# Data Sheet – BASgatewayLX



# BASgatewayLX — Modbus to BACnet® Converter

The BASgatewayLX makes Modbus device commissioning fast and easy thanks to pre-built device profiles and virtual routing. Modbus remains a popular network interface, and is commonly found on jobs such as boiler control, variable speed drives, and metering applications, but these devices lack BACnet compliance. To make Modbus devices appear as individual BACnet devices a BASgatewayLX is used. This device has one 10/100 Mbps Modbus TCP and BACnet/IP Ethernet port and an opto-isolated Modbus EIA-485 serial port for Modbus RTU or Modbus ASCII devices. A total of 100 Modbus serial or TCP devices, represented by up to 1000 points can be made visible to the BACnet network by using a BASgatewayLX. BACnet COV notification is supported on 200 points (100 Analog and 100 Binary points). The virtual routing feature in the BASgatewayLX allows each connected Modbus device to appear as an individual BACnet compliant device. What is needed is a device profile for each Modbus type device. Contemporary Controls maintains a library of common device profiles available for download here: www.ccontrols.com/profiles.

If the device profile is not available, Contemporary Controls will provide it upon request. Custom Modbus device profiles can also be uploaded to the BASgatewayLX using the web page.

Up to 100 Modbus serial devices (represented by up to 1000 polled points) can share the single Modbus EIA-485 port on the BASgatewayLX.

Using web pages and a resident database of common Modbus device profiles, Modbus data points from Modbus Serial or Modbus TCP devices are mapped to BACnet objects.

### Gateway Functionality Between ...

- Modbus Serial (RTU or ASCII) and BACnet/IP
- Modbus TCP and BACnet/IP

### **Routing Functionality Between...**

· Modbus Serial (RTU and ASCII) and Modbus TCP

#### **Flexible Communication Ports**

- 10/100 Mbps Ethernet with auto-negotiation and Auto-MDIX
- Opto-isolated serial port supports either 2-wire or 3-wire EIA-485
- Jumper-selectable EIA-485 bias and termination
- Baud rates from 2.4–115.2 kbps

#### **Convenient Installation**

- 24 VAC/VDC powered
- DIN-rail mount (BASGLX-M1) or panel mount (BASGLX-M1/P)



### **BASgatewayLX** — Modbus to BACnet Gateway

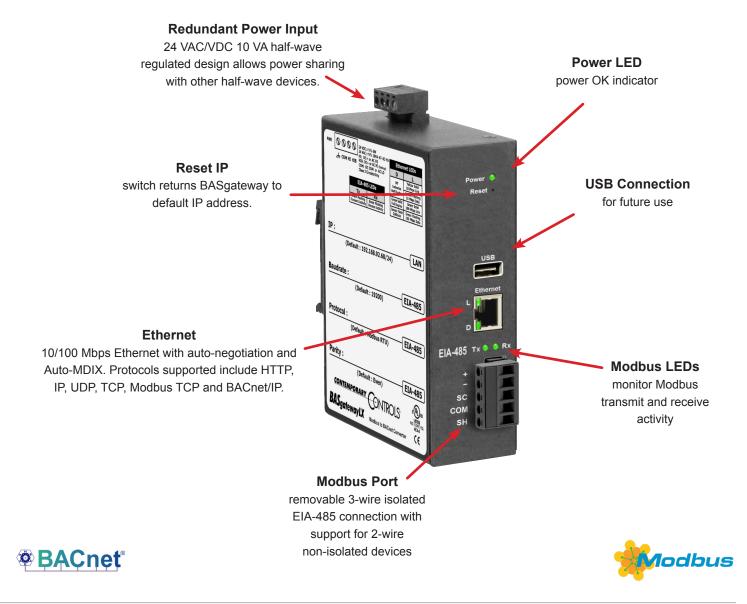
The BASgatewayLX is housed in a metal case that mounts on 35-mm DIN-rail, or panel mounts, depending on the option chosen, and it is powered from a 24 VAC/VDC (± 10%) source. Its half-wave rectified power supply allows sharing of power with other half-wave devices.

The optically-isolated serial port allows for connection to either 2-wire or 3-wire EIA-485 networks using a removable 5-pin terminal block. Up to 100 EIA-485 Modbus devices can share the serial bus at data rates between 2.4 and 115.2 kbps. Internal jumpers allow flexible bias and termination options. They can be removed for mid-span installations.

The Ethernet port offers a shielded RJ-45 connector. Through auto-negotiation and Auto-MDIX, it automatically

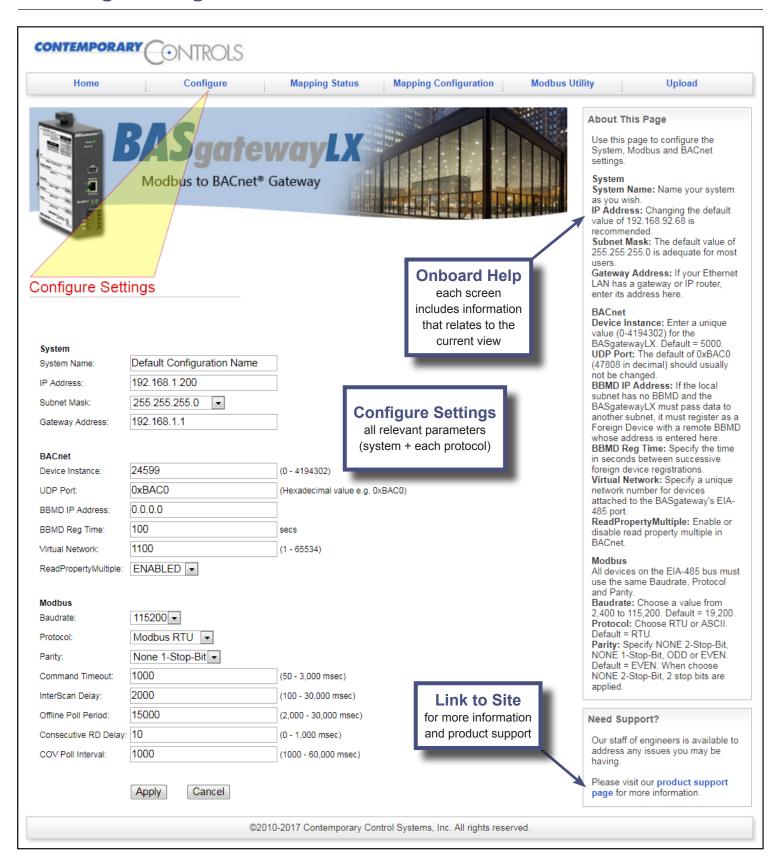
matches connections to the attached equipment. Therefore, either CAT5 straight-through or crossover cable can be used to attach to the BACnet/IP or Modbus TCP network at either 10 or 100 Mbps speed.

A resident web server allows for configuration, device status, and Modbus Utility operations using any standard web browser. HTML web pages allow cross-platform compatibility and browser support. A push button at the front is provided to return the unit to the factory default IP address of 192.168.92.68 /24 and credentials of: username: *admin* and password: *admin*. LED indicators provide communication status on both the Ethernet and serial ports.





### **Web Page Configuration**



# Web Page Configuration — Continued



## **Application Information** — Using Virtual BACnet Routing

With the BACnet protocol, physical BACnet devices are assigned unique device instances. In this way, any BACnet device within the same BACnet internetwork can be uniquely identified. Accommodations must be made for non-BACnet compliant devices such as Modbus but the ability to uniquely identify each Modbus device within the BACnet internetwork can be retained thanks to the BASgatewayLX and the concept of virtual networking.

The BASgatewayLX has one Modbus serial port that can accommodate up to 100 physical Modbus serial devices. Each one of the attached devices must be configured for the same baud rate, same parity, and same serial protocol – RTU or ASCII. Each device must be assigned a unique slave ID from 1 to 246. In addition, the BASgatewayLX will also support Modbus TCP slave devices attached over Ethernet. The BASgatewayLX functions as a master to all these slave devices. Collectively, all the Modbus TCP and Modbus serial devices are assigned to a virtual BACnet network number during configuration.

Using the concept of virtual BACnet routing, each uniquely addressed Modbus slave device appears as an individual BACnet device with a unique BACnet device instance assignment. Within this BACnet device are a collection of BACnet objects that relate to Modbus data points. What is needed is a device profile for each Modbus device type which allows for the mapping of Modbus data points to BACnet object instances. Contemporary Controls maintains a library of common device profiles with the more popular profiles shipped with the product. Energy meter device

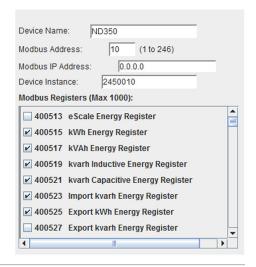
profiles from Veris, Northern Design and Continental Control Systems are part of the library and more are frequently added.

During commissioning, a Modbus device is "added" by selecting the appropriate device profile and assigning a unique BACnet device instance. Each device profile lists all available Modbus data points for a particular Modbus device type along with recommended BACnet object instance designations. A checkbox alongside a data point exists to indicate that this point is to be polled by the BASgatewayLX. By default, the most popular registers in each device profile are marked for polling but the user can add or delete from this list through web pages. Up to 100 edited device profiles can be added each with a unique Modbus slave address and BACnet device instance. Each device profile can be the same or different depending upon the Modbus device type or the amount of points needed to be scanned. The only restriction is the 100 slot limit and the maximum total polled point count of 1000.

Shown below are three device profiles representing three Modbus devices that are to be polled for data while appearing as BACnet devices. Each device has been assigned a unique BACnet device instance. The first two devices are identical and therefore have the same device profile while the third one is a totally different device. Notice that the first two devices have different data points checked demonstrating the flexibility in selecting only those points of interest that need to be polled. When multiple identical devices, such as energy meters, are to polled — edited device profiles can be copied to further speed commissioning.

Device Name:	/eris A		_
Modbus Address:	40	(1 to 246)	
Modbus IP Address:	0.0.0	.0	
Device Instance:	2450040		_
Modbus Registers (I	Max 1000):		
400271 Avg Vo	Itage L-N av	erage of 3	_
400273 Avg Current average of 3			
☑ 400275 Real Po	ower phase	Α	
400277 Real Power phase B			
400279 Real Po	ower phase	С	
✓ 400281 Power	Factor phas	se A	
400283 Power	Factor phas	se B	
400285 Power	Factor phas	se C	-
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Device Name: Veris B
Modbus Address: 41 (1 to 246)
Modbus IP Address: 0.0.0.0
Device Instance: 2450041
Modbus Registers (Max 1000):
400271 Avg Voltage L-N average of 3
400273 Avg Current average of 3
✓ 400275 Real Power phase A
✓ 400277 Real Power phase B
✓ 400279 Real Power phase C
✓ 400281 Power Factor phase A  ✓ 400283 Power Factor phase B
✓ 400285 Power Factor phase C
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## **Application Information** — Tips on Configuration

The BASgatewayLX is shipped with a default private IP address of 192.168.92.68 /24. Once its internal web server can be reached with any standard web browser for configuration, status, and Modbus utility operations. HTML web pages allow cross-platform compatibility and browser support. There are three sections that must be addressed once the Configure Settings tab is clicked.

### **System**

Eventually, the default IP address and subnet mask will need to be changed but if this data is ever lost, it is possible to reset the IP address to its default settings without losing any other configuration data. The installer can choose a name for the BASgatewayLX. If there is an IP router on the attached Ethernet network, provide its IP address as the Gateway Address when configuring the System settings.

#### **BACnet**

The BASgatewayLX must be assigned a unique device instance number independent from any other assignments. The UDP port is typically the default registered BACnet port 0xBAC0. Only under special circumstances this needs to be changed.

If the BASgatewayLX is to be installed on a subnetted BACnet internetwork, it will be necessary for the BASgatewayLX to register as a Foreign Device with a BACnet/IP Broadcast Management Device (BBMD) if none exists on the BASgatewayLX's subnet. If this is the case, enter the IP address of a known BBMD thereby invoking Foreign Device Registration with this BBMD. This is why the Gateway Address must be entered in the system settings. By registering as a foreign device, the

BASgatewayLX will be able to receive broadcast messages originating from other subnets. A BBMD registration time must be entered so that registration is continuously renewed on a periodic basis.

The final setting is the Virtual Network address. This is the unique BACnet network number assigned to the attached Modbus devices.

#### **Modbus**

The last section in the Configure Settings screen deals only with Modbus serial devices. The first decision is to select a baud rate between 2400 and 115200 although 19200 is the default. The next is to select Modbus RTU or Modbus ASCII. Modbus RTU is much more popular and is the default. Next is the Parity setting and it is recommended to pick NONE although EVEN is the default. If no parity is selected, an extra STOP bit is added automatically so as to not change the frame length. Whatever settings are used, they MUST apply to ALL attached Modbus devices.

There are other settings that should not be touched unless for good cause. Time settings are in milliseconds. Command Timeout is the time the master waits for a response from a slave. The Inter Scan Delay is the time between each polling cycle. The Offline Poll Period is the time the master will wait before trying to contact an offline slave. The Consecutive RD Delay is the amount of time the master waits when polling the same device with consecutive reads. If the slave device is capable of responding to a block read of consecutively numbered points, the Max Consecutive RD can be limited by this number.

### **Mapping Modbus Points to BACnet**

Modbus data is considered to be segregated into four memory blocks — coils, discrete inputs, input registers and holding registers. Discrete inputs and coils are considered to be 1-bit points while input registers and holding registers are 16-bit points. Therefore 1-bit points would be assigned either a BACnet BI or BO object type while 16-bit points would become either an AI or AO. If the point was read-only, then it would be considered a BACnet input. All read/write points would be considered outputs. Using this convention, the following mapping rules apply when generating device profiles:

Modbus Coils become BOs or BIs depending on how they are defined in the Modbus profile

**Modbus Discrete Inputs become Bls** 

**Modbus Input Registers become Als** 

Modbus Holding Registers become AOs or Als depending on how they are defined in the Modbus profile

There is an exception to these rules. It is possible that a holding register is packed as individual status bits or control points that need to be extracted. When generating the device profile, they are broken out as individual BOs or BIs instead of one AO. Object instance numbers are then assigned sequentially for each identified Modbus point.



## **Application Information** — Managing Modbus Devices

Once the BASgatewayLX is properly configured, Modbus device profiles can be added for each attached Modbus device. The process for adding devices is similar for Modbus Serial or Modbus TCP devices.

### Adding a Device

By clicking on the Mapping Configuration tab you will be presented with a Configured Devices box showing all Modbus devices that are currently being assessed by the BASgatewayLX. Clicking on any of the devices listed will show you a Device Information box showing the device profile of that particular device. The device profile lists all available Modbus points with each entry having a box along side. A checked box means that the associated point is being included in the BASgatewayLX's scan list.

When viewing the Configured Devices box, a Modbus device can be added by clicking the Add button. From the drop-down Device Profile menu select the appropriate device profile for the device to be added. You will notice the selected profile with pre-checked boxes was added. You can add or delete those points of interest at any time before submitting the device to the scan list. Next assign the Modbus slave address from 1-246. If the device is Modbus serial device, leave the Modbus IP Address at its default 0.0.0.0 setting. If the device is a Modbus TCP device, enter its IP address as well as its slave address. If the Modbus TCP device is on a different subnet to that of the BASgatewayLX, communications is possible if IP routers are installed on the respective subnets.

A unique BACnet device instance number will need to be assigned to each connected Modbus device and the BASgatewayLX has a scheme to make assignments easier. Notice that the Device Instance Auto box is checked meaning that the BASgatewayLX will attempt to automatically assign unique BACnet device instances to each BASgatewayLX being installed. The 7-digit format uses 245 as the leading number which is Contemporary Controls BACnet vendor ID. The following digit is determined by the Region Number which can range from 0 to 9. The final digits are the Modbus slave address. If there is only one BASgatewayLX within the BACnet internetwork, then there is no need to increment the Region Number from its default value of zero. If more than one BASgatewayLX is being used in the same system, increment the Region Number for each added BASgatewayLX up to 9 to be sure no duplicate BACnet device instances are generated. Above 10 BASgatewayLXs it will be

necessary to enter the BACnet device instance manually. Uncheck the Device Instance Auto box and enter a unique number from 0 to 4194302. To complete configuration, you can enter a name for the device you added on the top line. Once all entries are made press Submit and then Back to return to the Configured Devices box. Once there, refresh the box and you will see your new device.

#### Modifying, Copying and Deleting Devices

From the Configured Devices box you have the capability to modify settings in a device, copy a device if multiple instances of the same device are to be used — and finally, you can delete a device.

### **Mapping Status**

By clicking on Mapping Status you can determine the number of Modbus devices that are online by observing the Unit Status box. To view a particular device, go to the Device Instance drop-down box and select the device of interest. Its Modbus address will automatically appear to the right of the device instance. Modbus TCP devices will appear as a combination of IP address and Modbus slave address. Using the Object Instance drop-down box you can scroll through all the objects that are being polled within that device. The first reference is the actual BACnet object instance which is followed by the object instance type (AI, AO, BI or BO). The last reference is the Modbus point. After selecting one of the objects, an object property can be selected through the Object Property drop-down. The more interesting property would be the Present Value of the object. The present value of all objects can be read by clicking on the Read button but not all objects can be written by supplying a value and clicking on the Write button. If the object property cannot be written, the Write button will be greyed out.

#### **Upload Profile**

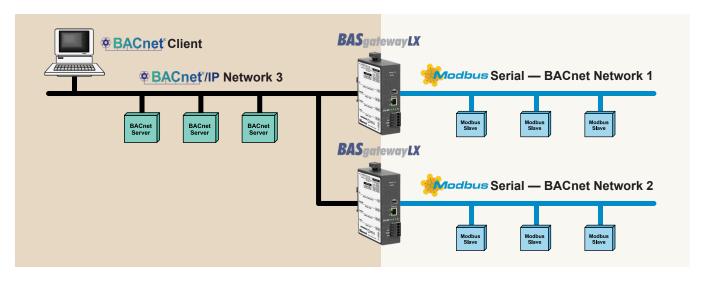
Standard device profiles come with the device but new ones are continuously being developed. Newly developed profiles will be posted on the BASgatewayLX product support page which can be found on http://www.ccontrols.com. In addition, Contemporary Controls will develop or modify an existing device profile based upon a customer's request. Wherever the source of the new or modified device profile, it must first be loaded onto the customer's computer and then it can be uploaded to the BASgatewayLX following instructions under the Upload Profile tab.



## **Application #1 — Two Virtual Networks**

The most common application is adding one or more Modbus serial networks to a BACnet system. Each Modbus serial network must be configured for the same Modbus serial protocol (RTU or ASCII), the same data rate (2400–115200 baud), and the same parity (ODD, EVEN or NONE). Make sure any wiring issues with 2-wire and 3-wire devices are addressed. With the system shown as below, two virtual

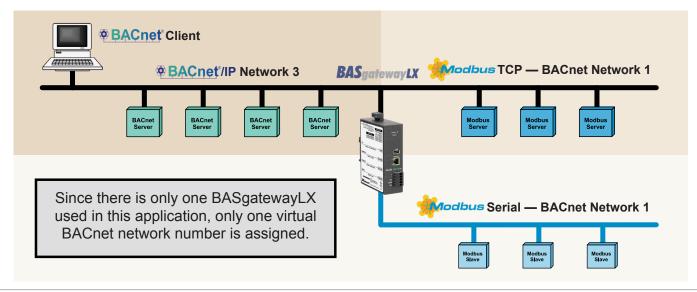
BACnet networks must be assigned — network 1 and network 2 — which are separate from the real BACnet network numbered as 3 in this example. If you are using the Device Instance Auto feature to automatically assign device instances, you must select a different Region Number for the two BASgatewayLXs to ensure that no duplicate device instances are generated.



### Application # 2 — Mixing Modbus TCP and Modbus Serial

The BASgatewayLX can handle both Modbus TCP devices and Modbus RTU devices simultaneously using just one BASgatewayLX as long as the 100 device/1000 polled point limit is maintained. In this application the Modbus TCP connection is called a "one-armed gateway" because both Modbus TCP and BACnet/IP messages transfer through the same Ethernet port. Configuration is similar to that of a Modbus serial device. However, this time the IP address of

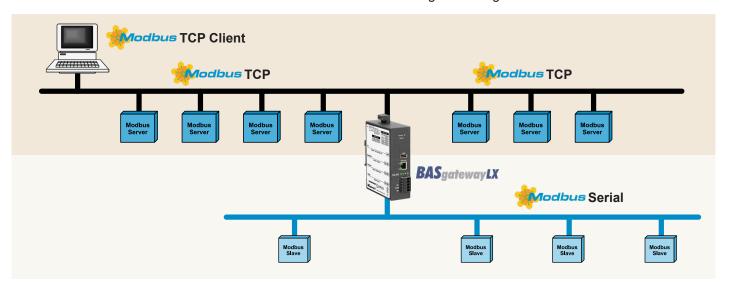
the Modbus TCP device must be entered as well as a Modbus slave address. A potential conflict could exist when using the Device Instance Auto feature and an attached Modbus TCP device and an attached Modbus Serial device happen to use the same slave address. If a conflict is reported by the BASgatewayLX, simply set the device instance manually — or select a different Region Number.



## Application #3 — Modbus Serial to Modbus TCP Routing

Inherently, the BASgatewayLX will function as a Modbus serial to Modbus TCP router. In this mode no mapping configuration is needed since BACnet is not involved. Modbus TCP devices can function as clients, servers or client/servers. When a Modbus TCP server device is configured, it must be assigned a slave address as well as an IP address. When a Modbus TCP client accesses a

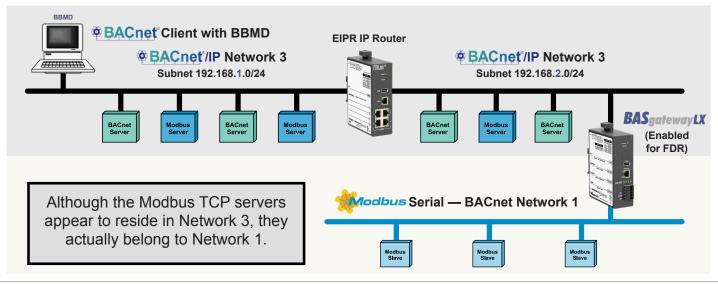
Modbus TCP server, communications occurs over Ethernet with no involvement with the BASgatewayLX. However, if a Modbus TCP client communicates with a Modbus serial device, the message is routed through the BASgatewayLX to its serial bus. For this application, no configuration is required other than the *System* and *Modbus* settings under the Configure Settings tab.



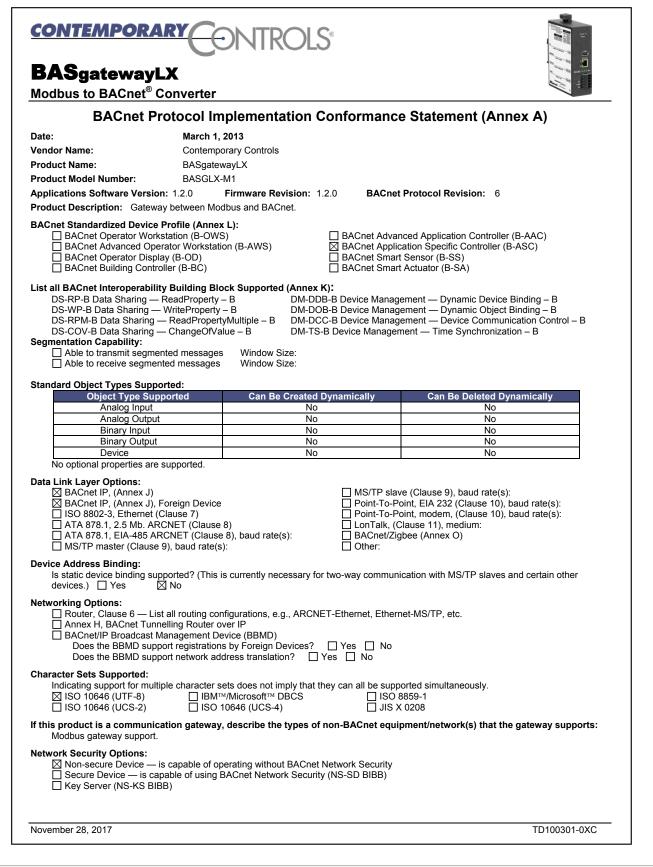
# Application # 4 — Subnetted IP Network

With IP networks, it is possible that BACnet client devices, the BASgatewayLX and Modbus TCP devices may all reside on different subnets interconnected through IP routers. The BASgatewayLX will still operate under these conditions. Shown below are a BACnet client with BBMD capability and Modbus TCP servers on subnet 1 with the BASgatewayLX and other Modbus TCP servers on subnet 2. Attached to the BASgatewayLX serial port are Modbus serial devices.

Between the two subnets is an IP router. Enable foreign device registration in the BASgatewayLX by setting its BBMD IP Address field to the IP address of the BACnet client. In the BASgatewayLX's System setup, set the Gateway Address to the IP address of the IP router. Modbus TCP and Modbus serial devices are entered as normal — allowing the BACnet client (or other BACnet clients) to discover all Modbus devices without issue.



### **BACnet Protocol Implementation Conformance (PIC) Statement**





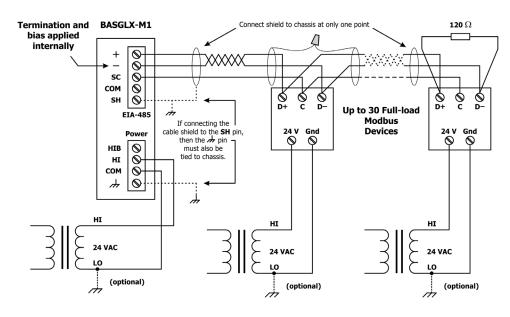
### **Wiring Diagrams**

Since the product incorporates a half-wave rectifier circuit, it can share the same 24 VAC power with other half-wave rectified devices. It can also be powered from a 24 VDC source. A redundant power connection exists (HIB) for back-up power schemes.

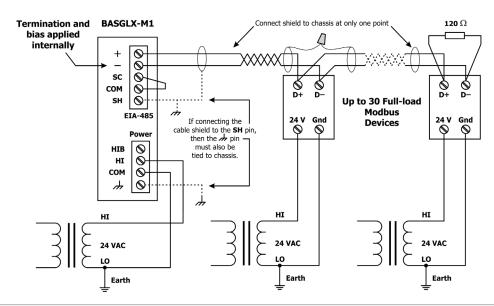
The product incorporates a 3-wire optically-isolated EIA-485 interface for the serial connection, allowing better circuit protection and noise immunity. To connect to other 3-wire devices simply make a one-to-one connection to the other devices. But when connecting to

2-wire non-isolated devices, the signal common (SC) on the product must share the reference used by the 2-wire devices. This is accomplished by tying the SC pin to COM on the product and by grounding the low-side of each power supply on all connected devices. In this way all EIA-485 transceivers share the same earth reference. Notice that the SC pin is signal common and not a shield pin. For shield connections, use the SH pin. Far-end external termination is required as shown. Near-end bias and termination are internally supplied within the product.

#### 3-wire Modbus Network



#### 2-wire Modbus Network



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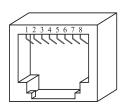
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### **Connector Pin Assignments**

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#### **Ethernet**

	Pin	Function
	1	TD+
	2	TD-
	3	RD+
	4	N/C
	5	N/C
	6	RD-
	7	N/C
ĺ	8	N/C





#### **EIA-485**

Pin	Function
+	Signal High
_	Signal Low
SC	Signal Common
COM	0V
SH	Shield (Chassis)

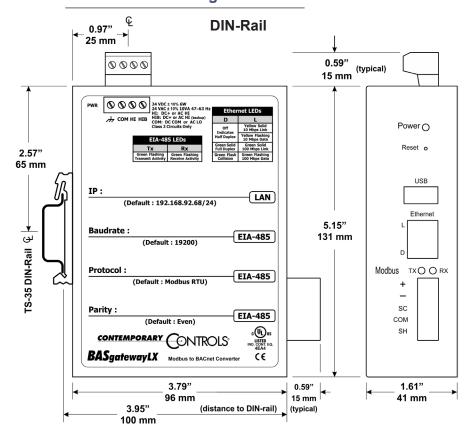
#### **Power**

Pin	Function
HIB	Redundant Power
HI	DC+ or AC High
СОМ	0V or AC Low
4	Chassis

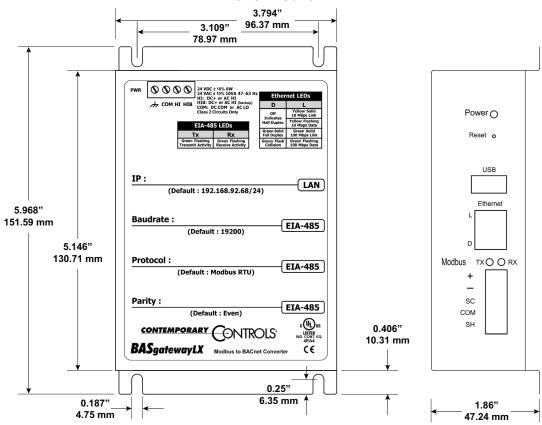
#### **USB**

Pin	Function
1	+5V
2	–Data
3	+Data
4	Ground

### Mechanical Drawings



### **Panel Mount**



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## **Specifications**

**Power Requirements** 24 VAC ±10% 10 VA 47-63 Hz or 24 VDC ±10% 6 W

**Operating Temperature** 0°C to 60°C

Storage Temperature -40°C to 85°C

Relative Humidity 10-95%, non-condensing

**Protection** IP30

**USB Port** USB 2.0, Type A

Communication Ethernet

Compliance IEEE 802.3 Protocols supported Modbus TCP

BACnet/IP

Data rate 10 Mbps, 100 Mbps Physical layer 10BASE-T, 100BASE-TX

Cable length (max) 100 m

Port connector Shielded RJ-45

**LEDs** L (Link) D (Duplex)

> Green = 100 Mbps Green = Full-duplex

Yellow = 10 Mbps Off = Half-duplex Flash = Collision Flash = activity

Regulatory Compliance CE Mark; CFR 47, Part 15 Class A; RoHS

UL 508; C22.2 No. 142-M1987

**EIA-485** 

Modbus V1.02 **RTU Master ASCII Master** 

2.4, 4.8 9.6, 19.2, 38.4, 57.6, 115.2 kbps

EIA-485, 3-wire isolated

1200 m (or 1000 m if using 115.2 kbps)

5-pin removable terminal

Green = activity Green = activity









### **Ordering Information**

Model **RoHS** Description

BASGLX-M1 BASGLX-M1/P

BASgatewayLX Modbus to BACnet Gateway DIN-Rail Mount BASgatewayLX Modbus to BACnet Gateway Panel Mount

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