



# F2A3X

## Frequency to Analog Converter / Tachometer

### User Manual and Reference Guide



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## 1. OVERVIEW

The F2A3X Frequency to Analog DIN rail module converts frequency input into an analog voltage (0 to 5Vdc) or current (4 to 20mAdc) output. The DC input may be isolated or non-isolated depending on options ordered, the analog output is isolated. The input signal may be from an external sensor (measuring RPM for example) or any source of digital signal not exceeding 12 volts. The unit provides a pulse output which mimics the input signal and has an optional alarm with a change over relay output.

The F2A3X is user programmed using the USB or Ethernet connection as ordered and the PM Remote Software (available for download at [www.monarchinstrument.com](http://www.monarchinstrument.com)). The user can set the full scale output and input scale factor to provide an output of mV or mA out for a given input signal as well as alarm limit (optional).

The device is powered from 12 to 24Vdc and consumes less than 100mA and plugs onto a standard DIN Rail. The F2A3X accepts input signals from 3 wire optical, proximity, magnetic, infrared or laser sensors, or direct TTL or external ac inputs.

When ordering the user needs to specify either a 4 to 20 mA current output or 0 to 5 Vdc voltage output and whether isolated outputs or alarm output is required.

## 2. INSTALLATION

The F2A1X Frequency to Analog module is housed in a DIN Rail mountable ABS enclosure 112 x 100 x 23 mm (4.4 x 3.9 x 1 inches). There are screw terminal connections on both ends of the unit. The module snaps onto a standard DIN Rail by clipping the non-metallic “hook” at the base of the module into one edge of the rail then pushing the module home allowing the metal spring clip to secure the module. The module is removed by inserting a screwdriver into the exposed metal tab and leveraging this tab outwards while lifting the module away from the rail.

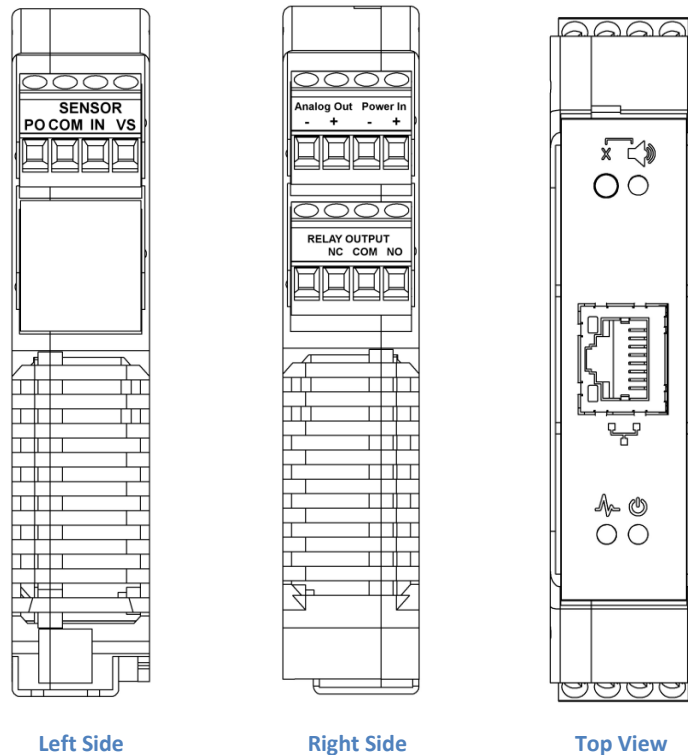


Fig 2.1 – F2A3X Module

### 2.1. Connections

#### 2.1.1. Power

Power to the unit is connected to the 4 way terminal block marked **ANALOG OUT POWER IN**. Refer to Figure 2.1 above – Right Side view. Note that these inputs are polarity sensitive. Connect a DC supply of 12 to 24Vdc (with a 150mA source capacity) into the two right hand terminals ensuring that the positive wire goes to the **+** terminal and the common or negative wire goes to the **-** terminal.

#### 2.1.2. Analog Out

The Analog Output from the unit is connected to the 4 way terminal block marked **ANALOG OUT POWER IN**. Refer to Figure 2.1 above – Right Side view. The **Analog Out** are the two left hand terminals and source of the voltage or current output as ordered. These terminals are polarity sensitive and are marked **-** and **+** accordingly.

**NOTE:** The ANALOG OUTPUT COMMON is isolated from the other COM connections. **The ANALOG OUT is an OUTPUT. DO NOT CONNECT THE DC POWER TO THESE TERMINALS.**

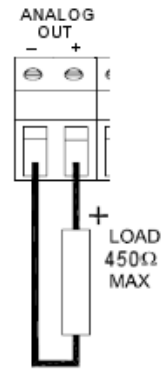
The Full scale output settings can be set by the User using the PM Remote Software.

### 2.1.2.1. Current Output Option

The current output is **isolated** 4 to 20 mA. This output is a current **source** and has a 10 Vdc internal compliance voltage. The maximum load that may be connected is 450 ohms.

Typical connections are as follows: (Shown right)

Connections for current out are to the terminals marked **ANALOG OUT**. Connect the Positive side of the load to the terminal marked + and the other side of the load to the terminal marked -.



### 2.1.2.2. Voltage Output Option

The voltage output is **isolated** 0 to 5 Vdc.

Connections for voltage out are to the terminals marked **ANALOG OUT**. Connect the positive side of the load to the terminal marked + and the negative or common side of the load to the terminal marked -.

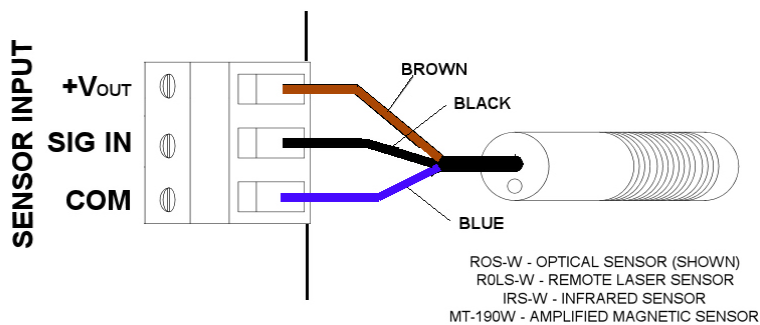
### 2.1.3. Sensor Input

The SENSOR INPUT is part of the 4 way terminal block marked **SENSOR**. Refer to Figure 2.1 above – Left Side view. Note that these inputs are polarity sensitive. The SENSOR INPUT is the input terminal used to connect an external sensor or trigger source. There is a voltage output that may be used to power an external sensor (5 or 10 Vdc as ordered). The system supports two wire inputs (Signal and common) or three wire sensors (Supply, signal and common). Three wire sensors can be open collector types – NPN or PNP, TTL output or negative output types.

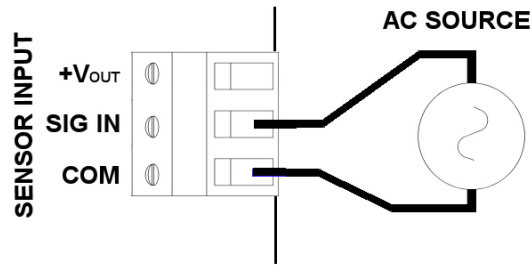
Connections and their functions are as follows:

- VS** Positive +5 or +10 Vdc (as ordered) to provide power to optical, laser, infrared or amplified magnetic sensors. Maximum load is 75 mA dc.
- IN** Input signal from signal sources or speed sensor. Accepts TTL pulses or ac signals, unipolar and bipolar, from  $\pm 3$  to  $\pm 12$  Volts. Connect the signal wire from three wire sensors or the signal of two wire sources to this terminal. Typical input impedance is 10 Kohms.
- COM** Common or Negative connection for both signal and power from most sensors/sources.

Typical connections for Monarch standard sensors are shown below (The PO terminal is not shown):



**Sensor Connection Detail**



**Signal Source Connection Detail**

### 2.1.4. Pulse Output

The PULSE OUTPUT is part of the 4 way terminal block marked SENSOR. Refer to Figure 2.1 above – Left Side view. The pulse output terminal is marked **PO (Pulse Output - left terminal)** and shares a common with the sensor terminal **COM**.





The Pulse Output is a positive 5V out repeat of the sensor input pulse. The output drive is an open collector with a 4700 ohm pull up resistor to +5Vdc.

## 3. Front Panel

The front panel is shown in Fig 2.1 above as Top View. It is protected by a clear plastic lid which can be removed by simply unclipping it from the housing. It flips up from one end.

The front panel has the IO connector as ordered – either a USB Type B female socket or an RJ45 Ethernet socket. This connects to a computer or network and allows the use of the PM Remote Software.

There are indicators and a switch on this panel with the following functions:

-  Power LED Indicator – Lit when power is present.
-  Input Pulse Indicator – Mimics the input pulse. If the input frequency is high it will appear on constantly.
-  Alarm Indication – Lit when an alarm condition occurs. May remain lit depending on how the alarm is set up.
-  Alarm Cancel button – press to reset output relays. Depending on how the alarm is configured the alarm may set again if the condition is still present.

## 4. User Programmability

All the operational settings of the F2A3X Frequency to Analog module can be set remotely using the PM Remote PC Software using a USB or Ethernet Connection as ordered. Settings that can be programmed include input scaling, analog output full scale and offset, input pulse polarity and update rate and alarm settings. In addition you can view real time data on the PC – refer to the PM Remote manual and help screen. PM Remote Software is available for download at [www.monarchinstrument.com](http://www.monarchinstrument.com).

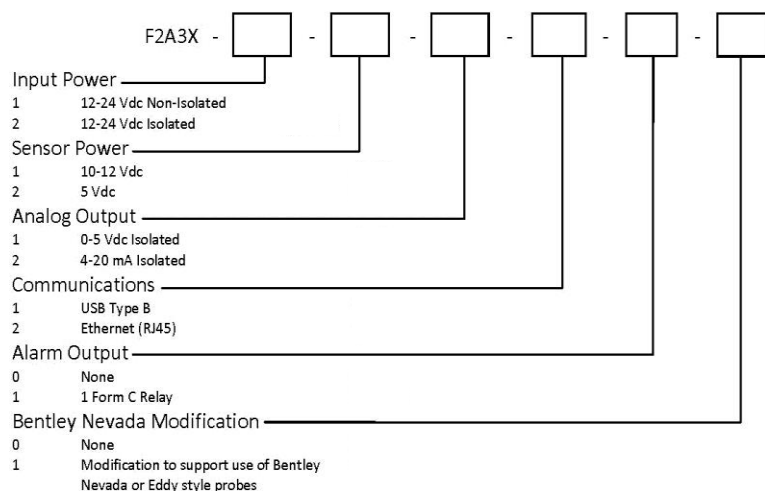
## 5. Specifications

- Input Range:** 0.1 to 25kHz. 5 to 999,990 RPM
- Accuracy:** 0.005%
- Input Scaling:** 1 to 9,999 pulses per rev. User programmable scale factor
- mA Option:** 4 to 20 mA out, 16 bit resolution 10Vdc compliance voltage. Zero and full scale settings as specified when ordered or user programmable using UPC
- Vdc Option:** 0 to 5 Vdc out, 5 mA 16 bit resolution. Zero and full scale settings as specified when ordered or programmable using UPC.
- Resolution:** 76 microvolts or 30.5 micro amps
- Alarm option:** 1 Form C Relay Contact rated 1A at 220 Vdc 250 Vac with front panel or remote reset.
- Dimensions:** L x W x H = 112 x 100 x 23 mm (4.4 x 3.9 x 1 inches) DIN Rail module
- Power Supply:** 12 to 24Vdc  $\pm 5\%$  @ 150mA max
- Input:** TTL input or  $\pm 3$  Vac to  $\pm 12$  Vac
- Output:** 5V pulse repeater OC output with 4700 ohm pull up to 5Vdc.
- Sensor Supply:** 5Vdc or 10 Vdc at 75 mA – order option.

## 6. ACCESSORIES / SENSORS

- T-5:** Reflective Tape - 5 foot (1.5 m) roll, 0.5 inch (10 mm) wide
- ROS-W:** Remote Optical Sensor
- ROLS-W:** Remote Optical Laser Sensor
- IRS-W:** Infrared Sensor
- MT-190W:** Magnetic Sensor with Amplifier Module
- PS-12:** Proximity Sensor – 3 wire.

## 7. Ordering Information



## 8. Appendix A - Serial Programming Commands

All serial commands are @ then two or more characters or words separated by a delimiter "/". One or two numbers follow some commands. All valid commands respond immediately with an "OK" or data, or "ERR" if incorrect. Default Baud rate is 9600. Communication requires the User Programming Cable.

@PI Product Information, Shows Product name \n Firmware revision \n

@C1 Show all settings

@D0 Send current display value once

@D1 Send display data continuously (at up to display update rate)

@D2 Stop sending data

@MX Send Max reading

@MN Send Min reading

@R1 Reset Alarm Condition

@RE 32 Reset Max

@RE 64 Reset Min

@RE 96 Reset Max and Min

@CH\_A/TYPE Will show current type

@CH\_A/TYPE = RPM Sets scale to 60 so displays in RPM

@CH\_A/TYPE = FREQ Sets scale to 1 so displays in hertz

@CH\_A/TYPE = SCALE Scale mode. Enter Scale factor

@CH\_A/TYPE/SCALE = 30.00 This will set the SCALE factor to 30.00

@CH\_A/INPUT Show Sense of trigger input

@CH\_A/INPUT = POS (or NEG) Sets the sense of the input trigger

@CH\_A/LOEND Set how long (in secs) with no pulses before the unit outputs 0.

@CH\_A/LOEND = 12 (or 1\_SEC, HALF) Set low end time. This allows a min reading of 5 RPM, 60 RPM, or 120 RPM.

@CH\_A/GATE Show Gate Speed. (Default is 12)

@CH\_A/GATE = STD (1/100 Second) or FAST (1/1000 second). Set Gate Speed (Default is 1/100)

@DECPT Show the number of decimal places displayed

@DECPT = NONE, 1, 2, or 3 Set the maximum number of decimal places.

@DAC1/FSCAL Show Analog Out Full Scale

@DAC1/FSCAL = xxx.xx Set the Reading value that the Analog output will output Full Scale (5V or 20mA). Depends on TYPE

@DAC1/OSCAL Show Analog Out Zero Scale

@DAC1/OSCAL = xxx.xx Set the Reading value that the Analog output will output Zero Scale (0V or 4mA). Depends on TYPE (Default is 0.00)

@DISPR Show Display Update Rate

@DISPR = HALF or 1\_SEC or 1.5\_S. This sets the maximum display update rate to one half a second, 1 second or 1 ½ seconds between updates.

@SERNO Show Serial Number

@SET1 Settings for Setpoint (Alarm)

STYPE OFF, HI, LO Select the Alarm type as High, Low or Off

LATCH NO, YES Select whether the Alarm is latching

LOC NO, YES Select whether the Alarm has a low level lockout.

FAILS NO, YES Select whether the Alarm is fail safe.

SETPT xxxxxx Enter the setpoint xxxxx=value.

DEADB xxxxxx Enter the dead band xxxx = value.



## 9. Appendix B - ETHERNET Option

By default the F2A3X is shipped with DHCP enabled. You need to identify the IP address and change the settings if so desired.

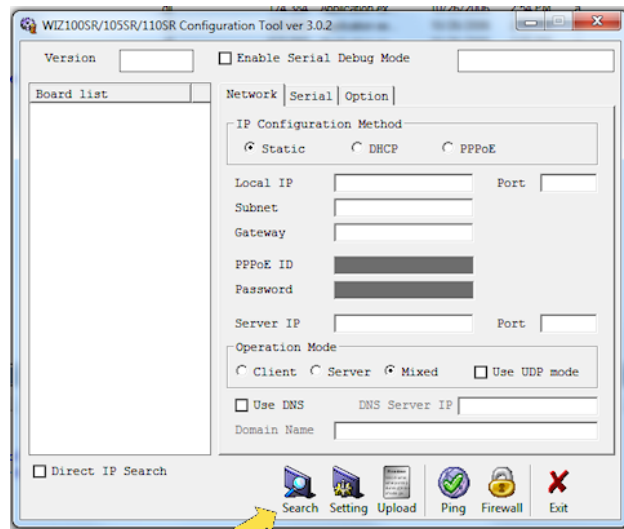
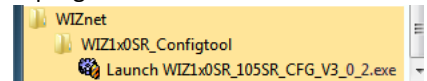
Connect an Ethernet cable from the “device” to your network. Note: The device **MUST** be connected to the same network as the computer on which you are going to run this setup.

Download the PM Remote Software zip file from [www.monarchinstrument.com](http://www.monarchinstrument.com). From the PMRemote\_Software file folder run the program \Utilities\Ethernetsetup.exe. This will install the Ethernet Configuration utility.

Ensure there is power to the device and it is connected to the Ethernet then run the program:

All Programs – Wiznet - WIZ1x0SR\_Configtool - **Launch**

**WIZ1x0SR\_105SR\_CFG\_V3\_0\_2.exe**



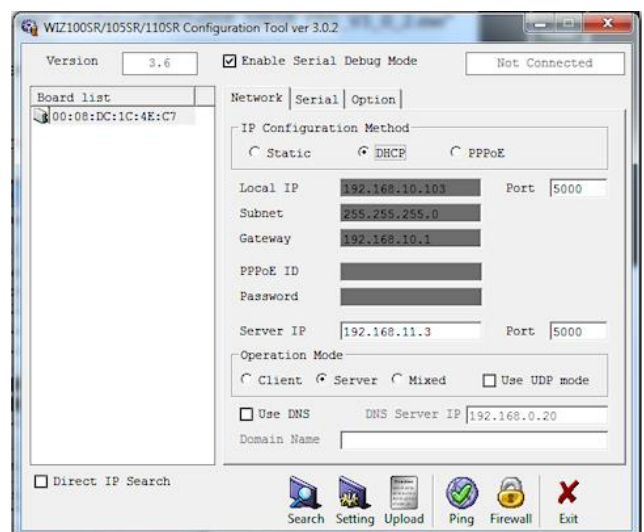
This will bring up the window on the left.

Click the SEARCH button at the bottom of the window and it will find all devices plugged into the Ethernet.

Note that the device is set up for DHCP by default so it will get an IP address from your local server.

Once the search is complete the window will be populated as shown below.

The current device setting is shown in the “IP Configuration Method” box – in this example you can see the device has been set for DHCP and it shows the IP address as 192.168.10.103 (It will be specific to your network). The Subnet and Gateway information are also shown. If you have more than one device on your network each will be identified by the MAC address in the “Board List” window. Click on the MAC address of interest to show the addressing for that device.



At this point you can note this information for later use or you can set a static IP address by clicking the “Static” radio button and entering the Local IP, Subnet and gateway information.

**Always** click the “Setting” button at the bottom of the window to send the current setup to the device – **whether you change the address or not.**

You need to remove power from the device for 10 seconds in order for the new information to be registered.