

# A-400 Manual

Programming and installation Brochure for **A-400P, A-400M, A-400MB & A-400MT**



- MID Approved (SGS.UK) Appendix B and D
- Measures kWh, KVarh, KVar, PF, Hz, Max demand
- RS 485 Modbus (Autometers V6 protocol)
- Two Pulse Outputs
- BI- Directional Measurement for Import and Export
- Back light LCD for full viewing Angles
- Available as 1 Phase 2 Wire, 3 Phase 3 Wire and 3 Phase 4 Wire

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# Introduction

This document provides operating, maintenance and installation instructions. These units measure and display the characteristics of single phase two wires (1p2w), three phase three wires (3p3w) and three phase four wires (3p4w) networks. The measuring parameters include voltage (V), frequency (Hz), current (A), power (kW/kVa/kVar), import, export and total Energy (kWh/kVarh). The units can also measure Maximum demand current and power, this is measured over preset periods of up to 60 minutes.

The A-400 range of meters are 100 amp maximum direct connected meters and can be supplied in two versions, with the mains supply entering at the top of the meter or the mains supply entering at the bottom of the meter.

The meters can also be supplied with different communication outputs Modbus RS 485, MBus or two individual Pulse outputs one programmable.



## Declaration of Conformity

We, Autometers Systems Ltd, 4B Albany Road, Manchester, M21 0AW, UK ensure and declare that apparatus: Energy Meter: A-400P, A-400M, A-400MB, A-400MT with the measurement range 3x230/400V 0,25~5(45) A 50Hz are in conformity with the type as described in the EU-type examination certificate 0120/SGS0350 with Serial number in format of XXXXXXXX, Batch format: xxxxxx and satisfy the appropriate requirements of the Directive 2014/32/EU with the following standards: EN 50470-1: 2006, Electricity metering equipment (AC) Part 1: General requirements, tests and test conditions. Metering equipment (class indexes A, B and C) and EN 50470-3: 2006, Electricity metering equipment (AC) Part 3: Particular requirements - Static meters for active energy (class indexes A, B and C)



# I. Unit Characteristics

## 1.1 Unit Characteristics:

The A-400 series meters have four models: A-400M, A-400MT, A-400MB, A-400P

Model	Measurement	Output	Tariff
A-400P	kWh/kVarh,kW/kVar,kVA, P,F,PF,dmd, V,A, TH D,etc.	pulse	No
A-400M	kWh/kVarh,kW/k.Var,kVA, P,F,PF,dmd, V,A, TH D,etc.	pulse/Modbus	No
A-400MB	kWh/kVarh,kW/kVaAr,kVA, P,F,PF,dmd, V,A, TH D,etc.	pulse/Mbus	No
A-400MT	kWh/kVarh,kW/kVar,kVA, P,F,PF,dmd,V,A,THD,etc.	pulse/Modbus	4 Tariffs 10 Segments

Two pulse output indicate real-time energy measurement. An RS485/Mbus output allows remote monitoring from another display or a computer.

## 1.2 RS485 Serial-Modbus RTU

### For A-400M and A-400MT only

RS485 serial port with Mod bus RTU protocol to provide a means of remotely monitoring and controlling the Unit. Set-up screens are provided for setting up the RS485 port.

## 1.3 Mbus

### For A-400MB only

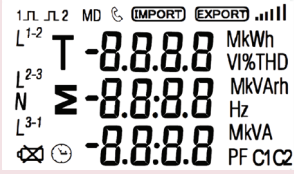



This uses an MBus port with EN13757-3 protocol to provide a means of remotely monitoring and controlling the Unit. screens are provided for setting up the RS485 port.

Set-up screens are provided for setting up the M Bus port.

## 1.4 Pulse output





Two pulse outputs that pulse measured active and reactive energy.The constant of pulse output 2 for active energy is 400imp/kWh (unconfigurable),its width is fixed at 100ms. The default constant of configurable pulse output 1 is 400imp/kWh,default pulse width is 100ms.The configurable pulse output 1 can be set from the set-up menu.

# 2. Start up screens

 <p>The first screen lights all LED segments and can be used as a display LED check</p>	 <p>The second screen indicates the software version of the unit. (the above picture is just for reference)</p>	 <p>The unit performs a self-test and the screen indicates if the test is passed.</p>	 <p>After a short delay, the screen will display active energy measurements.</p>
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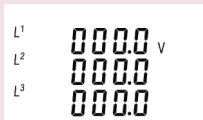
# 3. Keys and Displays

## 3.1 Button Functions

Button	Click
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Selects the Voltage and Current display screens.</li> <li>In Set-up Mode, this is the “Left” or “Back” button.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Select the Frequency and Power factor display screens.</li> <li>In Set-up Mode, this is the “Up” button.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Select the Power display screens.</li> <li>In Set-up Mode, this is the “Down” button.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Select the Energy display screens.</li> <li>In Set-up mode, this is the “Enter” or “Right” button.</li> </ul>

### 3.2 Voltage and Current

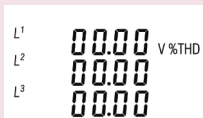
Each successive press of the  button selects a new parameter:



Phase to neutral voltages.



Current on each phase.



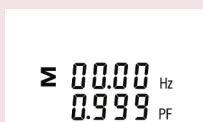
Phase to neutral voltage THD% of 2nd to 19th.



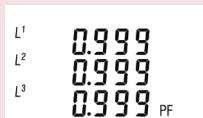
Each phase Current THD% of 2nd to 19th.

### 3.3 Frequency and Power Factor and Demand

Each successive press of the  button selects a new range:



Frequency and Power Factor (total).



Power Factor of each phase.



Maximum Current Demand.



Maximum Power Demand.

### 3.4 Power

Each successive press of the  button selects a new range:



Instantaneous Active Power in kW.



Instantaneous Reactive Power in kVAr.



Instantaneous Volt-Amps in KVA.



Total kW, kVArh, kVA.

### 3.5 Energy Measurements

Each successive press of the  button selects a new range:



Imported active energy in kWh.



Exported active energy in kWh.



Tariff 1 active energy  
Tariff 2 active energy  
Tariff 3 active energy  
Tariff 4 active energy  
\*For A-400MT only



Total active energy in kWh.



Imported reactive energy in kVarh.



Exported reactive energy in kVarh.



Tariff 1 reactive energy  
Tariff 2 reactive energy  
Tariff 3 reactive energy  
Tariff 4 reactive energy  
\*For A-400MT only



Total reactive energy in kVarh.



date  
Year/month/day.  
1st,Jan,2000 (default)  
\*For A-400MT only




Time  
Hour/minute/second  
Example:00:02: 16  
\*For A-400MT only

\*The parameters of date and time can only be set via RS485 communication.



## 4. Set Up

To enter set-up mode, press the  button for 3 seconds until the password screen appears.

PASS


0000

Setting up is password-protected so you must enter the correct password (default '1000') before processing.

PASS

Err




If an incorrect password is entered, the display will show:  
PASS Err



To exit set-up mode, press the  button repeatedly until the measurement screen is restored.


### 4.1 Set-up Entry Methods




Some menu items, such as password and CT, require a four-digit number entry while others, such as supply system, require selection from a number of menu options.


#### 4.1.1 Menu Option Selection

Use the  and  buttons to scroll through the different options of the set-up menu. Press  to confirm your selection.

If an item flashes, then it can be adjusted by the  and  buttons.



Having selected an option from the current layer, press  to confirm your selection. The SET indicator will appear.


Having completed a parameter setting, press  to return to a higher menu level. The SET indicator will be removed and you will be able to use the  and  buttons for further menu selection.


On completion of all setting-up, press  repeatedly until the measurement screen is restored.

#### 4.1.2 Number Entry Procedure

When Setting up the unit, some screens require the entering of a number. In particular, on entry to the setting up section, a password must be entered. Digits are set individually, from left to right. The procedure is as follows:



The current digit to be set flashes and is set using the  and  buttons.

Press  to confirm each digit setting. The SET indicator appears after the last digit has been set.


After setting the last digit, press  to exit the number setting routine. The SET indicator will be removed.

## 4.2 Change Password




SET  
PASS  
1000

Use  and  to choose the change password option.

SET  
PASS  
1000

Press the  button to enter the change password routine. The new password screen will appear with the first digit flashing.

SET  
PASS  
1000


Use  and  to set the first digit and press  to confirm your selection. The next digit will flash.

SET  
PASS  
1100

Repeat the procedure for the remaining three digits.

SET  
PASS  
1100



After setting the last digit SET will show.

Press  to exit the number setting routine and return to the set-up menu. SET will be removed.


## 4.3 DIT Demand Integration Time

This sets the period in minutes over which the current and power readings are integrated for maximum demand measurement. The options are: 0, 5, 8, 10, 15, 20, 30, 60 minutes.



SET  
dit  
10

From the set-up menu, use  and  buttons to select the DIT option. The screen will show the currently selected integration time.


SET  
dit  
10


Press  to enter the selection routine. The current time interval will flash.

SET  
dit  
10

Use  and  buttons to select the time required.

SET  
dit  
20

Press  to confirm the selection. SET indicator will appear.

Press  to exit the DIT selection routine and return to the menu.

## 4.4 Backlit set-up



The meter provides a function to set the blue backlit lasting time (0/5/10/30/60/120 minutes). Option 0 means the backlit always on here.



SET  
LP  
60

Default: 60

If it's set to 5, the backlit will be off in 5 minutes.

SET  
LP  
60

Use  and  buttons to choose the time



Press  to confirm the setting and press  to return to the main set up menu.




## 4.5 Supply System

The unit has a default setting of 3Phase 4wire (3P4). Use this section to set the type of electrical system.



545  
3P3

From the set-up menu, use  and  buttons to select the system option. The screen will show the currently selected power supply.


545  
3P3


Press  to enter the selection routine. The current selection will flash.

545  
1P2

Use  and  buttons to select the required system option: 1P2(W), 3P3(W), 3P4(W).

545  
3P4



Press  to confirm the selection. SET indicator will appear.

Press  to exit the system selection routine and return to the menu. SET will disappear and you will be returned to the main set-up Menu.


## 4.6 Pulse Output

This option allows you to configure the pulse output. The output can be set to provide a pulse for a defined amount of energy active or reactive. Use this section to set up the pulse output—Units: kWh, kVArh



IMPORT  
545 kWh  
rLY



From the set-up menu, use  and  buttons to select the Pulse Output option.

EXPORT  
545 kWh  
rLY

Press  to enter the selection routine. The unit symbol will flash.

IMPORT  
545 kVArh  
rLY

Use  and  buttons to choose kWh or kVArh.



On completion of the entry procedure, press  to confirm the setting and press  to return to the main set up menu.

### 4.6.1 Pulse Rate


Use this to set the energy represented by each pulse. Rate can be set to 1 pulse per 0.01kWh / 0.1kWh / 1kWh / 10kWh / 100kWh.





545  
rAL E  
10

(It shows 1 impulse = 10kWh/kVArh)

From the set-up menu, use  and  buttons to select the Pulse Rate option.

545  
rAL E  
10

Press  to enter the selection routine. The current setting will flash. 0.01/0.1/1/10/100kWh/kVArh per pulse.

Use  and  buttons to choose pulse rate. On completion of the entry procedure, press  to confirm the setting and press  to return to the main set up menu.



## 4.6.2 Pulse Duration


The pulse width can be selected as 200 (non-MID version meters only), 100 (default) or 60ms.





SET  
PULS  
200

SET  
PULS  
200

(It shows pulse width of 200ms)

From the set-up menu, use  and  buttons to select the Pulse width option.

Press  to enter the selection routine. The current setting will flash.

Use  and  buttons to choose pulse rate. On completion of the entry procedure, press  to confirm the setting and press  to return to the main set up menu.

## 4.7 Communication

Where the meter has been supplied with a Rs 485 protocol output the individual parameters are set by using the front key panel.

### 4.7.1 Modbus RS 485 Address


SET  
Addr  
001



SET  
Addr  
101



SET  
Addr  
101

(The range is from 001 to 247)

From the set-up menu, use  and  buttons to select the address ID.

Press  button to enter the selection routine. The current setting will be flashing.

Use  and  buttons to choose Modbus address (001 to 247).

On completion of the entry procedure, press  button to confirm the setting and press  button to return the main set-up menu.

### 4.7.2 Mbus address

\*A-400MB only


SET  
Addr  
001

SET  
Addr  
101

Id  
9999  
9999

(The range is from 001 to 247)



From the set-up menu, use  and  buttons to select the address ID.

Press  button to enter the selection routine. The current setting will be flashing.


Secondary address:  
00 00 00 01 to 99 99 99 99

### 4.7.3 Baud Rate





SET  
BAUD  
9.6<sup>k</sup>

From the set-up menu, use  and  buttons to select the Baud Rate option.

SET  
BAUD  
9.6<sup>k</sup>



Press  to enter the selection routine. The current setting will flash.

SET  
BAUD  
38.4<sup>k</sup>


Use  and  buttons to choose Baud rate 2.4k, 4.8k, 9.6k, 19.2k, 38.4k  
On completion of the entry procedure, press  to confirm the setting and press  to return to the main set up menu.

### 4.7.4 Parity





SET  
PARL  
EVEN

From the set-up menu, use  and  buttons to select the Parity option.

SET  
PARL  
EVEN



Press  to enter the selection routine. The current setting will flash.

SET  
PARL  
NONE


Use  and  buttons to choose parity (EVEN / ODD / NONE (default)).  
On completion of the entry procedure, press  to confirm the setting and press  to return to the main set up menu.



### 4.7.5 Stop Bits

SET  
STOP  
2

From the set-up menu, use  and  buttons to select the stop bit option.



SET  
STOP  
2

Press  to enter the selection routine. The current setting will flash.

Use  and  buttons to choose stop bit (1 or 2)

SET  
STOP  
1



Note: Default is 1, and only when the parity is NONE that the stop bit can be changed to 2.

On completion of the entry procedure, press  to confirm the setting and press  to return to the main set up menu.

## 4.8 Maximum demand reset

The meter provides a function to reset the maximum demand value of current and power.

Clr

Use  and  buttons to select the reset option.

Clr  
dlr

Press  to enter the selection routine. The dlt will flash

Press  to confirm the setting and press  to return to the main set up menu.

## 5. Specification

### 5.1 Measured Parameters

The unit can monitor and display the following parameters of a single phase two wire(1p2w), three phase three wire(3p3w) or four phase four wire(3p4w) system.

#### 5.1.1 Voltage and Current

Phase to neutral voltages 100 to 289V a.c. (not for 3p3w supplies).  
 Voltages between phases 173 to 500V a.c.  
 Percentage total voltage harmonic distortion (THD%) for each phase to N ( not for 3p3w supplies).  
 Percentage voltage THD% between phases (three phase supplies only).  
 Current THD% for each phase

#### 5.1.2 Power factor and Frequency and Maximum Demand

Frequency in Hz  
 Instantaneous power:  
 Power 0 to 99999 W  
 Reactive power 0 to 99999 VAR  
 Volt-amps 0 to 99999 VA  
 Maximum demanded power since last Demand reset Power factor  
 Maximum neutral demand current, since the last Demand reset (for three phase supplies only)

#### 5.1.3 Energy Measurements

Imported/Exported active energy.....	0 to 9999999.9 kWh
Imported/Exported reactive energy.....	0 to 9999999.9 kVARh
Total active energy.....	0 to 9999999.9 kWh
Total reactive energy.....	0 to 9999999.9 kVARh

### 5.2 Measured Inputs

2 Voltage inputs through 4-way fixed connector with 25mm stranded wire capacity. single phase two wire (1 p2w), three phase three wire (3p3w) or three phase four wire (3p4w) unbalanced.  
 Line frequency measured from L 1 voltage or L3 voltage.

### 5.3 Interfaces for External Monitoring

Three interfaces are provided:

- RS 485 communication channel that can be programmed for Modbus RTU protocol
- Relay output indicating real-time measured energy (configurable)
- Pulse output 3200imp/kWh (not configurable)

The Modbus configuration (baud rate etc.) and the pulse relay output assignments (kW/kVARh, import/export etc.) are configured through the set-up screens.

#### 5.3.1 Pulse Output

The pulse output can be set to generate pulses to represent kWh or kVARh.

Rate can be set to generate 1 pulse per:

0.01 = 10 Wh/VArh

0.1 = 100 Wh/VArh

1 = 1 kWh/kVARh

10 = 10 kWh/kVARh

100 = 100 kWh/kVARh

Pulse width 200/100/60 ms.

Relay Rating 240V ac 50mA

### 5.3.2 RS485/Mbus Output for Modbus RTU

**\*For A-400MT/-M**

For Modbus RTU, the following RS485 communication parameters can be configured from the set-up menu:

Baud rate 2400, 4800, 9600, 19200, 38400

Parity none / odd / even

Stop bits 1 or 2

RS485 network address nnn - 3-digit number, 001 to 247

**\*For A-400MB only**

For Mbus, the following communication parameters can be configured from the set-up menu:

Baud rate 300,600,2400, 4800, 9600

Parity none/ odd / even

Stop bits 1 or 2

Mbus network primary address nnn - 3-digit number,001 to 250 Mbus network secondary address 00 00 00 00 to 99 99 99 99

Please contact us if your require the Modbus/Mbus protocol document.

### 5.4 Accuracy

■ Voltage .....	0.5% of range maximum
■ Current.....	0.5% of nominal
■ Frequency.....	0.2% of mid-frequency
■ Power factor.....	1% of unity (0.01)
■ Active power (W).....	±1% of range maximum
■ Reactive power (VAR).....	±1% of range maximum
■ Apparent power (VA).....	±1% of range maximum
■ Active energy (Wh).....	Class 1 IEC 62053-21 EN504 62053-21 70-3
■ Reactive energy (VARh).....	±1% of range maximum
■ THD.....	1% up to 31st harmonic
■ Response time to step input...	1s, typical, to >99% of final reading, at 50 Hz

### 5.5 Reference Conditions of Influence Quantities

Influence Quantities are variables that affect measurement errors to a minor degree. Accuracy is verified under nominal value (within the specified tolerance) of these conditions.

■ Ambient temperature.....	23°C ± 2°C
■ Input waveform.....	50 Hz(MID)
	50 or 60Hz ±2%(non-MID)
■ Input waveform.....	Sinusoidal (distortion factor < 0.005)

### 5.6 Environment

Operating temperature.....	-25°C to +55°C*
Storage temperature.....	-40°C to +70°C*
Relative humidity.....	0 to 95%, non-condensing
Altitude.....	Up to 3000m
Warm up time.....	1 minute
Vibration.....	10Hz to 50Hz, IEC 60068-2-6, 2g
Shock.....	30g in 3 planes

\* Maximum operating and storage temperatures are in the context of typical daily and seasonal variation.

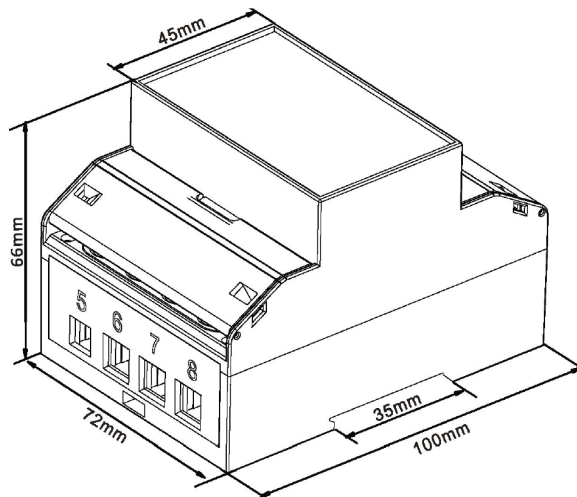
## 5.7 Mechanics

DIN rail dimensions.....  
Mounting.....  
Sealing.....  
Material.....

72 x 100 mm (WxH) per DIN 43880  
DIN rail (DIN 43880)  
Ip51 (indoor)  
Self-extinguishing UI94 V-0

## 6. Dimensions

The meter is a 72mm x 94.5mm panel mounted meter with a depth of 65mm. The cut out hole for the panel meter is 72mm x 94.5mm.



## WARNING

Important Safety Information is contained in sections 7-8. Familiarize yourself with this information before attempting installation or other procedures. Symbols used in this document:

Risk of Danger: These instructions contain important safety information. Read them before starting installation or servicing of the equipment.  
Caution: Risk of Electric Shock

## 7. Maintenance

In normal use, little maintenance is needed. As appropriate for service conditions, isolate electrical power, inspect the unit and remove any dust or other foreign material present. Periodically check all connections for freedom from corrosion and screw tightness, particularly if vibration is present.

The front of the case should be wiped with a dry cloth only. Use minimal pressure, especially over the viewing window area. If necessary wipe the rear case with a dry cloth. If a cleaning agent is necessary, isopropyl alcohol is the only recommended agent and should be used sparingly. Water should not be used. If the rear case exterior or terminals should be contaminated accidentally with water, the unit must be returned to Autometers Systems Ltd for inspection and testing.

## 8. Installation

The meter may be mounted in a panel with a maximum thickness of 3 mm. Leave enough space behind the instrument to allow for bends in the connection cables. The unit is intended for use in a reasonably stable ambient temperature within the range -25°C to +55°C. Do not fit the meter where there is excessive vibration or in excessive direct sunlight.

*Please note terminal covers should be fitted and sealed.  
See connection diagrams page 14-15.*

## 8.1 Safety

The unit is designed in accordance with IEC 61010-1:2010 – Permanently connected use, Normal condition. Installation category III, pollution degree 2, basic insulation for rated voltage.

## 9. Electrician.

The HT-1095 panel meter should only be installed by a fully qualified electrician who has knowledge of electricity meters connected with current transformers.

It is the installer who is fully responsible for the safe installation of this meter. It must be installed to meet the current electrical regulations concerning installation of panel meters.

## 10. EMC Installation Requirements

Whilst this unit complies with all relevant EU EMC (electro-magnetic compatibility) regulations, any additional precautions necessary to provide proper operation of this and adjacent equipment will be installation dependent and so the following can only be general guidance: Avoid routing wiring to this unit alongside cables and products that are, or could be, a source of interference.

The auxiliary supply to the unit should not be subject to excessive interference. In some cases, a supply line filter may be required.

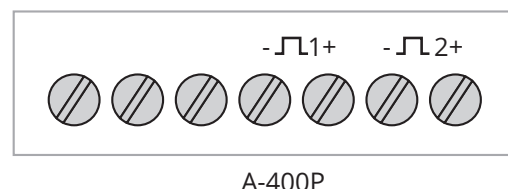
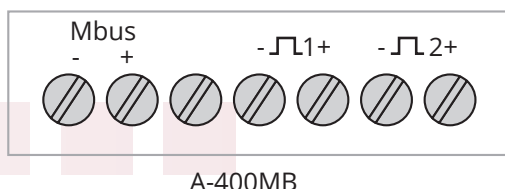
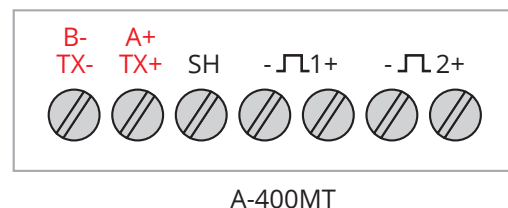
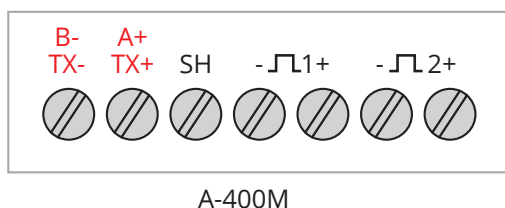
To protect the product against incorrect operation or permanent damage, surge transients must be controlled. It is good EMC practice to suppress transients and surges at the source. The unit has been designed to automatically recover from typical transients; however in extreme circumstances it may be necessary to temporarily disconnect the auxiliary supply for a period of greater than 10 seconds to restore correct operation.

Screened communication leads are recommended and may be required. These and other connecting leads may require the fitting of RF suppression components, such as ferrite absorbers, line filters etc., if RF fields cause problems.

It is good practice to install sensitive electronic instruments that are performing critical functions in EMC enclosures that protect against electrical interference causing a disturbance in function.

## 11. Wiring Diagrams

### 11.1 Communication Connections





## 11.2 Wiring Diagrams

The A-400 can be supplied with two wiring configurations: Mains entering at the top, load at the bottom - see fig.A; or mains entering at the bottom, load at the top - see fig.B.

Fig.A Mains at the top

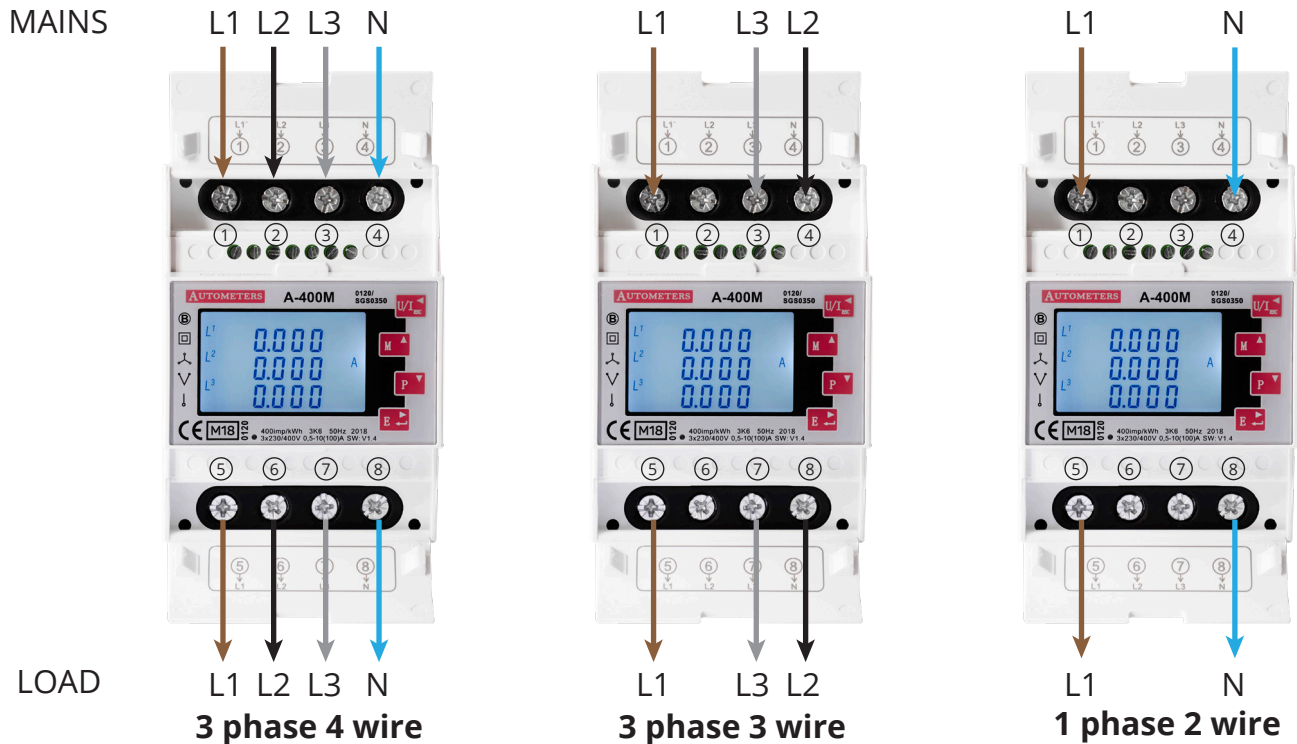
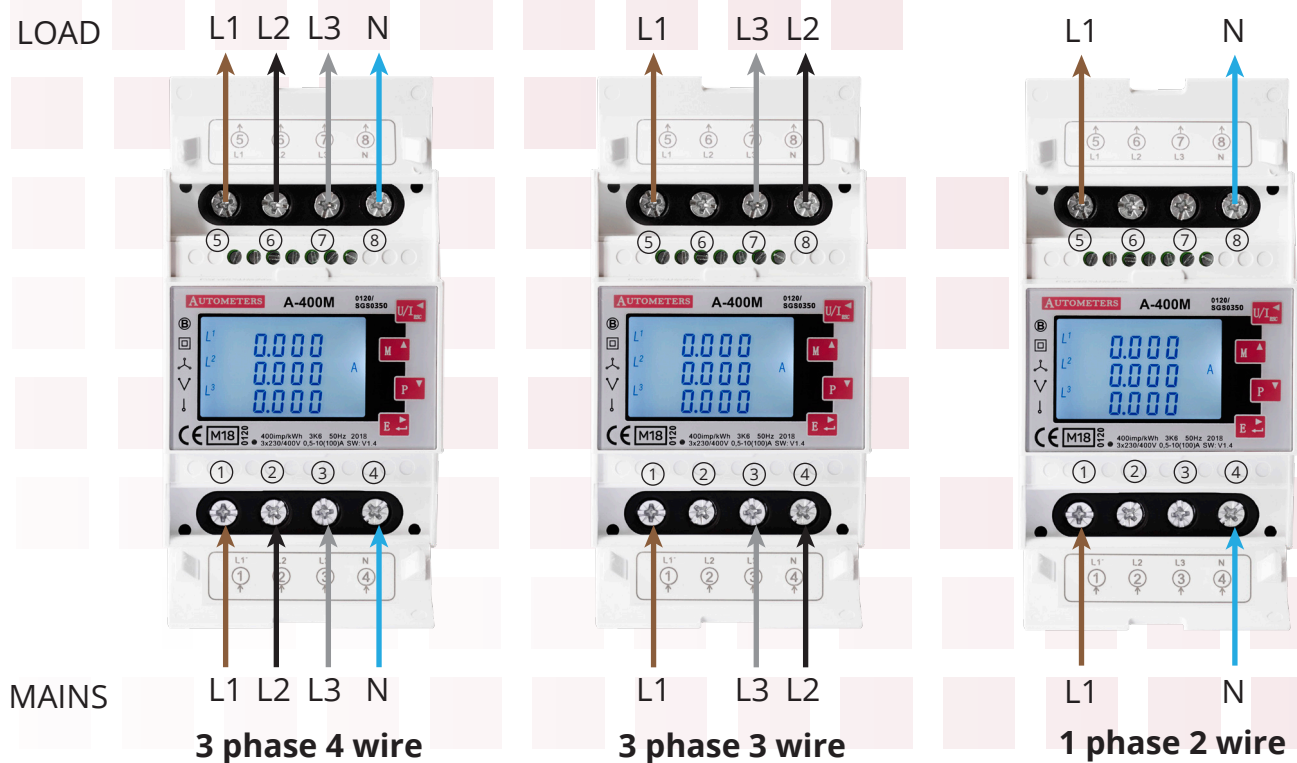
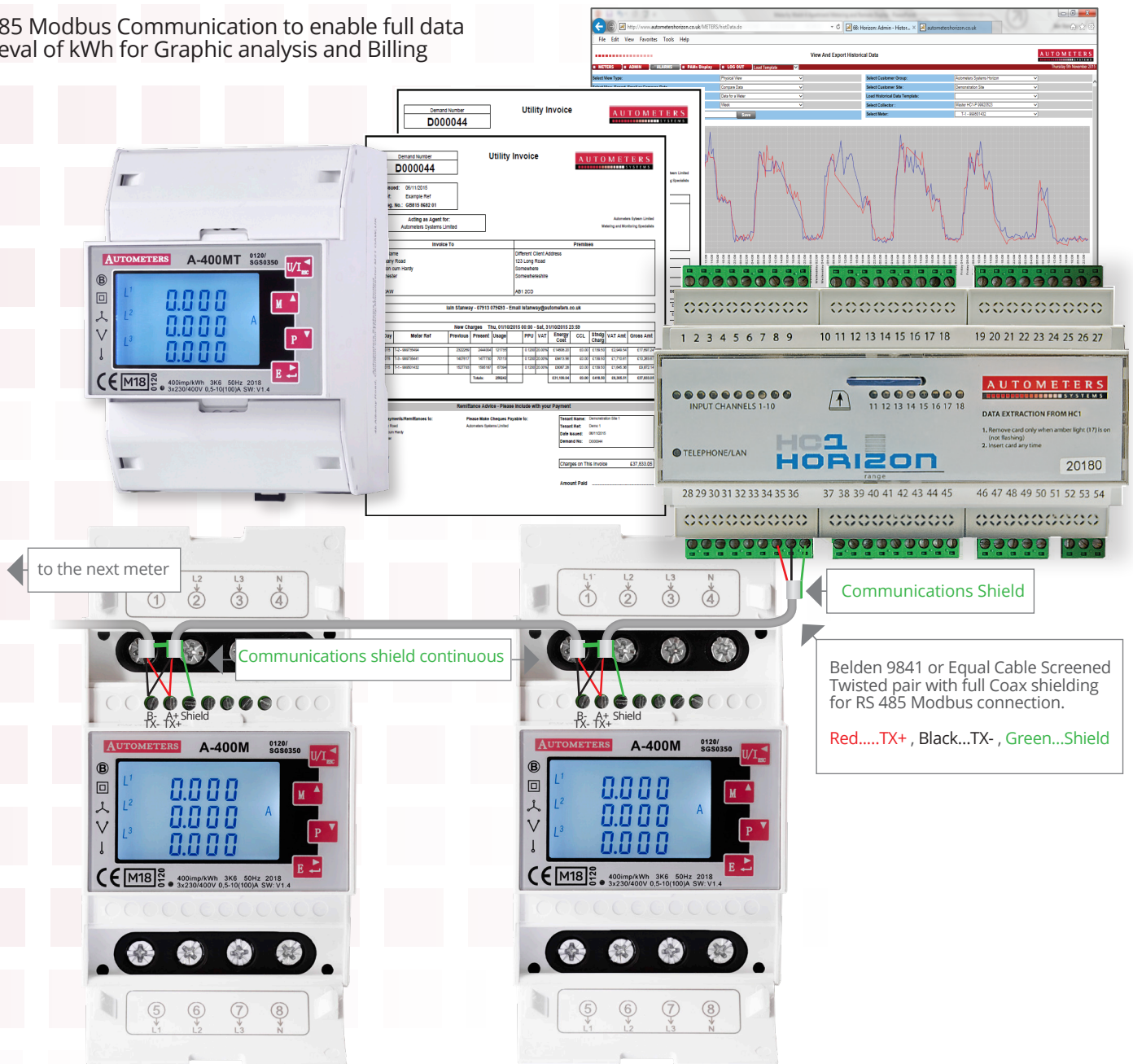


Fig.B Mains at the bottom



# The Horizon Energy Monitoring System With the New A-400 Series

RS 485 Modbus Communication to enable full data retrieval of kWh for Graphic analysis and Billing



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