

# **EpIO**

# **Installation Manual**

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# **Safety Precautions**

**Precautions** The EpIO has been designed and tested in accordance with the

EN61000-6-4 norm and the EN61000-6-2 norm and has left the factory in a

safe condition.

The present installation manual contains important information and warnings which have to be followed by the user to ensure safe operation

and to retain the unit in safe condition.

**Interventions** Any interventions to the EpIO must be done by technical service staff only.

Note

Changes or modifications not expressly approved by the responsible party for compliance (EnergyICT®) could void the user's authority

to operate the equipment.

Removing the protective panel

Before removing the protective panel, make sure the device power is

switched off.

Note

The protective panel can only be opened by qualified electricians.

Distance Limitations Depending on the location, the distance to a remote node should be no

more than 100 - 150 meters.





## **Notice on Interference**

Class B digital device

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.



Use of radio frequency energy

This device 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.

Preventing interference

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:

- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna
- Increase the distance between the equipment and the receiver
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.



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# **Power Supply Wiring Safety Guidelines**

Securing the device

To ensure safe operation, the EpIO must be secured externally **16A** maximum.

**Switch** 

For safety reasons, the EpIO must be installed close to an easily

 $\ensuremath{\mathsf{accessible}}$   $\ensuremath{\mathsf{switch}}$  that removes power from the device.

Wiring

The following additional guidelines must be taken into account:

• The power supply wiring must be double isolated

• The power supply wiring must be mechanically secured.

Protective earth

The power supply must be connected to the power connector of the EpIO, preferably by means of solid wiring. The device must be properly **grounded**, using the power connector's protective earth pin.

### Caution

The power wiring must guarantee a permanent connection to the protective earth.







# **Chapter 1: Introduction**

Overview

Introduction

This chapter provides the user with an introduction to the EpIO, its main internal components and its main functions.

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# **About the EpIO**

**Purpose** 

The EpIO designed by EnergyICT® serves as the last point in the meter reading chain, just before the meter itself. EpIO's are manufactured as universal models for all energy meters and contain multiple interfaces towards the meters. These devices can be used to monitor temperature and humidity as well.

**Network Setup** 

Ideally, multiple EpIO's are used in combination with a master data concentrator (RTU+® V6, WebRTU® Z2 or RTU+® Server). The network between the data concentrator and the EpIO's is self-forming and self-healing, with the data concentrator acting as central master and the EpIO's acting as slaves. It is self-forming because after installation, each device auto-configures itself and detects if any devices are in the vicinity, thereby creating a network capable of expanding itself without any manual intervention. Each EpIO sends its consumption data via RF directly or indirectly to the data concentrator. Indirect communication is possible thanks to the dual role of the EpIO: It can send its own data to the data concentrator but can also act as a repeater for the data of another EpIO simultaneously. Moreover, the network is self-healing due to automatic repair when one device fails (due to disconnection, fire, etc...): a remote EpIO simply detects another EpIO in its vicinity to send its data to.

This network communication is very similar to the one used by routers on the Internet, that communicate amongst each other and update their internal routing tables, in order to recalculate a new routing path should a router fail. But contrary to this mesh-networking by routers, EpIO's can never serve as master, only as slave or as submaster; in which case a single EpIO collects the data from multiple EpIO's before sending it to the master data concentrator.

Design

The EpIO is built into a robust ABS box resisting easily to any industrial environment.

**Main Functions** 

The table below lists the main function of the EpIO:

Function	Description	
Data transfer	The EpIO can transfer data (channel status, pulse counts):  • Directly to the master concentrator (RTU+® V6)  • Indirectly to the master concentrator by sending the data via other EpIO's	
Control output	The master concentrator can drive the EpIO to turn certain loads on or off via the EpIO's digital outputs.	

Types/options

After the assembly of the EpIO no changes can be made to the unit. Take in consideration the type and option you want before ordering. The table below lists the 2 EpIO types:

Article Code	Description
EINF100004	INF EpIO 2DO RF
EINF100005	INF EpIO 2DO 2DI RS485 Mbus RF





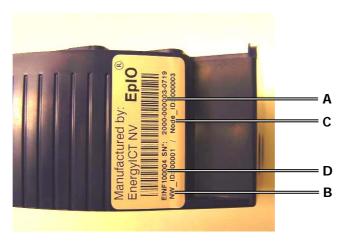
This manual only describes the EINF100004 EpIO. For the EINF100005 EpIO, please refer to the appropriate manual.

Both types are capable of monitoring temperature and humidity, by using the required sensor:

Article Code	Description
EPMS000001	INF Temp Sensor EpIO
EPMS000002	INF Temp Humid Sensor EpIO

### **Serial Number Indication**

The serial number of the EpIO consists of 14 digits divided into 3 groups. It can be found on the bottom left side of the box, as shown in the image below:



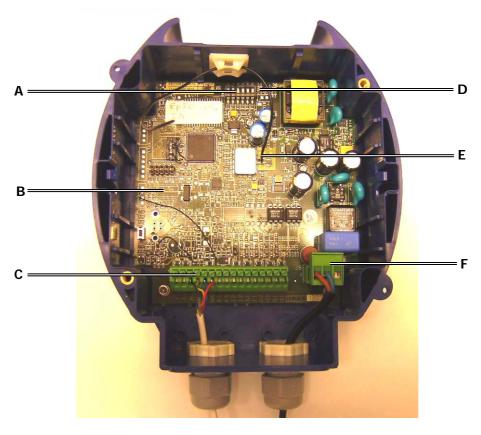
A. Serial number	XXXX - YYYYYY - ZZZZ      XXXX: Family Type     YYYYYY: Unique Serial Number     ZZZZ: Production Week
B. NW_ID (Network ID)	Must be the same for all EpIO's connected to the same network. This number can be found on the status page of the RTU+® V6 data concentrator.
C. Node_ID = YYYYYY = Unique Serial Number	Must be different for all EpIO's connected to the same network. This number can also be found on the status page of the RTU+® V6 data concentrator.
D. Article code	The code of the product type.





# Components

**Overview** The illustration below displays the main components of the EpIO:



A. Dipswitches

C. Interface connector (2 digital outputs)

E. Antenna

B. Main board

D. LED's

F. AC power connector

**Basic components** 

The EpIO consists of the following basic components:

- ABS box
- Main board with power supply (plus interface connector)

**Power Supply** 

The EpIO is equipped with a 115/230 VAC connector. Power can be applied in a range from 115 VAC to 230 VAC ( $\pm$  10 %), to the internal logic and digital output logic without setting a voltage selector (cfr. RTU+ $^{\$}$ V6) and without changing fuses.

**Power Supply Specifications** 

35 mA (nom. 230 VAC)

F 500 mA – T 250 V (Slow)

Average Power Consumption: 6 WMaximum Power Consumption: 15 W



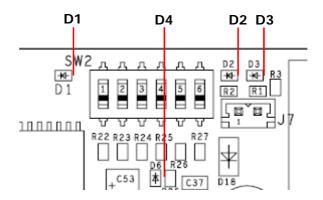


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### **LED** description

The EpIO is equipped with 4 LED's.

At startup, the EpIO performs a self-test. When successful, the unit will start searching for a master (D1). If an error occurs during self-test, a LED combination will blink slowly (D3). The image below depicts the 4 LED's on the EpIO PCB.



The table below lists the LED's from left to right:

LED	Description	
D1	Transmit LED:  • BLINKING rapidly: searching for Master	
D4	Power LED:     ON: power is ON     OFF: power is OFF	
D2	Receive LED:  • BLINKING: receiving data	
D3	Status LED      BLINKING: wiring fault with Temperature / Humidity Sensor: probe not found     ON: connected to Master     OFF: not connected to Master	





## Dipswitches

The EpIO is equipped with 6 dipswitches as well, depicted in the image on the previous page. The table below lists the dipswitches from left to right:

Dipswitch	Description
SW1	Factory Test
SW2	Bandwidth Selection
SW3	Digital Loopback  ON: activated  OFF: disabled  SW 3 must always be turned OFF
SW4	Don't care
SW5	Don't care
SW6	Don't care







# **Chapter 2: Mounting and Wiring**

Overview

Introduction

This chapter provides information on the physical installation of the EpIO device, including mounting and wiring instructions.

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**Protective Panel** 





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# **Mounting Instructions**

**Location** The EpIO does not need to be mounted in an electricity box or meter box;

it can be mounted "stand alone". To ensure a safe installation, keep all

regulations applicable in your location into account.

Mount on a panel

The EpIO box must be mounted on a vertical panel or wall.

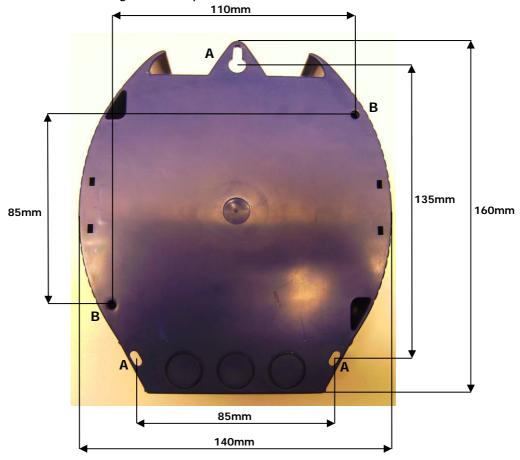
Protective panel The interior of the EpIO is protected from outside influences by a

protective plastic panel.

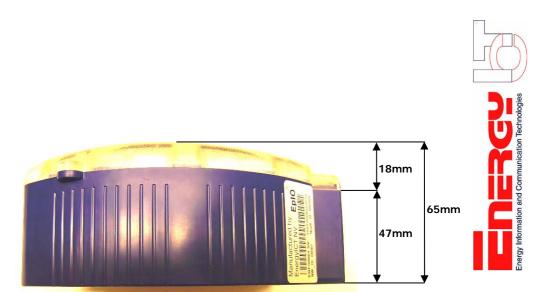
Mounting Possibilities EpIO The EpIO can be mounted using

Α	3 external mounting holes
В	2 internal mounting holes

You should remove the protective panel of the EpIO before you begin mounting the device to the vertical panel. This makes the internal mounting holes easily accessible.













# **Power Supply Wiring Instructions**

Power connector The power supply connectors are located at the bottom right corner of

the EpIO. The EpIO has a 115/230 AC connector (switched mode power

supply).

Single wire or two wires

The connector accepts single wires (0,2 to 2,5 mm<sup>2</sup>)

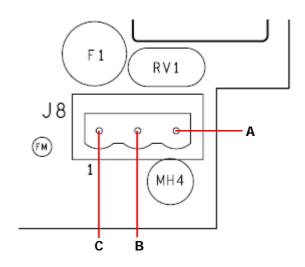
and two wires (0,2 to 1,0 mm<sup>2</sup>).

Fuse The fuse used in the EpIO is the T 500 mA /250 V (slow) and is located

close to the power connector (Labeled with 'F1').

Connecting the power

Connect the electrical wire to the connector carefully.



A. Protective earth pin

B. L1 pin

C. L2 pin

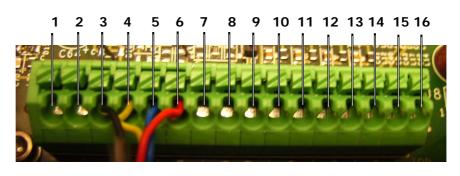




# **Wiring Instructions**

Wiring instructions

Connect the interface as follows:



Connection	Description	Purpose
1	T -	Temperature Sensor
2	T +	Temperature Sensor
3	H -	Humidity Sensor  • Black: ground
4	H +	Humidity Sensor • Yellow: data
5	MB -	Humidity Sensor  • Blue: clock
6	MB +	Humidity Sensor • Red: +3V3
7	RS -	Not used
8	RS +	Not used
9	INP2 +	Not used
10	INP2 -	Not used
11	INP1 +	Not used
12	INP1 -	Not used
13	OUTP2 +	Digital Output 2
14	OUTP2 -	Digital Output 2
15	OUTP1 +	Digital Output 1
16	OUTP1 -	Digital Output 1





# **Chapter 3: Digital Outputs**

**Overview** 

Introduction The EnergyICT® EpIO is configured with two digital outputs.

The outputs are designed for AC or DC power, and are not polarized. They **Purpose** 

can switch between a 50 V signal and a maximum current of 600 mA.

**Digital output** specifications The table below lists the digital output specifications:

### Digital output specifications

- Maximum voltage secured by a varistor to 50 V
- Maximum switch current: 600 mA per output
- Non-polarized outputs
- Isolation voltage: 3750 V<sub>RMS</sub>







# **Appendix**

Overview

Introduction

The appendix provides the user with information on external sensors that can be connected to the EpIO.

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# **Humidity/Temperature Sensor**

**Description** This sensor measures and transmits the humidity and temperature data to

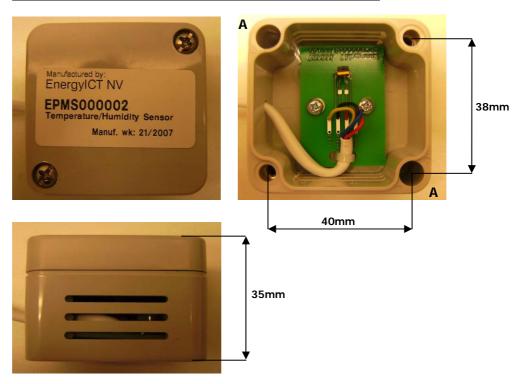
the EpIO and uses pins 3 to 6 of the interface connection on the EpIO's

main board.

Mounting Possibilities Humidity Sensor The humidity/temperature sensor may not be exposed to rain and must therefore be mounted under a lid.

It can be mounted using:

A 2 internal mounting holes easily accessed by unscrewing and removing the front panel.



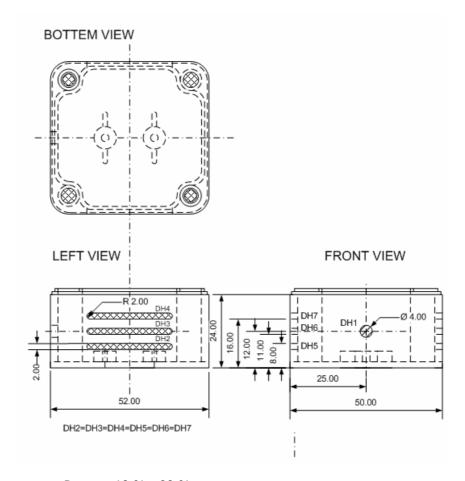
### Note

 The interior of the sensor is very delicate and must therefore not be touched.





### **Dimensions**



**Specifications** 

Range: 10 % - 90 %
Accuracy: 1,8 %

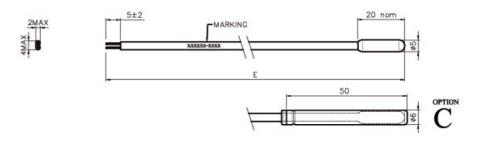




# **Temperature Sensor**

### Description

This sensor measures and transmits the temperature data to the EpIO and uses pins 1 and 2 of the interface connection on the EpIO's main board. It is a single insulation NYC probe and is encapsulated in a tip overmoulded on the cable. This low cost probe is waterproof even after freeze/thaw cycling.



### **Features**

- Degree of protection: waterproof to IP 68
- Temperature range: -32 °C to +48 °C (continuous)
- Accuracy: 0,5 °C @ -32 °C/ 0,5 °C @ +48 °C
- Cable: 0,25 sqmm stranded copper, thermoplastic elastomer insulated, Halogen-free
- Cable length: standard 5000 mm (others available up to 15000 mm)
- Tip: thermoplastic elastomer overmoulded on the cable
- Insulation resistance: 100 M $\Omega$  at 1000 VDC
- Dielectric strength: 1500 VAC
- Marking: Code and batch number (others available)
- Cap: 6 x 50 mm stainless steel cap (option "C")



