

F/A1000TM & F/A1500TM

Fuel-Air Ratio Monitor

Instruction Manual

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Introduction

The Fuel-Air Ratio Monitor

The ECM Fuel-Air Ratio Monitor (F/A Monitor) was designed for the professional calibration of fuel-injection or carburetor systems. Using a wide-range UEGO (Universal Exhaust Gas Oxygen) sensor, the F/A Monitor provides unmatched measurement range, accuracy, and speed-of-response in a compact, lightweight package. Suitable for dynamometer or in-vehicle applications, the F/A Monitor is an essential tool for any engine development program.

F/A Monitor features:

- Measurement range of 0.055 to 0.125 F/A (gasoline¹)
- Easy calibration in air
- 0 to 5 volt linearized output for use with data acquisition or engine control systems
- SMB (Serial Measurement Bus) Interface on F/A1500
- Simulated O₂ sensor output
- 11 to 28 VDC operation²

F/A Monitor Components List

The following items are included with an F/A1000 or F/A1500 Kit:

Item No.	Description	Part Number
1.	Control Module (F/A1000)	1001A-1
	Control Module (F/A1500)	1501A-1
2.	UEGO Sensor	1001A-2
3.	Wiring Harness, 20' or	$1001A-3a^{3}$
	Wiring Harness, 10' or	$1001A-3b^{3}$
	Wiring Harness, 3'	$1001A-3c^{3}$
4.	SMB/PC Cable, 6' (F/A1500)	1500A-16
5.	SMB/PWR Cable, 1' (F/A1500)	1500A-17
6.	Calibration Screwdriver	2400E-35
7.	Sensor Mounting Boss and Plug (M18X1.5mm)	1000A-5
8.	Instruction Manual	1001A-6

¹ Assumes fuel H:C ratio of 1.85. For other fuels, see "Fuel Type Compensation".

² An AC/DC Power Supply (P/N 1000A-7) is available.

³ ECM offers custom harness solutions. Contact ECM for more information.

Important Operation Notes

- 1. Before installing the UEGO sensor, apply a small amount of non-lead containing antiseize compound to its threads. Do not get the compound on the sensor's tip.
- 2. Do not operate an engine for more than three minutes with the UEGO sensor in the exhaust and the control module's power off. If the sensor is off in a running engine for a longer period, soot and water will condense in the sensor and may reduce its sensitivity.
- 3. Do not use the UEGO sensor in exhaust systems in which water is sprayed into the exhaust. Water striking the sensor may cause permanent sensor damage.
- 4. Do not put the UEGO sensor in a heavily sooting or oil-burning engine.
- 5. Use of the UEGO sensor with leaded fuels over time may reduce the sensitivity of the sensor.
- 6. Do not use the UEGO sensor in a location where the temperature is greater than 950 deg. C (1742 deg. F) or if the pressure is not between 0.8 to 1.3 atm (23.9 to 38.9 inches Hg, 81 to 132 kPa.
- 7. Route and cable-tie the wiring harness away from hot or moving objects and ignition wires.
- 8. Do not remove or attach the UEGO sensor from the instrument harness when the control module power is on.
- 9. Do not drop the UEGO sensor onto a hard surface.
- 10. Do not expose the UEGO sensor to flammable substances.
- 11. Do not attempt to wash the UEGO sensor with any solvent or compressed air.

How to Use

Hooking-up the F/A Monitor

Location of the UEGO Sensor

The UEGO sensor should be located from 12" to 48" from the exhaust valve(s) of the engine. A location further from the engine may be used as long as it is at least ten times the exhaust pipe diameter upstream of the end of the exhaust system. For example, with a 2½" diameter exhaust pipe, the sensor should be at least 25" upstream of the end of the exhaust. The problem with locations further downstream than ten diameters is that reversion air may be trapped in the exhaust giving leaner than actual readings. This especially occurs at low exhaust flowrates (i.e. idle). Locating the UEGO sensor far from the engine exposes the sensor to more liquid water during both start-up and normal operation and is not recommended.

When choosing a UEGO sensor location, take into consideration engine movement, ground clearance, and wire harness routing.

Mount the UEGO sensor in a location where the sensor's wires are pointing upward (9 o'clock to 3 o'clock). Do not mount the sensor where liquid inside the exhaust may collect in the sensor or its threads.

Install the UEGO sensor by lightly coating its threads with a non-lead containing antiseize compound and tighten it to 30 ± 3 ft-lbf (40 ± 4 Nm). Attach the sensor to the wiring harness and route the harness to the control module. Use cable ties to keep the harness away from hot or moving objects and ignition wires.

Do not modify the wiring harness. Replace the wiring harness if it becomes damaged.

Installation of the Sensor Mounting Boss

The UEGO sensor is mounted in the engine's exhaust by threading it into a M18X1.5mm boss that is cast, welded, or brazed onto the engine's exhaust pipe. This thread size is identical to that of most exhaust oxygen sensor (O₂ sensors) used in production automobiles with 3-way exhaust catalysts.

The sensor boss provided has a M18X1.5mm thread. To mount the boss, first drill a ¾" diameter hole in the desired location. Clean the area around the hole with a wire-brush and clamp the boss over the hole. Weld or braze the boss to the exhaust pipe. After the boss is attached to the exhaust, tap the treads to clean them and file the top of the boss to provide a flat surface for sealing.

When the UEGO sensor is not being used, use the supplied plug (with some anti-seize) to plug the hole. Do not use the UEGO sensor to plug the hole when the control module is not powered-up.

Power

The F/A Monitor requires clean DC power of 11V to 28V at 1.4A (steady-state). During sensor warm-up, the requirement is approximately 5A for a period of up to 1 minute. A good car or motorcycle 12V battery can meet these specifications. An AC/DC power supply is available (P/N 1000A-7). The supplied wiring harness must be connected directly to the power source. Do not modify the wiring harness without first contacting ECM.

Warm-up

After powering-up the F/A Monitor, it will take approximately 30 seconds for the control module to bring the UEGO sensor to its operating temperature. It is okay to have the engine running during this period. It fact it is recommended that a cold engine be started for a short period (i.e. one minute) before the F/A Monitor is powered-up. The reason for this is to allow any condensed water to be cleared from the exhaust system. Any liquid can thermally shock the UEGO sensor.

For applications where the sensor is mounted in a tailpipe probe, it is especially important to make sure that all condensed water is out of the tailpipe before the tailpipe probe is inserted into the exhaust.

Analog Output

The F/A Monitor has a 0V to 5V linearized output suitable for input into a data acquisition or engine control system. The analog output is available from the female BNC connector on the wiring harness. For the F/A1000 only, the shell of the connector is signal ground and it is electrically connected to the power source ground.

The relationship between the analog output (Vout) and the F/A for gasoline¹ is:

$$F/A = -0.014 \times Vout + 0.125$$
 [Equation 1]

For example, if Vout is 4.0V then the F/A is 0.069.

When the F/A Monitor is first turned on, the output passes through a sequence of three voltages. Each voltage is held for five seconds. For the F/A1000, these three voltages are 0.0V, 4.02V and 5.0V, and correspond to 0.125, 0.069 and 0.055 F/A respectively. For the F/A1500, the three voltages are 0.5V, 4.02V and 4.5V, which correspond to 0.118, 0.069, and 0.062 F/A respectively. The purpose of this sequence is to verify correct electrical connection and signal conversion with the F/A Monitor and the data receiving device.

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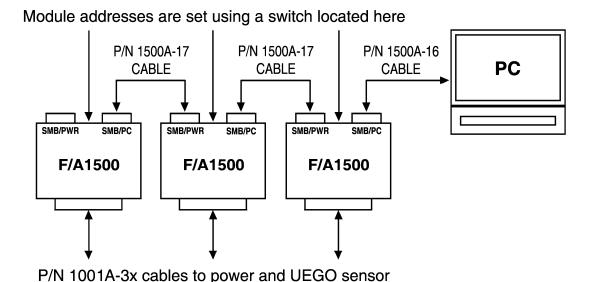
¹ Assumes fuel H:C ratio of 1.85. For other fuels, see "Fuel Type Compensation".

SMB Interface (Serial Measurement Bus, F/A1500 Only)

The F/A1500 has a SMB interface allowing serial communication with as many as 16 F/A1500 modules using a single RS-232 type serial port from a computer. Using the SMB interface, AFR, F/A, Lambda, %O₂, and module status can be read from each F/A1500 module. The interface supports auto-detection of the modules.

The figure below shows an example with three F/A1500 modules connected to a computer (here a PC) using the SMB interface. Each module must have a unique address between 0 and Fh (i.e. 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, A, B, C, D, E, F) that is set using a switch located between the two SMB connectors on the F/A1500.

Cable part number 1500A-16 connects the PC to the SMB/PC port of any one of the F/A1500 modules (i.e. it does not have to be the module with address 0), and subsequent F/A1500 modules are daisy-chained using part number 1500A-17 cables.



Communication is 38400 baud, 1 start bit, 8 data bits, 1 stop bit and no parity.

The computer sends a one byte message. The high nibble contains the module address (0 to Fh) and the low nibble contains the command (0 to Fh).

The F/A1500 module addressed responds (within 1 ms max.) with the byte of data requested.

The command from the PC to the F/A1500 modules and the conversion formulas for the data from the F/A1500 modules to the PC are given in the following table. The state diagram for SMB communication is at the back of this instruction manual.

COMMAND	DESCRIPTION	RANGE	FORMULA
0h	Enter Command Mode		See Command Mode and Device Identification sections
1h	8 bit λ	0.744 to 1.235	$\lambda = (Data \ Byte + 186)/250$
2h	16 bit λ High Byte	0.549 to 1.235	$\lambda = (High Byte*256 + Low Byte)/1000$
3h	16 bit λ Low Byte		
4h	16 bit Ri High Byte	0 to 400 Ω	Ri = (High Byte*256 + Low Byte)/10
5h	16 bit Ri Low Byte		
6h	16 bit %O ₂ High Byte	0.0 to 4.03	$\%O_2 = (High Byte*256 + Low Byte)/100$
7h	16 bit %O ₂ Low Byte		
8h	16 bit AFR High Byte	8.0 to 18.0	AFR = (High Byte*256 + Low Byte)/100
9h	16 bit AFR Low Byte		
Ah	16 bit FAR High Byte	0.055 to 0.125	FAR = (High Byte*256 + Low Byte)/10000
Bh	16 bit FAR Low Byte		
Ch	16 bit Ip High Byte	-2849 to 492 μA	Ip = (High Byte*256 + Low Byte)/10
Dh	16 bit Ip Low Byte		
Eh	N/A		F/A1500 Status Code (See table below)
Fh	N/A		

PWR (Green) LED	ERR (Red) LED FLASH CODE	STATUS CODE	CONDITION
ON	OFF	0	Data valid/Sensor OK
OFF	1	1	Sensor not connected or heater open
OFF	2	2	Heater short
OFF	3	3	Power supply voltage out of range
OFF	4, 5, or 6	4, 5, or 6	Sensor damaged
Flashing	OFF	8	30 second warm-up
ON	ON	9	EE Fault
ON	ON	ON	Command Mode

Command Mode

Command Mode is used to auto-detect F/A1500 and AFM1500 modules on the SMB bus.

After the reception of command XXXX 0000 (where XXXX = module address) the module switches into Command Mode and waits for a second byte. Upon entering Command Mode, wait 30 ms minimum before issuing commands. The sensor is powered off when the unit is in Command Mode. The module remains waiting until a second byte with the correct device number in the high-nibble is received.

1st BYTE	2nd BYTE	COMMAND NO.	COMMAND
XXXX 0000	XXXX 0000	0	Stay in Command Mode
XXXX 0000	XXXX 0001	1	Device Identification (See Below)
XXXX 0000	XXXX 0010	2	Not Used
XXXX 0000	XXXX 1111	15	Exit Command Mode

Device Identification

In response to the DEVICE IDENTIFICATION command, the module sends back 6 bytes (including a check sum): 0x00, 0x00, 0x02, 0x18, 0x18, 0x0C, 0x00, 0xDA. This will identify the module as an ETAS LA3 to INCA software.

Simulated O₂ Sensor (EGO) Output

Since the UEGO sensor used by the F/A Monitor has the same thread size as most production O_2 sensors (i.e. EGO or HEGO sensors), the production mounting hole can be used. However, if the production O_2 sensor is not connected to the engine control unit (ECU), the ECU may go into "back-up" mode. The F/A Monitor avoids this problem by providing a simulated O_2 sensor output that can be fed into the ECU.

The simulated O_2 sensor output is a 0V (lean) to 1V (rich) signal that switches at Lambda=1.0. This is the same switch point as the production O_2 sensor. The simulated O_2 sensor output is available at the short black wire near the blue connector of the wiring harness. A connection must be made between the black wire and the vehicle's O_2 sensor signal wire on the vehicle's wiring harness. Note that the production O_2 sensor is both electrically and physically disconnected from the vehicle when the simulated O_2 sensor output is being used.

When using the simulated O_2 sensor feature, two things must be kept in mind:

The vehicle's ECU may have a feature to detect if the O_2 sensor's heater is operating properly. If this is the case, an electrical connection between the O_2 (**not** the UEGO) sensor's heater wires and the vehicle's wiring harness must be made.

The vehicle's ECU may have a feature to detect if the O_2 sensor is operating properly by pumping current into and out of the O_2 sensor. Depending on the sophistication of the feature, it may be that the stock O_2 sensor must be left alone and another mounting location be used for the UEGO sensor.

Calibration

Calibration of the F/A Monitor and the UEGO sensor can be easily performed using air.

To bring the system into calibration, put the sensor in air and adjust the calibration potentiometer (CAL POT) on the control module using the calibration screwdriver provided. First turn the potentiometer counter-clockwise until the CAL LED (yellow) is off, then turn the potentiometer slowly clockwise until the CAL LED just lights. If the CAL POT cannot be turned to where the CAL LED is off then the sensor is bad.

For best accuracy, the F/A Monitor and UEGO sensor should be on for at least 20 minutes prior to calibration. However, calibrating at approximately three minutes after powering up a cold (i.e. room-temperature) UEGO sensor is equivalent.

For best accuracy, the UEGO sensor should be held with its tip pointing down in still air during calibration. Calibrating with the sensor in an "off" engine is not recommended due to the possibility of residual exhaust gases remaining in the exhaust system.

Fuel Type Compensation

The standard F/A Monitor output is for gasoline (measurement range of 0.055 to 0.125 F/A) with a fuel H:C ratio of 1.85 and an O:C ratio of zero. If a fuel of a different composition is used, Equation 2 can be used to compensate (i.e. correct) the F/A Monitor's output.

$$F/Acorr = [(m + 16p + 12)/(2.368 \times (m - 2p + 4))] \times F/Ameas$$
 [Equation 2]

where: F/Acorr is the F/A for the fuel of H:C=m and O:C=p composition.

F/Ameas is the F/A output by the F/A Monitor.

m > (2p - 4).

Pressure Compensation

All wide-range exhaust sensors have a pressure sensitivity. Errors occur when the sensor is operated at pressures different from the pressure at which it was calibrated. Changes in pressure come about from changes in weather, altitude changes, and engine backpressure. There is no sensitivity to pressure at stoichiometric (Lambda = 1) conditions. The sensitivity gets greater the further from stoichiometric the engine is operated. Increases in pressure make the sensor read further from stoichiometric (i.e. if lean, reads leaner, if rich, reads richer). For example, an increase in exhaust pressure of 127 mmHg above the calibration pressure (which would result from calibrating at 1 mile above sea level and then driving down to sea level) would make a 0.079 F/A engine read 0.080 or a 0.052 F/A engine read 0.050. To compensate for pressure use Equation 3.

If Equation 2 (fuel type compensation) and Equation 3 (pressure compensation) are to both to be used, apply Equation 3 first, then Equation 2.

Pressure Compensation Equation for F/A

$$F/A(corrected) = (F/A(measured) + aP) / (1 + bP)$$
 [Equation 3a]

where: F/A(corrected) = the F/A corrected for exhaust pressure.

F/A(measured) = the F/A output by the F/A.

 $a = 4.30 \times 10^{-5}$ for F/A > 0.0686 (rich).

 $a = 5.70 \times 10^{-5}$ for F/A ≤ 0.0686 (lean).

 $b = 6.27 \times 10^{-4}$ for F/A > 0.0686 (rich).

 $b = 8.30 \times 10^{-4}$ for F/A ≤ 0.0686 (lean).

P = the exhaust pressure in mmHg above the pressure at which the sensor was calibrated (using the CAL POT on the F/A Monitor while the sensor is held in air). Equation 3 is valid for -152 mmHg < P < 532 mmHg.

Pressure Compensation Equation for Lambda

Lambda(corrected) = $(Lambda(measured) + B \times P) / (1 + B \times P)$ [Equation 3b]

where: Lambda(corrected) = the Lambda corrected for exhaust pressure.

Lambda(measured) = the Lambda output by the F/A.

B = 0.000627 for Lambda < 1.0 (rich).

B = 0.000830 for Lambda > 1.0 (lean).

P = the exhaust pressure in mmHg above the pressure at which the sensor was calibrated (using the CAL POT on the AFM while the sensor is held in air). Equation 3b is valid for -152 mmHg < P < 532 mmHg.

Pressure Compensation Equation for %O₂

$$%O_2(corrected) = %O_2(measured) / [1.0 + B x P]$$
 [Equation 3c]

where: $\%O_2$ (corrected) = the $\%O_2$ corrected for exhaust pressure.

 $\%O_2$ (measured) = the $\%O_2$ output by the F/A.

B = 0.000830

P = the exhaust pressure in mmHg above the pressure at which the sensor was calibrated (using the CAL POT on the AFM while the sensor is held in air). Equation 3c is valid for -152 mmHg < P < 532 mmHg.

Specifications and Limits

Measurement Range and Accuracy

Range: 0.055 to 0.125 F/A (gasoline)¹ (Analog Output and SMB)

8.0 to 18.0 AFR, 0.549 to 1.235 Lambda, 0.0 to 4.0 %O₂ (SMB Only)

Accuracy: 1.5%

Exhaust Operating Limits

Maximum Exhaust Gas Temperature: 950 deg. C, 1742 deg. F.

Exhaust Gas Pressure Range: 0.8 - 1.7 atm (gauge).

Sensor Installation

Thread Size: M18X1.5mm. Lightly coat with non-lead containing antiseize.

Hex Size: 22mm.

Tightening Torque: 30 ±3 ft-lbf, 40 ±4 Nm.

The UEGO sensor's thread size is identical to that of most O_2 sensors used in production vehicles.

Output Specifications and Limits

Analog Output:

- 0V at 0.125 F/A (gasoline)
- 5V at 0.055 F/A (gasoline)
- $F/A = -0.014 \times Vout + 0.125$
- Output Impedance: 500 Ohm
- Output Connector: Female BNC, Signal = Center, Ground = Shell

Simulated O2 Sensor Output:

- Low Level: Less than 50mV at F/As lean of stoichiometric
- High Level: 950 ±50mV at F/As rich of stoichiometric
- Switch point at stoichiometric (Lambda = 1)
- Output Impedance: 110K Ohm
- Rise time (10% to 90%): 34ms
- Fall time (90% to 10%): 34ms
- Wiring: Short black wire near blue connector = Positive, Ground via instrument harness

¹ Assumes fuel H:C ratio of 1.85. For other fuels, see "Fuel Type Compensation".

SMB Interface (Serial Measurement Bus, F/A1500 Only):

- AFR, F/A, Lambda, %O2, and Module Status Output
- Each Module can be assigned an address from 0h to Fh using a switch on the side of the module
- Auto-detect feature for Device Identification
- 38400 baud, 1 Start Bit, 8 Data Bits, No parity
- For Communication Protocol, See SMB Interface Section
- SMB Ground and Power are Isolated (±200V max)

SMB/PC Cable Terminal Assignments (F/A1500 Only):

(Cable from PC to SMB/PC Port on F/A1500 Module, 6ft., P/N 1500A-16)

DB9 Female (to PC) Terminal Number	DB9 Male (to Module) Terminal Number
2 (Rx)	1
3 (Tx)	2
5 (Gnd)	6

SMB/PC Cable Terminal Assignments (F/A1500 Only):

(Cable from SMB/PWR to SMB/PWR ports on F/A1500 Modules, 1ft., P/N 1500A-17)

DB9 Male (to Module) Terminal Number	DB9 Male (to Module) Terminal Number
1	2
2	1
6	6
3	3
7	7
8	8
4	4
5	5
9	9

General Information

Power: 11 to 28 VDC at 5A (surge), 1.4A (continuous)

Fuse: Internal, automatically resetable

Dimensions: 4" x 3.5" x 1",

102mm x 89mm x 25mm (W x H x D)

Weight: 5.6 oz., 160 gm.

Troubleshooting

If the PWR (Green) LED on the side of the unit is on, all is okay.

If the PWR (Green) LED on the side of the unit is flashing continuously, the unit is warming up. The sensor requires approximately 30 seconds of warm-up time after the unit is turned on.

If the ERR (Red) LED is flashing 1, 2, 4, 5, or 6 times per second (see table on page 6), the UEGO sensor is broken. Of course, this will occur if the sensor is not connected.

Sometimes one or more of these codes will occur within 1 minute of power-up. This is okay as long as they do not remain active after 1 minute.

If the ERR (Red) LED is flashing 3 times per second, the battery voltage is either too low (less than 11 V) or too high (greater than 28 V). If this occurs, immediately stop the engine and supply the correct battery voltage to the control module.

If the CAL POT cannot be turned counterclockwise to where the CAL (Yellow) LED is off then the sensor is bad.

If the F/A Monitor outputs erroneous values, one of three conditions exists:

- 1. The unit is being confused by noisy power or operating in an electrically noisy environment. In some situations, a timing light might create a noise problem. Keeping the control module and its wiring harness away from the engine's ignition wires will help avoid this source of electrical noise.
- 2. For the F/A1000 only, the ground wire on the wiring harness is not attached directly to the ground at the vehicle's battery. If you connect a single wire from the wiring harness ground to the vehicle's battery, a large voltage drop will occur across that wire and cause the analog output ground at the BNC connector to be elevated above battery ground. And since battery ground is often the engine's data acquisition ground, if you hook the analog output ground at the BNC connector to the ground at the data acquisition system then you will cause a current loop through the ground of the data acquisition system to the vehicle battery.
- 3. The F/A Monitor must be returned to the factory for repair. There are no user-repairable components inside the control module. The warranty is void if the control module is opened or wiring harness is modified. Contact ECM before returning the F/A Monitor to the factory.

Safety Warnings

In installation and use of this product, comply with the National Electrical Code and any other applicable Federal, State, or local safety codes.

Always wear eye protection when working near engines, vehicles, or machinery.

During installation, turn off the power and the engine and take all other necessary precautions to prevent injury, property loss, and equipment damage. Do not apply power or start the engine until all wiring is completed.

Never work on a running engine.

When installing the F/A Monitor's cabling and sensor on a stopped engine, it is best to thinkout your moves before you make them.

Route and cable-tie all cables away from hot, moving, sharp, high energy (spark), and caustic objects.

Take into consideration the movement of the engine, chassis, and wind buffeting when instrumenting the engine.

Clear tools away from the engine before starting.

Operate the engine only in a well ventilated area and never when you or one of your coworkers is tired.

One measure of professionalism is how much you and your co-workers can accomplish without an injury. Always be at your professional best. Think and act with safety in mind.

Warranty and Disclaimers

WARRANTY

The products described in this manual, with the exception of the UEGO sensor, are warranted to be free from defects in material and workmanship for a period of one year from the date of shipment to the buyer. Within the one year warranty period, we shall at our option replace such items or reimburse the customer the original price of such items which are returned to us with shipping charges prepaid and which are determined by us to be defective. This warranty does not apply to any item which has been subjected to misuse, negligence or accident; or misapplied; or modified; or improperly installed.

The UEGO sensor is considered an expendable part and as such cannot be covered by a warranty.

This warranty comprises the sole and entire warranty pertaining to the items provided hereunder. Seller makes no other warranty, guarantee, or representation of any kind whatsoever. All other warranties, including but not limited to merchantability and fitness for purpose, whether express, implied, or arising by operation of law, trade usage, or course of dealing are hereby disclaimed.

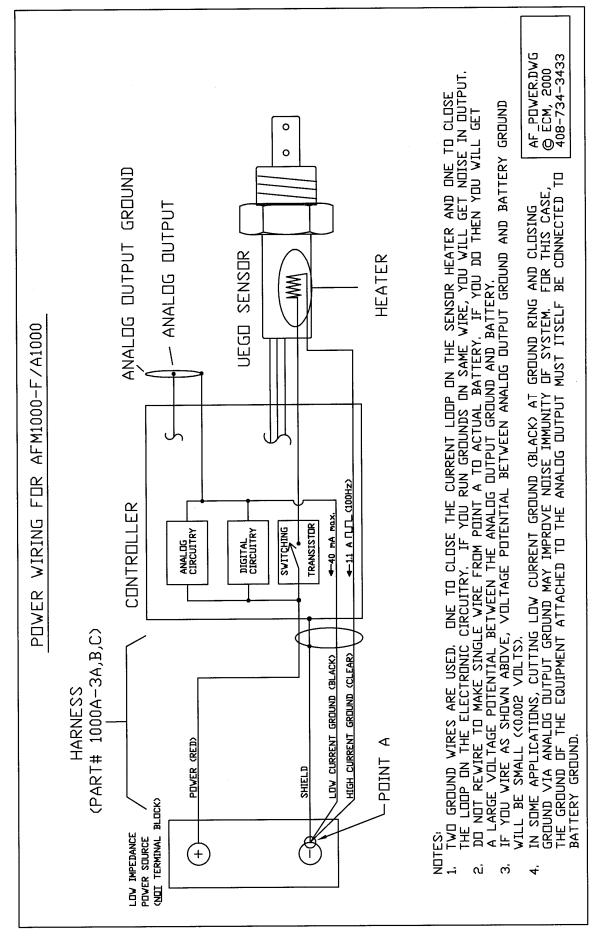
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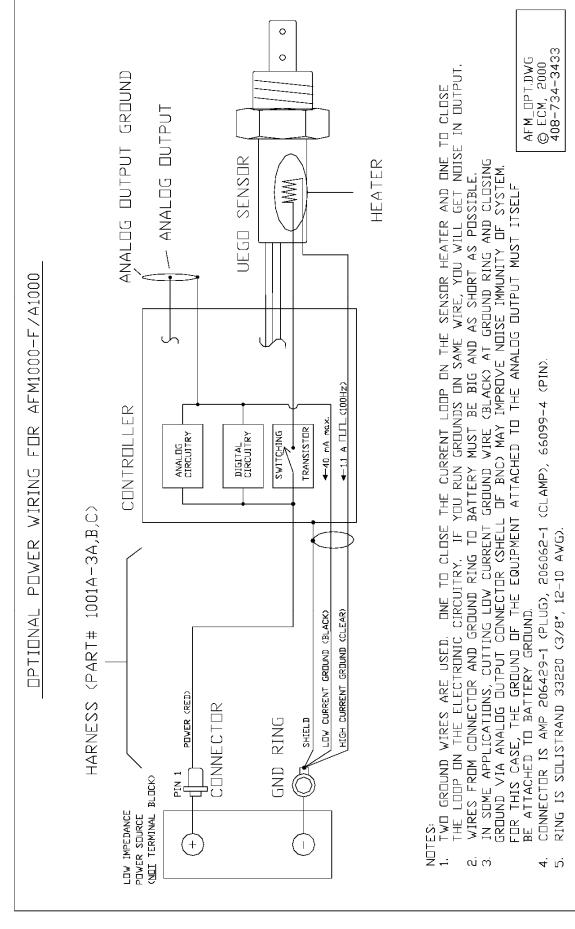
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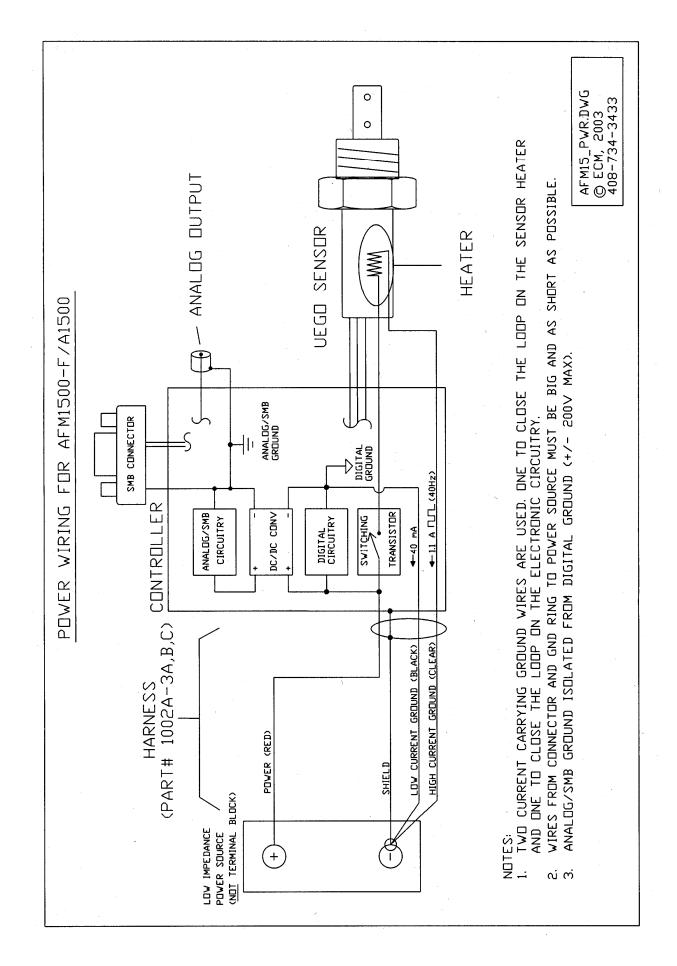
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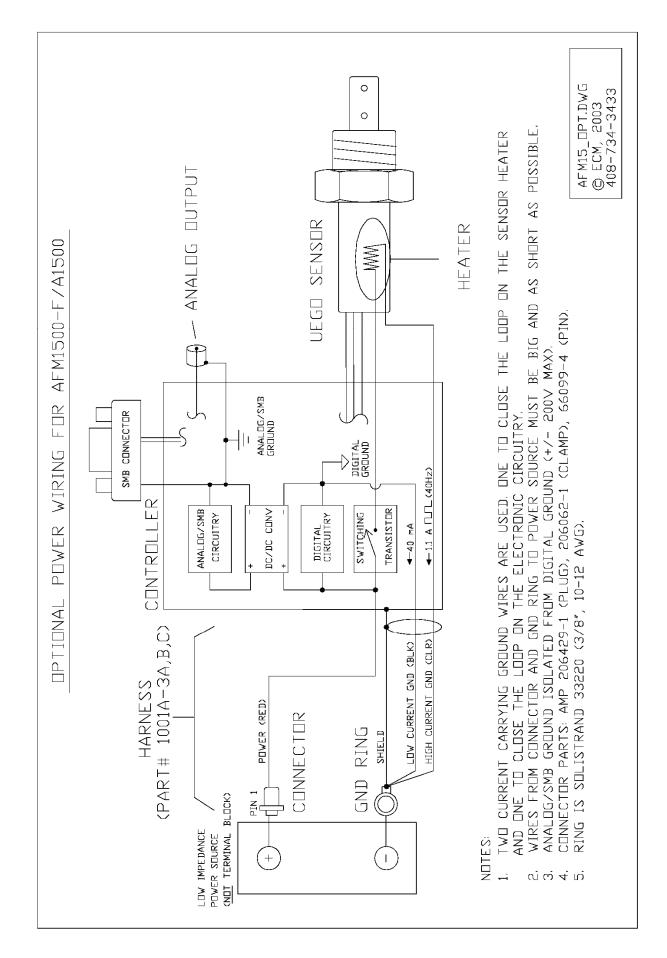
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State Diagram for SMB Communication

