

RS232 port specs

Specifications for the RS232 serial port

This section lists and describes the RS232 serial port, and the data in the RS232 dump.

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The BMS controller includes an RS232 serial port with these fixed parameters:

- 19200 baud
- 8 data bits
- no parity
- 1 stop bit
- Xon/Xoff handshake
- Pin 2 = TXD: from controller to terminal
- Pin 3 = RXD: from terminal to controller

Data transmitted in the RS232 dump



The RS232 serial port is normally used by a person to monitor and set-up the BMS controller. However, it can be [programmed](#) to continuously dump data (once a second, without the need for any input into the RS232 port), for automatic monitoring and logging purposes.

The data are in hex, 2 characters per data byte, packed with no separator between bytes.

The data are in 5 groups.

- Context
- Auxiliary data
- Cell data - voltages
- Cell data - temperatures
- Cell data - resistances

These groups may be turned on or off, but at least one of them must be on.

- The context may be enabled or disabled.
- The auxiliary data may be enabled or disabled.
- All 3 cell-data groups may be enabled or disabled, all-together.

These separators are used:

- Before each dump (once a second): clear screen and home commands
- After each group: space character
- After each dump: carriage return and line feed

For example, if all groups are dumped, the BMS controller will generate the following data, in this order:

- Clear screen and Home commands: 1B 5B 32 4A 1B 5B 48
- Context data
- Space character: 20
- Auxiliary data
- Space character: 20

- Cell voltages
- Space character: 20
- Cell temperatures
- Space character: 20
- Cell resistances
- Space character: 20
- Carriage return and line feed characters: 20 0D 0A

The above sequence is repeated every 1 s.

Context data

Context is a set of 32 bytes (these are the same variables that are logged each time there is an event)

Byte no.	No of bytes	Item
1	1	Fault code: level faults or transition faults (this may be updated by a new fault, but is never cleared) <div><div><div>1. Driving off while plugged in</div><div>2. Interlock is tripped</div><div>3. Communication fault with a bank or cell</div><div>4. Charge overcurrent</div><div>5. Discharge overcurrent</div><div>6. Over-temperature</div><div>7. Under voltage</div><div>8. Over voltage</div><div>9. No battery voltage</div><div>10. High voltage B- leak to chassis</div><div>11. High voltage B+ leak to chassis</div><div>12. Relay K1 is shorted</div><div>13. Contactor K2 is shorted</div><div>14. Contactor K3 is shorted</div><div>15. Open K1 or K3, or shorted K2</div><div>16. Open K2</div><div>17. Excessive precharge time</div><div>18. EEPROM stack overflow</div></div></div>
2	2	Number of on/off cycles [-]
3	3	Time since power came on [s]
7	2	Source current [100 mA], signed, positive when discharging
9	2	Load current [100 mA], signed, positive when discharging
11	1	State of certain inputs and outputs. Bit number / function: <div><div><div><div>7</div><div>1 = Fan is on</div></div><div><div>6</div><div>1 = LLIM is set</div></div><div><div>5</div><div>1 = HLIM is set</div></div><div><div>4</div><div>1 = CAN contactor request</div></div><div><div>3</div><div>1 = hard wire contactor request</div></div><div><div>2</div><div>1 = interlock is tripped</div></div><div><div>1</div><div>1 = power from the load</div></div><div><div>0</div><div>1 = power from the source</div></div></div></div>
		For example: E2h = 1110 0010 binary = fan is on, LMIN and HLIM are active, and power from the load.
12	1	Relative Charge Current Limit (CCL): Maximum regen and charging current accepted. FFh = 100%, 00h = 0% [-]
13	1	Relative Discharge Current Limit (DCL): Maximum discharging current accepted. FFh = 100%, 00h = 0% [-]
14	1	Relay State machine state (contactors) <div><div><div>• 00 = relays off</div><div>• not 00 = relays on</div></div></div>
15	1	State Of Charge [%]
16	2	Pack total voltage, 0 to 6.55 kV [100 mV]
18	1	No of a bank missing (high nybble) / No of missing banks (low nybble)
19	1	No of missing cells
20	1	No of a missing cell
21	1	Minimum Cell Voltage [10 mV - 2.0 V] (e.g.: 00h = 2.00 V, 01h = 2.01 V...)
22	1	Number of the Cell with the lowest voltage [-]
23	1	Average Cell Voltage [10 mV - 2.0 V] (e.g.: 00h = 2.00 V, 01h = 2.01 V...)
24	1	Maximum Cell Voltage [10 mV - 2.0 V] (e.g.: 00h = 2.00 V, 01h = 2.01 V...)
25	1	Number of the Cell with the highest voltage [-]

26	1	Minimum Cell Board Temperature [°C +80h]. Signed, -127 to + 127 °C +80h (e.g.: 80h = °C, 81h = 1 °C; 7Fh = -1 °C)
27	1	Number of the Cell Board with the lowest Temperature [-]
28	1	Average Cell Board Temperature [°C +80h]. Signed, -127 to + 127 °C +80h (e.g.: 80h = °C, 81h = 1 °C; 7Fh = -1 °C)
29	1	Maximum Cell Board Temperature [°C +80h]. Signed, -127 to + 127 °C +80h (e.g.: 80h = °C, 81h = 1 °C; 7Fh = -1 °C)
30	1	Number of the Cell Board with the highest Temperature [-]
31	1	Number of loads that are on
32	1	Cell voltage above which we turn on its load [10 mV - 2.0 V] (e.g.: 00h = 2.00 V, 01h = 2.01 V...)

Auxiliary data

Auxiliary data is a set of a additional bytes: (Rev 0.92 and less: 21 bytes; Rev 0.93 and after: 23 bytes)

Byte no.	No of bytes	Item
1	1	State <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 0 Fault 2. 3 Ready - charge sustain 3. 4 Ready - charge deplete 4. 9 Plugged - off 5. 10 Plugged - charging 6. 15 Ready & Plugged in
2	1	Level fault flags [-] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0. 1 = driving off while plugged in 1. 1 = interlock is tripped 2. 1 = communication fault with a bank or cell 3. 1 = charge overcurrent 4. 1 = discharge overcurrent 5. 1 = over temperature 6. 1 = under voltage {Rev 0.88 added} 7. 1 = over voltage {Rev 0.88 added}
3	3	Total energy in of battery, since manufacture. Unsigned, overflows back to 0 [kWH]
6	3	Total energy out of battery, since manufacture. Unsigned, overflows back to 0 [kWH]
9	2	DOD - Depth Of Discharge [Ah]
11	2	Capacity [Ah]
13	1	SOH - State Of Health [%]
14	2	Pack Resistance [100 µΩ] (so, 01h = 100 µΩ) {Fixed in rev 1.05}
16	1	Minimum Cell Resistance [100 µΩ] (so, 01h = 100 µΩ)
17	1	Number of cell with minimum resistance [-]
18	1	Average Cell Resistance [100 µΩ]
19	1	Maximum Cell Resistance [100 µΩ] (so, 01h = 100 µΩ)
20	1	Number of cell with maximum resistance [-]
21	1	Number of cells seen [-]
22	2	Power [100 W], signed

Cell data

Cell data are the raw readings from all 255 cells: voltage, temperature and resistance

The cell voltages are in 10 mV, offset by 2.0 V (so, 00h = 2 V, 10h = 2.16 V...), starting from cell 0 all the way to cell 255.

- 00h Cell 0 voltage
- 01h Cell 1 voltage
- ...
- FFh Cell 255 voltage

The cell temperatures are in °C, offset by 80h (so, 80h = 0 °C, 81h = 1 °C, 7Fh = -1 °C), starting from cell 0 all the way to cell 255.

- 00h Cell 0 temperature
- 01h Cell 1 temperature
- ...
- FFh Cell 255 temperature

The cell resistances are in $100\ \mu\Omega$ (so, 01h = $100\ \mu\Omega$), starting from cell 0 all the way to cell 255.

- 00h Cell 0 resistance
- 01h Cell 1 resistance
- ...
- FFh Cell 255 resistance

This text file has a [screenshot of the dump](#) in a system with 8 cells.

