

Analogue Signal Transmitter AST 3



Technical Manual

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1. Introduction

AST 3 is a high performance signal transmitter, designed for industrial measuring by means of strain gauge transducers. The compact module is easily installed on a DIN-rail or a flat surface.

By serial communication a number of AST 3 modules can be combined to form a network with a common control unit.

Transducer excitation is included in the transmitter module and the analogue transducer signal is converted to a digital signal with very high resolution. By parameter controlled calculations an internal measurement value is produced, which can be converted to a current or voltage signal at the analogue output. The measurement value can also be transmitted to the control unit, or to an external display unit.

Level supervision at two levels can be performed and the status is transmitted over the serial communication.

All AST 3 inputs and outputs are galvanically isolated from each other and from the power supply for the unit.

Versions

AST 3 is available in two versions, both including the same measuring functions and an analogue output:

AST 3B is designed for remote use. An external control unit is needed for set-up of parameter values, and it can also be used for presentation of the measurement value.

In AST 3B a green LED is visible through a hole in the panel, indicating the operating state of the unit.

In AST 3P components are added to make also local use possible. A front panel with command keys and a display window allows local parameter set-up and display of both parameter and measurement values at the transmitter module. For AST 3P operating or error conditions are shown at the display window (the internal LED is not visible).

AST 3P also includes two output relays for indication or control duties.

Functions

Measuring with strain gauge transducers. The output signal and the sense (representing the excitation voltage) are measured at the transducer by four wires to avoid influence from voltage drop in the connection cable.

Excitation to the transducer, from AST 3 or from an external DC-power supply, is provided over separate wires.

A shielded 6-wire cable must be used to connect AST 3 to a distant transducer.

A/D conversion. The analogue signal-to-sense ratio from the transducer is converted to a digital value and filtered to give an internal transducer signal representation with high resolution of the load on the transducer.

Calculation. Influenced by calibration data, the internal transducer signal is converted to a digital measurement value, the weight value, that can be presented at the local display window and at the control unit.

Analogue output. The calculated weight value is also converted into an analogue output signal, e.g. for presentation on an external display. Current or voltage output can be selected. The analogue output can also be forced to produce a selected, fixed current or voltage signal.

Error supervision. The error supervision is checking for electrical errors, invalid parameter values, and signals out of valid limits. As long as no error is detected, the signal 'In process' is present. If an error is detected an error message will be displayed and the signal 'In process' will be off, the relays will be deactivated, and the analogue output signal will be set to 0V / 0mA.

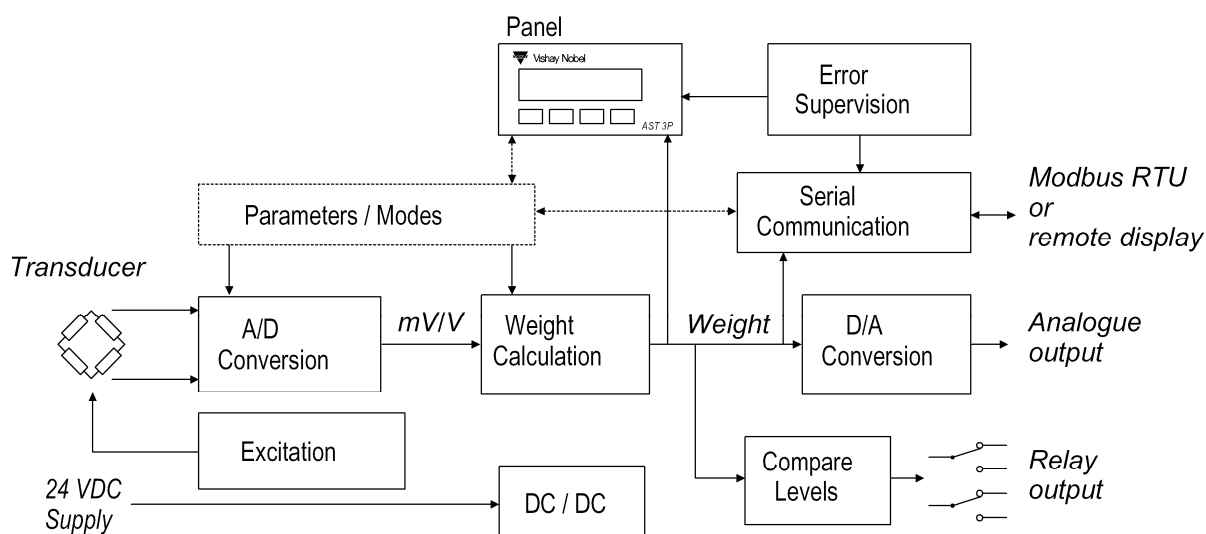


Figure 1. The Analogue Signal Transmitter AST 3 converts analogue transducer signals into precise measurement values for use in industrial processes.

Levels. Two level comparators in AST 3 can be set to switch at defined levels for selected signals, reporting the status of the signals to the control unit. In AST 3P two switching relays are included. They can be set to indicate the status of the level comparators or the status of the signal 'In process'.

Serial communication. In AST 3 the serial interface RS-485, on 2-wires or 4-wires, is used for communication with the control unit. Set-up and calibration parameters, weight value, level status, error status etc. is transmitted via the Modbus protocol.

If the serial interface is not used for control unit communication, it can be used to transmit the weight value to external digital equipment.

Instrument modes. At power-on the unit enters the Start-up mode, displaying its identity while internal tests are performed.

Then it may enter the Wait for start mode (selected by a parameter), waiting for a start command from the operator.

After completed start-up, the AST 3 unit is normally working in Operating mode, continuously presenting the weight value (or other selected information).

If editing of set-up parameters should be performed, AST 3 must be switched over to Set-up mode.

If an error is detected, AST 3 will automatically switch over to Error mode, displaying an error message.

As AST 3 is in Set-up mode or Error mode, normal instrument operation is disabled, the relays are deactivated, and the analogue output is set to zero.

Parameter setting. In AST 3 set-up parameters are used to control all operating functions. The parameter values can be entered as numerical values or selected from a list of alternatives.

Setting of the parameter values can be performed from a control unit.

For AST 3P, the front panel keys and display window can also be used for the parameter setting.

Presentation. AST 3 can present parameter values and measured or calculated signal values at a control unit, and for AST 3P at the panel display.

The measurement value is also presented by the analogue output signal.

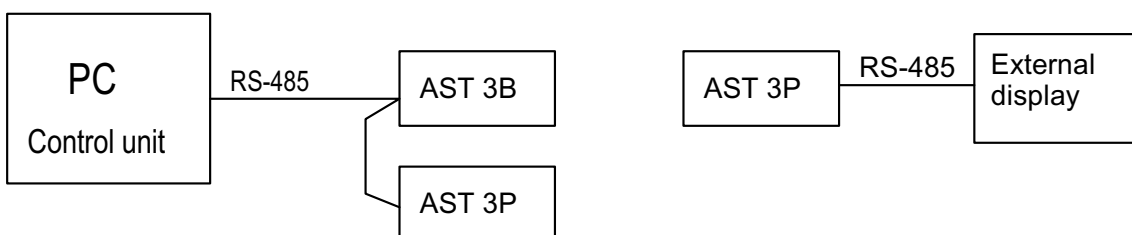


Figure 2. The AST 3 versions can utilise serial communication to carry out different operational tasks.

Technical data

Transducer input

Transducers	Max 8, 350 ohms each. Total load >45 ohms.	
Excitation	Depending on the number of transducers connected:	
	8.8 VDC \pm 5 % with 1 transd.	8.7 VDC \pm 5 % with 2 transd.
	8.5 VDC \pm 5 % with 3 transd.	7.7 VDC \pm 5 % with 4 transd.
	6.5 VDC \pm 5 % with 6 transd.	5.5 VDC \pm 5 % with 8 transd.
Signal input	\pm 3.3 mV/V.	
Sense input	1.5 – 10 VDC.	
A/D conversion	23 bits (8 300 000 counts). Patented design.	

Analogue output

Bipolar voltage or current.

Voltage	0–10 VDC or +/-10 VDC over >500 ohms.
Current	0–20 mA, +/-20 mA, 4–20 mA, -12–20 mA in <500 ohms.
Filter	0.05 to 75 Hz, selectable bandwidth.
Resolution	16 bits (65 000 counts).
Non-linearity	<0.01 % of range.
Zero drift	<0.005 % of range/°C.
Gain drift	<0.003 % of actual value/°C.

Serial output

Can be used for control unit communication (Modbus) or external display.

Interface	RS-485, 2-wires or 4-wires.
Baud rate	Up to 115.2 kbaud.
Data format	Modbus RTU protocol for control unit communication.
Filter	0.05 to 75 Hz, selectable bandwidth.
Non-linearity	<0.005 % of range.
Zero drift	<0.0002 % of 3.3 mV/V /°C.
Gain drift	<0.0015 % of actual value/°C.

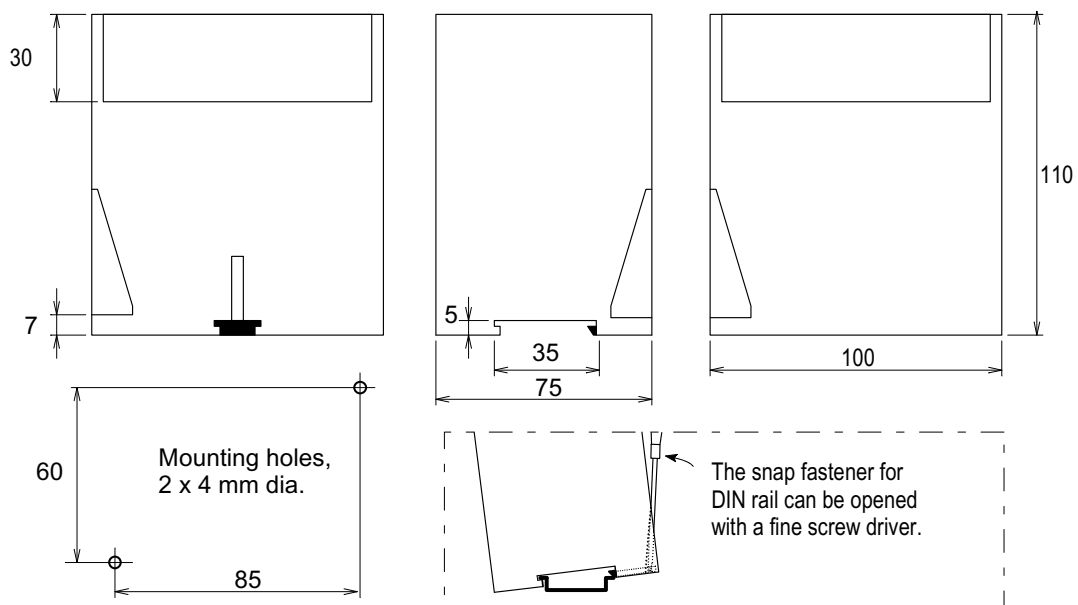


Figure 3. Mechanical dimensions for AST 3.

Calibration

Methods Data sheet, Dead weight or Table.

Power supply

Supply voltage 24 VDC \pm 20 %.
Consumption 7 W.

Environmental

Temperature range -10 to $+50$ °C.
CE conformity EMC, industrial for process control.

Mechanical data

Dimensions 75 x 100 x 110 mm.
At least 10 mm air gap between units.
Rail mount DIN 46 277/3 and DIN EN 50022 (35 mm).
Protection IP 20.

Relay output (for AST 3P only):

Number of relays 2 (each with 1 switching group).
Relay load Max 1 A, 30 V AC or DC.

Spark suppression required at inductive load.

Front panel (for AST 3P only):

Display 2 x 16 character LCD display.
Keys 4 keys for menu control and data entry.



Figure 4. AST 3P and a rail mounted power supply in a protecting box from Nobel Weighing Systems.



Figure 5. The Analogue Signal Transmitter AST 3P.

2. Installation

General

Each signal transmitter module AST 3 contains several circuit boards, built into a protective plastic housing. The module can be snap-mounted on a 35 mm wide DIN rail or attached on a flat surface by two 4 mm screws. Two groups of plug-in terminals for the cables are arranged on the module. The transducer cable is connected on one side of the module and all other cables on the opposite side.

Electrical installation

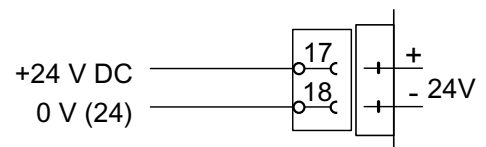
All electrical connections to the AST 3 module, including possible connection to ground, are made via plug-in terminal blocks. Shielded cables are needed, except for the power supply, and the cables should be routed so that electromagnetic interference from power cables is avoided. Input and output signals for AST 3 are galvanically isolated from each other to facilitate connection to various external equipment.

Cable connection is shown in the diagrams below.

Power supply

Terminals 17, 18.

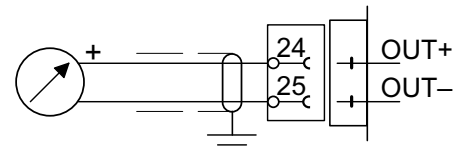
The AST 3 unit is powered by 24 VDC, see requirements in Technical data. Nobel Weighing Systems provides rail mounted power supplies, intended for operation of AST 3 units.



Analogue output

Terminals 24, 25.

Current output or voltage output for presentation of the measured value at the process control or at an external analogue instrument. Connect the cable shield to ground, preferably to a ground terminal at the mounting rail.



Serial communication

Terminals 19 – 23.

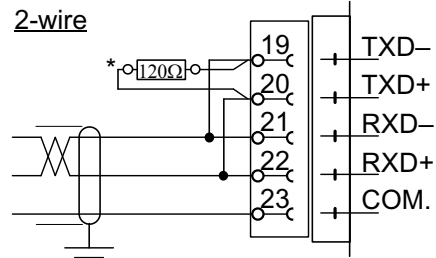
A serial port for RS-485, on 2-wire or 4-wire with common signal ground (COM), is used to connect AST 3 to a control unit, or to transmit values to an external display unit.

At both ends, the transmission line must have terminating resistors of 120 ohms. For AST 3 they should be mounted on separate terminals and be connected according to these diagrams. For a control unit or external display, refer to manufacturer instructions concerning line termination.

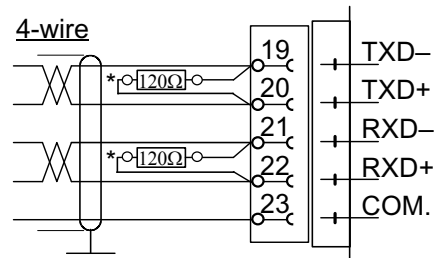
Shielded cable with twisted pairs should be used, the cable shield connected to ground, preferably by a ground terminal on the mounting rail.

When connecting several units to a transmission line, wires from two cables must be connected to the terminals at AST 3.

To facilitate that connection, use cable ferrules crimped on the two wires.



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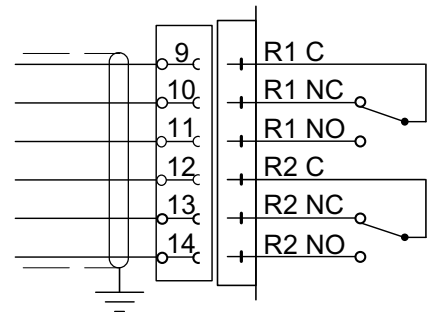
Relay outputs (AST 3P only)

Terminals 9 – 11 and 12 – 14.

These outputs are present only at AST 3P.

Observe the contact ratings given in Technical data. Use shielded cable connected to ground, preferably by a ground terminal on the mounting rail.

When the relays are used, the installation contractor has to observe the requirements of interference emission for electrical and electronic devices (EN 50081) on the contact side and take appropriate measures, if necessary.



Transducer input

Terminals 1 – 7 (8).

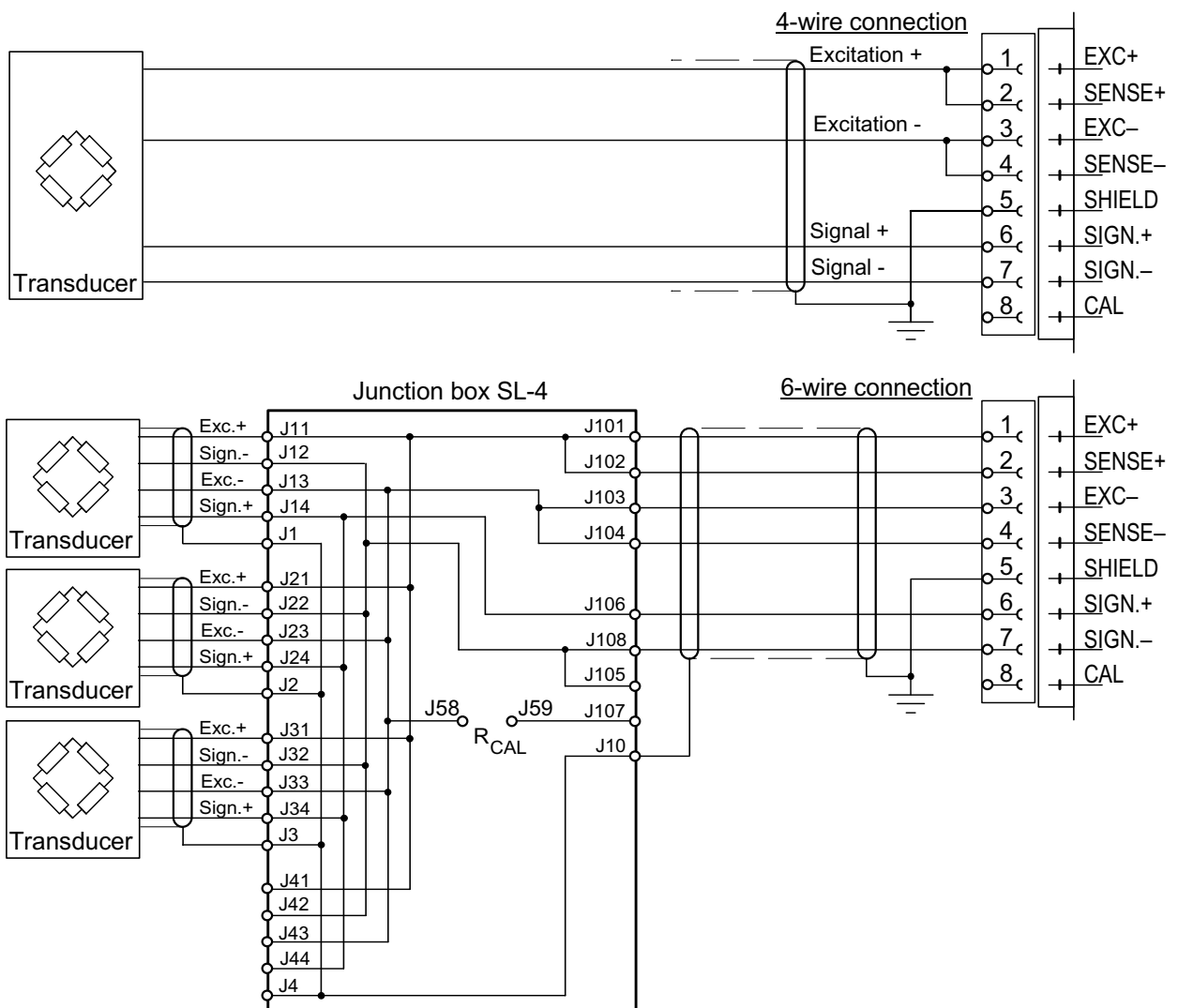
Connection of transducers should be handled with great care to achieve good measuring data. For transducers delivered with integrated connection cable, this cable must not be shortened.

NOTE! Transducer cables must be routed at least 200 mm away from 230/380 V, 50/60 Hz power cables. By cables with other frequencies or high power, an even wider distance is preferable.

AST 3 is designed for 4-wire connection or 6-wire connection of transducers.

4-wire connection should be used if the cable, delivered with the transducer, can be connected directly to the AST 3 terminals. By 4-wire connection, excitation and sense must be interconnected as shown in the diagram below. Connect the cable shield and terminal 5 to ground via the mounting rail.

6-wire connection should be used if the cable, delivered with the transducer must be lengthened, or if several transducers should be connected to one AST 3 unit. Connect the transducer cable(s) to a junction box, and use 6-wire connection between the junction box and AST 3. Connect the cable shield and terminal 5 to ground via the mounting rail. In the diagram below connections are shown for the junction box SL-4 from Nobel Weighing Systems.



Presentation panel, AST 3P

The presentation panel of AST 3P has a 2x16 character LCD display and four keys. In Operating mode the weight value is presented in one view, but other views may also be selected.





Set-up can be performed in two ways: the 'Quick set-up' with only a few vital parameters or the 'Normal set-up' with all the parameters available.

Error messages or parameter explanations can also be displayed.

The keys are used to select a parameter, to edit the parameter value, and to save the new value in the memory or to exit without saving the new value.
























The key functions in the different modes are explained in the table below.

Key explanation

	Name	Function	
		In Operating mode:	In Set-up mode:
	ENTER	<p>In view Zero setting: Set the value to zero.</p> <p>In all other views: No function.</p>	<p>In a 'Main menu': Go to the first parameter.</p> <p>Parameter viewing, <i>without</i> cursor: Make editing possible.</p> <p>Parameter editing, <i>with</i> cursor: Accept the digit at the cursor and go to next digit.</p> <p><u>If ENTER is pressed for 2 seconds:</u> The displayed parameter value is activated. The cursor disappears.</p>
	plus	<p>Go to next view. See Figure 12.</p> <p>Together with ↑ for 2 sec.: Go to 'Normal set-up'. (Password may be required.)</p>	<p>In a 'Main menu': Go to next main menu.</p> <p>Parameter viewing, <i>without</i> cursor: Go to next parameter.</p> <p>Parameter editing, <i>with</i> cursor: Increment the digit at the cursor or Go to next alternative.</p>
	minus	<p>Go to previous view. See Figure 12.</p>	<p>In a 'Main menu': Go to previous main menu.</p> <p>Parameter viewing, <i>without</i> cursor: Go to previous parameter.</p> <p>Parameter editing, <i>with</i> cursor: Decrement the digit at the cursor or Go to previous alternative.</p>
	ESCAPE	<p>If pressed for 2 seconds: Go to 'Quick set-up'. (Password may be required.)</p> <p>If held while + is pressed for 2 seconds: Go to 'Normal set-up'. (Password may be required.)</p>	<p>In a 'Main menu': No function.</p> <p>Parameter viewing, <i>without</i> cursor: Go to the main menu.</p> <p>Parameter editing, <i>with</i> cursor: Interrupt the editing.</p>

Example for how to use the keys:

As an AST 3P is started for the first time it enters the Operating mode, displaying the Weight value. This example describes how to change 'Measurement unit' to pounds (lb) and Capacity to 1000 (lb), using the 'Quick set-up'. See figure 7.

- * To leave Operating mode and enter 'Quick set-up', press  for 2 seconds.
- * 'Main menu Quick set-up' is displayed. Press  to get to the first parameter in the 'Quick set-up'.
- * The first parameter, 'Language', is displayed. Press  to get to 'Measurement unit'.
- * For parameter 'Measurement unit', the default value 'kg' is displayed. Press  to start editing. A cursor makes the first letter on the lower line blinking.
- * With a cursor on the lower line  or  are used to step forwards or backwards through the list of alternatives. Press  or  until 'lb' is displayed.
- * To accept the displayed alternative, press  for 2 seconds. The cursor disappears.
- * Now, without cursor on the lower line, use  to get to parameter 'Capacity'. The default value on the lower line, 500.0 lb, should be changed to 1000.0 lb.
- * Press  to start editing. The lower line will display '00500.0 lb' with a cursor at the first digit.
- * The parameter value should be changed to '01000.0 lb'. Press  once to accept the first digit and move to the second digit. Press  or  to change the digit to '1'. Press  to accept the value '1' and move to next digit. Press  or  to change the digit from '5' to '0'. Now the value is correct. Press  for 2 seconds, the cursor disappears and '1000.0 lb' is displayed.
- * As the editing is ready, press  to get to 'Main menu Exit set-up'.
- * Press . The sub menu 'Save changes? No Esc. Yes' will be displayed. (Press  if you do not wish to exit from the set-up mode.)
- * Answer by  (Yes) to save the new edited values. Answer by  (No) to cancel the new values and return to previously saved values.

In both cases the set-up is finished and the module switches to Operating mode, displaying the Weight value.

Operation indicator, AST 3B

Instrument operation is always indicated by a green LED inside the module, and for AST 3B the LED is visible through a hole in the upper right corner of the front panel.

- At normal operation the LED is lit continuously.
- As messages are transmitted on the serial communication, the LED is lit with one short interruption per second during the transmission time. Transmission is indicated like this also in a module with error indication.
- If an error occurs and the operation is stopped, this is indicated by the LED giving only a short flash every two seconds.

3. Set-up

General

All operating functions in AST 3 are controlled by permanently stored parameters, so the information will not be lost if the module is switched off. At delivery the parameters are factory-set to default values, giving the module an initial standard function. For AST 3 modules connected to a control system, the parameter values can be edited by Modbus communication from a control unit in the system. If a computer with Windows 95/98/ME/NT4.0/2000/XP is used, the deltaCOM program from Nobel Weighing Systems facilitates the editing of parameter values. For an AST 3P, all parameter values for the module can be edited by the front panel function keys.

When set-up from the control unit is in progress, local set-up of the AST 3P is prevented and a message is displayed:

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Remote set-up
Please wait!
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When an AST 3P is first taken into service, only a few parameters need to be edited to adapt the signal transmitter to the transducer and to obtain basic measuring function and correct values. These parameters are gathered in the 'Quick set-up' sequence, easily accessible from the AST 3P front panel by activation of a single key, see figure 7 on next page.

When parameter values, not accessible in the 'Quick set-up' need to be edited, it is necessary to enter the 'Normal set-up' sequences. These sequences contain all set-up parameters, divided in groups under a number of main menus. The 'Normal set-up' is started by activation of two keys simultaneously, see figure 8.

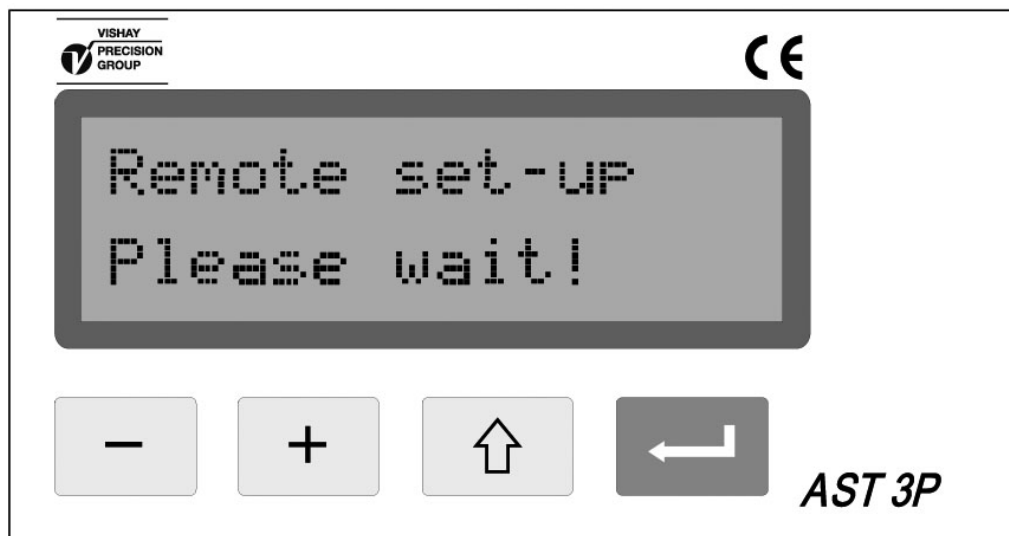


Figure 6. During set-up from a control computer, a message is given and the panel keys can not be used.

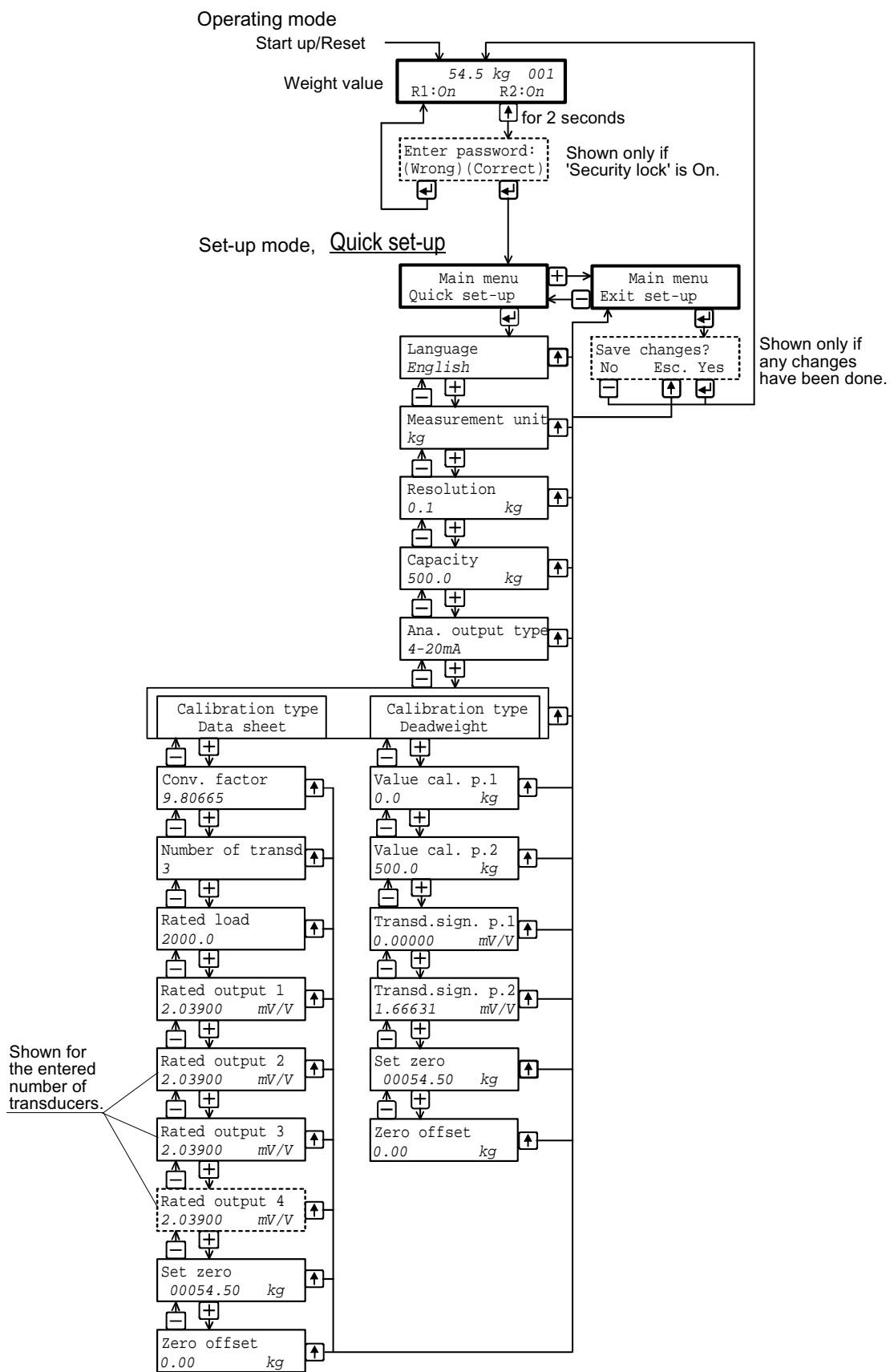


Figure 7. In the 'Quick set-up' only some basic parameters can be edited.

Quick set-up


In 'Quick set-up' for AST 3P a few basic parameters can be edited.

A separate publication, "AST 3 Operating instructions, Quick installation", gives a step-by step instruction for the set-up operation.




A brief instruction is given below. Parameter explanations are found on pages 3-4, 3-5 or in the complete parameter list on pages 3-10 to 3-22.

Enter 'Quick set-up'


Note! In Set-up mode all normal measuring operations are stopped!

Press  for 2 seconds. 'Main menu Quick set-up' will be displayed, possibly after entry of a correct password.




Show the parameters




When 'Main menu Quick set-up' is displayed, press  to attain the sequence of parameters. Parameter name and the actual parameter value are displayed together. Press the  key or the  key to step backwards or forwards in the parameter sequence, see figure 7.


Select a parameter to edit

Press  as the parameter is displayed. A blinking cursor appears to the left on the second line, and numerical parameter values get leading zeros. The cursor indicates that editing can be performed.

Edit a parameter value

For choice parameters the value is selected from a list of alternatives. As a cursor is blinking on the lower line, press the  (or ) key to find the correct alternative, then press  for 2 seconds to accept it, and the cursor disappears.

For numerical parameters each digit is edited separately. The digit at the cursor can be edited by the  or  key. The value of that digit is accepted by , and the cursor moves to next digit.

Repeat this procedure until a correct value with leading zeros is displayed, then press  for 2 seconds to accept it, and the cursor disappears.

If the accepted value is out of range an error message will start flashing.

Any key can be pressed to remove the message, cancel the incorrect value, and make continued editing possible.

Press  to cancel the editing in progress and remove the cursor.

Calibration


Two calibration types are supported by 'Quick set-up': data sheet calibration and dead weight calibration. See section Calibration for more information about calibration types and parameters.

Exit 'Quick set-up'

See figure 7. First press  to get to 'Main menu Exit set-up', and then press .


If nothing was edited, 'Quick set-up' is finished and view 'Weight value' is displayed.

If any parameter has been edited, 'Save changes? No Esc. Yes' is displayed.

(Press  if you do not wish to exit from the set-up mode.)

If  (Yes) is pressed, all edited parameter values will be saved.

The new values should also be recorded in a set-up list. See appendix 2.

If  (No) is pressed, all edited parameter values will be cancelled.

All parameters resume the values they had before 'Quick set-up' was started.

This finishes the 'Quick set-up' and the view 'Weight value' will be displayed.

Parameters in 'Quick set-up'

'Quick set-up' for AST 3 includes parameters for setting of basic instrument properties and for calibration of the measuring equipment. For each parameter a short explanation and the range for the parameter value is given.

The parameters are also explained on pages 3-10 to 3-22.

'Language'

Defines the language, used for parameters and messages.

List of alternatives: Svenska, English, Deutsch, Français.

Default value: English.

'Measurement unit'

Selection of engineering unit for the measurement value.

List of alternatives:

NONE, g, kg, t, lb, N, kN, oz, psi, kPa, MPa, bar, l, lbf, kgf, PLI, N/m, kN/m, Nm, daN.

Default value: kg.

'Resolution'

Selection of decimal point position and resolution format for the measurement value.

All set-up parameters using the selected measurement unit will be written with the resolution selected here.

List of alternatives: 0.001, 0.002, 0.005, 0.01, 0.02, 0.05, 0.1, 0.2, 0.5, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50.

Default value: 0.1.

'Capacity'

Nominal range of the analogue output, expressed in 'Measurement unit'.

An asterisk (*) on the upper line indicates that the range for the analogue output has been changed by parameters in 'Normal set-up'.

Possible values: from 0.5 to 999999.

Default value: 500.

'Ana. output type'

For the analogue output, several signal types can be selected: bipolar or monopolar current, bipolar or monopolar voltage.

List of alternatives: +/-20mA, -12-20mA, 0-20mA, 4-20mA, +/-10V, 0-10V.

Default value: 4-20mA.

'Calibration type'

Data sheet calibration is recommended as a preliminary calibration. With simple means it gives fairly good accuracy, so the equipment can be tested. Settings from an earlier dead weight calibration are lost if data sheet calibration is selected.

Dead weight calibration is the most accurate calibration type. Known weights are used as load on the equipment.

See section Calibration for further information on calibration types.

List of alternatives: Data sheet, Deadweight, Table.

Default value: Data sheet.

'Conv. factor'

This parameter defines the conversion factor by which a value expressed in 'measurement unit', must be multiplied to be expressed in the transducer data sheet unit. Consequently the factor is 1 if measurement unit and data sheet unit are equal. Default value can be used if 'measurement unit' is 'kg' and data sheet unit is 'Newton'. Possible values: from 0.01 to 99. Default value: 9.80665.

'Number of transd'

This parameter defines the total number of transducers and fixed support points for the load. If the number of support points is over 4, set the parameter value to 1. Possible values: 1 to 4. Default value: 3.

'Rated load'

This parameter defines the rated load for the transducer type, expressed in the unit of the transducer data sheet. NOTE! If for example the rated load is 5 kN, this parameter should be set to 5 000 (N). If the number of support points is over 4, the value of this parameter should be: rated load multiplied by that number. Possible values: from 1 to 999999. Default value: 2000.00.

'Rated output 1' (2, 3, 4)

These parameters define the rated output for transducers and fixed support points. For transducers the rated output, in mV/V, is given in the data sheet. For fixed support points the rated output should be set to 0.00000 (mV/V). If the number of support points is over 4, the parameter value should be: the sum of all rated output values, divided by the number of transducers. Possible values: from 0 to +9.99999. Default value: 2.03900.



'Value cal. p.1' (p.2)

These parameters define the known load on the scale for the two calibration points. Calibration point 1 is the lower point, normally unloaded scale. Calibration point 2 is the higher point, at least 2/3 of the nominal capacity. Possible values: from -999999 to +999999. Default values: Value cal. p.1: 0 Value cal. p.2: 500

'Transd.sign. p.1' (p.2)

These parameters give the transducer signals for the two calibration points. The values can not be edited. Make a note of them in the 'Set-up list' (Appendix 2) for possible use in a table set-up of a replacement instrument. Possible values: from -9.99999 to +9.99999. Default values: Transd.sign. p.1: 0.00000 mV/V Transd.sign. p.2: 1.66631 mV/V

'Set zero'

Used in both calibration types for zeroing of the instrument. The actual weight is displayed. Press  , the weight value is set to zero. Press  for 2 sec., the zeroing is accepted.

'Zero offset'

Displayed after zeroing for both calibration types. Make a note of the parameter value in the 'Set-up list' (Appendix 2) for possible use in set-up of a replacement instrument.

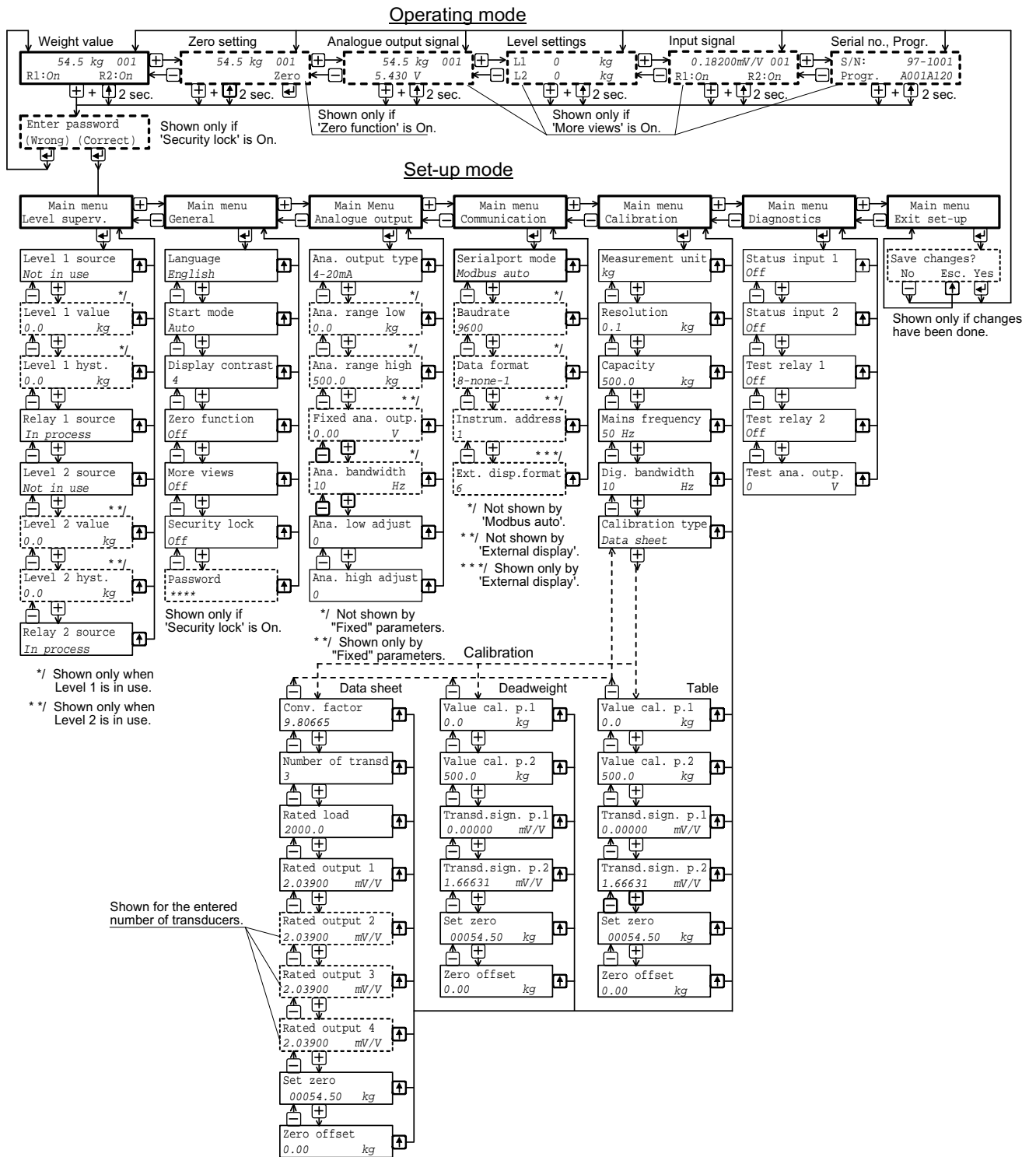


Figure 8. In 'Normal set-up' all adequate parameters are available for editing. Display of some parameters, indicated by intersected frames, depends on the setting for other parameters. The number of views available in Operating mode also depends on parameter settings. In this figure the parameter values are only examples.



Normal set-up

At delivery, the AST 3 parameters have default values. During the set-up operation the parameters are set to appropriate values for the actual installation. These values are saved in the AST 3 memory, and should also be recorded manually, for example in a set-up list like the one in Appendix 2.

Set-up can be performed locally by the keys and the display on the front panel of AST 3P. Set-up can also be performed from a connected control unit, preferably using the deltaCOM program from Nobel Weighing Systems.



Enter 'Normal set-up'

**When AST 3 is in Set-up mode,
all normal measuring is stopped.**

From any of the views in Operating mode, switch-over to 'Normal set-up' takes place when the keys  and  are activated simultaneously for 2 seconds. (Possibly after entry of a correct password).

Menu survey

All parameters in AST 3 are accessible for editing by 'Normal set-up'. The parameters are divided in groups under the main menus, see figure 8 and 9. Each main menu with its parameters is also presented later in this section.

As shown in the figures, the keys  and  are used to step backwards and forwards in the sequence of main menus.

As a main menu is displayed, press  to get access to the parameters.

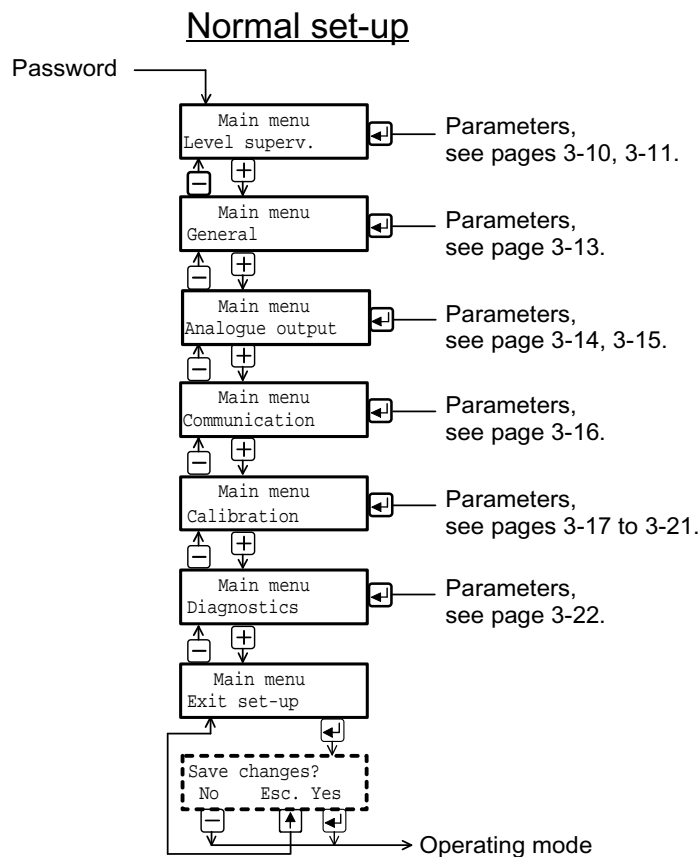


Figure 9. The set-up parameters are grouped under a number of main menus.

Main menus

'Level superv.'

AST 3 has two identical channels for level supervision, called Level 1 and Level 2. Parameters under 'Level superv.' are used to activate these channels and to select supervision of the transducer input signal or of the internal weight value. Switching levels for the two channels are set individually to negative or positive values in a wide range. At the switching levels, a negative or positive hysteresis range can be added, giving a difference in switch level for increasing and decreasing signal. Status indication for Level 1 and Level 2 are sent on the serial communication. For AST 3P, two internal relays can be set to indicate the status of Level 1 and Level 2, or to indicate when AST 3P is in operation.

'General'

This main menu contains parameters for general use, like setting of a security lock for entry in the set up mode, and a password for the lock, setting the type of instrument start up after power-on or reset, automatically or on operator command. Selection of the language, the number of available views, and the character contrast in the display window is also set by parameters under 'General'.

'Analogue output'

The analogue output can present the measurement value as current or voltage. Several formats can be selected here. Scaling and adjustment of the output can also be done. Parameters are included to set the analogue output to a fixed current or voltage level, independent of the internal weight value.

'Communication'

The instrument has a serial port for communication purposes. By parameters it can be set for control unit communication with suitable baudrate, data format, and instrument address, or for transmission of the measurement value to an external display unit.

'Calibration'

'Calibration' contains parameters for selection of engineering unit and resolution for the measurement value, setting of capacity for the instrument, and setting of filters to reduce mains frequency interference and to give a suitable bandwidth for the internal signal conversion.

Three calibration types are available:

Data sheet, where information about the used transducers and values from the data sheets are entered.

Dead weight, where the scale is loaded with known weights and the instrument is set to display corresponding weight values.

Table, where recorded values from a previous dead weight calibration of the installation is entered in a replacement instrument.

The calibration types also include parameters for zero setting and indication of the zero offset value.


'Diagnostics'



Parameters are available to test the digital inputs, the internal relays, and the analogue output.


'Exit set-up'

A sub menu gives the opportunity to save, or to cancel, all edited values before leaving the 'Normal set-up'.






Editing procedure, AST 3P

To perform editing of a parameter in 'Normal set-up', first go to the main menu that contains the parameter and press ENTER (the  key).

Then use key  or  to step forwards or backwards in the sequence to find the wanted parameter.


As the wanted set-up parameter is displayed, start the editing operation by . This will place a flashing cursor to the left on the lower line, and a numerical parameter value will get leading zeros. The cursor indicates that editing can be performed and that the panel key functions will be different.

See also the table on page 2-4.

Key	Function by parameter editing (with cursor)
	Increment the cursor digit, or Go to next alternative.
	Decrement the cursor digit, or Go to previous alternative.
 (short)	Accept the value of the cursor digit and go to next digit.
 (2 sec.)	Accept the actual parameter value and finish editing. If a value outside the range for a numeric parameter is entered, an error message is displayed. Then press any key to remove the message, cancel the value, and make continued editing possible.
	Cancel the edited value, and interrupt the editing.


As the parameter editing is finished, the set-up mode must be closed to make normal operation possible.


To close the set-up mode,


press  to get to the main menu,

press  several times until 'Main menu Exit set-up' is displayed,

press , sub menu 'Save changes? No Esc. Yes' will be displayed.

(Press  if you do not wish to exit from the set-up mode.)

Answer No () All edited values are cancelled and the parameters will resume their previous values. AST 3P switches over to Operating mode, displaying the weight value.

Answer Yes () All edited values are saved in the module memory. AST 3P switches over to Operating mode, displaying the weight value.

Parameters

On the following pages all set-up parameters, in groups by the main menus they belong to, are presented in the order they appear in the set-up sequences.

The first line indicates the parameter name and the Modbus addresses, used for set-up by serial communication. The parameters are saved in two different float formats and can therefore be read and written in two different registers.

For choice parameters an index in [] is given for each alternative. (These indices are used by set-up via Modbus.)

For numerical parameters a value range is given.

At the end of the table, the default value is given in < >.

To the right there is a short parameter explanation and, *in italic*, the results for the different alternatives.

[index]	Range/Alternative <default value>	Explanation and result of alternatives.
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'Main menu Level superv.'

Level 1 source Modbus: 41000 (46000)

[0]	Not in use	Turns Level 1 off or defines supervision of
[1]	Input sign. mV/V	transducer input signal or internal weight value.
[2]	Weight <Not in use>	Not in use: Supervision by Level 1 is turned off. Input sign. mV/V: The transducer input is supervised. Weight: The internal weight value is supervised.

Level 1 value Modbus: 41002 (46002)

Range:	Defines the switch level for Level 1.
+/-999999 or +/-4.0000	This parameter is set to zero if the alternative for Level 1 source is changed.
Unit:	A suitable engineering unit, depending on
Measurem. unit or mV/V <0>	the supervised signal, is automatically added.

Level 1 hyst. Modbus: 41004 (46004)

Range:	Defines the hysteresis range for Level 1. Positive
+/-999999 or +/-4.0000	value gives a hysteresis range above the switch level, negative value gives a range below the switch level.
Unit:	This parameter is set to zero if the alternative for
Measurem. unit or mV/V <0>	Level 1 source is changed. A suitable engineering unit, depending on the supervised signal, is automatically added.

Relay 1 source Modbus: 41006 (46006)

[0]	Not in use	Defines the conditions for activation of Relay 1.
[1]	In process	Not in use: Relay 1 is not in use, deactivated.
[2]	Above level	In process: Relay 1 is active as AST 3P is in operation.
[3]	Below level <In process>	Above level: Relay 1 is active as the supervised signal level is above 'Level 1 value'. Below level: Relay 1 is active as the supervised signal level is below Level 1 value.

[index]	Range/Alternative <default value>	Explanation and result of alternatives.
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Level 2 source Modbus: 41008 (46008)
 [0] Not in use
 [1] Input sign. mV/V
 [2] Weight
 <Not in use>

Turns Level 2 off or defines supervision of transducer input signal or internal weight value.
***Not in use:** Supervision by Level 2 is turned off.*
***Input sign. mV/V:** The transducer input is supervised.*
***Weight:** The internal weight value is supervised.*

Level 2 value Modbus: 41010 (46010)
 Range:
 +/-999999 or
 +/-4.0000
 Unit:
 Measurem. unit
 or mV/V
 <0>

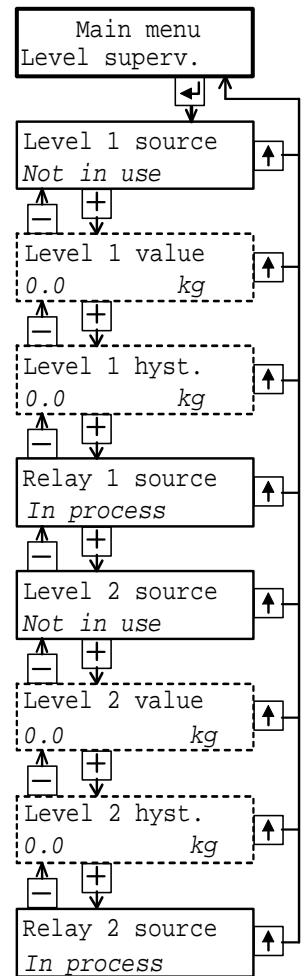
Defines the switch level for Level 2. This parameter is set to zero if the alternative for Level 2 source is changed.
 A suitable engineering unit, depending on the supervised signal, is automatically added.

Level 2 hyst. Modbus: 41012 (46012)
 Range:
 +/-999999 or
 +/-4.0000
 Unit:
 Measurem. unit
 or mV/V
 <0>

Defines the hysteresis range for Level 2. Positive value gives a hysteresis range above the switch level, negative value a range below the switch level. This parameter is set to zero if the alternative for Level 2 source is changed.
 A suitable engineering unit, depending on the supervised signal, is automatically added.

Relay 2 source Modbus: 41014 (46014)
 [0] Not in use
 [1] In process
 [2] Above level
 [3] Below level
 <In process>

Defines the conditions for activation of Relay 2.
***Not in use:** Relay 2 is not in use, deactivated.*
***In process:** Relay 2 is active as AST 3P is in operation.*
***Above level:** Relay 2 is active as the supervised signal level is above 'Level 2 value'.*
***Below level:** Relay 2 is active as the supervised signal level is below 'Level 2 value'.*



[index]	Range/Alternative <default value>	Explanation and result of alternatives.
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'Main menu General'

Language

[0]	Svenska
[1]	English
[2]	Deutsch
[3]	Français
	<English>

Modbus: 41016 (46016)

Defines the language to be used in parameters and messages.

Start mode

[0]	Command
[1]	Auto
	<Auto>

Modbus: 41018 (46018)

Defines the start mode after power-on or reset.

Command: A 'start operation' command from control computer or panel key is required for start up.
Auto: Automatic start up.

Display contrast

[0]	0
[1]	1
[2]	2
[3]	3
[4]	4
[5]	5
[6]	6
[7]	7
	<4>

Modbus: 41020 (46020)

Defines the contrast for the text in the display window.

Low values giving paler characters but better readability at slanted display.

High values giving sharper characters but reduced readability at slanted display.

Zero function

[0]	Off
[1]	On
	<Off>

Modbus: 41022 (46022)

Off: The 'Zero setting' view in Operating mode is not available.

On: 'Zero setting' is available.

More views

[0]	Off
[1]	On
	<Off>

Modbus: 41024 (46024)

Off: The views 'Analogue output signal', 'Level settings', 'Input signal', and 'Serial no., Progr.' are not available in Operating mode.

On: These views are available.

Security lock

[0]	Off
[1]	On
	<Off>

Modbus: 41026 (46026)

Off: No security lock is activated.

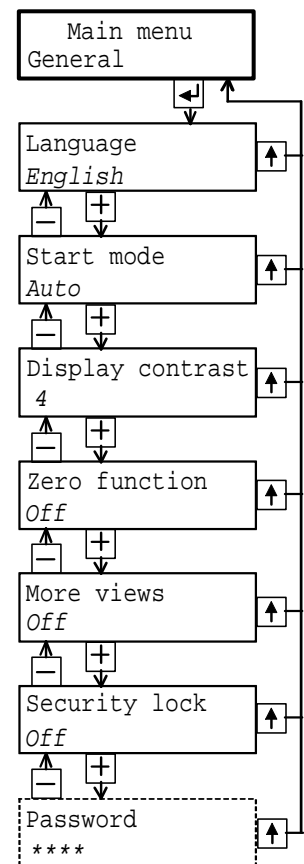
On: A security lock is activated, preventing unauthorised entry in Set-up mode.

Password

Range:
0001 – 9999
<1937>

Modbus: 41028 (46028)

Defines the valid password for the security lock. The code is represented by four asterisks, until editing is started.



[index]	Range/Alternative <default value>	Explanation and result of alternatives.
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'Main menu Analogue output'

Ana. output type		Modbus: 41030 (46030)
[0]	+/-20mA	Defines the type of signal, used to represent the weight value at the analogue output. <i>+/-20mA, -12-20mA: bipolar current output,</i> <i>0-20mA, 4-20mA: monopolar current output,</i> <i>+/-10V: bipolar voltage output,</i> <i>0-10V: monopolar voltage output.</i> An output signal, independent of the weight value can also be selected. <i>Fixed+/-20mA: fixed current output,</i> <i>Fixed+/-10V: fixed voltage output.</i>
[1]	-12-20mA	
[2]	0-20mA	
[3]	4-20mA	
[4]	+/-10V	
[5]	0-10V	
[6]	Fixed+/-20mA	
[7]	Fixed+/-10V <4-20mA>	
Ana. range low		Modbus: 41032 (46032)
	Range: +/-999999	Defines the weight value that should give the lowest value (0 mA, 4 mA or 0 V) at the analogue output. The value automatically changes to 0 if parameter 'Capacity' in 'Quick set-up' is edited. This parameter is not shown if a Fixed output type is selected in 'Ana. output type'.
	Unit:	
	Measurem. unit <0>	
Ana. range high		Modbus: 41034 (46034)
	Range: +/-999999	Defines the weight value that should give the highest analogue output. The value changes to the capacity value if parameter 'Capacity' in 'Quick set-up' is edited. This parameter is not shown if a Fixed output type is selected in 'Ana. output type'.
	Unit:	
	Measurem. unit <500>	

[index]	Range/Alternative <default value>	Explanation and result of alternatives.
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Fixed ana. outp.

Range:
+/-22.00 or
+/-11.00
Unit: mA or V
<0>

Modbus: 41036 (46036)

Defines the fixed signal value at the analogue output. The range and unit depends on the alternative for 'Ana. output type', and the value automatically changes to zero each time 'Ana. output type' is changed. This parameter is shown only if a Fixed output type is selected in 'Ana. output type'.

Ana. bandwidth

[0]	0.05	Hz
[1]	0.1	Hz
[2]	0.2	Hz
[3]	0.5	Hz
[4]	1	Hz
[5]	2	Hz
[6]	5	Hz
[7]	10	Hz
[8]	20	Hz
[9]	50	Hz
[10]	75	Hz
	<10	Hz>

Modbus: 41038 (46038)

Defines the bandwidth for the analogue output. **Low bandwidth value improves suppression of unstable transducer signal, but also delays the response to fast transducer signal changes.** **High bandwidth value gives fast response to transducer signal changes, but reduces the accuracy of the analogue output.** This parameter is not shown if a Fixed output type is selected in 'Ana. output type'.

Ana. low adjust

Range:
+/-999
<0>

Modbus: 41040 (46040)

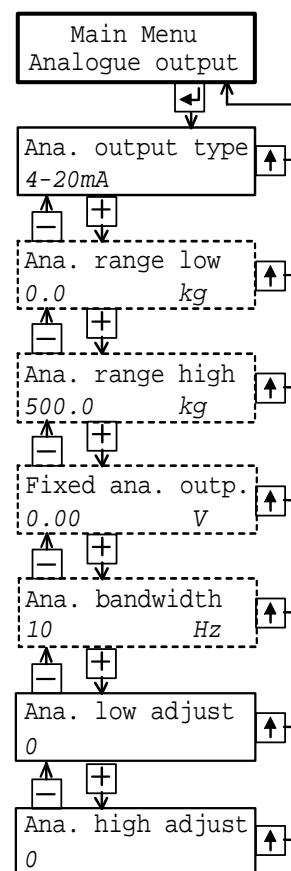
As this parameter is edited, the analogue output is activated with the lowest output signal (0 mA, 4 mA or 0 V). The signal level can be adjusted to give wanted reading at the analogue instrument. The adjustment range corresponds to about ±2 % of maximum analogue output. The parameter value will be set to zero each time 'Ana. output type' is changed.

Ana. high adjust

Range:
+/-999
<0>

Modbus: 41042 (46042)

As this parameter is edited, the analogue output is activated with the highest output signal (20 mA or 10 V). The signal level can be adjusted to give wanted reading at the analogue instrument. The adjustment range corresponds to about ±2 % of maximum analogue output. The parameter value will be set to zero each time 'Ana. output type' is changed.



[index] Range/Alternative Explanation and
<default value> result of alternatives.

'Main menu Communication'

Serialport mode

Modbus: 41044 (46044)

- [0] Not in use Defines the serial port use.
- [1] Modbus **Not in use:** *The serial port is not used.*
- [2] Modbus auto **Modbus:** *Communication with a control unit.*
- [3] External display **Modbus auto:** *The control unit baudrate (from 9600) and bit configuration (8-none-1, 8-even-1 or 8-odd-1) is autodetected and used by AST 3.*
External display: *The serial port is used for transmission of the measurement value to an external display unit.*

Baudrate

Modbus: 41046 (46046)

- [0] 300 Defines the baudrate for the serial communication.
 - [1] 600
 - [2] 1200 The parameter must be set to the baudrate of the control computer, or to a baudrate suitable for the external display unit.
 - [3] 2400
 - [4] 4800
 - [5] 9600 This menu is not shown if 'Modbus auto' is selected in Serialport mode.
 - [6] 19200
 - [7] 38400
 - [8] 57600
 - [9] 115200
- <9600>

Data format

Modbus: 41048 (46048)

- [0] 7-none-2 Defines the bit configuration for the serial communication.
 - [1] 7-even-1 This parameter must be set to the same configuration as for the control computer, or to a configuration suitable for the external display unit.
 - [2] 7-even-2
 - [3] 7-odd-1 This menu is not shown if 'Modbus auto' is selected in Serialport mode.
 - [4] 7-odd-2
 - [5] 8-none-1
 - [6] 8-none-2
 - [7] 8-even-1
 - [8] 8-odd-1
- <8-none-1>

Instrum. address

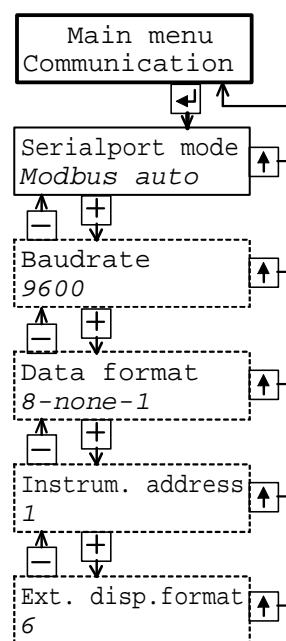
Modbus: 41050 (46050)

- Range: Defines the address for the AST 3-unit.
- 1 to 247 Shown only if 'Modbus' or 'Modbus auto' is selected in Serialport mode.
- <1>

Ext. disp.format

Modbus: 41052 (46052)

- [0] 4 Defines the number of digits on the external display unit.
 - [1] 5 See section 6, Communication, for further information.
 - [2] 6 Shown only if 'External display' is selected in Serialport mode.
 - [3] 7
 - [4] 32
- <6 >



[index] Range/Alternative <default value> Explanation and result of alternatives.

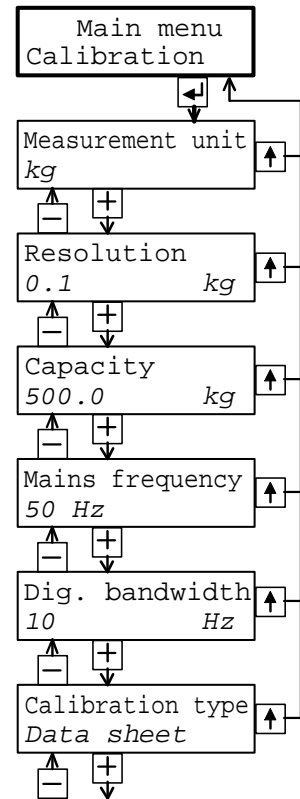
'Main menu Calibration'

Measurement unit

- [0] NONE
- [1] g
- [2] kg
- [3] t
- [4] lb
- [5] N
- [6] kN
- [7] oz
- [8] psi
- [9] kPa
- [10] MPa
- [11] bar
- [12] l
- [13] lbf
- [14] kgf
- [15] PLI
- [16] N/m
- [17] kN/m
- [18] Nm
- [19] daN
- <kg>

Modbus: 41054 (46054)

Defines the engineering unit that should be used for the measurement value and for related set-up parameters.



Resolution

- [0] 0.001
- [1] 0.002
- [2] 0.005
- [3] 0.01
- [4] 0.02
- [5] 0.05
- [6] 0.1
- [7] 0.2
- [8] 0.5
- [9] 1
- [10] 2
- [11] 5
- [12] 10
- [13] 20
- [14] 50
- <0.1>

Modbus: 41056 (46056)

Defines the decimal point position and resolution format for the displayed value. All set-up parameters using the measurement unit will be written with the decimal point position selected here. If the last digits of the weight value are not stable, a more coarse resolution can be selected to get a stable reading.

Capacity

- Range:
- 0.5 to 999999
- <500>

Modbus: 41058 (46058)

Defines the nominal range for the analogue output.

[index]	Range/Alternative <default value>	Explanation and result of alternatives.
Mains frequency		
Modbus: 41060 (46060)		
[0]	50 Hz	Defines a filter for suppression of mains frequency noise.
[1]	60 Hz	50 Hz: 50 Hz filter activated.
	<50 Hz>	60 Hz: 60 Hz filter activated.
Dig. bandwidth		
Modbus: 41062 (46062)		
[0]	0.05 Hz	Defines the bandwidth of a filter for the internal
[1]	0.1 Hz	weight value that is displayed at the front panel
[2]	0.2 Hz	and can be sent to a connected control unit.
[3]	0.5 Hz	Low value: Improves suppression of unstable
[4]	1 Hz	transducer signal, but delays the response to
[5]	2 Hz	fast changes in the transducer signal.
[6]	5 Hz	High value: Gives fast response to changes in
[7]	10 Hz	the transducer signal, but a less accurate value.
[8]	20 Hz	
[9]	50 Hz	
[10]	75 Hz	
	<10 Hz>	
Calibration type		
Modbus: 41064 (46064)		
[0]	Data sheet	Defines the type of calibration to be performed.
[1]	Deadweight	Data sheet: Data sheet calibration is easy to use
[2]	Table	and doesn't demand any reference equipment,
	<Data sheet>	except data from the transducer data sheet.
		Deadweight: Dead weight calibration is normally
		the most accurate calibration type. It requires
		known weights to at least 2/3 of the wanted
		measuring range.
		Table: Table calibration is used to enter recorded
		values from a previous calibration of the measuring
		equipment to a replacement instrument.

[index]	Range/Alternative <default value>	Explanation and result of alternatives.
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'Data sheet'

Conv. factor **Modbus: 41066 (46066)**
 Range: 0.01 to 99
 <9.80665>
 Defines the relationship between a measurement value expressed in data sheet unit and expressed in the selected measurement unit.

Number of transd **Modbus: 41068 (46068)**
 Range: 1 to 4
 <3>
 Defines the total number of transducers and fixed support points in the scale installation. All transducers must have equal rated load. If the total number is over 4: enter 1 here.

Rated load **Modbus: 41070 (46070)**
 Range: 1 to 999999
 Unit: Data sheet unit
 <2000.0>
 Defines the rated load for one transducer, expressed in the unit of the transducer data sheet.
 NOTE! If, for example, the data sheet value is 5 kN, the parameter should be set to 5 000 (N).
 If the total number of transducers and fixed supports is over 4: multiply that number with the rated load for one transducer and enter the result here.

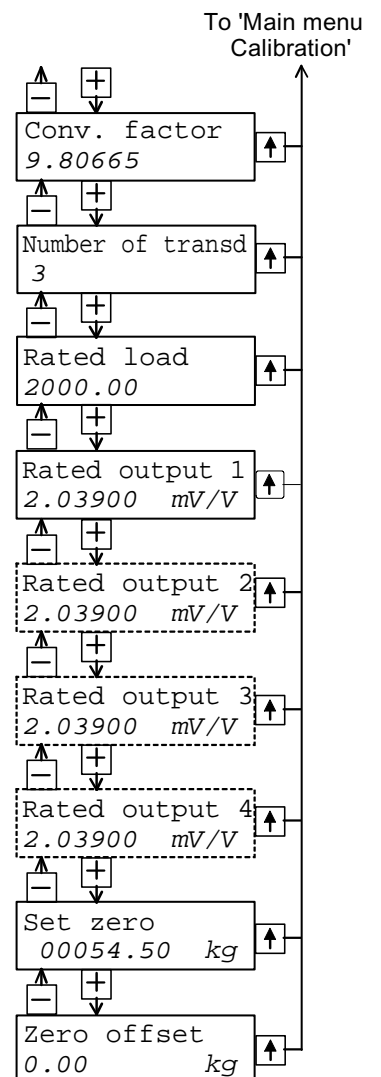
Rated output 1 **Modbus: 41072 (46072)**
 Range: 0 – +9.99999
 Unit: mV/V
 <2.03900>
 Defines rated output for transducer 1, specified in the data sheet.
 If the total number of transducers and fixed supports is over 4: add up all rated output values, divide by the number of transducers, and enter the result here.

Rated output 2 **Modbus: 41074 (46074)**
 Range: 0 – +9.99999
 Unit: mV/V
 <2.03900>
 Defines the rated output signal for transducer 2.
 The value is specified in the transducer data sheet.

Rated output 3 **Modbus: 41076 (46076)**
 Range: 0 – +9.99999
 Unit: mV/V
 <2.03900>
 Defines the rated output signal for transducer 3.
 The value is specified in the transducer data sheet.

Rated output 4 **Modbus: 41078 (46078)**
 Range: 0 – +9.99999
 Unit: mV/V
 <2.03900>
 Defines the rated output signal for transducer 4.
 The value is specified in the transducer data sheet.

Set zero **Modbus: 41088 (46088) and**
Zero offset **Modbus: 41090 (46090)**
 See under 'Deadweight' on page 3-20.



[index]	Range/Alternative <default value>	Explanation and result of alternatives.
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'Deadweight'

Value cal. p.1 **Modbus: 41080 (46080)**
 Range: The scale is calibrated at two points, normally unloaded
 +/-999999 and loaded to at least 2/3 of the wanted range.
 Unit: This parameter defines the load on the scale at the lower
 Measurem. unit calibration point, normally 0.
 <0>

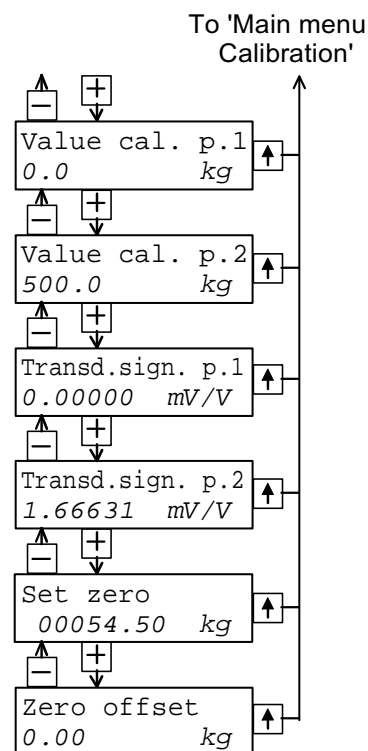
Value cal. p.2 **Modbus: 41082 (46082)**
 Range: This parameter defines the load on the scale at the higher
 +/-999999 calibration point, at least 2/3 of the wanted range.
 Unit:
 Measurem. unit
 <500>

Transd.sign. p.1 **Modbus: 41084 (46084)**
 Range: This parameter indicates the transducer signal at the lower
 +/-9.99999 calibration point.
 Unit: mV/V The value can not be edited.
 <0.00000>

Transd.sign. p.2 **Modbus: 41086 (46086)**
 Range: This parameter indicates the
 +/-9.99999 transducer signal at the higher
 Unit: mV/V calibration point.
 <1.66631> The value can not be edited.

Set zero **Modbus: 41088 (46088)**
 Range: The actual weight value is displayed.
 +/-999999 Enter the wanted value for the actual
 Unit: load, usually '0', i.e. unloaded scale.
 Measurem. unit **NOTE ! This parameter should**
 <'Live'> **be used for zeroing of**
 the instrument.

Zero offset **Modbus: 41090 (46090)**
 Range: This parameter indicates the
 +/-999999 offset value acquired by zeroing
 Unit: in 'Set zero'.
 Measurem. unit If this parameter is edited,
 <0> the zeroing will be influenced.



[index]	Range/Alternative <default value>	Explanation and result of alternatives.
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'Table'

Value cal. p.1 **Modbus: 41080 (46080)**
 Range: Calibration with recorded
 +/-999999 values from a previous dead
 Unit: weight calibration.
 Measur. unit This parameter should be set
 <0> to the recorded value for
 the load on the scale at
 the lower calibration point.

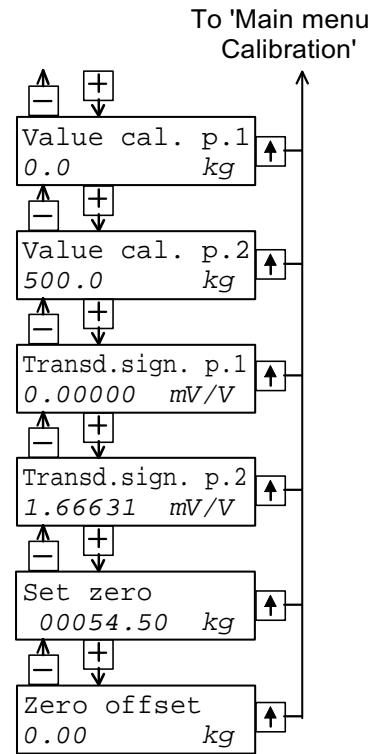
Value cal. p.2 **Modbus: 41082 (46082)**
 Range: This parameter should be set
 +/-999999 to the recorded value for
 Unit: the load on the scale at
 Measur. unit the higher calibration point.
 <500>

Transd.sign. p.1 **Modbus: 41084 (46084)**
 Range: This parameter should be set
 +/-9.99999 to the recorded value of
 Unit: mV/V the transducer signal at
 <0.00000> the lower calibration point.

Transd.sign. p.2 **Modbus: 41086 (46086)**
 Range: This parameter should be set
 +/-9.99999 to the recorded value of
 Unit: mV/V the transducer signal at
 <1.66631> the higher calibration point.

Set zero **Modbus: 41088 (46088) and**
Zero offset **Modbus: 41090 (46090)**

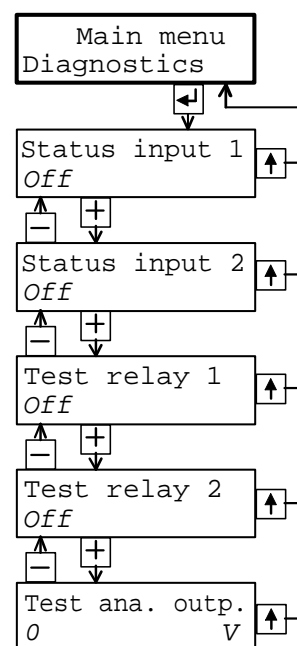
See under 'Deadweight' on page 3-20.



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'Main menu Diagnostics'

Status input 1	Modbus: 41360 (46360)	
[0] Off		Displays the status of digital input 1.
[1] On		No changes can be made.
Status input 2	Modbus: 41362 (46362)	
[0] Off		Displays the status of digital input 2.
[1] On		No changes can be made.
Test relay 1	Modbus: 41364 (46364)	
[0] Off		This parameter controls the status for relay 1.
[1] On		<i>Off: Relay 1 is deactivated.</i>
<Off>		<i>On: Relay 1 is activated.</i>
Test relay 2	Modbus: 41366 (46366)	
[0] Off		This parameter controls the status for relay 2.
[1] On		<i>Off: Relay 2 is deactivated.</i>
<Off>		<i>On: Relay 2 is activated.</i>
Test ana. outp.	Modbus: 41368 (46368)	
Range:		Setting of a fixed value at the analogue output.
+/-11 or +/-22		A suitable unit is added automatically.
Unit: mA or V		
<0>		



'Main menu Exit set-up'

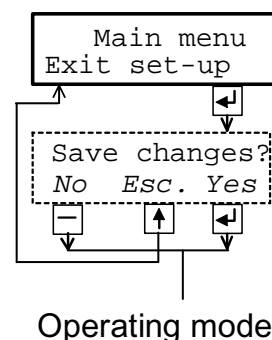
Save changes?

Range: To exit from Set-up mode,
No, press in 'Main menu Exit set-up'.
Yes If any parameter values have been changed 'Save changes? No Esc. Yes' is displayed.
(Press if you do not wish to exit from the set-up mode.)

Press (Yes) to exit from Set-up mode and save the new parameter values.

Press (No) to exit from Set-up mode and cancel the new parameter values.

This finishes the set-up operation, AST 3P will switch over to Operating mode, displaying the 'Weight value'.



4. Calibration

General

When measuring with AST 3, the transducer output signal, corresponding to the transducer load, is converted to a weight value and presented at the analogue output, and at the AST 3P panel or at a connected control unit. The conversion is controlled by several parameter values, defined in the calibration.

Three calibration types are supported in AST 3:

- **Data sheet calibration** - entry of values from the transducer data sheet.
- **Dead weight calibration** - entry of values for certain known loads.
- **Table calibration** - entry of recorded values from a previous calibration.

It is recommended to start with a data sheet calibration, which is easy to accomplish and will give a fairly good accuracy.

To get the best accuracy a dead weight calibration, with known loads to at least 2/3 of the measuring capacity, must be performed.

After calibration the parameter values should be recorded. See appendix 1.

If the transmitter module must be replaced, the recorded values can be used to make a table calibration for the new module.

All calibration parameters are collected under 'Main menu Calibration'.

See section 3 Set-up, Parameters and figure 8.

In weighing applications it is essential for correct results that fixed mechanical connections to the scale are avoided. Necessary connections must be flexible and perpendicular to the measuring direction. If the scale has several transducers connected in parallel, they must have the same rated load and impedance.

If fixed supports and transducers are combined, the load must be evenly distributed on all the support points.

DATA AND CALIBRATION SHEET				ArtNo: 1130480
LOAD CELL	KIS-3	S/N 322471		
RATED LOAD (R.L.)	10 kN	!	EXCITATION VOLTAGE, RECOMMENDED 10 V AC OR DC	
		!	EXCITATION VOLTAGE, MAXIMUM 18 V AC OR DC	
OVERLOAD, SAFE	100 % R.L.	!	INPUT RESISTANCE 350 +/- 3 OHMS INCL. STANDARD CABLE	
OVERLOAD, ULTIMATE	200 % R.L.	!	OUTPUT RESISTANCE 350.1 OHMS INCL. STANDARD CABLE	
SIDE LOAD, SAFE	100 % R.L.	!	TEMPERATURE RANGE -40 TO +80 DEGREES C	
SIDE LOAD, ULTIMATE	200 % R.L.	!	TEMPERATURE EFFECT (-10 TO +50 DEGREES C)	
ELECTRICAL CONNECTION	SHIELDED 4-CONDUCTOR CABLE	!		
EXCITATION POSITIVE:	RED	!		
EXCITATION NEGATIVE:	BLACK	!	ON OUTPUT 0.001 % OF OUTPUT PER DEG. C	
SIGNAL POSITIVE:	GREEN	!		
SIGNAL NEGATIVE:	WHITE	!	ON ZERO BALANCE 0.001 % OF R.O. PER DEG. C	

RATED OUTPUT (R.O.) (TOLERANCE 0.1 %)	2.0394 mV/V			
NONLINEARITY (BEST FIT THROUGH ZERO)	+/- 0.010 % R.O.			
ZERO BALANCE	+0.0 % R.O.			
CREEP 5 MINUTES	+0.001 % R.O.			
CALIBRATION VALUES (TOLERANCE 0.1 %) SHUNT RESISTOR CONNECTED BETWEEN 'EXCITATION NEGATIVE' AND 'SIGNAL NEGATIVE'				
40 KOHMS CORRESPOND TO	9.9111 kN			
60 KOHMS CORRESPOND TO	4.9683 kN			
THE VALUES INDICATED FOR OUTPUT VOLTAGE AND CALIBRATION VALUES ARE APPLICABLE AT OPEN CIRCUIT WITHOUT EXTERNAL BALANCING RESISTORS AND WITH A CONNECTING CABLE OF STANDARD LENGTH.				
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Figure 10. Each transducer from Nobel Weighing Systems is delivered with a detailed data and calibration sheet.

Common calibration parameters

For all the calibration types, measurement unit and resolution for the weight value and some other characteristics must be specified. The sequence of these parameters, common for all calibration types is given on pages 3-17 and 3-18.

The parameter 'Measurement unit' defines the engineering unit used for the weight value. This engineering unit will also be used for the Resolution and Capacity, for the Level values and for set-up of the analogue output.

The 'Resolution' parameter defines the number of decimals and the resolution for the weight value, displayed at AST 3P or transmitted to external equipment. If the weight value is oscillating, reduced resolution will give a more stable reading with reduced accuracy.

'Capacity' is a parameter, defining which weight value that will give full range signal at the analogue output.

(The weight values corresponding to the highest and the lowest analogue output signals are also set by parameters under 'Main menu Analogue output'.)

The parameter 'Mains frequency' controls filters for suppression of induced low frequency noise. It should be set to the surrounding mains frequency.

The parameter 'Dig. bandwidth' controls the filtering of the internal measurement signal. Low digital bandwidth gives a suppression of oscillations in the signal, making the reading more stable. High digital bandwidth makes it possible to detect fast changes in the measurement value.

In the following parameters under 'Calibration', calibration type and parameter values for the latest performed calibration are displayed.





If 'Calibration type' is not edited, the parameter values from previous calibration, including the zero offset value, will be displayed.

If 'Calibration type' is edited, even if it is not changed, the zero offset value will be set to zero, so at least a new zeroing is required.

Editing of parameter values, including the type of calibration, should be performed according to instructions on page 3-9.

Example:

Select a different type of calibration in 'Calibration type'

1. As menu 'Calibration type' is displayed, press  and a cursor will be flashing at the first character on the lower line.
2. Find the wanted calibration type, using the key  or  until the correct alternative is displayed.
3. Accept the displayed calibration type by pressing  for 2 seconds. The cursor disappears and the selected calibration type will be displayed.

Data sheet calibration

Data sheet calibration is the default value for 'Calibration type' because it is recommended as first-time calibration for AST 3. An accuracy of 0.1 % can be obtained without use of known loads etc. By data sheet calibration in weighing applications it is essential that no external forces influence the scale installation. By data sheet calibration, values from the transducer data sheets should be entered as parameter values.

Conv. factor

The transducer is often calibrated in an engineering unit which differs from the wanted unit of the displayed measurement value. This parameter defines a constant by which a weight value, expressed in the instrument measurement unit, should be multiplied to be expressed in the data sheet unit.

When using a transducer, calibrated in Newton, in a scale displaying weight values in kg, the 'Conv. factor' should be the local gravitation constant in m/s^2 .

The default value, 9.80665, is an international mean value for the gravitation constant (world-wide range 9.78 – 9.83).

If the data sheet unit is the same as the measurement unit, the conversion factor parameter value should be set to 1.0000.

Number of transd

In weighing applications the load on the scale may be supported by several transducers and fixed supports. This parameter value defines the total number, up to four, of transducers and fixed support points.

If the scale has more than four support points this parameter should be set to '1' and the parameter value for 'Rated load' and 'Rated output 1' should be calculated.

Rated load

Rated load for the used transducer type, expressed in the data sheet unit used to calculate the conversion factor, should be entered as parameter value.

NOTE! If the data sheet value is 5 kN, this parameter should be set to 5 000 (N).

If several transducers are used in a scale, they must all have the same rated load.

If the scale has more than four support points, 'Number of transd' should be set to '1' and the value of this parameter should be calculated as:

rated load for one transducer, multiplied by the total number of support points.


Rated output 1



Rated output is given in the data sheet for every transducer and should be entered here. Similar parameters follow for the number of support points indicated in 'Number of transd'. For fixed supports, the rated output value is 0.00000 (mV/V).

If the scale has more than four support points, 'Number of transd' should be set to '1' and the parameter value for 'Rated output 1' should be calculated as: the mean value of rated output for all active transducers.

Set zero

After the data sheet values have been entered as parameter values, the instrument will perform necessary calculations, and a weight value corresponding to the actual load on the transducer will be displayed here.

The parameter value is set to zero as  (enter) is pressed.

This zero value can be accepted, if  is pressed for 2 seconds, or edited (numerical value) and then accepted, if  is pressed for 2 seconds.

Zero offset

This parameter indicates the zero offset value that is used to get the 'zero' value selected for the parameter 'Set zero'.

Dead weight calibration

This is normally the most accurate calibration type. The transducer signal is measured and stored together with the entered value of the known load (expressed in the selected measurement unit) for two calibration points. It is essential for good accuracy to utilise calibration points at both ends of the measuring range, for example at zero load and at least 2/3 of rated load. Make a manual record of all values, see appendix 1!

Value cal. p.1,

Apply a well defined low load on the scale, normally 0 (zero), and enter the value of the load as parameter value. The entered load value and corresponding transducer signal value are saved in the instrument.

Value cal. p.2

Apply a well defined high load on the scale, at least 2/3 of the rated load, and enter the value of the load as parameter value. The entered load value and corresponding transducer signal value are saved in the instrument.

Transd.sign. p.1,

This parameter indicates the stored transducer signal value for the low calibration point. The parameter value can not be edited.

Transd.sign. p.2

This parameter indicates the stored transducer signal value for the high calibration point. The parameter value can not be edited.

Set zero

See Data sheet calibration on page 4-3.

Zero offset

See Data sheet calibration on page 4-3.

Table calibration

The table calibration can be used to copy values from a dead weight calibration for AST 3 to a replacement instrument. It is necessary to have access to recorded values from a dead weight calibration in two points.

As Table calibration is selected, the 'zero offset' value is not set to zero.

Value cal. p.1, Value cal. p.2

These parameter values should be set to the recorded weight values from a previous calibration for the low calibration point (p.1) and the high calibration point (p.2).

Transd.sign. p.1, Transd.sign. p.2

These parameter values should be set to the recorded transducer signal values from a previous calibration for the corresponding calibration points.

Set zero

See Data sheet calibration on page 4-3.

Zero offset

See Data sheet calibration on page 4-3.

5. Operation

General

There are two versions of AST 3 with identical measuring and set-up functions. For both versions, the function control and parameter set-up can be performed by serial communication from a control unit.

This section mainly describes operation and function control for the instrument version AST 3P.

Power supply

The signal transmitter is powered by 24 VDC and should not be turned off during week-ends and over-night. Continuous power supply to electronics and transducer prevents moisture condensation in the units.

Power-up sequence

When AST 3P is powered up it displays 'AST 3', the programme name, and the serial number of the module for about five seconds while a number of internal tests are performed.

If errors are detected the power-up sequence stops and an error code is displayed. See section Troubleshooting for further information.

If no errors are detected the module enters Operating mode (by automatic start-up), displaying the weight value and relay status, or the module enters the 'Wait for start' state (by operator start-up), displaying the text 'Press ENTER to start operation!'. Automatic or operator start-up is selected with the set-up parameter 'Start mode' under 'Main menu General'.

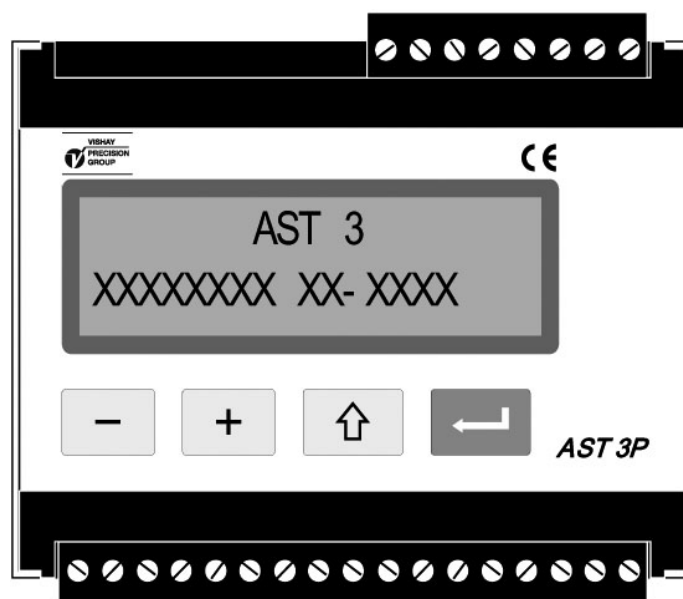


Figure 11. The display of AST 3P during the power-up sequence.

Display views in Operating mode

Figure 12.

For AST 3P in Operating mode, at least one of the display views, Weight value, is always available. More views can be set On or Off in parameters under 'Main menu General'.

The panel keys and are used to select among the available views.

In 'Weight value', and in some other views, information about serial communication is given at the end of the upper line:

The module address means communication with a control unit.

'EXT' means communication to an external display unit.

No indication in this area means that the serial communication is not in use.

Weight value

This is the first view displayed after power-up, reset or set-up operations.

The upper line displays the actual measurement value, here called weight value, followed by the area with information about the serial communication.

The lower line displays the status for the used relays, R1:/R2: On or Off.

Zero setting

This view can be set On or Off by parameter 'Zero function'. Actual weight value, and information about the serial communication, is displayed. 'Zero' on the lower line

indicates that the weight value can be set to zero by ENTER (the key).

NOTE! If AST 3P is unpowered or switched over to Set-up mode, the zero setting by this view will be lost and replaced by the zero setting from latest calibration.

Analogue output signal

This view can be set On or Off by parameter 'More views'.

The upper line displays the actual weight value, followed by the area with information about the serial communication.

The lower line displays the signal at the analogue output, a value in V or mA depending on the choice for parameter 'Ana. output type'.

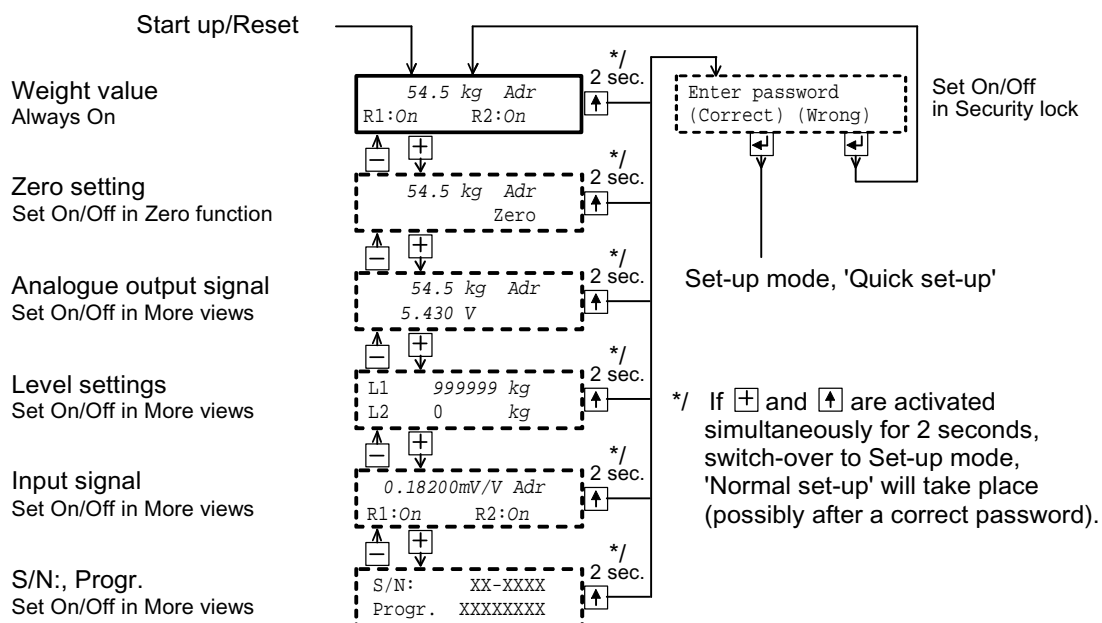


Figure 12. The number of views available in Operating mode depends on several parameter settings.

Level settings

This display can be set On or Off by parameter 'More views'.
At the upper line the switching level for 'Level 1' is displayed.
At the lower line the switching level for 'Level 2' is displayed.

Input signal



This display can be set On or Off by parameter 'More views'.
The upper line displays the transducer input signal for the actual load, a value in mV/V, followed by the area with information about the serial communication.
The lower line displays the states of the used relays, R1:/R2: On or Off.

S/N:, Progr.

This display can be set On or Off by parameter 'More views'.
The upper line displays the serial number for the AST 3P module and
the lower line displays the name of the installed programme.

From any of the above display views AST 3P can be switched over to Set-up mode.

'Quick set-up' is started if the key  is pressed for 2 seconds. See figure 7.

'Normal set-up' is started if  and  are pressed for 2 seconds. See figure 8.

Zero setting

Zero setting of the weight value is normally performed as the AST 3 unit is calibrated. By calibration the value of the zero offset parameter is permanently saved in the AST 3 memory and can only be changed in Set-up mode.

Temporary zero setting can be performed from the zero setting view in Operating mode, enabled by parameter 'Zero function' under 'Main menu General'.

NOTE! The zero offset value captured by this later method is lost if the AST 3 is unpowered or if Set-up mode is entered.

A third way of zero setting is via a serial communication command.

NOTE! The zero offset value captured by this method is lost if the AST 3 is unpowered or if Set-up mode is entered.

Analogue output

AST 3 has an analogue output with several voltage and current output ranges. The range limits are very precise, but minor adjustment can be done to adapt the output to the external equipment.

A separate analogue output filter with a wide span of variable bandwidth can be set to reduce oscillation in the output signal, or to enable registration of fast changes by the analogue output.

If an error occurs, the analogue output signal will be set to 0 V / 0 mA.

One way to select the range of measurement value, presented at the analogue output, is by parameter 'Capacity' in 'Quick set-up'.

Another way is to select any measurement value for the lowest and for the highest output signal respectively under 'Main menu Analogue output'.

The analogue output can also be set to precise, fixed voltage or current output, independent of the internal weight value.

Level supervision, relays

Level supervision is used to indicate whether a selected signal is above or below a certain level. In AST 3 two level supervision channels are included. For each channel, supervised signal, switch level, and hysteresis region are set individually by parameters under 'Main menu Level superv.'.

To get fast response, the analogue or digital bandwidth, whichever is highest, is used for the supervision channels. The status of the level supervision channels (above or below Level) are available on the serial communication.

In AST 3P two output relays with switching contacts can be set to indicate either the status of the supervision channels, or if AST 3P is 'In process'.

If an instrument error occurs, both relays will be deactivated.

See page 3-10 and 3-11 for set-up sequence and parameters for the level supervision.

Level 1 source, Level 2 source

Two signals can be selected for supervision in the two channels:

Input sign. mV/V: Supervision of the input signal from the transducer.
 Weight : Supervision of the measurement value, named weight value, can be used to keep the load on a scale within given limits, to maintain a working pressure etc.

Level 1 value, Level 2 value

The switching levels are set individually for the two level supervision channels within a wide range of positive and negative values. A suitable engineering unit is automatically added, depending on the selected level source.

Level 1 hyst., Level 2 hyst.

Hysteresis is the difference between the switching level by increasing signal and by decreasing signal. The hysteresis can be set separately for the channels within a wide range of positive and negative values. A suitable engineering unit is automatically added, depending on the selected level source.

The positive hysteresis region is from the Level value and upwards.

The negative hysteresis region is from the Level value and downwards.

Relay 1 source, Relay 2 source

Two relays in AST 3P can be controlled either by the level supervision channels or by the 'In process' signal.

In process The relay is active as AST 3P is in Operating mode.

Above level The relay is active as the value of the selected signal source is above the set switch level, hysteresis included.

Below level The relay is active as the value of the selected signal source is below the set switch level, hysteresis included.

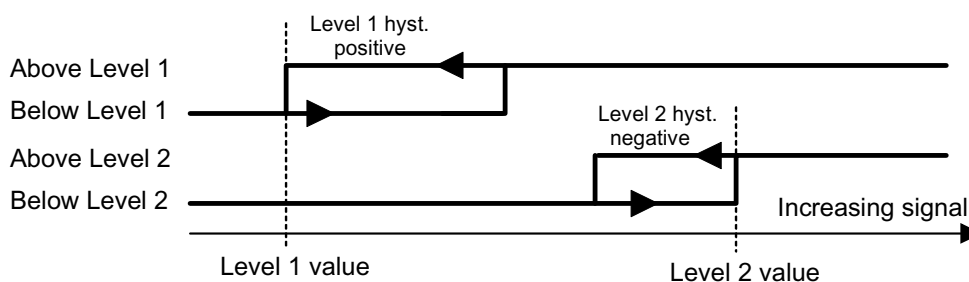


Figure 13. Influence of hysteresis on the indication from level supervision. Level 1 having positive hysteresis and Level 2 having negative hysteresis.

6. Communication

The analogue signal transmitter AST 3 has one serial communications port, primarily used for communication with a control unit. Alternatively it can be used for data transmission to an external instrument.

Communication interface

The serial communication utilises RS-485 for 2-wire or 4-wire. RS-485 is an interface working with differential voltages, giving a noise resistant transmission in a network with several units and long distances. The host computer (master) must have an asynchronous communication port for RS-485, or use a converter, e.g. Westermo MA-45 for RS-232 to RS-485 conversion.

If 2-wire transmission is used, the control unit must be capable of data flow direction control or utilise a converter for automatic data flow direction control e.g. Westermo MA-45.

When 4-wire transmission is used, no data flow direction control is needed.

Line termination

To ensure good communication, the RS-485 transmission line requires correct termination at both ends. In the AST 3 unit, fail-safe resistors are always included, but at the last unit on the transmission line, terminating resistor(s) must be connected, see section Installation.

If the control unit is connected at one end of the transmission line, refer to the computer manual for line termination.

Transmission principles

All the AST 3 units connected to the network can listen to what is transmitted in the network, but only one unit at a time can transmit. A time-sharing principle is needed to allow communication in both directions (half duplex).

All communication in the network must be initiated by the control unit (master). When AST 3 units are working together with a master, the AST 3 units are all slaves, only allowed to reply to master commands. As the master has sent a command message, addressed to a specific slave unit, it listens for the reply during a specified time, before sending next command message.

If the reply from a slave unit fails it may be due to:

- Mismatch in communication parameters. (baud rate, address, . . .)
- More than one slave unit has been transmitting at the same time.
This can distort the reply message and make it impossible to decode.

Modbus

General

For communication between AST 3 and a master computer (PLC) the Modbus protocol is used. The Modbus protocol is a standard protocol, used for master/slave communication in the industry. With AST 3 the Modbus RTU protocol is used.

Information is transmitted in blocks of data to minimise polling and response time delays. For example both the error register, status register and weight register could be read with one command to the AST 3.

When a command that can not be performed is sent, the AST 3 responds with an exception code. For a better explanation of some errors, a special error register could be read.

Depending on the type of the communicating equipment (the master) in use, the commands in the application programme (PLC programme, or PC programme) may be different from type to type. However, if the master is not a Modicon PLC system, then the Modbus implementation in the master must have some cross-reference function to transfer the Modbus register and I/O bit numbering to the masters own register and I/O bit numbering. All register coils described in this manual uses the standard Modbus (Modicon) register and I/O numbering. See the masters own Modbus driver documentation for how the commands should be activated in the masters application programme.

For detailed information about the Modbus protocol see:

Modicon Modbus Protocol Reference Guide PI-MBUS-300 Rev.D.

Setup of Modbus communication

- Set parameter 'Serialport mode' (in 'Main menu Communication') to 'Modbus auto'. The baudrate and bit settings will be autodetected.
- By default the AST 3 will be given the address 1. If more than one AST 3 is used in a network, each AST 3 must be given a unique address in parameter 'Instrum. address'. (The address is shown to the right in the AST 3P display and when a correct message is received, it flashes.)

Note: By delivery an AST 3B (the instrument without display) is set to 'Serialport mode' = Modbus auto, and 'Instrum. address' = 1.

Supported Modbus functions

Function	Description
01 Read Coil Status	<p>Reads the ON/OFF state of discrete outputs (0X references, coils). This function is only implemented because some 'masters' use this function to initialise communication (check that communication is working OK).</p> <p>Coil range: 1 – 16</p> <p>Max number of points to read: 16</p> <p>Action: AST 3 will respond with zero (OFF) for all requested points.</p>
02 Read Input Status	<p>Reads the ON/OFF state of discrete inputs (1X references). This function is implemented only because some 'masters' use this function to initialise communication (check that communication is working OK).</p> <p>Input range: 1 – 16</p> <p>Max number of points to read: 16</p> <p>Action: AST 3 will respond with zero (OFF) for all requested points.</p>
03 Read Holding Reg.	<p>Reads the binary contents of holding registers (4X references). This function will read selected number of consecutive registers from the AST 3. Available registers in the AST 3 are described below.</p> <p>Max number of registers to read: 100</p> <p>Action: AST 3 will respond with the contents of the requested registers.</p>
05 Force Single Coil	<p>Forces a single coil (0X references) to either ON or OFF. This function is used to activate actions in the AST 3 (see description of I/O bits later in this chapter). Each of a number of coils or I/O bits, is linked to an action in the AST 3. The action is activated if the master sets the I/O bit to 'ON'. If the master sets the I/O bit to 'OFF', this is accepted, but the corresponding action is not activated.</p> <p>Coil range: 1 – 110</p>
06 Preset Single Reg.	<p>Presets a value into a single holding register (4X references).</p>
08 Diagnostics	<p>This function can provide a series of different communication tests, depending on a sub function code. AST 3 supports only sub function code 00, which is a 'loop-back' test. The same data as received will be sent back to the master.</p> <p>Max number of data bytes: 64</p>

Function	Description
15 Force Multiple Coils	<p>Forces each coil (0X references) in a sequence of coils to either ON or OFF.</p> <p>This function is used to activate an action in the AST 3 (see description of I/O bits below). Each coil or I/O bit is linked to an action in the AST 3. The action is activated if the master sets the I/O bit to 'ON'. If the master sets the I/O bit to 'OFF', this is accepted, but the corresponding action is not activated.</p> <p>NOTE! Even though it is possible to set multiple I/O bits (coils) with this function, AST 3 will act on the lowest addressed I/O bit (coil) only.</p> <p>Example: To set coil 8, the first coil to set must be number 8.</p> <p>I/O bit (coil) number range: 0 – 110 Max. number of points: 16 (only the first is used)</p>
16 Preset Multiple Reg.	<p>Presets values into a sequence of holding registers (4X references).</p> <p>This function will preset values into the selected number of consecutive registers in the AST 3.</p> <p>Max number of registers to preset: 100</p>

Note: No broadcast messages are allowed.

NOTE! It is possible to send or fetch any number of registers (max 100) or I/O bits (max. 16). If the master tries to read more registers than there are available, the AST 3 module will send dummy values for those registers not available.

Data representation

Data values (weight values and setpoint values) sent to and from the AST 3 uses 16 bit holding registers (40XXX).

All operative parameters: weight, status, etc. are stored in three different register areas in the AST 3. Which area that should be used depends on the master (PLC).

- Integer area: Two different types
 - 16 bit unsigned integer
 - 32 bit scaled integer
- Float area
- Modicon float area

Operative parameters Integer area

Unsigned integer (1 modbus register)

Error codes, status etc. are saved in one modbus register as an unsigned integer (16 bit number without decimals).

Scaled integer (2 modbus registers + 1 modbus register = 3 modbus registers)

Values bigger than 32767 and values containing decimals (Weight, levels) are always saved in a special 3 register format. The first two registers are used as a 32 bit long integer value (with sign) and the third register is holding the number of decimals in the value.

Example: 12345678 (32 bit number) in the two first registers and 3 in the third register give the value: 12345.678.

Register	Binary	Hexa-decimal	Decimal	Description
1	0000 0000 1011 1100	00BC	188	The 16 most significant bits in the value.
2	0110 0001 0100 1110	614E	24910	The 16 least significant bits in the value.
3	0000 0000 0000 0011	0003	3	The number of decimals.

Depending on number of decimals, divide the value with a number from these tables.

Decimals	Number to divide with
0	1
1	10
2	100

Decimals	Number to divide with
3	1000
4	10000
5	100000

Calculations in decimal numbers:

First multiply the most significant register with 2^{16} (65536) and add the least significant register to the value.

$$188 * 2^{16} + 24910 = 12345678$$

Now divide the number to get the right number of decimals.

The decimal register was set to 3 in this example, which gives the value $10^3 = 1000$ to divide with.

$$12345678 / 1000 = 12345.678$$

Note: If your PLC system can't handle 32 bit values, the second register can be used as a 16 bit register with the number of decimals that is indicated in the third register. This will limit the value range to -32768 to +32767. This must be regarded in the calibration of the instrument. A flag in Status register 1 indicates when the weight is bigger than a 16 bit integer.

This flag can be checked to be sure that the weight fits in just one register.

Operative parameters float area & Set-up parameters

The set-up parameters, and the operative parameters are stored as standard IEEE 32 bit float values. Each value has two registers assigned to it.

To read/write a float value an even number of Modbus registers, starting at an even address, must be read/written each time.

The parameters are stored in two different float formats. Some devices may transfer the values with the high order bits in the first register and the low order bits in the second register. Other devices may invert the register order.

Modicon float: For true Modicon PLC's, use these register areas.

Float: Many third party controllers that support Modicon protocol use the float format where all bytes are written out in order to one 32 bit register, as opposed to Modicon float which uses 2 consecutive 16 bit registers. Use these register areas for these types of controllers.

Register description - Process parameters

AST 3 simulates a number of Modicon 'Holding Registers' (registers 4XXXX ...). These are 16 bits binary registers and holds the data that can be transferred between the master and the AST 3. Some of these registers can only be read from the master, while others can both be read from and written to.

The Modbus function 03 'Read Holding Registers' should be used to read these register and the Modbus function 05 'Preset Single Register' or 16 'Preset Multiple Registers' should be used to write to the registers. This table is a summary of all process parameters in the AST 3. The leftmost column holds the registers that should be used when float numbers can't be read, and the next two columns hold the register numbers for parameters in float format.

A good way to find out which of the float formats that should be used is to read the 'Instrument type' register (40200/45200) which should equal 2001 for AST 3.

Register area Integer	Register area Float (2 reg./value)	Register area Modicon float (2 reg./value)	Explanation	R/W
40001 (1 reg)	40200	45200	Instrument type	R
40002 (1 reg)	40202	45202	Program number	R
40003 (1 reg)	40204	45204	Program version	R
40004 (3 reg)	40208	45208	Serial number	R
40007 (1 reg)	40210	45210	Command error	R
40008 (1 reg)	40212	45212	Instrument state	R
40009 (1 reg)	40214	45214	Instrument error	R
40010 (1 reg)	40216	45216	Status 1	R
40011 (1 reg)	40218	45218	Status 2	R
40012 (3 reg)	40220	45220	Weight	R
40024 (3 reg)	40228	45228	Analogue output value	R
40027 (3 reg)	40230	45230	Input signal (mV/V)	R
40030 (1 reg)	40232	45232	Command register	R/W *
40031 (3 reg)	40234	45234	Level 1 value	R/W
40034 (3 reg)	40236	45236	Level 2 value	R/W
40037 (3 reg)	40238	45238	Analogue fixed value	R/W

Important: The weight register should never be read alone because the status of the value is indicated in some other registers. A good choice is to read at least the registers 40009 – 40014 (integer) or the registers 40214 – 40221 (45214 – 45221) (float).

*/ The read value is always 'zero'.

Instrument type register

This is a READ ONLY register.

This register holds the type of the instrument. For AST 3 this value is 2001.

Program number

This is a READ ONLY register.

This register holds the program number of the AST 3. Normal programs have a value below 100 and special programs a value above 100.

Program version

This is a READ ONLY register.

This register holds the program version of the AST 3. The value 100 means 1.00.

Serial number

This is a READ ONLY register.

This register holds the serial number of the instrument.

The value 971000 means 97-1000.

This can be used by the master to be sure that a instrument with a specific serial number is used for a special process.

Command error

This is a READ ONLY register.

This register holds the error code when a command has been sent to the AST 3. A command that gives a 03 or 07 as exception will have an error code with a better description of the problem in this register. For an explanation of the error codes see chapter 7 Troubleshooting. Normally this register should contain '00' which means no error. Error codes 100 to 65535 are valid in this register.

Instrument state register

This is a READ ONLY register.

This register contains the state of the AST 3 unit.

Code	Description
00	'Starting up' state. The instrument is starting up after a reset or power on.
01	'Wait for start' state. The AST 3 is waiting for a start command to go in process.
02	'Normal' state. There are no parameter errors in the system. Note: Weight errors still indicates normal state.
03	'Local Set-up' state. Someone is modifying the set-up parameters from the front of the AST 3. It's not possible to enter Remote Set-up or Remote Restore state from here.
04	'Remote Set-up' state. A master computer is modifying the set-up parameters in the AST 3. It's not possible to enter Local Set-up state from here.
05	'Remote Restore' state. A master computer is restoring a full set-up to the AST 3. It's not possible to enter Local Set-up state from here.
06	'Error' state. An error has been detected during start up of the instrument.
07	'Fatal error' state. An error has been detected during start up of the instrument. It's not possible to enter any other state from here.
08	'Test' state. AST 3 is running in a special mode used for service and production test.
99	'Boot' state. The AST 3 is ready to receive a new program.

Instrument error

This is a READ ONLY register.

This register holds the error code in the AST 3, for example weight, RAM, Flash, EEPROM errors. For an explanation of the error codes see chapter 7 Troubleshooting. Normally this register should contain '00' which means no error. Error codes 000 to 099 are valid in this register.

Status register 1

This is a READ ONLY register.

The register status bits have the following meaning (bit = 1 means true while bit = 0 means false). (Bit 0 is the least significant bit in the register). The bits not mentioned in the table are always zero.

Bit no	Function	Comment
1	Weight > INT size	The weight value occupies more than one register. Useful information if the weight in 'scaled integer' format is handled as a 16 bit value.
13	Weight > 6 digits	The weight value is out of precision and should normally not be used.

Note: When this register is read in the float area a float value representing the bits set, is returned. For example if bit 13 is set the value 8192.0 is returned as a float value, and if both bit 1 and bit 13 is set the value 8194.0 is returned as a float value. To use the value it's a good choice to convert it to an unsigned value where the bits can be compared.

Status register 2

This is a READ ONLY register.

The register status bits have the following meaning (bit = 1 means true while bit = 0 means false). (Bit 0 is the least significant bit in the register) The bits not mentioned in the table are always zero.

Bit no	Function	Comment
0	Relay 1 activated	
1	Relay 2 activated	
4	Power failure	The 'power failure' bit is cleared when a 'Read Holding Reg.' (function 03) command reads this register Status 2 (however, the reply contains the set bit, if it was set).
6	Fixed analogue output	The analogue output is working in fixed mode, and new fixed values can be loaded in the 'Analogue fixed value' register.
7	Digital input 1 activated	There is a 24V signal active on the input.
8	Digital input 2 activated	There is a 24V signal active on the input.
9	Above Level 1	The weight (or mV/V value) is above level 1.
10	Above Level 2	The weight (or mV/V value) is above level 2.
11	Analogue output voltage/current	Bit set indicates voltage.

Note: When this register is read in the float area a float value representing the bits set, is returned. For example if bit 4 is set the value 16.0 is returned as a float value, and if both bit 0 and bit 4 is set the value 17.0 is returned as a float value. To use the value it's a good choice to convert it to an unsigned value where the bits can be compared.

Weight

This is a READ ONLY register.

This register holds the weight. The weight should **not** be read alone because the status and error codes are stored in other registers. The weight is only valid when the register 'Instrument error' equals 00.

A good choice is to read at least the registers 40009 – 40014 (integer) or the registers 40214 – 40221 (45214 – 45221) (float).

Analogue output value

This is a READ ONLY register.

This register holds the current output signal on the analogue output. This register could be used for fault finding in the system.

Note: The value is rounded off to two decimals.

Input signal (mV/V)

This is a READ ONLY register.

This register holds the current input signal in mV/V. This register could be used for fault finding in the system.

Command register

As this register is read, the answer will always contain only zeros.

There are a number of actions that can be activated in the AST 3. The value of this register (when different from zero) will activate one of these actions, as described below. When an action can not be performed for some reason (wrong state etc.) an exception is given as reply. When an exception with code 03 or 07 is received, the command error register could be read to get a better error explanation.

Register value	Action activated in AST 3
8	Set to zero This command is used to set the instrument to zero.
16	Start operation When the AST 3 is in 'Wait for start state', this command can be used to start up the instrument.

Level 1 value, Level 2 value

These are READ/WRITE registers.

The registers are used to set temporary levels for the relays. At start up these level values are fetched from corresponding set-up parameters (saved in the memory), which means that the values written to these registers are only valid up to reset or power fail.

Analogue fixed value

This is a READ/WRITE register.

The register could be used to set new temporary values on the analogue output, when the analogue output is configured as 'Fixed+/-20mA' or 'Fixed+/-10V' in the set-up. At start up the value is fetched from corresponding set-up parameter (saved in the memory), which means that a value written to this register is only valid up to reset or power fail.

I/O bit (coil) description

AST 3 simulates a number of I/O bits that the master can write to using Modbus function 05 or 15.

Each of these I/O bits, is linked to an action in the AST 3. The action is activated if the master sets the I/O bit to 'ON'. If the master sets the I/O bit to 'OFF', this is accepted, but the corresponding action is not activated.

All I/O bits are WRITE ONLY. This means the master cannot read the I/O bits but only write to them. An action is performed in the AST 3 when the master writes to an I/O bit. Modbus function 05 'Force Single Coil' or Modbus function 15 'Force Multiple Coils' should be used to write to I/O bits.

Note: If the master tries to write to more than one I/O bit (Modbus function 15) the AST 3 will act on the lowest I/O bit number only.

Coil	Action activated in AST 3	Description
8	Set to zero	This command is used to set the instrument to zero.
16	Start operation	When the AST 3 is in 'Wait for start state', this command can be used to start up the instrument.
100	Enter Remote Set-up	This command is used to be able to change the set-up of the AST 3 from remote.
101	Enter Remote Restore	This command is used to be able to restore a saved set-up to the AST 3 from remote.
102	Exit Remote Set-up/Restore and save changes	This is used when the parameters are changed from remote and should be saved in the AST 3.
103	Exit Set-up without saving changes	This can be used to discard edits made to the set-up parameters, before the set-up is left.
104	Do Reset	This command is used to reset the instrument from remote location.
105	Check set-up data	This command checks that the set-up is correct.

Exception responses

When the master sends a query to a slave it expects a normal response (as described earlier). One of the following three events occur after a query from the master.

1. Normal response.

The slave has received the query without communication error and can handle the query normally. The slave returns a normal response.

2. Communication error.

If the slave does not receive the query due to a communication error, or detects some communication error (parity error or checksum error), **no** response is returned.

The master should process a time-out for the query.

3. Command error.

If the slave receives the query without any communication error, but cannot handle the query, e.g. if the command was not valid, the requested register number not valid or AST 3 in a mode where the command was not allowed, then the slave will return an exception response informing the master of the nature of the error.

The following exception codes are possible.

Code	Name	Description
01	Illegal function	Not a valid function code. Valid function codes are 01, 02, 03, 05, 06, 08, 15, 16.
02	Illegal data address	Not a valid data address. See 'Register description - Process parameters' for a list of allowed registers.
03	Illegal data value	Value in data query field not valid. To get a better explanation of the error, the 'command error' register could be read.
07	Negative acknowledge	AST 3 has received the query but cannot perform it. To get a better explanation of the error, the 'command error' register could be read.

Set-up registers

Set-up registers data area

All set-up parameters are saved in float format and can be read and manipulated by a remote master. Two different types of float formats are supported, which one you should use depends on your Modbus master. To be able to edit the parameters a Coil must first be set to enter set-up remote state.

Note: Normally the Windows programme deltaCOM, supplied by Nobel Weighing Systems, is used to edit parameters from a remote computer, and therefore this information is only useful if you are writing your own set-up program on your master computer. Consult chapter 3 for explanation and location of each set-up parameter.

Register area Float	Register area Modicon float	Description	R/W
40380	45380	First normal set-up register (normally 41000). If 'Modicon float' is used, add 5000 to this value.	R
40382	45382	Number of normal set-up registers.	R
40384	45384	First application programme specific set-up register. If 'Modicon float' is used, add 5000 to this value.	R
40386	45386	Number of application specific set-up registers (normally 0).	R
40388	45388	Start of special set-up registers (used for diagnostic purposes).	R
40390	45390	Number of special set-up registers (used for diagnostic purposes).	R
40394	45394	Set-up version.	R
40396	45396	Set-up data version.	R
41000 – 41700	46000 – 46700	Set-up registers. Register area containing the set-up registers. See chapter 3 for an explanation of the different parameters.	R/W

How to edit set-up registers

Example: Change resolution to 0.2.

- Start by setting coil 100 'Enter Remote Set-up'.
- Locate the resolution parameter in chapter 3. This gives modbus register 41056.
- Set resolution '0.2' by sending '7' to modbus register '41056'.
- Proceed with changes of all the parameters that are to be changed.
- Finish by setting coil 102 'Exit Remote Set-up/Restore and save changes'.
- The AST 3 makes a reset and the changes go into action.

External display

If the choice 'External display' is selected for parameter 'Serialport mode', the serial port on the AST 3 can be used for presentation of the weight on an external display unit. The transmitted weight is adapted for Newport/London large digit indicators with 4, 5, 6 or 7 digits and the Intrinsic safety indicator BA488C with 32 characters, connected through the serial communication isolator MTL5051.

To get a working remote display the parameters 'Baudrate', 'Data format' and 'Ext. disp.format' must be set to those defined by the remote display.

In the set-up parameter 'Ext disp.format' the following formats for the transmitted weight value can be selected:

Type	Description
4 (digits)	Four digit indicator. Display: -999 – 9999 (plus possible decimal point).
5 (digits)	Five digit indicator. Display: -9999 – 99999 (plus possible decimal point).
6 (digits)	Six digit indicator. Display: -99999 – 999999 (plus possible decimal point). Possible gross/net indicators will be activated. (GROSS ONLY ON AST).
7 (digits)	Seven digit indicator. Display: -999999 – 9999999 (plus possible decimal point).
32 (characters)	BA488C Intrinsic safety indicator. Display: -999999 – 9999999 (plus possible dec. point).

Remote display with 4 to 7 digits

The remote display normally shows the current weight, but under the following conditions only 'dashes' (-----) are displayed:

- the number of digits in the transmitted weight value is outside the indicators range.
- the instrument is not in normal state or there is a weight error.

Definition of weight value to large digit indicator 4, 5, 7 digits:

Character No.	Value alphanumeric.	Value Hex	Function
1		02	Start character (STX).
2 to 5 – 9	0 – 9, ., -	30 – 39, 2E, 2D	*/ Weight value: 4, 5 or 7 digits and a possible decimal point. (The first digit may be a minus sign).
Last		0D	End character (CR).

Definition of weight value to large digit indicator 6 digits:

Character No.	Value alphanumeric.	Value Hex	Function
1		02	Start character (STX).
2	H, blank	48, 20	This character is present only if 6 digits is selected in 'Ext. disp,format'. H = Left led ON, blank = led's OFF.
3 to 8 or 9	0 – 9, . , -	30 – 39, 2E, 2D	*/ Weight value: 6 digits and a possible decimal point. (The first digit may be a minus sign).
Last		0D	End character (CR).

Note: */ The number of digits in the weight value (including a minus sign, if present) will equal the number of digits selected in 'Ext. disp.format'. Leading zeros will be added to fill up to the selected number of digits. The decimal point does not occupy any digit position.

Remote display BA488C

This remote must be connected through the isolator for serial communication MTL5051. It can handle digits and letters and consequently it has some extra functions. The weight value is always displayed with the selected measurement unit.

7. Troubleshooting

General

AST 3 has an automatic error checking facility. This serves to facilitate troubleshooting and to ensure that the instrument will function in the best possible manner. The error checking provides guidance on how to deal with the fault or error.

When an error occurs the signal 'In process' will be off, the relays will be deactivated, the analogue output will be set to 0V / 0mA and an error code will be displayed. This error code can be fetched by Modbus communication to a connected control unit. At the control unit the program may present an error description corresponding to the error code.

For an AST 3P instrument, some error codes will cause messages to be displayed, containing the kind of error, the error code and hints on how to correct the error.

The signal transmitter version AST 3B must have communication with a control unit for set-up and troubleshooting. For this reason a temporary communication setting can be arranged for AST 3B.

Error codes

The error codes are divided in four groups, depending on their origin:

- **Weight errors,** occur when transducer signals or output values go out of given ranges.
- **Start-up errors,** occur only during start-up.
- **General errors,** usually occur due to faulty entries from the front panel, alternatively invalid data or unallowed commands from the control unit.
- **Set-up errors,** can only occur during instrument set-up (from the front panel or by serial communication).

On the following pages a summary of all error codes is given (note that code 000 always means 'no error').

Weight errors

The indication is either temporary or stays on until the cause is cured.
At AST 3P the text within " " is scrolled while the error code is displayed.

Error code	Explanation
000	No error. The instrument is in Operating mode and no error is detected.
001	Instrument in Remote set-up state. Weight is not valid.
003	Instrument not in normal state. Weight is not valid.
005	Overrange error. " Reduce the load on the transducer(s) " Overrange means that the input signal from the transducer exceeds the operating range.
007	Underrange error. " Transducer signal below allowed range " Underrange means that the input signal from the transducer is below the operation range.
010	Excitation short-circuit. " Check connections " Either a short-circuit in the excitation circuit or too many transducers connected. (A fault in a transducer or inside the signal transmitter is also possible.) Check transducer connections. See section, 2 Installation.
011	Sense voltage error. " Check connections " The sense voltage is too low, unbalanced or has a reversed polarity. (A fault in a transducer or inside the signal transmitter also possible.) Check transducer connections. See section, 2 Installation.
012	Transducer sign. error. " Check connections " The input signal is too high, for example due to a faulty or missing transducer connection. (A fault in a transducer or inside the signal transmitter is also possible.) Check transducer connections. See section, 2 Installation.
013	TransducerSignal out of range. The input signal is too high. (A fault in accordance with Error 012 above is also possible.)
015	TransducerSignal out of range. The input signal is too low. (A fault in accordance with Error 012 above is also possible.)

Start-up errors

These error codes can only appear during start-up.

Error code	Explanation
080	<p>Invalid set-up version. This error usually occurs at first start-up after a program upgrade. The actual settings have been replaced by default values. Enter set-up mode, perform the necessary editing and save the new parameter settings.</p>
081	<p>Invalid set-up data. Indicates faulty parameter checksum. The actual settings have been replaced by default values. Enter set-up mode, perform the necessary editing and save the new parameter settings.</p>
083-085	<p>Invalid factory calibration. Invalid factory calibration is a fatal error. It indicates that the range constant stored in the EEPROM during manufacture has been corrupted. Specially trained service personnel is required. The distributor must be contacted.</p>
097	<p>RAM error. RAM memory error is a fatal error. It indicates equipment failure which requires trained service personnel. The distributor must be contacted.</p>
098	<p>FLASH error. Flash memory error is a fatal error. It indicates equipment failure which requires trained service personnel. The distributor must be contacted.</p>
099	<p>Watchdog error. If a watchdog error appears the system will be reinitialised. The operator must then send a reset command from the control computer, or power the instrument off and on, to achieve normal operation.</p> <p>The program regularly sends impulses to a special watchdog circuit to ensure that the circuits and the program operate correctly. However, if these impulses for any reason are omitted the watchdog error indication will result.</p>

General errors

These errors generally occur due to faulty entries from the front panel, alternatively invalid data or unallowed commands from the control unit.

Error code	Explanation
100	Instrument in wrong state. The transmitted command is not applicable to the present AST 3 mode.
101	Overrange entry. Value over allowed range. Compare with restrictions for the parameter.
102	Underrange entry. Value under allowed range. Compare with restrictions for the parameter.
103	Illegal start address. When writing float values or set-up values the start address of the written data must be even.
104	Illegal number of registers. When writing float values the number of registers of the written data must be even. This error can also occur when writing scaled integer values.
105	Illegal value error. When using scaled integer format the number of decimals must be less than 8.
130	Enter set-up/restore not allowed. The transmitted command is not applicable to the present AST 3 mode.
131	Exit set-up/restore not allowed. The exit set-up command is only allowed when the instrument state is "Remote set-up state" or "Remote restore state".

Set-up errors

These errors occur only during instrument set-up, from the front panel or by serial communication.

Certain errors depends on more than one set-up parameter and it is the operator's responsibility to locate and correct all faulty set-up parameters.

Error codes 179 – 192 occur when it is not allowed to exit remote set-up or remote restore because of faulty parameter values.

Error code	Explanation
160	Calibration weight error. Weight error during calibration.
162	Calibration timeout error. Transducer signal is not stable within 10 seconds during calibration.
163	Saving of set-up value not allowed. Certain set-up parameters are dependent on other parameters and saved automatically when you save a new value for the related set-up. Thereafter, certain automatically saved parameters can only be browsed. If you try to save a new value in one of these set-ups this indication will result.
164	Illegal set-up register. Requested set-up parameter does not exist or is not defined.
165	Too many digits. The Capacity value has more than the permitted 6 digits. Select a combination of Resolution and Capacity that will result in max. 6 digits plus decimal point.
179	Bandwidth mismatch. The ratio between analogue and digital bandwidth must not exceed 100. Example: 0.1 Hz ↔ 10 Hz.
188	Too many digits. The Capacity value has more than the permitted 6 digits. Select a combination of Resolution and Capacity that will result in max. 6 digits plus decimal point.
189	Too high transducer signal in cal. point 2. The mV/V signal in calibration point 2 is too high (often due to a previous, strange data sheet calibration).
190	Too high transducer signal in cal. point 2. The mV/V signal in calibration point 2 is too high, due to strange data sheet calibration. The conversion factor, rated load etc. does not correspond to each other.
191	Illegal calibration direction. Increasing transducer signal must correspond to increasing weight value.
192	Illegal analogue range high/low. Parameter value 'Ana. range high' / 'Ana. range low' out of allowed range.
41000 - 41900	Exit Remote Set-up/Restore not allowed. There is an error in the parameter pointed out by this error code. The parameter value is out of range.

Temporary communication for AST 3B

Electrical installation is similar for AST 3P and AST 3B, and both versions have the same sequence of set-up parameters. But the AST 3B has no function keys at the front panel, so set-up must be performed from a control unit by serial communication.

At delivery the communication parameters are factory-set to values that make control unit communication possible. However, after AST 3B has been taken into service, some parameters may have been changed, making control unit communication impossible. (This is the case if AST 3B is set to send measurement values by serial communication to an external display.)

A temporary control unit communication for AST 3B can easily be established:

- Disconnect the 24 VDC power from the module.
- Connect yourself to ground.
- Remove the front panel from AST 3B.
- Remove the jumper inside the module, indicated in figure 14.
- Connect the 24 VDC power to the module.

Then the AST 3B unit will work according to the following settings:

- Baudrate: Autodetect to control unit baud rate, starting at 9600.
- Data format: Autodetect to control unit data format, starting at 8-none-1.
Possible values: 8-none-1, 8-even-1, 8-odd-1.
- Serialport mode: Modbus.
- Instrum. address: 247.

Now the control unit can perform a set-up of the AST 3B. All parameter values, including 'Baudrate', 'Data format', 'Serialport mode', and 'Instrum. address' may be edited as usual in 'Set-up mode'.

After the set-up operation is finished, the temporary settings must be removed and AST 3B started with the edited parameter settings.

- Disconnect the 24 VDC power from the module.
- Connect yourself to ground.
- Put the jumper back in place in the module.
- Put the front panel back on AST 3B.
- Connect the 24 VDC power to the module.

AST 3B will perform power-up and the saved parameter values will be active.

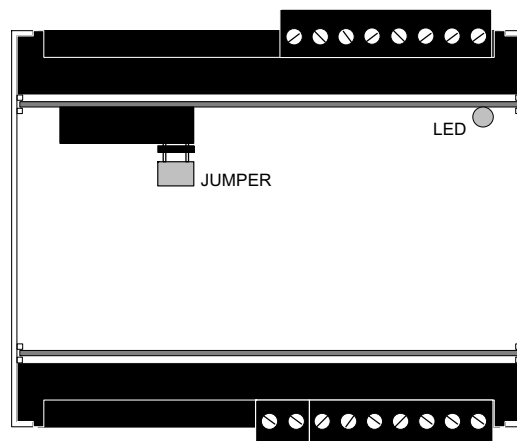


Figure 14. Location of the jumper, controlling the temporary communication.

Set-up list for AST 3 ... Address:

Location/Notes:

Progr. name: Ser. no.: Date:

Modbus number	Parameter name	Default value	Set-up value	
41000	Level 1 source	Not in use [0]	.....	.....
41002	Level 1 value	0.0	.....	.....
41004	Level 1 hyst.	0.0	.....	.....
41006	Relay 1 source	In process [1]	.....	.....
41008	Level 2 source	Not in use [0]	.....	.....
41010	Level 2 value	0.0	.....	.....
41012	Level 2 hyst.	0.0	.....	.....
41014	Relay 2 source	Not in use [0]	.....	.....
41016	Language	English [1]	.....	.....
41018	Start mode	Auto [1]	.....	.....
41020	Display contrast	4 [4]	.....	.....
41022	Zero function	Off [0]	.....	.....
41024	More views	Off [0]	.....	.....
41026	Security lock	Off [0]	.....	.....
41028	Password	1937	.....	.....
41030	Ana. output type	4–20mA [3]	.....	.....
41032	Ana. range low	0.0	.....	.....
41034	Ana. range high	500.0	.....	.....
41036	Fixed ana. outp.	0.00	.....	.....
41038	Ana. bandwidth	10 Hz [7]	.....	.....
41040	Ana. low adjust	0	.....	.....
41042	Ana. high adjust	0	.....	.....
41044	Serialport mode	Modbus auto [2]	.....	.....
41046	Baudrate	9600 [5]	.....	.....
41048	Data format	8-none-1 [5]	.....	.....
41050	Instrum. address	1	.....	.....
41052	Ext. disp.format	6 [2]	.....	.....
41054	Measurement unit	kg [2]	.....	.....
41056	Resolution	0.1 [6]	.....	.....
41058	Capacity	500.0	.....	.....
41060	Mains frequency	50 Hz [0]	.....	.....
41062	Dig. bandwidth	10 Hz [7]	.....	.....
41064	Calibration type	Data sheet [0]	.....	.....

Set-up list for AST 3.... Address:

Location/Notes:

Progr. name: Ser. no.: Date:

Modbus number	Parameter name	Default value	Set-up value	
41066	Conv. factor	9.80665	.....	.....
41068	Number of transd	3	.....	.....
41070	Rated load	2000.0	.....	.....
41072	Rated output 1	2.03900	.....	.....
41074	Rated output 2	2.03900	.....	.....
41076	Rated output 3	2.03900	.....	.....
41078	Rated output 4	2.03900	.....	.....
41080	Value cal. p.1	0.0	.....	.....
41082	Value cal. p.2	500.0	.....	.....
41084	Transd.sign. p.1	0.00000	.....	.....
41086	Transd.sign. p.2	1.66631	.....	.....
41090	Zero offset	0.00	.....	.....

Appendix 1.

Set-up list.

Declaration of Conformity

We Nobel Elektronik AB
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declare under our sole responsibility that the product

**Analogue Signal Transmitter AST 3,
versions B, P and IS**

to which this declaration relates is in conformity with the
following standards or other normative documents


EMC:

SS-EN 55011 (1991)	/ SS EN 50081-2 (1993):	Class A, Group 1
SS-ENV 50140 (1993) SS-EN 61 000-4-3 (1996)	/ SS-EN 50082-2 (1995):	10 V/m
ENV 50141 (1993) SS-EN 61 000-4-6 (1996)	/ SS-EN 50082-2 (1995):	10V
SS-EN 61000-4-2 (1995)	/ SS-EN 50082-2 (1995):	4 kV Contact discharge 8 kV Air discharge
SS-EN 61 000-4-4 (1995)	/ SS-EN 50082-2 (1995):	2 kV DC Mains 2 kV Control

The product to which this declaration relates is in conformity with the essential
requirements in the EMC Directive 89/336/EEC
with amend. 92/31/EEC and 93/68/EEC.

The product is supplied by 24 VDC and is therefore not covered by the requirements in
the Low Voltage Directive 73/23/EEC

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