



EC Sensor Adapter Datasheet



1 Introduction

The LDSBus Electrical Conductivity (EC) Sensor Adapter is designed to work with EC probes to form a complete EC sensor. The adapter consists of built-in BNC connector used to attach EC probes.

The adapter and probe are calibrated using a two-point calibration procedure and the resulting sensor supports EC measurements ranging from 0.001mS/cm to 150mS/cm with a 0.001 mS/cm resolution.

The sensor is suitable for use in measuring salts, nutrients, and impurities in water in hydroponics, aquaponics and aquaculture and freshwater systems. Monitoring, alerting, and controlling the system can be done in real-time.

1.1 Features

- Supports Probe Cell Constant $K=0.1$, $K=1.0$ and $K=10$ probes with BNC connectors
- Measures EC range of 0.001mS/cm to 150mS/cm with linearized output and 0.001mS/cm resolution
- 2 Point step-by-step guided calibration
- Supports BRTSys LDSBus protocol
- High report rate of 1 report every 5 seconds
- Low power consumption of 91mW (5V)
- Operating temperature range: 0°C to +70°C
- Flush Mount and DIN Rail Mount options
- Supported platforms:
 - IoTPortal
 - LDSBus Python SDK
 - LDSBus .Net SDK

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2 Part Numbers/Ordering Information

Part#	Description
LS-0501-01A	LDSBus EC Sensor Adapter
LA-0501-01A	LDSBus RJ11-RJ11 Cable (5m)
LA-1201-01A	LDSBus DIN Rail Mount Set

Table 1- Part Numbers / Ordering Information

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3 Specifications

Features	Interface	BNC – EC probe connector RS485 – LDSBus communication
	LED Indicator (RGB)	System Status Indicator (Please refer to LED section)
	Mounting	Flush Mount DIN Rail Mount
Power	Input Voltage	5V DC Bus Power
	Typical Power	5V, 91mW
	Max. Power	266mW
EC Sensor input module	Detection Range	0.001 – 150mS/cm
	Resolution	0.001mS/cm
	Response Time	<1Minute
	Calibration	2 Point Calibration
Physical Characteristics	Color	White
	Housing	Polycarbonate
	Dimensions	L117.6mm x W42.9mm x H29.7mm
Environmental Limits	Operating Temperature	0 to 70°C
	Storage Temperature	-20 to 85°C
	Ambient Relative Humidity	5 to 95% (non-condensing)
Package Contents	Device	1x LDSBus EC Sensor Adapter
	Wire Assembly	1x LDSBus RJ11-RJ11 Cable (5m)
Optional	Mounting Accessories	1x LDSBus DIN Rail Mount set

Table 2 - LDSBus EC Sensor Adapter Specifications

4 FCC Compliance Statement

This device complies with part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions:

- (1) These devices may not cause harmful interference, and
- (2) These devices must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

NOTE: The equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses, and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If the equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- Re-orient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

To maintain compliance with FCC's RF exposure guidelines, at least 20cm of separation distance between the device and the user's body must be always maintained.

FCC Radiation Exposure Statement

This device complies with FCC radiation exposure limits set forth for an uncontrolled environment and it also complies with Part 15 of the FCC RF Rules. This equipment must be installed and operated in accordance with provided instructions and the antenna(s) used for this transmitter must be installed to provide a separation distance of at least 20 cm from all persons and must not be co-located or operating in conjunction with any other antenna or transmitter. End-users and installers must be provided with antenna installation instructions and consider removing the no-collocation statement.

Caution

Any changes or modifications not expressly approved by the party responsible for compliance could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.



5 Hardware Features

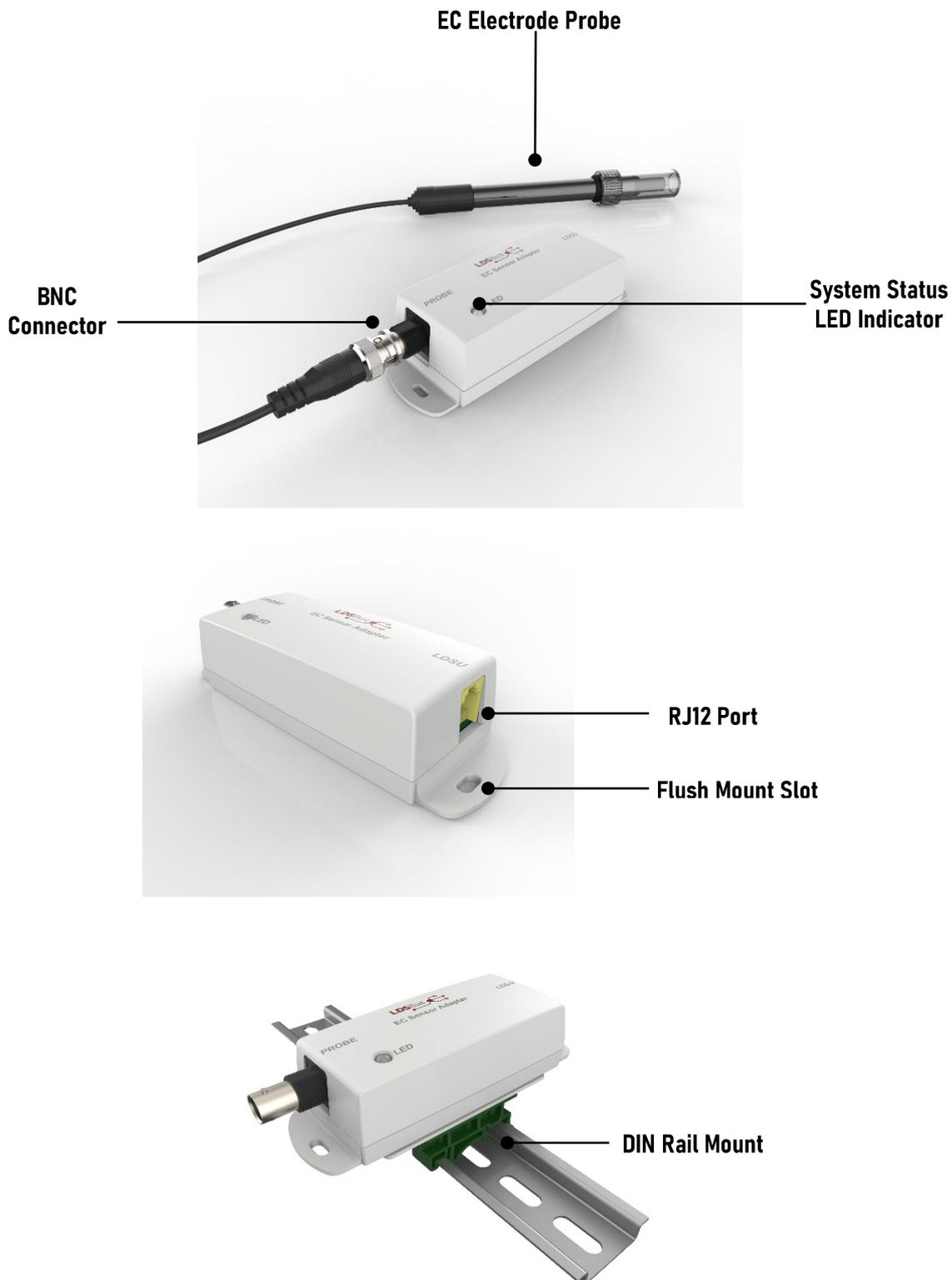


Figure 1 - LDSBus EC Sensor Adapter Hardware Features

Function	Labels	Description
BNC Connector	Probe	Probe Interface
EC Electrode Probe	-	Sensing Probe
System Status LED Indicator	LED	LDSBus status LED
RJ12 Port	LDSU	LDSBus data and power interface port. The physical port is RJ12. The connection interface can be RJ11/RJ12.

Table 3 - LDSBus EC Sensor Adapter Hardware Features

6 Sensor Adapter Configuration and Installation

Please refer to [LDSBus Configuration Utility User Guide](#) on how to configure the device name, address, and termination settings before using it for your application.

6.1 Connection Diagram

Figure 2 illustrates the connection of the LDSBus EC Sensor Adapter (LDSBus Device) to the LDSBus. Please visit <https://brtsys.com/resources> to view the full device application, setup, and installation guides.

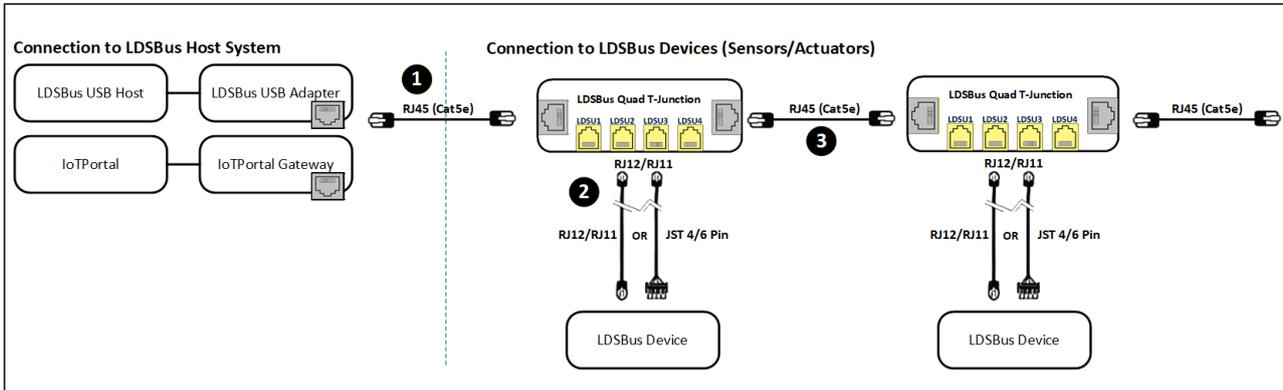


Figure 2 - Connection Diagram

Setup Instructions:

1. Connect the first LDSBus Quad T-Junction to any of the LDSBus Host Systems using the RJ45 (CAT5e) cable as shown in Figure 2.
2. Connect the configured LDSBus EC Sensor Adapter to the LDSBus Quad T-Junction as shown in Figure 2.
3. If there is more than one LDSBus Quad T-Junction, chain them together as shown in Figure 2.

Enable termination for the last device in LDSBus.

7 Mounting Instructions

7.1 Flush Mount

The device can be flush mounted directly on a wall or any flat surface using 2 M3.5*16mm (thread) screws.

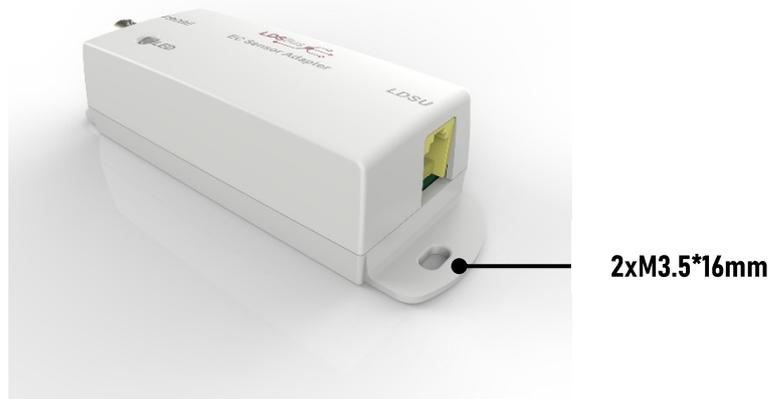


Figure 3 - LDSBus EC Sensor Adapter Flush Mount

7.2 DIN Rail Mount

The device can be mounted on a DIN Rail using the LDSBus DIN Rail Mount set. This set is optional and includes the bracket and mounting screws. Refer to Table 1 for Part#.

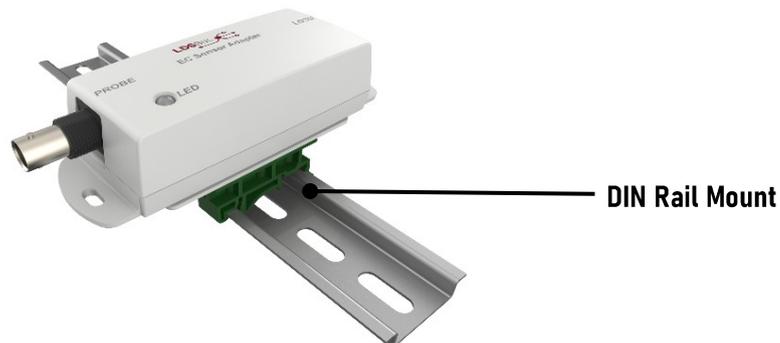


Figure 4 - LDSBus EC Sensor Adapter DIN Rail Mount

8 Mechanical Dimensions

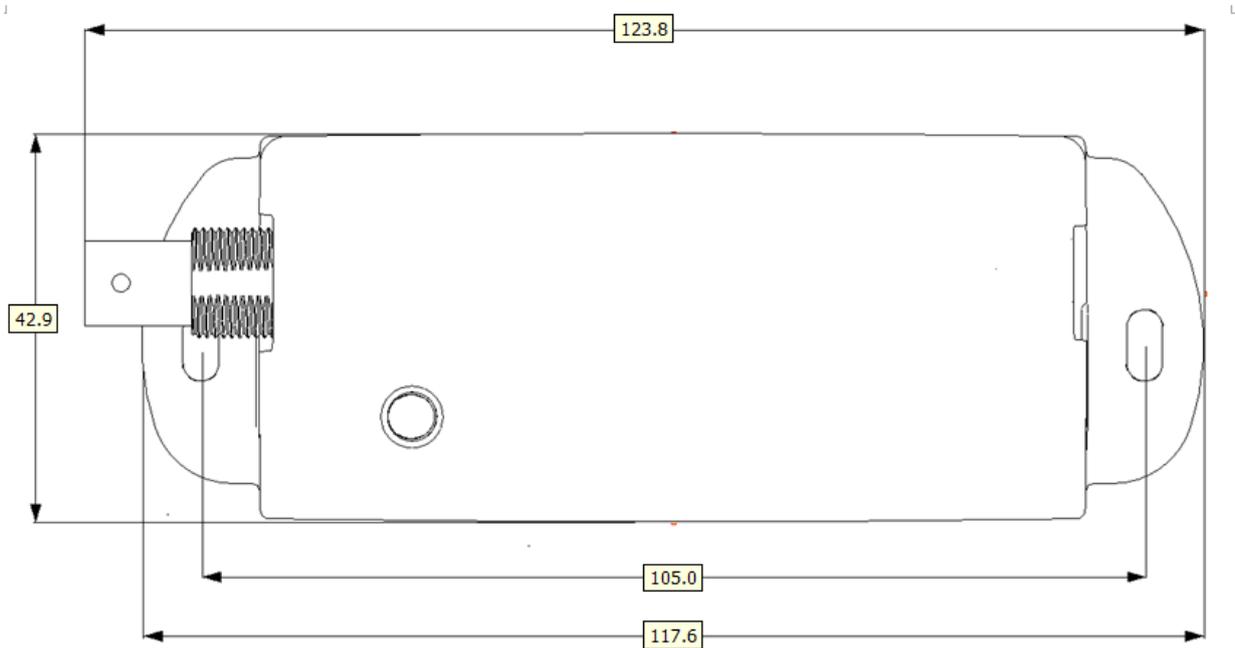


Figure 5 - LDSBus EC Sensor Adapter Dimension – Top View

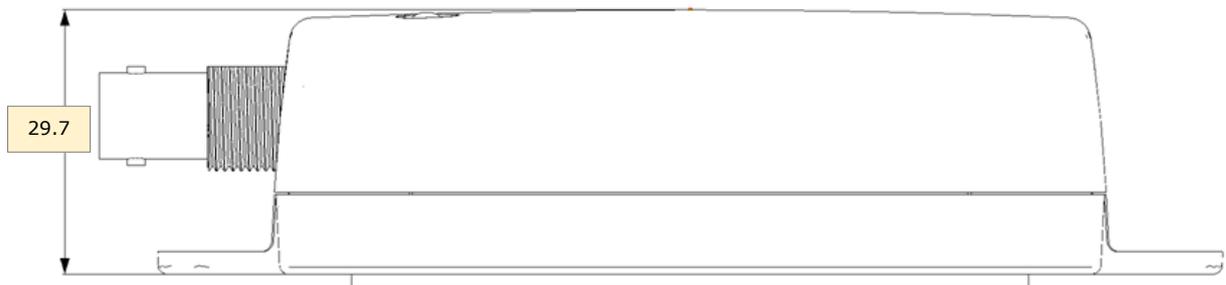


Figure 6 - LDSBus EC Sensor Adapter Dimension – Side View

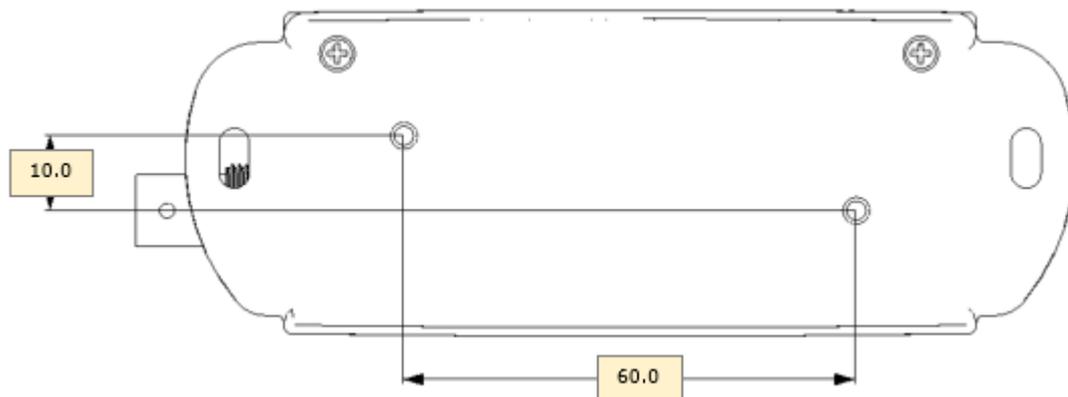


Figure 7 - LDSBus EC Sensor Adapter Dimension – Bottom View

Note: All dimensions are in millimetres.

9 System Status LED Indicators

LDSU devices come with an RGB LED (4 status colors) as mentioned in the table below.

Status display colors:

1. RED - Device in error condition
2. YELLOW - Un-configured device
3. GREEN - Device in normal state (Device termination is OFF)
4. BLUE - Device in normal state (Device termination is ON)

Device Status	LED Color	Flashing Frequency	Description
Unconfigured device	YELLOW 	LED flashing @1Hz	Unconfigured device with factory default address (126)
Configured device	GREEN 	Steady-Non-flashing	Configured device (Device ID 1-125) and device is idle.
	BLUE 		
Addressed device	GREEN 	LED flashing @5Hz	Device is busy communicating.
	BLUE 		
Identified device	GREEN 	LED flashing @1Hz	Device in identify state.
	BLUE 		
Device error	RED 	Steady - Non-flashing	Device error has occurred.
Firmware update	YELLOW 	Steady - Non-flashing	Device firmware update.

Table 4 - System Status LED Indicator

10 Probe Selection

The following specifications are recommended for selecting a Probe –

Detection Range	Cell Constant	Connector
0.001mS/cm to 1.5mS/cm	K=0.1	BNC
0.05mS/cm to 15mS/cm	K=1.0	
0.5mS/cm to 150mS/cm	K=10	

Table 5 - Probe Specifications

For more information on calibration, please refer to the section “[Calibration Procedure](#)” in [LDSBus Configuration Utility User Guide](#).

For information related to probes recommendation and selection criteria, please refer to [3rd Party Compatible Probes Specifications](#).

11 Contact Information

Refer to <https://brtsys.com/contact-us/> for contact information.

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Appendix A – References

Document References

[LDSBus Configuration Utility User Guide](#)

[LDSBus Python SDK V3.0.0 Guide](#)

[LDSBus .Net SDK V3.0.0 Guide](#)

[3rd Party Compatible Probes Specifications](#)

[Sensors and Actuators Quick Start Guide for USB Hosts](#)

[Sensors and Actuators Quick Start Guide for IoTPortal](#)

Acronyms and Abbreviations

Terms	Description
DC	Direct Current
EC	Electrical Conductivity
LDSBus	Long Distance Sensor Bus
LED	Light Emitting Diode

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