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## MANUAL

### CON/232/FO

#### RS-232 to FO Converter

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# 1 Imprint

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## 2 Important Safety Information

### 2.1 Important Safety Information and Safety Precautions

The following safety information must be observed whenever the device is being installed or operated. Failure to observe this safety information and other special warnings or operating instructions in the product manuals constitutes improper usage and may violate safety standards and the manufacturer's requirements.



Depending on the configuration of your device or installed options, some information may not specifically apply to your device.



The device satisfies the requirements of the following EU regulations: EMC Directive, Low Voltage Directive, RoHS Directive and—where applicable—the Radio Equipment Directive.

If a procedure is marked with the following signal words, you may only proceed with it if you have understood and fulfilled all requirements. Hazard notices and other relevant information are classified and indicated as such in this manual according to the following system:



#### **DANGER!**

This signal word indicates a hazard with a high risk level . Such a notice refers to a procedure or other action that will very likely result in serious injury or even death if not observed or if improperly performed.



#### **WARNING!**

This signal indicates a hazard with a medium risk level . Such a notice refers to a procedure or other action that may result in serious injury or even death if not observed or if improperly performed.



#### **CAUTION!**

This signal word indicates a hazard with a low risk level . Such a notice refers to a procedure or other action that may result in minor injury if not observed or if improperly performed.















#### **ATTENTION!**

This signal word refers to a procedure or other action that may result in product damage or the loss of important data if not observed or if improperly performed.

## 2.2 Used Symbols

The following symbols and pictograms are used in this manual. Pictograms are used in particular to indicate potential hazards in all hazard categories.

Symbol	Beschreibung / Description
	IEC 60417-5031 Gleichstrom / <i>Direct current</i>
	IEC 60417-5032 Wechselstrom / <i>Alternating current</i>
	IEC 60417-5017 Erdungsanschluss / <i>Earth (ground) terminal</i>
	IEC 60417-5019 Schutzleiteranschluss / <i>Protective earth (ground) terminal</i>
	ISO 7000-0434A Vorsicht / <i>Caution</i>
	IEC 60417-6042 Vorsicht, Risiko eines elektrischen Schlages / <i>Caution, risk of electric shock</i>
	IEC 60417-5041 Vorsicht, heiße Oberfläche / <i>Caution, hot surface</i>
	IEC 60417-6056 Vorsicht, Gefährlich sich bewegende Teile / <i>Caution, moving parts</i>
	IEC 60417-6172 Trennen Sie alle Netzstecker / <i>Disconnect all power connectors</i>
	IEC 60417-5134 Elektrostatisch gefährdete Bauteile / <i>Electrostatic Discharge Sensitive Devices</i>
	IEC 60417-6222 Information generell / <i>General information</i>
	2012/19/EU Dieses Produkt fällt unter die B2B Kategorie. Zur Entsorgung muss es an den Hersteller übergeben werden. <i>This product is handled as a B2B-category product. To ensure that the product is disposed of in a WEEE-compliant fashion, it must be returned to the manufacturer.</i>

## 2.3 Product Documentation

Detailed product documentation is provided on a USB flash drive delivered with the system. The manuals can also be downloaded from the Meinberg website at <https://www.meinbergglobal.com>, where you can enter your system name into the search box at the top of the page to find the relevant manual. Alternatively, contact Meinberg Support for further assistance.



This manual contains important safety instructions for the installation and operation of the device. Please read this manual thoroughly before using the device.

This device may only be used for the purpose described in this manual. In particular, the specified operating limits of the device must be heeded. The person setting up the device is responsible for safety matters in relation to any larger system in which the device is installed!

Failure to observe these instructions may have an adverse impact on device safety!

Please keep this manual in a safe place.

This manual is only intended to be used by qualified electricians, or by persons who have been appropriately instructed by a qualified electrician and who are familiar with applicable national standards and with safety rules & regulations. This device may only be installed, set up, and operated by qualified personnel.

## 2.4 Safety during Installation



### WARNING!

#### Pre-Operation Procedures and Preparation for Use

This mountable device has been designed and examined in accordance with the requirements of the standard IEC 62368-1 "Audio/Video, Information and Communication Technology Equipment - Part 1: Safety Requirements".

When the mountable device is to be used as part of a larger unit (e.g., electrical enclosure), there will be additional requirements in the IEC 62368-1 standard that must be observed and complied with. General requirements regarding the safety of electrical equipment (such as IEC, VDE, DIN, ANSI) and applicable national standards must be observed in particular.

The device has been developed for use in the industrial sector or in home environments and may only be used in such environments. In environments at risk of high environmental conductivity ("high pollution degree" according to IEC 60664-1), additional measures such as installation of the device in an air-conditioned electrical cabinet may be necessary.

#### Transport, Unpacking, Installation

If the unit has been brought into the usage area from a cold environment, condensation may develop; in this case, wait until the unit has adjusted to the temperature and is completely dry before setting it up.

When unpacking & setting up, and before operating the equipment, be sure to read the information on installing the hardware and the specifications of the device. These include, for example, dimensions, electrical characteristics, or necessary environmental conditions.

Fire safety standards must be upheld with the device in its installed state.

The device must not be damaged in any way when mounting it. In particular, holes must not be drilled into the housing.

For safety reasons, the device with the highest mass should be installed at the lowest position in the rack. Further devices should be installed from the bottom, working your way up.

The device must be protected against mechanical & physical stresses such as vibration or shock.





### Connecting Data Cables

Do not connect or disconnect data cables during a thunderstorm, as doing so presents a risk in the event of a lightning strike.

The device cables must be connected or disconnected in the order specified in the user documentation for the device. Cables should always be held by the connector body when connecting or disconnecting them. Never pull a connector out by pulling on the cable. Doing so may cause the plug to be detached from the cable or cause damage to the plug itself.

Cables must be installed so that they do not represent a health & safety hazard (e.g., tripping) and are not at risk of damage (e.g., kinks).

### Connecting the Power Supply

This equipment is operated at a hazardous voltage. Failure to observe the safety instructions in this manual may result in serious injury, death or property damage.

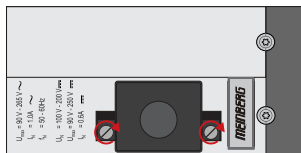
Before the device is connected to the power supply, a grounding conductor must be connected to the earth terminal of the device.

The power supply should be connected with a short, low-inductance cable.

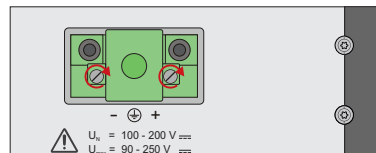
Before operation, check that all cables and lines work properly and are undamaged. Ensure in particular that the cables do not have kinks, that they are not wound too tightly around corners, and that no objects are placed on the cables.

Ensure that all connections are secure—make sure that the lock screws of the power supply plug are tightened when using a 3-pin MSTB or 5-pin MSTB connector (see diagram, LANTIME M300 power supply).

5-Pin MSTB Connector



3-Pin MSTB Connector



Faulty shielding or cabling and improperly connected plugs are a health & safety risk (risk of injury or death due to electrical shock) and may damage or even destroy your Meinberg device or other equipment.

Ensure that all necessary safety precautions have been taken. Connect all cables to the device only while the device is de-energized before turning on the power. Observe the safety instructions on the device itself (see safety symbols).

The metal chassis of the device is grounded. When installing the device in an electrical enclosure, it must be ensured that adequate clearance is provided, creepage distances to adjacent conductors are maintained, and that there is no risk of short circuits.

In the event of a malfunction or if servicing is required (e.g., damage to the chassis or power cable, ingress of fluids or foreign objects), the power supply may be cut off.

Please address any questions regarding your building's electrical, cable or antenna installations to the person or department responsible for that installation within your building.

AC Power Supply	DC Power Supply
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The device is a Protection Class 1 device and may only be connected to a grounded outlet (TN system).</li> <li>• For safe operation, the installation must be protected by a fuse of a rating not exceeding 16 A and equipped with a residual-current circuit breaker in accordance with applicable national standards.</li> <li>• The disconnection of the appliance from the mains power supply must always be performed from the mains socket and not from the appliance itself.</li> <li>• Mains-powered appliances are equipped with a safety-tested mains cable designed for use in the country of operation and may only be connected to a grounded shockproof socket, otherwise electric shock may occur.</li> <li>• Make sure that the mains socket on the appliance or the mains socket of the house installation is readily accessible for the user so that the mains cable can be pulled out of the socket in an emergency.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In accordance with IEC 62368-1, it must be possible to disconnect the appliance from the supply voltage from a point other than the appliance itself (e.g., from the primary circuit breaker).</li> <li>• The power supply plug may only be fitted or dismantled while the appliance is isolated from the power supply (e.g., disconnected at the primary circuit breaker).</li> <li>• Supply cables must be adequately secured and have an adequate wire gauge size.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Connection Cable Wire Gauge:</i>  <math>1\text{ mm}^2 - 2.5\text{ mm}^2</math>  17 AWG – 13 AWG</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The power supply of the device must have a suitable disconnection mechanism such as a switch. This disconnection mechanism must be readily accessible in the vicinity of the appliance and marked accordingly as a cut-off mechanism for the appliance.</li> </ul>

## 2.5 Connection of Protective Earth Conductor/Grounding



ATTENTION!



In order to ensure that the device can be operated safely and to meet the requirements of IEC 62368-1, the device must be correctly connected to the protective earth conductor via the protective earth connection terminal.



If an external earth terminal is provided on the housing, it must be connected to your bonding busbar (grounding busbar). The parts required to attach the device to a grounding busbar are not included with the shipped product.

**Note:**

Please use a grounding cable with a core cross-section of  $\geq 1.5 \text{ mm}^2$   
Always ensure that the connection is properly crimped!

## 2.6 Safety During Operation



### WARNING!

#### Avoiding Short-Circuits

Protect the device against all ingress of solid objects or liquids. Ingress presents a risk of electric shock or short-circuiting!

#### Ventilation Slots

Ensure that the ventilation slots are clean and uncovered at all times. Blocked ventilation slots may cause heat to be trapped in the system, resulting in overheating. This may cause your device to malfunction or fail.

#### Appropriate Usage

The device is only deemed to be appropriately used and EMC limits (electromagnetic compatibility) are only deemed to be observed if the chassis cover is properly fitted (thus ensuring that the device is properly cooled, fire-safe, and shielded against electrical, magnetic and electromagnetic fields).



#### Switching the Device Off in the Event of a Malfunction or when Repairs are Required

It is not sufficient to simply switch off the device itself in order to disconnect the power supply. If the device is malfunctioning, or if repairs become necessary, the device must be isolated from all power supplies immediately.

#### **To do so, follow the procedure below:**

- Switch off the device from the unit itself.
- Pull out all power supply plugs.
- Inform the person or department responsible for your electrical installation.
- If your device is connected to an Uninterruptible Power Supply (UPS), it will remain operational even after pulling the UPS power cable from the mains socket. In this case, you will need to shut down your UPS in accordance with the user documentation of your UPS system.

## 2.7 Fiber Optic



### ATTENTION!

Laser Class 1

**Risk of injury from laser!**

The optical interface corresponds to laser class 1 according to IEC 60825-1 and contains a light-emitting diode (LED). A direct view into this beam should be avoided.

Unused connectors of optical interfaces should always be provided with the protective cap.

## 2.8 Safety During Maintenance



### WARNING!

When modifying the device in any way, only use components that are approved for use with the system. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in violations of EMC or safety standards and cause the device to malfunction.

When modifying or removing components approved for the system, the force required to remove the components (approx. 60 N) presents a risk of injury to the hands. Information on which components are approved for installation can be obtained from Meinberg Technical Support.

The device must not be opened. Repairs to the device may only be performed by the manufacturer or authorized personnel. Improperly performed repairs expose the user to considerable risk (electric shock, fire hazard).



- Danger from moving parts. Keep away from moving parts.



- Parts of the device may get very hot during operation. Do not touch the surfaces of these! Switch off the device and allow it to cool if necessary before installing or removing any components.

## 2.9 Cleaning and Care



### ATTENTION!

Never clean the device using liquids! Water ingress is a significant safety risk for the user (e.g., electric shock).

Liquids can cause irreparable damage to the electronics of the device! The ingress of liquids into the device chassis may cause short circuits in the electronic circuitry.

Only clean with a soft, dry cloth. Never use solvents or cleaners.

## 2.10 Prevention of ESD Damage



### ATTENTION!

An ESDS device (electrostatic discharge-sensitive device) is any device at risk of damage or malfunction due to electrostatic discharges (ESD) and thus requires special measures to prevent such damage or malfunction. Systems and modules with ESDS devices usually bear the following symbol:



### Symbol Indicating Devices with ESDS Components

The following measures will help to protect ESDS components from damage and malfunction.

#### When preparing to dismantle or install devices:

Ground your body (for example, by touching a grounded object) before touching sensitive devices.

Ensure that you wear a grounding strap on your wrist when handling such devices. These straps must in turn be attached to an uncoated, non-conductive metal part of the system.

Use only tools and devices that are free of static electricity.

#### When transporting devices:

Devices must only be touched or held by the edges. Never touch any pins or conductors on the device.

#### When dismantling or installing devices:

Avoid coming into contact with persons who are not grounded. Such contact may compromise your connection with the earth conductor and thus also compromise the device's protection from any static charges you may be carrying.

#### When storing devices:

Always store devices in ESD-proof ("antistatic") bags. These bags must not be damaged in any way. ESD-proof bags that are crumpled or have holes cannot provide effective protection against electrostatic discharges.

ESD-proof bags must have a sufficient electrical resistance and must not be made of conductive metals if the device has a lithium battery fitted on it.

## 2.11 Return of Electrical and Electronic Equipment



### ATTENTION!

**WEEE Directive on Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment 2012/19/EU**  
(WEEE Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment)

#### Waste Separation

Product Category: According to the device types listed in Annex I of the WEEE Directive, this product is classified as "IT and Telecommunications Equipment".



This product satisfies the labeling requirements of the WEEE Directive. The product symbol on the left indicates that this electronic product must not be disposed of in domestic waste.

#### Return and Collection Systems

When disposing of your old equipment, please use the national return or collection systems available to you. Alternatively, you may contact Meinberg, who will provide further assistance.

The return of electronic waste may not be accepted if the device is soiled or contaminated in such a way that it potentially presents a risk to human health or safety.

#### Return of Used Batteries

The EU Battery Directive prohibits the disposal of batteries marked with the WEEE trashcan symbol above in household waste.

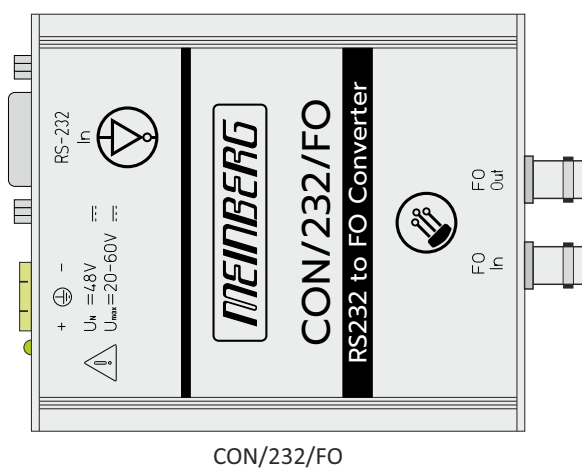
## 3 Fiber Optic Converter CON/232/FO

The fiber optic module CON/232/FO converts a RS-232 signal (TxD and RxD) into fiber optical signals.

The following options are possible:

- 1.) CON/232/FO: TxD and RxD (RS-232 level) via 9pin DSub connector to one FO output and one FO input
- 2.) CON/232/FO-x: TxD input (RS-232 level) via 9pin DSub connector to x (1, 2, 3 or 4) FO outputs

The standard module CON/232/FO is suited for bidirectional RS-232 interfaces with baud rates up to 460 kbps. The -x variant transmits just the TxD signal and is able to act as a diplexer when equipped with up to four FO outputs. The required supply voltage (20 - 60 V DC) is provided by a power adapter ( $V_{in}$ : 100 - 240 V AC;  $V_{out}$ : 24 V DC) which is included in the scope of supply. All converter variants are equipped with a fixing clamp for 35 mm DIN mounting rails. To ensure the compatibility with other modules, both of the FO signals (TxD and RxD) can be inverted by jumpers inside the housing if necessary. The maximum distance between transmitter and receiver comes up to 2000 meters.





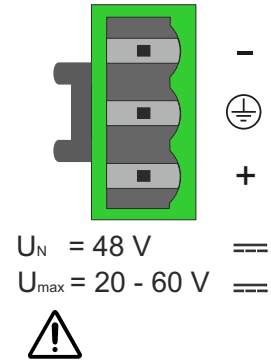
### 3.1 Technical Specifications CON/232/FO

#### Input Parameter

Nominal voltage range:	$U_N = 48 \text{ V} \dots$
Maximum voltage range:	$U_{\max} = 20 - 60 \text{ V} \dots$
Nominal current:	$I_N = 0.22 \text{ A}$

#### Output Parameter

Maximum power:	$P_{\max} = 10 \text{ W}$
Maximum heat:	$E_{\text{therm}} = 36.01 \text{ kJ/h (34.13 BTU/h)}$



#### Electrical

signals: RS-232 input/output (TxD, RxD) via male DSub9 connector (Pin 2: TxD in, Pin 3: RxD out, Pin 5: GND)  
or  
RS-232 input (TxD only) via male DSub9 connector (Pin 2: TxD in, Pin 5: GND)

#### Optical

Signals: 1x multimode FO output (TxD) and 1x FO input (RxD) or up to four multimode FO outputs via ST connectors (for GI 50/125  $\mu\text{m}$  or GI 62,5/125  $\mu\text{m}$  gradient fiber)

#### Launchable

output power: typ. 15  $\mu\text{W}$  per output (into GI 62,5/125  $\mu\text{m}$  gradient fiber)

#### Optical

input level: min. 3  $\mu\text{W}$

#### Wave length:

850 nm

#### Signal delay:

delay of a RS-232 signal: 1  $\mu\text{s}$   
data rate: 460 kbps  
(detected with two CON/232/FO)

CLASS 1 LED PRODUCT



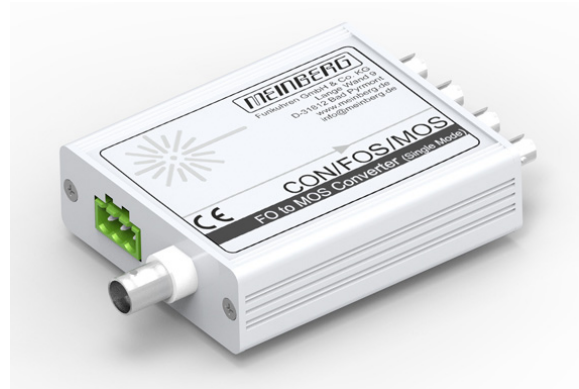
## 3.2 LWL Converter Case

**Chassis:** Aluminium profile case  
84 mm x 71 mm x 24 mm  
(Width x Depth x Height)

**Protection Rating:** IP30

**Temperature:** 0 ... 50 °C  
**Storage Temperature:** -25 ... 70 °C

**Humidity:** max. 85 %



## 4 RoHS and WEEE

### Compliance with EU Directive 2011/65/EU (RoHS)

We hereby declare that this product is compliant with the European Union Directive 2011/65/EU and its delegated directive 2015/863/EU "Restrictions of Hazardous Substances in Electrical and Electronic Equipment". We ensure that electrical and electronic products sold in the EU do not contain lead, cadmium, mercury, hexavalent chromium, polybrominated biphenyls (PBBs), polybrominated diphenyl ethers (PBDEs), bis(2-ethylhexyl)phthalat (DEHP), benzyl butyl phthalate (BBP), dibutyl phthalate (DBP), or diisobutyl phthalate (DIBP) above the legal limits.



### WEEE status of the product

This product is handled as a B2B (Business to Business) category product. To ensure that the product is disposed of in a WEEE-compliant fashion, it must be returned to the manufacturer. Any transportation expenses for returning this product (at end-of-life) must be covered by the end user, while Meinberg will bear the costs for the waste disposal itself.



