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MECtp

KNX Line/Area Coupler/Repeater

Technical & Application Description



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1 Product Description

The KNX TP Media Coupler MECtp provides a bi-directional data connection between two KNX TP lines or areas and works as a KNX line/area coupler in the KNX network. KNX TP main line and KNX TP subline are coupled having a galvanic isolation in between. Extended frames and long telegrams with up to 240 bytes APDU length are supported.

Using the TP Coupler application, MECtp can be used as KNX TP line coupler to connect different TP lines, but also as a KNX TP area coupler to connect different TP areas or installation systems via a TP Backbone. Telegram filtering is accomplished according to the installation place in the hierarchy (Physical[ly addressed] Telegrams) and according to the built in filter tables for group communication (Group [oriented] Telegrams). For detailed diagnosis, all operational modes/states are shown by a duo-LED display. Programming on main line from the subline can be suppressed. Number of repetitions on both KNX TP lines can be reduced.

Using the TP Repeater application, MECtp is able to extend a KNX TP line providing unfiltered data transfer and galvanic isolation between segments. Up to four line segments can form a single KNX TP line by connecting three MECtp line repeaters. Each line segment requires its own KNX power supply unit.

To ease commissioning and troubleshooting, special routing/repetition/confirmation ETS settings and a configurable Manual Function for short-time telegram filter switch-off are available. E.g. "transmit all group telegrams" can be activated by a single button press. After the set time period, MECtp switches back to normal operation automatically. Another feature to increase the data throughput is the ability to send IACKs on own telegrams.



In this document, physically addressed telegrams are named Physical Telegrams.



In this document, group oriented telegrams are named Group Telegrams.





1.1 Front Panel

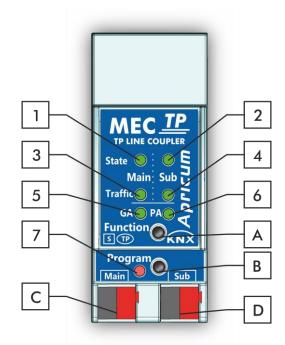


Figure 1: Front View

Table 1: Front Panel Elements

LEDs		Buttons	/ Connectors
1	Bus State KNX TP (Main line)	Α	Function Button
2	Bus State KNX TP (Subline)	В	Programming Button
3	Telegram Traffic KNX TP (Main Line)	U	KNX TP Main Line Connector
4	Telegram Traffic KNX TP (Subline)	D	KNX TP Subline Connector
5	Group Address Routing*		
6	Individual (Physical) Address Routing		
7	Programming LED		

^{*} only group telegrams with main groups 0...13



1.2 LED Indication

Following overview table gives a description of the LED display during normal operation.

Table 2: LED Display

Number	LED	Colour	Explanation / Range	
	Bus State	green	Main Line OK	
1	KNX TP (Main line)	orange	Manual Function active	
2	Bus State	green	Subline OK	
	KNX TP (Subline)	< off >	Subline not connected	
		blinking green	Telegram traffic extent indicated by blinking	
3	Telegram Traffic KNX TP (Main line)	blinking red	Transmission error	
		< off >	No telegram traffic	
		blinking green	Telegram traffic extent indicated by blinking	
1 4 1 1	Telegram Traffic KNX TP (Subline)	blinking red	Transmission error	
		< off >	No telegram traffic	
		green	Filter table active	
[<u>_</u>	Group Address	orange	Route all	
5	Routing	red	Block all	
		< off >	Routing of Group Telegrams is different on main line and subline	
		green	Filtering active	
	Individual	orange	Route all	
6	(Physical) Address Routing*	red	Block all	
		< off >	Routing of Physical telegrams is different on main line and subline	
7	Drogramming LED	red	Programming Mode active	
7	Programming LED	< off >	Programming Mode not active	

^{*} when used as Line Couper without Individual Address x.y.0, LED 6 (PA) works not like described here



1.3 Commissioning

Please note for commissioning with default settings:

- All telegrams are blocked because the filter table is not defined
- The Manual Function switch-off time is 120 min
- Individual Address is 15.15.0

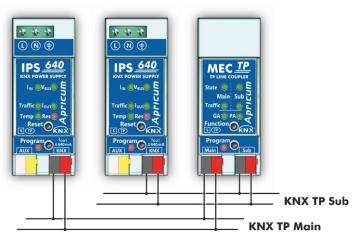


Figure 2: Connection Scheme

Please read carefully before first use:

- After connection to the KNX bus system, the device works with its default settings
- Warning: Do not connect to 230 V. The device is supplied by the KNX bus and does not require any additional external power supply
- The device may only be installed and put into operation by a qualified electrician or authorized person
- For planning and construction of electric installations the appropriate specifications, guidelines and regulations in force of the respective country have to be complied
- For mounting use an appropriate equipment according to IEC60715
- Installation on a 35 mm DIN rail (TH35)
- Connect the KNX bus line as for common KNX bus connections with a KNX bus cable, to be stripped and plugged into a KNX TP connector
- Do not damage electrical insulations during connecting
- Installation only in dry locations
- Accessibility of the device for operation and visual inspection must be provided
- For configuring, use the ETS
- The housing must not be opened
- Protect the device from moisture, dirt and damage
- The device needs no maintenance
- If necessary, the device can be cleaned with a dry cloth
- In the case of damage (at storage, transport) no repairs may be carried out by unauthorized persons



1.4 Feature Summary

- MECtp supports extended frames and long telegrams up to 240 bytes APDU length. (With all MEC couplers and UIM interfaces long messages e.g. for energy metering applications and visualization purposes can be processed.)
- IACK sending on sent out messages is ETS configurable.
- When there is no IACK response on the subline, MECtp is able to repeat messages up to three times. Repetition can be configured for both Physical Telegrams and Group Telegrams via ETS.
- For an ETS configurable time period, it is possible to switch off telegram filtering by only
 pressing a button on the device front panel. Without additional ETS download filtering is
 suspended. This is necessary for running fast diagnostics on site.
- Suspending telegram filtering eases commissioning and debugging. When filtering is suspended, temporary access to other lines becomes possible.
- Automatic function for switching back to run-time telegram filtering after configurable suspension period (see Manual Mode). This avoids forgetting the reactivation of filtering.
- In networks with high busload the internal amount of communication buffers are capable of smoothing peeks in the communication load course.
- MECtp's ETS database entries are available for ETS4 and later.



2 Operational Description

In network installations MECtp can be used as KNX TP area/line coupler or KNX TP line repeater. After connecting the main line, MECtp operates with its default settings. Setting the correct Individual Address is necessary. Only Individual Addresses x.y.0 are allowed.

2.1 TP Coupler Application

When MECtp receives telegrams (for example during commissioning) that use Individual Addresses as destination addresses, it compares the Individual Addresses of the receiver with its own Individual Address and decides on that whether it has to route the telegrams or not.

When MECtp receives telegrams that use group addresses as destination addresses, it reacts in accordance with the parameter settings. During normal operation (with Group Telegram routing set to filter), MECtp only routes telegrams whose group addresses are entered in its filter table.

If a telegram is routed by MECtp without receiving the corresponding acknowledgement, i.e. due to a missing receiver or to a transmission error, the telegram will be repeated up to three times (depending on the ETS setting). With the parameters "Repetitions if errors…", this function can be configured separately for each line and both kinds of telegrams. It is recommended to use the default parameter setting.

If not already configured as "Line Coupler", the ETS application program "TP Coupler" has to be downloaded to the device. Under the Information tab the configuration setting can be changed by the drop-down menu "Change Application Program". After changing the configuration setting the filter table entries can be added manually. Updating the application program version can also be done here.

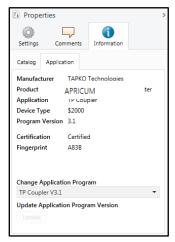


Figure 3: TP Coupler Application Program



2.2 TP Repeater Application

Any received telegram is routed to all lines irrespective of in which line it is processed. Line repeaters make no use of a filter table. It is therefore not important whether the telegram is generated within a line or whether it is sent from an upper line to a lower line via a coupler.

If a telegram is routed by MECtp without receiving the corresponding acknowledgement, i.e. due to a missing receiver or to a transmission error, the telegram will be repeated up to three times (depending on the ETS setting). With the parameters "Repetitions if errors…", this function can be configured separately for each line and both kinds of telegrams. It is recommended to use the default parameter setting.

If not already configured as Line/Area/BB Repeater, the ETS application program "TP repeater" has to be downloaded to the device. Under the Information tab the configuration setting can be changed by the drop-down menu "Change Application Program". After changing the configuration setting the filter table entries can be added manually. Updating the application program can also be done here.

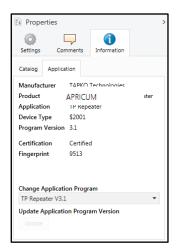


Figure 4: TP Repeater Application Program



2.3 KNX Network Installation

2.3.1 Individual Address

For line coupler functionality in a KNX network MECtp has to use the correct Individual Address of a line coupler (x.y.0, $1 \le x \& y \le 15$). In ETS up to 225 addresses can be defined (from 1.1.0 to 15.15.0).

For area coupler functionality in a KNX network MECtp has to use the correct Individual Address of an area coupler (x.0.0, $1 \le x \le 15$). In ETS up to 15 areas can be defined.

If MECtp is used in a KNX system for both purposes, it is only necessary to ensure that the MECtp used as a line coupler has a line coupler address assigned from a free addressing area. Following figure illustrates the MECtp router topology for KNX lines and KNX areas.

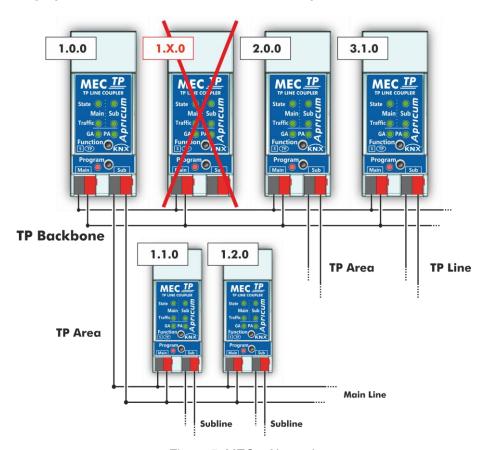


Figure 5: MECtp Network

Example: If an area coupler with address 1.0.0 already exists on the backbone no line coupler with address 1.x.0, $1 \le x \le 15$ can be added here. Even if no line coupler with address 1.1.0 exists on the subline of the 1.0.0 area coupler. Vice versa, if a line coupler with address 1.1.0 already exists in the installation no area coupler with address 1.0.0 can be added.



2.3.2 KNX Topology

Via a line/area coupler up to 15 lines can be connected to a main line called an area. It is possible to have up to 64 bus devices on one line. With use of line repeaters a line can theoretically be extended to 255 bus devices. This means up to four line segments form a single KNX TP line. But it is common practice on exceeding 64 bus devices to insert a new line instead of extending the originating one.

The free tree structure of the KNX topology prevents problems caused by circling telegrams and heavy bus load. To maintain this condition, interconnection between lines or line segments is strictly forbidden.

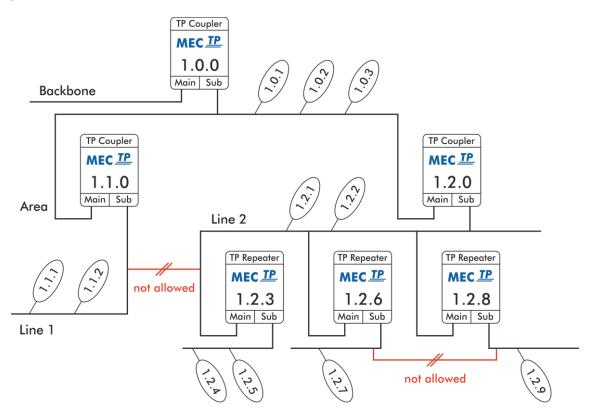


Figure 6: MECtp Network Topology

- Each line segment requires its own KNX power supply unit.
- Using repeaters on and main lines is not allowed.
- Interconnections are not allowed



2.4 Programming

2.4.1 Programming Button

To download the desired Individual Address or an ETS setting the Programming Mode must be activated. Successive pressing the Programming Button will turn on and off the Programming Mode. LED 7 lighting in red colour indicates Programming Mode is active. When Programming Mode is activated, the ETS is able to download the Individual Address.

2.4.2 Individual Address Assignment

To configure the device an interface connection (IP, USB) to the KNX bus system is required. The device is supplied with the Individual Address 15.15.0. The KNX product database entry (available for ETS3.0d and higher) can be downloaded from the Apricum website and from the KNX Online Catalog.

The Individual Address can be assigned to the device by setting the desired address in the properties window of the ETS. After starting the ETS download and then pressing the Programming Button the device restarts itself.



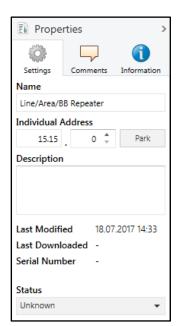


Figure 7: ETS Properties Window



2.5 Special Functions

The Function Button activates MECtp's special functions. Manual Function and Factory Reset can be activated. It depends on time the Function Button is being pressed.

2.5.1 Manual Function

During normal operation a rather short press (3 sec) activates and deactivates the Manual Function. LED 5 and LED 6 show the current filtering states.

When the Manual Function is active, either all Physical Telegrams or all Group Telegrams or both pass the MECtp without filtering. After the Switch-off time period has elapsed, MECtp automatically switches back to normal operation. To configure the Manual Function and set the Switch-off time use the General parameter tab like shown in chapters 3.1 and 4.1. After switching back from Manual Function to normal operation the latest downloaded parameter setting / filter table entries are active again.

2.5.2 Factory Reset

A long press (15 sec) of the Function Button <u>soon</u> followed by a short press (3 sec) executes the Factory Reset. After the first press, the LED display lights like described in Table 4. After the second press, all parameters will be set to factory default (incl. Individual Address). Subsequently, LEDs show the normal operation display again.



2.5.3 LED Status Display

Table 3: LED Status Display for Manual Function

Number	LED	Colour	Comment	
1	Bus State KNX TP (Main line)	orange		
2	Bus State KNX TP (Subline)	green	LED is <off> if not connected</off>	MEC_IP THANK COUPAIR State : S S
5	Group Address Routing	green: filter		Main, Sub y Traffic, GA PA C Function Frogram Program
6	Individual Address Routing	orange: route red: block		Program Sub

Table 4: LED Status Display for Factory Reset after first Button Press

Number	LED	Colour	Comment	
1	Bus State KNX TP (Main line)	orange		
2	Bus State KNX TP (Subline)	orange	LED lights red if not connected	THE C IP
5	Group Address Routing	green: filt		Function (KN) Programme
6	Individual Address Routing		ute all ock all	Program O Sub



3 ETS Database Parameters Coupler

All screen shots are related to the MECtp database V3.1 in ETS5.

3.1 General



Figure 8: General Tab Parameters

Table 5: General Tab Parameter Settings

ETS Parameter	Setting [Factory Default]	Comment	
Manual Function	disabled pass all telegrams pass all Physical telegrams pass all Group telegrams [pass all telegrams]	Configuration setting for telegram routing when the Manual Function is active.	
Switch-off time for Manual Function	10 min, 1 hour, 4 hours, 8 hours [1 hour]	After expiry of this time period the Manual Function is switched off automatically.	



3.2 Main Line

For Group Telegrams and Physical Telegrams the setting "transmit all" is intended only for testing purposes. Please do not use for normal operation.

If the parameter "Send confirmation on own telegrams" is set to "yes", the MECtp systematically sends an ACK on any own routed telegram.

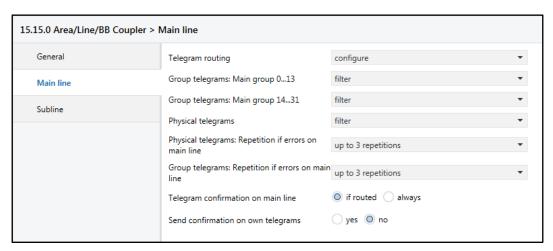


Figure 9: Main Line Tab Parameters

Table 6: Main Line Tab Parameter Settings

ETS Parameter	Setting [Factory Default]	Comment	
	Group: filter, Physical: block Group and Physical: filter Group: route, Physical: filter	block:	no telegrams are routed.
Telegram routing		filter:	telegrams entered in the filter table are routed.
relegiani routing	Group and Physical: route	route:	all telegrams are routed.
	configure [Group and Physical: filter]	configure:	the following parameters must be set manually.
Group telegrams: Main group 013	transmit all (not recommended) block filter [filter]	 Group telegrams (main group 013) are all routed. Group telegrams (main group 013) are all blocked. Group telegrams (main group 013) are routed if entered in the filter table. 	
Group telegrams: Main group 1431	transmit all (not recommended) block filter [filter]	 Group telegrams (main group 1431) are all routed. Group telegrams (main group 1431) are all blocked. Group telegrams (main group 1431) are routed if entered in the filter table. 	



ETS Parameter	Setting [Factory Default]	Comment
Physical telegrams	transmit all (not recommended) block filter [filter]	 Physical telegrams are all routed. Physical telegrams are all blocked. Depending on the Individual Address Physical telegrams are routed.
Physical telegrams: Repetition if errors on main line	no up to 3 repetitions only one repetition [up to 3 repetitions]	After main line transmission error (e.g. due to missing receiver) Physical telegrams • are not repeated. • are repeated max. 3 times. • are repeated once.
Group telegrams: Repetition if errors on main line	no up to 3 repetitions only one repetition [up to 3 repetitions]	After main line transmission error (e.g. due to missing receiver) Group telegrams • are not repeated. • are repeated max. 3 times. • are repeated once.
Telegram confirmation on main line	if routed always [if routed]	 Routed telegrams to the subline are confirmed by an ACK on the main line. Each telegram on the mainline is confirmed by an ACK.
Send confirmation on own telegrams	yes no [no]	 Telegrams sent out to the mainline are confirmed by added ACK. No ACK confirmation.



3.3 Subline

For Group Telegrams and Physical Telegrams the setting "transmit all" is intended only for testing purposes. Please do not use for normal operation.

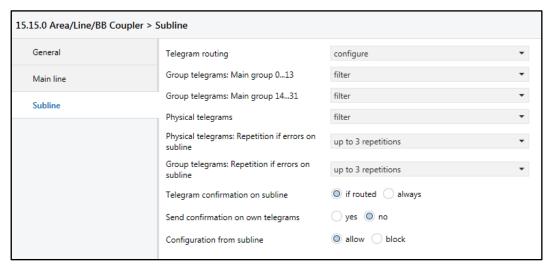


Figure 10: Subline Tab Parameters

Table 7-1: Subline Tab Parameter Settings

ETS Parameter	Setting [Factory Default]	Comment	
	Group: filter, Physical: block	block:	no telegrams are routed.
Telegram routing	Group and Physical: filter Group: route, Physical: filter	filter:	telegrams entered in the filter table are routed.
relegiani routing	Group and Physical: route	route:	all telegrams are routed.
	configure [Group and Physical: filter]	configure:	the following parameters must be set manually.
Group telegrams: Main group 013	transmit all (not recommended) block filter [filter]	 Group telegrams (main group 013) are all routed. Group telegrams (main group 013) are all blocked. Group telegrams (main group 013) are routed if entered in the filter table. Group telegrams (main group 1431) are all routed. Group telegrams (main group 1431) are all blocked. Group telegrams (main group 1431) are routed if entered in the filter table. Physical telegrams are all routed. Physical telegrams are all blocked. Depending on the Individual Address Physical telegrams are routed. 	
Group telegrams: Main group 1431	transmit all (not recommended) block filter [filter]		
Physical telegrams	transmit all (not recommended) block filter [filter]		



ETS Parameter	Setting [Factory Default]	Comment
Physical telegrams: Repetition if errors on subline	no up to 3 repetitions only one repetition [up to 3 repetitions]	After subline transmission error (e.g. due to missing receiver) Physical telegrams • are not repeated. • are repeated max. 3 times. • are repeated once.
Group telegrams: Repetition if errors on subline	no up to 3 repetitions only one repetition [up to 3 repetitions]	After subline transmission error (e.g. due to missing receiver) Group telegrams • are not repeated. • are repeated max. 3 times. • are repeated once.
Telegram confirmation on subline	if routed always [if routed]	 Routed telegrams to main line are confirmed by an ACK on the subline. Each telegram on the subline is confirmed by an ACK.
Send confirmation on own telegrams	yes no [no]	 Telegrams sent out to the subline are confirmed by added ACK. No ACK confirmation.
Configuration from subline	allow block [allow]	If blocked an ETS download to the MECtp can occur only via main line.



ETS Database Parameters Repeater

4 ETS Database Parameters Repeater

All screen shots are related to the MECtp database file R3-0b in ETS5.

4.1 General



Figure 11: General Tab Parameters

Table 8: General Tab Parameter Settings

ETS Parameter	Setting [Factory Default]	Comment	
Manual Function	disabled pass all telegrams pass all Physical telegrams pass all Group telegrams [pass all telegrams]	Configuration setting for telegram routing when the Manual Function is active.	
Switch-off time for Manual Function	10 min, 1 hour, 4 hours, 8 hours [1 hour]	After expiry of this time period the Manual Function is switched off automatically.	



ETS Database Parameters Repeater

4.2 Main Line

For Group Telegrams and Physical Telegrams the setting "transmit all" is intended only for testing purposes. Please do not use for normal operation.

If the parameter "Send confirmation on own telegrams" is set to "yes", the MECtp systematically sends an ACK on any own routed telegram. Since the repeater does not use a filter table, it is useful to have an ACK sent along with routed telegrams.

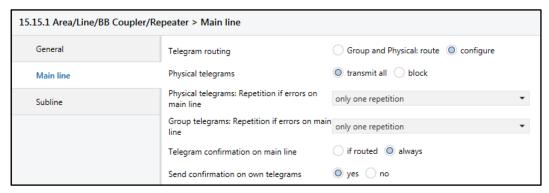


Figure 12: Main Line Tab Parameters

Table 9: Main Line Tab Parameter Settings

ETS Parameter	Setting [Factory Default]	Comment	
	Group and Physical: route	route:	all telegrams are routed.
Telegram routing	configure [Group and Physical: route]	configure:	the following parameters must be set manually.
Physical telegrams	transmit all block [transmit all]	Physical telegrams are all routed.Physical telegrams are all blocked.	
Physical telegrams: Repetition if errors on main line	no up to 3 repetitions only one repetition [only one repetition]	After main line transmission error (e.g. due to missing receiver) Physical telegrams are not repeated.are repeated max. 3 times.are repeated once.	
Group telegrams: Repetition if errors on main line	no up to 3 repetitions only one repetition [only one repetition]	After main line transmission error (e.g. to missing receiver) Group telegrams are not repeated. are repeated max. 3 times. are repeated once. Routed telegrams to the subline are confirmed by an ACK on the main line. Each telegram on the mainline is confirmed by an ACK. Telegrams sent out to the mainline ar confirmed by added ACK. No ACK confirmation.	
Telegram confirmation on main line	if routed always [always]		
Send confirmation on own telegrams	yes no [yes]		



ETS Database Parameters Repeater

4.3 Subline

For Group Telegrams and Physical Telegrams the setting "transmit all" is intended only for testing purposes. Please do not use for normal operation.

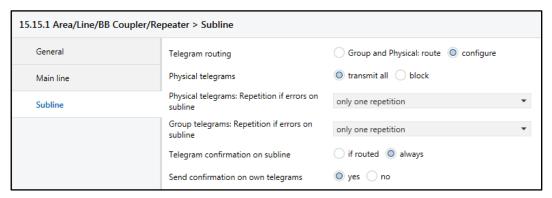


Figure 13: Subline Tab Parameters

Table 10-1: Subline (KNX TP) Tab Parameter Settings

ETS Parameter	Setting [Factory Default]	Comment	
Telegram routing	Group and Physical: route configure [Group and Physical: route]	route:	all telegrams are routed.
		configure:	the following parameters must be set manually.
Physical telegrams	transmit all block [transmit all]	_	egrams are all routed. egrams are all blocked.
Physical telegrams: Repetition if errors on subline	no up to 3 repetitions only one repetition [only one repetition]	missing receiv	d max. 3 times.
Group telegrams: Repetition if errors on subline	no up to 3 repetitions only one repetition [only one repetition]	missing receiv	d max. 3 times.
Telegram confirmation on subline	if routed always [always]	Routed tele confirmed b	grams to main line are y an ACK on the subline. am on the subline is
Send confirmation on own telegrams	yes no [yes]		sent out to the subline are y added ACK. hfirmation.



State of Delivery

5 State of Delivery

5.1 Default Factory Setting

Table 11: Default Factory Setting

General	
Individual Address	15.15.0

Main line	
Group telegrams (main group 013)	filter (filter table is empty)
Group telegrams (main group 1431)	route all
Physical telegrams	filter
Physical: Repetition if errors on main line	up to 3 repetitions
Group: Repetition if errors on main line	up to 3 repetitions
Telegram confirmations on main line	if routed
Send confirmation on own telegrams	no

Subline		
Group telegrams (main group 013)	filter (filter table is empty)	
Group telegrams (main group 1431)	route all	
Physical telegrams	filter	
Physical: Repetition if errors on subline	up to 3 repetitions	
Group: Repetition if errors on subline	up to 3 repetitions	
Telegram confirmations on subline	if routed	
Send confirmation on own telegrams	no	
Configuration from subline	allow	



State of Delivery

5.2 Technical Datasheet

Marking/Design	MECtp		
Current consumption	< 10 mA		
Connections	KNX TP main line:	KNX TP connector (red/black), screwless, for single-core cable Ø 0.60.8 mm	
	KNX TP subline:	KNX TP connector (red/black), screwless, for single-core cable Ø 0.60.8 mm	
	State (Main and Sub) Traffic (Main and Sub)		
LED Display elements	Routing (GA and PA)		
	Programming LED		
Control elements	Function Button Programming Button		
Mounting	35 mm top-hat rail (TH35) according to IEC60715		
Protection type	IP20 according to IEC60529		
Pollution degree	2 according to IEC60664-1		
Protection class	III according to IEC61140		
Overvoltage category	III according to IEC60664-1		
Approbation	KNX-certified according to ISO/IEC14543-3		
CE Marking	In compliance with directives 2014/35/EU (LVD), 2014/30/EU (EMC), 2011/65/EU (RoHS)		
Standards	EN50581, EN61000-6-2, EN61000-6-3, EN IEC 63044-5-1, EN IEC 63044-5-2, EN IEC 63044-5-3		
Voltage supply	KNX: 2130V DC (SELV)		
Housing colour	Plastic PA66 housing, grey		
Housing dimensions	H = 90 mm, W = 36 mm (2 modules), D = 71 mm		
Mounting depth	64 mm		
Weight	62 g		
Operating temperature	-545 °C		
Storage temperature	-2060 °C		
Ambient humidity	593 %, non-condensing		





5.3 Technical Drawings



All dimensions shown here are specified in mm.



The total device width is 2 modules at 18 mm.

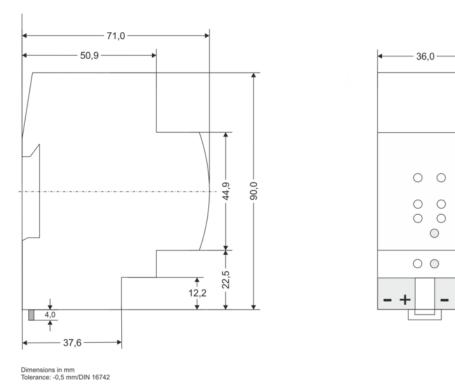


Figure 14: Dimension drawings



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