3131-2  
32-ch SPST Relay Board, RS-232 controlled,  
Multi-Drop Expandable.  
DB9 M/F Cable and installation CD Included
- IA-3131-XXX-P  
Pluggable Version

### **Warning & Safety**

Intelligent Appliance products are NOT authorized for use as components in life support devices or systems.

Do not operate the device in a manner not specified in the documentation. Misuse of the device may result in injury and/or damage equipment.

When wiring the device disconnect it from the power source and turn OFF all connected devices.

Not doing so may result in electric shock, injury and/or damage your equipment.

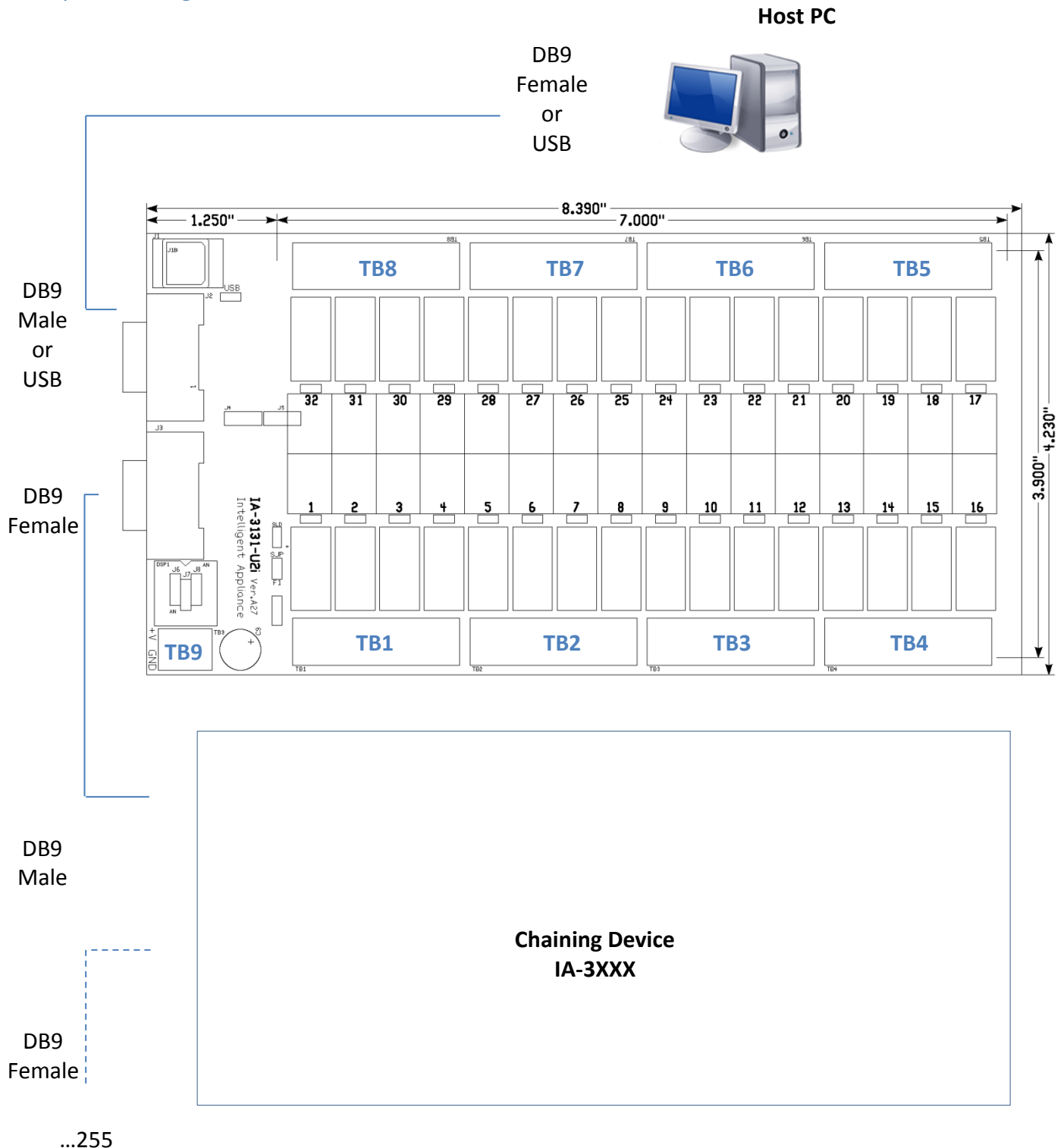
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## Installation

### System Wiring



## Pin Assignment

**J1** – Main Port (USB)

**J2** - Secondary Port (RS-232, DB9 Female)

Pin	Function
#2	Tx
#3	Rx
#5	GND

**J3** – Expansion Port (RS-232, DB9 Male)

Pin	Function
#2	Rx
#3	Tx
#5	GND

**TB1 to TB8** – Relay #1 to Relay #32

**TB9** – Power supply input terminal

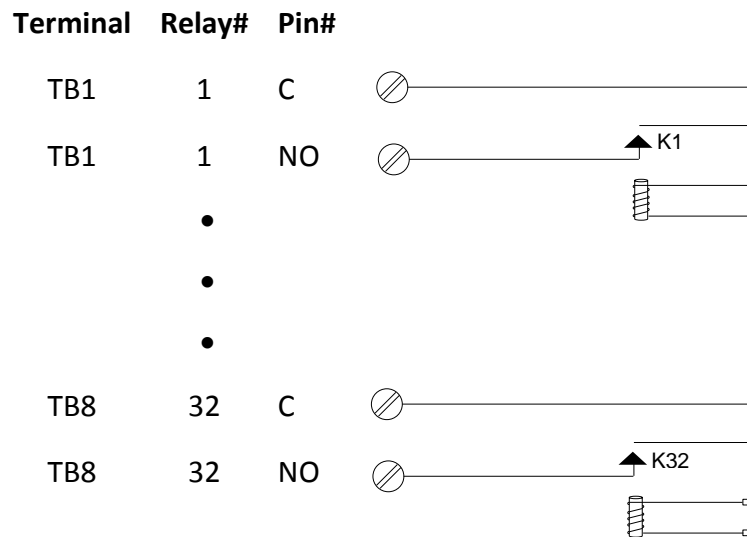
## User Defined Jumpers & Led

**SJP Jumper** – User defined jumper

**SLD Led** – User defined led

## Relay Layout

### SPDT, Form A, Channels 1-32



## Software Installation

### USB Port setup

Connect a 24 VDC, power supply, to TB9 on the IA-3131-U2i.

Turn on the 24 VDC power supply.

The IA-3131-U2i address is shown on the dual character led display on the IA-3131-U2i unit.

Connect USB A/B Cable between the IA-3131-U2i to the host computer.

The computer informs on locating a new USB device, and asks for S/W drivers.

Kindly choose the USB-Drivers directory on the IA-3000 CD or from our website:

[www.intelligent-appliance.com](http://www.intelligent-appliance.com), and complete the task by pressing 'Next' and 'Finish' while asked for.

Job done will be accomplished by a steady lighting of the USB led on the IA-3131-U2i unit, and by a creation of new Serial COM that can be easily found on the Device Manager screen.

At this stage you can easily control the IA-3131-U2i relays by either any serial control software, or by the IA-3000 Utility, provided in the IA-3000 CD.

### Locating the new COM port

Start the 'Device Manager' utility. (Usually by selecting 'My Computer', Right Clicking the mouse button, choosing manage, Left Clicking and then double Left clicking on the Device Manager will list hardware items).

Select the '+' character to the left of the 'Ports (COM&LPT)', and you'll get a line that will define for example: 'USB Serial Port (COM4)'.

This line informs us that we should refer to COM4, in this case, in order to control the IA-3131-U2i while connected to this computer through its USB port.

## IA-3000 Utility

Install the IA-3000 Utility in your computer by clicking on the 'Setup icon in the 'IA-Utility' directory, on the IA-3000 CD. Or download it from our online Knowledge Base.

### Handling IA-3000 Utility

1. Start the IA-3000 Utility by pressing 'Start' on the computer's main screen, select 'All Programs', and finally 'IA-3000'.
2. Select the appropriate COM
3. Select '19200' to fit into the right of the 'Baud' label (in case that the IA-3131-U2i is at its default setting stage).
4. Press the 'Search' button and wait for the utility to list all chained items.
5. As soon as all items are listed, you may press the 'Stop Search' button, or you can let the software finish its search by itself.
6. Select the desired device out of the items list that appears beneath the 'Search' button.
7. Once the device is selected, its form will be shown in the right hand of the screen.
8. Left clicking the buttons will activate or dis-activate the appropriate relay.

## Address Configuration



### Warning

### Note!

In case of operating two or more devices in a single chain,  
One must make sure that each device has its own unique address!

Never install two devices, of the same address, in the same chain

### Note!

All items are set to same default address ('00') while delivered

1. Start IA-3000 Utility.
2. Press Search and then select the desired IA module.
3. Choose 'Config' at the upper left screen location.
4. Define the desired address right to the 'Address' label.
5. Update the module using the 'Update' button.
6. 'Update OK' message indicates a successful updating  
(Old software versions indicate 'Fail' while successfully updating the module).
7. Check the updated address by closing the 'Configuration' screen, and running a new 'Search'.

## Command Set

The following table is a quick reference table for the IA-3131-U2i , A host computer / PLC may control the IA-3131-U2i by simply sending ASCII commands though a standard COM port. Each command is structured from a delimiter character, modules address, command character, data if any carriage returns character. All commands must use UPPER CASE characters.

?AA0 – GET DEVICE NAME .....	14
?AA1 – GET DEVICE FIRMWARE VERSION .....	15
!AA2DDDDDDDD – SET RELAY STATUS .....	16
!AA3DD – ACTIVATE RELAY N .....	18
!AA4DD – DE ACTIVATE RELAY N .....	20
!AA5DD – SET DEVICE MODE .....	22
!AA6DD – SET BAUD RATE.....	23
!AA7DD – SET MODULE’S ADDRESS.....	24
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## ?aa0 – Get device name

**Description** Request the Device model name. Can be used to identify the connected module type at the specified address.

**Syntax** ?aa0<CR>  
? Delimiter character  
aa Hexadecimal address of the device  
0 Get device Model command  
<CR> Carriage Return - End of command

**Response** \_nnnn<CR> if the command was valid  
\_ Response delimiter  
nnnn A string containing the device name  
<CR> Carriage Return - end of response

**Example** Command: ?010<CR>  
Response: \_3131<CR>

Request the device at address 01Hex to send its model name.  
The response indicates that the command was successful and that the device at this address is IA-3131-U2i

## ?aa1 – Get device firmware version

**Description** Request the Device version

**Syntax** ?aa1<CR>  
? Delimiter character  
aa Hexadecimal address of the device  
1 Get device Version command  
<CR> Carriage Return - End of command

**Response** \_nnnn<CR> if the command was valid  
\_ Response delimiter  
nnnn A string containing the device version  
<CR> Carriage Return - end of response

**Example** Command: ?001<CR>  
Response: \_A125<CR>

Request the device at address 00 Hex to send its version.  
The response indicates that the command was successful and that the device version at this address is A1.25

## !aa2ddddddddd – Set relay status

**Description** This command defines module's relay state.

**Syntax** !aa2ddddddddd <CR>  
! Delimiter character  
aa Hexadecimal address of the device  
2 System control command  
d Relay output activation command data for each nibble in hex format  
<CR> Carriage Return - End of command

**Response** |ddddddddd  
if the command was valid and if FB messages are enabled

**Example** Command: !00280008000 <CR>  
Response: | 80008000 <CR>

This command will activate relay #16 and #32

### Data Structure

Value	1				2				3				4				5				6				7				8											
	8	4	2	1	8	4	2	1	8	4	2	1	8	4	2	1	8	4	2	1	8	4	2	1	8	4	2	1	8	4	2	1	8	4	2	1				
Bit	3	2	1	0	3	2	1	0	3	2	1	0	3	2	1	0	3	2	1	0	3	2	1	0	3	2	1	0	3	2	1	0	3	2	1	0	3	2	1	0
Relay	32	31	30	29	28	27	26	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	0	0	0				
Nibble	1				2				3				4				5				6				7				8											

### Examples Table

Description	Syntax
Activating relay #1	!00200000001<CR>
Activating relay #32	!00280000000<CR>
Activating relay #19	!00200040000<CR>
Activating relay #9, #10, #11	!00200000700<CR>
Activating relay #26, #28	!002A0000000<CR>
Activating relay #2, #6, #15, #16	!0020000C022<CR>

### HEX / DEC Conversion Table

DEC	HEX	8	4	2	1
15	F	1	1	1	1
14	E	1	1	1	0
13	D	1	1	0	1
12	C	1	1	0	0
11	B	1	1	1	1
10	A	1	1	1	0
9	9	1	0	0	1

## !aa3dd – Activate relay N

**Description** This command activates a single relay.

**Syntax** !aa3dd <CR>  
! Delimiter character  
aa Hexadecimal address of the device  
3 Single relay activation command  
dd N Relay ID in hex format  
<CR> Carriage Return - End of command

**Response** |Sdd if the command was valid

**Example** Command: !0031F<CR>  
Response: |S1F<CR>

This command will activate relay #32 only (!) all other relays will be not changed.

### Data Structure

Location	1F	1E	1D	1C	1B	1A	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	F	E	D	C	B	A	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Relay	32	31	30	29	28	27	26	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1

### Examples Table

Description	Syntax
Activating relay #1	!00300<CR>
Activating relay #32	!0031F<CR>
Activating relay #19	!00312<CR>

### HEX / DEC Conversion Table

DEC	HEX	8	4	2	1
15	F	1	1	1	1
14	E	1	1	1	0
13	D	1	1	0	1
12	C	1	1	0	0
11	B	1	1	1	1
10	A	1	1	1	0
9	9	1	0	0	1

## !aa4dd – De activate relay N

**Description** This command De activates a single relay.

**Syntax** !aa4dd <CR>  
! Delimiter character  
aa Hexadecimal address of the device  
4 De activate relay N command  
dd Relay ID hex format  
<CR> Carriage Return - End of command

**Response** |Cdd if the command was valid

**Example** Command: !0041F<CR>  
Response: |C1F<CR>

This command will De activate relay #32 only (!) all other relays status will be not changed.

### Data Structure

Location	1F	1E	1D	1C	1B	1A	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	F	E	D	C	B	A	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Relay	32	31	30	29	28	27	26	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1

### Examples Table

Description	Syntax
De-Activating relay #1	!00400<CR>
De-Activating relay #32	!0041F<CR>
De-Activating relay #19	!00412<CR>

### HEX / DEC Conversion Table

DEC	HEX	8	4	2	1
15	F	1	1	1	1
14	E	1	1	1	0
13	D	1	1	0	1
12	C	1	1	0	0
11	B	1	1	1	1
10	A	1	1	1	0
9	9	1	0	0	1

## !aa5dd – Set device mode

**Description** This command sets the power-up mode and enables/disables error messages

**Syntax** !aa5dd <CR>

- ! Delimiter character
- aa Hexadecimal address of the device
- 5 System Mode command
- dd 8 mode control bits (00-FF)

Bit#	Function
1	Enable Error Messages
6	Disable Feedback messages on “!AA2” & “!AAM” Commands if BIT 7 is cleared.
7	Enable BR change

\*Other bits are for future use

<CR> Carriage Return - End of command

**Response** |dd EE OK<CR> if the command was valid

**Example** Command: !00502<CR>  
Response: |02 EE OK<CR>

This command will enable the device error messages (error messages are sent in response to invalid commands) and will disable baud rate by mistake.

## !aa6dd – Set baud rate

**Description** For compatibility with existing devices the IA-4131-U2i-P can be set to other standard baud rates

**Syntax** !aa6dd <CR>  
! Delimiter character  
aa Hexadecimal address of the device  
6 Change device baud rate command  
dd Two characters representing the desired baud rate:  
12 1200  
24 2400  
48 4800  
96 9600  
19 19200 (default)  
38 38400  
57 57600  
11 115200  
<CR> Carriage Return - End of command

**Response** |dd<CR> if the command was valid  
| Response delimiter  
dd New baud rate  
<CR> Carriage Return - End of response

**Example** Command: !01696<CR>  
Response: |96<CR>

Change the baud rate of the device at address 01Hex to 9600

## !aa7dd – Set module's address

**Description** Each device must have a unique network address. This command defines a module's address.

**Syntax** !aa7dd <CR>  
! Delimiter character  
aa Hexadecimal address of the device  
7 Change device baud rate command  
dd New Hexadecimal address  
<CR> Carriage Return - End of command

**Response** |dd<CR> if the command was valid

**Example** Command: !00701<CR>  
Response: |01<CR>

Change the address of the device at address 0(Hex) to 1(Hex)



### Note

1. Factory default is 00Hex
2. In products chained system, each product must be set to a unique address.
3. The updated address is displayed on the boards 7 segment led display.

## !aaBn dd – Set Relays Status at Level

**Description** This command sets the status of 8 relays at a time.

**Syntax** !aaBn dd <CR>  
! Delimiter character  
aa Hexadecimal address of the device  
B Change Byte Level command  
n #Byte to be set.  
'n' is in the range of 0-3  
dd Byte data in hex format.  
<CR> Carriage Return - End of command

**Response** |n dd<CR> if the command was valid

**Example** Command: !00B124<CR>  
Response: |1 24<CR>

This command will activate relays #10 and #15(!) all other relays will be not changed.



## !aaEddddddd – Set initial state

**Description** This command defines relays state at POWER-UP

**Syntax** !aaEddddddd <CR>  
! Delimiter character  
aa Hexadecimal address of the device  
E System control command  
d Relay output activation command data for each nibble in hex format  
<CR> Carriage Return - End of command

**Response** |Eddddddd<CR> if the command was valid

**Example** Command: !00E10001000<CR>  
Response: |E10001000<CR>

This command will define the initiate state of relays #13 and #29 as “No Active”.



**Note** Default state is !00E00000000 (All relays are OFF at power up)

## !aaMddddddd – Set Temporary Memory State

**Description** This command defines the temporary memory state

**Syntax** !aaMddddddd <CR>  
! Delimiter character  
aa Hexadecimal address of the device  
M System control command  
d Relay output activation command data for each nibble in hex format  
<CR> Carriage Return - End of command

**Response** |Mddddddd<CR> if the command was valid

**Example 1** Command: ! 00500<CR> (Enable FB message)  
Command: !00M80008000<CR>  
Response: |M80000080<CR>  
This command will set relay #32 and #16 in memory only.

**Example 2** Command: ! 00540<CR> (Disable FB message)  
Command: !00M80008000<CR>  
Response: No FB message  
This command will set relay #32 and #16 in memory only.

## !aaSdd – Set user defined led

**Description** This command turns ON or turns OFF the SLD LED

**Syntax** !aaSdd <CR>  
! Delimiter character  
aa Hexadecimal address of the device  
S Set Led status  
0d LED status:  
01 On  
00 Off  
<CR> Carriage Return - End of command

**Response** |0d<CR> if the command was valid

**Example** Command: !00S01<CR>  
Response: |01<CR>

This command will turn ON the LED



### Note

The default LED status is ON.  
For LD1 deactivation the command should be !00S00<CR>

## ^^E – Force initial state at all modules

**Description** This command forces all modules of this net into their pre-defined initiate state.

**Syntax** ^^E<CR>  
^^ Delimiter character  
E Hexadecimal address of the device  
<CR> Carriage Return - End of command

**Response** No FB message

**Example 1** Command: ^^E<CR>  
Response: No FB message

### Example 2

Command:	Relay status:
!00E12345678<CR>	12345678
!002000000000<CR>	00000000
^^E	12345678

### Example 3

Command:	Relay status:
!00E000000000<CR>	00000000
!002FFFFFFFFF<CR>	FFFFFFFF
^^E	00000000

## ^^M – Activate Relays per Memory Status

**Description** This command forces Activate Relays per Memory Status.

**Syntax** ^^M<CR>  
^^ Delimiter character  
M Activate Relays per Memory Status  
<CR> Carriage Return - End of command

**Response** Relay state is set to memory state, no feedback message is returned.

**Example 1** Command: ^^M<CR>  
Response: No FB message

!00M10000001 <CR> Sets memory - no change in relay's state  
^^M Activates relays #29 and #1.

## Example 2

Command	Relay status
!00200000000<CR>	00000000
!00M12345678<CR>	00000000
^^M	12345678