

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

GDU

27-1500


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1 Introduction and Specification

-  The GDU is a versatile instrument designed to accommodate the general logging requirements of geotechnical engineers and scientists. Its intelligent interface allows the user to work with a range of transducers that are common requirements for a range of geotechnical tests. The GDU itself may be connected to any standard personal computer via an RS232 or via an appropriate route using an Ethernet interface

1.1 Use of this Manual

-  This manual has not been written with the technical user in mind, that is, someone who intends to write their own software to control the GDU and therefore needs to know about the GDU Data acquisition Operating System command set (GDOS commands). This user should refer to the GDU/GDOS Technical Manual 9901X0264.

Where appropriate, symbols are used to indicate the significance of any particular point in the manual. The following symbols are used:

	This symbol indicates that YOU have to do something.
	This symbol indicates that whatever follows is for information only.
	This symbol indicates that whatever follows should be noted. It could be a warning.



WARNING : The GDU is only designed for use as a data acquisition system for recording geotechnical data. The safety of the system may be compromised if used for any other purposes.



NOTE : The GDU has no maintenance requirements. A build up of dust on the unit may be removed by using a clean damp cloth.



WARNING : The GDU case should only be opened by trained service personnel. It may contain hazardous voltages and hot surfaces.

1.1.1 Electrical Safety



Warning : With the exception of the slot in CPU and Analogue Input Modules, the unit does not contain any user-serviceable parts.

- Do NOT attempt to open the case as dangerous voltages are present internally.
- Do NOT operate the unit if the supply cord appears damaged.
- Only connect the unit to a polarised earthed power socket.
- Switch off and unplug the unit before cleaning.

1.2 The GDU Operating System

The GDU Data acquisition Operating System (GDOS) is the GDU control software that runs in the GDU's CPU. It is able to interpret the English-like commands (GDOS commands) sent from a computer. These GDOS commands are used to configure the GDU for data acquisition and control and additionally may be used to interrogate the operating conditions of the GDU and recall logged data. Refer to the GDU Technical Manual for details on the command syntax.

1.2.1 CPU Module

The GDU mainframe accepts one CPU module with its communications interfaces. The module contains a microprocessor with the GDU operating system GDOS. The on-board clock provides a 24 hour clock and calendar. It resides in the 5th slot to the far right-hand side of the chassis. It should not be inserted in any other positions. There are two versions of this module, one with a RS232 interface and the more recent version with both RS232 and Ethernet interfaces. Refer to section 4 for details.

1.2.2 Analogue Input Modules

The GDU mainframe has four slots (slots 1 to 4) which can accept one of two types of analogue input modules. MK1 and MK2 modules cannot be mixed in the same GDU chassis. Refer to section 3 for details of the Analogue Input Modules.

The system can address up to 32 individual input channels where one channel normally corresponds to one analogue input.

Each input module accepts up to eight analogue inputs. It also has a dedicated analogue to digital converter (ADC) that converts the analogue input signal to digital data. This data is transferred to the CPU for processing by the GDU system. Each module also contains a precision instrumentation amplifier with 11 programmable gain ranges (x1 to x1024).

The GDU input module covers a wide range of transducer types. Full details are given in sections 3 and 4. The following is a brief description of the facilities available.

The range provides for the connections of differential and single ended voltage sources, with sensitivities ranging from +/-5V full scale to +/-10mV full scale. A 10V supply is available for those sensors requiring excitation such as pressure transducers and LVDT's.

1.2.3 Physical Specification

Power Requirements	230VAC 115VAC \pm 10% 50/60Hz
Power Consumption	115VA
Temperature Range	Operational +5°C to +40°C
Size (W x D x H)	365 x 320 x 160mm
Weight (max configuration)	6.4 Kg

1.2.4 Replacement Parts

The user replaceable parts include the AC inlet fuses, analogue input modules and CPU module.

See section 2.4 for details on fuse replacement.

Replacement CPU modules have the part number 1914B0050 (RS232 only) or 1914B0065 (Ethernet and RS232)

Replacement/additional Analogue Input modules have the part number 1914B0046 or 27-1505.

2 Installation and Connection

2.1 Inspection

Before shipping, the GDU was fully tested and any additional input modules that were ordered with the unit will have been fitted. Carefully check that all modules are in place and that there are no signs of damage.

2.2 Pre-Installation Checks



Before connecting power to the GDU, check that the voltage selection switch is correctly set, the plug-in modules are correctly inserted and their retaining screws are tightened.

2.3 Installing Additional Input Modules



The basic GDU consists of the chassis with a CPU with RS232 interface.



For systems with one analogue input module, this is inserted in slot 1 as default.



Modules must not be plugged in or removed whilst the system power is on.

If additional modules are ordered with the GDU chassis, these will be fitted and tested so that no installation will be necessary. When input modules are removed or supplied separately, the installation details are given in the data sheet located in section 3.3.

2.4 Power Connections

The power connections for your GDU depend which model GDU you have.

If your GDU is designed to operate on 230V then you will have been supplied with a fully moulded cable set fitted with a 5A fuse. A UK approved cable set is provided. If the GDU is designed to operate on 115V then a US style moulded cable set fitted with a 10A fuse is supplied.



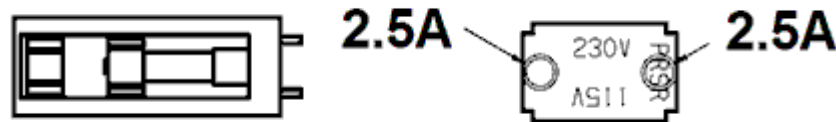
No other lead is supplied to connect the GDU to any of the alternative input power supplies supported by GDU.



The GDU must be operated from a clean power supply or UPS (uninterrupted power supply) or you may incur power down errors.



The GDU has two anti-surge (T) fuses that are used to protect the unit in the case of over-current conditions. There are 2.5A fuses. If these fuses are to be replaced use a 250V rated, UL/CSA certified part and fit in the positions shown below.



2.5 Construction

2.5.1 Dimensions

The GDU physical dimensions are as follows:

Height	3U (160mm)
Width	365 mm
Depth	320 mm

2.5.2 Mainframe Chassis

The mainframe chassis is of a modular construction that will enable you to upgrade your GDU to satisfy further demands you may place on the unit. The backplane PCB has 5 DIN 41612 type C sockets for easy module insertion.

There are 4 slots of which you may insert up to 4 analogue input module cards (slots 1 through to 4) dependent on the tasks you require the GDU to perform.

2.5.3 Internal Power Supply

The internal power supply provides all the necessary voltages to drive all the modules that may be fitted.

2.5.4 Rear Panel



Situated on the rear panel you will find the power on switch/filter that provides AC input for the unit. This is fitted with 2.5A anti-surge fuses.

The rear panel also has the output connectors to your computer, a 9 D-type connector plug for RS232 communication. Chassis that support an Ethernet connection also have an RJ45 socket.

A USB connector which may be used for future firmware updates is also on the rear panel. This connection **MUST NOT** be left connected to a PC or the GDU will not communicate via it's Ethernet or RS232 interface.

2.6 Computer Communications Interfaces

The GDU is available with an RS232 interface and (from 2015 onwards) an Ethernet connection, for communication with the host computer. Both interface connectors are located on the rear panel of the GDU. The connection is a 9 way D fixed plug for the RS232 interface. The Ethernet connector is a standard 8 way RJ45 socket.

Before connecting the GDU to the computer system it is recommended that the following precautions be observed:

- ❖ All peripheral devices should be turned off
- ❖ Plug each peripheral and the host into the mains supply
- ❖ All devices must have their grounds connected to the mains earth.

2.7 Configuring the RS232 Interface

The RS232 interface does not need configuring as it has a fixed baud rate/protocol. The host computer must be able to support the following configuration.

2.7.1 Baud Rates and Word Formats



The rate at which devices can communicate is specified by a “Baud rate” or the number of BITS/second. It is important that both transmitting and receiving devices operate at the same rate. Data is transmitted as a burst of pulses comprising an initial START BIT, followed by a number of BITS that constitutes a word.

Baud rate is 9600, Word size is 8 BITS with no PARITY check, and finally 1 STOP BIT.

2.7.2 XON/XOFF protocol



This legacy mode where the host has no “listen” or input buffer for temporarily storing data, eg. Apple or Hewlett Packard microcomputers, is not supported.

2.7.3 RS232 Interface Connections

The standard 9 way ‘D’ RS232 interface connector is located on the GDU rear panel and has the following pin connections:

Pin	Signal
1	Protective Earth
2	TxD (from GDU)
3	RxD (to GDU)
4	Not connected
5	Signal 0v
6	Not connected
7	Not connected
8	Not connected
9	Not connected

Table 6 RS232 Interface Connections

The GDU uses a form of software handshaking to control the data interchange between it and the host computer and therefore does not use the interface handshake lines. RTS and DTR are not driven by GDU. Before connecting to the host computer consult the computer's manual for details of its RS232 interface connections and what handshake lines (if any) are used. Only three connections between the GDU and the computer are necessary, TxD, RxD and Signal 0V. Take care to ensure that the data transmitter at the computer end is connected to the data receiver at the GDU end and vice versa.

2.7.4 Ethernet Interface

The optional Ethernet interface is on an RJ45 connector on the rear panel of the GDU. It supports a 10BASE-T transfer.

2.8 Configuring the Ethernet Interface

The use of the Ethernet interface to connect the GDU to the PC running the DS7 application will probably require the assistance of local IT support. The Ethernet RJ45 connection connects to the local router and then on to the PC. The default configuration for the unit is for an automatically assigned IP address, with a device name of ELE-GDU00. If multiple GDUs are to run on the same network or IP addresses have to be assigned manually, refer to Section 5 for details.

2.9 Switching On

The memory in the GDU is stored in one of two ways depending on what CPU module is used. The module 1914B0050 has memory backed up with a battery to prevent loss of data in the case of a short power outage. The module 1914B0065 uses non-volatile memory that does not need a battery. When powered up in the GDU the two types of module may be differentiated by the colour of the power LED.

The module 1914B0050 has a red LED.

The module 1914B0065 has a blue LED.

Both modules have circuitry to detect a power failure.

On power up the system checks the power status and the integrity of any test data in the memory. Both the POWER and red PWR FAIL indicators on the front panel of the CPU module will be lit. If the memory check fails the red ERROR indicator will also be on.



Unless there is a problem with the CPU the GDU should always power up on with the PWR FAIL indicator on. Failure to do so may indicate that the battery back-up or power fail circuitry is faulty.

2.10 Power Failure Recovery



The GDU's data storage memory is either powered by a battery in the absence of a mains supply or uses non-volatile memory. The battery back-up design preserves data acquired previously during tests for a period in the case of short power outages.

If the mains supply voltage drops below 200 VAC (or approximately 100 VAC in 110 VAC regions) the CPU is liable to go into random states. However, special memory protection is triggered if the supply drops below this level. If the supply continues to fall the memory and RTC power is switched to the battery supply. When the mains power returns to normal, the protection circuit waits momentarily for the power supplies to stabilize and then allows the CPU to start operating. If the memory fails on power up the GDU indicates this with the ERROR LED.

The PWR FAIL indicator is used as direct indication that a power-failure has occurred. This is important if the GDU is to be left unattended for long periods of time, when this indicator can act as "tell-tale".



Tests can continue after a PWR FAIL has been acknowledged. However, the validity of the test data needs to be confirmed as the power failure may have affected the readings presented by the sensors.

3 Analogue Input Module with Transducer Excitation

3.1 General Description

The Analogue Input Module acts as general purpose input scanner capable of accepting up to 8 separate signal sources.

Type 1 has the part number 1914B0046 or 27-1505, its SCAN LED is green in colour.

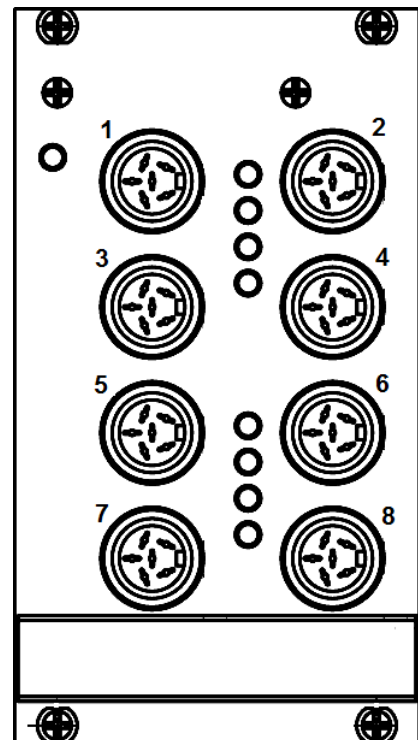
The input signals can range from +/-5 volts full scale when used with a system gain of 1, to +/-9.76 m.volts full scale when used with a system gain of 1024. The input channels are connected to the system analogue to digital conversion module by an 8 channel 2 pole solid state multiplexer.

The module features a 10 volt stabilised power supply for transducer excitation, thus simplifying the tasks of connecting many types of sensor, and has input overvoltage protection to prevent system damage in the event of incorrect connections being made.

The module has built-in gain, offset circuitry and an ADC. On the front of the module are 9 status LEDs. Type 1 modules use a 16 bit ADC and offset circuits. Type 2 modules use a 22 bit ADC.

The top left LED, green or blue (the SCAN LED) shows the module has been correctly recognised by the CPU. The other vertical 8 LEDs down the centre of the module indicate the channel selection status. These LEDs are on when a particular channel has been 'SET'.

The top LED is for channel 1, going down to the channel 8 LED at the bottom.



3.2 Specification

Number of input channels	8 Differential
Signal Range	+/-10 Volts Full Scale (x1 system gain) to +/-9.76mV Full Scale (x1024 system gain)
Cross Talk Immunity @ DC	120 dB
Cross Talk Immunity @ 10 kHz	80 dB
Leakage Current	10 nA
Transducer Supply	10 Volts +/-10 mV
Stability	50 ppm/dgC
Maximum current per module	500 mA
Maximum Input Voltage	± 14 Volts

3.3 Installation

Before installing the input module in the mainframe the 2 address switches (S1) on the card must be set so that the module's input channels correspond to those required. In the following table the switches are numbered 1 and 2. The channels are set in blocks of 8.

S1-1	S1-2	Ch. Range
DOWN	DOWN	1 to 8
UP	DOWN	9 to 16
DOWN	UP	17 to 24
UP	UP	25 to 32

Table 1 Module Address Selection

Having set the channel range, turn off the system power and insert the module into the required I/O slot. The module can be plugged into any of the 4 I/O slots regardless of the channel range selected but it is recommended that the left-most slot is used for channels 1 to 8, the next slot for channels 9 to 16 and so on. Care must be taken not to set up different modules with the same channel range.

3.4 Signal Input Configurations

Signals within the input module are switched to the input of a programmable gain instrumentation amplifier. This amplifier will accept differential signals within a ± 14 volt range of the system common (Signal 0v). For single ended inputs connect Signal 0v to the -ve signal input. Ideally this should be done at the signal source. If this is not possible then make the link on the input module connector.

Pin	Signal
1	-ve Channel Input
2	+ve Channel Input
3	Signal 0v
4	-5v Supply
5	+5v Supply

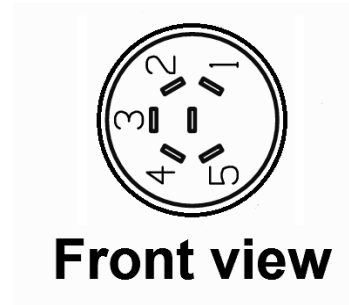


Table 2 5 Way Din Connectors and Screw Terminal Connections

4 CPU Module

4.1 General Description

The GDU CPU consists of a microprocessor, low power memory, Micro SD card and various interfaces.

There are five status LEDs that indicate the current condition of the CPU.

POWER : a red or blue LED indicating that the 5V power is active.

SCAN : a green LED indicating the ADC cards are being sampled.

ERROR : a red LED indicating error conditions, see below.

COMMS : green LED indicating comms traffic between the GDU and host PC.

PWR FAIL : a red LED indicating a power fail has occurred since the last system RESET.

Error LED

Flashes if there is no valid program in the SD card or program space. Stays on for invalid data in battery backed RAM. Is on if there is an invalid comms message, then cleared when the host PC sends an ERROR message.

4.2 Switch Settings and Jumper

There are two eight bank DIP switches (S1 and S2) on the GDU CPU.

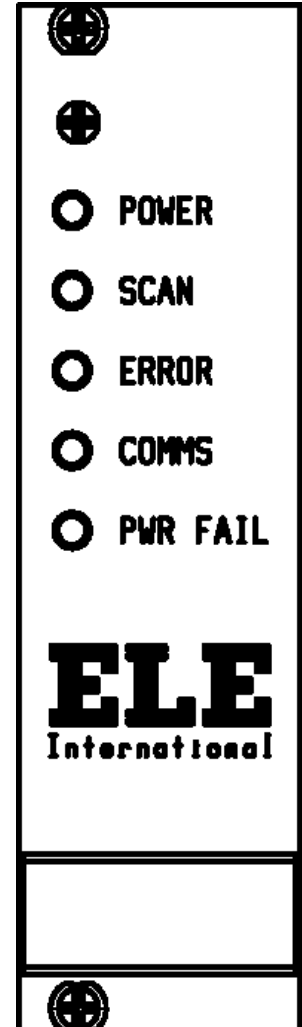
Switch S1 is used for test mode and Ethernet setup (where applicable, see section 5 below).

Switch S2 is reserved for development use.

The CPU module 1914B0050 has a jumper J1 on the battery back-up link. It should be removed if the unit is to be left un-powered for more than a few days.

4.3 Firmware Updates

The CPU contains a flash memory device that holds the firmware for the GDU. This device will appear as a memory device when connected to a PC via the USB connection on the rear panel. The green COMMS LED on the CPU front panel should be on continuously when this occurs. The firmware can then be updated by copying (over-writing) the latest GDU_BOOT.BIN file to the memory device. Once this has been done, do not eject the device, instead remove the USB cable. The SCAN, ERROR, COMMS and PWR FAIL LEDs should then flash as the programming sequence completes.



5 Ethernet Interface

The default device name of the GDU can be set via switch S1 on the CPU module 1914B0065. Switch S1-5 must be OFF.

S1-1	S1-2	S1-3	S1-4	GDU Name
Off	Off	Off	Off	ELE-GDU00
On	Off	Off	Off	ELE-GDU01
Off	On	Off	Off	ELE-GDU02
On	On	Off	Off	ELE-GDU03
Off	Off	On	Off	ELE-GDU04
On	Off	On	Off	ELE-GDU05
Off	On	On	Off	ELE-GDU06
On	On	On	Off	ELE-GDU07
Off	Off	Off	On	ELE-GDU08
On	Off	Off	On	ELE-GDU09
Off	On	Off	On	ELE-GDU10
On	On	Off	On	ELE-GDU11
Off	Off	On	On	ELE-GDU12
On	Off	On	On	ELE-GDU13
Off	On	On	On	ELE-GDU14
On	On	On	On	ELE-GDU15

The GDU can be set to a static IP address by setting switch S1-5 to On. By using the RS232 port a command is sent to configure the IP address. Refer to section 2.7 on the RS232 comms protocol.

The command format is :-

IPCFG <IP address> <gateway address> <subnet mask>

For example IPCFG 192.168.1.10 192.168.1.254 255.255.255.0

If the IPCFG command is sent with no parameters, the unit responds with the current IP configuration.

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Belangrijk document. Bewaar het bij de productpapieren.

POLISH

Sprzęt elektryczny oznaczony takim symbolem nie może być likwidowany w europejskich systemach utylizacji po dniu 12 sierpnia 2005. Zgodnie z europejskimi, lokalnymi i państwowymi przepisami prawa (Dyrektywa Unii Europejskiej 2002/96/EC), użytkownicy sprzętu elektrycznego w Europie muszą obecnie przekazywać Producentowi stary sprzęt lub sprzęt po okresie użytkowania do bezpłatnej utylizacji.

Uwaga: *Aby przekazać sprzęt do recyklingu, należy zwrócić się do producenta lub dostawcy sprzętu w celu uzyskania instrukcji dotyczących procedur przekazywania do utylizacji sprzętu po okresie użytkowania.*

Ważny dokument. Zachować z dokumentacją produktu.

PORTUGUESE

Qualquer equipamento eléctrico que ostente este símbolo não poderá ser eliminado através dos sistemas públicos europeus de tratamento de resíduos sólidos a partir de 12 de Agosto de 2005. De acordo com as normas locais e europeias (Directiva Europeia 2002/96/EC), os utilizadores europeus de equipamentos eléctricos deverão agora devolver os seus equipamentos velhos ou em fim de vida ao produtor para o respectivo tratamento sem quaisquer custos para o utilizador.

Nota: *No que toca à devolução para reciclagem, por favor, contacte o produtor ou fornecedor do equipamento para instruções de devolução de equipamento em fim de vida para a sua correcta eliminação.*

Documento importante. Mantenha junto dos registos do produto.