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1 NETWORK AIS RECEIVER WITH ETHERNET



2 DOCUMENT

2.1 About This Manual

This Manual provides installation, operating Instructions and fault-finding procedures for the equipment to which it relates.

After installation, this manual should remain with the vessel to which it relates.

This manual may also be made available in electronic Portable Document Format (PDF). In PDF format, the following categories are all enabled as active hyperlink references: (1) The titles of each section; (2) document cross-references; (3) the table of contents.

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4 GENERAL NOTICES



SAFETY: Make sure the power supply is switched off before you make any electrical connections to the unit.



INSTALLATION: This equipment must be installed in accordance with the instructions provided in this manual. Failure to do so could result in poor performance, personal injury and/or damage to your vessel and/or connected equipment.



CABLES: The supplied cables should only be cut, shortened or lengthened by an appropriate supplier.



COMPASS: The compass safe distance of this unit is 0.5 m or greater for 0.3° deviation.

In accordance with a policy of continual development and product improvement, hardware and software may be upgraded from time to time, and future versions of equipment may therefore not correspond exactly with this manual.

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This device complies with part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) This device may not cause harmful interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

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5 INTRODUCTION

5.1 Background to AIS

AIS is an Automatic Identification System. For improved safety and specifically for collision avoidance reasons, vessels need to know the position, details and navigational intentions of other vessels within VHF range.

IMO regulations covering most commercial vessels worldwide have been passed requiring that AIS transponders are fitted to all commercial vessels over 300 GRT (Gross Registered Tonnage) on international voyages.

The transponders use VHF frequencies to:

Transmit details of their own vessel

Receive details from other vessels or navigation aids within VHF range

5.2 About the R400N

The R400N is a dual channel AIS receiver unit with built in Ethernet and USB interfaces, designed specifically for coastal monitoring of AIS equipped vessels.

Connected to an Ethernet Network and directly or via a Router to a PC running compatible software, AIS data transmitted from ships within range can be displayed on the screen giving a visual interpretation of the traffic within VHF range. The unit can also be mounted at a remote location and AIS data sent over the Internet to a fixed IP address for use on a dedicated server.

A USB connection is also provided for local monitoring of AIS traffic on a local PC.

Information transmitted from vessels fitted with AIS transponders includes:

- Name of Vessel
- Speed (SOG)
- Position
- MMSI Number
- Rate of Turn
- Destination
- Call Sign
- Course (COG)
- Navigational Status
- IMO Number
- Size of Vessel
- ETA
- Type of Vessel
- Heading
- Vessel Dimensions
- Draft
- Status
- Cargo

Note: Not all the above information is necessarily transmitted by each vessel.

6 PARTS LIST

Before proceeding with the installation of the R400N, check the contents of the box which should include:

The R400N AIS Receiver Unit

Universal 100-250 V ac / 12 V dc Power Supply

Antenna Connector Adaptor

USB Cable

Network Cable

R400N Installation CD

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7 INSTALLATION

7.1 Mounting

The R400N Receiver can be mounted to a suitable bulkhead or shelf.

Hint: Select a location away from excessive heat sources, avoid high levels of vibration and shock.

7.2 Power Connection

Fit the universal power supply with the correct adaptor for your local power. Plug the 2.1 mm jack into the rear of the R400N and switch on the power.

Hint: Alternatively the unit will accept 9-30 V dc from an alternative source capable of supplying 1 Amp. The centre pin is Positive.

7.3 Antenna Installation

A VHF antenna is not supplied as the type of antenna and cable requirements differ for each installation. An antenna can be acquired from a local marine electronics outlet.

Shore based reception is governed by local terrain, however an open view to the sea with an antenna mounted in the clear at a height of approximately 20 metres will achieve 25 miles plus, higher gain antenna can be used on shore to further increase the range.

Hint: The antenna connector type is BNC, 50Ω

Hint: The higher the antenna is located, the greater the range

Hint: Mount the antenna with a relatively clear view of the horizon. Large obstructions that might shade the antenna should be avoided.

Hint: A higher gain antenna will increase reception range.

Hint: Normally an omni-directional antenna is recommended; however a directional antenna such as a 3 element Yagi can be used to increase range in one particular direction.

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8 CONFIGURATION

8.1 Connection to a PC by USB

The R400N can be monitored locally by connecting it via the USB port to a PC. The drivers supplied on the CD create a virtual com Port so that data can be viewed by the supplied Comar AIS Viewer program or by any other AIS viewing program which requires a com port connection.

8.2 Connection to a Network

The R400N can be connected to a standard PC, Network Router or Switch. Note if connecting directly to a PC you will need a crossover cable.

When connected to a network the yellow LED on the network connection should be on. If no yellow LED is shown then the unit has not detected a link. The green LED will blink when data is transmitted or received.

The CD included with the product contains the program ***Digi Device Discovery*** utility program for setting up and configuring the unit.

8.3 Configuring the Network

To install the Digi Device Discovery program on your PC run the “Device Discovery” installation executable file in the “Device Discovery” folder on the CD, and follow the set up wizard.

When the Device Discovery software is installed, select “Device Discovery” from the installed applications.

If you have installed the R400N on your local network, the device will be displayed as a Connected ME device.

The screenshot shows the Digi Device Discovery application window. On the left, there are three panels: 'Device Tasks' (Open web interface, Telnet to command line, Configure network settings, Restart device), 'Other Tasks' (Refresh view, Help and Support), and 'Details' for the selected 'Digi Connect ME' device (Configured (DHCP), IP address: 10.0.16.80, Subnet mask: 255.255.0.0, Default gateway: 10.0.1.1, Serial ports: 1, Firmware: dck9 01/25/2010 ...). The main area is a table of discovered devices.

IP Address	MAC Address	Name	Device
10.0.16.10	00:04:F3:01:D8:CF		ConnectPort X5 R ZB GPRS
10.0.16.14	00:40:9D:3C:1E:0F		ConnectPort X4
10.0.16.35	00:40:9D:23:87:8B		PortServer TS 16
10.0.16.40	00:40:9D:3C:52:EC		ConnectPort X2
10.0.16.46	00:40:9D:29:78:E6	TravisX8	ConnectPort X8
10.0.16.55	00:40:9D:29:8D:33		Digi Connect ES 8 SB
10.0.16.57	00:40:9D:3B:98:AC		ConnectPort X2
10.0.16.65	00:04:F3:01:F9:A2		ConnectPort X5 F ZB GPRS
10.0.16.66	00:40:9D:3B:98:AF		ConnectPort X2
10.0.16.67	00:40:9D:32:E1:F7		ConnectPort X8
10.0.16.76	00:40:9D:3B:98:82		ConnectPort X2
10.0.16.80	00:40:9D:27:33:63		Digi Connect ME
10.0.110.32	00:04:F3:01:D8:C3		ConnectPort X5 F ZB GPRS
10.0.110.33	00:04:F3:01:D8:8B		ConnectPort X5 R ZB GPRS
10.0.115.11	00:40:9D:29:8D:4A		ConnectPort X4 NEMA
10.0.115.242	00:40:9D:28:55:02		PortServer TS 16 Rack
10.0.117.8	00:40:9D:23:25:A7		PortServer TS 2 H
10.0.127.34	00:40:9D:23:00:5C		PortServer TS 4 MEI
10.0.128.5	00:40:0D:28:ED:AD		PortServer TS 16 Rack

At the bottom left, it says '19 devices' and at the bottom right, 'My Device Network'.

9 DISCOVERY TROUBLESHOOTING TIPS

9.1 Firewalls:

Check to make sure that any software firewalls (common examples are Windows Firewall and most popular Anti-Virus software) are disabled. These can block the discovery process, also any physical firewall will almost certainly block the discovery process as well.

9.2 Trouble discovering a Digi device using Windows XP

Trouble discovering a Digi device using Windows XP with Service Pack 2. You will need to make sure that the Windows Firewall is disabled. By default it is enabled and will block the port that the discovery software uses to discover Digi. To disable the firewall go to Start> Settings> Control Panel> Windows Firewall; then click the off button to disable it.

9.3 Routers or Switches:

Is there a router between the computer running the discovery utility and the Digi device itself? Normally, routers will block the discovery process. If possible remove them and use a hub instead. If there is a switch in between this may or may not be a problem. Occasionally they are configured to block the discovery traffic. If unsure use a hub or a direct Ethernet cable connection, also in case the port on your Router/Switch/Hub is at fault, try an alternative port as well.

9.4 Cabling:

If nothing else works try using a direct crossover Ethernet cable directly between the computer and the Digi device. Another option is to try another Ethernet cable.

9.5 Ethernet LED:

Check the Ethernet Link LED on the Digi device. Is it lit solid? If not, there is not a valid network connection and it will not be possible to discover the device.

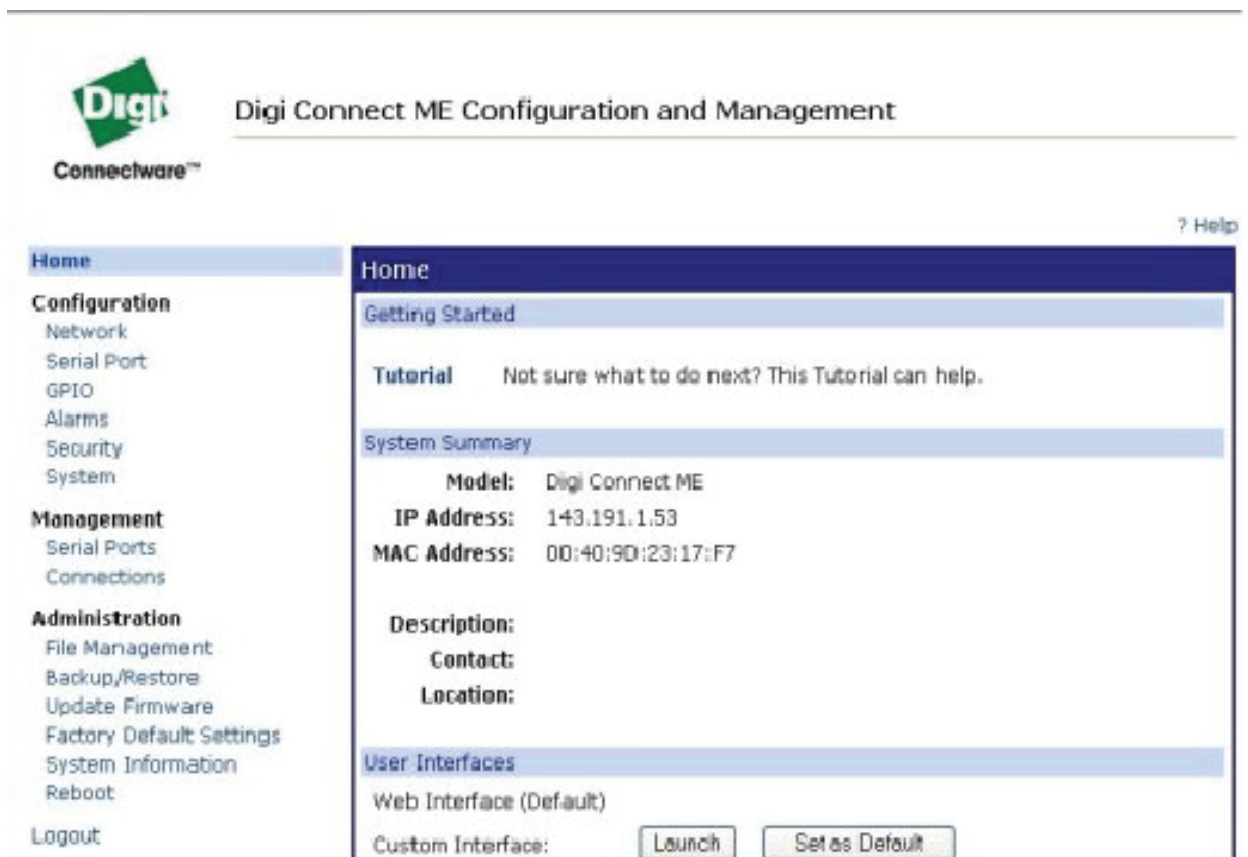
9.6 Network Adapters:

Make sure the proper network adapter is enabled, also ensure all other network adapters are disabled. If more than one network adapter is enabled, this can cause the discovery process to fail.

10 CONFIGURING THE NETWORK SETTINGS

Device Discovery has the facility to quickly configure the unit to your own network, select **Configure Network Settings**, this brings up a new window which will give you the choice of letting Windows assign an IP address, or alternatively you can give the unit a fixed IP address.

Alternatively you can select **Open Web Interface**, which will open a login dialog box, the default username is **root** and the default password is **dbps**. Once entered it will connect you directly to the internal web browser, and open it on its home page as below:



The screenshot shows the Digi Connect ME Configuration and Management web interface. The page has a header with the Digi logo and the title "Digi Connect ME Configuration and Management". A navigation menu on the left includes sections for Home, Configuration (Network, Serial Port, GPIO, Alarms, Security, System), Management (Serial Ports, Connections), Administration (File Management, Backup/Restore, Update Firmware, Factory Default Settings, System Information, Reboot), and Logout. The main content area is titled "Home" and contains sections for "Getting Started", "Tutorial" (with a link to help), "System Summary" (displaying Model: Digi Connect ME, IP Address: 143.191.1.53, and MAC Address: 00:40:9D:23:17:F7), "Description", "Contact", "Location", and "User Interfaces". The "User Interfaces" section shows "Web Interface (Default)" and "Custom Interface:" with "Launch" and "Set as Default" buttons.

However if you wish to use your favourite browser then simply navigate to the IP address that has been assigned to the unit, for example <http://192.168.1.200>.

Configure the device to your requirements. Use the help function F1, for assistance.

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11 OPERATION

Operation of the R400N unit is fully automatic and only requires power, VHF and data cable connection.

On powering up the unit:

The green LED marked ON should illuminate

The Channel LEDs should come on briefly then go off

The Channel A and B LEDs should flash momentarily when information from nearby transceivers is received

Data is then output for visual or textual viewing on compatible electronic charting systems or other systems or devices.

12 TROUBLESHOOTING

12.1 No power LED is displayed

Check the power supply and that the unit is connected correctly to a 12 or 24 V dc supply

Check the polarity of the supply is correct. The center pin of the 2.1mm jack is positive

12.2 Channel 1 and Channel 2 LEDs do not flash

Check that a VHF antenna is fitted and correctly connected

Check that the antenna is correctly positioned, i.e. at a suitable location to visibly 'see' vessels

13 SPECIFICATION

R400N is a compact dual channel synthesized VHF Receiver designed to receive and decode all transmissions from vessels fitted with Class A or B AIS transceivers, Aids to Navigation, and SARTS.

13.1 Electrical	
Power Supply Range:	9 - 30 V dc
Power Consumption:	300 mA @ 12 V dc
Baud Rate:	38,400 Baud (38.4Kb)
Format:	ITU/ NMEA 0183
Output Message:	VDM
13.2 Receiver	
Frequency:	Channel A 161.975 MHz Channel B 162.025 MHz
Channel Spacing:	25 kHz
Sensitivity:	> -112dBm @ 20% MER
Demodulation:	GMSK
Data Rate:	9600
Antenna Impedance:	50 Ω
13.3 Physical	
Dimensions:	L132 x W106 x H46 mm
Weight:	600 g
Mounting:	4 mounting holes in end plates
Connectors:	Antenna BNC
Ethernet Port:	RJ-45
USB Port	Type B (Cable Supplied)
Power:	2.1 mm Phono plug
Construction:	Aluminium, ABS End Caps
Finish:	Black Fine Texture Paint, Grey ABS

14 LIMITED WARRANTY

Comar Systems Ltd warrants this product to be free from defects in materials and manufacture for one year from the date of purchase. Comar Systems Ltd will, at its sole option, repair or replace any components that fail in normal use. Such repairs or replacement will be made at no charge to the customer for parts and labour. The customer is, however, responsible for any transportation costs incurred in returning the unit to Comar Systems Ltd.

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