

**Introduction**

The outside RH/T network sensor uses a highly accurate and reliable Thermoset Polymer based capacitance humidity sensor and curve-matched NTC thermistor temperature sensor together with state-of-the-art digital linearization and temperature compensated circuitry to monitor outside humidity and temperature levels and transmit values via Modbus communication to a building automation system. A hinged, gasketed weatherproof ABS enclosure provides easy of installation and protection from the elements.

**Before Installation**

Read these instructions carefully before installing and commissioning the sensor. Failure to follow these instructions may result in product damage. Do not use in an explosive or hazardous environment, with combustible or flammable gases, as a safety or emergency stop device or in any other application where failure of the product could result in personal injury. Take electrostatic discharge precautions during installation and do not exceed the device ratings.

Select a suitable mounting spot on an exterior wall where the RH/T sensor is best protected from direct exposure to sunlight, wind, etc. preferably on a north facing wall. Do not mount the sensor near opening windows, supply/exhaust air louvres or other known air disturbances. Avoid areas where the sensor is exposed to vibrations or rapid temperature changes.

A connection hole for 1/2" Conduit is provided. Run a length of conduit through exterior wall and seal. Use 14-22 AWG shielded wiring for all connections and do not locate the device wires in the same conduit with wiring used to supply inductive loads such as motors. Make all connections in accordance with national and local codes.

**Mounting**

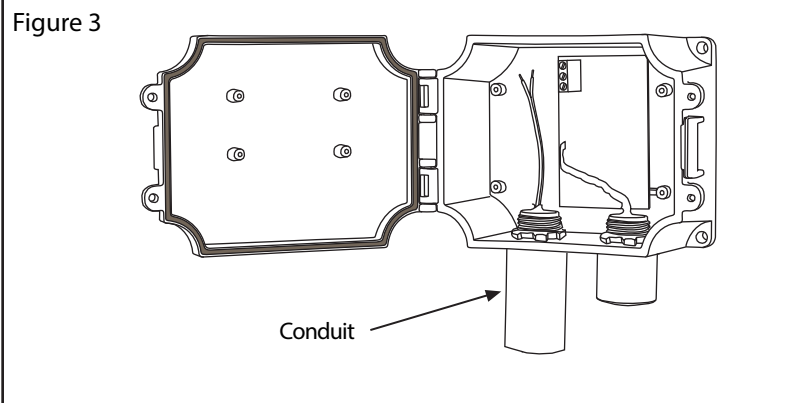
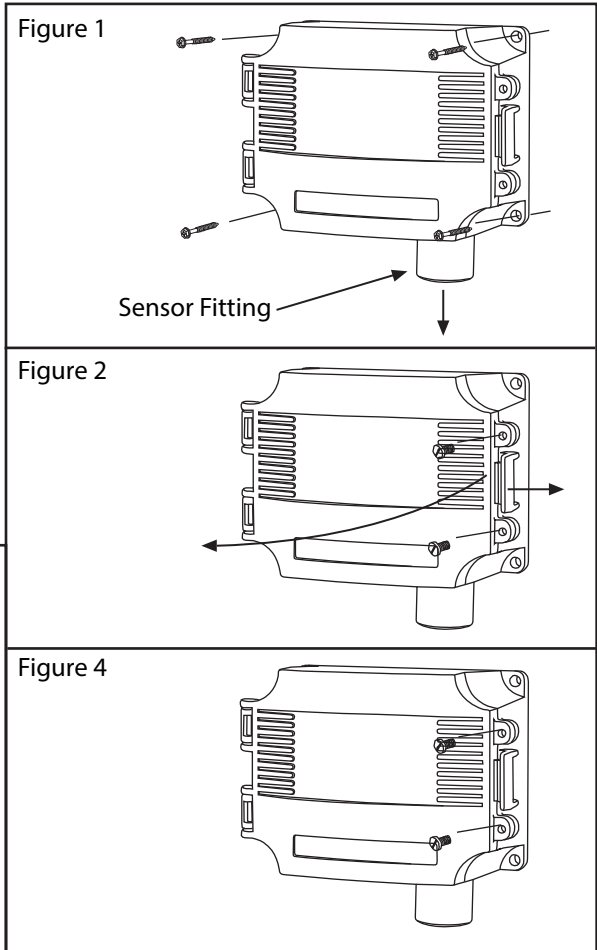
The RH/T sensor installs directly on an exterior wall using the four integrated mounting holes provided on the enclosure. Select the best mounting based on the exterior wall material. The 4 mounting holes will facilitate a #10 size screw (not supplied). The sensor fitting must be pointing down. See Figure 1.

The ABS enclosure has a hinged cover with latch. Open the cover by removing the 2 security screws and then pull slightly on the latch on the right side of the enclosure. At the same time pulling on the cover, as illustrated in Figure 2.

Feed conduit through the provided hole in bottom of enclosure and secure with a lock nut as show in Figure 3. It is recommended that weatherproof conduit or cable gland fittings be used.

Make wiring connections as per the "Wiring" illustrations on Page 2.

Swing door closed until securely latched. Replace the 2 security screws as shown in Figure 4.



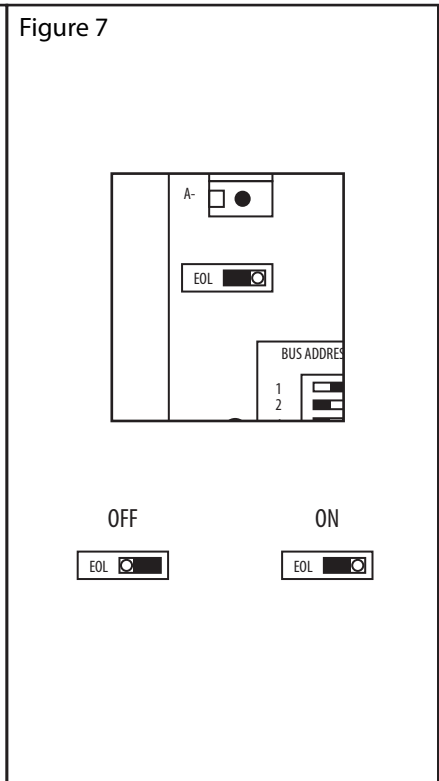
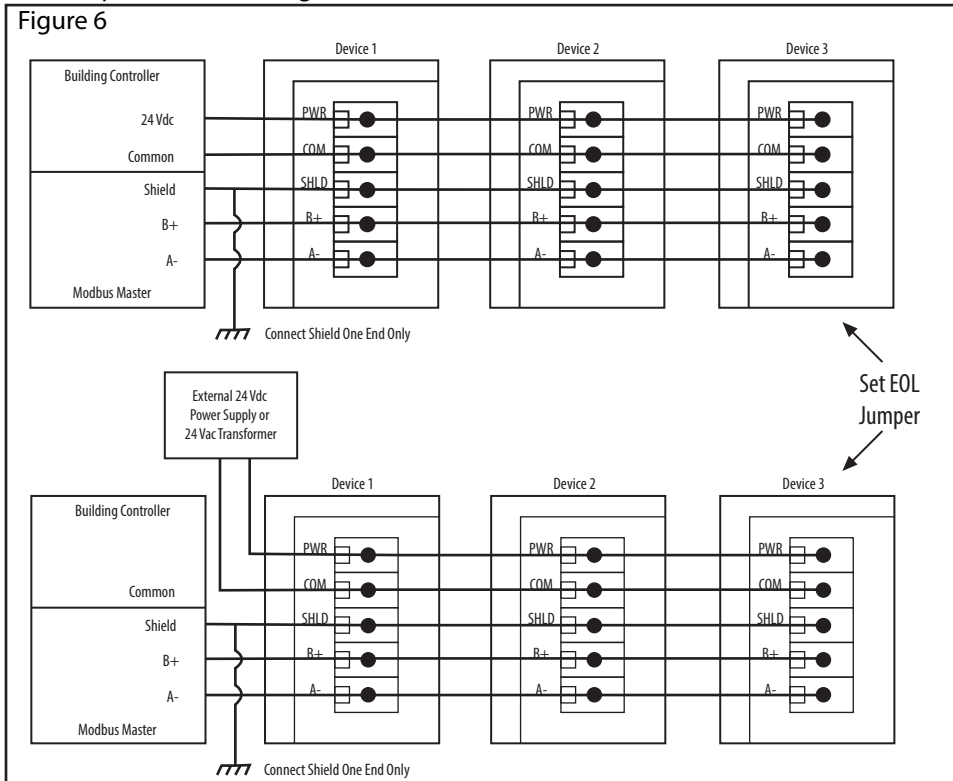
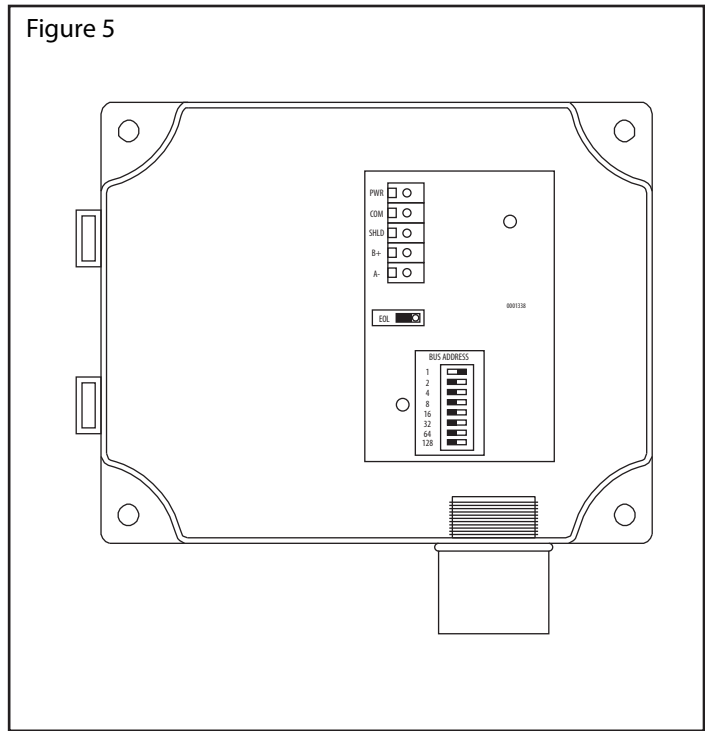
## Wiring

Deactivate the 24 Vac/dc power supply until all connections are made to the device to prevent electrical shock or equipment damage. Follow proper electrostatic discharge (ESD) handling procedures when installing the device or equipment damage may occur. Use 22 AWG shielded wiring for all connections and do not locate the device wires in the same conduit with wiring used to supply inductive loads such as motors. Make all connections in accordance with national and local codes.

Connect the 24 Vac/dc power supply to the terminals labeled PWR (power) and COM (common) as shown in Figure 6. This device has a half-wave type power supply so use caution when wiring multiple devices so that the circuit ground point is the same on all devices and the controller. Use caution if 24 Vac power is used and one side of the transformer is earth-grounded. In general, the transformer should NOT be connected to earth ground when using devices with RS-485 network connections. The device is reverse voltage protected and will not operate if connected backwards.

Connect the RS-485 network with twisted shielded pair to the terminals marked A-, B+ and SHLD (shield) as shown in Figure 6. The positive wire connects to B(+) and the negative wire connects to A(-) and the cable shield must be connected to the SHLD terminal on each device. If the device is installed at either end of the network, an end-of-line (EOL) termination resistor (121 ohm) should be installed in parallel to the A(-) and B(+) terminals. This device includes a network termination jumper and will connect the resistor correctly on the pcb. Simply move the pcb jumper to the EOL position and no external resistor is required as shown in Figure 7. The ground wire of the shielded pair should be connected to earth ground at the end of the network and the master is not grounded. Do not run bus wiring in the same conduit as line voltage wiring.

A network segment is a single shielded wire loop run between several devices (nodes) in a daisy chain configuration. The total segment length should be less than 4000 feet (1220 meters) and the maximum number of nodes on one segment is 127. Nodes are any device connected to the loop and include controllers, repeaters and sensors such as the RH/T Sensor but does not include the EOL terminators. To install more devices, or to increase the network length, repeaters will be required for proper communication. The maximum daisy chain length (segment) depends on transmission speed (baud rate), wire size and number of nodes. If communication is slow or unreliable, it may be necessary to wire two daisy chains to the controller with a repeater for each segment.



## Network Communication

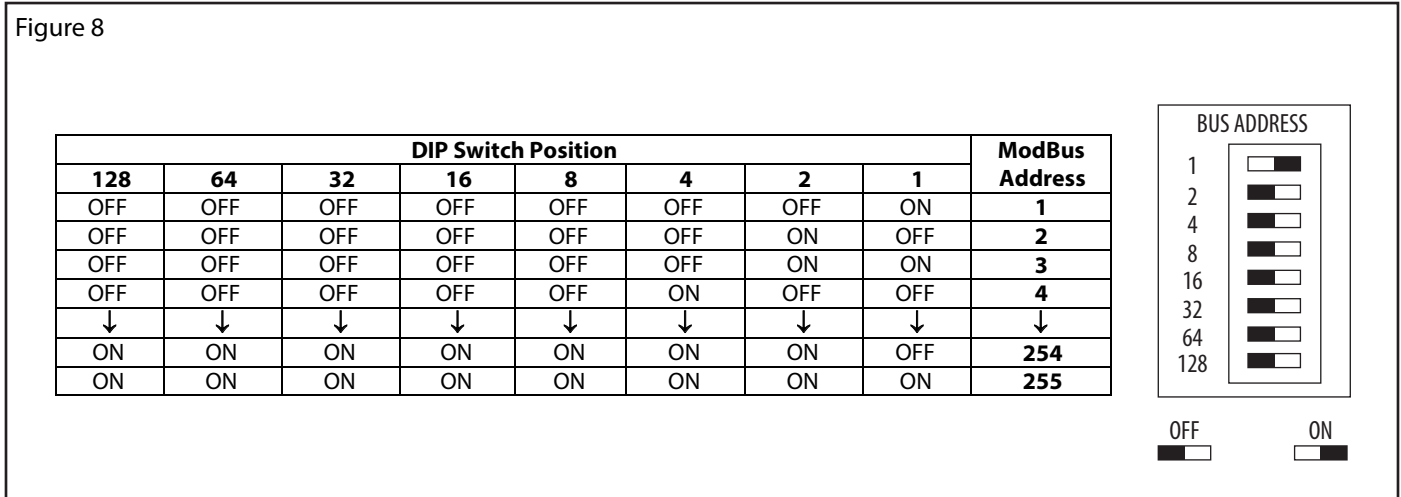
Each device must have a unique ModBus address for startup and it must be set before connection to the network. The local DIP switch is used to set the ModBus device address (1-255). Set the device address as shown in Figure 8.

The factory default network configuration is:

Baud Rate	38400
Parity	None
Stop Bits	1
CRC	A001 (CRC-16 reverse)
Delay	0 (minimum)

Note that the ModBus network configuration may be customized at the factory if required. For example, the baud rate and other parameters may be factory configured to suit specific applications.

The RH/T Sensor operates as a slave. It will not communicate unless a master is connected to the network and sends a request for information, then the slave will answer. If the device does not communicate properly, first check that the communication wires are not reversed. Then check that the slave address has a unique setting for the network segment it is connected to. Finally, verify that the device baud rate, parity bit, stop bit and RTU mode CRC polynomial are correct for the network it is connected to.



## ModBus Protocol

This section describes the implementation of the ModBus protocol. It is intended to assist control system programmers who may need to add support to their systems to communicate with this device. This device communicates on standard ModBus networks using RTU mode transmission. It operates as a slave device (address from 1 to 255) and expects a ModBus master device to transmit queries, which it will answer.

## RTU Message Format

ModBus Framing	8 bit binary
Data Bits	start bits--- 1 data bits--- 8 parity bits--- none stop bits--- 1
Baud Rate	38400
Duplex	Half duplex
Error Checking	Cyclical Redundancy Check (CRC) CRC -16 Reversed --- polynomial $x^{16}+x^{15}+x^2+x^0$ (0xA001)
Latency	More than 3.5 characters--- minimum

## RTU Framing Support and Bit Sequences

Start	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Stop
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## ModBus Register Addressing

ModBus Address	Typical Offset	Units	Data Type	Access	Notes
40001	+0	°C/°F	Word	Read	16-bit integer, TEMPERATURE_VALUE x 10 Multiplier = 10 -400 to 1000 for -40.0 to 100.0 °C, -400 to 2120 for -40.0 to 212.0 °F
40002	+1	%RH	Word	Read	16-bit integer, RELATIVE_HUMIDITY_VALUE Multiplier = 10 0 to 1000 for 0.0 to 100.0 %RH
40003	+2	°C/°F	Word	Write	16-bit integer, TEMPERATURE_OFFSET = -10 to 10 C_OFFSET = TEMPERATURE_OFFSET / 2 = -5.0 to 5.0 °C F_OFFSET = TEMPERATURE_OFFSET = -10 to 10 °F
40004	+3	%RH	Word	Write	16-bit integer, RH_OFFSET = -10 to 10 RH_OFF = RH_OFFSET = -10 to 10 %RH
40005	+4		Word	Write	16-bit integer, TEMPERATURE_UNITS 0 = °C, 1 = °F

## RTU Function Codes

### 0x03 --- Read holding registers

Query

Slave address (0x01 to 0xFF)	Function code (0x03)	Starting address MSB	Starting address LSB	Quantity of registers MSB	Quantity of registers LSB	CRC LSB	CRC MSB
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\* Starting address = 0x0000 to 0xFFFF, Quantity of registers = 0x0000 to 0x007D

Response

Slave address (0x01 to 0xFF)	Function code (0x03)	Byte count 2N	Register value MSB	Register value LSB	...	CRC LSB	CRC MSB
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\* N = Quantity of registers

### 0x06 --- Write single register

Query

Slave address (0x01 to 0xFF)	Function code 0x06	Register address MSB	Register address LSB	Register value MSB	Register value LSB	CRC LSB	CRC MSB
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Response

Slave address (0x01 to 0xFF)	Function code 0x06	Register address MSB	Register address LSB	Register value MSB	Register value LSB	CRC LSB	CRC MSB
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\* Register address = 0x0000 to 0xFFFF, Registers value = 0x0000 to 0xFFFF

### Exception response

Slave address (0x01 to 0xFF)	Function code + 0x80	Exception code 0x01, 0x02 or 0x03	CRC LSB	CRC MSB
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\* An exception response is only returned if the CRC is correct

Exception code 01 --- illegal function, 02 --- illegal address, 03 --- illegal data value

The RTU function codes supported by the RH/T sensor are shown below.

**0x03 --- Read TEMPERATURE\_VALUE**

Query

Slave address (0x01 to 0xFF)	0x03	0x00	0x00	0x00	0x01	CRC LSB	CRC MSB
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Response

Slave address (0x01 to 0xFF)	0x03	0x02	Register value MSB	Register value LSB	CRC LSB	CRC MSB
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\* Register value = 0xFE70 to 0x03E8, corresponding to -40.0 to 100.0 °C (multiplier = 10)  
 or = 0xFE70 to 0x0848, corresponding to -40.0 to 212.0 °F (multiplier = 10)

The temperature value is either in °C (default) or °F depending on the value of the TEMPERATURE\_UNITS register. This register has a multiplier of 10, the application must divide by 10 to obtain the correct value.

**0x03 --- Read RELATIVE\_HUMIDITY\_VALUE**

Query

Slave address (0x01 to 0xFF)	0x03	0x00	0x01	0x00	0x01	CRC LSB	CRC MSB
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Response

Slave address (0x01 to 0xFF)	0x03	0x02	Register value MSB	Register value LSB	CRC LSB	CRC MSB
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\* Register value = 0x0000 to 0x03E8, corresponding to 0 to 100 %RH (multiplier = 10)

This register has a multiplier of 10, the application must divide by 10 to obtain the correct value.

**0x06 --- Write TEMPERATURE\_OFFSET**

Query

Slave address (0x01 to 0xFF)	0x06	0x00	0x02	Register Value MSB	Register value LSB	CRC LSB	CRC MSB
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Response

Slave address (0x01 to 0xFF)	0x06	0x00	0x02	Register Value MSB	Register value LSB	CRC LSB	CRC MSB
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\* This register is used to add or subtract an offset to the temperature value if necessary to conform to a local reference.

Register value = 0xFFF6 to 0x000A for -10 to 10

For °C operation, this corresponds to T\_OFFSET / 2 = -5.0 to 5.0 °C. ie: 0x0003 => 3/2 = +1.5 °C offset.

For °F operation, this corresponds to T\_OFFSET = -10 to 10 °F. ie: 0x0003 => 3 = +3 °F offset.

The operating temperature units (°C or °F) for the device should be selected first, and then add any offset if necessary.

**0x06--- Write RH\_OFFSET**

Query

Slave address (0x01 to 0xFF)	0x06	0x00	0x03	Register Value MSB	Register value LSB	CRC LSB	CRC MSB
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Response

Slave address (0x01 to 0xFF)	0x06	0x00	0x03	Register Value MSB	Register value LSB	CRC LSB	CRC MSB
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\* This register is used to add or subtract an offset to the RH value if necessary to conform to a local reference.

Register value = 0xFFF6 to 0x000A for -10 to 10, corresponding to RH\_OFFSET = -10 to 10 %RH.  
ie: 0x0003 => 3 = +3 %RH offset.

**0x06--- Write TEMPERATURE\_UNITS**

Query

Slave address (0x01 to 0xFF)	0x06	0x00	0x04	0x00	Register value LSB	CRC LSB	CRC MSB
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Response

Slave address (0x01 to 0xFF)	0x06	0x00	0x04	0x00	Register value LSB	CRC LSB	CRC MSB
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\* Register value = 0x0000 = sets the device to °C operation  
= 0x0001 = sets the device to °F operation

**Exception response**

Slave address (0x01 to 0xFF)	Function code + 0x80	Exception code * 0x01, 0x02 or 0x03	CRC LSB	CRC MSB
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\* An exception response is only returned if the CRC is correct  
Exception code 01 --- illegal function  
Exception code 02 --- illegal address  
Exception code 03 --- illegal data value

**General Specifications**

Power Supply .....	15 – 30 Vac/dc (non-isolated half-wave rectified)
Consumption .....	10 mA max @ 24 Vdc
Protection Circuitry .....	Reverse voltage protected, overvoltage protected
Operating Conditions .....	-40 - 122 °F (-40 - 50 °C), 0-95 %RH non-condensing
Wiring Connections .....	Screw terminal block (14 to 22 AWG)
Enclosure .....	ABS, UL94-5VB, IP65 (NEMA 4X)
Dimensions .....	145 x 100 x 64 mm (5.7" w x 3.95" h x 2.5" d), ABS
Sensing Probe .....	20 mm (0.8") long x 28 mm (1.1") diameter PVC hub with mesh filter

**RH**

Sensor .....	Thermoset polymer based capacitive
Accuracy .....	± 2 %RH
Range .....	0-100 %RH
Resolution .....	0.1 %RH
Hysteresis .....	± 1.5 %RH
Response Time .....	15 seconds typical
Stability .....	± 1.2 %RH typical @ 50 %RH in 5 years

**Temperature**

Sensor .....	20KΩ NTC thermistor
Accuracy .....	± 0.2 °C (± 0.4 °F) curve matched
Range .....	-40 - 50 °C (-40 - 122 °F)
Resolution .....	0.1 °C / °F

**Interface**

Hardware .....	2-wire RS-485
Software .....	Native ModBus MS/TP protocol (RTU)
Baud Rate .....	38400
Network Address Range .....	Locally set to 1-255
Parity .....	None
Stop Bits .....	1
CRC .....	A001 (CRC-16 reverse)

**Dimensions:**

