

FX_{2N}

FX_{2N}-232IF RS232C INTERFACE BLOCK

HARDWARE MANUAL

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1. INTRODUCTION

The RS232C interface block FX_{2N}-232IF (hereinafter referred to as "232IF") is connected to the FX_{2N}/FX_{2NC}/FX_{3U}/FX_{3UC} series PLC to realize full duplex serial data communication with another RS232C interface such as a personal computer, bar code reader, printer, etc.

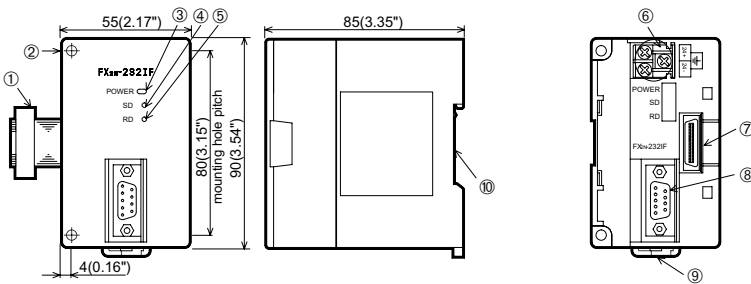
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Full-duplex asynchronous communication between RS232C devices is specified through buffer memory (BFM). The FROM/TO instruction is used for the buffer memory.
- 3) The send/receive buffer can accommodate 512 bytes/256 words.
When the RS232C interlink connection mode is used, data exceeding 512 bytes/256 words can also be received.
- 4) ASCII/HEX conversion function
The function to convert and send and a hexadecimal numeric (0 to F) saved in the send data buffer as well as the function to convert a received ASCII code into a hexadecimal numeric (0 to F) and save it to the receive buffer are provided.

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2. Specifications

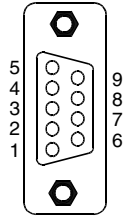
2.1 External Dimensions and Part Names

Dimensions:mm(inches) Weight: Approx. 0.3 kg Accessory:Special block No. label



- ① Extension cable
- ② Mounting hole (2-φ4.5(0.18"))
- ③ POWER LED :Lit when both the 5V DC power supplied from the main unit and the 24V DC power supplied from the external terminal are supplied.
- ④ SD LED:Lit while data is sent to the RS232C equipment connected to the 232IF.
- ⑤ RD LED:Lit while data is received from the RS232C equipment connected to the 232IF.
- ⑥ Terminal screws (M3 (0.12"))
- ⑦ Next step extension connector
- ⑧ RS232C connector (9-pin D-SUB connector: #4-40unc inch screw thread)
- ⑨ DIN rail clip
- ⑩ DIN rail groove (35(1.38"))

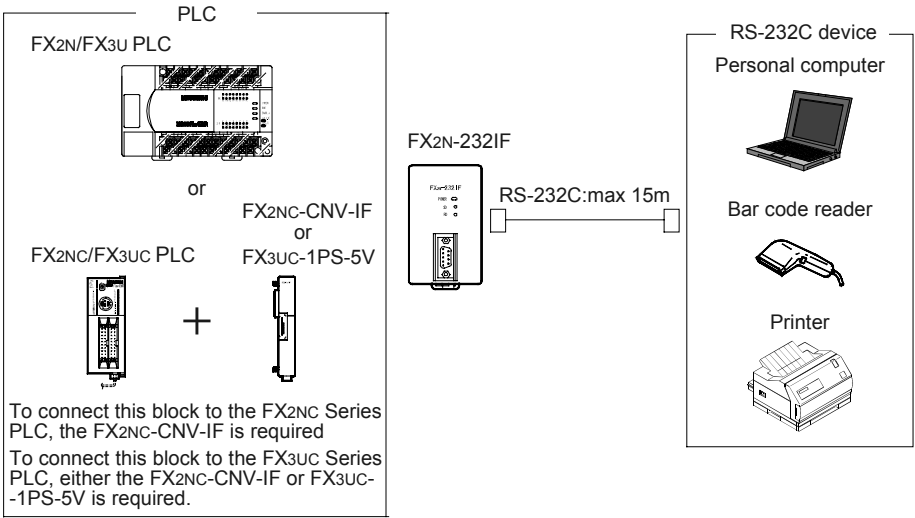
2.2 Connector Pin Layout



Pin No.	Signal name	Meaning	Function
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2	RD(RXD)	Receive data	Receive data (RS232C device to 232IF)
3	SD(TXD)	Send data	Send data (232IF to RS232C device)
4	ER(DTR)	Data terminal ready	ON when Send/Receive enable is ON
5	SG	Signal ground	Signal ground
6	DR(DSR)	Data set ready	This signal indicates only status.
7	RS(RTS)	Request to send <Clear to receive>*	ON when Send command is ON <ON when 232IF is Receive enabled>*
8	CS(CTS)	Clear to send	ON when RS232C device is ready to receive
9	CI(RI)	Calling indication	This signal indicates only status.

* <> At selection of interlink connection mode

2.3 System Configuration

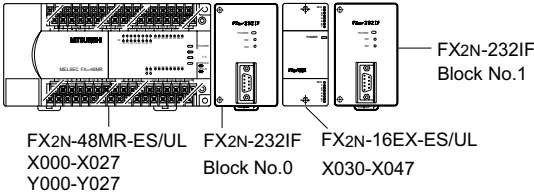


3. WIRING AND CONNECTION

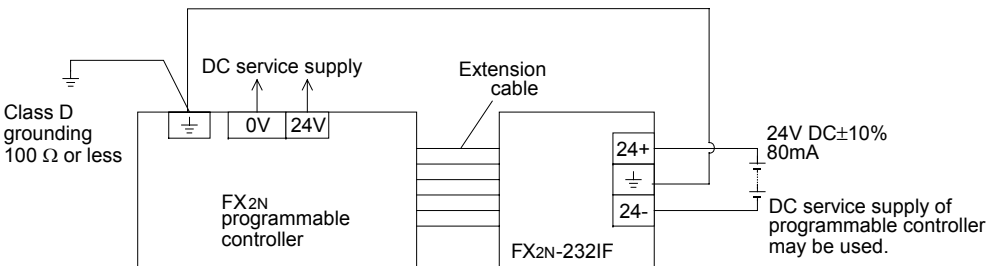
3.1 Connection with the programmable controller

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3.2 Power Supply Wiring



Handling of the crimp-style terminal



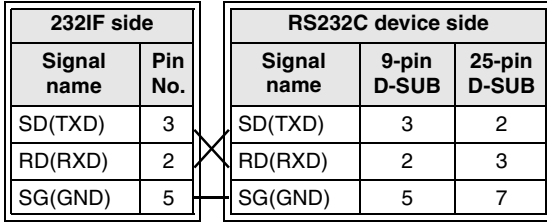
Use the crimp-style terminals of the dimensions shown on the figure on the left. Make sure that the tightening torque of the terminal is 0.5 to 0.8 N•m.

Tighten each terminal securely to avoid malfunction.

3.3 Connection Example

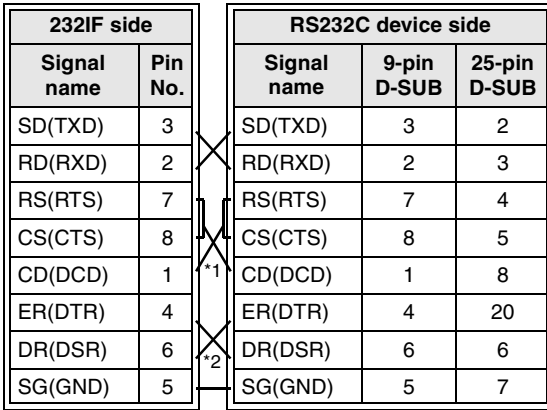
The signal wiring of the RS232C equipment varies depending on the RS232C specifications connected. Check the specifications of the RS232C equipment used, then connect the signals correctly. Representative wiring examples are shown below.

- 1) Connection with counterpart equipment of terminal specifications (when control line is not used)
 BFM #0 communication format: b9 = 0, b8 = 0, without control line



Communication is performed in accordance with the condition determined by the software in the 232IF and the counterpart equipment.

- 2) Connection with counterpart equipment of terminal specifications (when control line is used)
 Cross cable used, BFM #0 communication format: b9 = 0, b8 = 1, standard RS232C mode

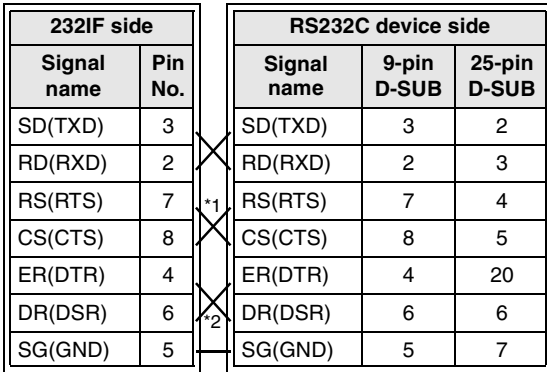


Because the carrier to send (CS) signal pin of the 232IF itself receives the request to send (RS) signal, signal transfer is performed as if the counterpart equipment is functioning.

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- 3) Interlink serial cross cable used,
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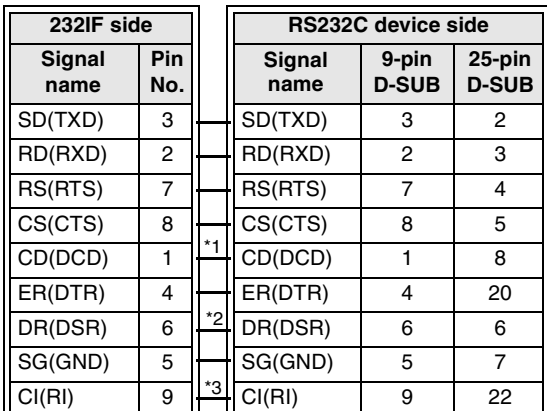


In the interlink connection mode, data exceeding 512 bytes (upper limit of the receive buffer in the 232IF) can be received.

*1 In this mode, the Request to Send signal (RS) functions as the receive enable signal in the 232IF. When receiving data that exceeds 512 bytes (the upper limit of the 232IF receive buffer), the 232IF sets the Request to Send signal (RS) to "OFF" and requests the counterpart equipment to suspend the data transmission. Once the data saved in the receive buffer is read by the sequence program, the remaining data can be received.

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- 4) Connection with counterpart equipment of modem specifications (Control line is essential.)
 Straight cable used, BFM #0 communication format: b9 = 0, b8 = 1, standard RS232C mode



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4. SPECIFICATIONS

4.1 General specifications

General specifications excluding withstand voltage	Same as those of the main unit
Withstand voltage	500V AC, 1 minute (between the entire external terminal and the ground terminal)

4.2 Power Supply Specifications

Internal power supply from programmable controller	5V DC 40mA
External power supply	24V DC \pm 10% 80mA

4.3 Specifications

Item	Content
Transmission Standard	Conforming RS232C
Transmission distance	Max. 15m
Connected the number	1:1
Connector	9-pin D-SUB type
Pin layout of connector	1:CD(DCD), 2:RD(RXD), 3:SD(TXD), 4:ER(DTR), 5:SG, 6:DR(DSR), 7:RS(RTS), 8:CS(CTS), 9:CI(RI)
Indication (LED)	POWER, SD, RD
Communication method	No protocol by full-duplex asynchronous
Spoted baud rate	300, 600, 1200, 2400, 4800, 9600, 19200
Isolation	Photo-coupler
Number of I/O points occupied	8 points taken from the programmable controller extension bus (can be either input or output)
Applicable programmable controllers	FX2N/FX2NC/FX3U/FX3UC series
Communication with programmable controller	FROM/TO instruction

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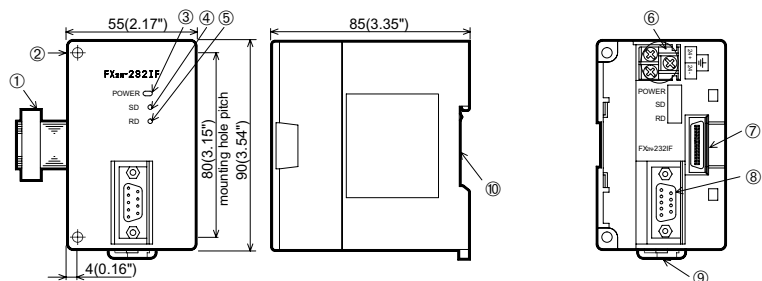
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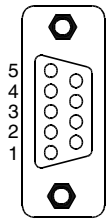
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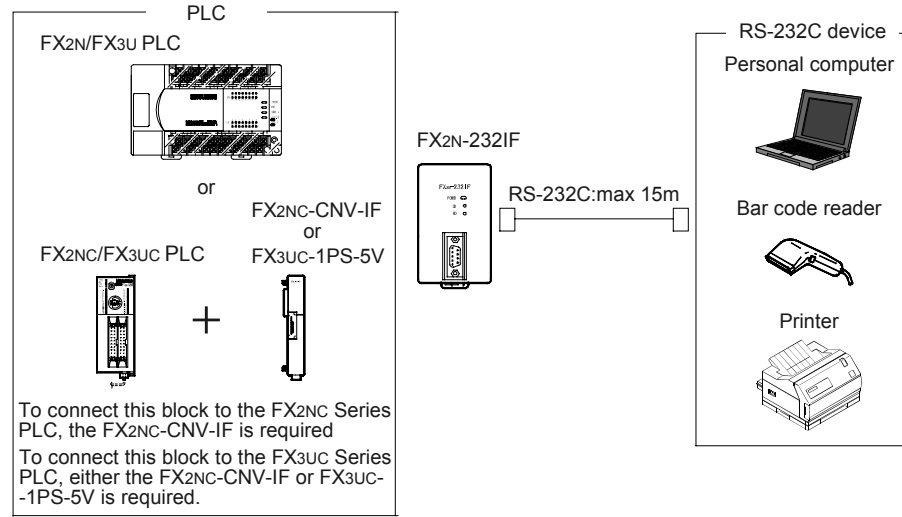
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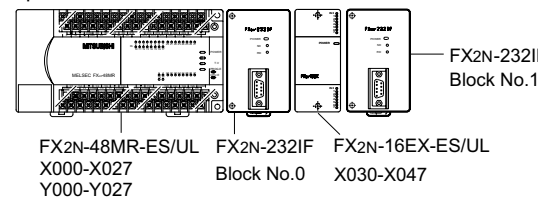


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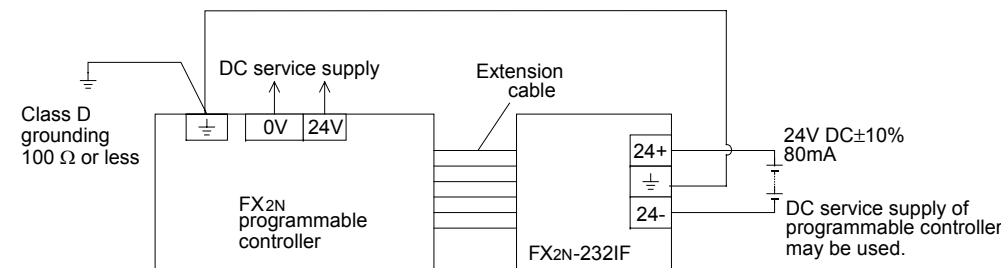
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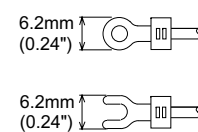
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232IF side		RS232C device side		
Signal name	Pin No.	Signal name	9-pin D-SUB	25-pin D-SUB
SD(TXD)	3	SD(TXD)	3	2
RD(RXD)	2	RD(RXD)	2	3
SG(GND)	5	SG(GND)	5	7

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- Connection with counterpart equipment of terminal specifications (when control line is used)
Cross cable used, BFM #0 communication format: b9 = 0, b8 = 1, standard RS232C mode

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RS(RTS)	7	RS(RTS)	7	4
CS(CTS)	8	CS(CTS)	8	5
CD(DCD)	1	CD(DCD)	1	8
ER(DTR)	4	ER(DTR)	4	20
DR(DSR)	6	DR(DSR)	6	6
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- Interlink serial cross cable used,
BFM #0 communication format: b9 = 1, b8 = 1, RS232C interlink connection mode

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ER(DTR)	4	ER(DTR)	4	20
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Indication (LED)	POWER, SD, RD
Communication method	No protocol by full-duplex asynchronous
Spoted baud rate	300, 600, 1200, 2400, 4800, 9600, 19200
Isolation	Photo-coupler
Number of I/O points occupied	8 points taken from the programmable controller extension bus (can be either input or output)
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