

# Fluke 189/187/89-IV/87-IV Remote Interface Specification



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## Introduction

This document describes some of the serial interface capabilities of Fluke model 189, 187, 89-IV, and 87-IV Digital Multimeters.

## Communication Protocol (model 89-IV and 87-IV)

The Fluke 89-IV and 87-IV have an infrared (IR) serial interface that is operated in an RS-232 mode:

- 9600 Baud, no parity, 8 bits, 1 stop bit

The IR adapter cable used with the 89-IV and 87-IV gets its power from the DTR and RTS signals going into its DB9 connector. The PC RS-232 communications port needs to control these two signal lines via software, or they can be controlled by wiring in an external power source. If you wire in an external power source, be sure to break the DTR and RTS signal lines going back to the PC. The DB9 connector on the IR adapter cable needs to have the following lines with the following voltages applied:

- DTR disabled - pin 4 with -3 to -12 volts (or tied to pin 5, Ground, will work also)
- RTS enabled - pin 7 with +3 to +12 volts

## Communication Protocol (model 189 and 187)

The Fluke 189 and 187 have an infrared (IR) serial interface different from the model 89-IV and 87-IV. While the IR hardware is somewhat different, the serial communications still operates with the same RS-232 mode:

- 9600 Baud, no parity, 8 bits, 1 stop bit

The IR adapter cable for the Fluke 189 and 187 does not need any special control of its signal lines. It can be used just like a traditional serial cable.

## Commands

Commands consist of 2 letter codes that are sent from a computer or other serial device to the meter.

DS	Default Setup	Equivalent to cycling instrument power. Instrument is returned to its power-up state.
ID	Identification	Returns model, serial number, and software version information.
RI	Reset Instrument	Resets all instrument registers to factory settings, <i>except</i> calibration constants and 50/60 Hz local factory setting. Clears logging and save

		memory (applies to 189 and 89-IV only). Resets the real time clock to zero.
QM	Query Measurement	Provides measurements that are showing on the meter display. The response string is in ASCII only.
SF	Set Function	Allows "button presses" and meter state changes to be done remotely.

See the section on Command Syntax for further detail regarding the command set.

## Command Acknowledge (CMD\_ACK) responses

The meter will acknowledge a command with a single digit followed by a carriage return <CR>. Not all syntax errors may be detected by the meter.

Here is a list of the possible responses:

'0'	OK, normal operation, no error.
'1'	Syntax error or generic error

CMD\_ACK is followed by a carriage return. With the *exception of the data response to the ID command*, any data that is sent out the serial port in response to a command will be prefixed with the name of the originating command followed by a comma. For example, a response to the QM command would look like:

CMD\_ACK<CR>QM, measurement string

## Command Parameters

Unless otherwise stated, command parameters are ASCII digits or letters.

## Command Syntax

DS	Default Setup	
	Purpose:	Equivalent to cycling instrument power (or pressing the Cancel button). Instrument is returned to a "power-up" state.
	Command Syntax:	DS<CR>
	Response Syntax:	CMD_ACK<CR>
	Remarks:	This shouldn't be confused with the Reset Instrument (RI) command. All the DS command does is cause the meter to act like the cancel button was pressed (or that the meter was turned off and back on).

ID	Identification	
	Purpose:	Returns model, serial number, and software version information.
	Command Syntax:	ID<CR>
	Response Syntax:	CMD_ACK<CR>{identify string}<CR>
	Remarks:	{identify string} is in ASCII. Format: Model #, Software version, Serial # The first 5 letters of the identity string must be "FLUKE" in uppercase letters. Example: FLUKE 89,V0.39,123456789

QM	Query Measurement	
	Purpose:	Accesses the primary display as an ASCII string.

	Command Syntax:	QM<CR>
	Response Syntax:	CMD_ACK<CR>QM,{primary_reading}<CR>
	Remarks:	<p>This command will return the contents of what is currently on the primary display. There will always be a sign (+/-)</p> <p>Example Output:</p> <p>QM,+47.66 KOhms</p> <p>QM,-121.43 VDC</p> <p>QM,Out of Range mVDC</p> <p>"V AC"</p> <p>"mV AC"</p> <p>"V DC"</p> <p>"mV DC"</p> <p>"V AC", /* V AC&amp;DC */</p> <p>"mV AC", /* mV AC&amp;DC */</p> <p>"V AC+DC "</p> <p>"mV AC+DC"</p> <p>"Ohms", /* Will have units of blank, k, &amp; M */</p> <p>"nS", /* Conductance */</p> <p>"Ohms", /* Continuity */</p> <p>"Farads", /* Will have units of n, u, &amp; m */</p> <p>"V DC", /* Diode test */</p> <p>"A AC"</p> <p>"mA AC"</p> <p>"uA AC"</p> <p>"A DC"</p> <p>"mA DC"</p> <p>"uA DC"</p> <p>"A AC", /* A AC&amp;DC */</p> <p>"mA AC", /* mA AC&amp;DC */</p> <p>"uA AC", /* uA AC&amp;DC */</p> <p>"A AC+DC"</p> <p>"mA AC+DC"</p> <p>"uA AC+DC"</p> <p>"Deg C"</p> <p>"Deg F"</p> <p>"dBm"</p> <p>"dBV"</p> <p>"dBm", /* mV dBm */</p> <p>"dBV", /* mV dBV */</p> <p>"Hz"</p> <p>"% ", /* Duty */</p> <p>"mS", /* Pulse */</p>

<b>RI</b>	<b>Reset Instrument</b>	
	Purpose:	Resets all instrument registers to factory settings, except calibration constants and communication settings. Clears any data in memory. Sets the day/time tick counter to 0. Does any necessary hardware resets.
	Command Syntax:	RI<CR>

	Response Syntax:	CMD_ACK<CR>
	Remarks:	

<b>SF</b>	<b>Set Function</b>			
	Purpose:	Allows "button presses" and meter state changes to be done remotely.		
	Command Syntax:	SF<space>{key code}<CR>		
	Response Syntax:	CMD_ACK<CR>		
	Remarks:	{key code} is a two ASCII digit number. If the {key code} parameter can not be used due to the current mode of the meter, a CMD_ACK of '1' is returned.		
		{key code} ASCII digits	Button press	{key code} ASCII digits
		10	Blue	21
		11	Hold	22
		12	Min/Max	23
		13	Rel	24
		14	Up Arrow	25
		15	Shift	26
		16	Hz	27
		17	Range	28
		18	Down Arrow	29
		19	Backlight	30
		20	Calibration	

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