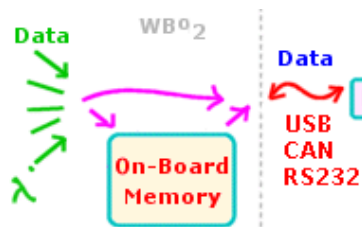



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WBo2 Logging Specifications



All Tech Edge's Wideband (WBo2) units include some form of serial (either RS232, USB, or CAN) logging capability. Some include **on-board** logging memory for data collection without a PC ([3A2/3E2](#), [3B1](#)), and others don't ([3A1/3E1](#), [2C0](#), [2D0/1](#), [2J1](#), etc.) but they all generate a **serial data stream** that can be sent to a collection device (a PC, etc.) for later analysis.

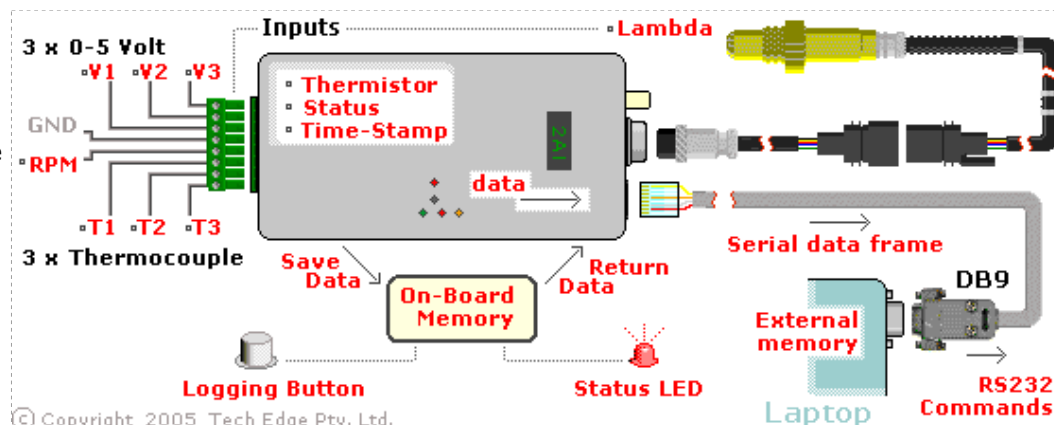
This page describes WBo2's **integrated logging capability** including specifications for the serial **data frame** used.

Note : The 2A1 controller is used as an example below but most of the information presented relates directly to version 3 units and other version 2 units including the newer version 2Y model.

Overview - Serial Logging & On-Board Memory

Serial Logging : The 2A1 WBo2 unit shown (other units are similar) has 9 sources of data it can log:

- **Lambda**/AFR from the sensor,
- 3 **analogue** 0-5 Volt channels,
- an **RPM** channel,
- 3 **thermocouple** channels.
- **thermistor** within the unit.



The **green connector** at the left end of the unit provides the physical connections to 7 of those external data inputs. A time-stamp, the device-status and the unit's internal temperature (thermistor) are also available. The collected data is formed into a serial data frame and sent out on one or more of the **RS232** ports (RJ45 socket), the **USB** port (USB type-B socket), or the **CAN** bus (for models with that capability).

A number of data frame types may be produced but the default frame is decode by [logging software](#), or one of the intelligent displays (eg. [LA1](#), [LX1](#), or [LD02](#), etc.). Any time the unit is powered it generates these data frames. The power-up frame type, and the frame repeat rate, may be changed (see below), but the display must be reprogrammed if the default frame type changes.



On-Board Logging : Although data is always pumped out the serial port(s), that data can also be stored in memory **on-board** many WBo2 units. Logging to on-board memory (**on-board logging**) is controlled by the logging button on the controller (shown at left for the 3A1 unit) or the button on the display (shown at right for the LX1), Logging [software](#) can also start and stop logging as well as retrieve stored data for display/analysis later.



All newer controllers with **on-board** memory have **1 M byte** that can store over **37,440 frames** of **28 bytes** each (the size of the default data frame). The default logging rate is 10 frames/second at **19,200 baud** or 1,920 characters/sec so that 3,744 seconds (over 62 minutes) of data can be saved. At the maximum frame rate of around 50 frames/second the maximum storage drops to over 12 minutes. The logging rate can be reduced (by changing the delay between data frames) to enable days (or weeks) worth of data to be stored.

Earlier models had just **32 k byte** of on-board memory for about 115 seconds of storage, or just less than 2 minutes (at the default logging rate of 10 frames/sec). It typically takes less than 20 seconds to download the maximum data that can be stored on the smaller 32 k byte memory units.

Logging Control - Button & Serial Commands

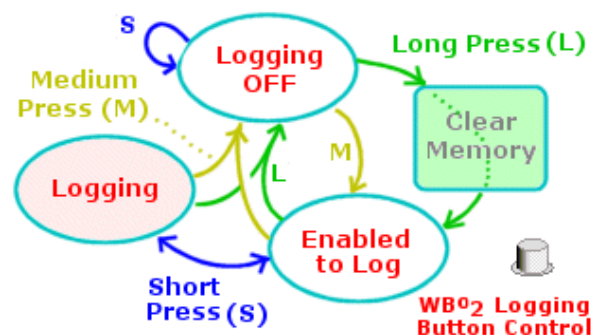
Two ways to control on-board logging are possible :

- **The logging button** on the controller itself controls start, stop, and clearing of on-board memory. Refer to the individual controller's guide for specific instructions.
- **Serial commands** can also do the same, but importantly, can also command the downloading of saved data. Note that intelligent displays use RS232 commands to perform the logging stop and start functions. Serial command, are described fully below.

Because there is only one button, and because we want to preserve existing data that may be stored in memory, a combination of **short**, **medium**, and **long** button presses commands the WBo2 on-board logger to enter one of three states - **Logging OFF**, **Logging Enabled** and **Logging**. Refer to diagram at right

- A **Short** press is from **0.2 to 1.5** seconds (**blue arrows**).
- A **Medium** press is from **1.5 to 4** seconds (**yellow arrows**).
- A **Long** press is greater than **4** seconds (**green arrows**).

To understand what the diagram means, here are the simple steps to using on-board logging. The normal power-up state for WBo2 is the **logging OFF** state :



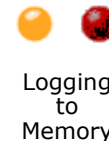
1. From the **logging OFF** a **short** press is ignored to prevent accidentally filling memory.
2. A **medium** press puts the unit into the **enabled to log** state.
3. **short** presses **start logging** - the Red LED does a double flash (see below).
4. Another **short** press **stops logging** - multiple **sessions** are possible.
5. a **medium** (or **long**) press returns to the **stopped** state.
6. a **long** press from the **stopped** state enters the **enabled** state **AND clears all recorded data** (use before a new recording session).

LED Status During On-board Logging

On WBo2 units with on-board logging memory, the **red** LED, which normally shows wideband status, flashes according to a different pattern when on-board logging is enabled.



- **Logging OFF** - red LED is **steady** (LED shows normal WB operation).
- **Enabled to Log** - red LED **slow even flash**.
- **Logging** - red LED **faster double flash**.
- **Clearing Memory** - red LED **fast triple flash**.

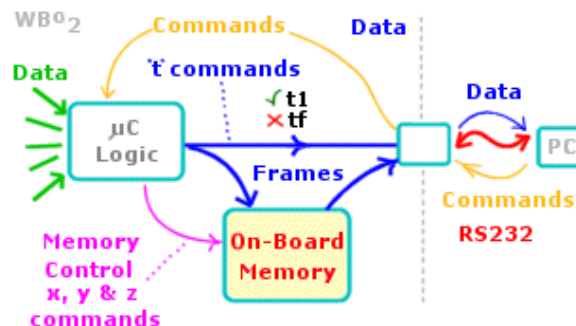


The status LED will flash this way even if RS232 commands (eg. from a display) enabled on-board logging.

Software Control of Logged Data

It is important to differentiate between two classes of commands that control the data saved & generated by WBo2 :

- **Trace Commands** : control the format of **data frames** produced by the wideband unit (and optionally saved in on-board memory). They are described in the next section. Once saved, the format of that data cannot then be changed.
- **Logging Commands** : control the actual saving and restoring of data to/from the wideband unit's on-board memory. These commands (x, y & z) are described in the section following.



Note that all commands mentioned below are simply ASCII text strings terminated with the **CR** (Carriage Return = 0x0D or decimal 13) character. The **terminal** tab of the [wbUTIL program](#) can be used to enter commands and to view results.

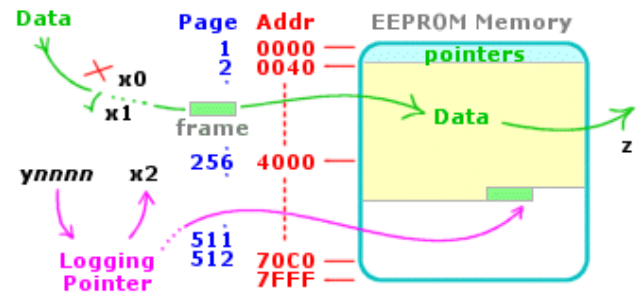
Serial Data Control (Trace Commands)

Even if the WBo2 unit does not have on-board logging memory, RS232 logging commands control the operation of the serial **data frame** allowing it to be stopped, started and its repeat rate changed. The data frame produced can be selected from among a number of preset types including a version 1.5 frame that is compatible with older WBo2 units. An option to produce an ASCII/Hex version of each frame, but without the CRC and frame header information, is available for

- znn** **Dump data from on-board memory.** The first form dumps saved data from session with ID **nn** (assuming it is a valid session).
- z** The second form, without parameter, dumps all of memory from the first to last valid session. Session IDs start from 00 (the first) to a maximum of 7E (the 255th session).
- Query on-board memory status.** The first form, without parameter, returns **aabb** where :
- q** **aa** = number of sectors of memory used.
bb = number of logging sessions saved.
 As a logging session uses at least one sector, **aa** will be equal or greater than **bb**.
- qnn** The second form, with parameter **nn** returns the byte length of session **nn**. The length is a six digit hex number **hhhhhh**.
- k** **Read the memory type ID string.** A 4 digit hex string is returned
BF80 = SST memory device of 8 Mega bits used.
FFFF = No memory device present or readable.

32 k byte EEPROM Memory is accessed as **512 pages** of **64 bytes (0x40)**. The memory is **addressed**, using a **logging pointer**, in a linear fashion from **0x0040** to **0x7FFF**. Note that as the first 64 byte page (address 00 to 0x03F) in the EEPROM is reserved for working pointers, the smallest value for the logging pointer is therefore 0x040, and the maximum size of stored data is $511 * 64 = 32,704$ bytes (**1,168 frames** of **28 bytes**).

Data is saved in frame sized chunks (the **green rectangles** in the diagram). Each new **log session** simply appends new data to the previously recorded data. The logged data frame's time stamp will help show you where a log session's data starts and stops.



Logging occurs at the speed, and mode, specified in WBo2's configuration RAM locations 3 and 4 (see the previous "Software Control of Logging" section). Note: no compression is used for storing data and multiple formats may be saved. This also means the storage time can be easily calculated.

- | Command | Action |
|---|---|
| Stop/Start logging of data to on-board memory. | |
| xn | n = 0 , stop logging (ie. x0) - same as pressing the logging button to STOP logging.
n = 1 , start logging (ie. x1) - same as pressing the logging button to START logging.
n = 2 (or more) returns the current logging pointer value as a 4 digit hex value and is useful to determine how much logging memory remains. |
| ywww | Set logging pointer to www (eg. minimum y is 0x0040, maximum 0x7FFF). Normally the y0040 command is used to clear logged data memory in preparation for a new recording session and is equivalent to pressing the on-board logging button (from the logging OFF state) for more than 4 seconds. |
| z | Dump logged data. This is from y = 0x0040 to the logging pointer's current value. The logging pointer is not reset by this command. |

Serial Frame Formats for 2.0 (and above) WBo2 & 1.5 Logger

This section lists a number of frame types that can be produced by (most) WBo2 controllers. It should be remembered that the frame types have evolved with the aim of backward compatibility but this has resulted in some strange values for some fields.

In the notes below, **[low]** and **[high]** byte groupings form 16 bit words (in Motorola format) with **MSB** first. **User Input values** represent voltages between 0 and 5.00 Volts and are **13 bits** (in the range 0 to 8191). **Thermocouple values** are only **10 bits** and (when the jumpers are set correctly) cover the range 0 to 0.0495 Volts (or 49.5 mV). This represents an amplification factor of 101 to the raw thermocouple values. Go here for more detail on [thermocouples and thermistors](#).

The first 3 (bytes 1, 2 & 3) and last (CRC byte 12) bytes of all data frames are the same and allow the receiving computer to correctly synchronise with data and to check that data has not been corrupted.

The native mode for version **2** and newer units is the **2.0 mode frame** format as described below.

2.0 Data Frame Format

- 1** - Frame **Header** byte 1 (0x5A)
- 2** - Frame Header byte 2 (0xA5)
- 3** - Frame **Sequence** counter

The **first 3** bytes (**frame ID**, & **frame sequence counter**) and last byte (**CRC**) are as described in the 1.5 frame below.

Bytes **4 & 5** count relative time in **Ticks** - measured in 1/100 of a second (ie. 10 mSec/tick). The count goes from 0 to 65535 (unsigned) and will overflow in just under 11 minutes (10 minutes, 55 seconds & 35 mSec) and should be sufficient to act as a timebase for

- 4 - **Tick** [high] (1 tick = 1/100 Second)
- 5 - Tick [low] byte
- 6 - **λ-16** or **Ipx(0)**, (or ADC) [high] byte
- 7 - λ-16 or Ipx(0), (or ADC) [low] byte
- 8 - **Ipx(1)** [high] ($8192=F/A$, $4096=Ipx[0]$)
- 9 - Ipx(1) [low] byte
- 10 - **User 1** ADC [high] (**V1** input)
- 11 - User 1 ADC [low] byte
- 12 - **User 2** ADC [high] (**V2** input)
- 13 - User 2 ADC [low] byte
- 14 - **User 3** ADC [high] (**V3** input)
- 15 - User 3 ADC [low] byte
- 16 - **Thermocouple 1** ADC [high] (**T1** Input)
- 17 - Thermocouple 1 ADC [low]
- 18 - **Thermocouple 2** ADC [high] (**T2** Input)
- 19 - Thermocouple 2 ADC [low]
- 20 - **Thermocouple 3** ADC [high] (**T3** Input)
- 21 - Thermocouple 3 ADC [low]
- 22 - **Thermistor** ADC or **Vss** count [high]
- 23 - Thermistor ADC or Vss count [low]
- 24 - **RPM** count [high] byte
- 25 - RPM count [low] byte
- 26 - **Status/Error** [high] byte
- 27 - Status/Error [low] byte
- 28 - **CRC** (1's comp. sum of above)

most logging tasks.

Bytes **6** & **7** Originally **Wblin DAC count**, but in 2007 these two bytes were redefined to be **Lambda-16** for all controllers except **3H1** where it is **Ipx (0)**.

- **Lambda-16 (λ-16)** is fully [described here](#) and is an accurate way to represent the full range of Lambda values in a simple and controller independent way.
- **Ipx (0)** - For the 3H1 unit = first channel's Ipx (see below). The next 3H1 field is **Ipx(1)**.
- **Wblin DAC count** is used to generate the **Wblin output** voltage. It's a 12 bit value (0 to 4095) that is applied to the DAC (Digital to Analogue converter) and represents the voltage in mVolts produced by the DAC. The DAC is followed by a amplifier with a gain of 1.00 (for newer version 3 units) or 1.22059(=(68+15)/68 for older version 2 units). Note that the Wblin value is looked up in the WB unit's EE PROM tables using the pump current (Ipx) as index.

Bytes **8** & **9** is the (single channel) **Ipx** or **Normalised Pump Current**. For 3H1 it's the second channel Ipx or **Ipx(1)** - After a calibration factor has been applied to the raw pump current, the resulting normalised pump current Ipx has a free-air value of **8192** and a zero pump current value of **4096** (which is not quite the stoich point). A value of **0** represent the richest condition that can be sensed by the WB unit (less than AFR=10).

Bytes **10** through **15** are the three 0 to 5.00 Volt **user inputs U1, U2 & U3** (there's an additional user input available on version 2.0 compared to 1.5). Although the inputs are sampled at 10 bit accuracy, the result is multiplied by 8 giving 1024 steps (ie. 0, 8, 16 .. 8176, 8184). This ensure version 1.5 frame compatibility and allows for future hardware having increased measurement accuracy (up to 13 bit accuracy)

Bytes **16** through **21** are the three **thermocouple inputs T1, T2 & T3**. They are sampled at 10 bit accuracy but are NOT multiplied by 8, and are therefore scaled differently to the 0-5 Volt input fields. Some models allow the thermocouple inputs to be converted to simple 0-5 Volt inputs (the internal thermocouple amplifier is set to have a gain of x1), but please note that this does NOT change the software scaling - these inputs still have 10 bit scaling. Go to the page on [how the thermocouple inputs work, and other related topics](#) for more information.

Byte **22** & **23** represent either the **thermistor** (models with thermocouple inputs), or the **Vss count** (vehicle speed sensor) for 2J1 models.

- **10 bit thermistor count** can be used for cold junction compensation (CJC) to calculate each thermocouple's absolute temperature. Refer to [Excel spreadsheet thermist.xls](#) for further information.
- **Vss count** is like the RPM count but counts 100 µSec periods (not 5 µSec). two successive counts are averaged.

Bytes **24** & **25** is the **RPM count** and has the same format as the 1.5 frame (ie. count 1 = 5 µSec) but with the additional feature of averaging two successive triggering events to cater for odd fire engines that may be triggered from the one coil.

Bytes **26** & **27** **Status/Error bytes** see Error Codes section below.

Bytes **1** & **2** are the fixed **frame signature** bytes of 0x5A, 0xA5 (ie. hex values). These value were choosed as they have alternating 0->1 bit patterns.

byte **3** is the **frame sequence counter** and simply counts from 0 to 255 and then repeats, and allows the receiver to keep track of possible lost data frames. All these values are included in the CRC calculation.

Bytes **4** and **5**, the **SVout ADC** value, is compatible with the version 1.5 unit (and the 5301/LD01 displays). SVout is described in the [DIY-WB 1.0/1.5 section as the Vout signal](#). The SVout value (ie. Vout) varies from a minimum rich value of 0x068E (=1678 decimal, so SVout is $5*1678/8192=1.02$ Volts) to maximum lean (ie. free air) value of 0x199A

1.5 Data Frame Format

- 1 - Frame **Header** byte 1 (0x5A)
- 2 - Frame Header byte 2 (0xA5)
- 3 - Frame **Sequence** counter
- 4 - **SVout** ADC [high]
- 5 - SVout ADC [low]
- 6 - **User 1** ADC [high] byte
- 7 - User 1 ADC [low] byte

(=6554 decimal, so SVout is $5 \times 6554 / 8192 = 4.00$ Volts). The Min and Max SVout values are clamped by the firmware.

Bytes **6** through **9** are the two 0 to 5.00 Volt **User Inputs** U1, U2 (U3 is not returned) On the 1.5 unit these inputs are really a 10 bit value that is sampled rapidly 8 times and summed. On the 2.0 unit there is just one 10 bit sample for each channel, but the result is shifted 3 places to be compatible with the 1.5 data. (ie. there are 1024 steps - 0, 8, 16 .. 8176, 8184) for version 1.5 compatibility.

Bytes **10** and **11**, the **RPM count** measure how many 5 microsecond time periods are counted between successive positive pulse edges on the COIL or RPM Pulse input pins. As the frequency of the pulses increases (RPM goes up), the count goes down. For a four cylinder 4 stroke engine (that produces two spark events per revolution), at 6,000 RPM there are 100 revolutions per second and 200 spark events and therefore the COIL input will measure 5,000 microseconds between sparks, or an RPM count of 1,000 for bytes 10 and 11. *Note* that if the pulse rate is lower than 20 per second then the unit will "time out" and return an invalid count.

- 8** - **User 2** ADC [high] byte
- 9** - User 2 ADC [low] byte

- 10** - **RPM** count [high] byte
- 11** - RPM count [low] byte

- 12** - **CRC** (1's comp. sum of above)

Final **CRC byte 12**, when added to all the other bytes in the frame, and truncated to 8 bits, should result in the value 0xFF. If not then at least one bit in the frame has been zapped and the frame's data should not be trusted. As the sequence counter constantly changes, then the CRC value will also change.

Free-Air Calibration Software Support

Most WBo2 2.0+ models include a calibrate frame type designed to enable external software to free-air (F/A) calibrate the controller. If you have a newer controller that has a self-calibrate button (or one that can be added - eg the [2D0/2D1 models](#)) then we recommend you use that method rather than the external software method. Extra status information is available from the calibrate frame type as described below. There is no equivalent version 1.5 frame type. There is no guarantee that this frame format will be supported in future wideband models (eg, 2J does not fully support this frame type, but works with the [wbUTIL utility](#)).

2.0 Calibrate Frame

- 1** - Frame **Header** byte 1 (0x5A)
- 2** - Frame Header byte 2 (0x55)
- 3** - Frame **Sequence** counter
- 4** - **Ipx** [high] (8192->F/A, 4096->Ipx=0)
- 5** - Ipx [low]
- 6** - **xxxx** [high]
- 7** - xxxx [low]
- 8** - **Heater Voltage** [high] (htr_vh)
- 9** - [low]. Voltage = htr_vh / 51.2
- 10** - **Heater Current** [high] (htr_i)
- 11** - Heater Voltage [low]
- 12** - **Wideband λ-16** (or ADC) [high] byte
- 13** - Wideband λ-16 (or ADC) [low]
- 14** - **Heater Impedance** [high] (htr_z)
- 15** - Heater Impedance [low]
- 16** - **opstate** [high] (**T2** Input)
- 17** - opstate [low]
- 18** - **Status/Error** [high]
- 19** - Status/Error [low]
- 20** - **CRC** (1's comp. sum of above)

The **first 3** bytes (**frame ID**, & **frame sequence counter**) and last byte (**CRC**) are as described for the standard 2.x frame format.

Bytes **4** & **5** **Normalised Pump Current** (Ipx)

Bytes **6** & **7** is the **xxxx** field.

Bytes **8** & **9** is the **htr_vh** or **heater voltage** value. Heater Voltage = htr_vh / 51.2 - this is a good diagnostic aid to ensure the controller is operating correctly.

Bytes **10** & **11** is the **htr_i** or **heater current** value. Heater current = htr_i / 51.2 - this is a good diagnostic aid to ensure the controller is operating correctly.

Bytes **12** & **13** is **λ-16** (**Lambda-16**). For further info see the [λ-16 link](#).

Bytes **14** & **15** is a representation of the **Heater Impedance**.

Bytes **16** & **17** is the **opstate** variable.

Bytes **18** & **19** **Status/Error bytes** see Error Codes section below.

Byte **20** - **CRC** (1's comp. sum of above)

Error Codes and PID Operational Status

WBo2's hardware and software contains two **PIDs** (Proportional, Integral & Derivative) feedback controllers for both **Lambda sensing** and also precise **heater temperature** control. Each PID samples a **signal** from the Lambda sensor and in turn provides an **output** that in turn controls that signal :

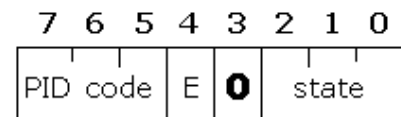
- Lambda measurement - **Vs** (Nernst cell sensing) for **Ip** (pump current) control.
- Heater temperature - **Ri** (internal sensor resistance) for heater **PWM** (Pulse Width Modulation) control.

Because both Ri and Vs are meaningless until the sensor has reached a minimum operating temperature, the two PIDs also operate in a startup mode. During startup the sensor is run in *open loop* mode where heater current is closely controlled to ensure the fastest warmup while remaining within the sensors operating envelope.

Feedback control relies on a measured signal being slightly different from the **setpoint** or target value. One measure of the PID's current status is how far away the controlled value is from this setpoint. In the case of the Vs/Ip feedback loop,

the Vs setpoint is **450 mVolts**, and for the Ri/PWM feedback loop the Ri setpoint is **80 ohms**.

Two PID status bytes (bytes 26 and 27 of the logged data frame) are available for possible debugging. Byte 26 is for the Vs/Ip (or wideband) PID, and byte 27 is for the Heater PID. They take the general form shown at right (numbers 7 to 0 are the bit positions within each byte).



Bits 7 to 5 represents the **PID code** which takes the following values:

Bit 765	PID Operation
000	operating normally
001	Integral accumulator at lower clamp value
010	Integral accumulator at upper clamp value
011	Output control value at lower clamp
100	Output control value at upper clamp

Bit 4 (E) is set when the IPID error band is exceeded (but this in itself is not an error).

Bit 3 (0) is always zero.

Bits 2 to 0 reflect the current **PID state** and is different for each byte/PID. They are described in the following section.

Value	Byte 26 -- Vs/Ip PID (wideband) State	Red and Amber LED action
0	null/off state, only seen at system start-up or during debugging	<i>slow, even RED flash, AMBER off</i>
1	Sense state, looking for presence of sensor.	<i>Even RED flash and very short AMBER flashes</i>
2	Cold state, heating up sensor, PIDs not yet operational	<i>Short RED flash, AMBER shows heater on time</i>
3	Warm state, PIDs operational	<i>RED solid ON</i> = PIDs OK or, <i>RED blinking</i> = PID(s) error band exceeded
4	Config state, used for system testing	<i>Double RED flash.</i>
5	unused	<i>nil</i>

Note that the "blinking" LED in the operational state does not indicate that either of the PIDs are unlocked, per se, but that one of the PIDs is operating with its error term greater than a pre-programmed threshold value.

Value	Byte 27 -- Heater PID State	Red and Amber LED action
0	Normal Operation state	<i>slow, even RED flash, AMBER shows heater on time</i>
1	Vbatt high	<i>Even RED flash and very short AMBER flashes</i>
2	Vbatt low	<i>Even RED flash and very short AMBER flashes</i>
3	Heater short	
4	Heater open circuit (sensor not present)	
5	FET failure	
6	unused	<i>nil</i>

Thermocouple & Thermistor - Further Information

K-type thermocouples can be used to measure exhaust gas temperatures. Thermocouples generate a voltage that depends on the difference between the "hot" junction where two dissimilar metals are joined, and the two "cold" junctions of each metal wire. Wideband models that have thermocouple inputs also have a thermistor to measure the actual temperature of the WB unit that is used for thermocouple "cold junction" compensation (CJC). This topic is described [more fully here](#).

Adding 2A0 (rev-2 PCB) On-Board Logging Hardware

The original (Rev-2 PCB) 2A0 DIY kit version came without on-board logging, this section describes how to update those units. This section has moved (Jan 26 2004). Please refer to the [WBo2 Logging Hardware](#) page for more information.



For older 2A0 units that did not come with any on-board logging facility, see the [32 k byte Logger Hardware](#) section for DIY details. Both older and new 2A0 models, as of September 2005, can be [upgraded to 1 M byte](#) of logging memory. Newer 2Y DIY models had a plug-in module that adds the 1 M byte logging capability.



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