PDW30 & PDW90 Repeater Field Unit
Instruction Manual

Wireless System

- Wireless Repeater Unit in a Rugged, Industrial Housing
- Simple to Order, Configure, & Install
- Increase Range an Additional 1 Mile Line-of-Sight, 500 Ft Indoor
- Remote or Attached Antenna
- Flanges for Wall or Pipe Mounting
- Software Available for Even Easier Setup
- Rugged, IP68, NEMA 4X Enclosure

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Introduction

Precision Digital PDW30R wireless signal repeaters are used to retransmit wireless signals when connectivity between PDW30 or PDW90 wireless units is an issue. They are incredibly simple to install as they only require power and a network ID. Any units in range of the repeater with the same network ID will retransmit through it, thus increasing signal strength. Use repeaters to broadcast over very long distances or around permanent obstacles.

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**General**

- **Display**: 32-character dual-line alphanumeric dot matrix LCD display with backlight (4.68mm x 2.21mm characters)
- **Display Orientation**: Display may be mounted at 180° from default orientation
- **Network ID**: Field selectable: 0 - 99
- **Programming Methods**: Four programming buttons (behind glass) or PC with PDW Manager software.
- **Password**: A programmable password restricts modification of programmed settings.
- **Power**: 12-28 VDC, 5 W max
- **Non-Volatile Memory**: All programmed settings are stored in non-volatile memory for a minimum of ten years if power is lost.
- **Isolation**: 500 V
- **Environmental**: Operating temperature range: -40 to 65°C (display inoperable < -20 °C); Storage temperature range: -40 to 85°C; Relative humidity: 0 to 90% non-condensing
- **Connections**: Removable screw terminal blocks accept 16 to 30 AWG wire.
- **Enclosure**: Cast aluminum with glass window, 0.30% max copper content, corrosion resistant powder coating, color: blue. NEMA 4X/IP68. Two ½” NPT threaded conduit openings. One ½” NPT stainless steel conduit plug with 10 mm hex key fitting installed.

**Wireless Radio**

- **Frequency**: 900 MHz
- **Range**: 500 ft (152.4 m) indoor, 1 mi (1.61 km) outdoor (line-of-sight)
- **Encryption**: AES 128-bit encryption available using PDW Manager software
- **Interference Reduction**: Frequency Hopping Spread Spectrum (FHSS)
- **Power Output**: 24 dBm (250 mW)
- **Sensitivity**: -101 dBm
- **System Requirements**: Microsoft® Windows® XP/Vista/7/8/10
- **Communications**: USB 2.0 (Standard USB A to Micro USB B)
- **Configuration**: Configure devices one at a time
Safety Information

Caution: Read complete instructions prior to installation and operation of the device.

Warning: Read all product labels completely and follow all instructions and requirements listed on the labels for installation or service.

Warning! Installation and service should be performed only by trained service personnel. Service requiring replacement of internal components must be performed at the factory.

Installation
All pushbuttons and wiring connectors are accessed by opening the enclosure. To access electrical connectors, remove the 2 captive screws and remove the display assembly. Pushbuttons may also be accessed using the magnet assembly if reed switches are installed.

Unpacking
Remove both units from box. Inspect the packaging and contents for damage. Report damages, if any, to the carrier. If any part is missing or the unit malfunctions, please contact your supplier or the factory for assistance.
Pre-Installed Conduit Plug
The PDW30R is supplied with one pre-installed optional conduit plug for installations that do not require the use of both conduit entries. The conduit plug includes an internal hexagonal socket recess for removal.

Mounting Instructions
The PDW30R has two mounting holes that may be used for a 1.5" pipe mounting or wall mounting. Alternatively, the unit may be supported by the conduit using the conduit holes provided.
It can also be mounted by using the PDA6963 mounting bracket in order to orient the device antenna away from the pipe. Refer to Mounting Dimensions on page 15 for details on wall or panel space requirements.

Cover Jam Screw
The cover jam screw should be properly installed once the unit has been wired and tested in a safe environment. The cover jam screw is intended to prevent the removal of the device cover while in operation without the use of tools. Using a M2 hex wrench, turn the screw clockwise until the screw contacts the device. Turn the screw an additional 1/4 to 1/2 turn to secure the cover.
Caution: Excess torque may damage the threads and/or wrench.

FCC Notice
Contains FCC ID: MCQ-XB900HP
The enclosed device complies with Part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (i.) this device may not cause harmful interference and (ii.) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

IMPORTANT
The RF module has been certified for remote and base radio applications. If the module will be used for portable applications, the device must undergo SAR testing. This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation.
This equipment generates, uses and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation.

If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures: Re-orient or relocate the receiving antenna, Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver, Connect equipment and receiver to outlets on different circuits, or consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

Canada (IC) Notice
Contains Model: XB900HP, IC: 1846A-XB900HP
Integrator is responsible for its product to comply with IC ICES-003 & FCC Part 15, Sub. B - Unintentional Radiators. ICES-003 is the same as FCC Part 15 Sub. B and Industry Canada accepts FCC test report or CISPR 22 test report for compliance with ICES-003.
Connections
To access the power connector, remove the enclosure cover and unscrew the two captive stainless steel screws. Remove the electronics assembly from the enclosure. The power connection is made to a two-terminal removable connector on the back of the assembly. Grounding connections are made to the two ground screws provided on the base – one internal and one external.

Warning!
- Static electricity can damage sensitive components.
- Observe safe handling precautions for static-sensitive components.
- Use proper grounding procedures/codes.
- Observe all safety regulations. Electrical wiring should be performed in accordance with all agency requirements and applicable national, state, and local codes to prevent damage to the device and ensure personnel safety.

Figure 1 below shows the locations of screw terminal blocks on the rear of the wireless unit assembly. 

Note: Digital I/O, Modbus, and Signal connections are not used with the repeater unit.

Figure 1. PDW30 Device Assembly, Rear View

Power Connector
Power connections are made to a two-terminal connector labeled POWER in Figure 1. The PDW30 is reverse polarity protected; it will not be damaged if wired backward. Make sure that the power supply can provide between 12 and 28 VDC to the wireless device.

Figure 2. Power Connections
Setup and Programming

Overview

Setup and programming is done through the programming buttons located underneath the enclosure cover. After power connection has been completed and verified, apply power to the device.

Programming Buttons

The units can be programmed using the buttons located behind the enclosure cover. Use the menu button to enter or exit programming mode, the next button to cycle forward through menu options, the previous button to cycle backward through menu options, and the enter button to select the menu item or option you want.

During number entry, use the next button to select a digit and the previous button to increment the selected digit.

Press the display button while in run mode to show the current analog and digital inputs and outputs.

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<tr>
<td>MENU</td>
<td>Menu</td>
<td>RSSI</td>
<td>Received Signal Strength Indicator Indicating the wireless signal strength between wireless devices on a scale of 1 to 10. If the repeater is used in a PDW90 installation, this value represents the signal strength between the base station and the repeater. If the repeater is used in a PDW30 installation, this value represents the signal strength between the primary unit and the repeater.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ENTER</td>
<td>Enter</td>
<td>RT</td>
<td>Receiving/Transmitting Flashes while the devices are sending and/or receiving data</td>
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<tr>
<td>PREV</td>
<td>Previous</td>
<td></td>
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<td></td>
<td>Cycle backward through menus or increment digit</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>DISP/NEXT</td>
<td>Next</td>
<td>REP</td>
<td>Repeater Indicates that the device is a repeater unit. This distinction is fixed and cannot be changed.</td>
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PDW Manager Software
The unit can also be programmed using the PC based *PDW Manager*. Units connect to a PC via the micro USB connection on their face, underneath the enclosure cover.
Use of PDW Manager is required for programming advanced settings such as wireless encryption.
*Note: Units must be powered externally prior to programming via USB.*

PDW Manager is available on the included CD or online at [www.predig.com/PDWManager](http://www.predig.com/PDWManager).

Instructions on the use of PDW Manager to program the PDW30 wireless units can be found under Programming with PDW Manager on page 13.
Setup Menu

The setup menu consists of network ID, password, and factory defaults restoration.

Entering Numeric Values

Numeric values are set using the next and previous buttons. Press next to select next digit and previous to increment digit value. The selected digit will flash.

Press the enter button, at any time, to accept the value or the menu button to exit without saving.

Network ID

The network ID determines with which wireless devices the repeater will connect. The repeater unit must share the same network ID as the other wireless devices in order to communicate with them.
Password Setup

Both the primary and secondary wireless units may be protected with a four-digit numeric password in order to prevent unauthorized tampering. When a password has been set, you will be prompted to enter that password in order to access the device menu.

To disable password protection, simply enter 0000 as the password.

Note: See Entering Numeric Values on page 11 for instructions on how to enter numbers

Making Changes to a Password Protected Repeater

Once a password has been set on the device, you will be required to enter that password before being allowed to access the device menu.

Restore Defaults

If a mistake has been made while programming the primary or secondary device, and it is unclear where the error occurred, the best option may be to perform a factory reset of the device and begin again.
Programming with PDW Manager
PDW Manager allows you to program the PDW30R wireless repeater unit from a PC with a USB connection. The unit connects to a PC via the micro USB connection on its face, underneath the enclosure cover. Use of PDW Manager is required for programming advanced settings such as wireless encryption. PDW Manager can be found on the included CD or downloaded from www.predig.com/PDWManager. Once the software is running, power the unit using a 12/24 VDC power supply and connect the device to the PC using the provided USB cable.

The PC will automatically install the appropriate device drivers. Once this has completed, the device will appear in the Device list at the top of the PDW Manager window. Click Connect.

The image below shows the available options on the configuration tab while the repeater unit is connected.

Note: The two calibration tabs and the IO Testing tab are not applicable to the repeater unit.
Device communication can be secured by enabling 128-bit AES encryption. A channel mask may also be set for interference immunity. The encryption key and channel mask may be entered on the Advanced tab.

Once you have entered the encryption information, click Save Settings. The wireless devices must share identical encryption keys in order to communicate, so be sure to enter the same information for the second unit.
Mounting Dimensions

Figure 3. Enclosure Dimensions – Front View

Figure 4. Enclosure Dimensions – Side Cross Section View

Note: The supplied conduit plug may extend up to 0.6 in [15 mm] from the conduit opening when installed.

PDA6963 Stainless Steel Pipe Mounting Kit

Figure 5. PDA6963 Stainless Steel Pipe Mounting Kit
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