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Protocol description: PENKO PDI



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Introduction

The PENKO TP PDI protocol is a part of the PENKO Two Phase (TP) protocol. PDI stands for PENKO Device Interface and is used for communication between PENKO devices, PC's, PLC's and other PENKO equipment. The protocol can be used over serial (RS232, RS422, RS485, USB) and Ethernet (UDP) connections.

PDI is available in the current line of PENKO devices and shows the complete device configuration in a tree structure. Every property in the tree has a unique path number, and through these path numbers every property can be accessed.

The TP protocol is based on two parts; a request and a reply. Both phases use the same shape for sending data. The difference is made by who takes the initiative for the phase. In the first phase of the protocol, the request, the initiative is taken by the master. Most of the times this will be a PC application, but it can also be an application on a PLC or other embedded device. The second phase is initiated by the slave. This is the reply message. This role will be mostly fulfilled by an embedded device such as an indicator or a remote I/O unit. After sending the reply, the communication cycle is closed and a new request can be sent.

The PDI protocol is used in these PENKO software applications:

- PENKO Pi Mach II Manage
- PENKO PDI Client

With these applications the path numbers of all device properties can be found.



2 TP serial

The TP serial frames are constructed as follows.

Request frame:

Byte	Byte	Byte	Byte[]	Byte	Byte	Byte
DLE	STX	Address	Data	Checksum	DLE	ETX

Reply frame:

Byte	Byte	Byte	Byte[]	Byte	Byte	Byte
DLE	STX	Address	Data	Checksum	DLE	ETX

Frame description:

Frame part	Description
DLE + STX	Preamble
Address Port address set in device. For USB connection the address is always 0.	
Data	Command code, Operation code and parameters, described in chapter <u>Data description</u>
Checksum	Checksum, described in Checksum calculation
DLE + ETX	Postamble

Used characters:

Character	Decimal	Hexadecimal	Description
STX	2	0x02	Start of TeXt
ETX	3	0x03	End of TeXt
DLE	16	0x10	Data Link Escape

The postamble must be the only DLE+ETX sequence in the protocol in order to indicate the end of a frame. For every character in the address, data or checksum that equals the DLE character, an extra DLE character is added to ensure the uniqueness of the postamble. The extra DLE characters are <u>not</u> included in the checksum calculation.



Checksum calculation:

The checksum is the inverted first complement of the sum of the address byte and all data bytes. The possible extra DLE characters, as described above, are <u>not</u> included in this calculation.

Example:

The sum of the address byte and data bytes (excluding possible extra DLE characters) is 0x1234

Get the first complement: 0x1234 **AND** 0xFF = 0x34 Inverse the result: 0x34 **XOR** 0xFF = 0xCB



3 TP UDP

The TP UDP frames are constructed as follows.

Request frame:

Byte	Byte	Byte	Byte	Byte[]
0x00	0x00	0x00	0x00	Data

Reply frame:

Byte	Byte	Byte	Byte	Byte[]
0x00	0x00	0x00	0x00	Data

Frame description:

Frame part	Description
0x00	Preamble, default 4 x 0x00, reserved for future extensions
Data	Command code, Operation code and parameters, described in chapter <u>Data description</u>

Compared to the serial TP frame, the TP protocol over Ethernet has no address, preamble, postamble, checksum and extra DLE characters in the communication frame.



4 TP data description

The data frames in the serial and UDP communication are constructed as follows.

Request data frame:

Byte	Byte	Byte[]
Command code	Operation code	Parameters

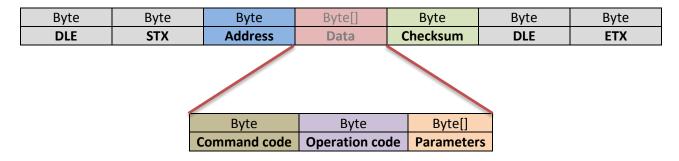
Reply data frame:

Byte	Byte	Byte[]
Command code	Operation code	Parameters

Frame description:

Frame part	Description
Command code	Feature of the device to perform the request on
Operation code	Operation to perform on the feature, not present in all features
Parameters	Parameters belonging to the operation, not present in all operation

A complete TP serial frame:



A complete TP UDP frame:

Byte	Byte	Byte	Byte	Byte[]	
0x00	0x00	0x00	0x00	Data	
			Byte	Byte	Byte[]
			Command code		,



The following command code is used for PDI. Usually the command code in the request frame is replied in the reply frame.

PDI command code (request and reply):

Command code	Name	Description
0xB4	PDI	PDI functions

In some cases only an acknowledge command code is returned, or in case a reply cannot be sent, one of the error command codes is returned.

Reply codes:

Command code	Name	Description
0x53	BUSY	Device busy internal
0x54	ERROR	Function parameter error
0x55	ACK	Function accepted and done
0x57	DISABLED	Host functions disabled
0x58	NAK	Internal status conflict
0x59	ILLEGAL	Unknown command



4.1 Reply code 0x53: Device busy internal

When a function is applied while the slave device has been long engaged in another activity, e.g. user input, this result code can be returned. When receiving this result the master can decide if he continues to poll the relevant slave until it can answer or that another device is accessed. This result code is only applicable to single-threaded applications, which often have to do with user input.

4.2 Reply code 0x54: Function parameter error

Upon receiving a function call, a check is done on the number of bytes received. When the number of bytes does not match the number specified for the requested feature, this feature is not implemented and this code is returned. This error can be caused by a transmission error in which a character is lost but the checksum is still correct. More likely it is that a mistake was made with building the request packet that a wrong packet size is specified.

4.3 Reply code 0x55: Function accepted and done

A function to activate an action on the slave device without returning data will give this result code to the master after the execution of the action.

4.4 Reply code 0x57: Host functions disabled

Slave devices with a configurable user interface can disable the protocol driver so remote configuration and / or control is no longer possible. In this case the protocol driver delivers this result code back. This makes it possible for the master to give a detailed error notification to the user and possibly remove the device from the communication.

4.5 Reply code 0x58: Internal status conflict

Performing a function can be connected to the internal status of the slave device. If this is the case, this function result code comes back. Such a situation may occur when, e.g., the parameters of a slave process are changed while the process is active. It is therefore prudent to keep track of the status of the slave device on the master so this conflict can be prevented.

4.6 Reply code 0x59: Unknown command

When a function is applied which is not known to the slave device, this result code is returned. By asking for the device ID there can be determined what kind of device is hidden behind the device address. On this basis the commands that are valid for this application can be determined. Possibly you may need to request additional information such as the version number from the slave device.

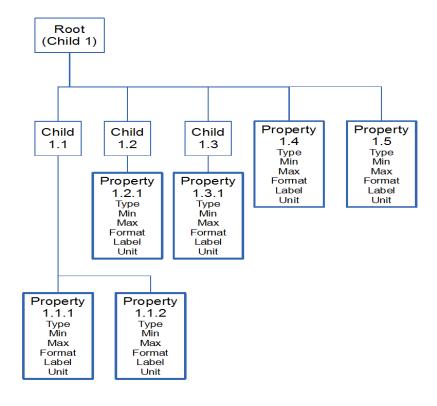


5 PDI functions

With this interface all settings of the device can be viewed and edited. The device takes care of the validation of the data so it's not possible to enter invalid settings. Access to legally relevant settings always go through the WELMEC library, so adjustments to the measurement system are not readily possible and are always registered.

The PDI data forms a tree structure with the device itself as the highest level. A multi-level data under there is a 'Child'. Each 'Child' has some properties or another node. Property or Child is selected with an address. The first child is 1. The first Child or Property under there is 1.1 and thus there's added another number for each layer. Up to 256 nodes at 256 levels can be approached.

From level 1 there can be retrieved how many properties and children there are at this level. Thereafter, the properties (data type, name, size, and unit) in each to be set value are retrieved with PDI_PROPERTY.





OpCode	Description
0	Feature detection
1	Retrieve tree structure information
2	Get property record
3	Read property
4	Write property
5	Write property extended

5.1 Check if the PDI feature is available

The availability of the PDI interface can be detected with this function. If present, a reply with the system command ACK follows.

Request:

Command	OpCode
0xB4	0x00

Reply (ACK):



5.2 Retrieve tree structure information

The number of child items and properties of the selected node and the name of the node are returned with this command. Strings are null terminated to indicate the end of the string.

Request:

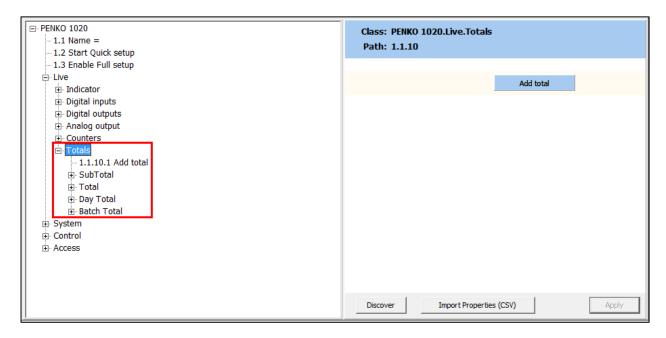
Command	OpCode	Node
0xB4	0x01	Byte []

Command	OpCode	Node	# of children	# of properties	Node name
0xB4	0x01	Byte []	0x00	0x00	Byte []



Examples

The live totals node in the PENKO 1020 is found in Live, path number 1.1.10.



To enumerate this node send the following frame (node 1.1.10 = 0x01010A):

Request:

Command	OpCode	Node
0xB4	0x01	0x01010A

Command	OpCode	Node	# of children	# of properties	Node name
0xB4	0x01	0x01010A	0x04	0x01	0x54 6F 74 61 6C 73 00

- The number of children is 4
- The number of properties is 1
- The name of the node is (HEX to ASCII) Totals, terminated with a NULL



5.3 Get property record

This indicates the characteristics of the selected node, including type, minimum value, maximum value, number format (number of digits and point position), label name and the unit. The unit field may also include a series of texts to give an enumeration as a list of options. When the selected node is a child node then only the label is of interest. Strings are null terminated to indicate the end of the string. Empty strings only have a terminator.

For the **attribute** and **format** bits; when more than one value is applicable, the values are added together.

Request:

Command	OpCode	Node	Property index
0xB4	0x02	Byte []	0x00

Reply:

Command	OpCode	Node	Property index	Record type	Min value	Max value
0xB4	0x02	Byte []	0x00	0x00	0x00000000	0x00000000

Attribute	Format	Label	Unit/enumeration
0x0000	0x0000	Byte []	Byte []

Record type and attribute bits:

Record type	Description
0x00	Invalid
0x01	Standard
0x02	Enumeration

Attribute bits	Description		
0x0001	Read		
0x0002	Write		
0x0010	Button		
0x0020	Inform user		
0x1000	Rebuild		
0x2000	Live		
0x4000	Update parent		
0x8000	Update root		



Format bits:

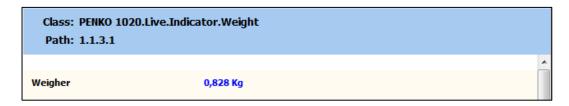
15	14	13	12	11	10	09	08	07	06	05	04	03	02	01	00	Description
1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Signed
0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Unsigned
-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Zero suppressing
-	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	No zero suppressing
-	-	0	0	-	-	-	-	0	-	-	-	0	-	-	-	Type: Numeric
-	-	0	0	-	-	-	-	0	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	Type: Float
-	-	0	0	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	0	-	-	-	Type: Ulong
-	-	0	0	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	Type: Hex
-	-	0	1	-	-	-	-	0	-	-	-	0	-	-	-	Type: Time
-	-	0	1	-	-	-	-	0	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	Type: String
-	-	0	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	0	-	-	-	Type: Spin
-	-	0	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	Type: Labeled
-	-	1	0	-	-	-	-	0	-	-	-	0	-	-	-	Type: Date
-	-	1	0	-	-	-	-	0	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	Type: Password
-	-	1	0	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	Type: Weight
-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	0	-	-	-	0	-	-	-	Type: IP address
-	-	-	-	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Step size 1
-	-	-	-	0	0	0	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Step size 2
-	-	-	-	0	0	1	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Step size 5
-	-	-	-	0	0	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Step size 10
-	-	-	-	0	1	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Step size 20
-	-	-	-	0	1	0	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Step size 50
-	-	-	-	0	1	1	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Step size 100
-	-	-	-	0	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Step size 200
-	-	-	-	1	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Step size 500
-	-	-	-	1	0	0	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Step size 1000
-	-	-	-	1	0	1	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Step size 2000
-	-	-	-	1	0	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Step size 5000
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	0	No decimal point
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	1	1 decimal position
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	1	0	2 decimal positions
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	1	1	3 decimal positions
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	0	0	4 decimal positions
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	0	1	5 decimal positions
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	0	6 decimal positions
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	Auto decimal positions



Examples

Get standard record:

The live weigher value of the PENKO 1020 is found in Live - Indicator - Weight, path number 1.1.3.1 property 1.



To gain its properties, the following request is sent:

Request:

Command	OpCode	Node	Property index
0xB4	0x02	0x01010301	0x01

Command	OpCode	Node	Property index	Record type	Min value
0xB4	0x02	0x01010301	0x01	0x01	0x00000000

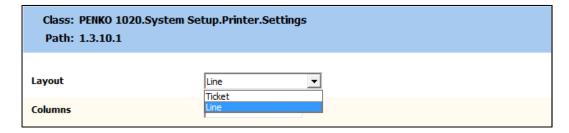
Max value	Attribute	Format	Label	Unit/enumeration
0x00000000	0x2001	0xC003	0x5765696768657200	0x4B6700

- The record type is 1, so it's a standard record
- The min and max value are both 0 so not applicable for this property
- The attribute is $0x2001 \rightarrow 0x2000 = \text{Live} + 0x0001 = \text{Read} \rightarrow \text{read only live property}$
- The format is $0xC003 \rightarrow 11000000 00000011$
 - o Signed
 - o Zero suppressing
 - o Type: Numeric
 - o Step size 1
 - o 3 decimal positions
- The label is (HEX to ASCII) Weigher, terminated with a NULL
- The unit is (HEX to ASCII) Kg, terminated with a NULL



Get enumerated record:

The printer layout setting of the PENKO 1020 is found in System Setup - Printer - Settings, path number 1.3.10.1, property 1.



To gain its properties, the following request is sent:

Request:

Command	OpCode	Node	Property index
0xB4	0x02	0x01030A01	0x01

Command	OpCode	Node	Property index	Record type	Min value	Max value
0xB4	0x02	0x01030A01	0x01	0x02	0x00000000	0x00000001

Attribute	Format	Label	Unit/enumeration
0x0003	0x1080	0x4C61796F757400	0x5469636B6574004C696E6500

- The record type is 2, so it's an enumerated record
- The min value is 0
- The max value is 1 so there are 2 records, record 0 and record 1
- The attribute is $0x003 \rightarrow 0x0001 = \text{Read} + 0x0002 = \text{Write} \rightarrow \text{read/write property}$
- The format is $0x1080 \rightarrow 00010000 10000000$
 - Unsigned (not applicable)
 - No zero suppressing (not applicable)
 - o Type: Spin
 - Step size 1 (not applicable)
 - No decimal point (not applicable)
- The label is (HEX to ASCII) Layout, terminated with a NULL
- The first enumeration is (HEX to ASCII) Ticket, terminated with a NULL
- The second enumeration is (HEX to ASCII) Line, terminated with a NULL



5.4 Read property

The value of the selected property is returned with this command. Strings are null terminated to indicate the end of the string. Empty strings only have a terminator.

The reply contains a status byte to indicate success or error:

Status byte	Description		
0x00	Error		
0x01	OK		

Request:

Command	OpCode	Node	Property index
0xB4	0x03	Byte []	0x00

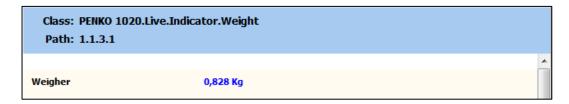
Command	OpCode	Node	Property index	Status	Property value
0xB4	0x03	Byte []	0x00	0x00	Byte []



Examples

Read weight value:

The live weigher value of the PENKO 1020 is found in Live - Indicator - Weight, path number 1.1.3.1 property 1.



To gain its properties, the following request is sent:

Request:

Command	OpCode	Node	Property index
0xB4	0x03	0x01010301	0x01

Reply:

Command	OpCode	Node	Property index	Status	Property value
0xB4	0x03	0x01010301	0x01	0x01	0x0000033C

- The status is OK (status 0x01)
- The weight is $0x0000033C \rightarrow 828$

Tare active indication:

The live tare active indication of the PENKO 1020 is found in Live - Status, path number 1.1.3.2 property 9.

Request:

Command	OpCode	Node	Property index
0xB4	0x03	0x01010302	0x09

Command	OpCode	Node	Property index	Status	Property value
0xB4	0x03	0x01010302	0x09	0x01	0x00000001

- The status is OK (status 0x01)
- The tare active indication is $0x00000001 \rightarrow tare$ is active



5.5 Write property

This command specifies a new value for the selected property. When this value is set in the device as read-only it will not be changed. Strings are null terminated to indicate the end of the string. Empty strings only have a terminator.

The reply contains a "save ok" byte to indicate success or error:

Save OK	Description
0x00	Save failed
0x01	Save successful
0x02	Save none (command executed successfully but no value had to be saved)

Request:

Command	OpCode	Node	Property index	Terminator	Property value
0xB4	0x04	Byte []	0x00	0x00	Byte []*

^{*} in case of a value, use long format, 0x00 00 00 00

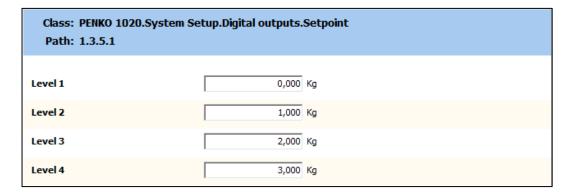
Command	OpCode	Node	Property index	Terminator	Property value	Save OK
0xB4	0x04	Byte []	0x00	0x00	Byte []	0x00



Examples

Change setpoint:

The setpoint of digital output 1 of the PENKO 1020 is found in System Setup - Digital outputs - Setpoint, path number 1.3.5.1 property 1.



To set this setpoint to 300 (hex 0x0000012C), the following request is sent:

Request:

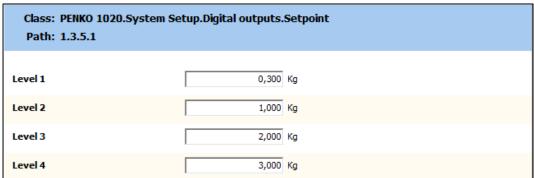
Command	OpCode	Node	Property index	Terminator	Property value
0xB4	0x04	0x01030501	0x01	0x00	0x0000012C

Reply:

Command	OpCode	Node	Property index	Terminator	Property value	Save OK
0xB4	0x04	0x01030501	0x01	0x00	0x0000012C	0x01

- The set value is $0x0000012C \rightarrow decimal 300$
- Save is succeeded (save ok 0x01)

Result:





Set/reset zero:

The zero control of the PENKO 1020 is found in Control - Indicator - Zero, path number 1.6.1.1 property 1 and 2.

To set the indicator to zero, the following request is sent:

Request:

Command	OpCode	Node	Property index	Terminator	Property value
0xB4	0x04	0x01060101	0x01	0x00	0x00000000*

^{*} value is not applicable for this command but has to be entered to complete the frame

Reply:

Co	mmand	OpCode	Node	Property index	Terminator	Property value	Save OK
	0xB4	0x04	0x01 06 01 01	0x01	0x00	0x00 00 00 00	0x02

 Save is none (save ok 0x02) meaning there was no value to save but the command is executed successfully

Result:

Weigher	0,000 Kg
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To reset zero, property 2 is used:

Request:

Command	OpCode	Node	Property index	Terminator	Property value
0xB4	0x04	0x01060101	0x02	0x00	0x00000000*

^{*} value is not applicable for this command but has to be entered to complete the frame

The reply will be as follows:

Command	OpCode	Node	Property index	Terminator	Property value	Save OK
0xB4	0x04	0x01060101	0x02	0x00	0x00000000	0x02

 Save is none (save ok 0x02) meaning there was no value to save but the command is executed successfully

Result:

Weigher	0,128 Kg	
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5.6 Write property extended

This command is equal to the write property command, only now an extra string is returned in the reply frame. In case a command succeeded, only a NULL is returned as string. In case an error occurs, the error string is returned. Strings are null terminated to indicate the end of the string. Empty strings only have a terminator.

The reply contains a "save ok" byte to indicate success or error:

Save OK	Description
0x00	Save failed
0x01 Save successful	
0x02 Save none (command executed successfully but no value had to be so	

Request:

Command	OpCode	Node	Property index	Terminator	Property value
0xB4	0x05	Byte []	0x00	0x00	Byte []*

^{*} in case of a value, use long format, 0x00 00 00 00

Command	OpCode	Node	Property index	Terminator	Property value	Save OK	Reply string
0xB4	0x05	Byte []	0x00	0x00	Byte []	0x00	Byte []*

^{*} NULL when succeeded, error string when error occurs



Examples

Set calibration point with succeed reply:

The add calibration point of the PENKO 1020 is found in System Setup - Indicator - Calibration - Add/Replace, path number 1.3.2.2.1.3 property 1.

Class: PENKO 1020.System Setup.Indicator.Calibration.Weight calibration.Add/Replace
Path: 1.3.2.2.1.3

Add/Replace point 0,000 Kg

To set the zero point, the following request is sent:

Request:

Command	OpCode	Node	Property index	Terminator	Property value
0xB4	0x05	0x010302020103	0x01	0x00	0x00000000

Reply:

Command	OpCode	Node	Property index	Terminator	Property value	Save OK
0xB4	0x05	0x010302020103	0x01	0x00	0x00000000	0x01

Reply string 0x00

- The set value is 0x00000000 → decimal 0
- Save is succeeded (save ok 0x01)
- The reply string is NULL meaning succeeded

Result:

Class: PENKO 1020 Path: 1.3.2.2.1.2	D.System Setup.Indicator.Calibration.Weight calibration.Points
Point 1	044349 ADC, 0,000 Kg
Point 2	not used



Set calibration point with error reply:

The add calibration point of the PENKO 1020 is found in System Setup - Indicator - Calibration - Add/Replace, path number 1.3.2.2.1.3 property 1.

Class: PENKO 1020.System Setup.Indicator.Calibration.Weight calibration.Add/Replace
Path: 1.3.2.2.1.3

Add/Replace point 0,000 Kg

To set the gain point to 100.000 (too high, will cause error), the following request is sent:

Request:

Command	OpCode	Node	Property index	Terminator	Property value
0xB4	0x05	0x010302020103	0x01	0x00	0x000186A0

Reply:

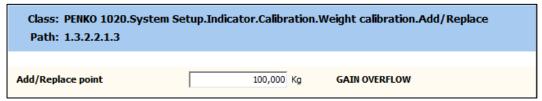
Command	OpCode	Node	Property index	Terminator	Property value	Save OK
0xB4	0x05	0x010302020103	0x01	0x00	0x000186A0	0x00

Reply string

0x47 41 49 4E 20 4F 56 45 52 46 4C 4F 57 00

- The set value is $0x000186A0 \rightarrow decimal 100.000$
- Save is failed (save ok 0x00)
- The reply string is (HEX to ASCII) GAIN OVERFLOW, terminated with a NULL

Result:







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At PENKO Engineering we specialize in weighing. Weighing is inherently chemically correct, independent of consistency, type or temperature of the raw material. This means that weighing any kind of material guaranties consistency and thus, it is essential to sustainable revenue generation in any industry. As a well-established and proven solution provider, we strive for the ultimate satisfaction of custom design and/or standard applications, increasing your efficiencies and saving you time, saving you money.

Whether we are weighing raw materials, components in batching, ingredients for mixing or dosing processes, - or weighing of static containers and silos, or - in-motion weighing of railway wagons or trucks, by whatever means required during a process, we are essentially forming vital linkages between processes and businesses, anywhere at any time. We design, develop and manufacture state of the art technologically advanced systems in accordance with your strategy and vision. From the initial design brief, we take a fresh approach and a holistic view of every project, managing, supporting and/or implementing your system every step of the way. Curious to know how we do it? www.penko.com

Certifications

PENKO sets high standards for its products and product performance which are tested, certified and approved by independent expert and government organizations to ensure they meet - and even - exceed metrology industry guidelines. A library of testing certificates is available for reference on:

http://penko.com/nl/publications_certificates.html

PENKO Professional Services

PENKO is committed to ensuring every system is installed, tested, programmed, commissioned and operational to client specifications. Our engineers, at our weighing center in Ede, Netherlands, as well as our distributors around the world, strive to solve most weighing-system issues within the same day. On a monthly basis PENKO offers free training classes to anyone interested in exploring modern, high-speed weighing instruments and solutions. Training sessions on request: www.penko.com/training



















PENKO Alliances

PENKO's worldwide network: Australia, Brazil, China, Denmark, Germany, Egypt, Finland, France, India, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Spain, Syria, Turkey, United Kingdom, South Africa, Slovakia Sweden and Switzerland, Singapore.

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