

Electrocorder AL-2VA

User Instructions



WARNING!

THIS PRODUCT MUST ONLY BE USED BY SUITABLY QUALIFIED PERSONNEL; DO NOT ATTEMPT TO USE THIS PRODUCT UNLESS YOU ARE QUALIFIED TO DO SO. HIGH VOLTAGES THAT CAUSE BURNS AND LETHAL SHOCKS ARE PRESENT DURING VOLTAGE MONITORING AND RECORDING!

General Description

Thank you for purchasing the Electrocorder AL-2VA, we hope you enjoy using this product, this package consists of six main components:

1. Electrocorder logger (1)

The logging unit is housed in a strong ABS case.

2. Voltage Input Lead (1)

A plug and lead is provided to allow easy connection to the mains voltage system.

3. Voltage Output Lead (1)

An output socket to allow you to connect equipment to be recorded.

4. USB Lead (1)

A serial lead is provided to allow connection between the logger and any PC with a USB port.

5. Software CD (1)

Electrosoft software is provided free.

6. User Instructions (1)

These User Instructions are provided to give guidance, to qualified personnel.

PC Hardware requirements

To run Electrosoft you must have certain hardware and software installed on your computer. The system requirements include:-

An IBM® - compatible Personal Computer with a minimum of an 80486 processor.

A hard disk, with at least 5MB spare capacity.

One 1.44MB 3.5" disk drive.

An SVGA 600 x 800 or higher resolution display.

At least 16MB of random access memory (RAM).

A mouse.

Microsoft® Windows 9X, NT4.0, 2000, XP, Vista, Windows 7.

Installing Electrosoft

When you run the Setup program, it will automatically set a path on your hard disk and install Electrosoft there.

In Windows 9X, NT4.0, 2000, XP, Vista, Windows 7 the Setup program will create an option in your Programs menu, which is in the Start menu.

Step 1: To install Electrosoft; run Setup.

For Windows 9X, NT4.0, 2000, XP, Vista, Windows 7

Step 2: From the Taskbar menu click Start and choose Run. The Run dialogue box appears.

Step 3: Type a:\Setup. Click OK. Follow the instructions on the screen to install Electrosoft - you will be alerted when the installation is complete.

Getting started

In order to set-up an Electrocorder, you must first run Electrosoft on your PC. Then connect an Electrocorder to the PC serial port using the correct (supplied) serial lead. In Electrosoft, use the 'Setup' dialog box window and input the details of the location to be

monitored. The Electrocorder does NOT need to be connected in to the mains voltage to perform this task.

The recording mode is set by default to commence recording when the Electrocorder detects voltage and to stop recording when the memory is full.

Select the recording method - two options are available:

1. Record to EN50160 standard - the Electrocorder will take a sample once every second for 10 minutes. It then averages the samples taken over that 10 minute period and stores the value. In this mode the unit will record for approximately 37 days until the memory is full.

2. Take a sample over a discrete period - the Electrocorder can be set to take an average over a selected period, 1 (one) sec to 60 (sixty) min and also record the max and min during each period. For example, **a unit set to record every 1 (one) second will record for approximately 2 hours.** A unit set to record every 12 seconds will record for approximately 1 day. **A unit set to record every 15 (fifteen) minutes will record for approximately 75 days, 60 minutes will give 300 days of logging.**

When the required information has been input, download to the connected Electrocorder by clicking the 'Write Setup' icon. The Electrocorder is now ready to monitor voltage.

When the Electrocorder is recording a flashing red light will show and when it has completed recording, a green light will appear on the unit. The database contained within Electrosoft will also advise that the unit has completed recording and is ready to be collected. To download the recorded data connect the Electrocorder to the PC serial port and click the 'Read Setup' icon. The recorded data is displayed for analysis.

This document is produced in conjunction with the Help file contained in Electrosoft, which contains a detailed explanation of all features and contains information, which should be studied prior to using this product.

USB to RS232 Serial Converter

If you have purchased a USB to RS232 converter, you must install the drivers. You can use the drivers shipped with the program which may be in the USB sub-folder within the Program Folder, normally C:\Program Files\Electrosoft\USB. You can download them from the website www.electrocorder.com or use the disk, if one came with the converter.

The following describes the XP installation, other operating systems will vary slightly. When you plug the converter into the PC, it will detect it and identify the new hardware as UC232R, Windows will then ask to search for the drivers, choose "Yes, this time only", then on the next screen choose, "Install from a list location" then specify the location of the drivers, possibly the USB sub folder, in the installation folder, or wherever you saved the files to when you downloaded from the internet.

When installed, make a note of the serial or COM port number the converter has been assigned to and when you run Electrosoft, select the appropriate serial port or COM port number.



SAFETY TIPS

Ensure the logger and the equipment you wish to monitor are both in good mechanical and electrical condition, with no external or internal damage.

If either the logger or the equipment to be monitored have any signs of damage, do not use them. Ensure the items have been inspected and 'PAT' tested and that their certification is within its valid date. If in any doubt, or the certification has expired, have the items inspected by a suitably qualified professional.

Ensure the items are dry and are being used in accordance with the manufacturers' instructions, if you are unsure, consult a suitably qualified professional.

The voltage leads are double insulated and suitable for voltages up to but not exceeding 300Vac, 13A. Do not use them if there any signs of damage.

Features & Benefits of the AL-2VA Logger System

Feature	Benefit
Unit is small and lightweight.	Easy to install
Easy to use Windows software.	Can be used by non-technical staff.
Electrosoft contains internal database.	Allows effective management of distributed loggers.
True RMS measurement.	Complies to EN50160:1994.

Colour Codes Around the World

Phase	New EU Colour Code	UK Colour Code	US Color Code
A	Brown	Red	Black
B	Black	Yellow	Red
C	Grey	Blue	Blue
N (Neutral)	Blue	Black	White
G (Ground/Earth)	Yellow/Green Stripe	Yellow/Green Stripe	Green

Inputs and Connections on Various Systems

Colour and Input Terminal	Single Phase (2-Wire)	Single Phase (3-Wire)
Brown (L1)	X (Live)	X (Live)
Green/Yellow (G/E)		X (Earth)
Blue (N)	X (Neutral)	X (Neutral)

Power Measurement

The voltage input is labelled 'Input/Entrada' and the voltage output is labelled 'Output/Salida'. This product has an internal current sensor which detects the current being taken by the equipment connected to the Output socket.

1) Ensure this logger is first set-up with the PC and is ready to record data.

2) Next disconnect the PC and connect the load or equipment to be monitored to the 'Output' socket. Connect this logger's 'Input' to the mains voltage supply and switch the supply on, press the 'Start' button to start recording data.

3) Finally switch on the equipment to be monitored. A flashing green light signifies that the logger is recording data. A steady red signifies that the logger has finished recording data.

If both green and red lights are illuminated an error has occurred, please consult manual.

To read the data, disconnect the logger from the mains voltage supply, connect the USB lead to the PC and to the logger. Open Electrosoft, select the correct USB comms port and click the "Read Logger" button to upload the recorded data.

Technical Specifications

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS (subject to change without notice)	
Measurement range (Vrms)	30Vac to 300Vrms (Ph – N)
Maximum channel input voltage	300Vrms (Ph – N)
Voltage Measurement accuracy	±1% of reading (10 bit) within 50Vac – 300Vrms (Ph – N); else ±3% (50/60Hz ±2%)
Current Range	0.1A – 13A (other ranges can be factory set)
Current Measurement Accuracy	3% of reading, 1 to 13A, 0.1 to 1A, +/- 0.1A.
Vmin & Vmax meas time resolution	Always one cycle (50/60 Hz), independent of selected averaging period.
Sampling frequency	16 samples per cycle 800Hz @ 50Hz or 960Hz @ 60Hz
Data recorded	Average voltage/current, max & min voltage/current-cycle-value during the averaging period
Memory capacity	128kB able to record 32,000 Voltage levels per channel.
Memory type	Non-volatile EEPROM
Memory - averaging period & duration	1 sec to 60 mins (1sec. avg gives 2 hrs of logging, 60min. avg gives 300 days of logging)
Real-time clock accuracy	Greater than 0.001%
Lead Lengths	Metric 1.0 metres Imperial 3' 6" (3 feet, 6 inches)
Battery life (while plugged in)	Unlimited - mains powered & battery backup (9,000 hours, 1 year while unpowered).
Battery Type	Unit contains three 9V Alkaline batteries (E-Block, PP3, 1604A).
Communications Interface type	USB, baud of 19,200
Electrosoft Software	Windows (9x, 2K, ME, NT, XP, Vista, Win 7); 1024 x 768 min resolution
Environmental (temp & sealing)	-20C to +40C / +14°F to +104°F – Indoor use only
Dimensions & Weight	Metric 230 x 140 x 50mm & 400g Imperial – 5.5" x 3.5" x 2" & 1lb
Standards	Recording - EN50160: 1994 - CAT II, maximum input voltage 300Vac.

Calibration

Each unit is individually calibrated during testing.

Battery life (while connected)

Unlimited - mains powered and battery back up.

Battery life (while unconnected to mains)

The 9V Alkaline batteries should last for at least 9,000 hours (1 year),



Caution

The battery used in this device may present a risk of fire or chemical burn if mistreated. Do not recharge, disassemble, heat above 100°C or incinerate. Replace with a 9V Lithium or Alkaline battery IEC Type 6-F22 (PP3, MN1604). Use of another battery may present a risk of fire or explosion. Dispose of used batteries promptly. Check for signs of battery (electrolyte) leakage. If leakage has occurred, the PCB must be cleaned in an approved manner by a competent (trained) person. Keep away from children.

Maintenance

Regularly check the ElectroCorder casing for signs of damage (cracks, broken or loose parts) or misuse. If the unit is damaged in any way it must **NOT** be used and should be returned to the supplier. The unit must not be used for any other purpose than for that recommended by the manufacturer. The unit must not be submerged in any liquid.

Cleaning

Wipe the outside of the case with a clean cloth dampened with IPA (Isopropyl Alcohol).

Warranty

All Acksen products carry a minimum 1 year's warranty covering manufacturing defects and component failures. The device contains no user-serviceable parts and as such should only be repaired by skilled and authorised personnel. Failure to comply could result in unsafe operation and should not be attempted under any circumstances. Contact below for a list of approved service agents.

Note: Any unauthorised repair or adjustment will automatically render the warranty invalid.

Repair and spare parts

Acksen Ltd.
28 Station Road
Whiteabbey
Newtownabbey
Co. Antrim BT37 0AW
United Kingdom
Or an approved repair company.

Returning a product for repair

If returning a product to the manufacturer for repair, it should be sent freight pre-paid to the appropriate address. A copy of the invoice and of the packing note should be sent simultaneously by airmail to expedite clearance through Customs. A repair estimate showing freight return and other charges will be submitted to the sender, if required, before work on the device commences.

WEEE

For EU customers Acksen Ltd offer a product take-back service. For customers within the European Union (only) and products manufactured or sold by us; when those products reach the end of their life, simply send them back to us at your expense, we will dispose of them according to the relevant legislation.

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