

# iCon Communication Fault Finding Manual

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## 1. Communication Fault Finding Test

### 1.1 Check for any shorts

Use a DVM ( Digital Volt Meter ) and check for any shorts between A,B,G,V,  
 typically if there are no shorts the reading will be approx 1k $\Omega$  or greater ,  
 if there is a short the reading will be approx 1-10 $\Omega$



Pass    Approx. 1000 $\Omega$  or greater  
 Fail    Approx. 1-10 $\Omega$

### 1.2 Check for Incorrect Wiring      (e.g. V into A or B)

Use a DVM ( Digital Volt Meter )  
 (Note ensure Touch Screen USB-RS485 device is not attached during this test)  
 The resistance reading between G and A should be almost identical to G and A

#### **Example: A**

14 x sensors, 1 x I/O, 1 x Console

	G-A	G-B	
Good Wiring	1185 $\Omega$	1186 $\Omega$	(Under 10 $\Omega$ difference is OK)
Bad Wiring (V into B slot)	1185 $\Omega$	1276 $\Omega$	(Above 10 $\Omega$ difference is possible problem)

#### **Example: B**

12 x sensors, 2 x I/O, 2 x Console

	G-A	G-B	
Good Wiring	1765 $\Omega$	1761 $\Omega$	(Under 10 $\Omega$ difference is OK)
Bad Wiring (V into B slot)	1765 $\Omega$	1790 $\Omega$	(Above 10 $\Omega$ difference is possible problem)

#### **Example: C**

12 x sensors, 2 x I/O, 2 x Console

	G-A	G-B	
Good Wiring	1765 $\Omega$	1761 $\Omega$	(Under 10 $\Omega$ difference is OK)
Bad Wiring (G into A slot)	1738 $\Omega$	1762 $\Omega$	(Above 10 $\Omega$ difference is possible problem)

#### **Example: D**

If A & B are wired incorrect at a sensor, the system will work, but this sensor will simply not communicate.

#### **Example: E**

If G is wired into A or B, the system will work, but this sensor will simply not communicate.

## 2. Quick System Check

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- Ensure System is Power OFF ☐
- Check Communication wiring (A,B,G,V) at Stat, Console, I/O Boxes ☐
- Check I/O Boxes {220v Outputs, Switch Lives & Inputs} are wired correctly ☐
- Set address on all I/O Modules ☐
- Power ON system ☐
- Set Zone address on all stats ☐
- Calibrate all stats ☐
- Set Time at the Console ☐
- Set all Zone SP to a value above Zero ☐
- Ensure each Zone Schedule is set up. ☐

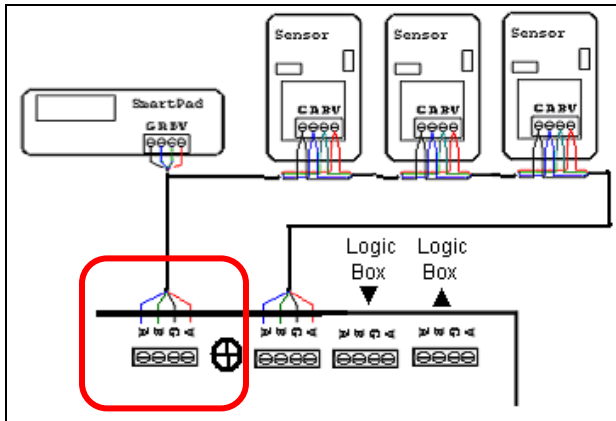
### 3. Check Comms on A & B

Use a DVM ( Digital Volt Meter ) and check for commutation on channel A,B,

DVM set to AC voltage

Open Logic Block with the console attached

Check for communication at Sensor Out      A B G V



#### Check Channel A

Ground Lead (Black Cable)

Attached to G

Voltage Lead (Red Cable)

Attached to A

Result

Pass    Approx every 6 sec you should see the voltage jump to above 1v then back to 0v

Fail    Stays at 0v

#### Check Channel B

Ground Lead (Black Cable)

Attached to G

Voltage Lead (Red Cable)

Attached to B

Result

Pass    Approx every 6 sec you should see the voltage jump to above 1v then back to 0v

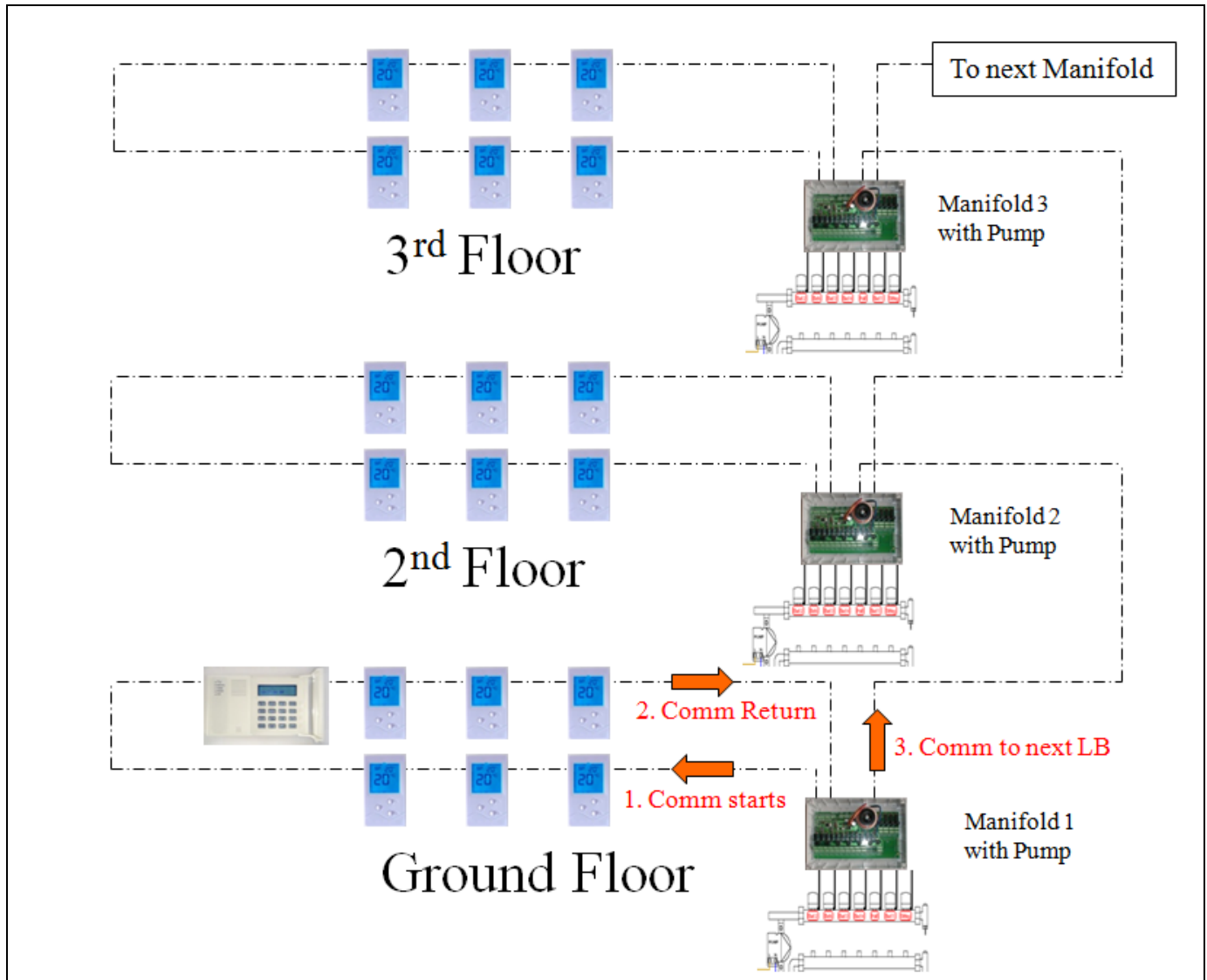
Fail    Stays at 0v

#### **4. Comms Failure – Step to Check**

- a) Isolate 1<sup>st</sup> logic box / Console / Stats on this logic box
  - 1. Power off system.
  - 2. Disconnect Logic box out cable (Now only 1 logic box in the system)
  - 3. Power on system,
  - 4. Repeat tested on Comms channel A&B
  
- b) Isolate 1<sup>st</sup> logic box / Console / Reduce qty of stats
  - 1. Power off system.
  - 2. Disconnect Logic box out cable (Now only 1 logic box in the system)
  - 3. Power on system,
  - 4. Repeat tested on Comms channel A&B
  
- c) Isolate 1<sup>st</sup> logic box / Console
  - 1. Power off system.
  - 2. Disconnect Logic box out cable (Now only 1 logic box in the system)
  - 3. Power on system,
  - 4. Repeat tested on Comms channel A&B

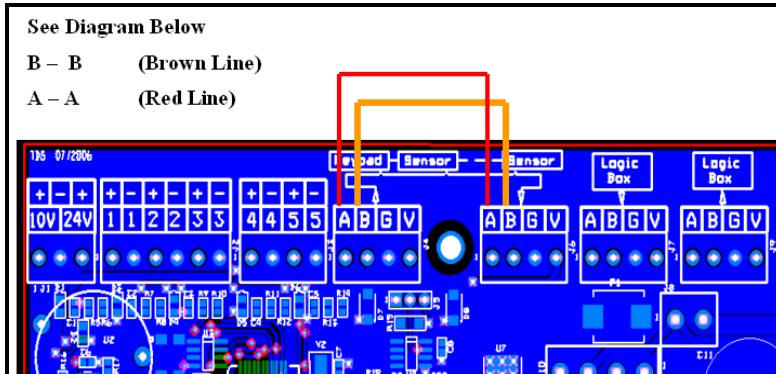
Objective of the above is to reducing the system until system comms are working,  
Either the last device or cable disconnected from the system is the problem.

## 5. iCon RS485 - (Comms Direction)



## 6. Wiring a Logic Box with no Sensors or console

If no console or sensor connected to a logic box the RS485 network connection must be jumper



## 7. Sensor Comm Status

### Accessing Sensor Comms Diagnostic

Simultaneously pressing	HOME and MODE keys
Password	3105
Press	Enter Key

1<sup>st</sup> screen displays Sensor Communication States

