

*Documentation and
firmware available
at www.micro-aide.com*

CWR-272A EVENT RECORDER

USER MANUAL

MICRO-AIDE
Rail Signal Products

**EVENT RECORDERS ALARM REPORTERS DATA LOGGERS
CLOCK SYNCHRONIZERS CURRENT SENSORS VOLTAGE MONITORS
BATTERY MONITORS LIGHT OUT DETECTORS CUSTOM ENGINEERING**

MICRO-AIDE



www.micro-aide.com

RAIL SIGNAL PRODUCTS



CWR-272A EVENT RECORDER USER MANUAL

Revised: November 9, 2021

MICRO-AIDE CORPORATION

Tel: 626-915-5502
685 Arrow Grand Circle

Fax: 626-331-9484
Covina, CA 91722

E-mail: support@micro-aide.com

Copyright© 2015 by MICRO-AIDE Corporation

All rights reserved. No part of this document may be reproduced or transmitted in any form or by any means without the written permission of MICRO-AIDE Corporation.

The information in this document is subject to change without notice. MICRO-AIDE believes the information contained in this document to be accurate. However, MICRO-AIDE assumes no responsibility for any errors or omissions.

Windows XP, Windows 7, Word, Notepad, Excel and Access are registered trademarks of Microsoft Corporation.

HyperTerminal is a registered trademark of Hilgraeve Inc.

Ethernet is a registered trademark of Xerox Corporation.

TABLE OF CONTENTS

CHAPTER 1 – GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Introduction	1
Key Features.	2
Comparing the CWR-272A and CWR-272E	3
Firmware Modification History	4
Setup Database Compatibility	4
About this Manual.	5

CHAPTER 2 – INSTALLATION

Introduction	7
Unpacking.	7
Initial Check-Out Procedure	7
Installation Procedure.	11
Location	11
Mounting	11
Site Preparation	12
Peripheral Equipment	13
USB Device Port	13
Terminal Ports	13
Ethernet Port.	13
Internal Modem (optional)	13
GPS Receiver (optional).	14
Cabling.	14
Power	14
Relay Outputs	14
Digital Input Circuits.	14
Analog Input Circuits	15
Applying Power	15

CHAPTER 3 – SETUP

Introduction	17
Logging On	17
User Interface Conventions	17
Fields and Commands	17
Working with Fields	18
Completing Commands.	18
Data Flow Control	18
Setup Procedure	19

TC

Setup (S) 19

 Time / Date (T) 19

 Reset System (R) 20

 System Parameters (S) 22

 Detect Times 26

 Global Detect Time (G) 27

 Analog Configuration (A) 28

 Event Names (E) 29

 Input Names / Identifiers (I) 30

 Virtual Inputs (V) 31

 Measure Speed (M) 33

 Network (N) 35

 Print Setup Data (P) 36

Transfer Files (T) 37

 Download Setup Data (D) - Saving the Database 37

 Upload Setup Data (U) - Restoring the Database 38

Log Off (X) 39

CHAPTER 4 – OPERATION

Introduction 41

Multi-User Operation 41

Remote Operation 41

 Establishing an Ethernet Connection 41

 Establishing a Modem Connection 42

 Logging On 42

How to Operate the CWR-272A 42

Query Events (Q) 42

 Selecting a Single Date 43

 Selecting a Range of Dates 43

 Query Report Menu 43

View Events (V) 46

 Include Details 46

 Inputs 46

Live Status (L) 47

Measure Flash Rate (M) 47

Event Record Formatting 48

 No Details 48

 Virtual Details 49

 Digital Details 49

 Analog Details 50

 All Details 50

 Symbol Legend 51

CSV Report Type 51

 CSV Sample Report 51

 CSV Input Numbers 52

Capturing Event Records to a PC File 53

Creating Secure Reports 53

TC

CHAPTER 5 – FRONT PANEL OPERATION

Introduction 55

Front Panel Description 55

 USB Host Port 55

 Liquid Crystal Display. 55

 Keypad 55

 LED Indicators 56

How to Use the USB Host Port 56

 Saving Records to a Flash Drive 56

 Saving Event Records from a Complete Day 56

 Saving Event Records from a Range of Times and Dates. 57

 Files Written to the Flash Drive 59

 Events Text File 59

 Events Binary File 59

 Setup Database Binary File 59

 Saving the Setup Database 59

How to Use the Keypad 60

 Idle Mode 60

 Event Record Format 61

 Browse Mode. 61

 Event Records 62

 Input Status 63

 Flash Rate 64

 Setup Mode 64

 Alphanumeric Editing Procedure 66

 Clock 67

 TimZone 67

 CSMode 67

 UName. 68

 ENames 68

 INames 69

 Analog. 70

 Virtual 70

 DTime 72

 GDTime 73

 TLimits 73

 PCode 73

 Modem 74

 Baud. 74

 Speed 75

 Diag 75

 Update 78

 RESET. 80

TC

CHAPTER 6 – MAINTENANCE

Introduction 83

Adjusting the LCD Contrast 83

Working Inside the Recorder . . . . .	.83
Replacing the Fuses . . . . .	.84
Installing the Optional GPS Receiver . . . . .	.84
Installing the Optional Modem. . . . .	.84
Reconnecting the Internal Cables. . . . .	.85
Ethernet Port . . . . .	.85
Memory Expansion . . . . .	.86
Diagnostic Testing. . . . .	.86
Checksum Test Program Memory (C) . . . . .	.86
Flash Memory Test (F) . . . . .	.86
GPS Receiver Test (G) . . . . .	.87
Ethernet Test (E) . . . . .	.87
Modem Test (M) . . . . .	.88
Keypad Test (K). . . . .	.88
Relay Test (R). . . . .	.88
Temperature (T) . . . . .	.88
System Events . . . . .	.89
Updating the Firmware . . . . .	.90
Trouble-Shooting Guide. . . . .	.92

APPENDIX A – TECHNICAL DATA

Specifications . . . . .	.95
Transfer Rates . . . . .	.97
Terminal Port Cable . . . . .	.97

TC

APPENDIX B – OPTIONS AND ACCESSORIES

Options . . . . .	.99
Accessories . . . . .	.99

APPENDIX C – USB DEVICE DRIVERS

Introduction	101
Preparation	101
Installing the Drivers.	101
Windows XP Procedure.	101
Windows 7 Procedure	104
Making a USB Device Port Connection.	107

APPENDIX D – RSA VALIDATOR

Introduction	109
Installing the Required Software	109
Installing RSA Validator.	109
Installing the Runtime Libraries.	111
Using RSA Validator	112
Validating a File	112
Comparing Files	113

CHAPTER 1 – GENERAL DESCRIPTION

INTRODUCTION

Since 1988 MICRO-AIDE has provided the rail signal industry with a broad range of Event Recorders that vary in capacity, size and features. As a third generation Event Recorder, the CWR-272A includes many new features not previously found in recorders. These features, several of which are unique to MICRO-AIDE, provide the CWR-272A user with greater ease-of-use and versatility. The CWR-272A is a companion product to the smaller capacity CWR-24A and CWR-72A recorders. It is ideally suited for use at large interlocking facilities. It is designed to the specific requirements of the Chicago Transit Authority.

The CWR-272A replaces MICRO-AIDE's CWR-272E Event Recorder. The CWR-272A includes all of the features and capabilities of the earlier recorder along with several new standard and optional features. Additionally, the CWR-272A utilizes a much faster and versatile M4-class ARM microprocessor chip. The user will quickly note the speed improvements when accessing and dumping data. The initialization cycle completes soon after power application, even when the Event Record memory is full.

Of necessity, all Event Recorders utilize an internal real-time clock for date and time stamping events. Historically, these real-time clocks have been susceptible to drift. Over the course of several months the accumulated drift can exceed several minutes. This factor can greatly complicate incident investigation and reporting. However, the CWR-272A eliminates the problems introduced by clock inaccuracy once and for all. The GPS Receiver option utilizes GPS technology to set the time and date. Alternatively, the Ethernet® Port allows the recorder to communicate with a LAN-based time server. Time servers broadcast time and date information using the SNTP protocol. The CWR-272A is designed to support Unicast and Multicast SNTP messaging. Any of these three methods provide for time stamping that is 100% accurate and drift-free without the need for any user intervention.

To an increasing degree, the logs and data records that are retrieved from wayside systems are being challenged in court on a new front. This data is often crucial to the case, but tends to be in the form of simple text files possibly printed on paper. Unsecured text data can be authored in any word processing application. Accordingly, the integrity of the data submitted into evidence can be easily challenged. However, the CWR-272A allows its user to create an Event Record report and append a unique, tamper-proof digital signature to the resultant electronic data file. The Digital Signature Report Feature (DSRF) was directly ported from MICRO-AIDE's GCS and CAR-24A.

As a convenience to its user, the CWR-272A can copy Event Records directly to a FAT-32 formatted flash drive. The USB Host Port is a standard feature of the recorder. Install a flash drive into the recorder's front panel socket, press a few keypad buttons and in seconds Event Records from any time span are written as a .txt file. The .txt file can then be read, e-mailed or printed as required. At the user's option, a digital signature can be appended to the saved text file.

Every CWR-272A comes equipped with a built-in keypad and display screen located on the front panel. This allows the user to effectively operate the recorder without additional peripheral devices. However, each recorder will support applications that require PC-based storage of Event Records. USB Device, RS-232 and Ethernet Ports are all standard features of the recorder. Collectively they provide for increased flexibility when interfacing with the recorder. The USB Device and Ethernet Ports provide high speed data transfer rates of 4.71 Mbps and 4.70 Mbps, respectively. A PC is then used to retrieve, store and review Event Record data of interest to the user.

An optional 33,600Baud internal modem can also be installed. It too allows the user to remotely access and operate the recorder. A standard phone line connection allows the user to gather critical Event Records from any location, however distant. The modem can also be used to provide dial-out alarm reporting to a maintenance facility.

Along with 256 optically isolated Digital Inputs, the CWR-272A is equipped with sixteen general purpose Analog Inputs. Unlike other systems, the use of Analog Inputs does not reduce the number of available Digital Inputs. The Analog Inputs can be used to monitor both DC and AC signals such as battery levels and commercial power voltages. The Failed Lamp Detector (FLD-2) can be used in conjunction with the CWR-272A to detect burned-out signal lamps.

Sixteen Virtual Inputs allow the user to create Event Records based upon a specific logical association of several Digital, Analog and other Virtual Inputs. The Virtual Input feature can be very useful in analyzing failure conditions or in creating alarm indications. Tedious and confusing site-specific profiles are not required when using the Virtual Input feature.

All MICRO-AIDE rail signal products, including the CWR-272A Event Recorder, are designed to be easy to use and maintain. Each design is based upon the premise that value and reliability start with attention to detail and a concern for usability rather than needless complexity. Our goal in creating the CWR-272A was to provide the rail signal industry with an instrument maintainers and signal technicians will find easy to operate long after the recorder has been installed and set up.

KEY FEATURES

Listed in the following are some of the features included with every CWR-272A Event Recorder.

- The USB Host Port allows copying of Event Records to a FAT-32 formatted flash drive. As an option a digital signature can be added to the Event Record data file.
- The 4.71 Mbps USB Device Port can be used in lieu of the serial Terminal Ports.
- The optional GPS Receiver allows the recorder's real-time clock to operate 100% accurately without any user intervention.
- The internal Ethernet Port allows for remote LAN-based access via an Ethernet connection.
- If the LAN includes a time server, the Ethernet Port also allows the recorder's real-time clock to be precisely controlled using SNTP. Unicast and Multicast protocols are supported.
- Automatic adjustment for Daylight Saving Time (DST) can be enabled or disabled. The DST feature is in full compliance with the Energy Policy Act of 2005 which took effect in 2007.
- The time zone setting of the recorder can be assigned to UTC-0 or any of seven zones used in North America.
- The storage capacity is 147,480 Event Records (expandable to 3,095,064).
- Event Records can be logged for 128 distinct days.
- Event Records are stored in flash memory devices that do not require a battery power source. Records are retained even if power is removed.
- Setup data and Event Record data can be easily and quickly transferred to a PC file.
- A digital signature can be added to an Event Record report resulting in a highly secure data file. MICRO-AIDE's RSA application can be used to verify the integrity of signed reports.
- Attaching the recorder to an event generating circuit is completely non-intrusive to the circuit. This is ensured by the high impedance nature of the design.
- Each Digital Input utilizes opto-isolation technology to provide ground isolation of at least 3800Vdc.
- Relay signals in the range from 9 to 36Vdc or Vac can be sensed by the Digital Inputs.

- Both positive and negative voltages can be sensed.
- Each Digital Input supports tri-state event recording. On, Off and coding states are reported.
- Coding signal rates ranging from 60 to 90 pulses per minute are supported.
- The coding pulse rate of a circuit can be precisely measured.
- Event Detection Times can be set by the user on an input-by-input basis. Default values are provided as an aid to the user.
- Event Detection Times can be set to a hundredth of a second (.01 seconds) to capture fast, electronically generated control signals.
- Events satisfying the Detection Time criteria are date and time stamped to the nearest hundredth of a second.
- Every Event Record includes a measurement for each of sixteen Analog Inputs.
- Analog Inputs can range from 51.1 V (.1 V scale) to 255V (1 V scale), DC or AC.
- Analog Inputs are tested against separate High and Low Limit Values that are assigned by the user. Crossing either Limit Value will create an Event Record.
- Excessive train speed is reported by four separately programmable Train Speed Monitors. Speed violations are reported in the form of Event Records that are saved to memory.
- The FLD-2 Failed Lamp Detector can be used at crossings to detect burned-out bulbs.
- Sixteen Virtual Inputs can be programmed to create Event Records that identify alarm or fault conditions of special interest to the user.
- Installation is quite simple. Input wires are terminated in detachable, tension clamp terminals. Wire sizes as large as 12AWG can be used.
- Maximum power consumption is less than 5W. A 9 to 36 Vdc power source can be used to power the recorder.
- The internal temperature of the recorder is measured and reported.
- The user interface provides full cursor control when using a PC.
- Three distinct levels of password security provide protection against unauthorized access.
- Several diagnostic commands can be executed to verify important system operations.
- Firmware updates can be uploaded to the recorder via any port (i.e., Terminal, modem, USB Device or Ethernet). Additionally, new firmware can be uploaded directly via a USB flash drive.
- MICRO-AIDE's GEA (Graphical Event Analyzer) software is fully compatible with the CWR-272A. GEA can be used to poll, save, review, plot and analyze Event Record data.

COMPARING THE CWR-272A AND CWR-272E

The CWR-272A was designed to replace the CWR-272E Event Recorder. The two products are distinguished by the following characteristics.

- The CWR-272A includes a USB Host Port for copying selective records directly to a USB flash drive.
- The CWR-272A includes a USB Device Port that provides a direct, high speed connection to the USB Port of a PC.
- An optional GPS Receiver can be included with the CWR-272A. It provides for precise, drift-free control of the recorder's real-time clock.

- The Ethernet Port of the CWR-272A is a standard hardware feature.
- The CWR-272A includes support for the Multicast and Unicast clock sync protocols.
- The standard Event Record capacity of the CWR-272A has been increased to 147,480.
- The Ethernet Port of the CWR-272A supports data throughput rates approximately five times faster than those of the CWR-272E.
- The initialization completion time of the CWR-272A is much faster.
- The Dump command executes record searches significantly faster.
- The number of Train Speed Monitors has been increased from one to four in the CWR-272A.
- The Clock Sync Input feature has been removed from the CWR-272A.
- The CWR-272A does not include a Printer Port.

FIRMWARE MODIFICATION HISTORY

Features have either been introduced or modified as the result of the following firmware modifications.

- V1.00** Initial release.
- V1.01** The Ethernet Port is re-initialized whenever an alteration of the Network settings is detected. If enabled, an SNTP-Unicast message is sent when the recorder or Ethernet Port is re-initialized. An SNTP-Unicast time sync is performed hourly. The number of flash memory devices that are supported has been expanded. Added support for latest Silicon Labs modem.
- V1.02** Corrected problem with Ethernet Port timeout. Setup Database can be saved and updated via USB Host Port.
- V1.03** Enhanced timing of Digital Input clock characteristics.
- V1.04** Corrected date error in Coding Event Records.
- V1.05** Added support for larger flash memory chips which has greatly increased the maximum Event Record storage capacity. Corrected problem when SNTP-Unicast was enabled with an SNTP IP Address that was inaccessible.
- V1.06** Corrected leap year error in GPS algorithm.
- V1.07** Added Terminal Port command to front panel Diagnostic command menu.
- V1.08** Corrected front panel display associated with Input Status command.

SETUP DATABASE COMPATIBILITY

Occasionally, modifications to the firmware of the recorder will result in a new memory map of the Setup Database. When this occurs the previously created Setup Database will be incompatible with the new firmware. [Table 1 on page 4](#) details the compatibility status of each firmware version. A green check mark (✓) in any given column indicates compatibility with the previous Setup Database. A red X (✗) indicates that a new Setup Database will have to be created for the firmware version listed. As noted below, Setup Databases for all versions of the CWR-272E are incompatible with V1.08 of the CWR-272A.

Firmware Version	Compatibility
CWR-272E (all versions)	✗
V1.00	✓
V1.01	✓

Table 1: Setup Database Compatibility

Firmware Version	Compatibility
V1.02	✓
V1.03	✓
V1.04	✓
V1.05	✓
V1.06	✓
V1.07	✓
V1.08	✓

Table 1: Setup Database Compatibility



When an incompatibility occurs, contact MICRO-AIDE before preparing a new Setup Database. E-mail a copy of the existing Setup Database along with the applicable firmware revision number. MICRO-AIDE will convert the database and return a file that is fully compatible with the new firmware version.



Never attempt to use an incompatible Setup Database. The operation of the recorder can be severely impacted.

ABOUT THIS MANUAL

This document is intended to provide the user with comprehensive, easy-to-read instructions on how to install, set up, operate and maintain the MICRO-AIDE CWR-272A Event Recorder. This document refers to Version 1.08 of the CWR-272A firmware. Specifically, the sample data and command details depicted were prepared using a Version 1.08 recorder. Wherever possible, step-by-step instructions have been included. In the event the user has questions about any of the described procedures the user should contact MICRO-AIDE for assistance. Additional copies of this manual are available upon request.

1

MICRO-AIDE CORPORATION

685 Arrow Grand Circle

Covina, CA 91722

Tel: 626-915-5502 Fax: 626-331-9484

E-mail: support@micro-aide.com



The MICRO-AIDE "[Material Return](#)" and "[Limited Warranty](#)" policies can be found on the inside back cover of this manual.

The next chapter describes how to install the CWR-272A.

CHAPTER 2 – INSTALLATION

INTRODUCTION

This chapter describes how to properly unpack and install the CWR-272A prior to operation. It is advisable to perform the Initial Check-Out Procedure before attempting to set up the recorder.

UNPACKING

Each CWR-272A is packed in a shipping carton that is properly sized for the recorder. Abundant packing materials are provided to minimize mechanical shock to the contents. Before opening the carton inspect it for damage. Damage to the carton should be noted. Carefully remove the recorder. It is advisable to save all packing materials in the event the recorder ever needs to be returned to MICRO-AIDE.

Inspect the recorder for visual damage. It should not be scratched, dented or deformed in any way. If it appears the recorder was damaged in shipment the responsible carrier should be notified immediately. MICRO-AIDE will assist the user in filing a claim in the event damage was sustained during shipment.

INITIAL CHECK-OUT PROCEDURE

Before the CWR-272A is installed at a signal facility it is recommended that an operational check of the recorder be performed. The following materials are required as a part of this procedure.

- 12Vdc power source.
- Common hook-up wire for power and testing inputs (12 to 22AWG).
- Wire strippers and small, flat-head screwdriver.
- PC equipped with a communications program (e.g., HyperTerminal®) and either a USB port or serial comm port set to operate at 38,400Baud.
- Digital Voltmeter (DVM).

Perform each step in the sequence listed in the following. If a problem arises, refer to the sections entitled "[Diagnostic Testing](#)" on page 86 and "[Trouble-Shooting Guide](#)" on page 92. The front panel of the CWR-272A is illustrated in [Figure 1](#) on page 8. Elements common to most installations are illustrated in [Figure 2](#) on page 8 and [Figure 3](#) on page 9.

1. With the power off, connect the power source positive and negative conductors to either pair of terminals labeled "B" and "N", respectively. They are located near the center of the recorder's top panel.
2. Connect the PC's serial comm port to the DE-9 male connector labeled "Terminal 1" or "Terminal 2". Use the cable provided by MICRO-AIDE or a DE-9 to DE-9 straight-through cable. [Figure 10](#) on page 97 illustrates the proper wiring of the cable. Alternatively, connect a USB A-B cable between the recorder's port labeled "USB Device to PC" and any USB port available on the PC.

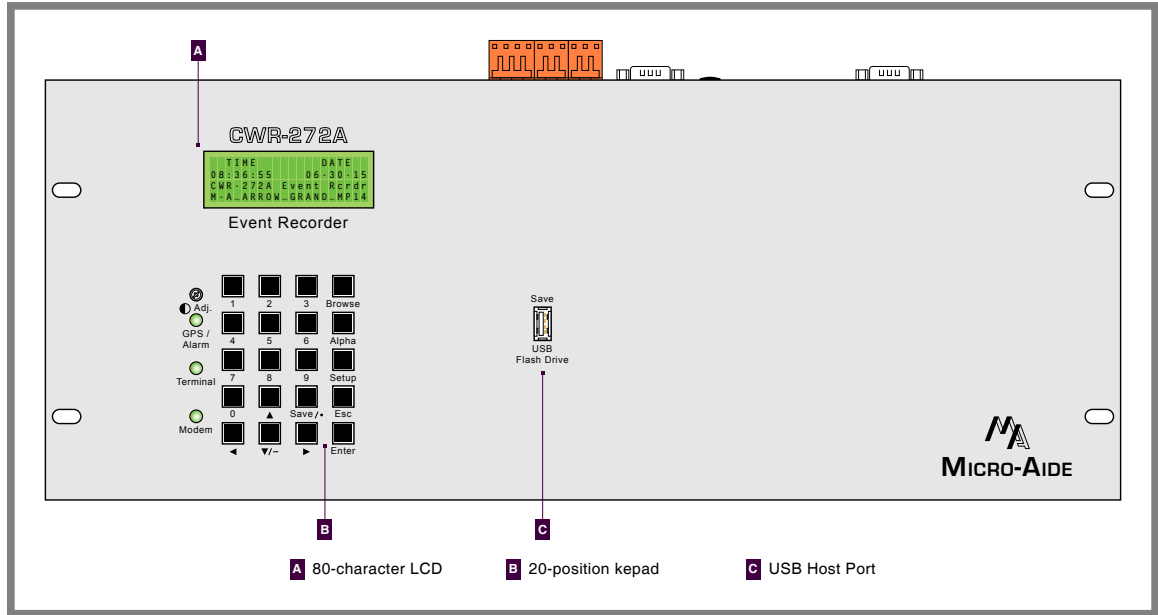


Figure 1: Front Panel View

2

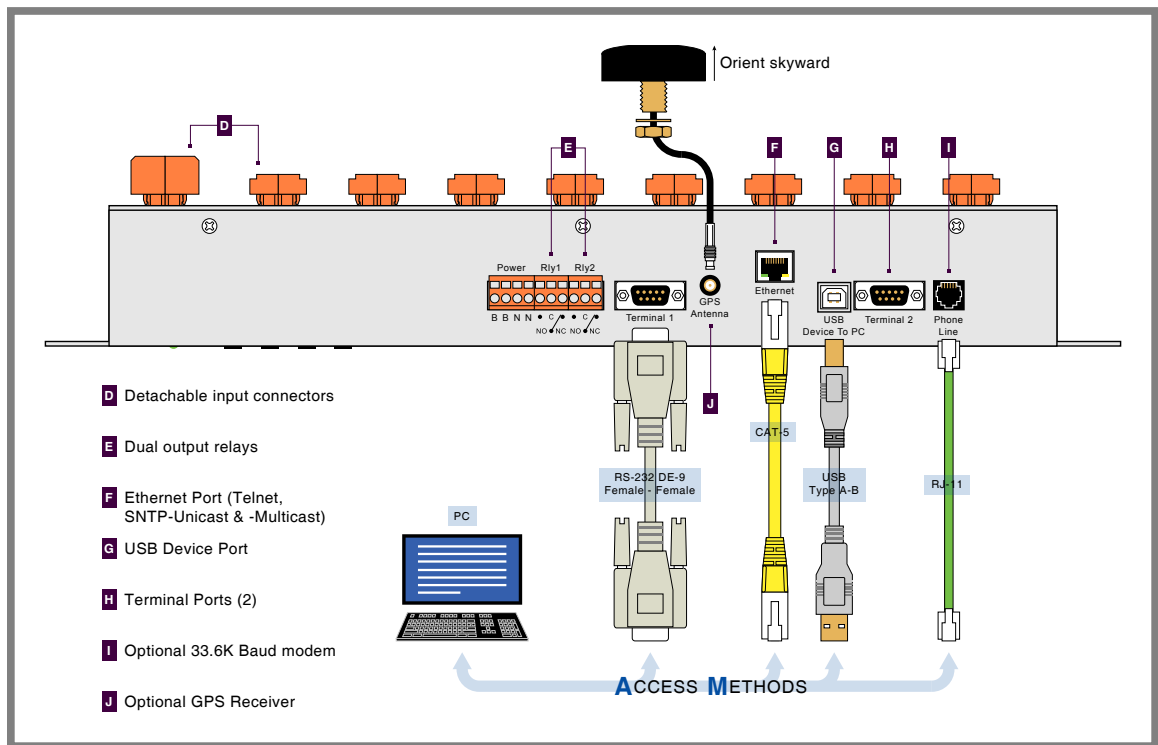


Figure 2: Typical Installation-Top Panel View



To use the recorder's USB Device Port the proper drivers must be installed in the PC. [Appendix C](#) describes how to locate and install the correct drivers.



The factory default setting for both Terminal Ports is 38,400Baud. Refer to the procedure entitled "Terminal Port 1 and 2 Baud Rates" on page 23 for details on changing the Baud rate. The CWR-272A requires 8 data bits, no parity, 1 stop bit (i.e., 8-N-1) and hardware flow control.

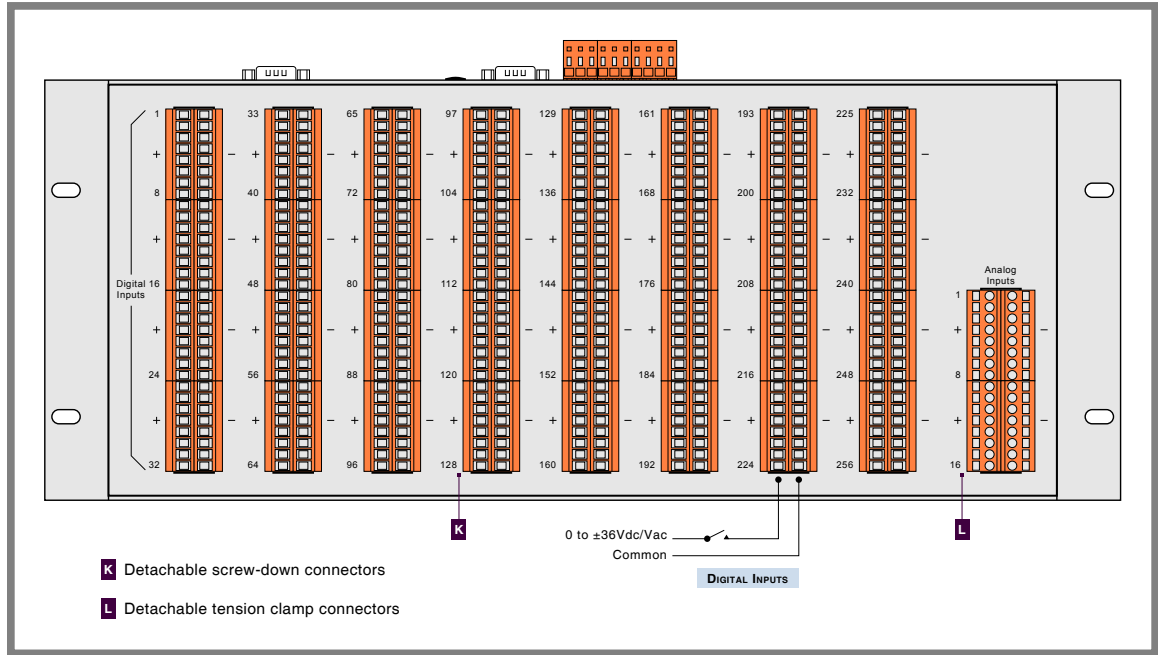


Figure 3: Typical Installation - Rear Panel View

3. Set the PC to emulate an ANSI terminal. In the case of HyperTerminal, click on the File, Properties command. Select the Settings tab. Enable Terminal keys. Select ANSI from the Emulation drop-down list box.
4. Apply power to the PC. Ensure that the communications program is set for a direct connection to the appropriate communications port.
5. Apply power to the CWR-272A. The Liquid Crystal Display (LCD) panel should illuminate. The PC will display the following message (Terminal Port 1 only).

```
Micro-Aide CWR-264a Flash Boot Loader 1.00
Press ESC for boot loader
```



The preceding message should be ignored. Do not press the **Esc** key. The user must wait several seconds for the CWR-272A to complete its initialization process.

6. The following password challenge will be displayed.

```
Model CWR-272A Event Recorder. Ver 1.08 (C) 2015 MICRO-AIDE INC.
***** NOT SET *****
Event storage capacity: 457752
Enter password:
```

Password Request

7. If the recorder fails to display the password request, check the power and peripheral connections and Baud rate and communications settings. If the problem can be isolated to the CWR-272A contact MICRO-AIDE customer service for instructions on how to proceed.

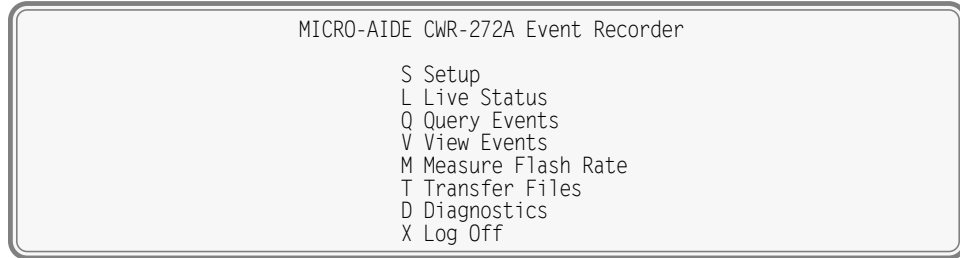


Repair and return policies are described on the inside back cover of this manual.

8. The remainder of the Initial Check-Out Procedure presumes the recorder is configured to operate with the factory default settings and Event Records have not been logged into memory. If this is not

the case the user may wish to reset the recorder. Refer to the section entitled "[Reset System \(R\)](#)" on [page 20](#) for details.

9. From the PC's keyboard type **PASSWORD** in upper-case letters. This is the default password. Complete the entry by pressing the **Enter** key. The Main Menu, shown in the following, will be displayed.



Main Menu

10. Using a short pair of stripped jumper wires place +12Vdc and negative to Digital Input number 1. Refer to the silkscreened labels located near the input terminals. Positive voltage should be placed on the terminal to the left and negative voltage on the right. The voltage should be held for at least .5seconds before proceeding.
11. Use the same procedure described in the previous paragraph to test additional Digital Inputs.
12. Perform a Query of the Event Records by pressing **Q** at the PC keyboard. Select today's date and then press **Enter**. Finally, press the **F1** function key. Alternatively, press the **Ctrl+W** keys simultaneously. Refer to the section entitled "[Query Events \(Q\)](#)" on [page 42](#) for additional details.
13. Verify that an Event Record is reported for each Digital Input tested. Note any inputs not displayed and test the inputs again, being careful to hold the voltage for at least .5seconds. A second Query should verify the retested inputs.
14. Press the **Esc** key once to return to the Main Menu. While the Main Menu is displayed, press the **L** key from the PC's keyboard. Press the **F1** function key. Alternatively, press the **Ctrl+W** keys simultaneously. The CWR-272A will now display the real-time status of all sixteen Analog Inputs.
15. Using the same jumper wires, connect the voltage source to Analog Input 1. Refer to the silkscreened labels located near the input terminals. Positive voltage should be placed on the terminal to the left and negative voltage on the right.
16. While voltage is being placed across the terminals of the Analog Input, verify that the Live Status screen is reporting a voltage that is within .15Vdc of the correct value. It takes a few seconds for the measurement to reach its final value.
17. Repeat steps 15 and 16 to test the remaining fifteen Analog Inputs.
18. Verify the LCD is providing acceptable contrast. If it needs to be improved adjust the potentiometer located at the recorder's front panel. Refer to the section entitled "[Adjusting the LCD Contrast](#)" on [page 83](#).



The use of the front panel LCD and Keypad is fully described in [Chapter 5](#).

19. Verify that the LCD is displaying a date and time and that the time is being incremented each second. The date and time will likely be incorrect. The procedure for changing the date and time is described in the section entitled "[Time/Date \(T\)](#)" on [page 19](#).
20. Press the front panel key labeled "**Setup**". A request for the Passcode will be displayed. Press the **12345678** front panel keys in the sequence listed. Complete the entry by pressing the **Enter** key.
21. The various front panel commands that comprise the Setup Menu will be displayed.
22. Press the front panel key labeled "**Esc**" to exit the Setup Menu.

This completes the Initial Check-Out Procedure for the CWR-272A. The PC can be disconnected, the unit powered down and set aside. Portions of this procedure may be used at any time to verify that the Event Recorder is operating properly.



In the event that a failure occurs during any part of this procedure a series of diagnostic tests should be performed. Refer to the sections entitled "[Diagnostic Testing](#)" on page 86 and "[Trouble-Shooting Guide](#)" on page 92. Alternatively, the user may wish to contact MICRO-AIDE customer service. Instructions on how to proceed will be offered. "[Material Return](#)" and "[Limited Warranty](#)" policies are described on the inside back cover of this manual.

INSTALLATION PROCEDURE

The following sections describe the recommended Installation Procedure. [Figure 2 on page 8](#) and [Figure 3 on page 9](#) illustrate elements that are common to most installations. The illustrations also depict the location of each connector used in the installation.

LOCATION

The location where the CWR-272A is to be installed should comply with a few simple requirements. The ambient temperature near the recorder should be in the range from -40°C to 72°C.

MOUNTING

The CWR-272A is designed to be mounted in a 19" equipment rack. The front panel sheetmetal includes mounting holes that comply with the standard 1.75" hole pattern. This 1.75" hole pattern is comprised of holes that are spaced .625", .625" and .5" apart. The mounting holes of the CWR-272A are each vertically spaced 4.0" apart. In other words, the mounting holes are spaced two full increments apart plus .5" (i.e., 1.75" + 1.75" + .5").

Before mounting the unit consideration must be given to the RS-232 cables that will likely be connected to the Terminal Ports of the recorder. The space between the top sheetmetal edge of the CWR-272A and the lower edge of the unit above must be 3.0". These mounting guidelines are illustrated in [Figure 4 on page 12](#).

2



The CWR-272A should be mounted at approximately eye level. This will make it more convenient to the user when working with the front panel LCD, Keypad and USB Host Port.



Contact MICRO-AIDE in the event 23" rack mounting brackets are required. Refer to the section entitled "[Accessories](#)" on page 99 for ordering details.

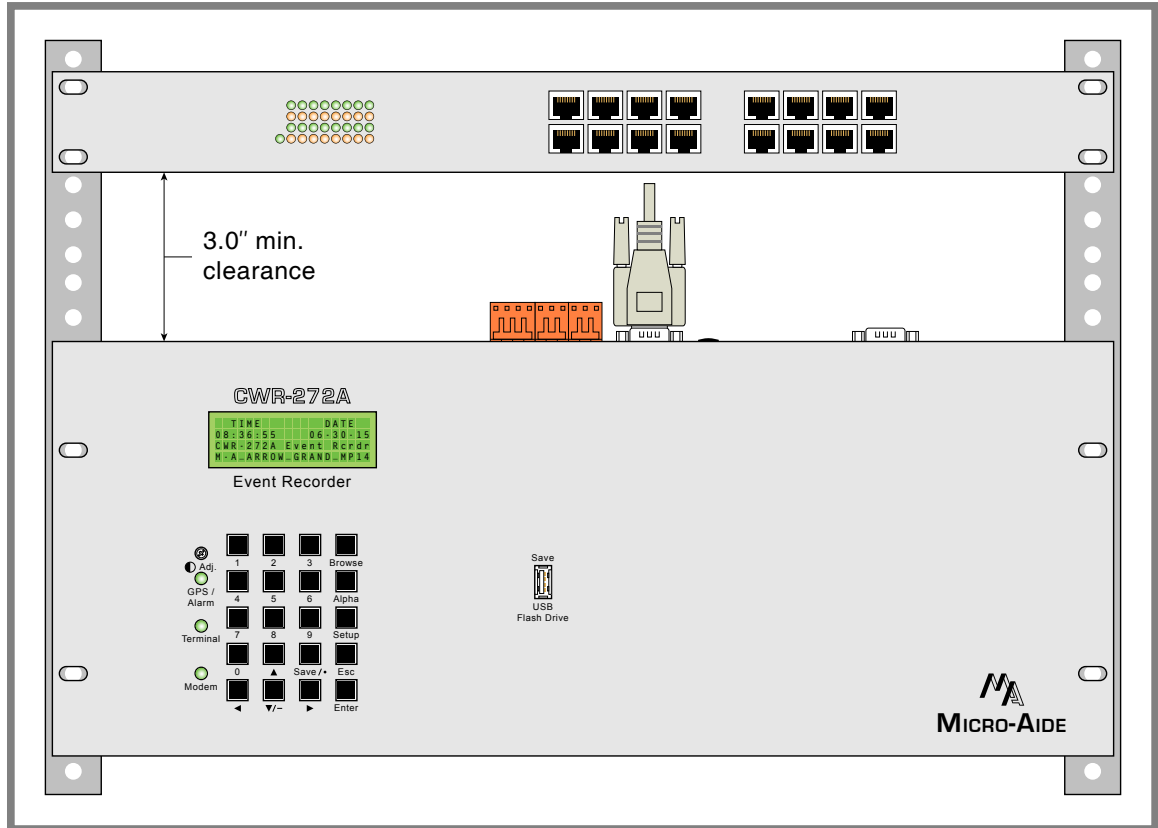


Figure 4: Rack Mounting Guidelines

2

SITE PREPARATION

A large number of cables will be required to fully install the recorder. Advanced planning should be taken to properly locate and secure the power and input cables.

The equipment location must have access to a stable 9 to 36 Vdc power source. A pair of wires must be run from the power source to the location where the recorder will be mounted. The wire ends must be stripped approximately 1/4" - 3/8". Refer to [Figure 5 on page 13](#). The stripped ends will be secured by tension clamp terminals located along the top panel of the unit. One wire must be connected to the positive voltage of the power source and the other wire must be attached to the return of the power source. The tension clamp terminals will accept wire sizes as large as 12AWG. The two wires must be properly secured to prevent damage. It is preferable not to run the wires adjacent to electrical equipment such as motors that may generate significant electrical disturbances.

It is likely that the recorder will be monitoring 200 or more relays. They will terminate in the Digital Inputs located at the rear of the recorder. It is recommended, although not mandatory, that these wires be attached to spare contacts at each relay. The other end of each wire will connect to screw-down terminals associated with each Digital Input. Refer to [Figure 5 on page 13](#). The Digital Input connectors are detachable. The cable bundles should be neatly dressed and secured to either side of the rack frame.

The Analog Inputs and Relay Output cables require similar treatment and planning as those for the Digital Inputs. The connectors involved are also detachable. However, each connector uses tension clamp terminals.



Care should be taken to avoid excessively long service loops that might be accidentally snagged by personnel as they perform their duties in and around the system.

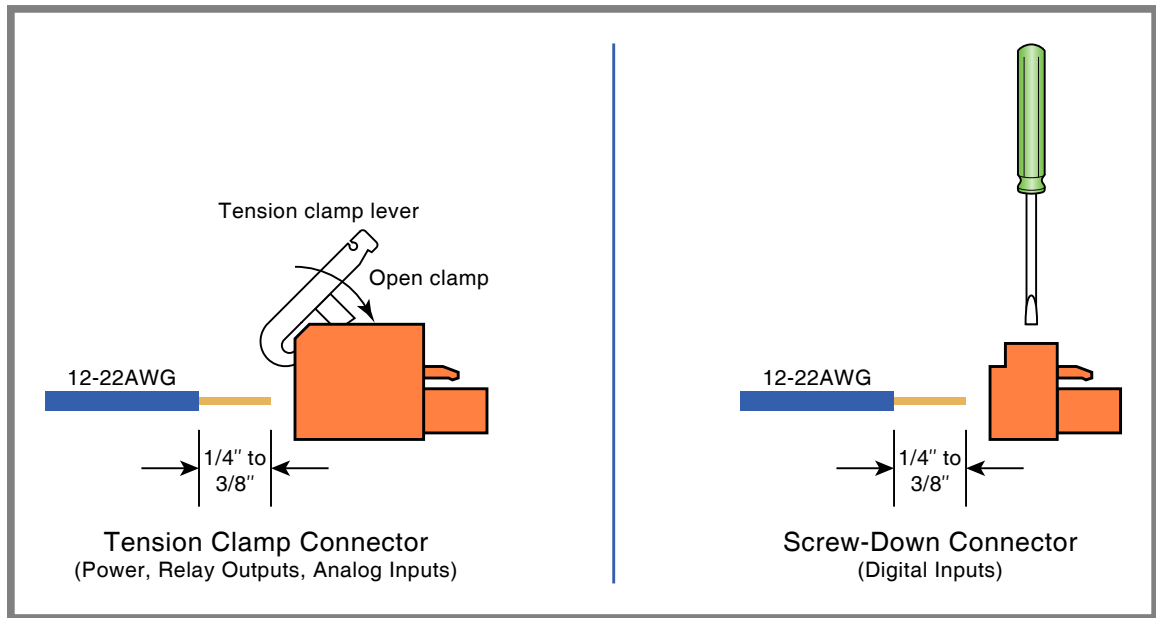


Figure 5: Detachable Connector Types

PERIPHERAL EQUIPMENT

If a PC is to be co-located with the CWR-272A an appropriate AC power source must be available. Additional connections can be made as described in the following sections.

USB DEVICE PORT

If an on-site PC is to be used MICRO-AIDE recommends that the USB Device Port be connected to a USB port of the PC. The USB Device Port will support data transfer rates of 4.71 Mbps. A standard USB Type A-B cable is used for this purpose. [Table 13 on page 97](#) lists the bit transfer rates of each user-accessible port.



To use the recorder's USB Device Port the proper drivers must be installed in the PC. [Appendix C](#) describes how to locate and install the correct drivers.

TERMINAL PORTS

As an alternative, the PC can be connected to either of the Terminal Ports. The Terminal Port cable should be kept to a minimum distance, preferably less than 20'. MICRO-AIDE provides, as a standard feature, an RS-232 DE-9 to DE-9 cable. The cable is suitable for use with any PC comm port or USB-to-serial adapter cable.



Each recorder is shipped with a MICRO-AIDE manufactured RS-232 cable. The shield wire in the provided cable is not attached. Consequently, the recorder chassis and peripheral device are electrically isolated. This further improves the isolation properties of the system.

ETHERNET PORT

The Ethernet Port may be used to connect the CWR-272A to a LAN or PC. A standard CAT-5 Ethernet cable is used to connect to the LAN via a hub or switch. The length of either cable must be limited to 50'. [Table 13 on page 97](#) lists the bit transfer rates of each user-accessible port.

INTERNAL MODEM (OPTIONAL)

If the CWR-272A is equipped with the optional internal modem, a standard telephone line can be attached to the recorder. The telephone line must be terminated with an RJ-11 connector like those

commonly used in residential telephone service. Test the telephone line first to ensure that a dial tone is available.

GPS RECEIVER (OPTIONAL)

The GPS Receiver option is the preferred means of precisely controlling the recorder's real-time clock. The optional feature includes a bulkhead-mount antenna designed specifically for use with the receiver module. For improved reception the antenna should be mounted outside of the equipment house or cabinet, as it requires unobstructed skyward access. The antenna is designed to be moisture proof and is rated to operate over a broad temperature range.

The antenna is equipped with a 16' coaxial cable. The antenna end of the cable is non-detachable. The other end of the cable terminates in an MCX-male connector. The MCX connector must be secured to the recorder's connector labeled "GPS Antenna" located along the top panel.



Upon request, an optional magnetic-mount antenna can be supplied. Refer to the section entitled "Options" on page 99 for additional details.

CABLING

Follow the steps listed in the following to complete the cabling installation.



The power, Relay Outputs and input wires all terminate in connectors that are detachable. The cable installation may be performed more easily if the female connectors are first detached from their male halves that remain secured to the CWR-272A circuit board.

POWER

1. Ensure that the power is off at the power source.
2. The two wires from the power source must be secured to either pair of tension clamp terminals labeled "B" and "N", respectively.
3. Connect AC power to the PC (as required).

RELAY OUTPUTS

Wire the alarm indicating device or circuit to the appropriate relay terminals labeled "C", "NO" or "NC" (i.e., common, normally open, normally closed, respectively).

DIGITAL INPUT CIRCUITS

Events will only be recorded if the input circuits are wired properly to the CWR-272A. The correct polarity of each input must be identified.

Digital Input circuits are wired to eight-position, detachable connectors that incorporate screw-down terminals. Individual pairs are wired to horizontally adjacent terminals. The positive lead of the digital circuit to be monitored must be connected to the left-side terminal labeled "+". The common, or return, lead of the digital circuit must be connected to the right-side terminal labeled "-".

Positive and negative voltages can be monitored by a Digital Input, even if they occur from the same circuit. In such cases the circuit is wired to two inputs of the recorder, one for each polarity. [Figure 3 on page 9](#) illustrates how to connect negative voltage circuits.

JUMPER COMBS

As an aid to the installer each CWR-272A is provided with several Jumper Combs (Weidmuller part number 147250). Each Jumper Comb allows ten adjacent screw-down terminals to be connected together. Unwanted points may be removed by cutting them or bending them away from the detachable connector.

ANALOG INPUT CIRCUITS

Analog Inputs are connected similarly to Digital Inputs. The sixteen Analog Inputs terminate in separate connectors also located at the rear of the recorder. They are labeled as inputs "A1" through "A16".



Event Records will indicate positive and negative polarities for each Analog Input.

APPLYING POWER

Once the cabling is installed the power can be applied. Shortly after power is applied the PC will display the password request. Refer to the sample data entitled "[Password Request](#)" on page 9. After the initialization sequence is completed the front panel LCD will indicate the time and date.

Before proceeding to the next chapter the user may wish to verify the proper operation of each input. The "[Initial Check-Out Procedure](#)" on page 7 should be used to identify any faulty input wiring.

This completes the CWR-272A Installation Procedure. The Setup Procedure can now be started. This is the subject of the next chapter.

CHAPTER 3 – SETUP

INTRODUCTION

This chapter describes how to set up the CWR-272A for use in a typical application. It is assumed that the Setup Database contains the factory default settings.

LOGGING ON

User sessions are initiated only after the log-on procedure is completed. Logging on is described in the section entitled "[Initial Check-Out Procedure](#)" on page 7. To log on the user must enter the correct password in response to the password challenge. A typical password challenge message is shown in the sample data entitled "[Password Request](#)" on page 9.

The Terminal, Ethernet and USB Device Ports of the CWR-272A incorporate two levels of password security. Each level uses a distinct password. The Restricted Access password allows a user to review all aspects of the Setup Database. The Administrative Access password allows a user full access to all aspects of the recorder. This includes the unrestricted ability to make changes to the Setup Database.



The factory default password is **PASSWORD** in upper-case letters.

3

The Main Menu, as shown below, will be displayed after the correct password has been entered.

```
MICRO-AIDE CWR-272A Event Recorder

S Setup
L Live Status
Q Query Events
V View Events
M Measure Flash Rate
T Transfer Files
D Diagnostics
X Log Off
```

Main Menu

USER INTERFACE CONVENTIONS

The CWR-272A user interface is designed for ease-of-use. Before proceeding further, the user should become familiar with a few simple aspects of the interface.

FIELDS AND COMMANDS

The CWR-272A user interface allows commands and parameter fields to be easily and quickly selected. Commands are listed vertically in a menu. Some commands direct the user to sub-menus containing additional commands (e.g., Setup command). Fields allow the user to either select or enter parameter values. A specific field is always uniquely associated with a particular command.

To select a command from a menu or a field within a command simply move the rectangular highlight to the location of the desired command or field. Pressing the appropriate arrow keys located on the PC keyboard will move the highlight. The left, right, up and down arrow keys may be used in any sequence to position the highlight.

To execute a command that has been previously selected (i.e., highlighted) simply press the **Enter** key. Alternatively, the command may be executed by pressing the single-letter code listed to the left of the command. Upper- and lower-case letters may be used. Every command listed in a menu has a distinct single-letter code that permits immediate execution of that command.

WORKING WITH FIELDS

The CWR-272A utilizes two types of fields. Selection Fields allow the user to select a parameter from a list of predefined values (e.g., Terminal Port 1 Baud Rate). Edit Fields can be set to any alphanumeric value desired by the user (e.g., Unit Name).

To change the value of a Selection Field simply press the **Spacebar** on the PC keyboard. The next value from a predefined list of values will be displayed each time the **Spacebar** is pressed. The first value in the list will automatically follow the last value.

Input Names, Detection Times and Limit Values are examples of parameters that are defined by Edit Fields. After the desired Edit Field is highlighted the user may type any combination of alphanumeric characters appropriate to the field. The initial value of the field is completely removed after typing the first character. Consequently, it is not necessary to delete each character that comprises the initial value. Errors in typing can be corrected by using the **Backspace** key. At any time while editing a field the user may press the **Esc** key and thereby restore the field to its previous value.

Upper- and lower-case letters may be used. Limit Values are assigned negative values by preceding the numeric entry with a minus sign. Numeric values that exceed the range of the field are automatically set to the maximum or minimum value (as appropriate) permitted by the range.

To accept the new value assigned to an Edit Field the user can either press the **Enter** key or move the highlight to a new field. The initial value of an Edit Field cannot be restored after the new value has been accepted. When all of the fields contain values suitable to the user the command may be completed.



3

Once a field has been accepted by pressing the **Enter** key or moving the highlight it may, depending upon the command, be programmed into the recorder as an updated operating parameter. Accordingly, the acceptance may occur before completion of the command.

COMPLETING COMMANDS

Generally, commands are completed by pressing the **Esc** key. However, pressing the **Esc** key will not complete the command if the user is in the process of editing a field. Pressing the **Esc** key prior to accepting the new value will instead restore the highlighted field to its previous value. To complete a command that requires pressing the **Esc** key, first accept the contents of the last Edit Field by pressing the **Enter** key or moving the highlight to another field.

Some commands are completed by responding to a choice listed in a Selection Field (e.g., No or Yes). In these cases the command is completed by highlighting the desired choice and then pressing the **Enter** key. Pressing the **Esc** key is the equivalent of selecting the default choice (generally the No option). As a rule of thumb, executing the No option will abandon any field changes made prior to the completion.

Other commands are completed by pressing the key described in a prompt message displayed with the command. Prompts are frequently listed with commands as an aid to the user. After the command is completed the user will be returned to the menu that was previously displayed.

DATA FLOW CONTROL

A few of the setup and operational commands can generate considerable amounts of displayed data. If the user wishes to observe this data on the screen of a PC it may be helpful to temporarily pause the data stream being sent by the recorder. The Pause and Resume commands may be used to provide the required data flow control.

To Pause the data being sent press the **Ctrl** and **S** keys simultaneously. The data flow will be stopped indefinitely. To Resume data flow press the **Ctrl** and **Q** keys simultaneously. This technique can be used to freeze the data at the PC.

Another useful command is the Abort command. At any time during a lengthy data dump the remaining data can be ignored or aborted by pressing the **Esc** key. The user can then issue another command immediately after the Abort is executed rather than wait until the lengthy data dump is completed.

SETUP PROCEDURE

Before the CWR-272A is ready for use the recorder must be configured to reflect the operation required by the user. The following steps should be performed in the sequence listed. It is assumed that the user intends to access the CWR-272A via a PC which is connected to either the USB Device or a Terminal Port. Succeeding chapters describe how to use the front panel display and keypad, as well as access the recorder via its Ethernet Port and optional internal modem. It is further assumed that the user has not previously altered any of the factory default settings.



The comm port of the PC must be set to operate at a speed of 38,400Baud with hardware flow control enabled.

The Main Menu of commands will be displayed immediately after logging on. Refer to the sample data entitled "Main Menu" on page 17. The Setup Procedure described in this chapter will familiarize the user with the Setup, Transfer Files and Log Off commands listed in the Main Menu.

For the remainder of this chapter the Setup, Transfer Files, Log Off commands and their numerous sub-commands will be described in the sequence recommended by MICRO-AIDE for their execution as part of the Setup Procedure. Each command will be identified by its name as listed in the menu where it resides. The single-letter code that executes the command will be listed in parenthesis. The Setup Procedure commences with the execution of the Setup command listed at the top of the Main Menu.

SETUP (S)

The following menu of sub-commands will be displayed after executing the Setup command.

```

Setup Menu
T Time/Date
E Event Names
I Input Names/Identifiers
D Detect Times
G Global Detect Time
A Analog Configuration
V Virtual Inputs
M Measure Speed
N Network
S System Parameters
P Print Setup Data
R Reset System

```

Setup Commands

TIME / DATE (T)

The CWR-272A time stamps all Event Records. Therefore, the correct time and date must be set. The recorder will automatically account for leap year. The recorder's clock circuitry will continue to keep time even if power is interrupted for a prolonged period.

To manually change the time or date execute the Time /Date command. The sample data listed in the following shows a typical response to the Time /Date command.

```

Time/Date
      HH:MM:SS
Time: 14:52:28
      MM-DD-YY
Date: 06-30-15 Tuesday
    
```

Time /Date Command

The highlight may be moved to the hour, minute or second time fields or month, day or year date fields. The CWR-272A utilizes a military-style clock. Accordingly, 12:01:02 AM is defined as 00:01:02 and 12:59:58 PM is defined as 23:59:58. Leading zeros are not required. The day of week is displayed automatically as determined by the date selected by the user.

To complete the command press the **Esc** key. The user can then accept or abandon the changes.



The clock of the CWR-272A can be precisely controlled by three different means. The Clock Sync Mode can be set to GPS or SNTP. Either of two SNTP methods are available. Refer to the section entitled "[Clock Sync Mode](#)" on page 24. If the clock cannot be synchronized MICRO-AIDE recommends that the clock be manually set once per month.



Two System Event Records are automatically saved to memory whenever the user manually sets the time or date. This feature is fully described in the section entitled "[System Events](#)" on page 89.

RESET SYSTEM (R)

The Reset System command can be used at any time to restore the recorder to its factory default settings. The command can also be used to clear previously logged Event Records. This step is listed as part of the Setup Procedure since it can be useful in restoring the recorder to a known state consistent with this documentation. Additionally, any programming or Event Records created as a part of the Initial Check-Out Procedure will be erased.

The following menu will be displayed after executing the Reset System command. Both command options are described in the sections that follow.

```

Reset System
      S Reset Setup Data
      E Reset Event Memory
      B Reset Both
    
```

Reset System Command



The time and date settings, along with the Network and several System Parameters, are not affected by either option of the Reset System command.

RESET SETUP DATA (S)

The CWR-272A utilizes two non-volatile memories. The first, referred to as the Setup Database, contains all of the programmed parameters established by the user. Most of these parameters can be restored to their factory default values by executing the Reset Setup Data command. [Table 2 on page 20](#) lists the values after the reset is performed. Some parameters are unchanged by the reset.

Parameter	Default or Reset Value
Time /Date	(as previously assigned)
Event Names-On	On (1-16)
Event Names-Off	Off (1-16)
Event Names-Coding	Coding
Input Names-Digital Inputs	Digital Input 001, Digital Input 002, etc.

Table 2: Factory Default /Reset Settings

Parameter	Default or Reset Value
Input Names - Analog Inputs	Analog Input 01, Analog Input 02, etc.
Input Names - Virtual Inputs	Virtual Input 01, Virtual Input 02, etc.
Identifiers - Digital Inputs	DInpu001, DInpu002, etc.
Identifiers - Analog Inputs	AInput01, AInput02, etc.
Identifiers - Virtual Inputs	VInput01, VInput02, etc.
Event Names - Assignment	1
Digital Inputs - Detect Time	.30seconds
Analog Configuration - Range	±25.5Vdc
Analog Configuration - Filter	Slow
Analog Configuration - Low Limit	-25.6Vdc
Analog Configuration - High Limit	25.5Vdc
Virtual Inputs - Variables	--- (not assigned)
Virtual Inputs - Relay 1 and Relay 2	No
Virtual Inputs - Dial Out	No
Measure Speed - Sensor1	--- (not assigned)
Measure Speed - Sensor2	--- (not assigned)
Measure Speed - Distance	0'
Measure Speed - Threshold	0mph
Network - IP Address	(as previously assigned)
Network - Subnet Mask	(as previously assigned)
Network - Gateway	(as previously assigned)
Network - Ethernet MAC Address	(as previously assigned)
Network - Port	(as previously assigned)
Network - TCP/IP mode	(as previously assigned)
Unit Name	***** NOT SET *****
Terminal Port Baud Rate (1 and 2)	38,400
Administrative Password	PASSWORD
Restricted Password	LOOKWORD
Passcode	12345678
Ring Count	2
Primary Dial Number	(not assigned)
Secondary Dial Number	(not assigned)
Clock Sync Mode	(as previously assigned)
SNTP Server	0.0.0.0
Time Zone	(as previously assigned)
Daylight Saving Time	(as previously assigned)
High Temp Limit	257 °F
Low Temp Limit	-67 °F

Table 2: Factory Default / Reset Settings

The following precaution will be displayed after selecting the Reset Setup Data command.

RESET ALL SETUP DATA TO FACTORY DEFAULTS, ARE YOU SURE?
No Yes

Select No to abort the reset. Select Yes to proceed.



The Reset Setup Data command will return both Terminal Port Baud rates to their default settings of 38,400Baud. The PC Baud rate may have to be adjusted.

RESET EVENT MEMORY (E)

The Reset Event Memory command will permanently remove from memory all Event Records that were previously logged. Records from each of 128 possible days will be deleted.

The following precaution will be displayed after selecting the Reset Event Memory command.

ERASE ALL EVENTS FROM MEMORY, ARE YOU SURE?
No Yes

Select No to abort the reset or Yes to proceed. If a reset is performed the following precaution will be displayed.

Erasing memory, do not turn power off for 60 seconds,
Press any key to continue



It is important that the user not turn off the power while the CWR-272A is clearing the Event Record memory. Failure to do so may result in corruption to the Event Record set.

RESET BOTH (B)

The Reset Both command allows the user to clear both databases simultaneously. The precaution noted in the preceding paragraph applies to this command as well.

SYSTEM PARAMETERS (S)

System Parameters are those parameters that affect the recorder as a whole. They do not affect individual inputs or their behavior. System Parameters include, but are not limited to, the Unit Name, passwords and modem options. The fifteen System Parameters are defined with a single command containing multiple fields. A typical response to the System Parameters command is shown in the following. The use of each System Parameter is described in the following sections.

3

```

                                System Parameters
                                -----
Unit Name
***** NOT SET *****
Terminal Port1 Baud Rate 38400
Terminal Port2 Baud Rate 38400
Administrative Password PASSWORD
Restricted Password LOOKWORD
Passcode 12345678
Ring Count 2
Primary Dial Number
Secondary Dial Number
Clock Sync Mode None
SNTP Server 0. 0. 0. 0
Time Zone CST (UTC-6)
Daylight Saving Time Enabled
High Temp Limit 257 Degrees F
Low Temp Limit -67 Degrees F
    
```

System Parameters Command

UNIT NAME

The Unit Name serves as a comprehensive recorder and site ID. It is included at the top of each report. Data from several CWR-272A recorders can be easily distinguished by providing each unit with a unique and descriptive name. A total of eighty alphanumeric characters can be used to define the Unit Name. It is assigned using the standard Edit Field techniques described in ["Working with Fields" on page 18](#).



A Unit name can be assigned by the user to suit a variety of requirements. As an example, it may include references to a district, city, milepost number, street and DOT designation.

The front panel LCD has a limited capacity to display information. It is limited to 4 lines of 20 characters. The content of the first 3 lines are fixed by the recorder's firmware and cannot be changed by the user.

The content of the fourth LCD line always reflects the first 20 characters of the Unit Name as depicted in the following.

TIME	DATE
18:56:16	06-30-15
CWR-272A Event Rcdr	
M-A_ARROW_GRAND_MP14	

When Event Records are saved to a USB flash drive the records are contained in a folder. The folder name is created automatically by the Event Recorder. It is a copy of the first 20 characters of the Unit Name just as they appear on the LCD.

Guidelines and prohibitions regarding the first 20 characters of the Unit Name are detailed in the following.

- The first 20 characters must be unique to each recorder. Doing so assures that each USB flash drive folder created by the recorder will also be unique, thereby avoiding confusion in the resultant Event Record data files.
- The following Windows-prohibited characters (11 total) cannot be used / \ ? % * : | " < > .
- The first and last characters cannot be a space, period (.) or control character.
- If a space is required for clarity, use the underscore (_) character instead.

TERMINAL PORT 1 AND 2 BAUD RATES

The Terminal Port Baud rates may be assigned one of ten values. Valid settings are: 300, 600, 1200, 2400, 4800, 9600, 19200, 38400, 57600 and 115200bps. Press the **Spacebar** to select a Baud rate.

The following message will be displayed if the Baud rate was changed.

Change baud rate now, then
Press any key to continue

3

The user must change the Baud rate of the PC to match the new setting assigned to the CWR-272A.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND RESTRICTED PASSWORDS

Access to the CWR-272A via any port is protected by a dual level password system. Administrative Access permits unrestricted access to all recorder functions. Administrative Access allows the Setup Database to be altered and the Event Record memory to be cleared. The Administrative Password should be known to a limited number of users with a genuine need to know.

Restricted Access permits only limited access to the recorder. It allows the user to review, but not alter, the Setup Database and Event Record memories. The Restricted Password can be shared with users that only need access to Event Record data when investigating an incident or resolving a maintenance issue.

The Administrative and Restricted Passwords are defined similarly. Each may be assigned any combination of alphanumeric characters not exceeding eight total. To defeat the password security system assign one of the passwords a null value. This can be done by deleting all of the characters in the password field and then accepting the empty field. When the password challenge is issued the user will be able to access the system by simply pressing the **Enter** key.



Care should be exercised in assigning and saving the Administrative Password. If it is lost or forgotten it will be necessary to contact MICRO-AIDE for assistance.

PASSCODE

The CWR-272A can be effectively programmed and operated from its front panel. The Passcode is used to protect the recorder from unwanted access via the front panel. It must be entered when the user attempts to alter the Setup Database. The Passcode can be assigned any combination of digits not exceeding eight total. Alphabetic characters cannot be assigned to the Passcode.

RING COUNT

The Ring Count parameter determines the number of ring cycles that must occur before the modem will answer an incoming call. Setting the Ring Count to a sufficiently large value will allow an on-site maintainer to answer a voice call prior to the CWR-272A answering. The Ring Count can be set in the range from 0 to 99. A setting of 0 will disable the modem's auto-answer feature (i.e., incoming calls will not be answered by the modem).

The following message will be displayed below the last field in the System Parameters command if the optional modem is not installed. No message will appear if the modem is installed.

Modem is NOT installed

PRIMARY AND SECONDARY DIAL NUMBERS

The Virtual Input feature of the CWR-272A allows users to program a fault reporting capability into the recorder. If the fault is detected and the recorder is equipped with the optional internal modem, the modem can be enabled to dial out to a maintenance facility and transmit an Event Record that specifies the fault.

The telephone number the modem dials is defined by the Primary and Secondary Dial Number parameters. Dial numbers will generally contain numeric values. An exception to this rule is that parentheses, hyphens and space characters can be placed into the number field for clarity. These characters will be ignored by the modem. Additionally, the comma character can be placed anywhere in the field to create an arbitrary two-second delay. A total of twenty alphanumeric characters can be entered for each of the dial numbers.

The CWR-272A attempts to establish a connection by dialing the Primary Dial Number first. If the connection fails the next attempt is made to the Secondary Dial Number. Successive failures will force the modem to dial alternately between the two numbers. The modem ceases further attempts after ten failures to each number have occurred.

3



The CWR-272A modem is programmed to accept only reliable connections. Consequently, the far end modem must be programmed to establish connections that use error correction protocols such as LAP-M and MNP 2-4.

CLOCK SYNC MODE

The CWR-272A contains a real-time clock that allows the recorder to time stamp Event Records to the nearest hundredth of a second. With any clock a small amount of drift can be expected. However, the real-time clock of the CWR-272A can be precisely synchronized by employing either of the following methods.

- SNTP-Multicast or SNTP-Unicast (requires accessible time server)
- GPS time (requires GPS Receiver option to be installed)

The Clock Sync Mode setting controls the synchronization method. Press the **Spacebar** to select one of the following methods.

- None: The real-time clock is not synchronized.



The real-time clock of the CWR-272A (if not synchronized) features an accuracy of ± 3 ppm, which is approximately ± 8 seconds per month.

- SNTP: If the SNTP Server address is set to 0.0.0.0 the Multicast method is employed. This setting effectively disables the Unicast method in favor of Multicast. Otherwise Unicast is selected. Refer to the section entitled "[SNTP Server](#)" on page 25 for additional details.
- GPS: Every hour, on the hour, the real-time clock will be synchronized to GPS time. This occurs provided the GPS Receiver is in acquisition of a valid GPS signal.

As previously stated, the real-time clock can be synchronized automatically by means of a time server. To use this feature the following requirements must be satisfied.

- The time server must be enabled for either Multicast or Unicast operation.
- The various switches, gateways and routers that comprise the LAN must be configured to propagate the required SNTP messaging to and from the time server and recorder.

SNTP time synchronization operates as follows:

- If Multicast operation is selected, the recorder will automatically update its clock upon receipt of a Multicast message. In this case, the updates are under the sole control of the time server. They occur at intervals set by the time server.
- If Unicast operation is selected, five minutes after each hour the CWR-272A will send a time request message to the time server. The latter will respond with a time and date message. The CWR-272A will receive and validate this message and update its clock accordingly.



A System Event Record is logged to memory whenever the real-time clock is synchronized. This occurs irrespective of the synchronization method selected. Refer to the section entitled "System Events" on page 89 for additional details.

SNTP SERVER

The SNTP Server setting operates in conjunction with the Clock Sync Mode setting as follows:

- Set the SNTP Server address to 0.0.0.0 and the Clock Sync Mode to SNTP to enable Multicast operation.
- Set the SNTP Server address to the address of a suitable time server and the Clock Sync Mode to SNTP to enable Unicast operation.



The I.T. group responsible for the LAN will be able to identify an appropriate time server address as well as configure the time server appropriately.

3

TIME ZONE

The correct Time Zone setting must be assigned when GPS or either SNTP synchronization method is selected. GPS and SNTP time data is relative to UTC-0 time, previously known as GMT. To display the correct local time the Event Recorder must convert the reported UTC time by applying the correct time zone adjustment.

The Time Zone setting can be assigned as UTC-0 or one of seven different values that are commonly used in North America. Each setting is explained in Table 3 on page 25.

Time Zone Code	Description	Shift from UTC (hours)
UTC	Universal Time (GMT)	0
AST	Atlantic Standard Time	-4
EST	Eastern Standard Time	-5
CST	Central Standard Time	-6
MST	Mountain Standard Time	-7
PST	Pacific Standard Time	-8
AKST	Alaska Standard Time	-9
HAST	Hawaii Standard Time	-10

Table 3: Time Zone Settings

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

The real-time clock of the CWR-272A can be adjusted automatically to compensate for DST. This feature operates independently of the Clock Sync Mode setting. If enabled, the real-time clock will be shifted by

one hour on the second Sunday of March and the first Sunday of November. In both cases the clock is adjusted at 2:00 AM.



The DST feature implemented by the CWR-272A is in full compliance with the Energy Policy Act of 2005 which took effect in 2007.

HIGH AND LOW TEMP LIMITS

The temperature inside the CWR-272A can be measured and reported. If the temperature reaches an extreme value a System Event will be declared and logged to memory. Refer to the section entitled "System Events" on page 89 for additional information. The High and Low Temp Limits are used to define the range of acceptable operation. The settings must range from -67°F to 257°F.

DETECT TIMES

The Digital Inputs of the CWR-272A will generally be connected to relay-based control circuits. Since relay contacts typically bounce, the recorder must have the ability to de-bounce these inputs. The Detection Time feature allows the user to establish a validation time for each Digital Input. Additionally, the Digital Inputs are designed to monitor and report a coding condition.

A typical response to the Detect Times command is shown in the following. For the sake of brevity, only a few lines of command text are shown.

Detect Times							
Input	Detect Time	Input	Detect Time	Input	Detect Time	Input	Detect Time
001	0.30	017	0.30	033	0.30	049	0.30
002	0.30	018	0.30	034	0.30	050	0.30

[F1/^W]=Next Page [F2/^E]=Prev Page

Detect Times Command

The procedure for programming the Detection Times for normal On/Off events as well as coding events is described in the following sections.

DETECTION TIMES - ON/OFF EVENTS

In the sample data shown previously the Detection Times are set to the factory default value of .30seconds. The range of valid Detection Times is 0 to 327.67seconds. Use the decimal point key to enter fractional values.



Set the Detection Times to values slightly greater than the longest expected bounce time of the relay contacts. This will insure that noise or transient induced voltage changes are not recorded and that legitimate short duration events will be logged. To prevent a Digital Input from logging events, set its Detection Time value to zero.



The Detection Time of Digital Inputs assigned as sensors in the Train Speed Monitor feature cannot be altered. They are set to a fixed value of .05seconds.

The Detection Time assigned to a Digital Input that must log a coding event is a special case requiring additional explanation. The correct programming procedure is described in the following.

DETECTION TIMES - CODING EVENTS

The CWR-272A is able to report the presence of a coding condition on each Digital Input. The coding condition is reported by a unique Event Name that distinguishes it from the more common On/Off signal conditions. It is important that the recorder log a single record for each coding sequence rather than a record for each coding pulse. The latter would result in excessive memory usage. Assigning the correct Detection Time to the Digital Input insures that proper event logging will occur. Figure 6 on page 27 illustrates the four possible sequences of Event Names assigned by the recorder when coding is present.

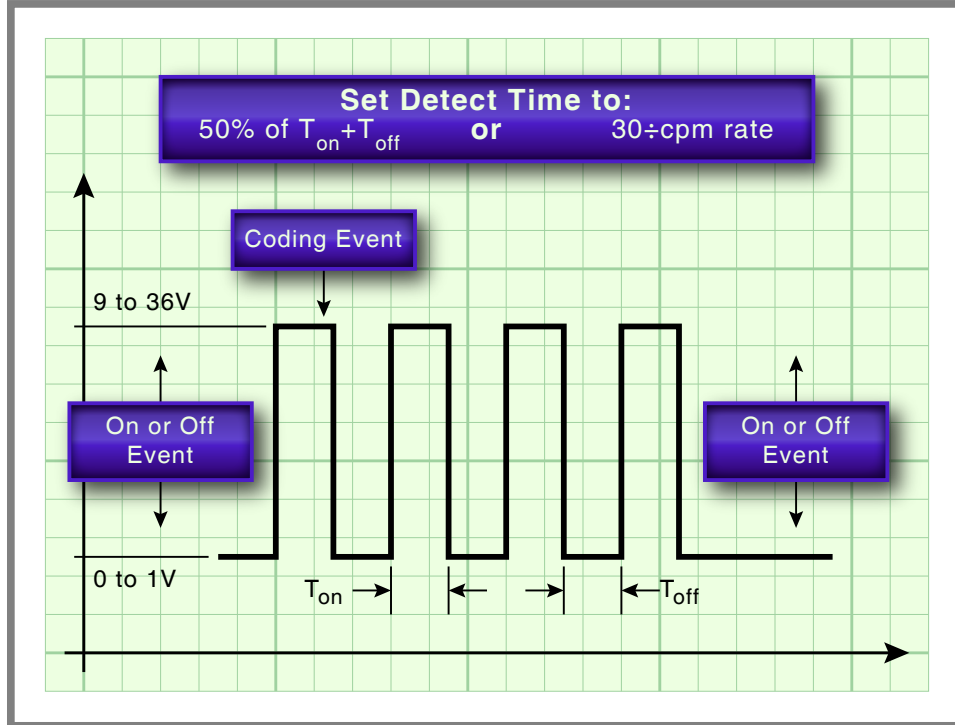


Figure 6: Typical Coding Pulse Sequence

The Detection Time must be set to the nominal duration of a single coding pulse. Pulses are expected to be on and off for the same duration. However, the CWR-272A is designed to allow for some variation in the duration of each pulse. Each on and off pulse must have a duration in the range from 75% to 125% of the assigned Detection Time. Use either of the two methods listed in the following tip to calculate the correct Detection Time for inputs with non-variable coding rates.

3



The Measure Flash Rate command can be used to accurately determine the Detection Time for coding inputs. Refer to the section entitled "Measure Flash Rate (M)" on page 47. Alternatively, the correct Detection Time (in seconds) is equal to 30 divided by the number of code pulses per minute (i.e., $30 \div \text{cpm}$).

GLOBAL DETECT TIME (G)

The Detect Times command allows each Digital Input to be set individually. Setting all 256 inputs to values that differ from the factory default setting can be time consuming. Alternatively, the Global Detect Time command can be used to set all inputs to a single Detection Time value.

The following edit field will be displayed in response to the Global Detect Time command.

Global Detect Time

Detect Time for All Inputs: 0.00

Global Detect Time Command

To set the Detection Time for each Digital Input simply enter a number in the range from .01 to 327.67. To complete the entry press **Enter**.



An initial value of 0.00 is always listed in the edit field. The Global Detect Time command will not alter the setting of Digital Inputs assigned as sensors for any of the Train Speed Monitors.

ANALOG CONFIGURATION (A)

The sixteen Analog Inputs of the CWR-272A can be used in a variety of applications. Battery voltages and AC voltage levels can be measured and reported by the Analog Inputs. The user can select an entry from a preset menu that best suits the intended application. A typical response to the Analog Configuration command is shown in the following. Default settings are listed.

Input	Range	Analog Configuration		
		Filter*	Low Limit	High Limit
A01	+/-25.5Vdc	Slow	-25.6	25.5
A02	+/-25.5Vdc	Slow	-25.6	25.5
A03	+/-25.5Vdc	Slow	-25.6	25.5
A04	+/-25.5Vdc	Slow	-25.6	25.5
A05	+/-25.5Vdc	Slow	-25.6	25.5
A06	+/-25.5Vdc	Slow	-25.6	25.5
A07	+/-25.5Vdc	Slow	-25.6	25.5
A08	+/-25.5Vdc	Slow	-25.6	25.5
A09	+/-25.5Vdc	Slow	-25.6	25.5
A10	+/-25.5Vdc	Slow	-25.6	25.5
A11	+/-25.5Vdc	Slow	-25.6	25.5
A12	+/-25.5Vdc	Slow	-25.6	25.5
A13	+/-25.5Vdc	Slow	-25.6	25.5
A14	+/-25.5Vdc	Slow	-25.6	25.5
A15	+/-25.5Vdc	Slow	-25.6	25.5
A16	+/-25.5Vdc	Slow	-25.6	25.5

*Recommend "Slow" for AC

Analog Configuration Command

The first column identifies the input. Analog Inputs are consistently labeled by the CWR-272A as "A01", "A02", etc. The A-prefix is always used to distinguish Analog from Digital and Virtual Inputs. This first column of fields is fixed and cannot be altered by the user. Four parameters can be used to characterize an Analog Input. Each parameter is described in the sections that follow. [Table 4 on page 28](#) lists the Resolution, Filter and Limit Values applicable to each of the five Ranges.

3

Range	Resolution	Filter	Low Limit	High Limit
±25.5 Vdc	.1 Vdc	Slow or Fast	-25.6 to 25.5 Vdc	-25.6 to 25.5 Vdc
+51.1 Vdc	.1 Vdc	Slow or Fast	0.0 to 51.1 Vdc	0.0 to 51.1 Vdc
±255 Vdc	1 Vdc	Slow or Fast	-256 to 255 Vdc	-256 to 255 Vdc
25.5 Vac	.1 Vac	Slow or Fast	0.0 to 25.5 Vac	0.0 to 25.5 Vac
255 Vac	1 Vac	Slow or Fast	0 to 255 Vac	0 to 255 Vac

Table 4: Analog Input Parameters

RANGE

The Range setting allows the user to configure the Analog Input for DC or AC voltage measurements. The Range setting also selects the span of voltages that will be monitored. Lastly, the Range setting selects the resolution that will be reported by the measurement. The +51.1 Vdc range is particularly useful in monitoring batteries that may exceed 24Vdc when charging. The 255Vac range is useful for monitoring the AC power source connected to a battery charger.



Each of the Ranges identified as AC utilize a true RMS method of measurement. Consequently, these settings can also be used when monitoring inputs with variable DC or pulse content.

FILTER

The Filter parameter can be set to either Fast or Slow. The Fast setting utilizes a time constant of .1 seconds. It is generally used when monitoring DC signals. The Slow setting utilizes a time constant of .64 seconds. It should be used when monitoring AC signals in order to smooth out their ripple content. If the user is unconcerned about the Filter time constant it is best to use the Slow (default) setting.

HIGH AND LOW LIMITS

Analog Inputs are constantly compared to two Limit Values. The High and Low Limit Values define ranges of acceptable and unacceptable operation. Outside the acceptable range the input is considered to be in an abnormal state. An Event Record will be created when the Analog Input transitions into or out of either range.

Figure 7 on page 29 illustrates the relationship of the High and Low Limit Values to the Analog Input state. Each range defines the type of Event Record that is created by transitions of the input. The figure depicts an Analog Input configured to monitor a typical 12Vdc battery source. The figure indicates that the unacceptable range includes all voltages less than 10.2Vdc and all voltages greater than 14.5Vdc. The unacceptable range always consists of two portions separated by the acceptable range. If the input is within the range extending from 10.2 to 14.5Vdc the battery voltage is considered to be acceptable.



Analog Inputs with levels greater than the Low Limit Value but less than the High Limit Value will create Event Records defined by the inactive or Off Event state. Levels found to be outside these limits will create Event Records defined by the active or On Event state.

In the following illustration, when the signal transitions into the unacceptable range an On Event Record is created and identified with an Event Name of BATT_BAD. When the signal transitions into the acceptable range an Off Event Record is created and identified with an Event Name of BATT_OK.

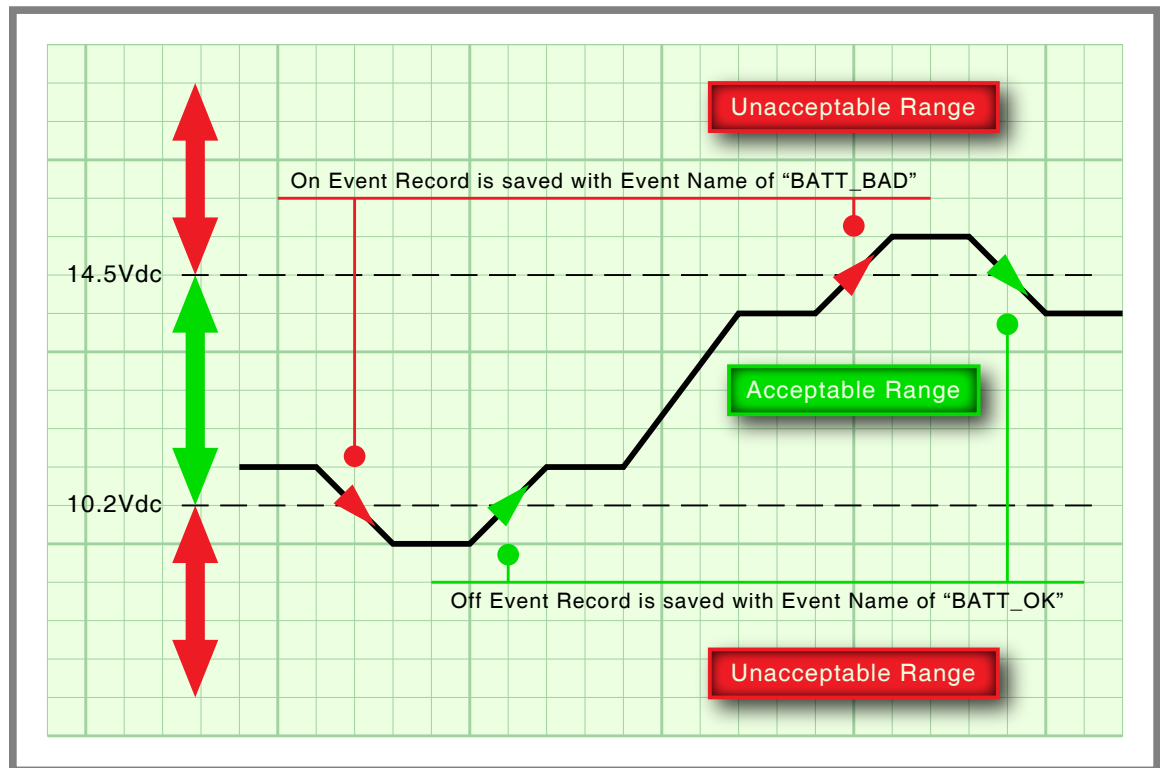


Figure 7: Analog Input Operating Ranges and Limit Values

EVENT NAMES (E)

There are two types of Event Records. Active Event Records are created when a Digital Input is found to have sufficient input voltage (greater than 9 Vdc), is reported to be coding or when an Analog Input transitions into its unacceptable range as defined by its Limit Values. Conversely, inactive Event Records are created when a Digital Input has less than 1 Vdc, is no longer coding or an Analog Input transitions back to within its acceptable range of operation.

Event Names allow the user to distinguish Event Records from each other in a quick and unambiguous manner. They should not be confused with Input Names and Input Identifiers (see next section). Event Names typically occur in sets of three names. The On Event and Off Event names form a pair that distinguish the active and inactive Event Records, respectively. The Coding Name is only used to identify coding-related Event Records. A Coding Name is never part of an Event Record associated with an Analog or Virtual Input. Accordingly, Event Name sets assigned to Analog and Virtual Inputs needn't contain a Coding Name.

As many as sixteen Event Name sets can be defined. Once the sets are defined they can be assigned to inputs of the CWR-272A in any manner that helps the user distinguish Event Records precisely and quickly. By way of example, the Event Records for Digital Input 1 could be labeled "XR_On" and "XR_Off". The Event Records for Analog Input A1 could be labeled "Bat_Norm" and "Bat_Fail".

A typical response to the Event Name command is shown in the following. In the interest of brevity only three of the sixteen sets are listed (i.e., 1,2 and 16). The factory default Event Names are shown.

Event Names			
Number	ON Name	OFF Name	CODING Name
1	On	Off	Coding
2	On	Off	Coding
16	On	Off	Coding

Event Names Command

To define a new Event Name simply position the highlight to the desired field and type the new name. Event Names are restricted in length to twelve characters. They can be formed by any combination of letters, numbers and syntax symbols.

3

INPUT NAMES / IDENTIFIERS (I)

The CWR-272A utilizes two types of inputs. The 256 Digital and sixteen Analog Inputs are referred to as physical inputs because actual circuits are wired to the recorder's input connectors. The CWR-272A also includes sixteen Virtual Inputs. Contrary to physical inputs, Virtual Inputs are defined by the user for the purpose of detecting failure or alarm conditions among the physical inputs. Refer to the section entitled "Virtual Inputs (V)" on page 31.

All inputs, regardless of type, share one common programming characteristic. The user can define a unique Input Name, Input Identifier and Event Name set to each input. The Input Name can be any combination of alphanumeric characters not exceeding 26 total. The Input Name appears in each Event Record created by the input in question. It is the primary means by which inputs are distinguished.

The Input Identifier can be thought of as an abbreviated name. It is limited in length to twelve alphanumeric characters. It too appears in the Event Record. It is primarily used to distinguish Event Records displayed on the LCD panel of the recorder. Several of the setup commands use the Input Identifier rather than the lengthier Input Name to reference inputs.

The Event Name sets are described in the preceding section. As many as sixteen Event Name sets can be defined by the user. Each set is identified by a number ranging from one to sixteen. After the sets are defined the Input Names/Identifiers command is used to assign Event Name sets to inputs. The Event Name set can be assigned by using either of two methods. While the highlight is located within the Status field, the **Spacebar** can be repeatedly pressed until the desired set is listed. Alternatively, the number of the required Event Name set can be entered in the last column.

A typical response to the Input Names/Identifiers command is shown in the following. Only the first three Digital Inputs and Virtual Input V16 have been listed. Analog Inputs follow Digital Inputs. The Virtual Inputs follow the Analog Inputs.

Inp#	Name	Input Names/Identifiers ID	Status	Num		
001	Digital Input 001	DInpu001	On	Off	Coding	1
002	Digital Input 002	DInpu002	On	Off	Coding	1
003	Digital Input 003	DInpu003	On	Off	Coding	1
V16	Virtual Input 16	VInput16	On	Off	Coding	1

[F1/^W]=Next Page [F2/^E]=Prev Page

Input Names / Identifiers Command

Fifteen data screens are required to list all 288 Digital, Analog and Virtual Inputs. To advance to the next screen press the **F1** function key. To return to the previous screen press the **F2** function key. Alternatively, the **Ctrl+W** and **Ctrl+E** keys can be pressed simultaneously, respectively.

VIRTUAL INPUTS (V)

Virtual Inputs are a unique feature only found in MICRO-AIDE's family of CWR Event Recorders and VDL Data Loggers. The CWR-272A is a powerful, general purpose device that can be used to satisfy the data recording demands of a variety of applications. An Event Recorder is frequently used to gather data on a failure condition thought to exist in a relay-based control circuit. The failure condition may occur intermittently. The need to record data over a significant period of time will often impose an additional requirement upon the recorder. The suspected failure can often be defined as the abnormal occurrence of two or more relay states. The normal operation of the circuit predicts that only certain relay states can occur. It follows that any deviation from these normal states suggests a failure that should be flagged and carefully examined.

Identifying failures that occur as the result of abnormal relay states is greatly simplified by using the Virtual Input feature. Each CWR-272A allows as many as sixteen Virtual Inputs to be defined. Each Virtual Input is defined by specific logical associations among particular physical inputs or other Virtual Inputs.

Virtual Inputs are defined by two essential properties. The first property concerns the selection of variables. Variables are merely the inputs (physical or virtual) that will be checked to determine if a Virtual Input event is to be logged. The number of variables that define the Virtual Input can range from one to four. Variables can be Digital Inputs, Analog Inputs or other Virtual Inputs. Assigning a Virtual Input as a variable to another Virtual Input is referred to as nesting. Nesting allows the user to create a higher level Virtual Input that evaluates more than four variables.

The second property pertains to the state of each assigned variable. A fault condition in a relay-based circuit can only be identified if the state of each variable is properly evaluated. The state of a variable is defined by the CWR-272A as either On or Off. Both states are described in the following.

On—The Digital Input voltage is in the range from 9 to 36 Vdc. The Analog Input level is outside the acceptable range as defined by the region between the Limit Values. Refer to [Figure 7 on page 29](#). The Virtual Input evaluates to a true logic state.

Off—The Digital Input voltage is less than 1 Vdc. The Analog Input level is within the acceptable range as defined by the region between the Limit Values. The Virtual Input evaluates to a false logic state.

The procedure used to define Virtual Inputs is described in the following two sections.

ASSIGNING VARIABLES

An array of fields similar to the following will be displayed after selecting the Virtual Inputs command. In the example cited, only variables for Virtual Input V3 have been entered. The other fields have retained their factory default settings. Only the first six Virtual Inputs are listed.

Virtual Input Parameters						
Input	Function of:	Relay 1	Relay 2	Dial Out		
V01	---	No	No	No		
V02	---	No	No	No		
V03	256 007 A16 ---	No	Yes	Yes		
V04	---	No	No	No		
V05	---	No	No	No		
V06	---	No	No	No		

[F1/^W] to edit virtual output function

Virtual Inputs Command

To assign variables perform the following steps in the order described.

1. Position the highlight anywhere in the row identified by the Virtual Input to be programmed (e.g., V3). Then move the highlight within the row to the extreme left-most column.
2. Assign the first variable by entering **n**, **An** or **Vn** where n is 1 through 256 for Digital Inputs, 1 through 16 for Analog Inputs or 1 through 16 for Virtual Inputs. Leading zeros are not required.
3. Move the highlight to the right. Assign the remaining variables using the previous step. Not all fields need to be assigned a variable. To remove a variable press the **0** key or simply delete all of the characters in the field.
4. Move the highlight to the field in the column labeled "Relay 1" or "Relay 2". Press the **Spacebar** to select the desired setting. The Yes setting will operate the selected internal relay if the Virtual Input definition is satisfied. The internal relays will remain in their energized state for as long as the conditions that define the Virtual Input persist. The No setting leaves the relay unaffected by the Virtual Input. Both relays can be controlled by a single Virtual Input.
5. Move the highlight to the field in the column labeled "Dial Out". Press the **Spacebar** to select the desired setting. The Yes setting will allow the internal modem (if installed) to dial the telephone numbers defined by the Primary and Secondary Dial Number parameters. Refer to the section entitled "[Primary and Secondary Dial Numbers](#)" on page 24. If the modem is able to connect with the far end an Event Record for the Virtual Input will be issued.
6. Press the **F1** function key to proceed to the next step. Alternatively, press the **Ctrl+W** keys simultaneously.

3

A sample response listing three variables is shown in the following. To complete the definition of the Virtual Input the state of each variable must now be assigned.

Virtual Output Function					
Inputs:	256	007	A16	---	Output:
	POK_Rly	App_Lite	Battery		V03 VInput03

	POK_Up	Lite_On	Batt_Norm		Alrm_Off
	POK_Dwn	Lite_On	Batt_Norm		Alrm_Off
	POK_Up	Lite_Off	Batt_Norm		Alrm_Off
	POK_Dwn	Lite_Off	Batt_Norm		Alrm_Off
	POK_Up	Lite_On	Batt_Bad		Alrm_Off
	POK_Dwn	Lite_On	Batt_Bad		Alrm_Off
	POK_Up	Lite_Off	Batt_Bad		Alrm_Off
	POK_Dwn	Lite_Off	Batt_Bad		Alrm_On

Assigning States to Virtual Inputs

SELECTING STATES

Before proceeding further the table of state selection fields must be understood. Each Virtual Input will have its own data table. However, the basic structure of each table will remain the same. Refer to the sample data entitled "[Assigning States to Virtual Inputs](#)" on page 32. Each row lists, from left to right, the Input Numbers that are assigned to each variable (e.g., labeled "256", "007" and "A16"). Unassigned variables are labeled "---". The last column of the third line lists the Input Number of the Virtual Input be-

ing defined (e.g., labeled "V03"). Directly below the Input Numbers on the fourth line of text is listed the Input Identifier for the variable. For the sample data shown the Input Identifiers are labeled "POK_Rly", "App_Lite" and "Battery". The Virtual Input has retained its default Input Identifier, labeled "VInput03".

The remaining lines of text will vary with the number of assigned variables. One variable will list two lines of text. Two variables will list four lines of text. Three variables will list eight lines of text. Four variables will list sixteen lines of text. Each line will specify a state for each of the assigned variables (i.e., inputs). Each state is identified by its user-defined Event Name. The states for the variable labeled "POK_Rly" are "POK_Up" and "POK_Dwn". The sample data includes three variables, so eight lines of text lists all of the possible variable states.

The last column of data in each line includes a selection field. The field can be set, line by line, to an active or inactive state. The user decides which state to assign to the Virtual Input for each combination of variable states. For the sample data shown, the Virtual Input is assigned to its active state (labeled "Arm_On") when the variable's states are POK_Dwn, Lite_Off and Bat_Bad. Anytime this combination of states is found to exist among inputs 256, 007 and A16, respectively, an active Event Record for Virtual Input V3 will be created and stored in memory. An additional, inactive Event Record will be created when the variable states no longer satisfy these requirements.

Perform the following steps to complete the Virtual Input programming procedure.

1. Move the highlight to the first line of text that lists the input states.
2. Press the **Spacebar** to select the correct Event Name for that combination of input states.
3. Move the highlight to the next line and repeat the preceding step.
4. When the Virtual Input state is correctly defined for each line press the **Esc** key and return to the variable assignment table.
5. Press the **Esc** key to exit the command or reposition the highlight and select the next Virtual Input. Repeat both of the previously described procedures as required.

3

MEASURE SPEED (M)

The CWR-272A includes a speed measuring feature that can be used to continuously monitor train speeds and log speed violations. The use of this feature is strictly optional. It is referred to as the Train Speed Monitor feature and it is controlled by the Measure Speed command.

The recorder must be properly configured before the Train Speed Monitor can be used. Regardless of other variations in the configuration the following list of requirements must be satisfied.

- There are a total of four Train Speed Monitors available in each CWR-272A. For each monitor two train sensors must be wired to two spare Digital Inputs of the recorder.
- Each train sensor must reliably indicate the presence of a train.
- The sensor outputs must be either open (no train) or closed to positive battery (nearby train).
- The distance between each sensor must be in the range from 50' to 5280'.

An array of fields similar to the following will be displayed after selecting the command.

Speed# (Event)		Measure Speed Parameters			
		Sensor1	Sensor2	Distance	Threshold
1	(S08)	---	---	0 Feet	0 MPH
2	(S09)	---	---	0 Feet	0 MPH
3	(S10)	---	---	0 Feet	0 MPH
4	(S11)	---	---	0 Feet	0 MPH

To disable measure speed feature:
set sensor inputs(s) to none (---),
or distance or speed limit to zero.

Measure Speed Command

The use of each field is described in the following three sections.



The four Train Speed Monitors are always disabled by their factory default settings.

Excessive train speed is reported in a time stamped Event Record. Refer to the section entitled "Event Record Formatting" on page 48. Figure 8 on page 34 illustrates a typical Train Speed Monitor installation.

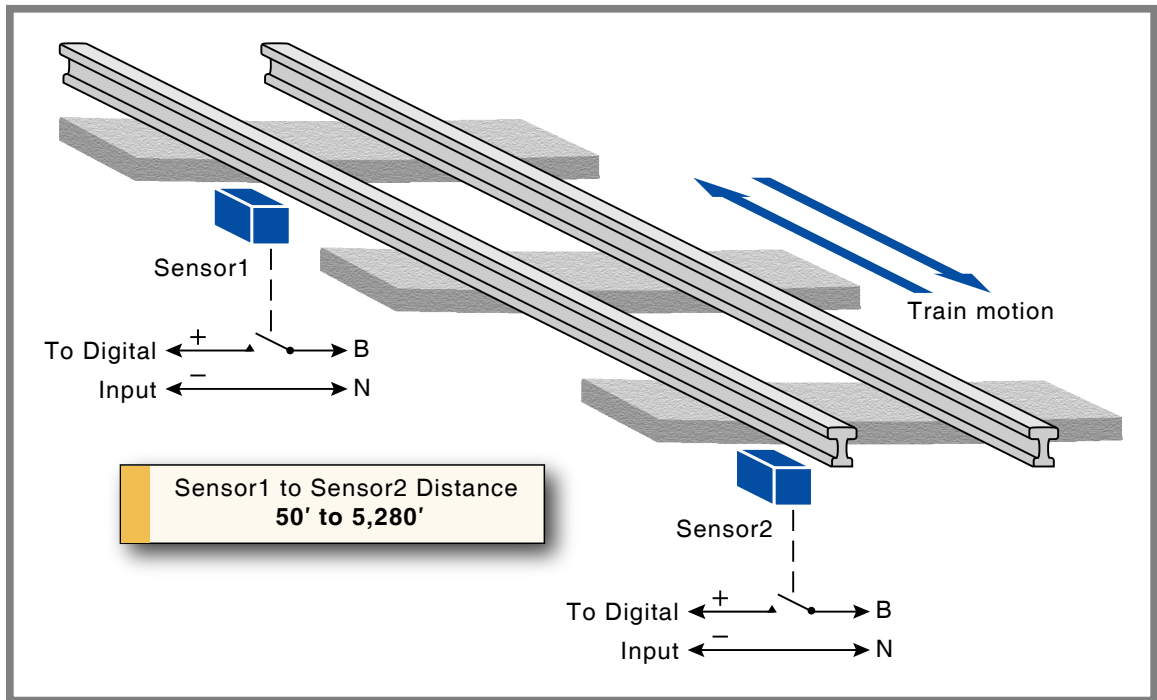


Figure 8: Typical Installation - Train Speed Monitor

FIRST/SECOND SENSOR INPUT

The First and Second Sensor Input fields can be assigned any valid Digital Input number. Leading zeros are not required. The values can be non-consecutive or in ascending or descending order. The Train Speed Monitors report motion in either direction with a positive value.

The two Digital Inputs assigned to the train sensors are subject to the following treatment.

- Code signaling must not be present on a Digital Input assigned to Sensor1 or Sensor2.
- Contact closures from either sensor will not result in Event Records being logged to memory.
- The Detection Time for each input will be automatically set to .05seconds to de-bounce the sensor output signals.

- The user will not be able to alter the Measure Flash Rate and Detection Time settings. To regain control of these settings the Train Speed Monitor must first be disabled.



To disable a Train Speed Monitor enter a zero value in the Sensor1 or Sensor2 field.

DISTANCE BETWEEN SENSORS

The distance between each sensor must be known in order to calculate the speed of the train. The value must be in the range from 50' to 5280'. The value must be entered as a whole number.



Greater values of distance (e.g., 500' instead of 50') will result in improved speed accuracy.

THRESHOLD

The Threshold setting establishes a Limit Value which, if exceeded, will result in an Event Record being created. The Threshold setting must be entered as a whole number, in miles per hour. It must be in the range from 5 to 180mph.

A train found to be in motion at a rate greater than the Threshold value will have its speed reported as a System Event Record. System Events are also used to log power on and off occurrences. System Events are numbered like other inputs. They are identified with an S-prefix. The System Event number is listed in parenthesis to the right of the Train Speed Monitor number. Refer to the section entitled "System Events" on page 89 for additional information.

NETWORK (N)

The Network command is used to configure the Ethernet Port. A set of six user-assigned fields with data similar to the following will be displayed after the command is selected.

Network Setup	

IP Address	192.168. 0.100
Subnet Mask	255.255.255. 0
Gateway	0. 0. 0. 0
Ethernet MAC Address	00-08-DC-01-23-45
Port	5000
TCP/IP mode	Raw TCP/IP

3

Network Command

A description of each field follows.

IP ADDRESS

The IP Address must be set in accordance with the requirements of the LAN or the same as the address used by the TCP/IP connection of the PC. The initial setting is typically 192.168.0.100.

SUBNET MASK

The Subnet Mask must also be set in accordance with the requirements of the LAN. A value of 255.255.255.0 should be acceptable for a directly connected PC. The initial setting is typically 255.255.255.0.

GATEWAY

If a Gateway is being used by the LAN it too must be set in accordance with the LAN requirements. A setting of 0.0.0.0 is acceptable for a directly connected PC or a LAN when communications through a Gateway are not required. The initial setting is typically 0.0.0.0.

ETHERNET MAC ADDRESS

The first three numbers that comprise the MAC Address must be 00-08-DC. They must not be changed as they are uniquely associated with the Ethernet module used by the CWR-272A. The remaining three numbers must not be shared by any other Ethernet device on the LAN. The initial setting is 00-08-DC-aa-bb-cc, where aa-bb-cc is the serial number assigned by MICRO-AIDE to the recorder. By way of example, a CWR-272A with a serial number of 12345 will have a factory assigned MAC Address of 00-08-DC-01-23-45. This address is guaranteed to be unique.



Use extreme caution in modifying the recorder's MAC Address. Serious LAN conflicts will be created if duplicate MAC Addresses are allowed to exist. Also, restoring a Setup Database will alter the MAC Address if the saved database includes a different MAC Address.

PORT

The Port assignment must also be selected in accordance with the requirements of the LAN. For a directly connected PC any value greater than 1024 is acceptable. The initial setting is typically 5000.

TCP/IP MODE

A Selection Field is used to assign the TCP/IP Mode setting. Press the **Spacebar** to select either Raw TCP/IP or Telnet. Generally, the Raw TCP/IP setting is acceptable. However, the Telnet setting must be used when the Setup Database is being uploaded or downloaded using HyperTerminal. These data transfers rely upon the Xmodem protocol which always deals with binary data. To insure data transparency, Telnet mode must be selected for all Xmodem transfers. Raw TCP/IP is the initial setting.

Press the **Esc** key after all of the fields are properly defined. The following message will be displayed if the MAC Address was altered.

```
CHANGE MAC ADDRESS (normally 00-08-DC-xx-xx-xx), are you SURE?
                               No Yes
```

Select Yes to proceed. Finally, the following message will confirm the change(s) to be made.

```
Network settings changed, restart network now?
                               No Yes
```



The six fields that comprise the Ethernet Port settings can only be altered by use of the Network command or by uploading a different Setup Database. The Reset System command will not change any of the Network settings.



If an Ethernet connection is idle for more than five minutes a timeout condition will occur. The timeout will result in a forced disconnection at the CWR-272A end. The user will then have to initiate a new connection procedure to re-establish communications with the recorder. The timeout duration and forced disconnection is performed so that in the event of a connection failure anywhere in the network the recorder will be prepared to complete a subsequent connection attempt. However, to be successful the subsequent connection attempt must occur no sooner than five minutes after the communications disruption. The recorder will automatically recover from communication failures of less than five minutes duration provided the user end does not perform a disconnect.

PRINT SETUP DATA (P)

The Print Setup Data command can be used to display the setup parameters assigned by the user. The following menu of sub-commands is displayed after selecting the Print Setup Data command.

Print Setup Data

```
P Print All
E Print Event Names
I Print Input Names/Identifiers
D Print Detect Times
A Print Analog Configuration
V Print Virtual Inputs
M Print Measure Speed Parameters
N Print Network Settings
S Print System Parameters
```

Print Setup Data Command

The Print All command can be used at the end of the Setup Procedure to display the entire Setup Database. The remaining commands are used to display specific portions of the Setup Database.



The Print All command will issue a lengthy stream of data that will exceed the viewing capacity of a single terminal screen. The user may wish to temporarily pause the data for better viewing. Refer to the procedure entitled "Data Flow Control" on page 18.

TRANSFER FILES (T)

A CWR-272A will require a considerable amount of data entry if every input is assigned an Input Name, Detection Time, Event Name set, etc., that differs from its factory default value. In the event of an accidental loss of data memory (e.g., a reset performed by mistake) each Input Name, Detection Time and Event Name set will need to be re-entered. The Transfer Files command provides the user with a quick and simple data exchange alternative to re-entering the Setup Database by hand.

The Download Setup Data command is used to transmit the Setup Database to a data storage system. A PC running a communications program like HyperTerminal makes an ideal storage system. A file containing the setup parameters can be permanently saved on the hard disk or a flash drive for later retrieval via the Upload Setup Data command.

To initiate a download or upload of the Setup Database, execute the Transfer Files command. The following sub-menu will be displayed. The transfer Setup Database procedures are described in the two sections that follow.

```

File Transfer
D Download Setup Data CWR to PC
U Upload Setup Data PC to CWR
F Firmware Upload

```

Transfer Files Command



The Setup Database can also be easily and quickly downloaded and uploaded using the USB Host Port. Refer to the sections entitled "Saving the Setup Database" on page 59 and "Update" on page 78, respectively.

3

DOWNLOAD SETUP DATA (D) - SAVING THE DATABASE

Before the Setup Database can be saved the PC and communications program must be properly configured. The following list describes the correct configuration.

- Transfer protocol: Xmodem.
- Connection: If the recorder's Terminal Port is being used select Direct connect-Com1 or Direct connect-Com2 (whichever is available). If the modem is being used the host modem must be logged-on with the recorder.
- Baud rate: as required by the Terminal Port and set to 8-N-1 (does not apply when connected via the USB Device Port or modem).



The failure to select the proper transfer protocol (i.e., Xmodem) is the most common mistake made in this procedure.

To save the Setup Database to a PC file select the Download Setup Data command. The following message will be displayed.

```

Sending Setup Data via XMODEM... (Ctrl-X to stop)

```

The steps necessary to complete the download depend upon which communications application is being used. The following example describes the HyperTerminal method. HyperTerminal 7.0 was used in the following procedure. Other versions of this program may be slightly different. However, the fundamental approach will remain valid.



If the recorder's Terminal Port is used in the following procedure, hardware flow control must be enabled at the PC's comm port.

HYPERTERMINAL

1. With the mouse, click on the Transfers command, then the Receive File... command. The Receive File dialog box will open. Verify that the Xmodem protocol is selected.
2. Select the correct disk drive and folder. Click the Receive button. The Receive Filename dialog box will open.
3. Enter a filename (e.g., setup_10.bin). The three-character file extension must be defined. If the various settings are correct click on the OK button.
4. An information box will automatically open. It will indicate the progress of the transfer. After a few seconds (depending upon the Baud rate) the information box will close automatically to indicate a successful transfer.
5. After the successful completion of the transfer the CWR-272A will issue the following message.

```
Transfer complete
Press any key to continue
```

The following message is issued if the file is not promptly opened after initiating the download.

```
Transfer error
Press any key to continue
```

The user can then make a second attempt by selecting the Download Setup Data command again.

UPLOAD SETUP DATA (U) - RESTORING THE DATABASE

3

Before the Setup Database can be restored to the recorder it must have been previously saved. Refer to the procedure entitled "Download Setup Data (D) - Saving the Database" on page 37. The PC and communications program must be properly configured before the Setup Database can be restored. The following list describes the correct configuration.

- Transfer protocol: Xmodem.
- Connection: If the recorder's Terminal Port is being used select Direct connect-Com1 or Direct connect-Com2 (whichever is available). If the modem is being used the host modem must be logged-on with the recorder.
- Baud rate: as required by the Terminal Port and set to 8-N-1 (does not apply when connected via the USB Device Port or modem).



The failure to select the proper transfer protocol (i.e., Xmodem) is the most common mistake made in this procedure.

To restore the Setup Database to the recorder from a PC file select the Upload Setup Data command. The following message will be displayed.

```
Are you SURE you want to upload new Setup Data from PC to CWR?
No Yes
```

Select No to abort the upload. Select Yes to proceed. If the user elects to proceed with the upload the following message will be displayed.

```
Receiving Setup Data via XMODEM... (Ctrl-X to stop)
```

```
CCCCC
```

The sequence of C characters indicates the recorder is waiting for the Xmodem file.

The steps necessary to complete the upload depend upon which communications application is being used. The following example describes the HyperTerminal method. HyperTerminal 7.0 was used in the following procedure. Other versions of this program may be slightly different. However, the fundamental approach will remain valid.



If the recorder's Terminal Port is used in the following procedure, hardware flow control must be enabled at the PC's comm port.

HYPERTERMINAL

1. With the mouse, click on the Transfers command, then the Send File... command. The Send File dialog box will open. Verify that the Xmodem protocol is selected.
2. Select the correct disk drive, folder and filename (e.g., setup_10.bin). If the various settings are correct click the Send button.
3. An information box will automatically open. It will indicate the progress of the transfer. After a few seconds (depending upon the Baud rate) the information box will close automatically to indicate a successful transfer.

After the successful completion of the transfer the CWR-272A will issue the following message.

Upload completed
Press any key to continue

The following message will be issued if the file is not promptly sent after initiating the upload.

Transfer error
Press any key to continue

The user can then make a second attempt by selecting the Upload Setup Data command again.

LOG OFF (X)

3

The Log Off command is used to terminate Administrative and Restricted Access sessions. If the previous user logs off of the recorder, access can be regained only by entering the correct password. If the previous user fails to log off, a second user will be allowed access without entering a correct password.



All sessions should be terminated by executing the Log Off command.

To log off of the recorder, access the Main Menu and then press the **X** key. The following message will be displayed.

About to Log Off, are you sure?
No Yes

Log Off Command

If the user proceeds with the log off the current session will be immediately terminated.

This completes the Setup Procedure for the CWR-272A Event Recorder. The recorder is now prepared to log events in accordance with the setup performed by the user. Since the installation and setup of the recorder are critical to how the CWR-272A will perform, it is advisable to review the steps taken earlier.

The next chapter describes how to operate the CWR-272A.

CHAPTER 4 – OPERATION

INTRODUCTION

This chapter describes how to operate the CWR-272A from a PC running a suitable communications program. Local (i.e., on-site) as well as remote methods of operating the Event Recorder are described. Before the recorder can be operated it must be properly installed and set up. A PC must be online with the recorder. The use of the LCD panel and keypad are described in the next chapter.

MULTI-USER OPERATION

A unique feature of all MICRO-AIDE recorders is their ability to handle simultaneous operation from multiple users via either of the Terminal Ports, Ethernet Port, modem, front panel keypad, or in the case of the CWR-272A, via the USB Device Port. This multi-user capability eliminates the annoying practice in some recorders of one user effectively locking-out a second or third user.

REMOTE OPERATION

The setup procedures and operational capabilities of the CWR-272A can be exercised remotely via the Ethernet Port or the optional internal modem. The Ethernet Port is capable of supporting an Ethernet connection via TCP/IP. The modem will operate at speeds up to 33,600 Baud. It provides industry standard error correction and data compression features. An Ethernet- or modem-equipped PC running a communications program (e.g., GEA or HyperTerminal) makes an ideal remote access system. Event Records and other data from several remote CWR-272A recorders can be easily gathered and saved as a file on a hard disk or flash drive.

There are a few steps the remote user or host system must perform before remote access is possible. Each of these steps is described in the sections that follow.

ESTABLISHING AN ETHERNET CONNECTION

An Ethernet connection can only be established if the recorder's Ethernet Port is properly configured. An IP Address and Port Number must be assigned. The procedure for doing so is described in the section entitled "[Network \(N\)](#)" on page 35. Perform the steps listed in the following to establish an Ethernet connection. The procedure assumes that the user will access the recorder via a LAN.

1. Assign an IP Address and Port Number to the recorder's Ethernet Port in accordance with the requirements of the LAN.
2. Connect the CWR-272A to either a switch or hub device using a CAT-5 cable.
3. Configure the communications application (e.g., HyperTerminal) to connect using TCP/IP (Winsock).
4. Within the communications application enter the recorder's IP Address and Port Number as the target IP Address and associated Port Number. HyperTerminal refers to the target device as a host.
5. Click the appropriate icon that initiates the connection.

The procedure described previously is the same if the PC is connected directly to the recorder. A successful connection is indicated by a log-on password request regardless of the interconnection method employed.

ESTABLISHING A MODEM CONNECTION

A standard telephone line must be attached to the modem of the CWR-272A. To access the recorder the host system must dial the telephone number of the CWR-272A and wait for an answer. The recorder's modem will answer after a predetermined number of rings. Refer to the section entitled "Ring Count" on page 24. The modems will then handshake. The handshake ensures that the modems can communicate with each other at an appropriate speed. A connection is established upon the successful completion of the handshake.



The CWR-272A will only permit reliable connections to be established. The host modem should be programmed for MNP 2-4 or LAP-M operation.

LOGGING ON

Immediately after a connection is established the CWR-272A will issue a password request similar to the following.

```
Mode1 CWR-272A Event Recorder. Ver 1.08 (C) 2015 MICRO-AIDE INC.
***** NOT SET *****
Event storage capacity: 147480
Enter password:
```

Password Request

The host system must issue the correct password followed by an **Enter**. Passwords are defined in accordance with the procedure entitled "Administrative and Restricted Passwords" on page 23.



The default Administrative and Restricted Access passwords are **PASSWORD** and **LOOKWORD**, respectively. Passwords are case sensitive.

4

The host system is given three attempts to enter the correct password. A third error will result in a disconnect by the recorder. This procedure prevents unwanted users from accessing the recorder. After the password is entered the user will be able to operate the recorder in a manner identical to that specified by local operation. Accordingly, the CWR-272A will display the Main Menu of commands. Refer to the sample data entitled "Main Menu" on page 17.

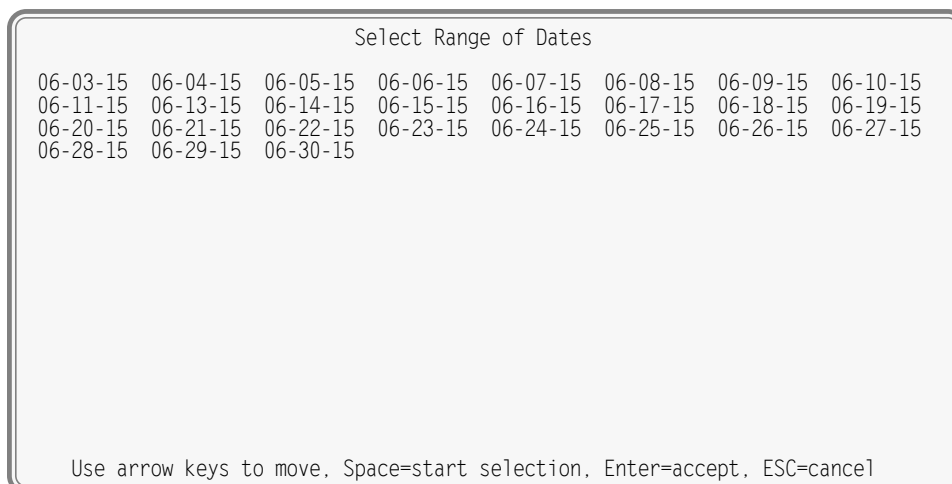
HOW TO OPERATE THE CWR-272A

An explanation of each operational command is included in the remaining sections of this chapter. Operational commands may be executed in any sequence. The user may wish to perform operations in one sequence and then, depending upon the observed data, perform a different sequence of commands. Each command is listed by its name (as it appears in the Main Menu) followed by its command code contained within parenthesis.

QUERY EVENTS (Q)

The Query Events command provides the principal means by which Event Records are inspected. It allows the user to inspect events for a particular time frame and/or specific set of inputs. Additionally, the Query Events command includes several data output options that can be selectively employed depending upon the user's data display requirements.

The following sample data shows a typical response to the Query Events command.



Query Events Command-Table of Dates

The data array forms a table of dates in MM-DD-YY format. The table indicates that at least one Event Record was logged in memory for each day listed. Days where no records were logged will not be included in the table (e.g., 06-12-15). The CWR-272A can store Event Records for 128 different dates provided the event storage capacity is not exceeded.



The CWR-272A utilizes a rotating memory. Records from the 129th day will automatically over-write records from the first day regardless of how many records are stored in memory.

The first step in using the Query Events command is to select the date or range of dates that the user wishes to inspect. Slightly different procedures are used to select a single date or range of dates. Both procedures are described in the following.

SELECTING A SINGLE DATE

1. Using the appropriate arrow keys highlight the single date of interest.
2. Press the **Enter** key.

SELECTING A RANGE OF DATES

1. Using the appropriate arrow keys highlight the first date in the range.
2. Press the **Spacebar** to anchor one end of the range to be highlighted.
3. Press the appropriate arrow keys until each date in the desired range is highlighted.
4. Press the **Enter** key to accept the highlighted range of dates.

The **Esc** key can be pressed at any time to cancel the selection. The user will then be returned to the Main Menu.

QUERY REPORT MENU

After the date(s) is selected an array of Selection and Edit Fields entitled "Query Report" will be displayed. The following sample data shows a typical Query Report.

Query Report	
Start Date:	06-30-15
Start Time:	00:00:00
End Date:	06-30-15
End Time:	23:59:59
Record Details:	All Details (5)
Reverse order:	No
Report Type:	Dump
Inputs: (blank=all)	
[F1/^W]=Execute Report, ESC=cancel	

Query Report Menu

The Event Records of interest to the user can be further qualified by the six fields listed in the Query Report menu. The use of each field is described in the sections that follow.

START TIME

Event Records that are time stamped after the assigned Start Time (for the day selected as the Start Date) will be issued by the Query Command. The Start Time can be assigned any value from 00:00:00 to 23:59:59. The default setting is always 00:00:00. The Start Time must be entered in military format.

END TIME

Event Records that are time stamped before the assigned End Time (for the day selected as the End Date) will be issued by the Query Command. The End Time can be assigned any value from 00:00:00 to 23:59:59. The default setting is always 23:59:59. The End Time must be entered in military format.

RECORD DETAILS

The CWR-272A can format Event Records in five different ways. Press the **Spacebar** to select one of the five formatting options described in the following. As a convenience to the user the last option selected is automatically pre-selected the next time the command is used.

A complete explanation of Event Record formats is included at the end of this chapter. Refer to the section entitled "[Event Record Formatting](#)" on page 48. The numbers included in each of the headings listed in the following specify the number of lines of text each formatting option will create.

All Details (5)—The status of each Digital Input in a group of 64, the level of each Analog Input and the status of each Virtual Input is listed with data concerning the input that created the record.

Digital Details (2)—The status of each Digital Input in a group of 64 is listed with data concerning the input that created the record.

Analog Details (3)—The level of each Analog Input is listed with data concerning the input that created the record.

Virtual Details (2)—The status of each Virtual Input is listed with data concerning the input that created the record.

No Details (1)—Only information concerning the input that created the record is listed.

REVERSE ORDER

The Reverse Order option can be set to either No (default setting) or Yes. The default setting will result in the oldest records being issued first. They will be followed by newer records. If enabled, the Reverse Order option will issue the most recent records first. In either case, Event Records are always issued in chronological sequence.

REPORT TYPE

The Report Type field can be set to Dump (default setting), Browse or Comma. The proper selection depends upon the user's requirement. Each option is described in the following sections.

Dump—The Dump option is used if a large number of records are to be inspected or captured to a PC file. Refer to the section entitled ["Capturing Event Records to a PC File" on page 53](#). The Dump option will issue Event Records in a continuous stream. The streaming of records will only cease when the last record is issued or the user executes a Pause or Abort command. Refer to the section entitled ["Data Flow Control" on page 18](#).

Dump + S—This setting is similar to the Dump setting in that it produces a streamed report from start to end. However, a digitally encrypted signature is appended to the end of the report. The signature can be used to determine if the content of the report has been tampered with and therefore no longer reflects the actual data as logged by the recorder. Refer to the section entitled ["Creating Secure Reports" on page 53](#) for additional details.

Browse—The Browse option allows the user to inspect a set of records one screen at a time. It will typically display eleven one-line records, seven two-line records, five three-line records or three five-line records. The same set of records will be displayed indefinitely until the user presses an arrow key to review additional records. The Browse option is most useful when a limited number of records in a narrow time frame need to be reviewed.

A completely new screen of records can be displayed by pressing the up and down arrow keys. The next record in the chronological sequence can be added to the display set by pressing the left and right arrow keys. The last line of text in each screen explains the use of the arrow keys.

Comma—The Comma option formats the Event Record data so that it can be easily imported to a spreadsheet or database application such as Excel® or Access®, respectively. However, the records in question must first be written to a PC file. Refer to the section entitled ["Capturing Event Records to a PC File" on page 53](#). This option takes the various data fields that comprise a record and separates them with a comma. Intervening spaces are eliminated. The processing application will place the record fields into cells or fields that satisfy its own processing requirements. This formatting technique is frequently referred to as Comma Separated Values (CSV). The Comma report option is described in detail in the section entitled ["CSV Report Type" on page 51](#).

4



When the Report Type is set to Comma the Record Details setting is ignored. All Event Records for the selected time period will be issued and similarly formatted.

INPUTS

The Inputs field allows the user to inspect Event Records from specific inputs. The default setting (Inputs field is blank) will issue records from all inputs. To select specific inputs a valid Input Number must be entered. Digital Inputs are entered as **n**, where n is 1 through 256. Analog Inputs are entered as **An**, where n is 1 through 16. Virtual Inputs are entered as **Vn**, where n is 1 through 16. System Event Inputs are entered as **Sn**, where n is 1 through 11. Leading zeros are not required.



System Event Inputs are another type of non-physical input that can create Event Records. System Event Records are used to report the status of the recorder at a specific moment in time. Refer to the section entitled ["System Events" on page 89](#) for additional details.

Multiple inputs can be selected by using the following methods. Separate two Input Numbers by a single space character. Select a contiguous range of inputs by including a - (hyphen) between two n numbers. The contiguous range option can be applied to all input types.

The set of Input Numbers must be terminated by pressing the **Enter** key. The following example illustrates a typical Inputs field entry.

```
Inputs: 2 5-8 a3 256 v16 A6-8
(blank=all)
```

As the example indicates, the input type designator can be entered as an upper- or lower-case letter. Input Numbers can be entered without regard to sequence. Event Records for Digital Inputs 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 256, Analog Inputs A3, A6, A7, A8 and Virtual Input V16 will be issued.

After the inputs are selected the user must press the **F1** function key to complete the command. Alternatively, press the **Ctrl+W** keys simultaneously. Event Records will then be issued in accordance with all of the settings selected by the user. Event Records will automatically cease being issued when the Report Type is set to Dump or Comma. After the last Event Record a message similar to the following will be displayed.

```
Number of records = 126  Checksum = F515
End of report
Hit any key to continue
```

Record Count and Checksum

The exact number of records included in the report is always specified. A checksum is also included. The checksum is calculated from the first character of the first record through the last character of the last record. Any report that issues the same set of records will always list the same checksum value regardless of when the report was generated. Accordingly, alteration of the record data can be detected provided the original data and checksum are known.

VIEW EVENTS (V)

The View Events command allows the user to display Event Records in real-time. Immediately after an event is detected its corresponding Event Record will be issued to the active user port (i.e., Terminal, Ethernet, USB Device or modem). This command can be very useful in tracking events that are occurring while the user is online with the recorder. It can also be used effectively during the Initial Check-Out Procedure to verify that each input is properly cabled. The records can simultaneously be written to a text file. Refer to the section entitled "[Capturing Event Records to a PC File](#)" on page 53.

The following message will be issued after the command has been selected.

```
View Events Report
Include Details:  All Details (5)
Inputs:
(blank=all)
[F1/^W]=Execute Report, ESC=cancel
```

View Events Command

The Event Records of interest to the user can be qualified by the two fields listed in the View Events Report. The use of each of these fields is described in the following sections.

INCLUDE DETAILS

This setting allows the user to select the level of detail to be included in each Event Record. Refer to the section entitled "[Event Record Formatting](#)" on page 48 for additional information regarding the use of this field.

INPUTS

The use of the Inputs field allows the user to review records from specific inputs. The use of this field is described in the section entitled "[Inputs](#)" on page 45.

After the selection fields are assigned press the **F1** function key to start the report. Alternatively, press the **Ctrl+W** keys simultaneously. The recorder will continue to issue records as they occur in real-time. Press the **Esc** key to stop the report.

LIVE STATUS (L)

The Live Status command can be very useful in verifying that inputs are wired and labeled correctly. Additionally, it can be used to determine if the inputs are operating properly and if the assigned Detection Times are set in accordance with the characteristics of the monitored circuits.

The Live Status command provides a snapshot of the present state of various recorder inputs (i.e., Digital, Analog and Virtual Inputs). The state or measured value of each input will be continuously and automatically updated. The Live Status report indicates the state of each input by the use of a symbol or its user-assigned Input Identifier and Event Name. Input Identifiers and Event Names are described in "Input Names/Identifiers (I)" on page 30 and "Event Names (E)" on page 29, respectively.



To properly view the Live Status report the PC must be configured to emulate an ANSI terminal.

Two data screens are required to display all 288 Digital, Analog and Virtual Inputs. The following is an example of the first screen used by the Live Status report.

```
[ESC]=exit      85 Degrees F      Live Status      10:11:25 06-30-15
001-032 X . . . . . C
033-064 . . . . .
065-096 . . . . .
097-128 . . . . .
129-160 . . . . .
161-192 . . . . .
193-224 . . . . .
225-256 . . . . .

Alarm1      : Active      VInput09   : Off
VInput02    : Off        VInput10   : Off
VInput03    : Off        VInput11   : Off
VInput04    : Off        VInput12   : Off
VInput05    : Off        VInput13   : Off
VInput06    : Off        VInput14   : Off
VInput07    : Off        VInput15   : Off
VInput08    : Off        VInput16   : Off

[F1/^W]=Next Page [F2/^E]=Prev Page
```

4

Live Status Report - Digital and Analog Inputs

The first screen of the Live Status report includes a header that lists the present temperature inside the recorder, time and date. The state of each Digital Input is listed in the eight lines of text that follow the header. An X, C or . (period) character is used to indicate the state as either On, Coding or Off, respectively. The next eight rows of text lists all sixteen Virtual Inputs. Input Identifiers are used to label each Virtual Input. Their states are reported by their appropriate Event Name.

The sample data indicates that Digital Input 1 is On. Digital Input 32 is presently in a Coding state. The other Digital Inputs are Off. Virtual Input 1 is in an Active state.

The second data screen is used to display the Live Status of each Analog Input. This data can be viewed by pressing either the **F1** or **F2** function keys. Alternatively, the **Ctrl+W** and **Ctrl+E** keys can be pressed simultaneously, respectively. From left to right, each Analog Input is labeled by its assigned Input Identifier. The measured value of each Analog Input is then reported (e.g., 12.9Vdc). Finally, the present states are described by an appropriate Event Name.

MEASURE FLASH RATE (M)

The Measure Flash Rate command allows the CWR-272A user to precisely determine the coding rate of a circuit.

Enabling the Measure Flash Rate feature imposes several temporary pre-conditions upon the Setup Database of the recorder. The circuit to be measured must be connected to a Digital Input. The se-

lected Digital Input will be assigned a Detection Time of .1 seconds. This will insure that the coding pulses will not be filtered out by the de-bounce properties of the Detection Time feature. Refer to the section entitled "Detect Times" on page 26.



The CWR-272A will automatically adjust the Digital Input's Detection Time setting to .1 seconds when the Measure Flash Rate command is executed. The original setting will be automatically restored to its prior value when the measurement is concluded.

The following Edit Fields will be displayed after the Measure Flash Rate command is selected.

```

Measure Flash Rate
Input to Measure: ---
[F1/^W] to measure, [ESC] to quit

```

Measure Flash Rate Command

The user must enter a valid Digital Input number in the Input to Measure field. The entry must take the form **n**, where n is 1 through 256. Leading zeros are not required. Press the **Enter** key to accept the Input Number. Finally, press the **F1** function key to initiate the measuring process. Alternatively, press the **Ctrl+W** keys simultaneously. A data screen similar to the following will be displayed.

```

Measure Flash Rate
Input to Measure: 001
Measuring... [ESC] to quit
Flashes/Minute: 69.8
On Time:        0.43 Sec
Off Time:       0.43 Sec
Cycle Time:     0.86 Sec
Detect Time:    0.43 Sec

```

Measure Flash Rate Report

The lower five lines of text reflect the Measure Flash Rate data. The first line indicates the number of coding pulses per minute (e.g., 69.8). The second and third lines report the On Time and Off Time durations, respectively. The data listed in the fourth line (referred to as Cycle Time) is the duration of one on/off sequence. It is the sum of the On Time and Off Time durations. Finally, the fifth line specifies the optimum Detection Time to be assigned to inputs using the reported coding rate.

The data listed in the Measure Flash Rate report is updated continuously and automatically. For typical coding rates the data will be updated every several seconds. To stop the measuring process simply press the **Esc** key. The Digital Input can then be connected to another circuit. The original Detection Time setting will be automatically restored.

EVENT RECORD FORMATTING

Event Records provide the user with information about the status of each input at a specified moment in time. Event Records consist of printable ASCII characters. Five different formatting methods are employed by the CWR-272A. The five formatting options create one-, two-, three- and five-line records. All five formatting options are available in the Query Events and View Events commands. In the sections that follow, each of these formatting options are described in order of increasing detail.

No DETAILS

The one-line form is used to provide event information from a single input. Analog Input levels are not listed in this format. Six sample records are shown in the following.

06/30/15	14:55:48.54	256	Track_CircN2	North_App_Trk_N2	Coding
06/30/15	14:57:54.69	001	GateDwn	NS_Gate_Down_Relay	Up
06/30/15	14:58:03.33	A01	AC_Power	AC_Power_120V	AC_Fail

Event Records with No Details

Date—The date the event was detected is indicated in MM/DD/YY format.

Time—The time the event was detected is indicated in military-style HH:MM:SS format. The time is identified to the nearest hundredth of a second.

Input Number—The Input Number is reported in three characters. The record may be from a Digital (001 through 256), Analog (A01 through A16), Virtual (V01 through V16) or System Event Input (S01 through S11).

Input Identifier—The twelve-character Input Identifier further identifies the input. The identifiers Track_CircN2, GateDwn and AC_Power are listed in the sample records.

Input Name—The twenty six-character Input Name fully identifies the input. The names North_App_Trk_N2, NS_Gate_Down_Relay and AC_Power_120V are listed in the three sample records.

Event Name—The Event Name identifies the type of event detected at the input. The Event Name listed will always be a member of the Event Name set assigned to the input. The Event Names Coding, Up and AC_Fail clearly indicate to the user the type of event that was recorded.



Three sample Event Records are listed in each of the four sections that follow. The sample records are copies of the first three records included in the No Details description.

VIRTUAL DETAILS

The Virtual Details format uses two lines of text. The first line is formatted identically to that used by the No Details option. The formatting convention is described in the section entitled “No Details” on page 48. The second line of text includes sixteen characters that indicate the state of each Virtual Input at the time the event was logged to memory. A pattern of x and . (period) characters are shown in the following sample records. The left-most character of the second line indicates the state of Virtual Input V1. The right-most character indicates the state of Virtual Input V16. There are four symbols used to indicate the state of Virtual Inputs. They are described in the section entitled “Symbol Legend” on page 51.

06/30/15	14:55:48.54	256	Track_CircN2	North_App_Trk_N2	Coding	X..... X.....
06/30/15	14:57:54.69	001	GateDwn	NS_Gate_Down_Relay	Up	X..... X.....
06/30/15	14:58:03.33	A01	AC_Power	AC_Power_120V	AC_Fail	X..... X.....

Event Records with Virtual Input Details Only

The optional measurement field appears at the extreme end of the second line of text. It is used to report the average train speed in mph when a Train Speed Monitor is enabled. Additionally, the measurement field is used whenever the real-time clock of the recorder is synchronized. It reports the clock correction in seconds. In both cases the measurement field is part of a System Event Record. System Events are described in the section entitled “System Events” on page 89.

DIGITAL DETAILS

The Digital Details format also uses two lines of text. The first line is formatted identically to that used by the No Details option. The formatting convention is described in the section entitled “No Details” on page 48. The second line of text is used to indicate the state of other Digital Inputs at the time the event was recorded. The other inputs are members of a common group of 64 inputs. The Digital Details record format lists the state of each input in the group applicable to the input that created the event

(e.g., input 130 lists group 129 to 192). Analog and Virtual Input events always indicate the state of Digital Inputs in the first group (e.g., 1 to 64). A pattern of X, x, C,c and . (period) characters are shown in the following sample records. There are six symbols used to indicate the state of Digital Inputs. They are described in the section entitled "Symbol Legend" on page 51.

06/30/15 14:55:48.54	256	Track_CircN2	North_App_Trk_N2	Coding
...	X	...	X	...
06/30/15 14:57:54.69	001	GateDwn	NS_Gate_Down_Relay	Up
X	...	CX	x	...
06/30/15 14:58:03.33	A01	AC_Power	AC_Power_120V	AC_Fail
X	...	CX	x	...

Event Records with Digital Input Details Only

ANALOG DETAILS

The Analog Details format uses three lines of text. The first line is formatted identically to that used by the No Details option. The formatting convention is described in the section entitled "No Details" on page 48. The second and third lines of text lists the measured levels of each Analog Input. From left to right, top to bottom A1 through A16 are reported. The units of measurement are always displayed to the right of the measured level (e.g., Vdc and Vac). To the right of the units of measurement data is a single-character indicator. It is used to indicate the state of the Analog Input relative to the user-defined Limit Values. There are four symbols used to indicate the state of Analog Inputs. They are described in the section entitled "Symbol Legend" on page 51.

06/30/15 14:55:48.54	256	Track_CircN2	North_App_Trk_N2	Coding
101Vac	0.0Vdc	0.0Vdc	0.0Vdc	0.0Vdc
0.0Vdc	0.0Vdc	0.0Vdc	0.0Vdc	13.6Vdc
06/30/15 14:57:54.69	001	GateDwn	NS_Gate_Down_Relay	Up
100Vac	0.0Vdc	0.0Vdc	0.0Vdc	0.0Vdc
0.0Vdc	0.0Vdc	0.0Vdc	0.0Vdc	13.6Vdc
06/30/15 14:58:03.33	A01	AC_Power	AC_Power_120V	AC_Fail
89Vac*	0.0Vdc	0.0Vdc	0.0Vdc	0.0Vdc
0.0Vdc	0.0Vdc	0.0Vdc	0.0Vdc	12.9Vdc

Event Records with Analog Input Details Only

4

ALL DETAILS

The All Details format incorporates all of the detail content defined in the Virtual, Digital and Analog Details options. It requires five lines of text. From top to bottom the details include Digital Input states, Virtual Input states and Analog Input measured levels. The following data shows the sample records from the previous sections formatted with the All Details option.

06/30/15 14:55:48.54	256	Track_CircN2	North_App_Trk_N2	Coding
...	X	...	X	...
101Vac	0.0Vdc	0.0Vdc	0.0Vdc	0.0Vdc
0.0Vdc	0.0Vdc	0.0Vdc	0.0Vdc	13.6Vdc
06/30/15 14:57:54.69	001	GateDwn	NS_Gate_Down_Relay	Up
100Vac	0.0Vdc	0.0Vdc	0.0Vdc	0.0Vdc
0.0Vdc	0.0Vdc	0.0Vdc	0.0Vdc	13.6Vdc
06/30/15 14:58:03.33	A01	AC_Power	AC_Power_120V	AC_Fail
89Vac*	0.0Vdc	0.0Vdc	0.0Vdc	0.0Vdc
0.0Vdc	0.0Vdc	0.0Vdc	0.0Vdc	12.9Vdc

Event Records with All Details

SYMBOL LEGEND

The six symbols used to indicate the state of Digital and Virtual Inputs are described in the following table.

Symbol	Definition
X Upper-case X	The input has transitioned into its On state. The referenced input is the source of the Event Record. The assigned On Event Name is listed as the Event Name.
x Lower-case x	The input remains in its On state. The referenced input is not the source of the Event Record.
C Upper-case C	The Digital Input has transitioned into its Coding state. The referenced input is the source of the Event Record. The assigned Coding Event Name is listed as the Event Name.
c Lower-case c	The Digital Input remains in its Coding state. The referenced input is not the source of the Event Record.
: Colon	The input has transitioned into its Off state. The referenced input is the source of the Event Record. The assigned Off Event Name is listed as the Event Name.
. Period	The input remains in its Off state. The referenced input is not the source of the Event Record.

Table 5: Symbol Legend-Digital and Virtual Inputs

The four symbols used to indicate the state of an Analog Input are described in the following table.

Symbol	Definition
* Asterisk	The input has transitioned into its unacceptable range of operation. The referenced input is the source of the Event Record. The assigned On Event Name is listed as the Event Name.
! Exclamation mark	The input remains in its unacceptable range of operation. The referenced input is not the source of the Event Record.
= Equal sign	The input has transitioned into its acceptable range of operation. The referenced input is the source of the Event Record. The assigned Off Event Name is listed as the Event Name.
(blank)	The input remains in its acceptable range of operation. The referenced input is not the source of the Event Record.

Table 6: Symbol Legend-Analog Inputs

Event Names and Analog Limit Values are described in the sections entitled "Event Names (E)" on page 29 and "High and Low Limits" on page 29, respectively.

CSV REPORT TYPE

The Query Events command provides an additional formatting option that can be selected by setting the Report Type to Comma. This section includes a description of a typical Comma Separated Value (CSV) report.

CSV SAMPLE REPORT

Listed in the following is a typical response to the Query Events command when the Report Type is set to Comma. In the interest of brevity only three Event Records are listed.

```

22:16:48.06/30/15
"M-A ARROW GRAND MP14"
0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.1.1.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0
0.0.0.0.0.0.0.1.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.1
0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0
0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0
0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0
0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0
0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0
0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.1
0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.1.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.1.0.0.0.0.0
14:55:48.54.06/30/15,"North App Trk N2","ON",256
14:57:54.69.06/30/15,"NS Gate Down Relay","ON",001
14:58:03.33.06/30/15,"AC_Power_120V","ON",257
    
```

Comma Separated Value Report

Each report includes a fourteen-line header. The content of the header is fully described in the following.

- Line 1** – Lists the time and date the report was generated.
- Line 2** – Lists the user-assigned Unit Name.
- Lines 3-10** – Contain a bit map that indicates the state of each Digital Input at the moment just prior to the first Event Record listed. From left to right, top to bottom, Digital Inputs 1 through 256 are represented. In the sample data previously cited, Digital Inputs 10, 11, 40, 64 and 256 are reported as On. The other Digital Inputs are Off.
- Line 11** – Specifies the state of each Analog and Virtual Input at the moment just prior to the first Event Record listed. Analog Inputs are represented by the first sixteen positions. Virtual Inputs are represented by the remaining sixteen positions. In the sample data previously cited, all of the Analog Inputs are in their acceptable range of operation. Virtual Inputs 1 and 11 are On.

Event Records that satisfy the user selected date and time criteria are listed after the header. Records include five or six data fields separated by a single comma. From left to right the fields always include the time, date, Input Name, status and CSV Input Number. The input status is always listed as either ON or OFF. If the record is from a Train Speed Monitor a sixth field that lists the measured train speed is included.



By convention, CSVs that contain a comma character will be enclosed by a pair of quotation marks. A name that contains a quotation mark will be indicated by an additional quotation mark.

CSV INPUT NUMBERS

The Input Number listed in a CSV record does not include the normal single-letter prefix (i.e., A, V, or S). Instead they are assigned purely numerical values in sequential order. [Table 7 on page 52](#) cross references Input Numbers and CSV inputs. The S-prefix is used to refer to System Events. They are described in the section entitled "[System Events](#)" on page 89.

Event Record Category	Input Number	CSV Input
Digital	1-256	1-256
Analog	A1-A16	257-272
Virtual	V1-V16	273-288
System Power	S1	289
High Temperature	S2	290
Low Temperature	S3	291
SNTP Clock Sync	S4	292
GPS Clock Sync - correction > 5seconds	S5	293
GPS Clock Sync - periodic interval	S6	294
Manual Clock Set	S7	295

Table 7: CSV Input Numbers

Event Record Category	Input Number	CSV Input
Train Speed Monitor 1	S8	296
Train Speed Monitor 2	S9	297
Train Speed Monitor 3	S10	298
Train Speed Monitor 4	S11	299

Table 7: CSV Input Numbers

CAPTURING EVENT RECORDS TO A PC FILE

The Query (with the Report Type set to Dump or Comma) and View commands will automatically stream Event Records to the active user port. A PC running HyperTerminal can be used to capture these records as a text file. The .txt file that is created can then be read using any commonly available word processing application (e.g., Notepad® or Word®). The steps necessary to capture the Event Records as a .txt file are listed in the following. HyperTerminal and Windows 7® were used in the following procedure. Later versions of these programs may be slightly different. However, the fundamental approach will remain valid.

1. Configure the various fields of the Query or View command as desired.



Perform steps 2 through 5 IMMEDIATELY BEFORE pressing the **F1** function key or **Ctrl+W** keys simultaneously.

2. With the mouse, click on the Transfers command, then the Capture Text... command. The Capture Text dialog box will open.
3. Click the Browse button. The Select Capture File dialog box will be displayed.
4. Navigate to or create the desired folder that will contain the .txt file. Enter a filename (e.g., 06-30-15 0915AM). The three-character .txt file extension will be appended automatically. Click the Save button. The user will be returned to the Capture Text dialog box.
5. Verify that the file specification box lists the correct folder and filename. Click the Start button to open the .txt file.
6. Press the **F1** function key to initiate the data transfer. Alternatively, press the **Ctrl+W** keys simultaneously. The recorder will proceed to stream Event Records to the newly created .txt file.
7. In the case of the Query command the record stream will cease automatically when the last record is displayed. A record count and checksum will note the end of the data. Refer to the sample data entitled "[Record Count and Checksum](#)" on page 46. In the case of the View command the record stream will cease only when the user presses the **Esc** key.



The Query with Dump+S option requires that the user wait until the Digital Signature is written before proceeding to the next step. The delay required to calculate the signature can be significant (more than one minute) if hundreds or thousands of records have been Dumped.

8. With the mouse, click on the Transfers command, then the Capture Text... command. Click the Stop option that is displayed.

The .txt file is now closed and available for viewing. To read the file, navigate to the folder. With the mouse, double-click the filename (e.g., 06-30-15 0915AM.txt). The file will open in the default word processing application.

CREATING SECURE REPORTS

The procedure described in the section entitled "[Capturing Event Records to a PC File](#)" on page 53 is also used to save a secure Event Record file to a local or remote PC. To create a tamper-proof, digitally signed report do the following.

1. Set the Report Type field to Dump+S. Perform steps 1 through 7 as described in the previous procedure.
2. Immediately after the record count and checksum values are reported, the following message will be displayed.

```
<<END DATA>>
Generating digital signature...
```

The <<END DATA>> marker serves to indicate that only data prior to this point will be used to calculate the digital signature. Accordingly, text data from this point forward is ignored as a part of this process. The calculation of the digital signature may take a few seconds or a few minutes in the case of thousands of dumped Event Records.



Although the process may be lengthy, while the digital signature is being calculated all other recorder functions are being performed.

3. A message similar to the following will be displayed at the conclusion of the calculation.

```
SIGNATURE : a0597846b5f2a9839beada40989be632e2a8082b4c114208b48fbb7bd0239aed
PUBLICKEY : c2081e303c5e08dfe26a205c0eda6f9c70a6eec4245dacf5290e69a0ae9760f3
Hit any key to continue
```

256 - Bit Digital Signature

4. With the mouse, click on the Transfers command, then the Capture Text... command. Click the Stop option that is displayed.

The .txt file is now closed and available for viewing. To read the file, navigate to the folder. With the mouse, double-click the filename (e.g., 06-30-15 0915AM.txt). The file will open in the default word processing application. The introduction of the digital signature makes the resultant data file incorruptible.



The signature process does not encrypt or alter in any way the original report data. The latter remains readable as it was in its unsecured state.

Alterations to the file can be easily detected by using MICRO-AIDE's RSA Validator software. RSA Validator is a small footprint application that can be installed and run on any Windows PC. It can be downloaded by users from the MICRO-AIDE website without restriction or charge. [Appendix D](#) describes how to install and use the RSA Validator software.

This completes the chapter on how to operate the CWR-272A from the five peripheral ports. Terminate the current session by using the Log Off command. Refer to the section entitled "[Log Off \(X\)](#)" on page [39](#).

The next chapter describes the use of the USB Host Port, front panel keypad and LCD.

CHAPTER 5 – FRONT PANEL OPERATION

INTRODUCTION

The CWR-272A is designed to provide its user with the greatest degree of versatility and functionality. All MICRO-AIDE Event Recorders come equipped with a front panel mounted Liquid Crystal Display (LCD) and keypad. Together these features allow the user to perform all of the setup and operational procedures required to effectively use the recorder. The advantage to the user is that a PC, although helpful, is not required to operate the recorder.

Setup and operation of the CWR-272A from the front panel is somewhat different than operation via a PC. The tasks to be performed and the end results are identical but the methods employed are different. This chapter describes the methods that are unique to front panel operation. [Figure 1 on page 8](#) provides an illustration of the LCD panel and keypad.

FRONT PANEL DESCRIPTION

USB HOST PORT

The front panel of the CWR-272A includes a USB Type-A female connector. The connector is labeled "Save-USB Flash Drive". It is also illustrated in [Figure 1 on page 8](#). Any USB flash drive can be connected to the port. Once connected, the flash drive can be used to save copies of selected Event Records. The procedure for doing so is described in "[How to Use the USB Host Port](#)" on page 56. The saved record files can then be read using any word processing application. [Table 13 on page 97](#) lists the bit transfer rates of each user-accessible port including the USB Host Port.

5

LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY

The LCD panel consists of a display approximately 3" by 1" in size. It is configured to present four lines of data. Each line can contain twenty alphanumeric characters and symbols. The LCD characters are large and can be viewed easily from several feet away. The super-twist design of the LCD panel provides a viewing angle of $\pm 20^\circ$ from the level of the display. The contrast level of the display may be adjusted. This can be helpful when the recorder is exposed to very hot or cold temperatures. The single-turn potentiometer that controls the contrast level is accessible through a small hole in the front panel of the recorder. It is labeled "Adj". Use a small flat-head screwdriver to adjust the setting.

KEYPAD

The keypad contains twenty individual keys. Each key consists of a pushbutton switch. They are clearly labeled as to their various functions. The keys are spaced .65" apart to minimize double hits. A special editing technique allows alphabetic characters to be entered via the keypad. The directional (**▲**, **▼**, **◀**, **▶**) and **Enter** keys also provide for quick menu item selection. Except while selecting a command or performing the special editing procedure, the left arrow key may be used to backspace over characters when an incorrect number has been entered.



Unless otherwise stated, characters shown in italics are used to refer to specific keys on the keypad (e.g., *Browse*). This convention is used throughout the remainder of this chapter.

LED INDICATORS

The front panel of the CWR-272A also includes three LED indicators. The LEDs are used to provide immediate information about activity on various ports of the recorder. The operation of each LED is described in the following three sections.

- **GPS / Alarm:** This LED is able to illuminate either green or red. If the GPS Receiver option is installed the LED will flash green once per second to indicate that the microprocessor is communicating with the receiver. If the receiver is installed and the LED does not flash a communications failure has occurred. Green flashes do not indicate that the GPS Receiver has acquired a valid time signal. The latter is indicated by an asterisk (*) character to the right of the time as it is displayed on the LCD. This is depicted in the following illustration.

TIME	DATE
16:35:52*	06-30-15
CWR-272A Event Rcdr	
M-A_ARROW_GRAND_MP14	

The LED will illuminate red if the Clock Sync Mode is set to GPS and the receiver has failed to acquire a valid GPS signal after seven days. The red alarm status will be extinguished automatically shortly after a GPS signal is once again acquired.

- **Terminal:** The green LED flashes momentarily whenever data is being sent or received via Terminal Ports 1 or 2.
- **Modem:** The green LED flashes momentarily whenever data is being sent or received via the modem or USB Device Port.

5 HOW TO USE THE USB HOST PORT

Every CWR-272A is equipped with a USB Host Port designed for use with a FAT-32 formatted flash drive. The port can be used to save copies of selected Event Records to a compact, portable memory. Once saved, the resultant text records can be read and reviewed on any PC. They can also be copied or moved to a PC file on a hard drive. The user has the option of copying selected records with an appended digital signature, as if the Query Events command with Dump+S option had been used. Refer to the section entitled "[Creating Secure Reports](#)" on page 53 for additional information.



Saving records to a flash drive is completely non-destructive to the original records. Records can be saved as many times as desired by the user.



In the following illustrations the characters shown with a dark background indicate the initial position of the highlight and therefore, the presently selected command or option.

The USB Host Port can also be used to download and upload the Setup Database. The procedures for doing so are described in the sections entitled "[Saving the Setup Database](#)" on page 59 and "[Update](#)" on page 78, respectively.

Finally, the USB Device Port can be used to update the recorder's firmware. This procedure is described in the section entitled "[Update](#)" on page 78.

SAVING RECORDS TO A FLASH DRIVE

Either of two simple procedures can be used to save Event Records to a flash drive. Typically only a few front panel keystrokes are required. A PC is not required. Both procedures are described in the following.

SAVING EVENT RECORDS FROM A COMPLETE DAY

1. Verify the USB flash drive is formatted FAT-32, not NTFS.
2. Insert the USB flash drive into the connector of the USB Host Port.

3. Press the *Save/.* key. The following message will be displayed.

```
Save to flash drive:
Records for one day
Records for a range
Setup Data
```

Save Command

4. Press the *Enter* key after highlighting the Records for one day option.
5. A table of dates similar to the following will be displayed.

```
062315 062415 062515
062615 062715 062815
062915 063015
```

At least one Event Record will be logged for each date listed. Dates are listed in the MMDDYY format. The Event Records option may list as many as 128 dates. Only eight dates are listed in the example cited previously. The up and down arrow keys can be used to scroll quickly through a large collection of dates.

6. Press the *Enter* key after highlighting a date. The following message will be displayed.

```
Digital Signature?
Yes No
```

7. Press the *Enter* key after highlighting a date. The following message will be displayed briefly after the delay required to create the text file.

```
Writing events.txt
Writing events.bin
Writing setupdata
Success!
```



If the digital signature option is selected, the completion of the events.txt file will be delayed significantly (more than one minute) if hundreds or thousands of records are being saved.

8. Records from additional complete days can be saved by repeating this procedure starting at step 3.
9. Remove the flash drive from the USB Host Port after all the required records have been saved.

SAVING EVENT RECORDS FROM A RANGE OF TIMES AND DATES

1. Verify the USB flash drive is formatted FAT-32, not NTFS.
2. Insert the USB flash drive into the connector of the USB Host Port.
3. Press the *Save/.* key. The following message will be displayed.

```
Save to flash drive:
Records for one day
Records for a range
Setup Data
```

Save Command

4. Press the *Enter* key after highlighting the Records for a range option.

5. A table of dates similar to the following will be displayed. The dates represent the available start date of the range.

```
062315 062415 062515
062615 062715 062815
062915 063015
```

At least one Event Record will be logged for each date listed. Dates are listed in the MMDDYY format. The Event Records option may list as many as 128 dates. Only eight dates are listed in the example cited previously. The up and down arrow keys can be used to scroll quickly through a large collection of dates.

6. Press the *Enter* key after highlighting a date. The following message will be displayed.

```
Start time:
Enter=edit, Esc=OK
00:00:00
```

7. To accept the 00:00:00 midnight setting as the start time, press the *Esc* key. To modify the start time move the highlight to the hours, minutes or seconds position. Press the *Enter* key. Press the number keys as required to create a new value. The CWR-272A utilizes a military-style clock. Accordingly, 12:01:02 AM is defined as 00:01:02 and 12:59:58 PM is defined as 23:59:58. Leading zeros are not required. To accept the new value, press the *Esc* key. Using the same technique, adjust the other values as required. When the start time is correct, press the *Esc* key.
8. A table of dates similar to the following will be displayed. The dates represent the available end date of the range.

```
062315 062415 062515
062615 062715 062815
062915 063015
```

9. Press the *Enter* key after highlighting a date. The following message will be displayed.

```
End time:
Enter=edit, Esc=OK
23:59:59
```

10. To accept the 23:59:59 setting as the end time, press the *Esc* key. To modify the end time use the procedure described in step 6. When the end time is correct, press the *Esc* key. The following message will be displayed.

```
Digital signature?
Yes No
```

11. Press the *Enter* key after highlighting the desired option. The following message will be displayed briefly after the delay required to create the text file.

```

Writing events.txt
Writing events.bin
Writing setupdata
Success!

```



If the digital signature option is selected, the completion of the events.txt file will be delayed significantly (more than one minute) if hundreds or thousands of records are being saved.

12. Records from other times and dates can be saved by repeating this procedure starting at step 3.
13. Remove the flash drive from the USB Host Port after all the required records have been saved.

FILES WRITTEN TO THE FLASH DRIVE

The first time Event Records are saved via the USB Host Port a folder is automatically written to the flash drive. The name of the folder is taken from the first twenty characters of the Unit Name. Certain restrictions apply to the creation of the Unit Name. Refer to the section entitled "Unit Name" on page 22 for additional details.

After the folder is created, three files are written within the folder. A description of each file is listed in the following sections. All of the record files from a specific recorder will be written to the same folder. Provided the first twenty characters of the assigned Unit Name are not changed, a new folder is never created regardless of how many record files are saved from the recorder.

EVENTS TEXT FILE

The first file written is the text version of the Event Records. The file is assigned a filename formatted as follows: MM-DD-YY@hhmmss-mmdyy.txt. As a text file, this file can be read by any word processing application (e.g., Notepad or Word). Table 8 on page 59 provides a complete description and example of the filename format.

5

Text and Binary Filename Definition	Description
MM-DD-YY	The date of the first record saved to the flash drive.
hhmmss	The time the records were saved to the flash drive.
mmdyy	The date the records were saved to the flash drive.
.txt	Denotes the file as a text file readable by any word processor.
.bin	Denotes the file as a binary file readable only by GEA.
Example: 06-30-15@120127-070415.txt	The first record is from 06-30-15. They were saved to the flash drive at 12:01:27 pm on 07-04-15.

Table 8: Flash Drive Filenames

EVENTS BINARY FILE

The selected Event Records are also written to the flash drive as a highly compressed binary file. The filename is formatted similarly to the text file; however, the file extension is changed to .bin. The binary version of the record file is used exclusively by GEA for viewing and plotting of the Event Records.

SETUP DATABASE BINARY FILE

In order for GEA to view and plot the saved records a copy of the recorder's Setup Database must be available. The recorder's database file is always named setupdata.bin. This file is automatically overwritten each time a record file is written to the flash drive.

SAVING THE SETUP DATABASE

The Setup Database can be downloaded or saved directly to a USB flash drive. The following steps describe applicable procedure.

1. Verify the USB flash drive is formatted FAT-32, not NTFS.
2. Insert the USB flash drive into the connector of the USB Host Port.
3. Press the *Save* / . key. The following message will be displayed.

```
Save to flash drive:
Records for one day
Records for a range
Setup Data
```

Save Command

4. Press the *Enter* key after highlighting the Setup Data option.
5. The Setup Database will be immediately saved. The following message will be displayed briefly at the completion of the save operation.

```
writing setupdata
Success!
```

6. The flash drive can now be removed from the USB Host Port.

HOW TO USE THE KEYPAD

After power is applied, the CWR-272A will perform a firmware boot-up procedure. The LCD will remain blank for 10 to 15 seconds while the recorder is booting. The following message will be briefly displayed at the completion of the boot-up procedure.

```
MICRO-AIDE
Model CWR-272A
Event Recorder
Version 1.08
```

The reference to firmware version 1.08 may vary. The firmware version number should be recorded and saved in the event service ever needs to be performed on the unit. After the boot-up procedure is completed the recorder will automatically enter Idle Mode. There are three operational modes, each is described in the following sections.

IDLE MODE

Except as noted in the following, the real-time clock and Unit Name are displayed during Idle Mode. It is the at rest condition of the recorder. An example of the real-time clock display is shown in the following. The first twenty characters of the Unit Name are listed in the fourth row. Refer to the section entitled "[Unit Name](#)" on page 22 for additional information.



Throughout the remainder of this chapter, the characters shown with a dark background indicate the initial position of the highlight and therefore, the presently selected command or option.

```
TIME      DATE
16:35:52* 01-31-15
CWR-272A Event Rcdr
M-A_ARROW_GRAND_MP14
```

LCD During Idle Mode

The CWR-272A utilizes the 24-hour, military time convention (e.g., 7:00PM is shown as 19:00:00). The date and time display is altered once every minute for five seconds. Alternating messages referring to the Setup and Browse Modes are displayed during this period.



An asterisk (*) to the right of the displayed time indicates that the optional GPS Receiver is locked onto a verified GPS signal.

The real-time clock display is also interrupted in Idle Mode when new Event Records are logged. Each new event will be displayed only briefly. This process is useful in verifying that the recorder is continuing to detect events. The Event Record format used by the LCD is described in the following section.

EVENT RECORD FORMAT

Event Records consist of four lines of text. Sample records for several input types are shown in the following.

```
14:57:54.69 06-30-15
001      1x.....CX
NS_Gate_Down_Relay
GateDwn      Up
```

LCD Event Record-Digital Input

```
14:58:03.33 06-30-15
A01      89Vacx.....
AC_Power_120V
AC_Power      AC_Fail
```

LCD Event Record-Analog Input

```
15:43:27.24 06-30-15
V16      .....X
Security:_North_Door
N_Door      DoorOpen
```

LCD Event Record-Virtual Input

The first line of text always specifies the time and date the event was logged to memory. The date is listed in MM-DD-YY format.

The second line of text lists the Input Number. It is followed by a sequence of x, c and . (period) characters. An x or c indicates an input with an On or Coding event state, respectively. A . (period) indicates an input with an Off or no coding event state. In the case of Analog Inputs the state indicators are preceded by the measured Analog Input level (e.g., 89Vac in the second sample record). In the case of Digital Input records all 256 Digital Input states cannot be depicted in the second line of text. Only a group of ten are shown. The number that precedes the state field is the Input Number of the first state indicator. For Analog Inputs the state indicators, from left to right, pertain to A1 through A8 or A9 through A16 depending on which group the Analog Input falls into. For Virtual Inputs the state indicators, from left to right, pertain to V1 through V16.

The third line always lists the first twenty characters of the assigned Input Name (e.g., Security:_North_Door in the third sample record).

Finally, the first eight characters of the assigned Input Identifier and Event Name are listed in the fourth line from left to right, respectively. Refer to "Input Names/Identifiers (I)" on page 30 and "Event Names (E)" on page 29, respectively.

BROWSE MODE

Browse Mode is most commonly used to view Event Records via the LCD panel. Event Records may be viewed in either forward or reverse chronological order. Events are selected by date and time and op-

tionally by Input Number. However, two additional features allow the user to inspect the current status of an input or to measure the code rate of a coding circuit.

To access any of the Browse options press the *Browse* key. The following message will appear.

```

Browse:
Event Records
Input Status
Flash Rate

```

Browse Command

Each of the three options are described in the sections that follow.

EVENT RECORDS

After selecting the Event Records option a table of dates similar to the following will be displayed.

```

062315 062415 062515
062615 062715 062815
062915 063015

```

Browse Command-Event Records Option

At least one Event Record will be logged for each date listed. Dates are listed in the MMDDYY format. The Event Records option may list as many as 128 dates. Only eight dates are listed in the example cited previously. The up and down arrow keys can be used to scroll quickly through a large collection of dates. Press the *Enter* key after highlighting a date. The display will then specify a start time as shown in the following.

```

Browse Start Time:
Enter=edit, Esc=OK
00:00:00

```

Press the *Esc* key if records starting from midnight are to be inspected. To inspect records starting later in the day perform the following steps.

1. Using the left and right arrow keys position the highlight in the hour, minute or second field.
2. Press the *Enter* key to select the highlighted field.
3. Enter the required hours, minutes or seconds by pressing the appropriate numeric keys. Leading zeros are not required.
4. Press the *Enter* key to complete the entry.
5. Repeat the previous steps to adjust the remaining fields.

After the correct starting time is specified the *Esc* key should be pressed. The following message describing the use of the arrow keys will be briefly displayed.

```

Use ←→↑↓ to scroll,
Browse to select
input to query

```

Provided the *Browse* key has not been pressed, the first Event Record meeting the specified date and time criteria will be displayed. Refer to the section entitled "[Event Record Format](#)" on page 61. The left and right arrow keys can be used to review Event Records in forward or reverse chronological order.



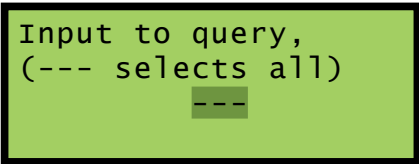
Holding down an arrow key allows the user to search through the record set very quickly.

The limits of the record set will be indicated by a message stating either Start of Data or End of Data. To exit Browse Mode and return to Idle Mode press the *Esc* key.

Press the *Browse* key any time after the start time is specified to inspect records for a particular input. This procedure is referred to as Query by Input Number.

QUERY BY INPUT NUMBER

To inspect Event Records for a specific input press the *Browse* key after the starting time is specified. The following message will be displayed.



```
Input to query,
(--- selects all)
  ---
```

A flashing highlight will be positioned in the Input Number field located in the third row of text. To specify an input follow the steps listed in the following.

1. Press the *Alpha* key repeatedly until the desired input type (i.e., A, V, or S) is displayed. Digital Inputs do not require an alpha prefix. They are identified simply as 001 through 256.
2. Press the appropriate number keys to enter the Input Number. Leading zeros are not required.
3. Press the *Enter* key to display the first Event Record satisfying the date, time and Input Number criteria. Several seconds may be required to locate the first record.
4. Use the arrow keys to inspect additional records for the specified input.

The *Browse* key can be pressed again at any time if a different input is to be inspected. Press the *Esc* key to exit the Query by Input Number procedure and return to Idle Mode.



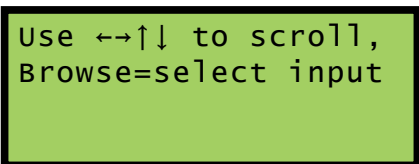
The CWR-272A will log an Event Record to memory when the power is turned off as well as on. Additionally, a record will be logged if the measured temperature is outside the Temp Limits assigned by the user. These records are referred to as System Records and are associated with S-type inputs. Refer to the section entitled "[System Events](#)" on page 89 for additional details.

5

INPUT STATUS

The Input Status option allows the user to inspect the current state of each input. The status of Digital, Analog and Virtual Inputs is indicated by their assigned Event Names. Voltage measurements are reported for Analog Inputs. The Input Status feature can be of great use when setting up the recorder. Without a peripheral device the user can verify that inputs are assigned proper Input Identifiers and Event Names. Each input can be checked to verify that it will report a change of state. Additionally, the command provides a DVM-like function for each Analog Input.

After selecting the Input Status option the following message will be displayed briefly.



```
Use <->↑↓ to scroll,
Browse=select input
```

Browse Command-Input Status Option

The arrow keys can be used to scroll from one input to the next. Digital Inputs are followed by Analog Inputs. They are followed by Virtual Inputs. Rather than use the arrow keys to scroll sequentially through each input the user can jump to a specific input by pressing the *Browse* key. Select the input using the procedure described in "[Query by Input Number](#)" on page 63.

Sample status data for each input type is listed in the following.

```
001
NS_Gate_Down_Relay
GateDwn      Up
```

LCD Input Status-Digital Input

```
A01
AC_Power_120V
AC_Power      AC_Fail
                89Vac
```

LCD Input Status-Analog Input

```
V16
Security:_North_Door
N_Door        DoorOpen
```

LCD Input Status-Virtual Input

The Input Number and first twenty characters of the Input Name are listed in the first and second rows, respectively. The first eight characters of the Input Identifier and Event Name are listed in the third row. The fourth row is used to report analog levels. The data listed is updated automatically and in real-time. Without the aid of a PC the user can check the sequence of events at a crossing or while a control function is being exercised. Press the *Esc* key to exit the Input Status feature and return to Idle Mode.

FLASH RATE

5

The third option included with the Browse command allows the user to measure the coding rate of a circuit. The following request for a Digital Input number will be displayed after selecting the Flash Rate option.

```
Measure Input:256
```

Browse Command-Flash Rate Option

The user must enter the number of the coding input (1-256). Leading zeros are not required. Press the *Enter* key to complete the entry. Flash rate data similar to the following will be displayed.

```
Measure Input:256
Flashes/Min: 46.5
On/Off: 0.65/ 0.64
Cycle Time: 1.29
```

Measured Flash Rate

The Input Number and coding rate, measured in flashes per minute, are listed in the first two rows. The average on and off intervals of each code pulse, measured in seconds, are listed in the third row. The lesser value is the optimum value to be assigned as the Detection Time for inputs using the reported coding rate. The sum of the average on and off intervals is reported as the cycle time in the fourth row.

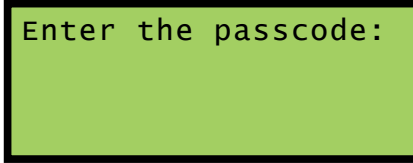
Press the *Esc* key to exit the Flash Rate command and return to Idle Mode.

SETUP MODE

Setup Mode allows the user to set up the CWR-272A to a specific set of application requirements. The various commands that can be executed from the keypad form a subset of those performed via a pe-

ipheral device. Only a few commands are not applicable to the keypad (e.g., Transfer Files, Network). The results from any keypad-performed command are indistinguishable from those performed from a peripheral device. Accordingly, the setup descriptions that are a part of [Chapter 3](#) may be used to provide a more detailed explanation of their keypad counterparts.

To enter Setup Mode from Idle Mode press the **Setup** key. The following message will be displayed. The user must enter the correct Passcode before any setup command can be executed.



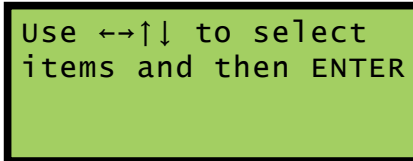
Passcode Request



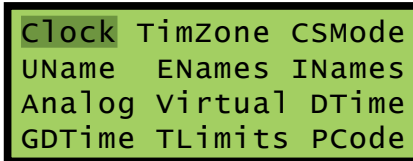
The factory default Passcode is **12345678**.

Passcodes are assigned numeric values only. Press the **Enter** key to complete the entry. If the user fails to enter the correct Passcode an error message will be displayed.

Assuming the correct Passcode is entered the following message will be briefly displayed.

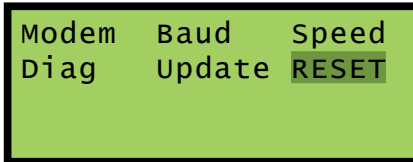


The Setup Menu of front-panel-accessible commands will then be displayed as shown in the following.



LCD Setup Commands - Screen 1

Moving the highlight beyond the limits of the first menu will display the following additional commands.



LCD Setup Commands - Screen 2

The Setup Menu consists of eighteen commands. [Table 9 on page 65](#) provides a brief explanation of each command. To select a command advance the highlight to the desired command and press the **Enter** key. The use of each command is explained in the final sections of this chapter.

Name	Description
Clock	Set date and time
TimZone	Select Time Zone and enable / disable Daylight Saving Time
CSMode	Select Clock Sync Mode
UName	Assign Unit Name
ENames	Assign Event Name sets
INames	Assign Input Names, Identifiers and Event Name set numbers
Analog	Configure Analog Inputs

Table 9: List of LCD Setup Commands

Name	Description
Virtual	Configure Virtual Inputs
DTime	Assign Detection Times
GTime	Assign Detection Time to all Digital Inputs
TLimits	Assign High and Low Temperature Limits
PCode	Assign Passcode
Modem	Assign Ring Count and Dial Numbers
Baud	Select Terminal Port 1 and 2 Baud rates
Speed	Configure Train Speed Monitors
Diag	Perform system diagnostics
Update	Update Setup Database and firmware from USB Host Port
RESET	Erase all Event Records Restore Setup Database to factory default values

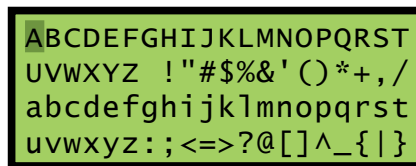
Table 9: List of LCD Setup Commands

Before proceeding the user should note that several of the commands require alphabetic characters to be used in the creation of a name or label (e.g., Input Name). The keypad, however, contains only numeric and function keys. A special Alphanumeric Editing Procedure which is a feature of all MICRO-AIDE Event Recorders allows the user to create names and labels from an extensive set of characters. This procedure is described in the following.

ALPHANUMERIC EDITING PROCEDURE

The first step in the Alphanumeric Editing Procedure is to select the parameter that is to be edited (e.g., Input Name or Input Identifier). A flashing highlight is used to indicate a specific parameter. To select the highlighted parameter press the *Enter* key. A blank field of characters will be displayed. An underscore (i.e., `_`) will be positioned in the first character location. The underscore character is used as a cursor in the Alphanumeric Editing Procedure. The left and right arrow keys can be used at any time to position the cursor as required. To create an alphanumeric name perform the following steps.

1. Press the *Alpha* key. The following list of characters will be displayed.



Alphanumeric Characters

2. Using the arrow keys reposition the highlight until the desired character is highlighted. A total of eighty characters plus ten numbers are available for selection.
3. Press the *Enter* key to select the highlighted character. The selected character is placed into the name at the present location of the cursor. The cursor is then automatically moved one position to the right.
4. To enter a number into the name press the appropriate number key. To correct an error reposition the cursor under the character in error and overwrite it with a new character. To insert a space, assuming no characters have been inserted to the right, simply move the cursor to the right. The space characters follow the upper-case Z in the character set.
5. Repeat the previous steps until the name is completed.
6. Press the *Enter* key to accept the newly defined name. Alternatively, press the *Esc* key to retain the previously assigned name or to start again by ignoring all of the character entries.

CLOCK

The Clock command is used to change the date or time. The time is always listed in 24-hour, military-style format (e.g., 7:00PM is listed as 19:00:00). In accordance with this convention the user must enter the time by using the same format. The date is always listed in MM-DD-YY format as shown in the following.

```
Time: 16:07:09
      MM-DD-YY
Date: 06-30-15
      Tuesday
```

Clock Command

To change the date or time position the highlight in one of the numeric fields. Press the *Enter* key. Enter a valid one- or two-digit number (leading zeros are not required). Press the *Enter* key to accept the new value. Adjust the other fields as required. The day of week is automatically calculated by the CWR-272A based upon the day, month and year selected by the user.

Press the *Esc* key after the changes have been made. The following message will be displayed.

```
Change the clock now

Yes  No
```

To complete the command, select the desired option and then press the *Enter* key.



The clock of the CWR-272A can be precisely synchronized using any of three different methods. The Clock Sync Mode can be set to SNTP or GPS. The recorder supports SNTP-Unicast and SNTP-Multicast time syncing. Refer to the section entitled "[CSMode](#)" on page 67. If the clock cannot be synchronized MICRO-AIDE recommends that the clock be manually set once per month.



Two System Event Records are automatically saved to memory whenever the user manually sets the time or date. This feature is fully described in the section entitled "[System Events](#)" on page 89.

5

TIMZONE

The TimZone command is used to assign the Time Zone and control the Daylight Saving Time (DST) setting. A message similar to the following will be displayed after selecting the TimZone command.

```
TimZone:PST (UTC-8)
Daylight Saving Time
Enabled
```

Time Zone Command

The highlight will initially be placed in the TimZone field (e.g., PST (UTC-8) in the example cited previously). To select a new Time Zone setting press the *Enter* key repeatedly until the correct setting is displayed. There are eight Time Zone settings. They are described in the section entitled "[Time Zone](#)" on page 25.

To enable or disable the automatic adjustment for DST, position the highlight in the third row. Press the *Enter* key to change the current setting.

Press the *Esc* key to accept the current settings and complete the command.

CSMODE

Four different methods can be used to control the recorder's real-time clock. The Clock Sync Mode command allows the user to select manual, SNTP or GPS methods. The following message will be displayed after selecting the CSMode command.

```

Clock Sync Mode:
None
SNTP
GPS

```

Clock Sync Mode Command

Listed in the following are usage instructions regarding the three options.

NONE

The recorder's clock is not synchronized. MICRO-AIDE recommends that the clock be manually set once per month. The clock can be expected to drift approximately ± 8 seconds per month.

SNTP

SNTP-Unicast—The Clock Sync Mode must be set to SNTP. A time server on the LAN must be accessible to the recorder via its Ethernet Port. The time server must support SNTP-Unicast. The SNTP Server parameter must be set to the IP address of the time server. The SNTP Server IP address is assigned by the System Parameters command. Refer to the section entitled "[SNTP Server](#)" on page 25 for additional details.

SNTP-Multicast—The Clock Sync Mode must be set to SNTP. A time server on the LAN must be accessible to the recorder via its Ethernet Port. The time server must be enabled for SNTP-Multicast operation. The SNTP Server parameter must be set to 0.0.0.0. The SNTP Server IP address is assigned by the System Parameters command. Refer to the section entitled "[SNTP Server](#)" on page 25 for additional details.



Setting the SNTP Server IP address to 0.0.0.0 automatically disables Unicast operation in favor of Multicast. Conversely, a non-zero IP address disables Multicast operation in favor of Unicast. However, for proper operation all of the other conditions described previously must be met.

GPS

The optional GPS Receiver must be installed and it must acquire a valid GPS signal. Provided these conditions are met, the GPS signal becomes the synchronizing source. Once an hour the clock is synchronized.

UNAME

The UName command is used to assign a unique name to each CWR-272A recorder. The first twenty characters of the Unit Name must be assigned in accordance with various rules. These are described in the section entitled "[Unit Name](#)" on page 22. A message similar to the following will be displayed after selecting the UName command.

```

Unit name:
***** NOT SET *****

```

Unit Name Command

The first twenty characters of the existing Unit Name are displayed in the second line of text. The default Unit Name is displayed in the sample data cited previously. To change the name press the *Enter* key. Assign a new name or modify the existing name by using the "[Alphanumeric Editing Procedure](#)" on page 66. Press the *Esc* key to complete the command.



Due to restrictions in the size of the LCD panel the UName command can be used to assign a Unit Name limited in length to twenty characters. Lengthier Unit Names (up to eighty characters) must be assigned by using the System Parameters command.

ENAMES

Event Names are created by the user to uniquely identify Event Records. By way of example, the state of an input can be labeled as "Up" or "Down" or "GateUp" or "GateDwn". Event Names add clarity to

Event Records that would otherwise not be possible if input states were only labeled as "On" or "Off". Event Names are generally assigned in sets of three to identify the active, inactive and coding states of an input. As many as sixteen Event Name sets can be assigned. Refer to the section entitled "[Event Names \(E\)](#)" on page 29 for additional details.

Data similar to the following will be displayed after selecting the ENames command.

```
Event Names #01
On:   Unoccupied
Off:  Occupied
Coding: Coding
```

Event Names Command

A single set of three Event Names is displayed at one time. The number (i.e., 1 to 16) of the set is listed at the end of the first row. It is followed by the currently assigned active or On Event Name (e.g., Unoccupied), the existing inactive or Off Event Name (e.g., Occupied) and finally by the existing Coding Event Name (e.g., Coding). To create a new name or modify an existing name select the Event Name set by pressing the left or right arrow keys. Highlight the specific name in the set by pressing the up or down arrow keys. Press the Enter key. A blank field with a cursor in the left-most position will be displayed. Use the "[Alphanumeric Editing Procedure](#)" on page 66 to create a new name. Use the same procedure to modify additional names.

After all of the Event Name sets are defined press the *Esc* key to complete the command.

INAMES

The INames command is a multi-purpose command that allows the user to assign Input Identifiers, Input Names and Event Name sets to each input of the recorder. Input Identifiers and Input Names allow the user to interpret Event Records more precisely by referring to inputs with labels that are unambiguous (e.g., NS_Gate_Down_Relay vs. Digital Input 001). Refer to the section entitled "[Input Names/Identifiers \(I\)](#)" on page 30 for additional details.

Data similar to the following will be displayed after selecting the INames command. In all cases default values are assigned.

```
001 ID:DInpu001
Digital Input 001
Event #01 On
off      Coding
```

Input Names Command

The Input Number is always displayed in the upper left-most corner. To select a different input press the up or down arrow keys repeatedly. Alternatively, press the *Browse* key to jump to a different input. Press the *Alpha* key repeatedly until the desired input type is displayed (i.e., A or V). Enter an Input Number by pressing the appropriate number keys. Leading zeros are not required. Press the *Enter* key to jump directly to the selected input.

The field labeled "ID" will initially be highlighted. Move the highlight to the second row to select the Input Name. Press the *Enter* key to modify the highlighted assignment. A blank field with a cursor in the left-most position will be displayed. Use the "[Alphanumeric Editing Procedure](#)" on page 66 to create a new Input Identifier or Input Name. Due to the size limitations of the LCD only the first twenty characters of the Input Name can be displayed and assigned.

To assign an Event Name set to a specific Input Number move the highlight to the third row. Press the *Enter* key repeatedly until the desired Event Name set (i.e., 1 to 16) is displayed. Each time the *Enter* key is pressed the third and fourth lines of text will be automatically updated to reflect the contents of the selected Event Name set. Due to the size limitations of the LCD only the first nine characters of each Event Name will be displayed. Pressing the *Enter* key while set number sixteen is displayed will return the

user to set number one. After all of the names and sets are assigned press the *Esc* key to complete the command.

In the following example the Input Name and Identifier have been assigned as W_Adjacent_Xing-3Trk and WAX-3Track, respectively. Event Name set number 9 states that an Event Name of Trk_Up will indicate an On Event. An Event Name of Tk_Dwn will indicate an Off Event. The Coding state is indicated as Coding.

```
035 ID:WAX-3Track
W_Adjacent_Xing-3Trk
Event #09 Tk_Up
Tk_Dwn Coding
```

Input Name Command-Example

ANALOG

The Analog command is used to configure the sixteen Analog Inputs of the CWR-272A. Each Analog Input can be used to monitor AC or DC voltages. Like a DVM, the CWR-272A can report its measurements using several different scales and resolutions. Analog Inputs that vary beyond an acceptable range of operation can be reported by setting appropriate Limit Values. Refer to the section entitled "[High and Low Limits](#)" on page 29 for additional details.

Data similar to the following will be displayed after selecting the Analog command.

```
A01 Range:+/-25.5Vdc
Filter: Slow
High Limit: 25.5
Low Limit: -25.5
```

Analog Command

The Analog Input number is displayed in the upper left-hand corner. To select a different Analog Input press the up or down arrow keys repeatedly. Alternatively, press the **Browse** key to jump to a different input. Specify the Input Number by pressing the appropriate numeric keys. Leading zeros are not required. Press the **Enter** key to jump directly to the selected input. The first row also indicates the Range setting. The Filter setting and High and Low Limit Values are listed in the remaining rows.

To change the Range setting, highlight the existing setting and press the **Enter** key until the desired Range is displayed. The sequence of possible Range settings is ± 25.5 Vdc, $+51.1$ Vdc, ± 255 Vdc, 25.5 Vac, and 255 Vac.

The Filter setting controls the amount of smoothing the measured signal is subjected to. AC signals require the Slow setting to remove their ripple content. DC signals can generally use either the Slow or Fast setting. To toggle the existing setting simply press the **Enter** key.



All AC voltage measurements are reported in RMS units.

The Limit Values can be set separately. They cannot exceed the bounds of the Range setting. To change an existing setting highlight the value and press **Enter**. Use the number keys to enter the new value. Enter fractional and negative values by using the decimal and minus keys, respectively.

After the new settings have been assigned press the *Esc* key to complete the command.

VIRTUAL

Virtual Inputs allow the CWR-272A to identify and report a variety of signal conditions that may be of interest to the user. Generally, these conditions will refer to anomalies in the state of several relay circuits. High or low analog levels may also be of special concern to the user. The sixteen Virtual Inputs of the CWR-272A are configured by use of the Virtual command. Refer to the section entitled "[Virtual Inputs \(V\)](#)" on page 31 for additional information.

Data similar to the following will be displayed after selecting the Virtual command.

```
v01 (SETUP=function)
Uses:--- --- --- ---
Relays: 1=No 2=No
Dial Out:      No
```

Virtual Command

In the sample data cited previously, Virtual Input number 1 has not been assigned. It retains its default settings. The Virtual Input number is displayed in the upper left-most corner. To select a different Virtual Input press the up or down arrow keys repeatedly. Alternatively, press the **Browse** key to jump to a different input. Specify the Input Number by pressing the appropriate numeric keys. Leading zeros are not required. Press the **Enter** key to jump directly to the selected input.

The second line of text includes four place holders for variables. Variables are Digital, Analog or other Virtual Inputs. The procedure for assigning variables is described in the following.

Each Virtual Input can selectively operate the two internal relays of the CWR-272A. Position the highlight in the Relay 1 or Relay 2 location. Press the **Enter** key to toggle the Relay setting from No to Yes or vice versa. Virtual Input records can be transmitted to a remote maintenance facility provided the recorder is equipped with an internal modem. **Press** the Enter key to toggle the existing Dial Out setting.

ASSIGNING VARIABLES

A variable can be any valid Digital, Analog or other Virtual Input. To assign variables complete the steps listed in the following.

1. Press the left and right arrow keys to locate the highlight in a place holder field.
2. Press the **Enter** key.
3. Press the **Alpha** key until the desired input type designator appears (i.e., A or V). Digital Inputs do not require an alpha prefix. They are identified simply as 001 through 256.
4. Enter the desired Input Number by pressing the appropriate number keys.
5. Accept the new entry by pressing the **Enter** key.
6. Repeat the preceding steps if additional variables are required.

5

The final step is to select the states that each variable assumes in defining a Virtual Input.

SELECTING STATES

A Virtual Input can be thought of as a logical relationship shared by one to four inputs. Accordingly, the state a Virtual Input assumes is dependent upon the state of each assigned variable. It follows that a Virtual Input dependent upon one variable is defined by a combination of two states. Two variables yield a combination of four states. Three variables yield eight states. Four variables yield sixteen states. Selecting states involves the assignment of a Virtual Input state for each combination of variable states.

Press the **Setup** key after all of the variables have been assigned. Data similar to the following will be displayed.

```
Virtual Output Funct
-----Inputs----- Out
256 007 A16 --- v03
off off off      off
```

Virtual Command - Assigning States

For the sample data cited previously, three of four possible variables have been assigned to Virtual Input V3. The third line of text lists the assigned variables by Input Number. The fourth line of text lists a specific combination of states for the assigned variables. The right-most field indicates the state the Virtual Input assumes for the combination of variable states listed.

Variables (i.e., Digital, Analog and other Virtual Inputs) always assume either of two states. Each state is described in the following.

On—The Digital Input voltage is in the range from 9 to 36 Vdc. The Analog Input level is outside its acceptable range as defined by its assigned Limit Values. Refer to [Figure 7 on page 29](#). The Virtual Input evaluates to a true logic state.

Off—The Digital Input voltage is less than 1 Vdc. The Analog Input level is within its acceptable range as defined by its assigned Limit Values. The Virtual Input evaluates to a false logic state.

The Virtual Input will assume the state defined by the setting in the lower right-hand corner. Press the **Enter** key to toggle the state of the Virtual Input from Off to On or vice versa. This setting will apply only to the combination of variable states displayed in the fourth line. Press the down arrow key to define the Virtual Input state for the next combination of variables.

Listed in the following are the eight variable state combinations associated with the Virtual Input described previously. Each combination can be selected in the sequence listed by pressing the up or down arrow keys.

256	007	A16	---	V03
off	off	off		off
On	off	off		off
off	On	off		off
On	On	off		off
off	off	On		off
On	off	On		off
off	On	On		off
On	On	On		off

5

In the sample data cited previously, the state of the Virtual Input is set in all cases to its initial value of Off. Change the state of the Virtual Input as required by the remaining variable states. Press the **Esc** key to accept the new settings and complete the command.

DTime

The Detection Time feature of the CWR-272A is used to prevent relay contact bounce from logging false Event Records. The Detection Time can be set to any value in the range from .00 to 327.67 seconds. A value of zero prevents the input from detecting events. The DTime command is used to establish a unique Detection Time for each Digital Input. Refer to the section entitled ["Detect Times" on page 26](#).

Data similar to the following will be displayed after selecting the DTime command.

Inp	DetTime
001	0.30
002	0.30
003	0.30

Detect Time Command

The default settings are displayed in the sample data cited previously. The Digital Input number is listed at the start of each line. Press the up or down arrow keys repeatedly to select a different input. Alternatively, press the **Browse** key to jump to a different input. Specify the Input Number by pressing the appropriate numeric keys. Leading zeros are not required. Press the **Enter** key to jump directly to the selected input. To change the Detection Time for the selected input press the **Enter** key while the existing value is highlighted. A blank field with a cursor in the left-most position will be displayed. Enter a value by pressing the appropriate number keys. Use the decimal point (labeled "Save / .") to enter a fractional value. Leading zeros are not required. Press the **Enter** key to accept the new value.

After all of the new settings have been assigned press the **Esc** key to complete the command.

GDTIME

Use the Global Detect Time command to assign a common Detection Time value to all Digital Inputs. Data similar to the following will be displayed after selecting the GDTIME command.

```
GLOBAL
Detect Time: 0.00
```

Global Detect Time Command

To change the Detection Time for all inputs press the **Enter** key. A blank field with a cursor in the left-most position will be displayed. Enter a value by pressing the appropriate number keys. Use the decimal point (labeled "Save /.") to enter a fractional value. Leading zeros are not required. Press the **Enter** key to accept the new value. Press the **Esc** key to complete the command.



The Detection Time of Digital Inputs assigned as sensors for the Train Speed Monitor feature cannot be altered by the DTime or GDTIME commands.

TLIMITS

The TLimits command allows the user to assign a High and Low Limit against which the internal temperature of the recorder is compared. If the temperature is found to be outside the acceptable limits of operation, a System Event Record will be logged to memory. A second record will be logged when the temperature recovers to a normal level.

Data similar to the following will be displayed after selecting the TLimits command.

```
Temperature Limits:
High Limit: 257
Low Limit: -67
```

Temperature Limits Command

The default Limit Values are listed in the sample data. To change a Limit Value move the highlight to the appropriate field and press the **Enter** key. Enter a number using the number keys. Negative values can be entered. Accept the new value by pressing the **Enter** key.



The internal temperature and Limit Values are reported in degrees Fahrenheit.

PCODE

The Passcode feature prevents unauthorized users from altering the Setup Database via the front panel. Passcodes can contain any combination of numeric values not exceeding eight total. A message similar to the following will be displayed after selecting the PCode command.

```
Passcode: 12345678
```

Passcode Command

In the sample data cited previously the Passcode is set to its default value. To change the Passcode press the **Enter** key. A blank field with the cursor in the left-most position will be displayed. Assign a new Passcode by pressing the appropriate number keys. To assign a null Passcode press the **Enter** key instead. This will effectively disable the Passcode protection feature. Access to the recorder will be permitted by simply pressing the **Enter** key when the request for Passcode message is displayed.

Accept the new Passcode by pressing **Enter**. Press the **Esc** key to complete the command.



If the user forgets the assigned Passcode the System Parameters command should be executed. It will display the current Passcode assignment. Refer to the section entitled "Passcode" on page 23.

MODEM

The CWR-272A can be equipped with an optional, internal 33,600Baud modem. The modem option allows remote users to access the recorder. Additionally, the modem's dial-out feature allows Event Records from Virtual Inputs to be transmitted to a remote maintenance center.

There are three parameters that control the operation of the modem. The Ring Count determines the number of rings that must occur prior to the modem answering an incoming call. The Primary and Secondary Dial Numbers identify the number to dial when attempting to transmit a Virtual Input record. Refer to the section entitled "Primary and Secondary Dial Numbers" on page 24 for additional information regarding these parameters.

Data similar to the following will be displayed after selecting the Modem command.

```
Modem ring count: 2
Prim/Sec Dial Number
```

Modem Command

To change the Ring Count setting move the highlight to the appropriate field and press the *Enter* key. Enter a number in the range from 0 to 99. Accept the new value by pressing the *Enter* key.



A Ring Count setting of zero will prevent the modem from answering incoming calls.

5

To assign a Primary or Secondary Dial Number move the highlight to the third or fourth row, respectively. The existing assignment will be highlighted. Press the *Enter* key. A blank field with the cursor in the left-most position will be displayed. Enter a valid dial number by pressing the appropriate number keys. The "Alphanumeric Editing Procedure" on page 66 can be used to insert non-numeric characters such as a comma to insert a two-second pause. Press the *Enter* key to accept the new assignment. Complete the command by pressing the *Esc* key.

BAUD

The Baud command allows the user to change the Baud rate assigned to Terminal Port 1 and 2. The following port selection menu will be displayed.

```
Select port:
  PORT1  PORT2
```

Baud Command

Move the highlight to the required port. Press the *Enter* key. The following array of Baud rates will be displayed.

```
Port1 baud rate: 300
  600   1200   2400
 4800   9600  19200
38400  57600 115200
```

List of Terminal Port Baud Rates

It is likely that the 38,400 setting will be highlighted. It is the default setting used by the recorder. To assign a new Baud rate move the highlight to the desired setting by pressing the arrow keys. Press the *Enter* key

to accept the new selection. The Baud rate of the peripheral device attached to the selected Terminal Port must be changed to match the new setting.

SPEED

The Speed command is used to configure the four Train Speed Monitors. Once parameters that comprise the feature are set the recorder will report train speeds and instances of excessive speed. Refer to the section entitled “[Measure Speed \(M\)](#)” on page 33 for additional information regarding these parameters. Train speeds are reported via Event Records that are logged to memory.

Data similar to the following will be displayed after selecting the Speed command.

```
01: sensor1: ---
      sensor2: ---
Distance:   0 feet
Threshold:  0 MPH
```

Speed Command

There are four distinct parameters that must be assigned per monitor. The selected monitor (1 through 4) is always displayed in the upper-left corner. To change the selected monitor press the up or down arrow keys repeatedly. Alternatively, jump to a specific input by pressing the *Browse* key and then the appropriate number keys. Complete the entry by pressing the *Enter* key.

Both sensors must be assigned a valid Digital Input number. To assign a Digital Input highlight the appropriate field. Press the *Enter* key followed by the *Alpha* key. Enter a numeric value from 1 to 256. Leading zeros are not required. Complete the input assignment by pressing the *Enter* key.

The separation between the two sensors is used to set the Distance parameter. It can be set to any value in the range from 50' to 5280'.

Trains with monitored speeds in excess of the Speed Limit Value will be identified by a unique Event Record. The Speed Limit Value (labeled “Threshold”) must be in the range from 5 to 180mph. Setting either the Distance or Speed Limit parameters to zero will disable the selected Train Speed Monitor. Complete the command by pressing the *Esc* key.

5

DIAG

The Diag command can be used to test nine recorder functions. The first screen includes tests of the program memory, Event Record memory, internal relays, internal temperature, Ethernet Port and optional GPS Receiver and internal modem. A second screen allows the user to inspect the status of both Terminal Ports. Each test can be performed at any time and is completely non-destructive. The contents of the Setup Database and Event Record memories will remain unmodified.

The following menu will be displayed after selecting the Diag command.

```
Select test: ProgMem
FlashMem   GPS Rcvr
Ethernet   Modem
Relay      Temperature
```

Diagnostics Command - Screen 1

Moving the highlight beyond the limits of the first menu will display the following additional commands.

```
Select test:
Terminal1  Terminal2
```

Diagnostics Command - Screen 2

The highlight will initially be positioned over the ProgMem field. To select a different test, position the highlight in the desired field. Press the *Enter* key to perform the test. Each test is described in the sections that follow.

PROGMEM

A checksum of the entire program memory will be calculated and displayed after a few seconds. The following example shows the results of a typical ProgMem test.

```
Program Memory
Checksum=d6d3 (GOOD)
Hit any key...
```

Program Memory Test

The labels GOOD or BAD will indicate the success of the test.



The reported checksum value will vary depending upon the version of the installed firmware.

FLASHMEM

The results of a typical FlashMem test are listed in the following.

```
Flash Mem
#1:4096K #2:0K
#3:0K #4:0K
Hit any key...
```

Flash Memory Test

The test verifies that the microprocessor can properly access the Event Record memory. The reference to 4096K, 8192K or 16384K indicates the size in bytes of the memory device. A value of 0K indicates that a memory chip is not installed in the identified position or a failure has been detected.

GPS Rcvr

The GPS Rcvr test will check for the presence and operability of the optional GPS Receiver. A typical test result is displayed in the following.

```
GPS Rcvr Test: Okay
17:14:42.087 valid
34.1043,-117.8784
Hit any key...
```

GPS Receiver Test

At the end of the first line either Okay or NONE will be reported. Okay indicates that the GPS Receiver is installed and the microprocessor is communicating with the receiver. NONE indicates that the receiver is either not installed or has experienced a severe failure.

At the end of the second line either Valid or Invalid will be reported. Valid indicates that the GPS Receiver has achieved a signal lock with at least one satellite and that an accurate UTC-0 time is being reported. Invalid indicates that a satellite lock has not been achieved.

The third line will list the latitude and longitude coordinates if they are available. In order to report latitude and longitude the GPS Receiver must achieve a signal lock with a minimum of four satellites. Depending upon the location of the GPS antenna this may not be possible. In such cases coordinates of 0.0000,0.0000 will be listed.



Irrespective of the reported latitude and longitude coordinates, if the test reports Valid the GPS Receiver option is reporting accurate date and time data.

ETHERNET

The Ethernet test will verify that the microprocessor is able to communicate with the Ethernet Port. A typical test result is displayed in the following.

```
Ethernet Test: Okay
Hit any key...
```

Ethernet Test

If the recorder's microprocessor is able to communicate with the Ethernet Port, Okay will be reported. Otherwise, NONE will be reported.



The Ethernet test does not test for LAN communications. For this reason, MICRO-AIDE recommends that a ping test also be performed.

MODEM

Either of two results should normally be expected from the Modem test. The following response verifies that the optional modem is installed and that the microprocessor is able to communicate with the modem. A typical test takes a few seconds for the microprocessor to complete.

```
Modem Test...
Modem found:D
Hit any key...
```

Modem Test

The D (or C) reference listed previously indicates that the CWR-272A is equipped with a 33,600 Baud Silicon Labs modem. A "NONE" reference indicates that a modem is not installed or it has failed.

5

RELAY

The following message will be displayed after the Relay test is selected.

```
Relay 1: 1=ON, 2=OFF
Relay 2: 4=ON, 5=OFF
Press ESC to exit
```

Relay Test

Press the **1** or **4** key to energize the selected relay. Press the **2** or **5** key to un-energize the selected relay. The selected relay and any circuitry attached to the relay contacts will be tested. Press the **Esc** key to complete the test. Each relay will immediately reassume its previous state when the **Esc** key is pressed. Press any key to exit the test.

TEMPERATURE

The Temperature test reports the temperature inside the recorder. A typical response follows.

```
Temp 88 Degrees F
Hit any key...
```

Temperature Test

The temperature is always reported in degrees Fahrenheit.



The temperature reading should never exceed 180°F. The temperature inside the CWR-272A will generally be about 5°F to 10°F warmer than the surrounding ambient temperature.



The user may wish to contact MICRO-AIDE customer service if a failure occurs as the result of any diagnostic testing. Instructions on how to proceed will be offered. "Material Return" and "Limited Warranty" policies are described on the inside back cover of this manual.

TERMINAL1 AND TERMINAL2

The Terminal1 and Terminal2 options allows the user to display the status of either Terminal Port. Move the highlight to the port of interest and then press the *Enter* button. A successful and active connection to a Terminal Port will always display the following status.

```
Terminal1 PortStatus
IN:  DTR=ON  RTS=ON
Out: DSR=ON  CTS=ON
ESC to quit
```

Terminal Port Test - Terminal 1

The recorder automatically asserts the DSR and CTS output control signals as On. The user's connection must assert the DTR and RTS input signals as On. The status of the control signals is updated in real-time. If the connection is lost the DTR and RTS signals will be reported as Off.



If a Terminal Port connection cannot be made to the recorder, the Terminal1 or 2 test should be performed to check the status of the DTR and RTS signals. An incorrect cable or configuration problem with the USB-to-serial adapter will likely be the cause of the failure.

UPDATE

5

The USB Host Port can be used to save a copy of selected Event Records in an easy to read text format. Refer to the section entitled "Saving Records to a Flash Drive" on page 56. The port can also be used to update the Setup Database and firmware used by the CWR-272A. Both procedures are described in the following sections.

SETUP DATABASE

Before the current Setup Database can be updated a valid database file must be saved to the USB flash drive. MICRO-AIDE recommends that the file be named SETUPDATA.BIN. The file must have a file extension of .bin and it must be saved to the folder named for the targeted recorder.



The USB Host Port cannot be used with NTFS formatted flash drives.

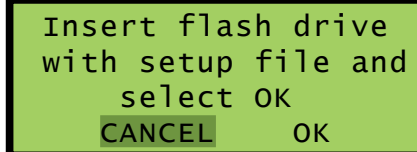
To update the Setup Database follow the steps listed in the following.

1. Verify the USB flash drive is formatted FAT-32, not NTFS.
2. Insert the flash drive into the USB Host Port.
3. Select the Update command. The following message will be displayed.

```
Item to Update
Setup Data
Firmware
```

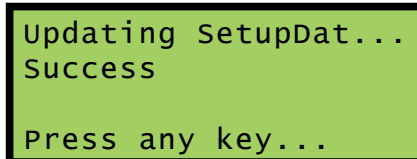
Update Command

4. Select the Setup Data option to proceed. The following message will be displayed.



Insert flash drive
with setup file and
select OK
CANCEL OK

5. Select the OK option to proceed. The LCD will indicate that the new Setup Database file is being transferred. A single-line progress bar is used to indicate transfer activity. After a few seconds the transfer will automatically terminate and the following message will be displayed.



Updating SetupDat...
Success
Press any key...

Successful Update

6. Press the *Esc* key to complete the transfer. The recorder will immediately operate in accordance with the new Setup Database.

FIRMWARE

MICRO-AIDE will periodically make available to its customers new firmware that either expands or improves upon the capabilities of its products. The new firmware will be available for downloading from our website. Visit: www.micro-aide.com/support/downloads.html.

Once the appropriate firmware file is downloaded and unzipped it will yield a .hex file. This file can be saved to a flash drive and then later used to update the recorder's firmware.



The USB Host Port cannot be used with NTFS formatted flash drives.



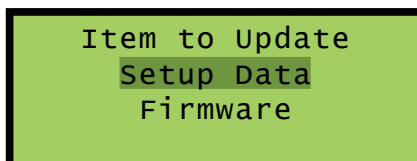
The USB Host Port operates in strict accordance with various Microsoft standards that apply to filenames and folders. Accordingly, the .hex file name must not be altered to include several illegal characters. All .hex files downloaded from the MICRO-AIDE website are, after they are unzipped, guaranteed to be compliant with applicable Microsoft and USB Host Port standards.



Occasionally a new firmware release will be incompatible with the recorder's existing Setup Database. When this happens the existing database will have to be erased and a new one created. Incompatibilities, if any, are listed in [Table 1 on page 4](#). It should always be reviewed before proceeding with an update.

To update the firmware follow the steps listed in the following.

1. Verify the USB flash drive is formatted FAT-32, not NTFS.
2. Insert the flash drive into the USB Host Port.
3. Select the Update command. The following message will be displayed.



Item to Update
Setup Data
Firmware

Update Command

4. Select the Firmware option to proceed. The following message will be displayed.

```

Update Firmware
From USB Flash Drive
Yes No

```

5. Select the Yes option to proceed. The following message will be displayed.

```

Insert flash drive
with HEX file and
select OK
CANCEL OK

```

6. Select the OK option to proceed. Information similar to the following will be displayed.

```

Select hex file:
CWR-272A V108.hex
CWR-24A V109.hex
CWR-72A V107.hex

```

File Selection

7. The Update command allows the user to select a file from a list of nine. The first group of three are depicted in the example. To navigate to the second or third group, press the up or down arrow keys.
8. Once the correct file is highlighted, select it by pressing the *Enter* key.
9. The LCD will indicate that the new firmware file is being transferred. A single-line progress bar is used to indicate transfer activity. After approximately 30seconds the transfer will automatically terminate and the following message will be displayed.

```

Updating Firmware...
Success!

Press any key...

```

Successful Update

10. Press the *Esc* key to proceed. Finally, the following message allows the user to run or ignore the new firmware. Refer to the closing note. Select the Yes option to execute the new firmware by restarting the recorder. The Update procedure has been completed.

```

Restart Recorder?

Yes No

```

Restart Option

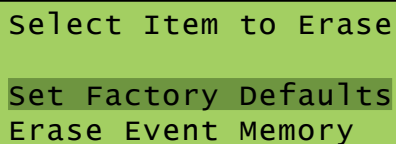


At the completion of the transfer, the new firmware is saved in the non-volatile memory of the recorder. However, the new firmware is not executed until such time as a restart is performed.

RESET

The Reset command should be used with caution. It allows the user to selectively restore the entire Setup Database to its factory default values or to clear the Event Record memory. Refer to the section entitled "[Reset System \(R\)](#)" on page 20 for additional information.

The following message will be displayed after the Reset command is selected.



Select Item to Erase
Set Factory Defaults
Erase Event Memory

Reset Command

To restore the entire Setup Database to its default settings highlight the Set Factory Defaults field and press the *Enter* key. Select Yes to perform the reset or No to ignore the reset.

To completely erase all of the Event Records from the event memory highlight the Erase Event Memory field and press *Enter*. Select Yes to perform the reset or No to ignore the reset.



It is important that the user not turn off power to the CWR-272A for 60seconds after initiating a reset of the Event Record memory.

This completes the chapter on how to operate the recorder from the front panel. Since the setup of the recorder is critical to how the CWR-272A will perform, it is advisable to review any changes that may have been made to the Setup Database.

The next chapter describes general maintenance techniques that may benefit the user in case a problem symptom is ever encountered.

CHAPTER 6 – MAINTENANCE

INTRODUCTION

The primary purpose of this chapter is to describe the recommended trouble-shooting methods to be used with the CWR-272A. It should be referred to if ever a questionable symptom arises during the operation of the recorder.

The CWR-272A is designed to provide its user with many years of trouble-free operation. There are no user serviceable parts inside the unit. There are no consumable items or supplies that need to be replaced or replenished. The user may occasionally need to wipe dust away from the external surfaces of the unit. This should be done with a clean, dry cloth. The mechanical design of the chassis provides the internal electronic assemblies with a nearly sealed environment. Due to the low power consumption of the unit ventilation holes are not required. The inside of the recorder should remain clean indefinitely. Additionally, MICRO-AIDE printed circuit boards (PCBs) are sealed with a moisture and fungus resistant conformal coating.

ADJUSTING THE LCD CONTRAST

The contrast level of the LCD panel may occasionally need to be adjusted to compensate for extreme variations in ambient temperature or viewing angle. To change the contrast level simply adjust the potentiometer labeled "Adj". It is accessible through a small hole in the front panel.

6

WORKING INSIDE THE RECORDER

The user may have occasion to work inside the unit to add an optional equipment item. The following sections describe tasks involving work that may be performed inside the recorder. Observe the steps listed in the following before attempting any task. Refer to [Figure 1 on page 8](#) and [Figure 2 on page 8](#). They illustrate the front and top panels of the recorder, respectively.

1. Remove power from the recorder by detaching the connector labeled "Power" located along the top panel of the recorder.
2. Remove all of the Analog and Digital Input connectors and peripheral cables.
3. Remove the recorder from the equipment rack.
4. Remove the six 6-32 1/4" screws from the top and bottom panels of the front assembly. The front and back portions of the recorder can then be completely separated.

The task can now be performed safely. After the work is completed reassemble the recorder by reversing the steps listed previously.



The recorder is equipped with two potentiometers that are set and sealed at the factory. Do not attempt to alter these settings. Electrostatic discharges can cause serious damage to electronic components. When handling circuitry inside the recorder it is recommended that the user wear a wrist grounding strap.

REPLACING THE FUSES

There are three fuses mounted on the Processor PCB. The fuses are designed to protect the input power source and the contacts of the two output relays. Each are rated at 1 A and conform to the 2AG size standard. Before replacing a fuse the cause of the blown fuse should be ascertained and cleared if possible. The fuses are illustrated in [Figure 9 on page 85](#).

INSTALLING THE OPTIONAL GPS RECEIVER

The CWR-272A can be equipped with a GPS Receiver that is used to provide a 100% accurate, drift-free clock. Once installed and enabled the operation of the receiver is completely automatic. The GPS Receiver option is comprised of a small L-shaped PCB, plastic grommet and antenna.

Generally, the GPS Receiver is ordered at the time the recorder is purchased and is pre-installed at the factory. If the receiver was not previously ordered, it can be installed by the user. To install the receiver follow the steps listed in the following. The GPS Receiver PCB is illustrated in [Figure 9 on page 85](#).

1. Completely remove the recorder's front panel assembly in accordance with the procedure entitled "[Working Inside the Recorder](#)" on page 83.
2. The hole in the recorder's top panel labeled "GPS Antenna" is capped with a plastic plug. Using a small screwdriver, carefully pry the plug off. Replace it with the plug that was shipped along with the GPS Receiver PCB. The new plug includes a hole and serves as an insulating grommet.
3. Locate the 6-pin female socket labeled "J9" near the top-center edge of the Processor PCB. The socket is illustrated in [Figure 9 on page 85](#).
4. Carefully align the MCX connector with the top panel hole and the six pins on the GPS Receiver PCB with their socket counterparts. Press lightly on the edges of the PCB to insure it is seated properly and fully into the socket. The PCB should snap into place as it is secured by a pair of plastic stand-offs.



Do not, under any circumstances, press down on the center of the GPS Receiver PCB. Located in the center of the PCB is a metal encased component. The metal, if bent, can damage the electronic circuitry it protects. When installing the PCB snap it into place by pressing lightly and only along its edges.

5. Reassemble the recorder.
6. The GPS antenna is housed inside a watertight enclosure at the end of a 16' long coax cable. Snap the cable end into the mating MCX connector located at the recorder's top panel.
7. The antenna can be secured to any surface less than 3/8" in thickness. For best reception it is best to locate the antenna outdoors and pointed skyward.

After power is reapplied to the recorder and the firmware is initialized, the Clock Sync Mode must be set to GPS. Refer to the section entitled "[Clock Sync Mode](#)" on page 24.

INSTALLING THE OPTIONAL MODEM

The CWR-272A can be equipped with a 33,600Baud internal modem. The optional modem provides accessibility to remote users of the recorder. Unlike commercially available external modems, the CWR-272A modem will operate over the entire temperature range applicable to the recorder. It uses the internal power of the CWR-272A rather than commercial AC power.

Generally, the modem PCB is ordered at the time the recorder is purchased and is pre-installed at the factory. If the modem was not previously ordered, it can be installed by the user. To install the modem follow the steps listed in the following. The modem is illustrated in [Figure 9 on page 85](#).

1. Completely remove the recorder's front panel assembly in accordance with the procedure entitled "[Working Inside the Recorder](#)" on page 83.
2. Locate the 16-pin female socket labeled "J5" along the left edge of the Processor PCB. The socket is illustrated in [Figure 9 on page 85](#).

3. Temporarily remove the 6-32 1/4" screw and lock washer secured to the hex stand-off located to the right of the socket.
4. Install the modem PCB by mating its sixteen-pin female connector with the Processor PCB socket. Use the 6-32 screw and lock washer to secure the modem to the hex stand-off.
5. Reassemble the recorder.

When the CWR-272A is reinitialized the firmware will automatically detect the modem's presence and configure it for auto-answer and originate operation.

RECONNECTING THE INTERNAL CABLES

There are three ribbon cables inside the CWR-272A. A ten-conductor cable is used to connect the Keypad PCB to the Processor PCB. A fourteen-conductor cable is used to connect the Input PCB to the Processor PCB. To reconnect a cable simply seat its end into its respective connector. The connector end of each cable is keyed. Do not force the connector end into place. It should fit snugly but easily.



The third ribbon cable connects the Keypad PCB to the LCD panel. It is easily damaged if improperly removed. Unless otherwise instructed by MICRO-AIDE service personnel, this cable should never be disconnected.

ETHERNET PORT

All CWR-272A Event Recorders are equipped with an Ethernet Port. Accordingly, this is no longer an item that can be installed by the user.

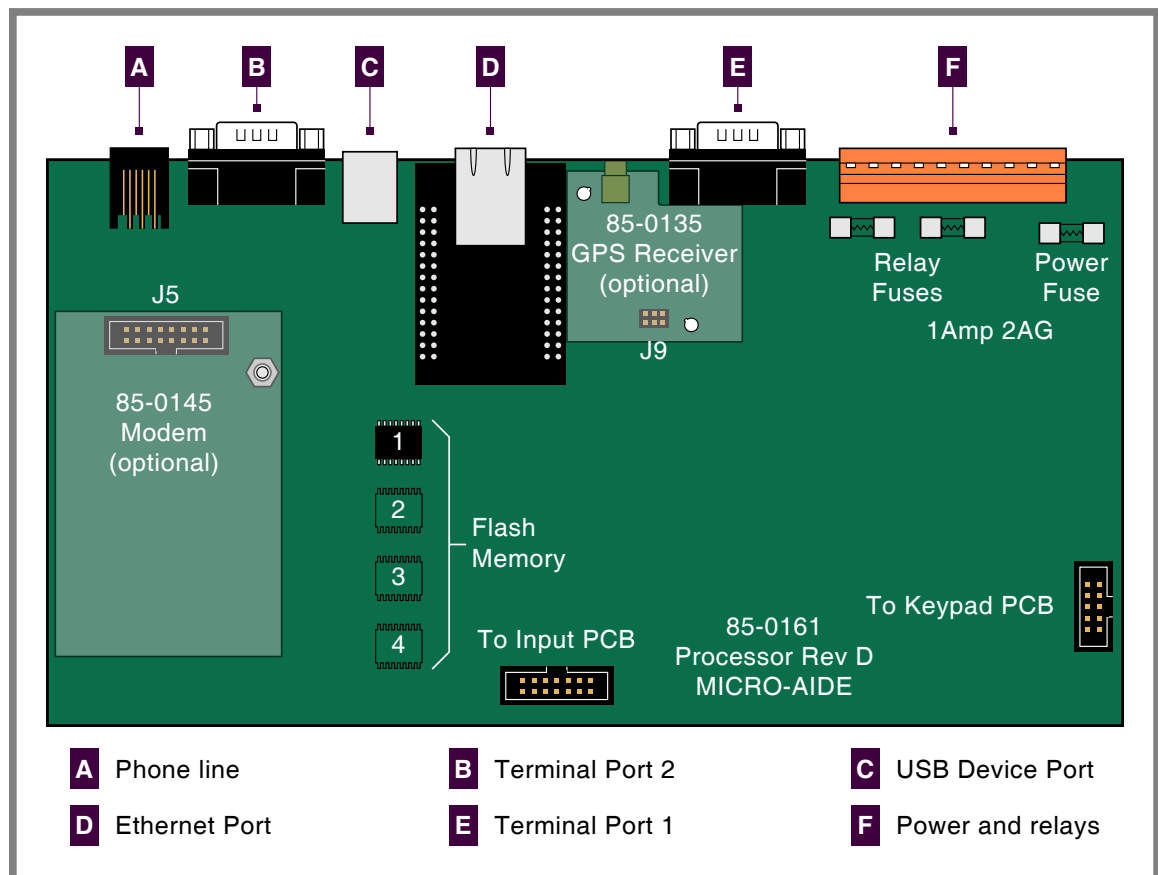


Figure 9: Processor PCB

MEMORY EXPANSION

The amount of non-volatile flash memory used for storing Event Records is optionally expandable. The amount can vary considerably. However, the memory components required by any given expansion cannot be installed by the user. If the memory needs to be expanded the recorder will have to be returned to MICRO-AIDE. Memory expansion options are listed in section entitled "Options" on page 99.

DIAGNOSTIC TESTING

The Main Menu of commands for the CWR-272A includes the Diagnostics command. Refer to the sample data entitled "Main Menu" on page 17. The Diagnostics command can be used to quickly verify the operational integrity of several hardware elements of the CWR-272A. Each of the eight tests can be performed at any time. They are non-destructive and therefore will not alter the contents of the Setup Database or Event Record memories.

The following menu of commands will be displayed in response to selecting the Diagnostics command.

```

System Diagnostics
C Checksum Test Program Memory
F Flash Memory Test
G GPS Receiver Test
E Ethernet Test
M Modem Test
K Keypad Test
R Relay Test
T Temperature
  
```

Diagnostics Command

Each command performs a specific test. The tests are described in the following sections.

6

CHECKSUM TEST PROGRAM MEMORY (C)

The Program Memory Test reads every memory address location used to store the program code. As part of the reading process a checksum is calculated and displayed at the completion of the test. The same checksum must be calculated each time the test is performed. Either GOOD or BAD will be reported at the completion of the test.

A typical response to the Program Memory Test is listed in the following.

```

Program Memory Checksum=d6d3
                                GOOD

Test Complete
Press any key to continue
  
```

Program Memory Test

The checksum takes only a few seconds to be calculated. The checksum value of d6d3 in the previous example will vary with the version of the firmware installed in the recorder.

FLASH MEMORY TEST (F)

The Flash Memory Test is performed on the memory chip(s) used to store Event Records. The test verifies that the microprocessor can access the Event Record memory.

A typical response to the Flash Memory Test command is listed in the following.

```

Flash Memory #1: 4096K
Flash Memory #2: OK
Flash Memory #3: OK
Flash Memory #4: OK

Test Complete
Press any key to continue
  
```

Flash Memory Test

If the recorder has been equipped with larger amounts of Flash Memory the single reference of 4096K will be replaced by one or more references of 4096K, 8192K or 16384K. A failure has been detected if 0K is reported in a Flash Memory position that should have memory installed. The readings should be compared to the known memory capacity of the recorder.

GPS RECEIVER TEST (G)

The GPS Receiver Test will check for the presence and operability of the optional GPS Receiver. The test will report several different messages depending upon the state of the receiver.

If the GPS Receiver has achieved a signal lock with at least four satellites, valid UTC-0 time and latitude and longitude coordinates similar to the following will be reported.

```

GPS Time: 20:42:57.068 is Valid
Location: 34.1044°, -117.8783°

Test Complete
Press any key to continue

```

GPS Receiver Test - Signal Acquired



A signal lock with one to three satellites allows the GPS Receiver to report a valid UTC-0 time. In such cases latitude and longitude coordinates of 0.0000° will be reported. Irrespective of the reported latitude and longitude coordinates, if the test reports Valid the GPS Receiver option is reporting an accurate UTC-0 time.

If the GPS Receiver is installed but has not as yet achieved, or is unable to achieve, a signal lock with any satellite, the following will be reported.

```

GPS Time: 23:59:44.000 is Not Valid
Location: 0.0000°, 0.0000°

Test Complete
Press any key to continue

```

GPS Receiver Test - Signal Not Acquired

If the GPS Receiver has failed completely or is not installed the following message will be reported.

```

GPS Receiver not installed

Test Complete
Press any key to continue

```

GPS Receiver Test - Not Installed

ETHERNET TEST (E)

The Ethernet Test can be performed at any time to verify that the microprocessor can communicate properly with the Ethernet Port. The test can be performed while the port is active or idle.

Assuming the Ethernet Port is operating properly, the following message will be reported.

```

Ethernet Okay

Test Complete
Press any key to continue

```

Ethernet Test

Okay is used to indicate a successful test. Not installed is used to indicate a failure.



The Ethernet Test does not test for LAN communications. For this reason, MICRO-AIDE recommends that a ping test also be performed.

MODEM TEST (M)

The Modem Test can be performed at any time to verify that the microprocessor can communicate properly with the internal modem. The test can be performed while the modem is idle or while a call is active.

Assuming that a modem is installed and it is operating properly the following message will be reported.

```

Modem Test in progress...
Modem found: D

Test Complete
Press any key to continue

```

Modem Test

The D (or C) reference indicates that a Silicon Labs modem is installed. If a modem is installed but NONE is indicated, a problem has occurred and must be corrected.

KEYPAD TEST (K)

Each of the twenty keys that comprise the front panel keypad can be checked by using the Keypad Test. The following instructions are displayed after selecting the command.

```
Keypad test, press ESC to cancel
```

Keypad Test

A single unique character is displayed in response to pressing a key. The correspondence between non-numeric keys and displayed characters is listed in [Table 10 on page 88](#).

Key	Browse	Alpha	Setup	Esc	Enter	Save / .	▲	▼ / -	◀	▶
Displayed	B	A	S	E	N	.	^	v	<	>

Table 10: Keypad Test Characters

To exit the test, press the **Esc** key located at the keyboard of the peripheral device that is communicating with the CWR-272A.

RELAY TEST (R)

The Relay Test allows the user to verify the operation of the internal relays and any alarm or indication circuitry connected to the contacts of the relays.

The following message will be displayed in response to the Relay Test command. Press the appropriate numeric key to change the state of a relay. To energize the relay select the Relay ON option. To un-energize the relay select the Relay OFF option.

```

Relay Test

1 Relay 1 ON
2 Relay 1 OFF
4 Relay 2 ON
5 Relay 2 OFF

```

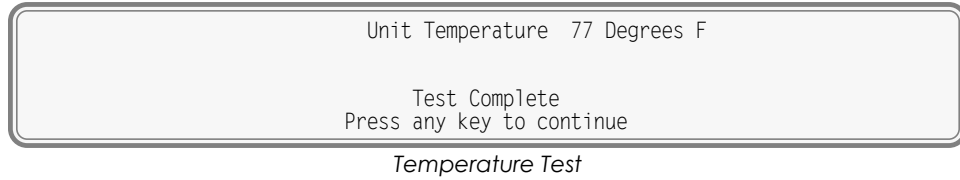
Relay Test

To exit the test press the **Esc** key. Both relays will automatically reassume their pre-test state.

TEMPERATURE (T)

The Temperature Test simply reports the temperature inside the recorder.

A typical response to the Temperature Test command is listed in the following. The temperature is always reported in degrees Fahrenheit.



The measured temperature inside the CWR-272A will generally be 5°F to 10°F warmer than the surrounding ambient temperature. Temperature readings should never exceed 180°F.



The user may wish to contact MICRO-AIDE customer service if a failure occurs as the result of any diagnostic testing. Instructions on how to proceed will be offered. The MICRO-AIDE ["Material Return"](#) and ["Limited Warranty"](#) policies are described on the inside back cover of this manual.

SYSTEM EVENTS

Event Records are normally created by a change in state of an input. Exceptions to this rule concern the cycling of power to the recorder, variations in the measured temperature and events related to the Train Speed Monitor feature. The latter feature is described in the section entitled ["Measure Speed \(M\)"](#) on [page 33](#).

Each time power to the CWR-272A is turned on or off an event will be logged into memory. If the temperature transitions into or out of the acceptable range of operation or the speed of a train is reported, an event will also be logged. Additionally, each time the Sntp Clock Sync feature sets the recorder's real-time clock an Event Record is logged. These events are classified as System Events. To distinguish them, the Input Number always includes an S-prefix (e.g., S01). Additionally, the Input Name, Identifier and Event Name fields within the record are uniquely labeled. They cannot be changed by the user. [Table 11 on page 89](#) lists the various fields used by each System Event Record.

Input Number	Input Name	Identifier	Event Name Set
S01	System Power	Power	ON / OFF
S02	High Temperature	HighTemp	ON / OFF
S03	Low Temperature	LowTemp	ON / OFF
S04	Sntp Clock Sync	SntpSync	OFF / OFF
S05	GPS 5 Sec Correction	GPS 5Sec	OFF / OFF
S06	GPS Clock Record	GPS Rec	OFF / OFF
S07	Clock Set	ClockSet	ON / OFF
S08	Speed Monitor 1	SpeedLim	ON / OFF
S09	Speed Monitor 2	SpeedLim	ON / OFF
S10	Speed Monitor 3	SpeedLim	ON / OFF
S11	Speed Monitor 4	SpeedLim	ON / OFF

Table 11: System Event Records - Assigned Labels

System Events can be reviewed using any of the five formatting options. Record formats are described in the section entitled ["Event Record Formatting"](#) on [page 48](#). Listed in the following are seven sample Event Records as they would appear at the PC. In the interest of simplicity only the No Details, single-line form is shown.

06/30/15	12:30:30.00	S01	Power	System Power	OFF
06/30/15	12:30:57.05	S01	Power	System Power	ON
06/30/15	15:00:56.00	S02	HighTemp	High Temperature	ON
06/30/15	16:01:07.00	S02	HighTemp	High Temperature	OFF
06/30/15	17:37:26.26	S11	SpeedLim	Speed Monitor 4	ON
06/30/15	18:32:54.03	S07	ClockSet	Clock Set	OFF
06/30/15	18:33:00.00	S07	ClockSet	Clock Set	ON

Sample System Event Records

The first two records indicate that power was off to the recorder for approximately 27 seconds. Later in the same day the measured temperature was found to be excessive for approximately an hour. A train speed violation occurred at 17:37:26.26.

The last two Event Records deserve special examination. The first of these indicates that the clock was set manually by the user. An OFF Event Name identifies this occurrence. The time was changed as listed in the second record. An ON Event Name identifies this occurrence. In summary, the following can be stated. On 06/30/15 the time was changed from 18:32:54.03 to 18:33:00.00. The date was not changed, although had it been the records would have indicated the change.

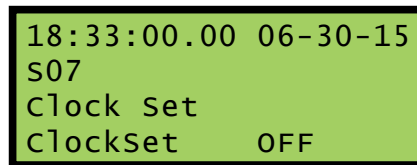


Manually setting the clock always creates a pair of Event Records with an assigned Input Name of Clock Set.



With the Clock Sync Mode set to SNTP or GPS the user will never have to manually set the clock.

The second clock set record listed previously is shown in the following as it would appear at the front panel LCD.



LCD System Event Record

System Events can be Queried and Browsed just like other Event Records. Instead of selecting a A or V input type designator, select the S-type.



System Events are always logged to memory in chronological sequence. The power on event will immediately follow the power off event. The time between the two Event Records indicates the period during which no logging was possible. All of the Analog Input measurements for S1 records will be reported with a zero value. This is done to eliminate erroneous readings.

UPDATING THE FIRMWARE

Like any microprocessor-based product, the CWR-272A executes a stored memory program. The program, referred to as firmware, is saved in a Flash Memory chip. Flash Memory chips are uniquely characterized by their permanent storage and multiple write properties. Their use allows the CWR-272A firmware to be updated to a newer version by simply uploading a new program file. The once common practice of shipping and replacing a Programmable Read Only Memory (PROM) chip does not apply to the CWR-272A. Consequently, there is no need to open the unit to gain access to the Processor PCB.

The firmware update procedure, described in this section, must be performed via a PC connected to one of the Terminal Ports, USB Device Port, Ethernet Port or internal modem (provided the latter is installed). At the request of the user, MICRO-AIDE support personnel can perform the update via the

modem. A firmware update can also be performed very easily by using the USB Host Port. The instructions for doing so are described in the section entitled "Update" on page 78.



Occasionally a new firmware release will be incompatible with the recorder's existing Setup Database. When this happens the existing database will have to be erased and a new one created. Incompatibilities, if any, are listed in Table 1 on page 4. It should always be reviewed before proceeding with an update.

The steps necessary to complete the firmware update depend upon which communications application is being used. The following example describes the HyperTerminal method. HyperTerminal 7.0 was used in the following procedure. Other versions of this program may be slightly different. However, the fundamental approach will remain valid.



If the recorder's Terminal Port is used in the following procedure, hardware flow control must be enabled at the PC's comm port.

1. The user must be online with the recorder and the Main Menu should be displayed. Refer to the sample data entitled "Main Menu" on page 17.
2. From the Main Menu select the Transfer Files command. The following sub-menu of commands will be displayed.

```

File Transfer
D Download Setup Data CWR to PC
U Upload Setup Data PC to CWR
F Firmware Upload
    
```

Transfer Files Command

3. Select the Firmware Upload command. The following warning will be displayed.

```

Are you SURE you want to upload new Firmware?
No Yes
    
```

4. To proceed select Yes. The following additional warning will be displayed.

```

OK to erase Firmware and upload new Firmware in Intel HEX format?
No Yes
    
```

5. To proceed select Yes. A final precaution will be displayed as follows.

```

Do you want to ABORT this operation
No Yes
    
```

6. To proceed select No. After a short delay the following message will be displayed.

```

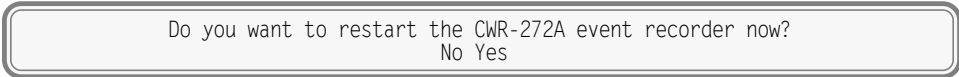
Please send Intel HEX file now.
    
```

7. Within the HyperTerminal window, click on the Transfers command, then the Send Text File... command. The Send Text File dialog box will open.
8. In the drop down list box select All files (*.*) as the type of file to display.
9. Select the correct disk drive, folder and filename (e.g., CWR-272A V108.hex). If the various settings are correct click on the Open button.
10. The progress of the upload will be indicated by a sequence of period (.) characters.
11. The update will terminate automatically after about 80seconds (at 38,400Baud). The following message will indicate a successful file transfer.

```

Done!
Press ESC to continue
    
```

12. Press the **Esc** key as instructed. The following message will be displayed.



13. Select Yes to initialize the new firmware. At the conclusion of the initialization the user will be asked to log on.

After completing the firmware update procedure it may be necessary to execute the Reset System command. A reset should be performed only if recommended by MICRO-AIDE customer service technicians. Refer to the section entitled "[Reset System \(R\)](#)" on page 20.

TROUBLE-SHOOTING GUIDE

The following guide is provided to assist the user in resolving problems that may occur with the operation of the CWR-272A. It can be especially helpful when attempting to operate the recorder for the first time. Procedures for resolving both local and remote problems are listed. Where multiple steps are indicated it is recommended that they be performed in the order listed. Corrective actions to be performed inside the CWR-272A must be carried out in accordance with the procedure entitled "[Working Inside the Recorder](#)" on page 83.

If the user is unable to resolve the problem, MICRO-AIDE customer service technicians should be contacted. The user will be asked to state the problem, related symptoms, and indicate any operations or conditions that have a bearing on the problem. If available, the results of any diagnostic tests should be reported. If the recorder has an installed modem it may prove to be helpful in diagnosing the problem from the MICRO-AIDE factory. The user will be asked to provide the appropriate telephone number and correct password.

6

Symptom or Problem	Resolution
No indication of power.	Verify 9 to 36Vdc at B and N power terminals. Inspect fuse on Processor PCB.
PC will not connect via USB Device Port.	Verify USB Type A-B cable is being used. Verify correct USB device driver is installed. Refer to Appendix C .
PC does not display data when connected to either Terminal Port.	Check cable connection to Terminal Port. Verify cable is assembled per Figure 10 on page 97 . Check Baud rate setting. Check if Terminal LED on front panel illuminates. Perform Terminal1 or Terminal2 Diagnostic test. Refer to " Terminal1 and Terminal2 " on page 78.
Terminal Port data at PC is garbled.	Check Baud rate setting. Verify following settings: 8 data bits, no parity, 1 stop bit, hardware flow control is enabled.
Highlight cannot be moved using PC arrow keys.	Set PC for ANSI emulation.
PC does not communicate via Ethernet Port when directly connected.	Verify recorder's IP Address and Port Number are correctly assigned. Verify PC's Ethernet Port is configured properly. Verify PC's communications application is set up for TCP/IP protocol. Verify CAT-5 cable is being used.

Table 12: Guide to Trouble-Shooting Techniques

Symptom or Problem	Resolution
Setup Database transfer fails via Ethernet Port connection.	Use Network command to change TCP/IP mode setting to Telnet.
GPS Receiver fails to provide accurate clock control.	Verify GPS antenna is plugged in. Verify location of GPS antenna provides good skyward access. Verify Clock Sync Mode is set to GPS. Verify GPS Receiver diagnostic test reports Valid.
GPS Receiver diagnostic test reports Invalid time and/or 0.0000° coordinates.	Wait 60 minutes while GPS Receiver attempts to achieve signal lock with satellite(s). Relocate GPS antenna for improved reception.
SNTP fails to provide accurate clock control.	Verify Clock Sync Mode is set to SNTP. Verify time server is transmitting SNTP-Multicast (or see next). Verify time server is transmitting SNTP-Unicast and SNTP Server address is valid.
Real-time clock is incorrect by one or more hours even with GPS Receiver or SNTP control.	Verify correct Daylight Saving Time and Time Zone settings.
Cannot save Event Record files to flash drive.	Verify the USB flash drive is formatted FAT-32, not NTFS. Verify flash drive is fully seated into USB Host Port. LED on flash drive should flash as files are being saved. Test integrity of flash drive by plugging it directly into a PC and copying files from the PC. Try another flash drive.
Unable to update firmware using USB Host Port.	Verify the USB flash drive is formatted FAT-32, not NTFS. Verify flash drive is fully seated into USB Host Port. Verify flash drive contains an unzipped firmware file. Verify firmware filename ends in .hex. Verify firmware filename does not include illegal characters. Verify length of firmware filename does not exceed 20 characters.
Initial Check-Out Procedure fails on all inputs.	Verify Detection Times are not set to zero or too long. Check inputs using View Events command.
Event Records are not being created on some inputs.	Set Detection Time to shorter value. Verify Detection Times are not set to zero.
Coding inputs create multiple Event Records.	Set Detection Time, in seconds, to value of $30 \div$ nominal rate of coding pulses per minute.
Analog Input AC source measures 0.	Analog Input is configured for DC, change to AC.
Analog Input DC source measures correctly but reports AC units.	Analog Input is configured for AC, change to DC.
Negative Analog Input voltage is not reported, measures 0.	Analog Input Range is set to +51.1 Vdc, change to ± 25.5 Vdc or ± 255 Vdc setting.
AC analog readings are not stable.	Reassign the analog Filter setting to Slow.

Table 12: Guide to Trouble-Shooting Techniques

Symptom or Problem	Resolution
DC analog readings are not tracking voltage changes.	Reassign the analog Filter setting to Fast.
Upload / Download of Setup Database fails.	Verify Xmodem protocol is being used.
Modem does not answer.	Check phone line connection. Verify Modem Ring Count is not set to zero.
Modem answers but fails to connect.	Verify host modem is enabled for error corrected operation. Check noise levels on phone lines. Test host modem with another auto-answer system.
Modem will not dial out alarms.	Test phone line for dial tone. Perform Modem Test command. Verify modem is enabled by Virtual Input settings for dial out. Check Primary and Secondary Dial Numbers.
Internal relays will not operate.	Perform Relay Test command. Verify relay is enabled by Virtual Input. Disconnect the external circuit attached to the relay contacts, test again.
Visibility of LCD characters is poor.	Adjust LCD contrast.

Table 12: Guide to Trouble-Shooting Techniques

6

This completes the User Manual for the CWR-272A Event Recorder. As an aid to the user three appendices have been provided. They include detailed specifications and options applicable to the CWR-272A. Instructions on how to install the Windows drivers that support the USB Device Port feature are included in [Appendix C](#). The installation and use of MICRO-AIDE's RSA Validator software is the subject of [Appendix D](#).

Any comments the reader may have on how to improve this manual are welcomed. Comments should be forwarded to the Director of Marketing, MICRO-AIDE Corporation.

APPENDIX A – TECHNICAL DATA

SPECIFICATIONS

Physical

Size

Length: 19.0"

Height: 8.1" (requires 10.5" of rack space)

Depth: 3.4"

Weight

7.0lb.

Environmental

Storage

Temperature: -50 °C to 85 °C

Humidity: 0 to 95%, non-condensing

Operating

Temperature: -40 °C to 72 °C

Humidity: 0 to 95%, non-condensing

Mounting

Standard: mounts in 19" rack

Optional: 23" rack mounting brackets available

Construction

Chassis

Fully enclosed, anodized aluminum

Externally accessible keypad, LEDs and connectors

Electrical

All components mounted on conformal coated, internal PCBs

Power

Voltage

Range: 9 to 36 Vdc

Consumption

Typical: 4 W

Maximum: 5 W (with GPS Receiver and Modem options)

Isolation

Power

Minimum: 3800 Vdc from B and N terminals to chassis and inputs

Digital Inputs

Minimum: 3800 Vdc to any terminal

Analog Inputs

Minimum: 3800 Vdc to any terminal

Input to Adjacent Input

Digital: minimum 3800 Vdc

Analog: minimum 3200 Vdc

Ethernet Port

Minimum: 3800 Vdc to any terminal

USB Host and Device Ports

Minimum: 3800 Vdc to any terminal

Internal Modem (optional)

Designed to meet FCC part 68 standards

Capacities

Inputs

Digital: 256, all optically isolated, AC/DC

Analog: 16, voltage only

Virtual: 16, user-assigned

Train Speed Monitor: 4, user-assigned

Outputs

Relay: 2, form C, rated for 2 A at 24 Vdc or 1 A at 125 Vac, maximum switching capacity of 125 VA or 60 W, service life 1 million electrical (typical)

Event Storage

Standard: 147,480 records

Maximum: 3,095,064 records

Liquid Crystal Display

Characters: 80 total on 4 lines

Viewing Area: 2.8" by .8"

Front Panel Keypad

Quantity: 20 keys

Physical Inputs

Input Impedance

Digital: minimum 10 KOhms, optically isolated

Analog: minimum 10 MOhms

Range

Digital Input - On: 9 to 36 Vdc

Digital Input - Off: 0 to 1 Vdc

Analog DC Voltage: 3 scales, ± 25.5 Vdc, +51.1 Vdc, ± 255 Vdc

Analog AC Voltage: 2 scales, 25.5 Vac, 255 Vac

Event Validation Times

Digital: .01 to 327.67 seconds, compatible with fixed rate coding circuits

Analog: fast and slow filter settings

Analog Limit Values

High and Low Limits: in multiples of .1 V or 1 V

Analog Input Accuracy

Typical Vdc: ± 1.5 Vdc or ± 1.5 Vdc

Typical Vac: ± 1.5 Vac or ± 1.5 Vac

Virtual Inputs

Definitions

Any logical association shared by 1 to 4 variables (i.e., Digital, Analog or other Virtual Inputs)

Assigned by defining the state of the Virtual Input for each combination of variable states

Reporting

Creates standard Event Records

Relays can be controlled by each Virtual Input

Modem (optional) can be enabled to dial out Event Records

Temperature Sensing

Usage: measures and reports internal temperature of recorder

High and Low Limits: -67 °F to 257 °F

Train Speed Monitor

Operation

Reports excessive train speed

Logs standard Event Record

Sensors

Digital Inputs: 2 required

Distance: 50' to 5280'

Limit Values

5 to 180 mph

Memory

Type

Non-volatile, Event Records and Setup Database are stored in flash memory chip

Newest data over-writes oldest data, 129th day over-writes first day

Storage Longevity

Infinite with power off

Rated for 100,000 write operations

Connectors

Power

Detachable, tension clamp, 4-position, 12 to 22 AWG

Dual B and N terminals

Digital Inputs

Detachable, screw-down, 8-position, 12 to 22 AWG

Analog Inputs

Detachable, tension clamp, 8-position, 12 to 22 AWG

Relays (2)

Detachable, tension clamp, 6-position, 12 to 22 AWG

Normally open, normally closed and common terminals per relay

Terminal Port (2)

DE-9 male, configured as modified DCE

USB Host Port

USB Type A female

USB Device Port

USB Type B female

Ethernet Port

RJ-45 female

Telephone Line

RJ-11 female

GPS Receiver (optional)

MCX female

A

Ports**RS-232**

Quantity: 2, for use with a PC

Terminal Emulation: ANSI

Baud Rates: 300, 600, 1200, 2400, 4800, 9600, 19,200, 38,400, 57,600, 115,200

Bit Format: 8-N-1

USB Host

Compatible with any FAT-32 formatted flash drive

Can create a text file of Event Record data from any time span

Can be used to update firmware

USB Device

Eliminates need for serial comm port, data transfer rates of 4.71 Mbps

Ethernet

Type: 10/100 Base-T

Protocols: TCP/IP, Telnet, SNMP-Unicast and -Multicast

Concurrent Sessions: Telnet (1)

Provides remote or local access via TCP/IP

Data transfer rates of 4.70Mbps

User-assignable IP Address, port, sub-net mask, Unicast IP Address

Modem (optional)

Provides remote access, auto-answer

GPS Receiver (optional)

Used to provide precise, real-time clock control, latitude and longitude coordinates

Indicators**LCD Panel**

Includes LED back lighting for enhanced visibility

Displays numerous command menus for configuring the recorder and retrieving data

Front Panel LEDs (3)

GPS/Alarm: green, red for failure

Terminal: green, flashes with send and receive data

Modem: green, flashes with send and receive data and ringing

Ethernet Port LEDs (2)

Green: link established

Yellow: data activity

Controls**Keypad**

Located on front panel, below LCD

Keys: 0-9, Browse, Alpha, Setup, Esc, Enter, Save/., left, right, up, down/-

LCD Contrast Adjust

Single-turn pot., accessible from front panel

Internal Clock**Accuracy**

Typical: ±8 seconds per month (3ppm) when not synchronized

Volatility: maintains accuracy for minimum of 30 days with loss of power

Resolution: .01 seconds for all Event Records

Sync

SNTP-Unicast: via time server, 5 minutes past each hour

SNTP-Multicast: per time server schedule

GPS: once per hour (requires GPS Receiver option)

Operation

Time Zones: selectable from 7 different North American settings and UTC-0

Daylight Saving Time: enable or disable automatic adjustment

Leap Year: automatically adjusted

GPS Receiver (optional)

Includes PCB and external antenna

PCB

Plugs into mating connector inside recorder

Antenna

Size: diameter 1.8", height .6" (not including mounting screw)

Weight: 2 oz. (less cable)

Operating Temperature: -40 °C to 85 °C

Mounting: bulkhead mountable to any surface less than 3/8" thick

Location: unobstructed skyward orientation, for use outdoors

Password Protection**Administrative Level**

Access: unrestricted to all functions

Length: 8 characters

Restricted Level

Access: Event Record and Setup Database viewing only

Length: 8 characters

Password

Access: limited modifications to Setup Database via front panel

Length: 8 digits

Internal Modem (optional)**Type**

V.34, 33,600Baud, data compression and error correction

Usage

Remote access via auto-answer operation

Allows dial-out alarm reporting of Virtual Input records

Compliance

Designed to meet FCC part 68 standards

Dial-out Alarms (optional)**Calling Method**

Primary and secondary dial numbers, multiple attempts

Tone or pulse dialing

Data

Issues Virtual Input Event Records if enabled by Virtual Input definition

MICRO-AIDE reserves the right to make changes, at its sole discretion, to any specification listed herein.

TRANSFER RATES

Table 13 on page 97 lists typical bit transfer rates for each of the CWR-272A's user-accessible ports. In each case the same 20,000 Event Records with no-detail formatting were either dumped to a PC file or saved directly to a flash drive. The times listed are normalized relative to 1,000 Event Records. If speed is a concern, using the USB Device Port is highly recommended.

Port	Time to transfer 1,000 Event Records (sec)	Actual transfer rate (bps)	Relative speed compared to 38,400
Terminal Port (38,400)	19.0	38,396	Used as reference
Internal modem	19.4	37,649	1.0 times faster
Terminal Port (115,200)	6.4	114,845	3.0 times faster
USB Host	.8	n/a	22.4 times faster
Ethernet Port	.2	4,704,075	122.5 times faster
USB Device Port	.2	4,714,063	122.8 times faster

Table 13: Bit Transfer Rates by Port

TERMINAL PORT CABLE

The following cable is included with every CWR-272A.

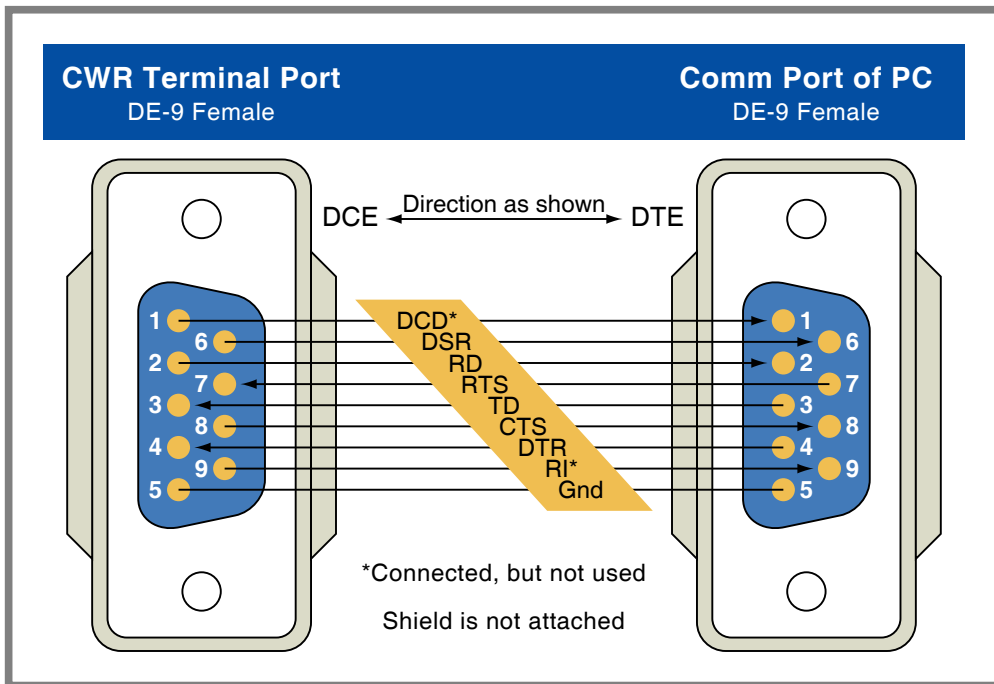


Figure 10: Terminal Port Cable-Wiring Diagram

A

APPENDIX B – OPTIONS AND ACCESSORIES

OPTIONS

GPS Receiver Module

85-0135

Provides precise, non-drift control of recorder's real-time clock, includes bulkhead-mount antenna with 16' of cable

L 56237-5/00

Replaces bulkhead-mount antenna with magnetic-mount antenna

Internal Modem

85-0145

33,600 Baud, V.34, V.32bis, V.32, V.22bis, V.22 and V.21
V.42bis and MNP 5 data compression
MNP 2-4 and LAP-M error correction

Memory Expansion

40-0416

302,616 Event Records

40-0616

457,752 Event Records

40-0816

612,888 Event Records

40-1016

768,024 Event Records

40-1216

923,160 Event Records

40-1416

1,078,296 Event Records

40-1616

1,233,432 Event Records

40-1816

1,388,568 Event Records

40-2016

1,543,704 Event Records

40-2216

1,698,840 Event Records

40-2416

1,853,976 Event Records

40-2616

2,009,112 Event Records

40-2816

2,164,248 Event Records

40-3216

2,474,520 Event Records

40-3616

2,784,792 Event Records

40-4016

3,095,064 Event Records

ACCESSORIES

Current Sensor

HCS-4

High Current Sensor, 4 inputs, 1 to 20 Adc or Aac

Battery Charger Monitor

CSI-1

Charge Status Indicator, single input, monitors voltage and current

Voltage Detector

FVD-2

Failed Voltage Detector, 2 inputs, .5 to 48 Vdc, .5 to 36 Vac, High and Low Limit Values, selectable timing

Light Out Detector

FLD-2

Failed Lamp Detector for incandescent, halogen or LED lamps, 2 lamp circuits, DC or AC lamp current

Mounting

31-0002

23" rack mounting brackets

31-0003

Wall mounting brackets

Cables

DE-9 to DE-9 (included)

USB A-B cable (for use with USB Device Port)

Contact MICRO-AIDE when ordering any options or accessories
Purchase orders should list part numbers as listed above

USER NOTES

B

APPENDIX C – USB DEVICE DRIVERS

INTRODUCTION

Every CWR-272A is equipped with a USB Device Port. The device port can be used to directly connect the recorder to a PC that does not include a serial comm port. The port also provides a substantially higher speed connection. Bit transfer rates of 4.71 Mbps can be achieved. [Table 13 on page 97](#) lists the bit transfer rates of each user-accessible port.

This appendix provides a detailed description of how to select and install the proper drivers for the USB Device Port. Separate procedures for Windows XP® and Windows 7 are listed in the sections that follow.



The following procedure requires access to several files. The correct files are available for downloading from the MICRO-AIDE website at: www.micro-aide.com/support/downloads.html



Do not attempt to install driver files from any source other than the MICRO-AIDE website.



The correct files to be used are contained in a zip file named "stm_device_drivers.zip". Do not use the zip file named "usb_device_drivers.zip".

PREPARATION

The following pre-installation steps must be completed before the driver installation procedure can be started.

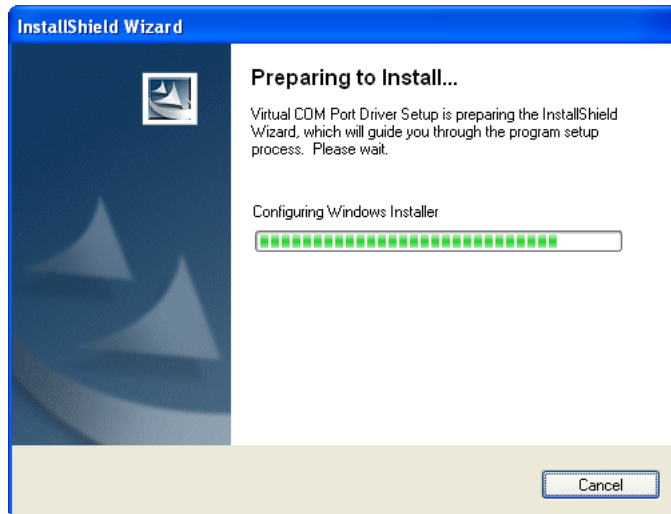
- Download the file named "stm_device_drivers.zip" from the MICRO-AIDE website. Unzip the downloaded file. The two extracted files must then be saved to a known location (e.g., to a new folder located at the PC desktop).
- The extraction will yield two files named "STM32_V1.3.1_Setup.exe" and "STM64_V1.3.1_Setup.exe". The first is intended for use in 32-bit Windows systems. The latter is for 64-bit systems.
- A USB Type A-B cable is required.
- Apply power to the recorder and insure that it has completed its initialization cycle.

INSTALLING THE DRIVERS

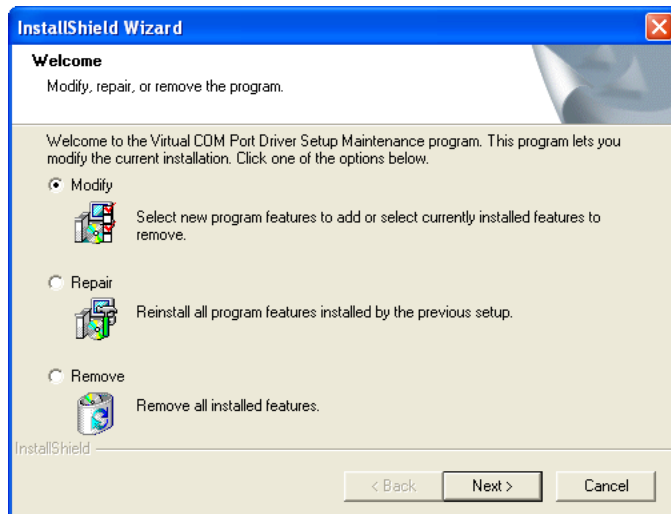
WINDOWS XP PROCEDURE

The following procedure applies to Windows XP computers. Complete the following steps in the order listed.

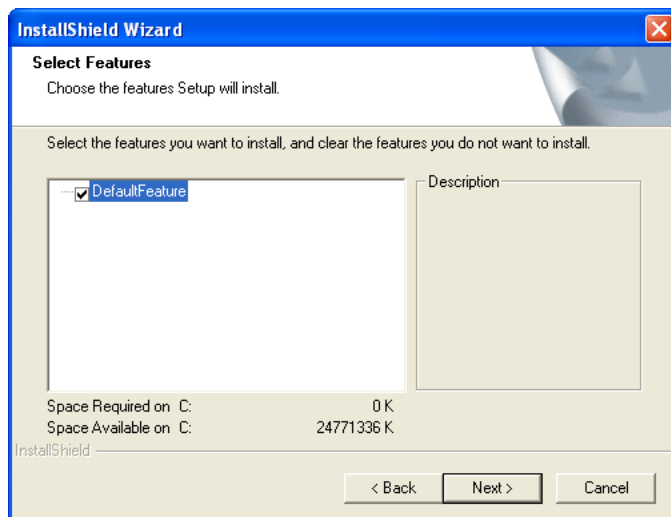
1. Launch the 32-bit installer by double-clicking the STM32_V1.3.1_Setup.exe file. A screen similar to the following will be displayed.



2. After a few seconds the previous screen will close automatically. After several more seconds the following screen will be displayed.

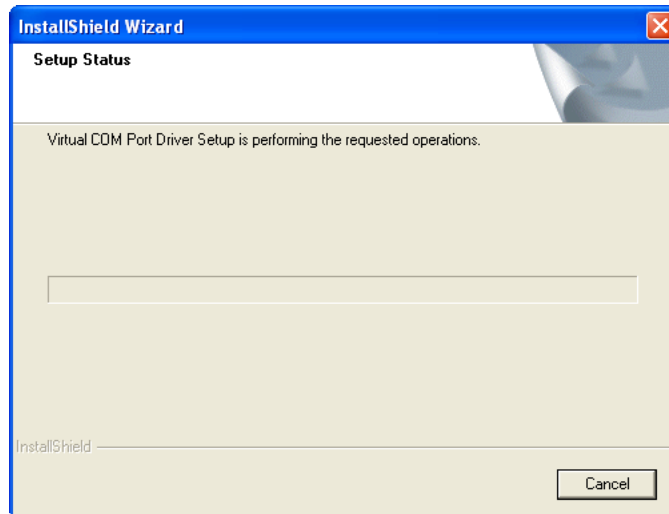


3. Click the button labeled "Next>". The following screen will be displayed.



4. Click the button labeled "Next>". The following screen will be displayed briefly.

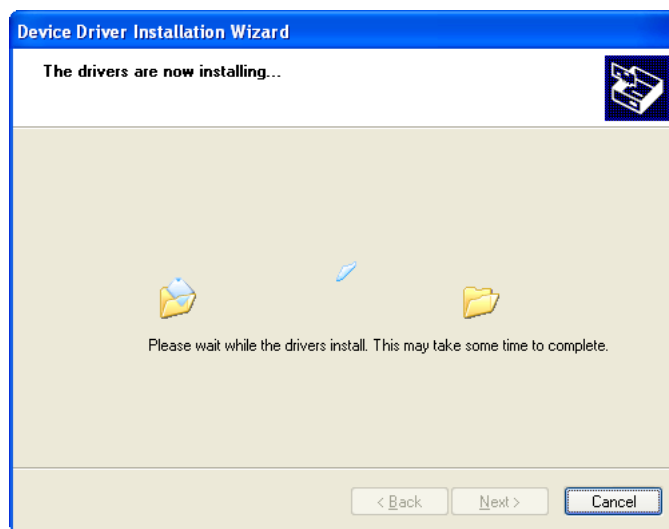
C



5. The previous screen will close automatically. The following screen will be displayed.



6. Click the button labeled "Next>". The following screen will be displayed briefly.



7. The previous screen will close automatically. The following screen will be displayed.

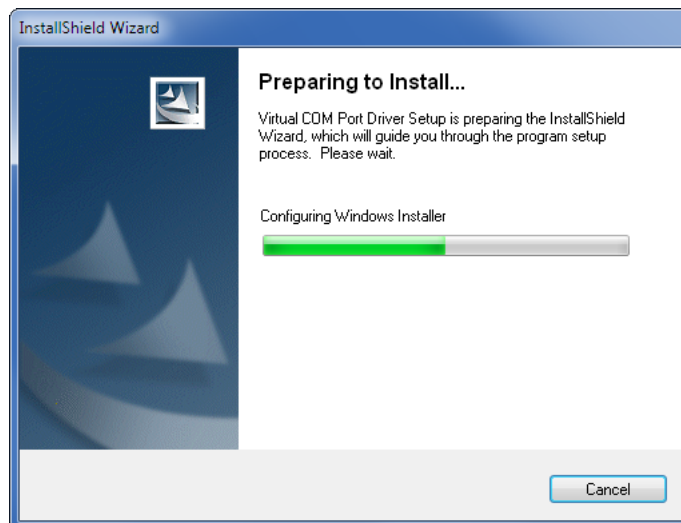


8. Click the button labeled "Finish". The required drivers are now installed. A new HyperTerminal connection can now be created. Follow the procedure entitled "[Making a USB Device Port Connection](#)" on page 107.

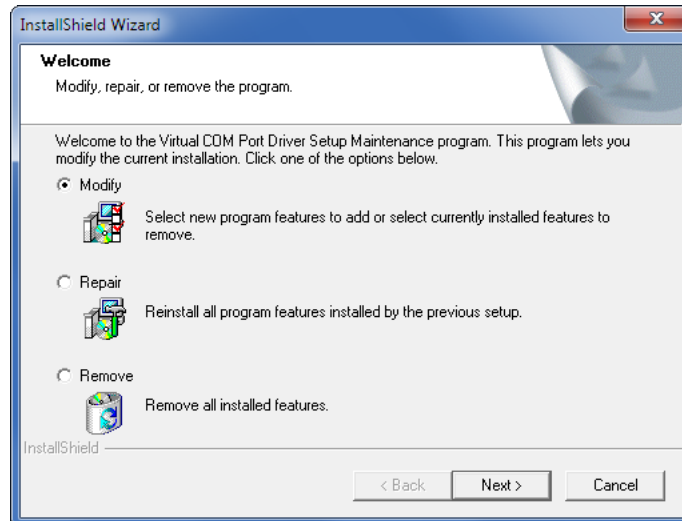
WINDOWS 7 PROCEDURE

The following procedure applies to Windows 7 computers. Complete the following steps in the order listed.

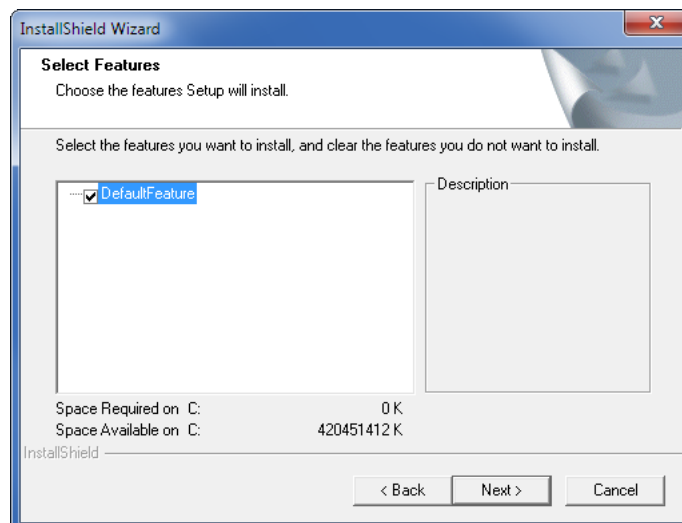
1. Launch the 64-bit installer by double-clicking the STM64_V1.3.1_Setup.exe file. A screen similar to the following will be displayed.

C

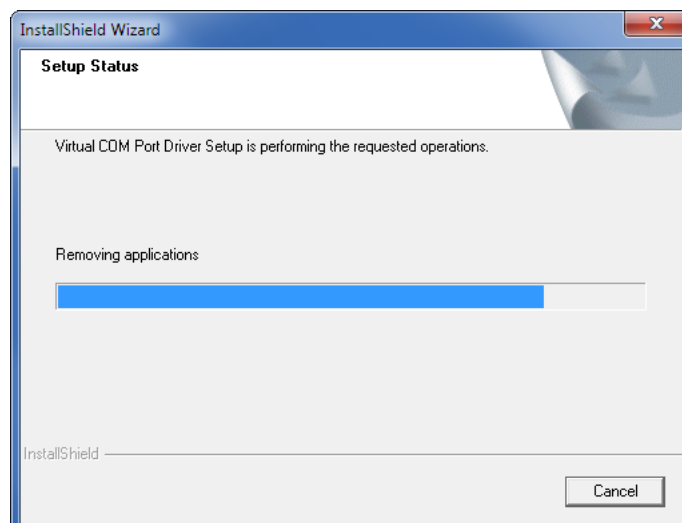
2. After a few seconds the previous screen will close automatically. After several more seconds the following screen will be displayed.



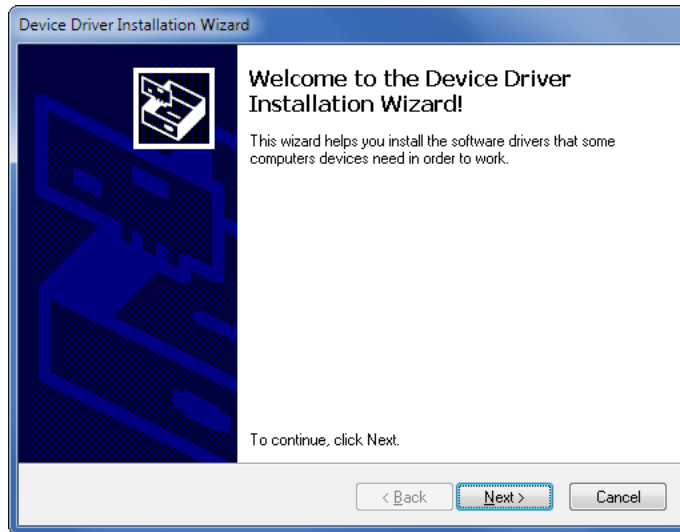
3. Click the button labeled "Next>". The following screen will be displayed.



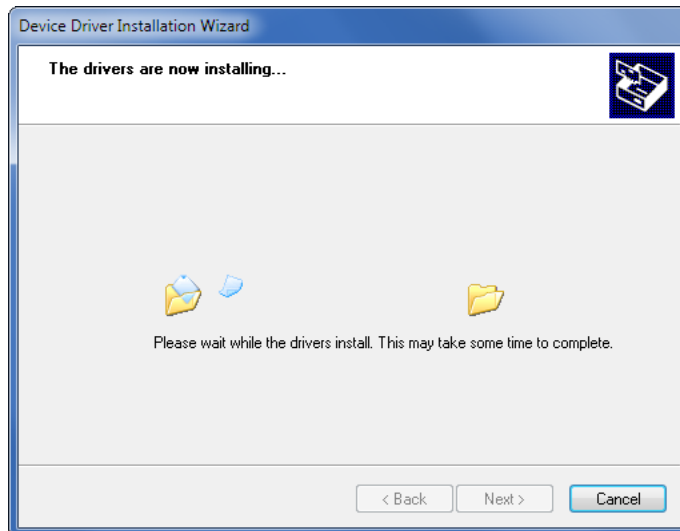
4. Click the button labeled "Next>". The following screen will be displayed briefly.



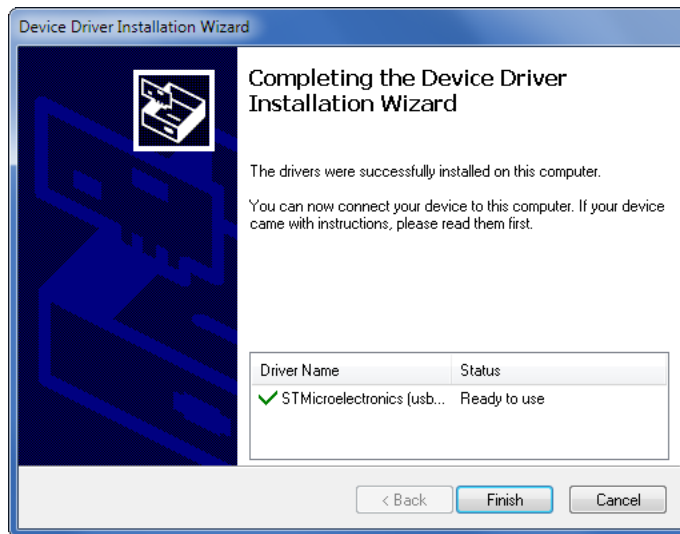
5. The previous screen will close automatically. The following screen will be displayed.



6. Click the button labeled "Next>". The following screen will be displayed briefly.



7. The previous screen will close automatically. The following screen will be displayed.

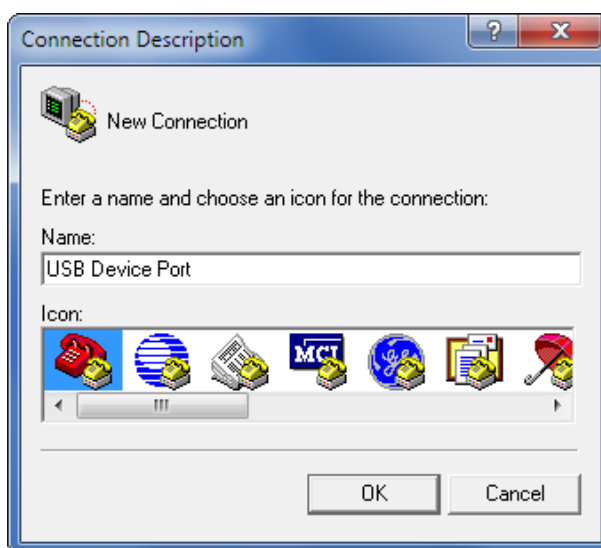


- Click the button labeled "Finish". The required drivers are now installed. A new HyperTerminal connection can now be created as described in the next section.

MAKING A USB DEVICE PORT CONNECTION

After the PC has restarted per the preceding instructions, the user should test the USB device connection by performing the following steps. This procedure applies to both Windows XP and Windows 7.

- Connect the USB Type A-B cable to the recorder's USB Device Port and an available USB port at the PC.
- Launch HyperTerminal. A dialog box named "Connection Description" will be displayed. Assign the new connection a descriptive name like "USB Device Port" as shown in the following. Click the button labeled "OK".



- A dialog box named "Connect To" will be displayed. Click the down arrow to the right of the drop down list box named "Connect using:". Select the virtual comm port that was recently created (e.g., COM15). Click the button labeled "OK".



4. A dialog box labeled "COM15 Properties" will be displayed. The reference to COM15 will be replaced by the port number selected in step 3. Close the dialog box by clicking the button labeled "Cancel".



The COM15 Properties dialog box referenced in the previous step can be ignored. Baud rate and bit format settings do not apply to USB connections of this type.

5. A blank HyperTerminal Window will be displayed. In the lower left-hand corner of the screen, the word Connected should appear.
6. Verify that the connection is active by pressing the **Enter** key at the PC keyboard. The password challenge will be displayed. The user is now able to access the recorder in accordance with the password that is entered. Refer to the section entitled "[Administrative and Restricted Passwords](#)" on [page 23](#) for details regarding the use of passwords.
7. Finally, save the new connection. Within the HyperTerminal window, click on the File command, then the Save As... command. The Save As dialog box will open. Save the new connection to a convenient location such as the desktop. For the example cited herein, the new connection will appear as a new desktop icon labeled "STM Device Port.ht".

APPENDIX D – RSA VALIDATOR

INTRODUCTION

The Query Events command with Dump+S option provides for the creation of a secure electronic data file. This appendix describes how that file can be verified as unaltered. MICRO-AIDE's RSA Validator software is used for this purpose. The proper use of RSA Validator involves several simple steps. Each step is described in the following sections.



The following procedure requires access to several files. The correct files are available for downloading from the MICRO-AIDE website at: www.micro-aide.com/support/downloads.html

INSTALLING THE REQUIRED SOFTWARE

The RSA Validator software is available to all MICRO-AIDE users. It can be downloaded, installed and used without restriction or charge. It is available at the MICRO-AIDE website as noted in the previous paragraph.

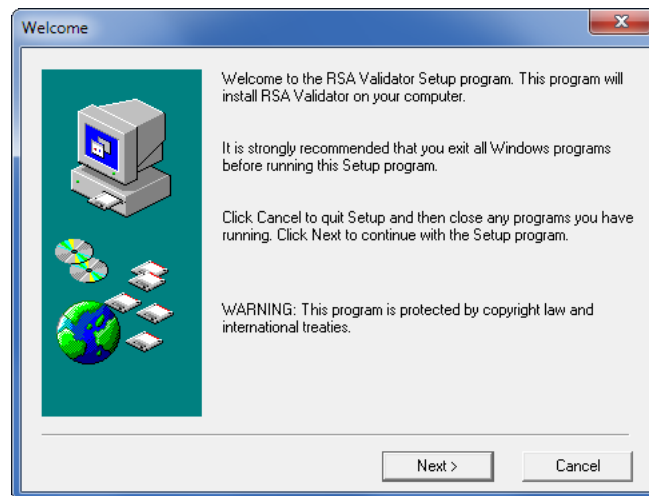
The downloaded software consists of two files that have been zipped together. The zipped file should be saved to a temporary location and unzipped from there. The decompressed files are named "SetupRSAValidator.exe" and "SetupQt4Lib.exe". The former is the RSA Validator application, the latter includes all of the runtime support library files that are required by the RSA Validator software. The procedures for installing the required files are described in the following two sections.

D

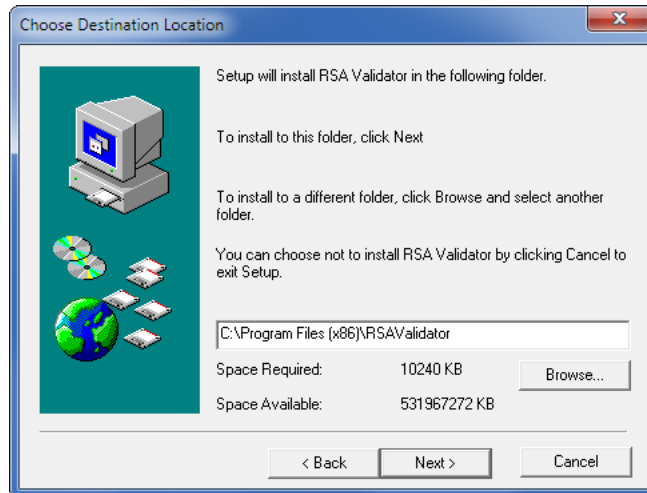
INSTALLING RSA VALIDATOR

Install the RSA Validator software by performing the following steps.

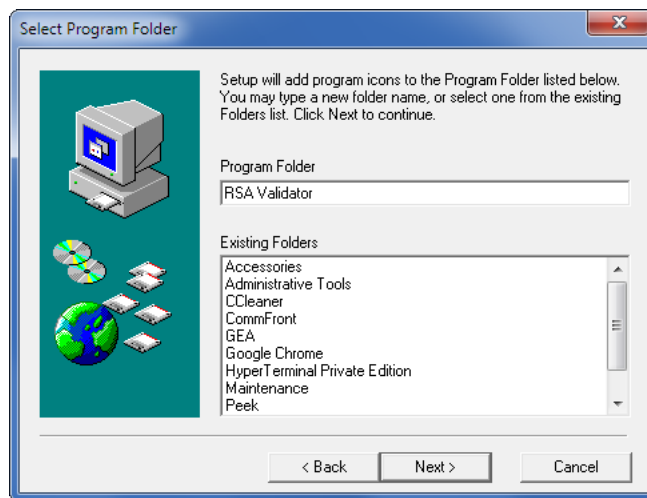
1. Double-click the SetupRSAValidator.exe file. The following dialog box will be displayed.



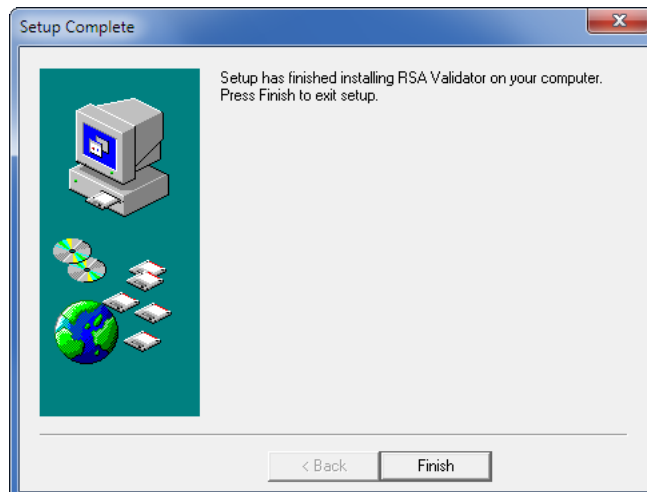
2. Click the button labeled "Next >". The following dialog box will be displayed.



3. Accept the default location by clicking the button labeled "Next >". The following dialog box will be displayed.



4. Accept the default folder name by clicking the button labeled "Next >". Click the button labeled "Next >" in the succeeding dialog box labeled "Start Copying Files".
5. Several files will then be installed. The installation process will end automatically after several seconds as noted by the following dialog box.

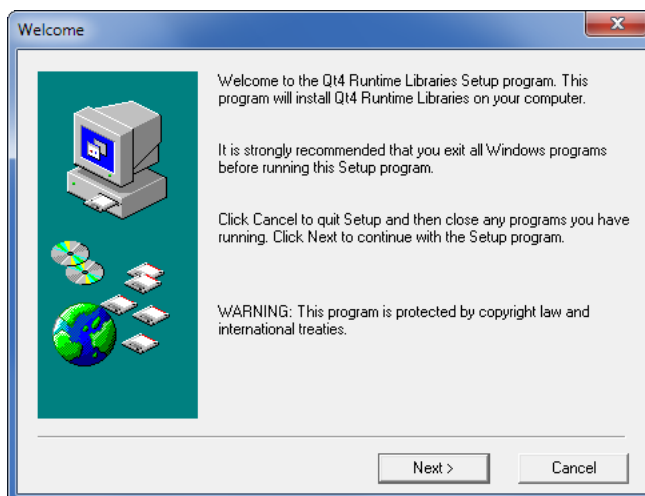


6. Complete the installation of RSA Validator by clicking the button labeled "Finish" and the "OK" button in the succeeding and final dialog box.

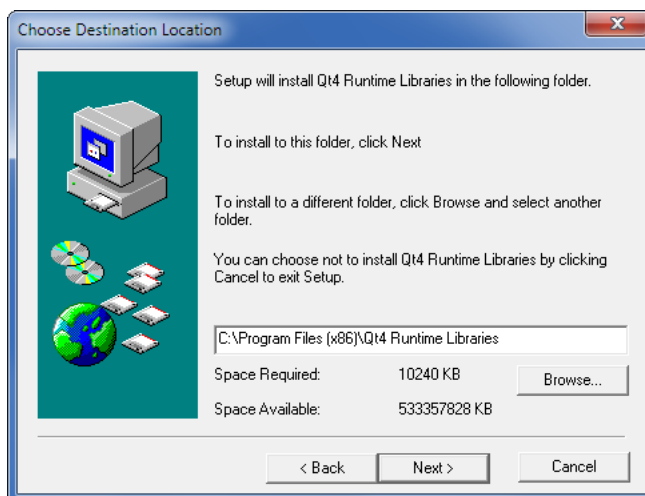
INSTALLING THE RUNTIME LIBRARIES

Like all applications, various runtime files are required to support RSA Validator. Perform the steps listed in the following to install the runtime support library files.

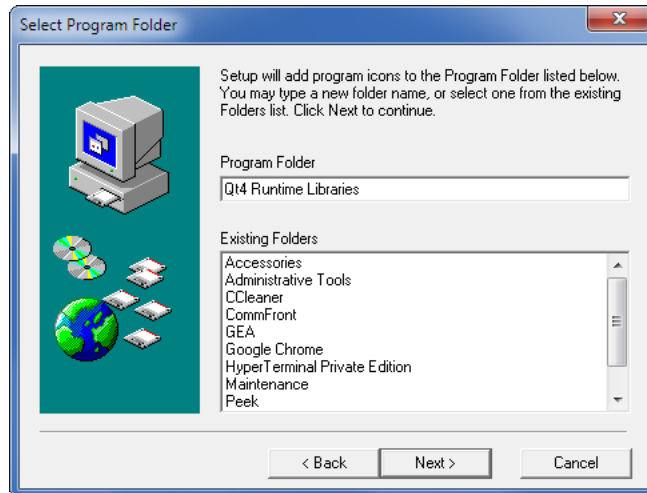
1. Double-click the SetupQt4Lib.exe file. The following dialog box will be displayed.



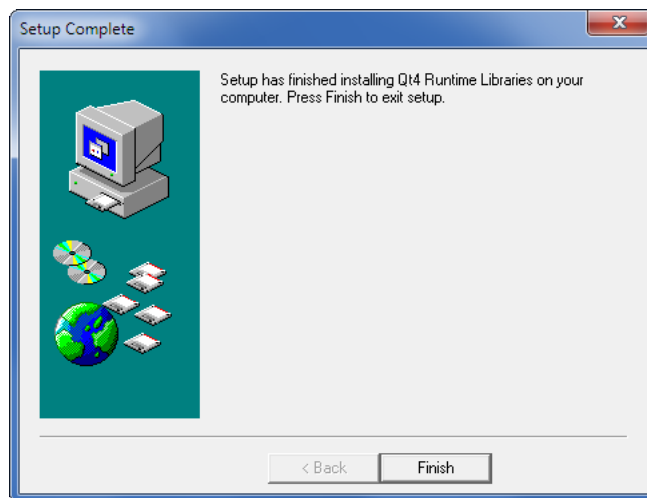
2. Click the button labeled "Next >". The following dialog box will be displayed.



3. Accept the default location by clicking the button labeled "Next >". The following dialog box will be displayed.



4. Accept the default folder name by clicking the button labeled "Next >". Click the "Next >" button in the succeeding dialog box labeled "Start Copying Files".
5. Several files will then be installed. The installation process will end automatically after several seconds as noted by the following dialog box.



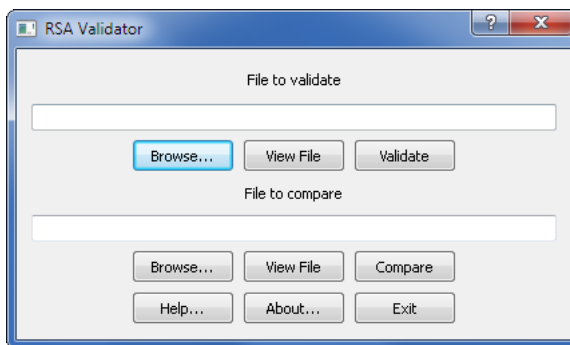
6. Complete the installation of the runtime support files by clicking the "Finish" button and the "OK" button in the succeeding and final dialog box.

RSA Validator can now be launched and used as described in the next section.

USING RSA VALIDATOR

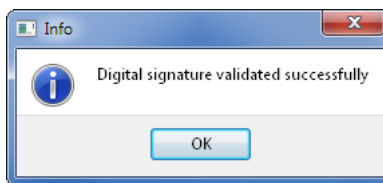
VALIDATING A FILE

RSA Validator can be launched from the Windows Start Menu or a desktop icon. The following dialog box will be displayed after it is launched.

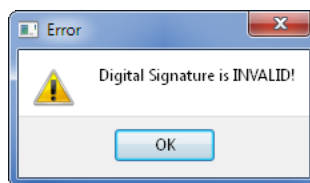


A previously created or copied electronic data file can be verified as unaltered by performing the following steps.

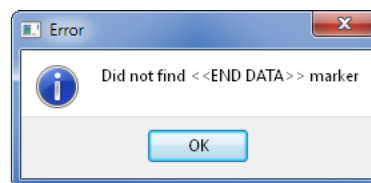
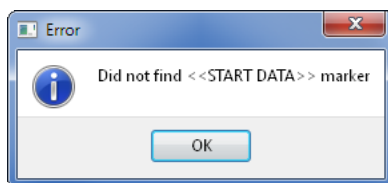
1. In the File to validate section, click the button labeled "Browse...".
2. In the succeeding dialog box labeled "Open Digitally Signed Capture File", navigate to the location where the electronic data file of interest is located. Click the button labeled "Open" once the proper file is selected.
3. To view the file in Notepad as simple text, click the button labeled "View File".
4. To validate the file click the "Validate" button. The following dialog box will confirm that the file has not been altered.



If the data content of the file has been altered, even if by a single bit, the following dialog box will instead be displayed.



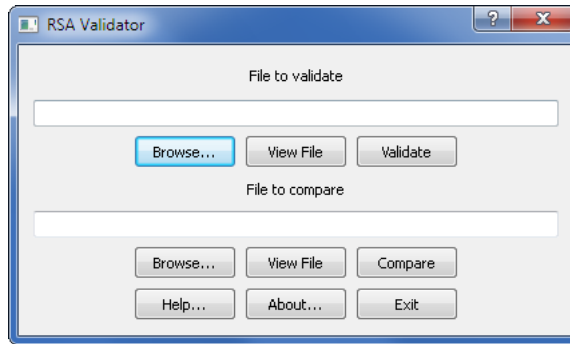
Finally, if the Start Data or End Data markers are corrupted or not found within the file, either of the following messages will be displayed.



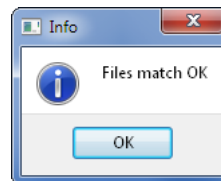
COMPARING FILES

In many cases the electronic data file will need to be shared among various parties. In a hearing or court proceeding, the file may need to be passed to the plaintiff's counsel. In such circumstances it is important that both parties are reviewing the same data file. The file compare feature of the RSA Validator software allows a comparison to be made as described in the following steps.

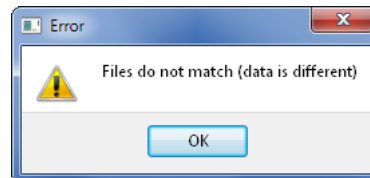
1. RSA Validator can be launched from the Windows Start Menu or a desktop icon. The following dialog box will be displayed after it is launched.



2. In the File to validate section, click the button labeled "Browse...".
3. In the succeeding dialog box labeled "Open Digitally Signed Capture File", navigate to the location where the first electronic data file of interest is located. Click the button labeled "Open" once the proper file is selected.
4. To view the first file in Notepad as simple text, click the button labeled "View File".
5. In the File to compare section, click the button labeled "Browse...".
6. In the succeeding dialog box labeled "Open Digitally Signed Capture File", navigate to the location where the second electronic data file of interest is located. Click the button labeled "Open" once the proper file is selected.
7. To view the second file in Notepad as simple text, click the button labeled "View File".
8. Finally, click the button labeled "Compare". If the two files are identical, the following dialog box will be displayed.



If the two files differ, even slightly, the following message will indicate a mismatch.



Using these techniques, Event Record data files created with the Dump+S option of the Query Events command can be validated and compared any number of times.

MATERIAL RETURN

In the event the customer identifies a malfunction in any product, call or write MICRO-AIDE and obtain a Return Material Authorization (RMA) number from the customer service department. Return the product to MICRO-AIDE, freight prepaid, with a note (in-warranty repair) or a purchase order (out-of-warranty) for the repair listing the following information:

- RMA number issued by MICRO-AIDE
- Return shipment address
- Name and e-mail address or telephone number of person familiar with the problem
- Brief description of the problem (include any printouts that may have a bearing on the problem)
- Method of payment for repair costs (out-of-warranty)
- Send product to the following address:

MICRO-AIDE CORPORATION

685 Arrow Grand Circle

Covina, CA 91722

Tel: 626-915-5502 Fax: 626-331-9484

E-mail: support@micro-aide.com

LIMITED WARRANTY

MICRO-AIDE warrants its products to be free from defects in material and workmanship for a period of five (5) years from the date of shipment. This warranty is in lieu of any other warranty, expressed or implied. In no event shall MICRO-AIDE be held liable for incidental or consequential damage resulting from (1) the use of any of its products, or (2) any alleged breach of this warranty provision. MICRO-AIDE's liability shall be limited to repairing or replacing, at its sole discretion, any defective product which is returned in accordance with the MICRO-AIDE Material Return Policy.

Product that has been subjected to abuse, misuse, alteration, accident, lightning damage, neglect or unauthorized installation or repair shall not be covered by this warranty. MICRO-AIDE reserves the right to make a final decision as to the existence of any failures and the cause of such failures. No warranty is made with respect to custom equipment or products produced to buyer's specifications except as mutually agreed upon in writing.

Any additional or different warranty provisions proposed by the buyer in any purchase order or other document are rejected by MICRO-AIDE and notice of objection to them is hereby given. Any such proposed warranty provisions shall be void and the conditions herein shall constitute the complete and exclusive statement of the warranty contract between MICRO-AIDE and the buyer. Neither MICRO-AIDE's acknowledgment of a purchase order nor MICRO-AIDE's failure to object to conflicting, different, or additional warranty provisions in a purchase order shall be deemed an acceptance of such warranty provisions or a waiver of the conditions hereof.

MICRO-AIDE CORPORATION

685 Arrow Grand Circle

Covina, CA 91722

Tel: 626-915-5502 Fax: 626-331-9484

E-mail: support@micro-aide.com