## iX5 - Series

## Long range Anti-collision Reader for EM4001 Cards



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## 1. Overview

The iX5 is a state of the art 125 kHz RFID anti-collision card reader intended for production, process, logistics and access control and reads ID-Innovations programmed EM4001 compatible cards. The iX5 has very long read range and it is fast, very fast. It can read 3 equidistant cards at a distance of 80 cm in 36 mS . The iX5 is radically different from all conventional 125 KHz anti-collision readers. It reads cards by looking at the sum contributions of all the cards in the field and uses waveform analysis to determine the individual contribution of each card. This allows it to read cards blazingly fast, literally simultaneously. Note that the term 'anti-collision' reader has been used because this is widely understood to be a reader which has the ability to read several cards in the field at the same time, although strictly speaking the ix5 would be more accurately described as a 'collision' reader because it reads cards whose data is in constant collision with data from other cards.

The iX5 has major advantages over other anti-collision readers in areas of cost, read range, speed and versatility; it uses the ubiquitous EM4001/EM4100 format so it can simply and economically integrate with many other office/factory systems.

The ix5 is now trialing hosting using polled commands. The polling can address several thousand readers although in practice one hundred readers would be reasonable. Each reader has two remotely controlled power drivers for two independent 12volt strikes and a door open/closed sensing facility.

## 2. Features

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\ Long Read Range up to 100cm
\ Reads 6 Cards simultaneously
| Easy integration into office systems.
Uses Standard EM4001 Format
\ 2 Remotely Controlled Strike Drivers *
| Very Fast reading
|}\mathrm{ Inexpensive cards and readers
| Ideal for logistics.
| Polling system for multiple readers.*
| Remote Door Sensing *
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* Implemented, but currently undergoing trialling/beta testing.


## 3. iX5 Technical Overview

The iX5 system uses high speed algorithms (Patents applied for) to analyse the combined waveform of several cards and determine their individual contributions and thus their ID. The iX5 can literally read 3 cards in the space of a single card's data transmission cycle of 32 mS , plus processing time. Three cards can usually be processed in the minimum time of 32 mS required for the card data transmission plus RS232 transmission time. In common with other systems, factors such as noise can degrade these figures. The iX5's built-in anti-interference algorithms reduce the effects of most industrial switching noise.
As the number of cards rise above 3 the time to process the cards escalates rapidly, even so the iX5 will normally read 6 equidistant cards in about 450 mS . Read times can also be affected by range. Eventually, waveform complexity, noise and saturation effects limit the maximum number of cards that can be read. Twelve cards have been read although no claims are made in respect of this or for the read time required.

## 4. iX5 Advantages over Contemporary Anti-collision Readers

The iX5 is fast. To gain a measure of the efficiency of the iX5, consider that normal EM4001 readers need to read each card 3 times to verify the data and this requires about 100 mS . The $\mathbf{i X 5}$ is fast because it is not bound any such limitation and can typically read three cards in about 36 ms , that is about 9 times faster than a standard reader for 3 cards and about 3 times quicker for a single card. (Times not including RS232 transmission time)
Bus-pass logging is an application that benefits greatly from anti-collision technology. Ordinary readers may be used, but their use is restricted because they have to be placed in special areas away from other cards and this can be difficult. The iX5 is not disabled by seated or standing passengers with cards. This means the reader can be placed where it is most convenient.
The typical anti-collision systems send commands to the cards to manage the data, or alternatively wait for each card to randomly transmit it's ID. There is a high overhead associated with both methods. The conventional random type anti-collision system can take several seconds to read each card whereas readers that send commands to cards are doubly penalized, by both by the reader to card communicates which can be time consuming and by the crippling loss of range associated with the difficulties of long range communication with the card.
Most anti-collision readers are therefore slow. Anti-collision readers that employ binary tree analysis have their speed limited by a heavy reader-to-card communications overhead and once again, they suffer from low range because of inherent reader-to-card communications issues, and they require large power RF drives.

Apart from the speed and the range, conventional anti-collision systems have a third major disadvantage; they use specialist non-standard card formats causing integration problems with other systems.

Most anti-collision readers are expensive because they are over complex. It is difficult to design readers that send commands to tags because although the transmission circuits are simple, the receive circuitry is not, in fact it is made especially difficult by the vast changes of signal at the antenna caused by the communications. The bottom line is most anti-collision readers are hi-tech and comparatively expensive.

The iX5 uses standard EM4001/EM4100 compatible programmed cards supplied by ID-Innovations that can be read on any normal EM4001 card reader. This allows a mix of anti-collision and $3^{\text {rd }}$ party non-anti-collision readers. If a plant or process or bus pass system has an anti-collision requirement then only the part that actually needs the anti-collision function need be upgraded, avoiding costly and intrusive total upgrades and minimising or eradicating down times altogether.

## 5. Read Ranges and Read Times



Read times and read ranges are linked with the number of cards in the field. The range for a single card is in the order of 100 cm . As more cards are introduced into the field the range tends to decrease and read time increases. This is the result of background noise and the increasing complexity of analysing the received signals. The read range for 2 equidistant cards is in the order of 80 cm and a typical read time is 45 mS . When 3 equidistant cards are place in the field the read time is still very fast, however the complexity of the analysis means more time is required and the average read time rises to around 50 mS . Other factors such as switching noise can increase this figure. As the number of cards in the field rises above 3 the processing time required rapidly escalates. The reader will normally read 6 cards in about 450mS (not including RS232 transmission times).




In access control it is likely that the cards will all be at different distances from the reader. The above graphs show configurations for 2,3 and 4 cards in the field. In the two card condition it can be seen that when the two cards are equidistant the range is over 80 cm . As a leading card approaches the reader and is at 50 cm from the reader, a $2^{\text {nd }}$ card can still be read that is 35 cm behind it, in other words at over 80 cms . As the lead card is 30 cm from the reader the more distant card can read at a distance 45 cm behind it or at 75 cm .
RS232 communications can introduce switching noise so the iX5 spaces out the communications to give itself an opportunity to read fast moving card that transiently pass through its field. A baud rate of 19200 is a good compromise between speed and cable length, however, it means that each data package is 8 mS . The card data is sent out every 45 mS . For the vast majority of applications this is not a limitation.

## 6. Using the iX5

The iX5 is most effective when all the cards are equidistant from the reader. Up to 6 cards can normally be read in about 450 mS if the cards are stationary and about 350 mS if the cards are moving, even if grouped, but cards should not be placed directly on top of each other as this will prevent the cards from operating correctly. Innovations make claims for 6 cards although more may be read, however as more cards are included in the field it becomes increasingly important to ensure that all cards are equidistant from the reader to make the signal analysis easier.
For process lines in particular it should be noted that, the nearer the cards are to the reader, the more robust the reader becomes in a noisy environment, however the reader may be desensitised if several cards are placed permanently up or against the iX5 case because the high degree of coupling can temporarily detune the iX5 antenna and also cause signal saturation. The reader will still read the cards near the reader but may become less sensitive to more distant cards.
The best working environment is where the cards are equidistant from the reader, however situations may arise where this is not possible. The iX5 also has exceptional dynamic range and in a two card situation can determine a second, more distant card, even if the signal strength is $1 / 30^{\text {th }}$ of the card nearest the reader. Practically this does not mean the $2^{\text {nd }}$ card can be 30x further from the reader than the first card, it actually translates to a maximum difference in spacing between the nearest and furthest card of about 40 cm for dual card reading.
In access control applications it is debatable how many people can approach a reader at any one time. Assume an extreme case where 20 people converge on the access control reader. In the real World it is unlikely to happen, but allow that it did. The way people present their cards normally ensures that at any moment in time there are always 2 or three cards nearer the reader than any others and will be read and it can be argued that eventually all will be read.
In fact anti-collision readers for access control are usually not used to give actual access but to log people in or out including such applications as bus passes for school, senior citizens and special groups. In these situations the reader is used for accounting purposes. Readers rarely get 3 or 4 cards in range simultaneously. In this application the iX5 is ideal because it can be mounted where it is most convenient. It can even be mounted close to seated passengers who themselves may have cards. Normal readers just cannot cope with this situation because they can be compromised by a just single stray card forcing the user to place the reader in a restricted position.
The upper limit for the number of cards that can be read in the same field has not been tested. We make no performance claims in this respect but as many as 12 cards have been read and this seems to be a practical upper limit, however, the read time may get very protracted. The reader may still be usable in applications where read time is not a factor.

The iX5 has 2 independent door strike strikers that can be remotely activated. The second strike is primarily intended for industrial process lines. The iX5 also has door sensor connectivity. The commands to activate the strikes and read the door sensor are built in to the polling system but can also be used in normal non-polled use. The on-board strikes contained in the reader can reduce or eliminate the requirement for a local controller when used with a host computer making the system both less expensive and less complicated.


The number of cards in the field can be increased if the cards are moving. Consider an application where 20 or more cards are spaced out near the reader. The best card signal is obtained when the card is at a normal to the reader. At an angle about 45 degrees of the normal the signal from the card is significantly reduced and goes through a null point. This has the effect of singling out the cards near the normal to the reader, it is in effect, a bit like a torch beam. With reasonable card placing the reader can face many cards but only a few are in a position within the 'torch beam' to be read. This is ideal for such applications as conveyors where robust card reading can be obtained even with extraordinary high conveyor belt speeds.

## 7. Cards/Tags

The reader uses cards available from ID-Innovations. The cards are programmed to EM4001 format and can be read on any other EM4001 type reader. Third party supplied EM4001 format cards will be read but the reader will not behave as an anti-collision reader and the reading speed will also slip. If a mix of Innovations supplied cards and $3^{\text {rd }}$ party cards are presented to the reader the reader will continue to read the Innovations supplied cards in anti-collision mode but the $3^{\text {rd }}$ party card/s may not read. ID-Innovations may entertain requests to program $3^{\text {rd }}$ party supplied cards.

For further information contact help@ID-Innovations.com.

## 8. Installation

Position the iX5 away from sources of interference such as mains wiring. Do not fix the reader antenna on solid steel objects or range loss may occur and the auto-tuning may run out of range. Moderate metal fixtures are acceptable.
Do not mount the reader on an uneven surface as the reader will become mechanically stressed by the fixing screws. Do no place in an area with vibration because this can cause loss of range. Do not place within 2 m of another iX5 or 15 m of any other 125 KHz reader or loss of range may occur.

Use a 1 amp regulated Power Supply. Switching regulators may be used but the devices should preferably be separated from the reader to prevent interference.

## 9. Device Operational and Physical Characteristics

| Parameter | Conditions |
| :--- | :--- |
| Power Requirements | $11-13 \mathrm{VDC}$ at 0.75 Amperes nominal |
| Read Range for 6 equidistant cards | $55 \mathrm{~cm}-60 \mathrm{~cm}$ (Innovations Long Range Clamshell Card) |
| Read Range for 3 equidistant cards | $60 \mathrm{~cm}-75 \mathrm{~cm}$ (Innovations Long Range Clamshell Card) |
| Read Range for 2 equidistant cards | $80 \mathrm{~cm}-100 \mathrm{~cm}$ (Innovations Long Range Clamshell Card) |
| Read Range for 1 card | $95 \mathrm{~cm}-110 \mathrm{~cm}$ |
| Transponder | Innovations, EM4001 compatible, Manchester encoded |
| Auto-tune | Internal upon switch-on |
| Interfaces | RS232 (19,200, n, 8, 1) |
| Read Indication | LED and Beeper |
| Dimensions and Weight | $22 \mathrm{~cm} \times 22 \mathrm{~cm}, 2 \mathrm{Kg}$ |
| Temperature range | -10 c to +50 c. (Enquire for extended range -20c $-+60 \mathrm{c})$ |

### 9.1 Absolute Maximum Limits

| Supply Power Voltage (Red Lead) | +18 volts. Short term only. |
| :--- | :--- |
| Voltage on Door Sensor (Brown lead) | $+/-200 \mathrm{volts}$ for 1mS |
| Strike Drive (Yellow and White leads) | Max Volts +30volts, -1volt : Max Current 2amps (1 second intermittent <br> only $)$ |
| Temperature | $-20 \mathrm{c}+60 \mathrm{c}$ |

## 10. LED Indications

The iX5 has three LEDs labelled PWR, READ and AUX.
The PWR LED. This is the power LED and it is controlled by the firmware and activates after switch on. It has dual functions. The primary function is to indicate that the reader is running. Its secondary function is as warning indicator. In certain fault conditions this LED flashes on and off. It can only be reset by powering the reader on and off. Even while flashing, all other reader functions remain active and the reader will still read cards. An error message is sent to the host to indicate the type of warning.

The READ LED.
This LED has a dual function. In normal read mode it indicates that a tag has been read and is being sent. In Polled-Only mode it indicates that the reader is sending a transmission. Very short flashes indicate that the reader is answering a polled command and is simply acknowledging that command. A longer, brighter flash indicates that the reader is sending tag data.

The AUX LED.
This LED is driven on by strikes1\&2 powering on. It is dual colour. Strike1 active is indicated by this LED flashing red, Strike2 active is indicated by it flashing green and both strikes active is indicated by it flashing yellow, ie green + red.

## 11. Data Formats in Normal Mode

The iX5 transmits using standard RS232 19200:N,8,1:
(Baud rate 19200 : No parity : 8 data bits : 1 Stop bit)

The normal (non-polled) RS232 data string is preceded by an STX (start of transmission) control character followed by either an ' $N$ ' or a ' $P$ '. An ' $N$ ' signifies that the card is new, while a ' $P$ ' signifies that the card has been previously read a nd remains in the field. The card ID/Data follows represented by 10 ASCII characters, then a CR (carriage return) control character, an LF (line feed) control character and ends with an ETX (End of Transmission) control character, as below.

| STX (02h) | 'P' or 'N' | DATA (10 ASCII) | CR | LF | ETX (03h) |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

## 12. Report Format

Upon switch-on the reader sends a report via the RS232 line. The report indicates the Software Revision and data for fault diagnosis. A typical switch on report is:-
01/01/11 Andexor Ltd, EM4001 iX5 Anti-Col Reader VER 1.00/003F/1111/8227/0016/09/0060/0032

Note: The fields of the report in future versions may change. Developers are advised to future proof their host software by allowing for changes switch on report.

## 13. Data Transmission Control Routine

The transmission of card data is organised by a transmission control routine to present minimal work overhead to the host computer/controller. When a new card is read, its card data is given transmission priority over cards that are still in the field and whose data has already been sent so that the new data is usually sent within 40 mS of read time. If a card has been previously read and remains in read range, its data is re-sent every 1.25 seconds unless a new card has been read and has priority, in which case its position will drop in the send queue behind new card. If a card is removed from the field for longer than 1.25 seconds, upon re-entry it is once again given priority.
It should be noted that if a controller is detecting the absence of a particular card and there are many cards in the field, the card data may not be transmitted regularly every 1.25 seconds, especially if the card is at extreme read range. RS232 transmissions tend to interfere with card data reception so the transmission control routine sends RS232 data in packets separated by about 40 mS . This gives the iX5 the opportunity to detect cards transiently passing through the field at the edge of detection, transmission control routine.

The net result of the transmission controller is to minimise the work overhead for the host computer while maintaining read efficiency for the iX5.

## 14. The Polling System

Important Notice: The iX5 polling system is undergoing trialling/beta testing. Developers who wish to use these functions should fully evaluate all commands before use. Use of these commands may cause malfunction and the commands may change in future versions. See disclaimer.
An additional RS232 to RS485 convertor will be required for multiple reader systems.

The iX5 incorporates a set of polling commands that will reasonably support up to 100 readers. The communications are full duplex however while a reader is servicing one command, subsequent commands will be ignored until the current command has completed. The commands employ a CRC checksum. In systems with multiple readers it is important that
the command data is thoroughly checked. For commissioning, a 'FFFF' checksum may be used, however for operational use a full checksum is recommended. Reader responses do not contain a checksum for speed. If a response is deemed to be corrupted then it is a simple matter to request another response because the reader address is known. See 'Cyclic Redundancy Check (CRC)'. See also Appendix4 - Worked examples of polled commands.

### 14.1 Polling Commands Table

| CMD | Explanation | Form | Reader TX Response |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| CMD10 | Login | [STX][Address][10][Parameter][Password][CRC][ETX] | [ACK]/[NAK] |
| CMD11 | Send all cards | [STX][Address][11][CRC][ETX] | [STX][Card1][Cardn][CRLF][ETX] |
| CMD12 | Assign Strikes | [STX][Address][12][Parameter][CRC][ETX] | [ACK/][NAK] |
| CMD13 | Perform Strike | [STX][Address][13][Parameter][CRC][ETX] | [ACK][/NAK] |
| CMD14 | Send Status | [STX][Address][14][CRC][ETX] | [STX][Settings][CRLF][ETX] |
| CMD15 | New Address | [STX][Address][15][New Password][CRC][ETX] | [ACK]/[NAK] |
| CMD16 | System | [STX][Address][16][Parameter][CRC][ETX] | [ACK]/[NAK] |
| CMD17 | New Password | [STX][Address][17][New Password][CRC][ETX] | [ACK]/[NAK] |
| CMD18 | Set Volts | [STX][Address][17][Parameter][CRC][ETX] | [ACK]/[NAK] |
| CMD19 | Tune | [STX][Address][17][CRC][ETX] | [STX][Tune Setting][CRLF][ETX] |

### 14.2 10-Series Polled Command General Form

The RS232 polled commands take the general form:-
[STX][Address][Command][Parameter][CRC][ETX]

Where:-

| STX | $=$ | Start of Transmission control code 02h |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Address | $=$ | Reader 4 character address |
| Command | $=$ | Command number |
| Parameter1\&2 | $=$ | The data passed from the host to the reader |
| CRC | $=$ | Cyclic Redundancy Check |
| ETX | $=$ | End of Transmission control character 03h |
| ACK | $=$ | Command OK |
| NAK | $=$ | Command not OK |

## 15. 10-Series Polled Commands <br> CMD10 (Login) [STX][Address][10][Parameter][Password][CRC][ETX] <br> The Parameter: $\quad 01=$ login <br> $00=$ logout.

Login is required before commands that change the system settings are permitted. Commands requiring login are CMD12, CMD15, CMD16 and CMD17.

Reader Reply ACK/NAK

## CMD11 (Send All cards) [STX][Address][11][CRC][ETX]

Once the system settings have been set to poll-only operation the reader will not automatically send
card data and must be polled to send the latest cards. This command instructs the reader to send all the cards read since the last CMD11 command was performed. The reader can store up to 50cards and any cards in excess of this will be lost. Before using this command set up the system to polled-only by logging in with CMD10, and then selecting Poll-only using CMD15.

Reader Reply [STX][Card1] - [Cardn] - [Last Card][CR][LF][ETX]

## CMD12 ( Strike Period) [STX][Address][12][Parameter][CRC][ETX]

| Where the Parameter | 0 | Strike1 $=3 \mathrm{sec}$, | Strike2 $=3 \mathrm{sec}$ |
| :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | 1 | Strike1 $=3 \mathrm{sec}$ | S trike2 $=6 \mathrm{sec}$ |
| 2 | Strike1 $=3 \mathrm{sec}$, | Strike2 $=10 \mathrm{sec}$ |  |
| 3 | Strike1 $=3 \mathrm{sec}$, | Strike2 $=250 \mathrm{mS}$ |  |
| 4 | Strike1 $=6 \mathrm{sec}$, | Strike2 $=3 \mathrm{sec}$ |  |
| 5 | Strike1 $=6 \mathrm{sec}$, | Strike2 $=6 \mathrm{sec}$ |  |
| 6 | Strike1 $=6 \mathrm{sec}$, | Strike2 $=10 \mathrm{sec}$ |  |
| 7 | Strike1 $=6 \mathrm{sec}$, | Strike2 $=250 \mathrm{mS}$ |  |
| 8 | Strike1 $=10 \mathrm{sec}$, | Strike2 $=3 \mathrm{sec}$ |  |
| 9 | Strike1 $=10 \mathrm{sec}$, | Strike2 $=6 \mathrm{sec}$ |  |
| A | Strike1 $=10 \mathrm{sec}$, | Strike2 $=10 \mathrm{sec}$ |  |
| B | Strike1 $=10 \mathrm{sec}$, | Strike2 $=250 \mathrm{mS}$ |  |
| C | Strike1 $=250 \mathrm{mS}$, | Strike2 $=3 \mathrm{sec}$ |  |
| D | Strike1 $=250 \mathrm{mS}$, | Strike2 $=6 \mathrm{sec}$ |  |
| E | Strike1 $=250 \mathrm{mS}$, | Strike2 $=10 \mathrm{sec}$ |  |
| F | Strike1 $=250 \mathrm{mS}$, | Strike2 $=250 \mathrm{mS}$ |  |

Note - Requires logon.
There are two main types of door strike. One type is normally energised and the other is normally not energized. The iX5 only supports normally off strikes. There are two strike drivers are both can be activated independently. The timing period for each can also be set independently.

# CMD13 (Perform Strike/s) [STX][Address][13][Parameter][CRC][ETX] 

The Parameter: $\quad 01=$ Strike 1 cycle<br>02 = Strike2 cycle<br>03 = Strike 1 \& 2 cycle<br>Reader Reply<br>ACK/NAK

## CMD14 (Send Status) <br> [STX][Address][14][CRC][ETX]

The reader will send a status byte showing the door sensor status open/closed.

Reader Reply [STX][Status Byte][CR][LF][ETX]
Where 00 = Door Closed, 01 = Door Open : Leave bits 1 thru 7 blank for future.

## CMD15 (New Address) [STX][Address][15][New Address][CRC][ETX] <br> The Parameter: New Address = 4 Hex Characters

Note - Requires logon.
The new address must consist of 4 hexadecimal characters. These must be chose from the normal range of hexadecimal characters, namely $0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9, A, B, C, D, E, F$. Other characters are not allowed as they may contain ASCII control codes. There are 64,000 different addresses available.

Reader Reply [ACK][NAK]

## CMD16 (System)

[STX][Address][16][Parameter][CRC][ETX]
Parameter: Consists of 8 bits where
Bit0 Poll Mode on/off
Bit1-7 Not committed

To operate the reader in Poll mode this command should be sent with a parameter of 01. To return to normal mode the command should be sent with a parameter of 00 . After this command it is advisable to log out.

# CMD17 (New Password) [STX][Address][16][New Password][CRC][ETX] 

New Password: Consists of 4 hexadecimal characters

Note - Requires logon.
The new password must consist of 4 hexadecimal characters. These must be chosen from the normal range of hexadecimal characters, namely $0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9, A, B, C, D, E, F$. Other characters are not allowed as they may contain ASCII control codes. There are 64,000 different addresses available. After this command it is advisable to log out.

## CMD18 (Set volts) [STX][Address][18][Parameter][CRC][ETX]

Parameter: Consists of 2 hexadecimal characters from 00-3F

Note - Requires logon.
This is function is normally performed at the factory and controls the voltage setting of the RF. The parameter must consist of 2 hexadecimal characters. These must be chosen from the normal range of hexadecimal characters, namely $0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9, A, B, C, D, E, F$. Other characters are not allowed as they may contain ASCII control codes.

Reader Reply [ACK][NAK]

## CMD19 (Send Status) [STX][Address][19][CRC][ETX]

The reader will perform a self-tuning function.
Reader Reply [STX][Tuning setting][CR][LF][ETX]

## 16. The Cyclic Redundancy Check (CRC)

A cyclic redundancy check helps detect corrupted data due to electrical interference. In multiple reader systems it is very important to be able to detect the presence of data errors. A corrupted command to change a password or an address can have serious consequences. The reader uses a standard (Modem) 16 bit CCITT CRC. For checking purposes several of CRC calculators can be found on line. To assist in testing, examples of implementations of this CRC in the popular PIC assembler code can be found in Appendix1, and for ARM thumb assembler code in appendix2 and ATmega series assembly code in appendix3. Worked out examples of Commands with appropriate CRCs can be found in appendix4.
The general form of the polled command is as,
[STX][Address][Command][Parameter2][Parameter2][CRC][ETX].
The CRC is calculated by taking each byte of the command starting at the address field thru to the end o the parameter field. Say the reader address is 1234 and command 12 is sent, with a 00 parameter, then the address field + the command field + the parameter field will be 12341200. This is divided into bytes as follows $\$ 12, \$ 34, \$ 12$ and $\$ 00$. The CRC methods described in the appendix select the $\$ 12$ and run it through the CRC update, then the $\$ 34$, the $\$ 12$ and finally the $\$ 00$. For these test values the CRC is $\$ 8 A B B$. The CRC implementations given in the appendix are continually cycling.
Users may use their own implementations CCITT CRC16 code, however it should be noted that the examples given are byte-based and the CRC is calculated much quicker than bit-based CRC checkers.
The command transmission will be received in ASCII from the RS232 network, however, these ASCII values are not used to calculate the CRC, the original hexadecimal values are. For example the byte $\$ 12$ will be sent as an ASCII 31 followed by ASCII 32 but the iX5 uses the value $\$ 12$ to calculate the CRC, without involvement in the ASCII transmission characters.

## 17. Cable Definitions

| Wire color | Signal | Description |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Red | PWR | +12 DC input |
| Black | GND | Ground |
| Blue | RS232 | Serial RS232 Output (19,200:N,8,1) |
| Violet | RS232 | Serial RS232 Input (19,200:N,8,1) |
| White | - | Do not connect |
| Green | - | Do not connect |
| Brown | Door Status | Sends the output of the door sensor. (Open/closed) |
| Orange | Strike 1 | Remotely controlled door strike driver |
| Grey | Strike 2 | Remotely controlled door strike driver. |
| Yellow | - | Do not connect |
| Screen | GND | Earth Screen |

## 18. Emergency Reset

Passwords and addresses may get lost or mislaid. In these circumstances the user can perform an emergency reset back to the factory condition for password and address. To do this the user must isolate the reader from the other readers on line, switch off and on, and then use a terminal to type in the word 'RESET' within 4 seconds of switch on. The settings for the terminal must be 19200: N, 8, 1 (19,200 baud, no parity, 8 data bits and 1 stop bit). The reader will reset and return to the original factory values. The factory reset values are:- Password $=0000$ and Address $=0000$. The reset will not change the other system settings, such as the Strike assignment and mode of operation poll/normal. See Appendix4 for worked example of command. The examples shown in the appendix use a popular free terminal program.
Note that a CRC checksum of \$FFFF will be accepted for testing, however for system integrity a calculated CRC checksum should be used if there are multiple readers.

## 19. The Door Strike Drivers.

The Strike drivers are independent and may be operated singly and also set up for different strike periods. The strike power should be preferably taken from the 12 volt DC reader supply. A maximum voltage of 25 v is allowed for the strike and the maximum current should not exceed 0.5 amp each or 1 A in total, due to cable restrictions. The nominal resistance of each strike should be greater than 25 ohms.
If the strike is set to normally-on then the maximum permissible current is 250 mA for each strike, and the strike resistance should be greater than 50 ohms. The strike drivers are rugged intelligent FETs with inbuilt protection. The driver circuit has an additional reverse voltage diode for inductive spikes. If an external DC power source is used for the strike then care must be taken to avoid reverse polarity, the FET driver is protected but reverse current through the safety diode can cause damage to the copper track, the cables and the diode itself.
The strike is controlled by polled commands but it should be noted that these commands may still be used in normal mode. The appropriate polled command [\$02][0000][13][01][FFFF][\$03] will operate strike1, [\$02][0000][13][02][FFFF][\$03] will operate strike2, while [\$02][0000][13][03][FFFF][\$03] will operate strike1\&2. Note that for single reader applications the CRC test value of FFFF can safely be used. The period and the type of strike, may also be set using polled commands. See polled commands and also appendix4.


Above - Wiring Diagram for using Reader 12v Supply


## 20. The Door Sensor

It is many applications it is important to know if the door has been closed properly. The $\mathrm{i} X 5$ door sensing circuitry is connected to the brown wire. When the reader is polled with command 14, the reader will send [\$02][00][0A][0D][\$03] if the voltage on the brown wire is under 2volt and [\$02][01][0A][0D][\$03] if the voltage is greater than 2volt. A contact closure taken from the brown wire to 12 volt will be suitable.

## 21. Connections to a computer RS232 Port using a DB9 Socket. <br> Pin1 NC <br> Pin2 (Computer RS232 out) (Reader RS232 in) <br> Pin3 (Computer RS232 in) (Reader RS232 out) <br> Pin4 NC <br> Pin5 (Ground, Ovolt) Black Wire <br> Pin6-9 NC <br> Purple Wire <br> Blue Wire

## 22. Useful Information

For general testing we recommend the Bray terminal free from the net. It is the best software we have seen. It is available at http://braypp.googlepages.com/terminal truly excellent. The examples described will be detailed using this program, although others may be used including hyper terminal.
For all technical help contact ID-Innovations at help@id-innovations.com
For users wishing to send commands manually, STX (\$02) can be sent using CNTR/A and ETX (\$03) can be sent using CNTR/C.

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## Appendix1-CRC calculation in PIC assembly language.

; Beginning of test program

## PERF_CRC

| CALL | CRC_Init |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| movlw | $12 \quad$ CRC_Update |  |  |
| CALL |  |  |  |
| movlw | $34 \quad$ |  |  |
| call | CRC_Update |  |  |
| movlw | 12 |  |  |
| call | CRC_Update |  |  |
| movlw | 00 | ;CRC | 8ABB |
| call | CRC_Update |  |  |
| jmp | PERF_CRC |  | ;Loop indefinitely for test. |

CRC_Init
movlw $0 \times 00$; Preload the CRC Registers with $0 \times 00$
movw
movwf CRC16_LOW
retlw 0

| CRC_Update |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| xorwf | CRC16_HIGH,w |
| movwf | INDEX |
| andlw | 0xf0 |
| swapf | INDEX,F |
| xorwf | INDEX,F |
| High byte |  |
| movf | INDEX,W |
| andlw | 0xf0 |
| xorwf | CRC16_LOW,W |
| movwf | CRC16_HIGH |
| rlf | INDEX,W |
| rlf | INDEX,W |
| xorwf | CRC16_HIGH,F |
| andlw | 0xe0 |
| xorwf | CRC16_HIGH,F |
| swapf | INDEX,F |
| xorwf | INDEX, W |
| movwf | CRC16_LOW |
| retlw | 0 |

## Appendix2- CRC calculation in ARM Thumb assembly language.

| ; Beginning of test program |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Perf_crc |  |  |
| bl | crc16_INIT |  |
| Ldr | r1, $=0 \times 12$ |  |
| bl | CRC_update |  |
| Ldr | r1,=0×34 |  |
| bl | CRC_update |  |
| Ldr | r1,=0x12 |  |
| bl | CRC_update |  |
| Ldr | r1, $=0 \times 00$ |  |
| bl | CRC_update | ; $\mathrm{CRC}=8 \mathrm{ABB}$ |
| b | Perf_crc | ;Loop indefinitely for test. |
| crc16_INIT |  |  |
| push | \{Ir,r1\} |  |
| Idr | $\mathrm{r} 1,=0 \times 00$ | ; Preload the CRC Registers with 0x00 |
| strb | r1,[r11,\#CRC16_hi_b] |  |
| strb | r1,[r11,\#CRC16_lo_b] |  |
| pop | \{r1, pc \} |  |
| CRC_update |  |  |
| push | \{rr,r0,r2,r3,r4\} |  |
| Idrb | r3,[r11,\#CRC16_hi_b] |  |
| Idrb | r4,[r11,\#CRC16_lo_b] |  |
| eor | r1,r3,r1 |  |
| mov | r2,r1 |  |


| and | r1,\#0xf0 |
| :---: | :---: |
| \|s| | r2,\#4 |
| ubfx | r0,r2,\#8,\#4 |
| add | r2,r0 |
| and | r2,\#0xff |
| eor | r2,r1 |
| and | r1,r2,\#0xf0 |
| eor | r3,r4,r1 |
| \|s| | r1,r2,\#1 |
| tst | r1,\#0x100 |
| orrne | r1,\#0x01 |
| and | r1,\#0xff |
| eor | r3,r1 |
| and | r1,\#0xe0 |
| eor | r3, r 1 |
| \|s| | r2,\#4 |
| ubfx | r0,r2,\#8,\#4 |
| add | r2,r0 |
| and | r2,\#0xff |
| eor | r1,r2,r1 |
| mov | r4,r1 |
| strb | r3,[r11,\#CRC16_hi_b] |
| strb | r4,[r11,\#CRC16_lo_b] |
| pop | \{r4,r3,r2,r0,pc\} |

## Appendix3- CRC calculation in Atmel ATmega assembly language.

| ; Beginning of test program |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Test: | call | inits |  |
|  | Idi | r16,\#0x12 |  |
|  | CALL | CRC_Update3 |  |
|  | 1 di | r16,\#0×34 |  |
|  | CALL | CRC_Update3 |  |
|  | Idi | r16,\#0x12 |  |
|  | CALL | CRC_Update3 |  |
|  | Idi | r16,\#0x00 |  |
|  | CALL | CRC_Update3 | ;CRC = 8ABB |
|  | Jmp | Test | ;Loop indefinitely for test |
| Inits: | Idi | r16,0x00 | ; Preload the CRC Registers with 0x00 |
|  | sts | CRC16_HIGH, r16 |  |
|  | sts | CRC16_LOW, r16 |  |
|  | ret |  |  |
| CRC_Update3: |  |  |  |
|  | Ids | r17, CRC16_HIGH |  |
|  | eor | r16, r17 |  |


| sts | INDEX, r16 |
| :---: | :---: |
| andi | r16, 0xf0 |
| Ids | r17,index |
| swap | r17 |
| eor | r16, r17 |
| sts | index, r16 |
| ; High byte |  |
| andi | r16, 0xf0 |
| Ids | r17, CRC16_LOW |
| eor | r16, r17 |
| sts | CRC16_HIGH, r16 |
| Ids | r17, index |
| rol | r17 |
| Ids | r17, index |
| rol | r17 |
| Ids | r16, CRC16_HIGH |
| eor | r16, r17 |
| sts | crc16_high, r16 |
| andi | r17, 0xe0 |
| Ids | r16, crc16_high |
| eor | r16, r17 |
| sts | crc16_high, r16 |
| Ids | r16, index |
| swap | r16 |
| sts | index, r16 |
| eor | r17, r16 |
| sts | crc16_low, r17 |
| ret |  |

## Appendix4 - Worked examples of polled commands.

All polled commands assume an initial reader address and password of 0000

1) Login
Explained in detail
2) Logout
3) Change mode to poll
4) Change mode to non poll
5) Assign strike mode
6) Perform Strike
7) Read Door Contacts
8) Change Reader Address
9) Change Reader Password
10) Emergence Reset Password and Address
11) Command 10, Logon/off - Explained in detail

System values may only be changed if the user has Logged in with the reader password. The reader password as supplied is $\$ 0000$ and the reader address is $\$ 0000$

| General Form | [STX][Address][10][Parameter][Password][CRC][ETX] |
| :---: | :---: |
| Logon on | [\$02] [\$0000] [\$10] [\$01] [0000] [\$2C97] [\$03] |
| As Appears on Bray Macro | \$020000100100002C97\$03 or \$02000010010000FFFF\$03 |
| Log off | [\$02] [\$0000] [\$10] [\$00] [0000] [\$1BA7] [\$03] |
| As Appears on Bray Macro | \$020000100000001BA7\$03 or\$02000010000000FFFF\$03 |

Step1 Run the Bray terminal. See 'Useful Information - Bray terminal'
Step2 Set up terminal to 19200 baud, no parity, 8 data bits, 1 stop bit.
Step3 Click 'Connect'
Step4 Set keyboard to Upper Case
Step5 Click 'Set Macros'. The Macro table 1 thru 24 will appear.
Step6 In M1 type \$020000100100002C97\$03

OR

In M1 type $\$ 02000010010000$ FFFF $\$ 03$ - Using test CRC = \$FFFF
(Take Note that the control keys have been preceded by a ' $\$$ ', all other values are normal hex values)
Step7 Click 'M1' once and this will send the command.
2) Command 11, Send all Cards

As Appears on Bray Macro \$020000110210\$03 or \$02000011FFFF\$03
3) Command 12, Strike Period

Example - select both 6 second As Appears on Bray Macro
\$02000012056511\$03
or
\$0200001205FFFF\$03
4) Command 13 Perform strike

Example - Cycle both Strike1 \&2
As appears n Bray Macro
$\$ 02000013036643 \$ 03$
or
\$0200001303FFFF\$03R
5) Command 14 Read Door Status

As appears in Bray Macro
\$0200001452B5\$03
or
\$02000014FFFF\$03
6) Command 15 Change Reader Address As appears in Bray Macro
7) Command 16 Set System Response Example - Set to Normal As appears in Bray Macro
8) Command 17 Change Password Example 1, change from 0000 to 3333

Example 2, Change from 3333 to 0000 As appears in Bray Macro
10) Command 18 Set Power

Example 1, Set power to 1F (HEX)
11) Command 19 Tune Example 1, Tune Reader
\$020000151234BB55\$03
\$0200001600A9D5\$03
\$0200001733339005\$03
or
or
or
or
\$020000151234FFFF\$03
\$0200001600FFFF\$03
\$020000173333 FFFF\$03
\$020000170000FFFFF\$03
\$020000181FFFFF\$03
\$02000019FFFF\$03

## Appendix5 - Error Messages

| Err1 | External Beeper Connection Problem Detected If the Reader Model has an External Beeper connection the beeper has been disabled due to a possible external short. The reader will continue without beeping. |
| :---: | :---: |
| Err2 | Current Overload Detected |
|  | The reader has detected a high current and will close down and restart. |
| Err3 | RF High Voltage Detected |
|  | The reader has detected an RF high voltage. This may be due to the proximity of metal works or another nearby reader. The reader will close down and start again. |
| Err4 | RF High Current Detected |
|  | The RF circuits are drawing high current. The reader will incrementally reduce RF power over a period of time until RF current is acceptable. |
| Err5 | Memory Problem Detected |
|  | The system has detected a CRC error on its firmware. This can be caused by a reader failure, X rays, neutrino bombardment, lightning, laser cannon or tampering. If the message is repeated contact the vendor. |
| Err6 | Amplifier High Volt Condition Detected |
|  | One of the internal amplifiers has a fault condition |
| Err7 | Amplifier Low Volt Condition Detected |
|  | One of the internal amplifiers has a fault condition. |
| Err8 | Tuning at High Limit Warning |
|  | The reader is probably too near substantial metal fixtures. |
| Err9 | Tuning at Low Limit Warning |

The reader is probably too near substantial metal fixtures.

## Appendix6 - Information Messages

Poll Address and Poll Password reset to 0000 - (Restarting reader now).
The message received after a user 'RESET' command is used. The address and password have been reset to '0000'

