

The PAC8000 RTU was designed from the ground up for the extreme and rugged environments found in today's most remote process applications. It provides the reliability and uptime you demand to keep your operations running and your business producing. Its open design allows you to interface it with any HMI/SCADA packages such as iFIX, CIMPLICITY, or third party packages. When combined with Proficy Process Systems, it enhances and extends the capabilities of this advanced DCS.

Applications

The PAC8000 RTU Controller is ideal for all types of RTU applications, including those found in the following industries: Oil & Gas Pipelines, Power Generation, Electrical Distribution, and Water and Wastewater.

The Controller platform

The PAC8000 RTU Controller executes your control strategies and manages all control activities for the I/O modules. It provides a tight control loop response, quickly giving a control output in response to input data. It also incorporates a rigorous redundancy model, HART® and Foundation Fieldbus capability, and a fault tolerant Ethernet implementation to manage communications on the control network and deliver reliable operation.

8000 Process I/O™ is a field-mounted distributed I/O system that provides an intelligent interface between field-mounted instrumentation and the PAC8000 RTU Controller. 8000 Process I/O™ interfaces to virtually all process signals providing a complete solution for your I/O needs. The complete platform has an environmental specification capable of surviving conditions out in the field.

It is built for harsh environments, being shock and vibration resistant, operating over the industrial -40°C to +70°C temperature range that is typically associated with field transmitters, and meeting ISA's stringent G3 corrosion resistance requirements.

The Controller and I/O components can all be mounted directly in Division 2/Zone 2 hazardous areas and, when required, can provide a cost effective intrinsic safety solution without the need for external barriers. With the PAC8000 RTU Controller and its I/O mounted in the field, the only wiring back to a control room is the high-speed control network.

High Availability - Redundancy

Maximize up-time by incorporating redundant controllers, power supplies and network connections. 'Hot swap' modules, without affecting operation or re-configuring, even in hazardous areas.

Redundant controllers can be used for critical applications. The master/standby pair operate in a rendezvous redundancy mode with frequent status checks to assure a rapid and bumpless transfer to the standby if required. The PAC8000 RTU Controller redundancy model supports on-line configuration and on-line firmware changes, where any updates are shared between controllers in real-time, resulting in an easy to use redundant system. The PAC8000 RTU Controller also supports LAN redundancy. A fully redundant local area network (LAN) can be provided where each controller has two independent Ethernet ports connected to two separate independent networks. The controllers monitor the networks' health and will switch between networks when they detect a problem. Redundant power supplies are available to provide power for critical applications that must not shut down if a power supply malfunctions.

Reduced termination costs

Field wiring goes directly to the I/O terminals in the local field enclosure—no additional cross wiring is required. Integrated Intrinsically Safe (IS) capability mixed with general-purpose signals, together with integral tagging and fusing options, dramatically reduce engineering and design costs.

Flexible system design

Combine analog and discrete modules for maximum flexibility and use of space.

IEC 61131-3 programming

The RTU Controller takes advantage of Windows based object-oriented technology, graphical user interfaces, and easy to learn software solutions to reduce engineering time.

Controller Applications are developed in the PAC8000 RTU Workbench, which fully supports the five IEC 61131-3 automation languages: Ladder Diagram (LD), Sequential Function Chart (SFC), Function Block Diagram (FBD), Structured Text (ST), Instruction List (IL), plus Flow Chart and is used to develop, download, simulate, debug, monitor, and edit application programs. It lets you mix programming languages in the same project. Its true Windows™ interface will guide you through development of your project and use of a simulator will allow you to test your programs before startup. Completed applications are then downloaded to the controller.

On-line changes

The PAC8000 RTU Controller allows online configuration changes during testing, start-up, and maintenance phases. This significantly accelerates system start-up and reduces operation downtime.

Communication Protocols

The PAC8000 RTU Controller supports DNP3 over Ethernet, Modbus TCP/IP, Modbus RTU, and HART Passthrough.

The DNP3 Ethernet implementation supports the select-before-operate (SBO), communication sequence for control operation as well as the Store & Forward & report by exception (RBE).



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- ◆ IEC 61131-3 language support
- ◆ redundancy with bumpless transfer
- ◆ dual-redundant high-speed Ethernet connections
- ◆ field mountable in harsh process environments
- ◆ low power consumption
- ◆ on-line configuration and reconfiguration
- ◆ HART® pass-through of process and status variables
- ◆ integrated general-purpose and IS signals
- ◆ DNP 3.0 Ethernet Support with NVM Store & Forward

Controller redundancy

Redundant controllers can be used for critical applications. The redundant controller pair operates in parallel, checking status multiple times through the processing loop enabling the backup controller to continuously monitor the health of the master controller, assuring a rapid and bumpless transfer to the standby controller.

Network redundancy

In addition to controller redundancy, the PAC8000 RTU Controller has two high-speed Ethernet ports to provide security of communication. Each port can be connected to an independent LAN, which is continuously monitored for its integrity. If the primary port detects a network failure, traffic is immediately switched to the other LAN to maintain full communication.

Executable control programs

The control programs are held in non-volatile memory to enable them to be restored automatically after power cycling of the controller. When redundant controllers are used, both controllers execute the program in lock step redundancy for a bumpless transition to the standby in case of a fault being detected on the master. This allows the standby unit to take over from the master during any point in the execution cycle with no interruption in the control program.

Remote Modbus Devices

The PAC8000 RTU Controller communicates via Modbus TCP over Ethernet and can operate in either Modbus Master or Modbus Slave mode to communicate with remote Modbus devices. Each controller also has 2 serial ports that can be configured as a Modbus Master to control and obtain information from Modbus Slaves and other serial devices, such as weigh scales, barcode readers, etc. The serial ports can also be configured as a Modbus Slave, accepting write commands from Modbus Master devices and providing information on its data registers.

Failsafe and automatic cold start

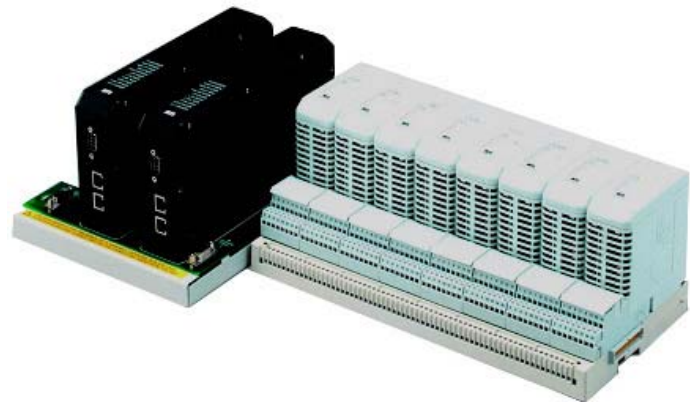
In the event of complete loss of communication the controller will adopt a user-defined failsafe mode and similarly instruct the I/O to take up user-defined failsafe values. In the event of power loss the PAC8000 RTU Controller will perform a cold restart, which restores the program(s) and assumes a predefined status.

DNP3 over Ethernet

DNP is implemented up to Level 3 and supports the select-before-execute (SBE) and communication sequence for control operation as well as the Store & Forward.

I/O module configuration

The PAC8000 RTU Controller receives full details of all the I/O modules under its control and stores the information in non-volatile memory. At start-up the controller downloads to the modules their



configuration details, which also include the failsafe states they should adopt in the event of communication failure.

Firmware updates

In keeping with its ability to maintain operations on a continuous basis, a redundant PAC8000 RTU Controller is also capable of receiving a firmware upgrade. In a manner similar to that used for strategy updates, a controller can receive an update to its firmware while in the field. When the upgrade has been confirmed as successful, the controller can be returned to full operation as a master or as a protective standby.

HART® passthrough

The PAC8000 RTU Controller has the ability to pass smart HART® information from field devices to a separate PC workstation, which allows you to readily interface to asset management software applications, to remotely manage the HART® information contained in your HART®-based field instruments. The PAC8000 RTU Controller works with a variety of asset management packages,.

Environmental stability

Like all of the 8000 series equipment, the PAC8000 RTU Controller is designed for use in harsh environments. It operates over a temperature range of -40°C to +70°C and is resistant to shock, vibration and corrosive environments.

Hazardous area operation

The PAC8000 RTU Controller is designed also to operate in Class I, Division 2 and Zone 2 hazardous areas and can connect directly to field devices in the more hazardous Division 1, Zone 1 and Zone 0 areas.

Grows as your needs grow

The system is scalable to your needs. You can add modular I/O to your system as your needs increase. Redundant controllers can be added without the need to power off your system - the backup controller powers up automatically and is seamlessly brought online.

Maximum number of nodes

Multiple PAC8000 controller nodes can reside on the same network. However, too many nodes can degrade performance, so GE recommends placing no more than 25 nodes on the same subnet of a network. Each network can contain up to 255 such subnets.



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8000 Process I/O™ hardware

Overview

8000 Process I/O is a completely modular I/O solution for both general purpose and hazardous area applications. It is based on a carrier system that supports a range of modules and offers a wide variety of I/O functions, including AC mains and intrinsic safety signals, even within the same node.

I/O Modules

I/O modules transfer signals to and from field instruments. Input modules receive signals from transmitters and sensors and convert them into a digital form for presentation to the Controller. Output modules receive commands from the Controller and transfer them available, including types for low-level instrumentation, AC mains and intrinsically safe signals, I/O modules typically have 4, 8 or 16 field channels.



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provide termination points for the LAN and field wiring cable shields and can also distribute bussed field power to the I/O modules. I/O module carriers are available to support four or eight I/O modules.

System power supplies

System power supplies are available for the node to convert local AC or DC supplies to power the node or provide field power for I/O modules. 8000's innovative Bussed Field



Power scheme for distributing field power avoids complex wiring at the field terminal and minimizes the carrier wiring.

8000 Process I/O in your system

Each PAC8000RTU node can address up to 64 I/O modules which, depending upon the number of channels per module, can provide up to 1024 I/O points at a single node! A node can consist of a mixture of analog and discrete modules and this gives maximum flexibility to the system designer. Full HART pass-through is provided - the 8000 appears "transparent", allowing the inquiring "agent" to access the HART capabilities of field instruments. GE recommends placing no more than 25 nodes on the subnet of a network.

Redundancy options

8000 Process I/O has been designed to increase availability and minimize downtime. Redundant controllers, LAN Channels and power supplies can be specified as options to increase system availability. Possible down-time is further reduced by ensuring that the system components using active circuitry can be removed and replaced quickly and easily. Even the field terminals can be replaced without interrupting the operation of adjacent I/O modules. Carriers have no active circuitry and are unlikely to need replacement.

Field terminals

Field terminals provide the interface between the I/O modules and the field wiring. They include fusing and loop-disconnect as options. A mechanical keying system prevents an I/O module from being connected to the wrong type of field terminal. Field terminals mount onto the module carrier, one to each I/O module. They are clamped firmly by the I/O module to form an electrical and mechanical assembly of high integrity. They may be replaced in service without removing carriers or disturbing the operation of other modules.



'HART-ability'

The use of 'smart' instruments on process plants is growing but this investment is not always fully exploited. Whether it is for a new installation, or the upgrade of an existing one, GE has solutions that provide the connections between the HART field instruments, the control systems and the process automation maintenance software. Specifically, the 8000 Process I/O system has been designed to be transparent to HART signals, thus allowing the host control software and any HART field instruments to communicate directly with each other. In addition, 8000's HART connection system provides on-line access from a PC to the HART field devices for monitoring device performance. HART devices may be selected for regular status monitoring and alerts can be issued if the status changes.

The benefits from this approach are: · reduced commissioning time and cost · reduced process downtime through status monitoring power loop maintenance costs by using field device diagnostics.

Hazardous area applications

The 8000 Process I/O is a truly field mountable system even in areas where flammable gases are present. It is available in versions to suit different area classification schemes:

- Equipment and field wiring located in general purpose areas, Class 1, Division 2 hazardous locations or Zone 2 hazardous areas.
- Equipment mounted in general purpose areas, Class 1, Division 2 hazardous locations or Zone 2 hazardous areas, with field wiring located in Division 1 hazardous locations or Zone 0 hazardous areas.



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A control node

Many industry applications do not present an explosion risk from gas or dust hazards. In others, the environment may be classified as a Zone 2 or Division 2 hazardous area, where flammable material is expected to occur only in abnormal conditions. For both of these the 2/2 system provides effective distributed I/O for process control. 8000 supports a full range of I/O module types covering inputs and outputs for both analog and discrete circuits. The node can be mounted out on the plant in a suitable enclosure that is capable of providing protection against the environment. The diagram shows a node containing the basic components: one (or two) PAC8000 RTU Controllers, I/O modules on their carriers linked by carrier-extenders and an extension cable.

8000 with intrinsic safety field wiring

The 8000 Process I/O System is also capable of supporting I/O modules with intrinsic safety (IS) field wiring, for connection to certified or 'simple apparatus' field devices in Division 1 or Zone 0 hazardous areas. A range of I/O module types with IS field circuits for industry-standard DI, DO, AI, AO and pulse applications is supported.

Integrated power supplies

Power for IS I/O modules is derived from integrated, modular power supply units. Each power unit is capable of supplying between eight and twenty I/O modules, depending on the I/O type and mix. Optional power supply redundancy is supported by means of an additional, redundant supply unit connected in a 'n+1' arrangement. In applications with mixed IS and non-IS field wiring, the full facilities of the 'Bussed Field Power' regime are retained for the non-IS part of the system. In nodes populated only with IS I/O modules, a separate system power supply module provides power for the Bus Interface Module and 'node services'. Redundancy of this supply is also supported.

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The mission of GE is to design, manufacture and distribute modular, open hardware and software technology-based components for use in the most demanding real-time system applications. These field-proven components can be "snapped" together to create sophisticated control systems.

Controller Specification

Clock Speed: 266 MHz, 16 MB Ram, 1MB NV Ram, 8 MB Flash

LAN INTERFACE

Transmission medium	100BaseTX or 10BaseT Ethernet™
Transmission protocol	DNP and Modbus™ over high-speed Ethernet™
Transmission rates	10 - 100 Mbits/s
LAN connector type (x2)	RJ 45 (8-pin)
LAN isolation (dielectric withstand)	1500 V
Action on software malfunction	Halt CPU / Reset CPU
Max. nodes on a subnet of a network	25
Max. subnets on a network	255

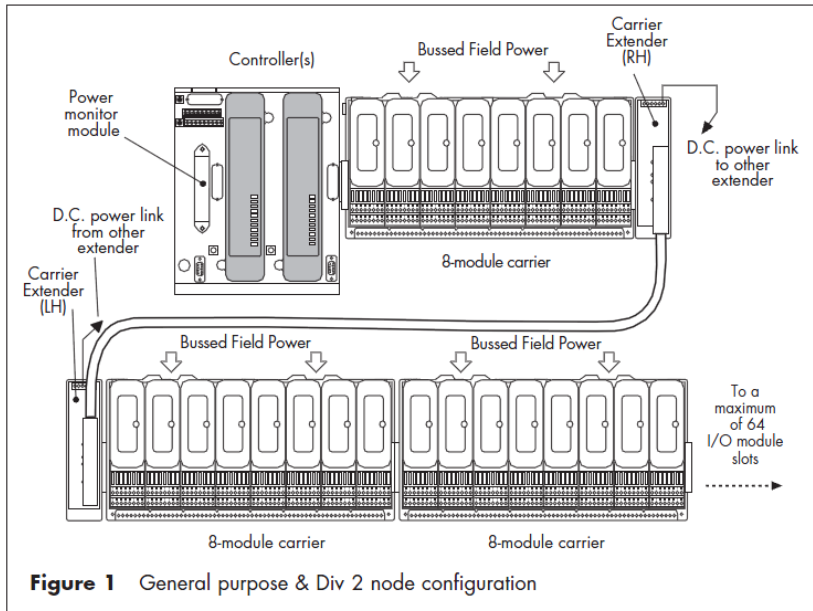


Figure 1 General purpose & Div 2 node configuration

SERIAL INTERFACES (COM 1 & COM 2)

Transmission rates	1.2 - 115.2 kbits/s (async.)
Transmission standard	RS485 half-duplex
COM 1 connector (on carrier)	9-pin D-type connector (F)
COM 2 connector (on controller)	9-pin D-type connector (M)
POWER SUPPLIES	
Voltage	10.9 - 12.6 V dc
Current	0.4 A (typ.)
	0.5 A (max.)

HAZARDOUS AREA APPROVALS

Location of equipment..... Zone 2, IIC T4 hazardous area
.....or Class 1, Div 2, Groups A, B, C, D T4 hazardous location

Applicable standards:

- ◆ Factory Mutual Research Co., Class No. 3611 for Class I, Division 2, Groups A, B, C, D hazardous locations
- ◆ CSA Std C22.2 No.213 for Class I, Division 2, Groups A, B, C, D hazardous locations
- ◆ ATEX Category 3 (for Zone 2 installation) to EN50021:1999 protection type n.
- ◆ UL 61010-1 "Safety Requirements for Electrical Equipment for Measurement, Control, and Laboratory Use; Part 1: General Requirements, 2nd Edition"

See System Specification Guide for other parameters

MECHANICAL

Module dimensions	69 (w) x 232 (l) x 138 (h) mm
Weight (approx.)	1.35 kg
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