



WideLink^(TM) B600

AIS Class B Transponder
(SOTDMA)

USER MANUAL



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★ Instructions on how to accurately enter and confirm static data in the device can be found in this user manual.

FOREWORD

We thank you for the purchase of your new WideLink B600, AIS SOTDMA class B transponder. Wherever you sail now, you can have a better overview of your surroundings at sea and voyage with more safety.

WideLink B600 is strictly tested to meet the rigorous demands of the marine environment. With proper installation and use, the equipment will serve loyally and reliably at its optimum.

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1 System Overview

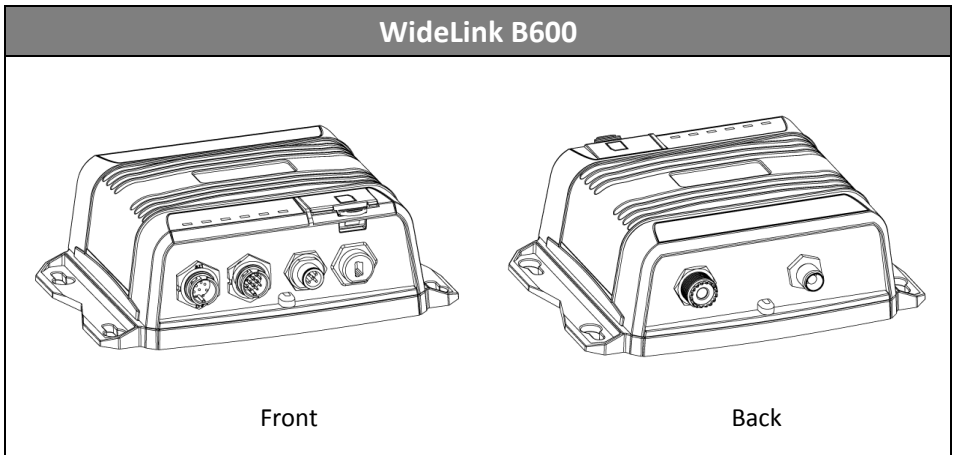
1.1 Product Description

WideLink B600 is an SOTDMA AIS class B, the next evolution of AIS technology. Its 5W transmit power, higher reporting rate and professional grade time division management make B600 an overall more advanced product compared to AIS class B based on CSTDMA scheme.

The globally approved transponder contains 1 VHF transmitter, 2 AIS receivers on 2 VHF channels and 1 MCU with cutting edge software defined radio technology. Its internal GNSS receiver with 50 channels is able to process signals from GPS, Gallileo, BeiDou and GLONASS with differential capability. It receives DSC, time-sharing with AIS receivers.

Its enhanced housing with IPx7 waterproof and shock and temperature robustness is ideal to survive harsh marine environments. Chart plotter and PC can be easily integrated over its NMEA2000, NMEA0183 and waterproof USB port. Its built-in data logger can record AIS data on micro SD card in the most intuitive way.

The integrated high performance Wi-Fi (WideLink B600W only) together with AMEC AIS App makes your favorite smart phone or tablet a real-time AIS position plotter.



B600 exchanges the following navigational data with other AIS equipped vessels within VHF range to increase the safety of your journey at sea:

- Static data:
 - Ship's name
 - Call sign
 - MMSI
 - Ship type

- Location of GPS antenna on the ship
- Dynamic data:
 - Position of the vessel
 - Course over ground (COG)
 - Speed over ground (SOG)
 - True heading

It receives also safety related messages (SRM) from other vessels or persons who are in distress.

SOTDMA Class B AIS broadcasts ship’s static data every 6 minutes. Ship dynamic data will be transmitted per following reporting interval:

Ship Speed	Nominal Reporting Interval	Increased reporting interval
>23 knots	Every 5 seconds	Every 15 seconds
between 14-23 knots	Every 15 seconds	Every 30 seconds
between 2-14 knots	Every 30 seconds	Every 30 seconds
≤ 2 knots or at anchored or moored	Every 3 minutes	Every 3 minutes seconds

The Class B “SO” AIS follows the rules set by ITU-R M.1371-5, and increases the reporting interval to “Increased Reporting Interval” in accordance with Table above when less than 50 % of the slots of each of the last four consecutive frames are free. When more than 65 % of the slots of each of the last four consecutive frames are free, the Class B “SO” AIS reports at the “Nominal Reporting Interval”.

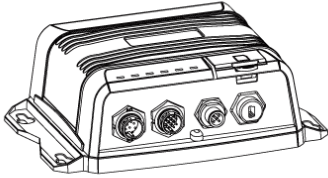
1.2 Class A vs. SOTDMA Class B vs. CSTDMA Class B

A brief comparison between class A and class B AIS is illustrated in the following table. WideLink B600 is an SOTDMA class B AIS transponder.

Type of AIS	Class A AIS	Class B SOTDMA	Class B CSTDMA
Primary Access Scheme	SOTDMA (Self-organizing)	SOTDMA (Self-organizing)	CSTDMA (Carrier-Sense)
Standard	IEC 61993-2	IEC 62287-2	IEC 62287-1
Transmit Power and range	12.5W	5W	2W
IMO Mandate	Mandatory for all SOLAS vessels	No mandate	No mandate
Reporting rate dynamic data	Highest (transmission up to every 2 sec)	Higher (transmission up to every 5 sec)	Low (transmission up to every 30 sec)
AIS data presented	Static, Dynamic, Voyage	Static and Dynamic data	Static and Dynamic data
Applications	Commercial vessels, fishing boats, working boats, passenger boats with more than 12 passengers	Smaller commercial, fishing and work boats, recreational vessels	Recreational vessels and small fishing boats

1.3 Equipment in the Box

Upon receiving the product please verify items in the box. If any is missing, please contact your local AMEC representative immediately.



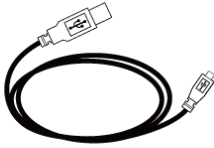
AIS SOTDMA Class B Transponder



12pin data cable:



8pin power cable



Mini USB to USB cable



TP3x3/4 Screws

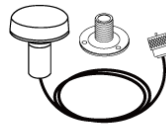


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Software CD: configuration utility, USB driver, AIS Viewer, user manual

Optional Accessory



GPS antenna GA-22 with 10m cable

2 Installation

2.1 Installation Procedures

Please familiarize the manual content before installation. Depending on your hardware configuration, use the following recommended steps to install the device.

- 1) Mount the transponder unit to an appropriate location
- 2) Install VHF antenna
- 3) Install GPS antenna
- 4) Connect to a chart plotter via NMEA 0183 and/or other instruments
- 5) Connect to a chart plotter via NMEA 2000 and/or other instruments
- 6) Connect to a Tx switch box and/or external alarm system(optional)
- 7) Connect to an appropriate power source (12V / 24V DC, 2A)

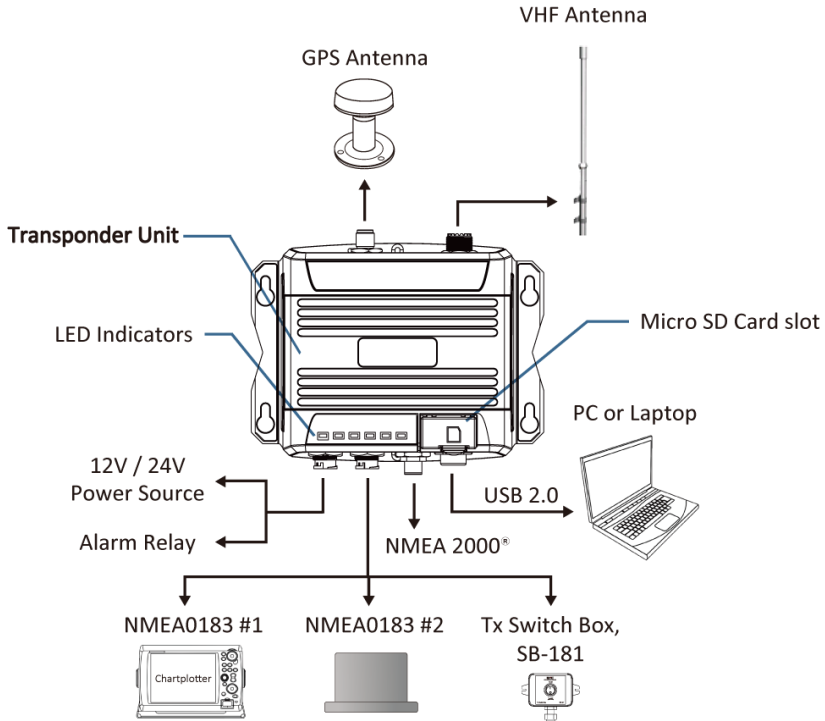


Figure 1 External Connections

2.2 Mounting Transponder Main Unit

The following guidelines should be noticed when selecting the environment to install your AMEC WideLink B600:

- Do not install the AIS transponder in a flammable or hazardous atmosphere such as in an engine or generator room or close to fuel tanks.
- Installation of the transponder should be undertaken in a safe environment without being exposed to any splashing water or rain.
- There should be adequate space around the AIS transponder for routing of cables. See figure below for details of the AIS transponder dimensions.
- The safe distance of the transponder to any magnetic compass is at least 0.3m.
- The operating temperature is between -15°C and $+55^{\circ}\text{C}$.
- The AIS transponder can be installed and mounted on flat surface, or it can be mounted on wall with the four self tapping screws supplied.
- The device should be mounted in a location where the indicators can readily be observed as these indicators deliver relevant information on the status of the AIS transponder.

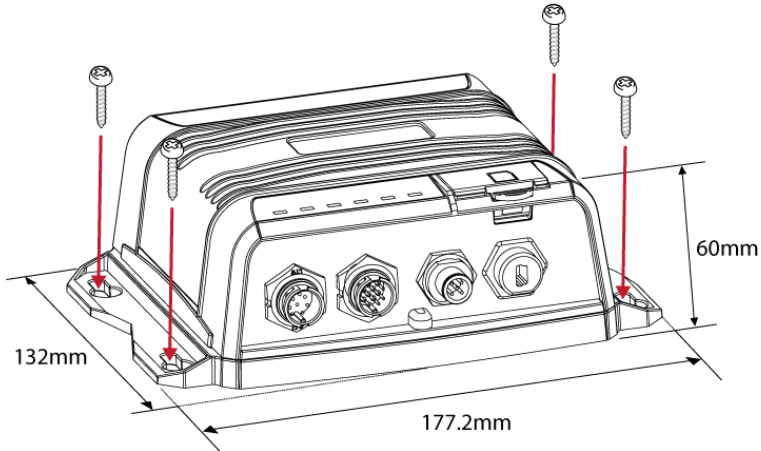


Figure 2 Mounting the transponder

2.3 VHF Antenna Installation

The quality and positioning of the antenna are the most important factors dictating AIS performance. It is recommended that a VHF antenna with omnidirectional vertical polarization be specifically tuned for AIS operation band. Since the range of VHF signals is largely decided by line of sight distance, the VHF antenna should be placed as high as possible and at least 5 meters away from any constructions made of conductive materials.

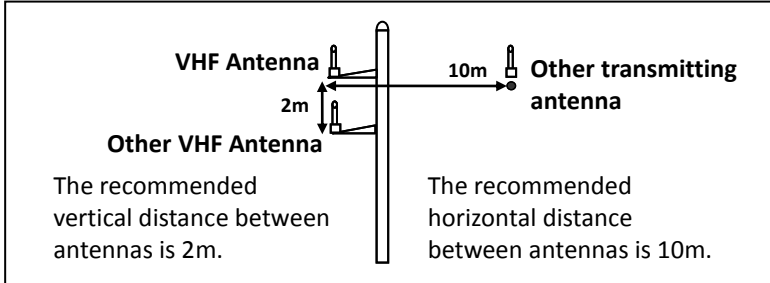


Figure 3 VHF antenna locations

The VHF antenna connector type on WideLink B600 is SO239 which is designed to work with a PL259 connector.

2.4 GPS Antenna Installation

Install the GPS antenna where it has a clear view to the sky, so that it may access the horizon freely with 360° degrees.

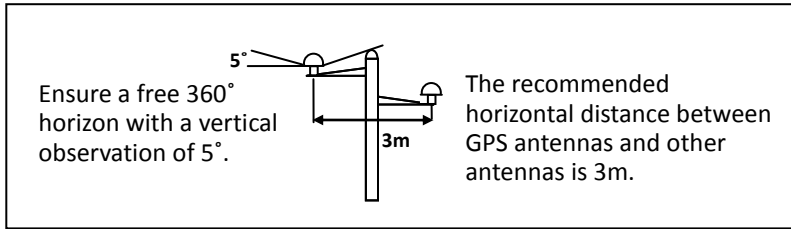


Figure 4 GPS antenna locations

It is recommended to keep the GPS antenna out of the transmitting beam of high-power transmitters such as Inmarsat devices and radar.

When connecting the cables, take note of the following precautions.

- Bending cables may cause damages to the inner wires and impair overall the performances.
- Each coaxial cable should be set up separately and can only be set up in a single cable tube.
- Insulation on connector port of the coaxial cable should be considered.

WideLink B600 is tested and certified with the GPS antenna GA-22. It's recommended to use GA-22 with B600 series to ensure optimal reliability of your AIS system.

For pole mounting the GA-22, a 1 inch 14 TPI thread pole will be required.

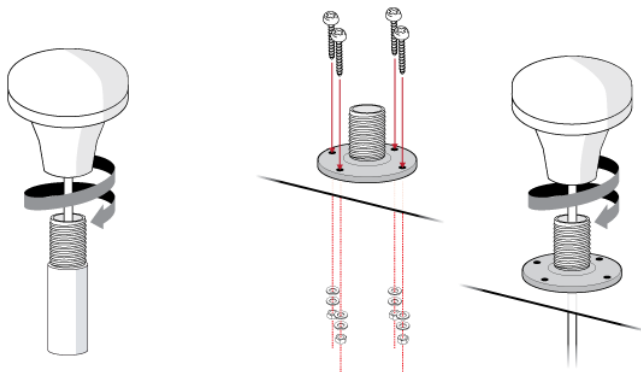


Figure 5 Mounting GPS Antenna

2.5 Connecting with NMEA 0183 Devices

WideLink B600 supports two NMEA 0183 ports and external silent mode switch with its 12-pin data cable. The default NMEA 0183 baud rates are 38400-bps (high speed) and 4800-bps (low speed). User can change the baud rates using the provided configuration utility. Typically the high speed setting is primarily for chart plotter connection, while the low speed setting can be used for NMEA 0183 compatible instruments.

WideLink B600 NMEA 0183 supports multiplexer function. Received NMEA 0183 data from both ports will be multiplexed and forwarded to all output ports as well as USB and Wi-Fi (B600W only).

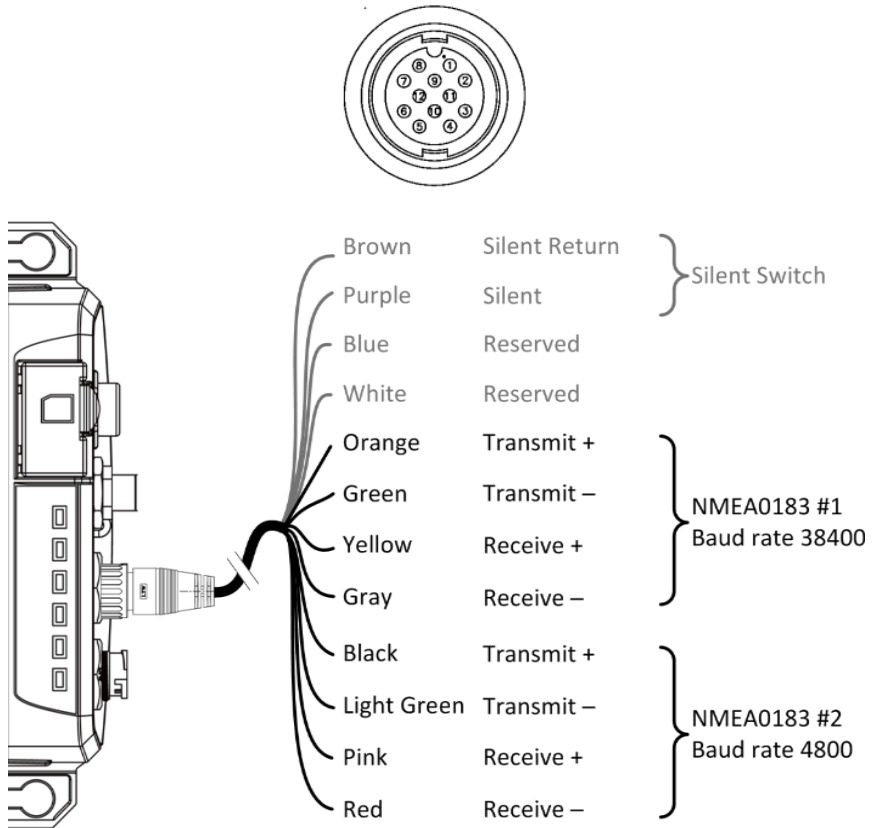


Figure 6 NMEA 0183 Connection

2.6 AIS Silent Mode Connection

When Silent Mode is required, it is possible to connect an external toggle switch to WideLink B600. Connect the toggle switch between the purple and brown wires to enable Silent Mode function, as depicted in Figure below. An optional Tx Switch Box (part number SB-181) is available from AMEC for Silent Mode activation.

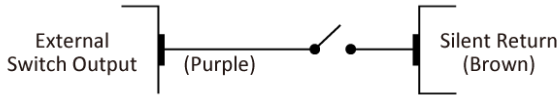


Figure 7 Silent Switch connection

2.7 Connection to NMEA 2000 Network

The WideLink B600 is equipped with NMEA 2000 interface with LEN=1. WideLink B600 is able to send AIS data and forward received GPS data (from NMEA 0183) via NMEA 2000 network to other NMEA 2000 devices. For further applications e.g. heading sensor connection, please refer to supported PGN in 5.3. An updated PGN list is available at AMEC website under FAQ for WideLink B600.

A compatible T-connector and drop cable/spur available by your local service partner are needed to connect the class B transponder to your chart plotter with NMEA 2000 interface:

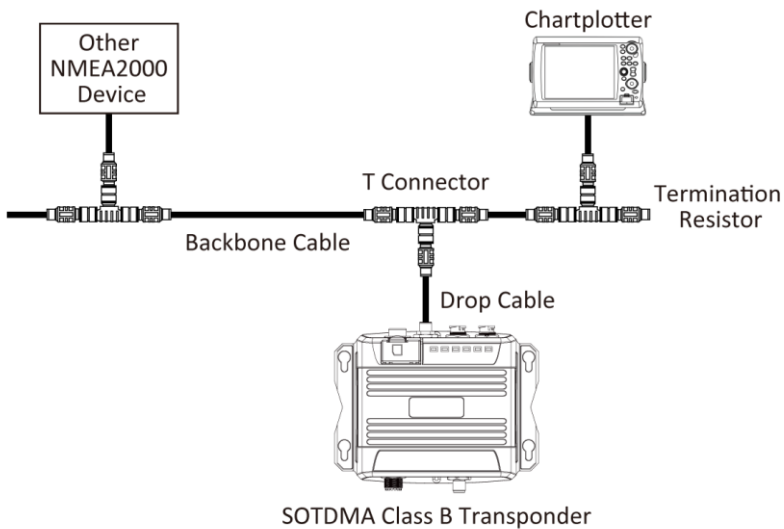


Figure 8 NMEA 2000 Network

2.8 Connecting Power Cable

Connect the WideLink B600 to vessel's power source as illustrated below. The WideLink B600 requires a 12V or 24V DC power supply (9.6 to 31.2V) capable of supplying 2A peak current. Always use a minimum 3A fuse panel before connecting directly to battery or power supply. Power on the power source will turn on the transponder unit automatically.

B600's power cables are marked with bullet connectors. Disconnect the transponder from power source will shut down the unit immediately.

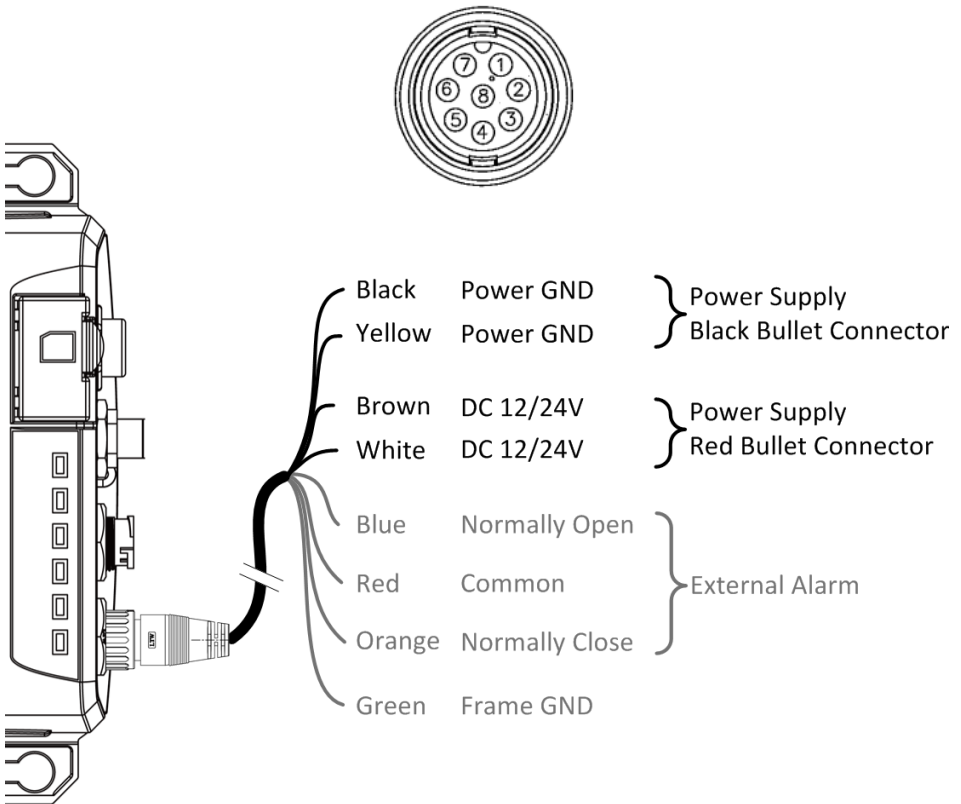


Figure 9 Power and alarm Connection

2.8.1 Alarm Relay

WideLink B600 supports internal alarm relay with its 8-pin power cable. Connect the alarm relay to an audible alarm device or the ships alarm system, if available.


The maximum switching current is 1 A.

The maximum switching voltage is 250 VAC, 220 VDC.

Signal	Function
ALARM COM (Red)	Alarm relay common
ALARM NC (Orange)	Alarm relay normally closed
ALARM NO (Blue)	Alarm relay normally open

3 Configuring Your WideLink B600

The AMEC AIS Configuration software enables users to set up the transponder by entering own ship's information. It also provides useful tools to monitor and diagnose the transponder. A more detailed user guide of Configuration software can be found in the "Help" menu of Configuration Utility.

To install the configuration software, open the AMEC AIS Configuration file on the CD and click on the setup  icon to start the installation process. Follow the on-screen instructions to complete the installation and check the checkbox to start the AMEC AIS Configuration Software at the end of the installation.

3.1 Establish Connection to PC

3.1.1 USB Driver Installation

Before preceding the configuration procedure, make sure the following items are available:

Required Items

- USB Driver (included in the software CD)
- USB cable (included in the box)
- PC/Laptop with Windows operating system (not included). WideLink B600 USB Driver supports Windows XP, Windows Vista, Windows 7, Windows 8/8.1 and Windows 10.
- One available USB port on PC/Laptop
- Available CD-ROM drive on PC/Laptop

The USB driver has to be installed before linking the transponder to your PC. Power on the transponder and connect it to PC with the attached USB cable. A new hardware found prompt will show up. In most cases the USB driver will be installed automatically by Windows system.

When USB driver installation is not done automatically, user can also manually install the USB driver which can be found on the attached CD. Follow the on screen instructions and assign the correct file path of the USB driver to complete the installation. You can also install the USB driver via the Device Manager in the Control Panel.

3.1.2 Serial Port Connection

After the USB driver is installed and the transponder is recognized as a “Virtual Com Port”, launch the Configuration Software, select Option in the menu bar, then Connection, and “serial port”. There are 2 options to connect the software with your transponder:

- **Auto:** The system will scan all connected ports and their available baud rates and establish connection automatically.
- **Manual:** Configure baud rate and port manually. The default baud rate is 115200. To determine serial port with which the transponder is connected, please refer to Appendix in this manual.

Click on “**Connect**”, to connect the Configuration Software with your transponder.

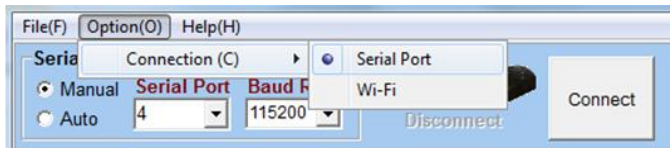


Figure 10 Serial port connection

3.1.3 Wireless Connection (only for WideLink B600W)

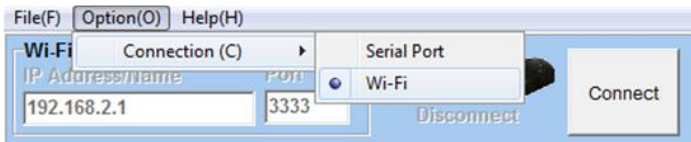


Figure 11 Wi-Fi connection for WideLink B600W

For WideLink B600W, the connection between the Configuration Software and your transponder can also be established wirelessly. Please refer to 4.4 “Wi-Fi Configuration” about how to access WideLink B600W from your PC as Access Point.

After your PC is wirelessly connected with the transponder, go to Option in the menu bar, then Connection, and “Wi-Fi”. The IP address and Port are already preprogrammed to fit WideLink B600W’s configuration. Click on “**Connect**”, to connect the Configuration Software with your transponder.

3.2 Programming your vessel data

After the transponder is successfully connected with the Configuration Software, click on the “STATIC DATA” tab. You will require the following information in order to configure your AIS transponder:

- Vessel’s name: limited to 20 characters
- Call sign: limited to 7 characters
- MMSI: Enter your MMSI (Maritime Mobile Service Identity) number
- Ship type: choose your ship type from the drop down list
- Ship dimensions: Enter the vessel dimensions by appointing position of your GPS antenna



WARNING: The MMSI number can only be entered once. Be sure to enter the correct MMSI number, as it cannot be corrected if entered incorrectly.

File(F) Option(O) Help(H)

Serial Port and Baud Rate Setting

Manual Serial Port Baud Rate

Auto 10 115200

Connected

Disconnect

EXIT

Configuration Diagnosis

STATIC DATA | TRANSCIVER | BAUD RATE

NAME BALU

CALLSIGN AMEC101

MMSI 123456790

Ship Type 37 = Vessel-Pleasure craft 37

SHIP DIMENSION

0 (0~511m)

0 (0~511m)

0 (0~63m) 0 (0~63m)

Firmware Version: V1.2.6.1

Config Device Read Device

Figure 12 Static Data Setting

4 GET STARTED

The transponder starts up whenever the connected power source is ON. It will operate automatically when the transponder has been properly configured and GPS/VHF antennas are properly installed. The transponder transmits its own ship positions depending on vessel's moving speed and should receive information of other vessels in the vicinity.

The operation status of the transponder can be observed with the LED lights on the unit. Description of the LED indications is provided in the following section.

4.1 LED Indicators

Indicator	Light	Description
Power	Green, steady	The transponder has been powered up correctly.
Tx / Silent	Green, flashing	The transponder is transmitting AIS data. The flashing interval varies depending on vessel speed.
	Orange, steady	The transponder is in silent mode, no AIS transmission at all.
	Orange, flashing	The transponder is acquiring a GPS fix, no AIS transmission during this time period. This can be the following situation: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The device is just newly powered on and is acquiring a GPS position fix prior to transmitting its first vessel information report. This process may take several minutes.• The GPS position fix has been lost. The device is attempting to re-acquire position fix for 30 minutes before entering a BIIT system error state.
Rx	Green, flashing	The transponder is receiving AIS data.
SD	Green, flashing	SD card is being accessed.
	Green, steady	SD card is full. Replace with another empty SD card or delete files to obtain free spaces.
Wi-Fi (B600W)	Green, flashing	The green LED indicates an active Wi-Fi traffic
Error	Red, steady	MMSI is not properly programmed
	Red, flashing	The transponder detected a BIIT system error referring to chapter 4.4

4.2 Micro SD Card Data Logging

The Widelink B600 records voyage data onto a micro SD card in .txt format. The compatible micro SD card types are listed as followed:

- Standard “SD” with maximum 2GB size
- Standard “SDHC” with maximum 32GB size
- Supported data format: FAT12/16 by SD, FAT32 by SDHC

Please insert the Micro SD card into the slot as shown below BEFORE powering on the transponder. After the transponder is switched on, it will commence logging voyage data and indicates the writing process by flashing the green SD LED indicator.

The log files have naming convention of AIS_XXXXXX.txt with increment from 000001 to 999999. Entry in the log file is vessel’s GPS sentence in IEC61162 format.

When memory is full, SD LED light indicator will turn steady green to remind user to replace the Micro SD card. No further data logging will take place before new saving capacity is available or replaced with an empty Micro SD card.

Removing Micro SD card from the transponder stops data logging immediately, and the SD LED will turn off. Make sure the device’s power is off before inserting Micro SD card.

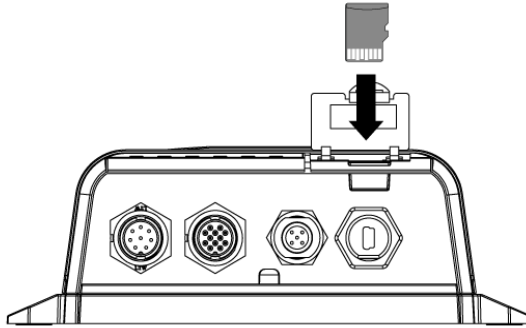


Figure 13 Inserting SD memory card

4.3 Wi-Fi Configuration (WideLink B600W only)

WideLink B600W has high performance Wi-Fi module and antenna built in. It can work in Access Point Mode or Client Mode.

The information below details the information required for connecting the WideLink B600W to another device using Wi-Fi.

4.3.1 Access Point Mode

WideLink B600W is featured with powerful Wi-Fi performance supporting wireless connection with up to 32 mobile devices. After the configuration is done, press “Configure Device” to save the settings to the class B transponder.

The screenshot shows a software interface for configuring the WideLink B600W. At the top, there is a menu bar with 'File(F)', 'Option(O)', and 'Help(H)'. Below the menu bar, there is a 'Serial Port and Baud Rate Setting' section with radio buttons for 'Manual' and 'Auto'. The 'Manual' option is selected, and the 'Serial Port' is set to '15' and the 'Baud Rate' is set to '115200'. To the right of this section, the status is 'Connected' in blue text, with a 'Disconnect' button and an 'EXIT' button.

The main interface is divided into two tabs: 'Configuration' and 'Diagnosis'. The 'Configuration' tab is active and contains several sub-sections:

- 'STATIC DATA' tab: Contains a 'Factory Reset' button.
- 'TRANSCEIVER' tab: Contains a 'Factory Reset' button.
- 'BAUD RATE' tab: Contains a 'Factory Reset' button.
- 'Wi-Fi' tab: Contains the following settings:
 - Enable Wi-Fi
 - Select Wi-Fi Mode: Access Point, Client
 - Access Point Mode section:
 - SSID: AIS-WiFi
 - Password: [Redacted] None
 - Channel: [Redacted] Auto selected
 - IP Address: 192.168.2.1
 - Port: 3333
 - Device IP Address: 192.168.2.1
 - Port: 3333
 - Wi-Fi Module Firmware Version: V1.2.2

At the bottom of the interface, there are two buttons: 'Configure Device' and 'Read Device'.

Figure 14 Access Point Mode

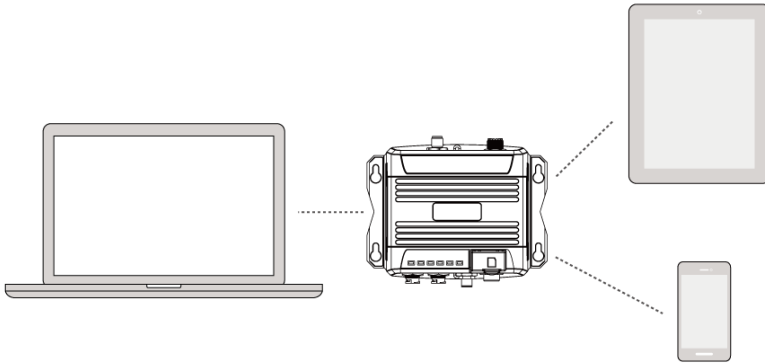


Figure 15 Connect to mobile devices

■ **SSID (Service Set Identifier):**

The SSID for the WideLink B600W is AIS-WiFi. When user wants to create their own SSID, just input the preferred SSID in the SSID field and then press “Configure Device”.

■ **Password:**

By default the Wi-Fi network has no password. Users are allowed to create their own key with an alpha-numeric password between 8 and 63 characters long. The password can include symbols (!?*&_) and spaces.

■ **System IP:**

Default system IP is **192.168.2.1**

User can create IP by inputting value in individual field.

■ **Port:**

Default port is **3333**. User can set the port between 3000-65535.



Note: By default AMEC WideLink B600W uses WPA2-Personal wireless security protocol.

4.3.2 Client Mode

WideLink B600W is able to join an existing Wi-Fi network. When clicking on „Client”, it can take up to 30 seconds until WideLink B600 scans all available Wi-Fi networks. Pick the network you want to join and enter the password and click on “Connect”.

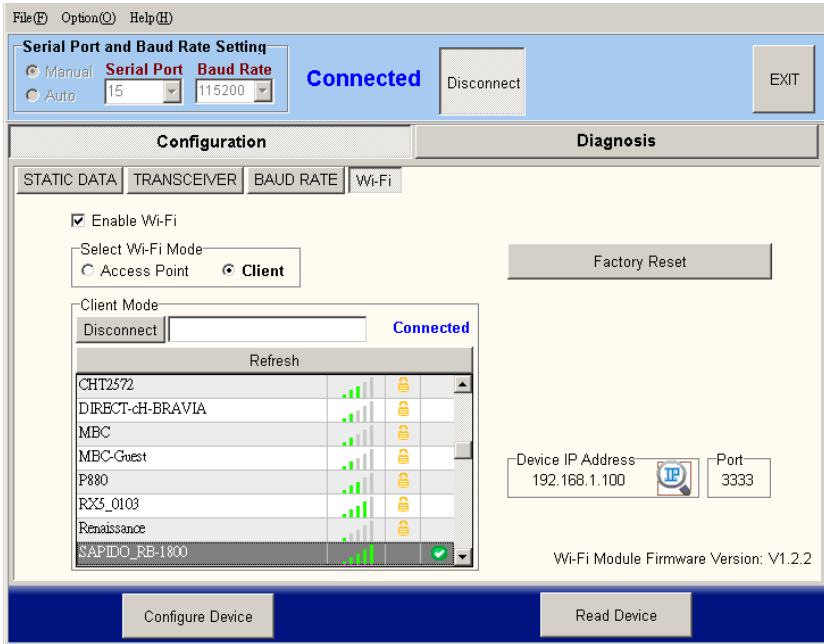


Figure 16 Client Mode

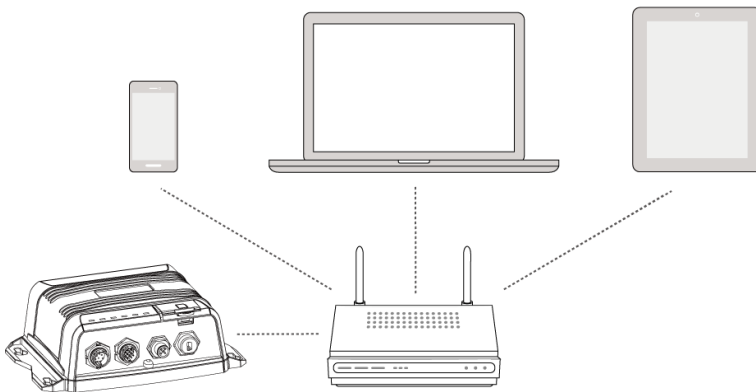


Figure 17 Join an existing Wi-Fi network

4.4 Built-in Integrity Test (BIIT)

With BIIT (Built in Integrity Test) function, the WideLink B600 is constantly monitoring and testing the integrity of the AIS transponder. Should an abnormal condition be detected within the device, the Error LED will alert with flashing red light. Abnormal conditions may include situations like the followings:

- MMSI not set (Error LED steady on)
- Antenna VSWR exceeding the maximum allowed level (Error LED flash)
- Background noise level exceeds allowable threshold (-77dBm) (Error LED flash)
- GPS is unable to gain lock (3D fixed) after 30 minutes of losing GPS signal (Error LED flash)
- Low input power (< 8.6 V DC) (Error LED flash)

4.5 AIS Viewer Description

The AIS Viewer is a complementary charting software supplied with your WideLink B600 transponder purchase. The software installation file and its user manual can be found in the provided CD-ROM.

This powerful tool allows users to display AIS targets either on a basic line map or in an alphanumeric view. It transforms your PC to a user-friendly AIS data logger and can trace other vessels with voyage track. Besides, the software offers various safety features to help users be alerted during their voyage.

Once the program is installed, you can establish a connection to PC either automatically or manually by assigning the COM port and baud rate. Please notice that before trying to connect to PC, you should quit the Configuration Software or vice-versa. The transponder can only establish connection to one software at a time. The AIS CPA/TCPA setting can be configured via AIS Viewer.

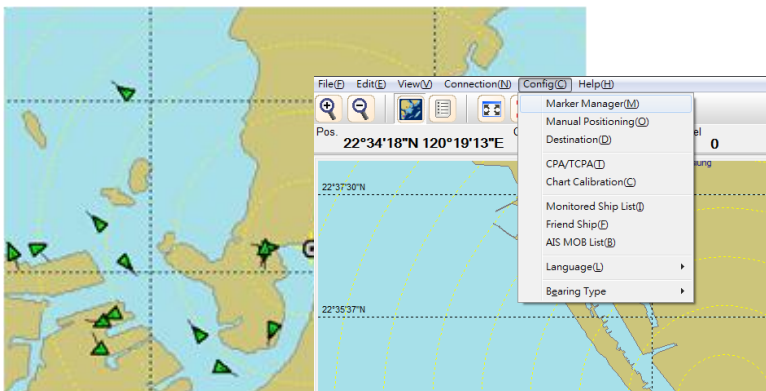


Figure 18 AMEC AIS Viewer

4.6 Introducing AMEC AIS App



The AMEC AIS App is a complimentary App with the purchase of an AMEC AIS WideLink B600W transponder. The App enables users to monitor the surrounding AIS traffics on your smart phone or tablet PC wirelessly.

The AIS targets are displayed clearly in radar view or in an alphanumeric vessel list format. Data of own vessel can be traced in real time. The App also offers various safety features to help users be alerted during their voyage.

The AMEC AIS App is now available on Apple App Store for iOS devices as well as on Google Play for Android mobile devices.

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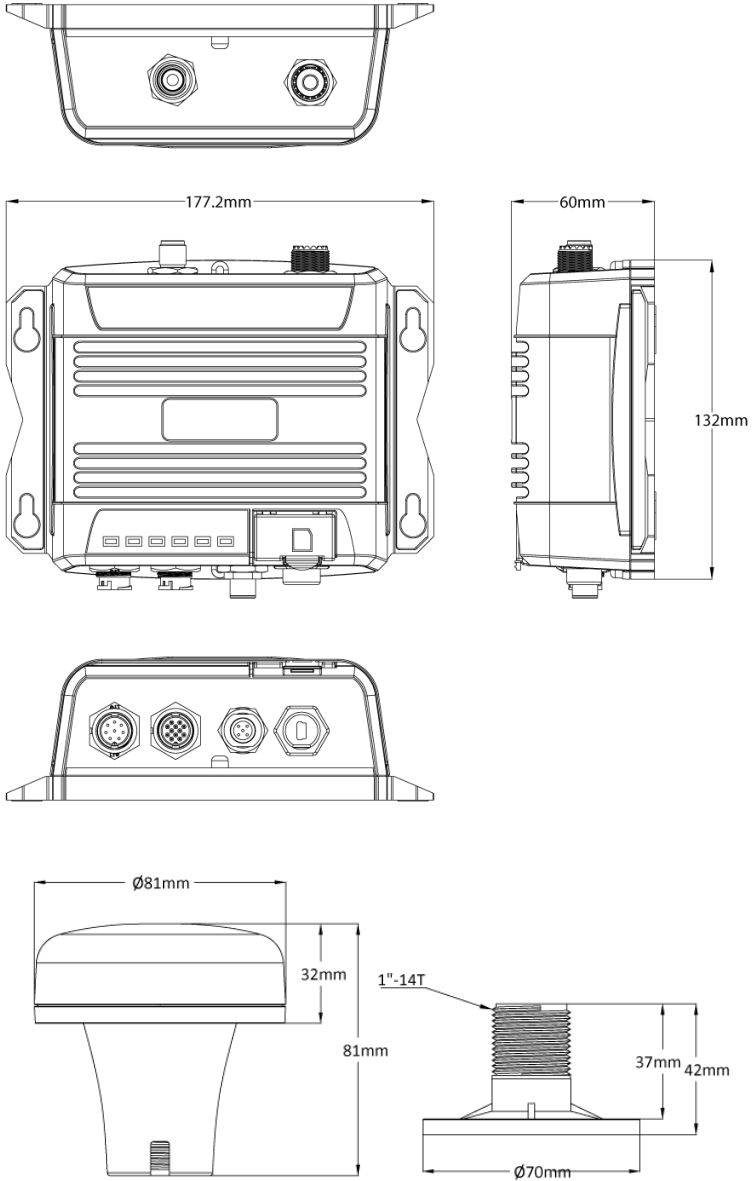
5 SPECIFICATIONS

5.1 Product Specifications

APPLICABLE STANDARDS	
IEC 62287-2 Ed. 1, 2013	IEC 61108-1 Ed. 1, 2003
IEC 61162-1 Ed. 4, 2010	IEC 60945 Ed. 4, 2002
IEC 61162-2 Ed. 1, 1998	ITU-R M.1371-5, 2014
ITU-R M.493-13	
VHF TRANSPONDER	
Frequency Range	156.025 MHz ~ 162.025 MHz
Access Scheme	SOTDMA
Channel Bandwidth	25 KHz
Modulation	GMSK / FM
Data Rate	9,600 bps
Number of AIS Transmitter	1
Number of AIS Receiver	2 (one time-shared between AIS and DSC)
Number of DSC Receiver	1 (time-shared between AIS and DSC)
AIS Channel 1	CH 87B (161.975 MHz)
AIS Channel 2	CH 88B (162.025 MHz)
Tx Power Output	5 Watt (37 dBm ± 1.5 dB) 1 Watt (30 dBm ± 1.5 dB)
Rx Sensitivity	< -107 dBm @ 20% PER
Rx Message Format	AIS Class A & B messages
DSC RECEIVER	
Modulation	1,300 Hz / 2,100 Hz FSK
Data Rate	1,200 bps ± 30 ppm
Spurious Response Rejection	≥ 70 dB for signal @ -104 dBm; BER ≤ 1 %
Blocking	≥ 84 dB for signal @ -104 dBm; BER ≤ 1 %
GNSS RECEIVER (integrated)	
Receiving Channels	50 channels
Accuracy	IEC 61108-1 compliant
Output Rate	1 Hz
Support: GPS, Galileo, Beidou, GLONASS	
POWER SUPPLY	
Supply Voltage	12V / 24V DC, 2A
Power Consumption	Typically less than 3W average @ 12V DC
CONNECTION INTERFACE	
GPS Antenna Connector	TNC (Female)
VHF Antenna Connector	SO-239 (Female)
NMEA 2000	Standard connector

NMEA 0183 (RS-422)	Support two NMEA 0183 interfaces Default baud rate 38,400 & 4,800bps Configurable and separate Tx/Rx baud rate Standard IEC 61162-1 / IEC 61162-2 sentences
Silent Mode Setting	Set by dedicated pins in the 12-pin cable
Internal Alarm Relay Setting	Set by dedicated pins in the 8-pin cable
USB	Mini-B type, waterproof
ENVIRONMENTAL	
Operating Conditions	IEC 60945 “protected” category
Operating Temperature	-15°C ~ +55°C (+5°F ~ +130°F)
Waterproof	IP67
PHYSICAL	
Width	177 mm (6.97 inches)
Height	60 mm (2.36 inches)
Depth	132 mm (5.20 inches) (exclude connector)
Weight	500 g
SOFTWARE TOOL	
AMEC AIS Configuration, AMEC AIS Viewer, AMEC AIS App	
Compass Safety Distance	
Standard Magnetic Compass	0.30m
Steering Magnetic Compass	0.30m
GA-22 GPS Antenna (optional)	
Cable	Integral 10m RG-174 cable plus mounting bracket
Supply Voltage	3.3V
Wi-Fi Power (B600W only)	
Tx Transmit Power	19.53 dBm (EIRP)

5.2 Dimensions



(GPS antenna is an optional item)

5.3 NMEA 2000 PGN Information

Transmit	
PGN	Description
59392	ISO Acknowledgment
59904	ISO Request
60928	ISO Address Claim
126464	PGN List - Transmit PGN's group function
126996	Product Information
129025	Position Rapid Update
129026	COG SOG Rapid Update
129029	GNSS Position Data
129038	AIS Class A Position Report
129039	AIS Class B Position Report
129040	AIS Class B Extended Position Report
129041	AIS Aids to Navigation (AtoN) Report
129539	GNSS DOPs
129540	GNSS Sats in View
129792	AIS DGNSS Broadcast Binary Message
129793	AIS UTC and Date Report
129794	AIS Class A Static and Voyage Related Data
129795	AIS Addressed Binary Message
129796	AIS Acknowledge
129797	AIS Binary Broadcast Message
129800	AIS UTC/Date Inquiry
129801	AIS Addressed Safety Related Message
129802	AIS Safety Related Broadcast Message
129803	AIS Interrogation
129804	AIS Assignment Mode Command
129805	AIS Data Link Management Message
129806	AIS Class A Position Report
129807	AIS Group Assignment
129808	DSC Call Information
129809	AIS Class B "CS" Static Data Report, Part A
129810	AIS Class B "CS" Static Data Report, Part B
Receive	
PGN	Description
59392	ISO Acknowledgment
59904	ISO Request
60928	ISO Address Claim
127250	Vessel Heading
127258	Magnetic Variation

5.4 Supported NMEA 0183 Sentences

Transmit	
Sentence	Description
GGA	Global Positioning System Fix Data
GSA	GNSS DOP and Active Satellites
GSV	GNSS Satellites In View
GLL	Geographic Position – Latitude/Longitude
RMC	Recommended Minimum Specific GNSS Data
VDO	AIS VHF Data-Link Own-Vessel Report
VDM	AIS VHF Data-link Message
Receive	
Sentence	Description
DTM	Datum Reference
GBS	GNSS Satellite Fault Detection
GSA	GNSS DOP and Active Satellites
HDT	Heading, True
RMC	Recommended Minimum Specific GNSS Data
ROT	Rate Of Turn

6 TROUBLESHOOTING

The transmitting LED (Green color) is not illuminated, why?

- The Class B transponder requires GPS information from GPS antenna before making AIS transmission. Please check if your GPS antenna is connected correctly. The Tx LED will flash orange every 5 seconds meaning that the transponder is still acquiring a GPS fix and therefore not ready yet to make transmission.
- For each transmission, the Tx LED indicator will flash once quickly. The green light from the Tx LED could be missed if not observed carefully.

WideLink B600 receives AIS signals normally, but no one in the surrounding can see me, why?

- VHF antennas interference: if you are using a dedicated AIS/VHF antenna for your transponder, be sure that it is placed following the instructions in chapter 2.3. In several tests, mounting two VHF antennas next to another typically reduces the transmitting range to both antennas by 50-70%.
- GPS is not fixed: If your GPS antenna is not connected or setup correctly, your transponder will see other vessels fine, but you will not be sending out your vessel position. The Tx LED will flash orange every 5 seconds meaning that the transponder is still acquiring a GPS fix and therefore not ready yet to make transmission.
- The location of VHF antenna is directly related to AIS transmitting range. The VHF antenna should be installed at mast as high as possible.

No data is being received by chart plotter, why?

- Please check that the power supply is connected correctly at WideLink B600.
- Please check that the power supply is 12V or 24V with sufficient current capacity (no less than 2A).
- Please make sure that the connections between WideLink B600 to the chart plotter are correct.

My MMSI is being received by other vessels but my vessel name is not shown on their chart plotter or PC, why?

- Older software and AIS displays may not be fully compatible with Class B transponders. In some of these cases, older equipment might only have Class B vessel show up on their displays with just MMSI number without the vessel name. This is usually due to the receiving device not knowing how to process the Message 24 static data from Class B transponders. Please contact the chart plotter maker and ask for software upgrades (for these older chart plotters) to resolve this issue.

The Red Error LED indication at WideLink B600 is illuminated, why?

- The unit may not have a valid MMSI. Please check if the AIS transponder is correctly entered with a valid MMSI.

- Please make sure that both VHF and GPS antennas and their cables are working properly and not damaged.
- Return the unit to your dealer/service partner for technical check.

Why is the Wi-Fi signal weak and how can I improve it?

- The router is too far from the client devices. To improve the Wi-Fi signal strength reallocated your Transponder to a more central location.
- There might be intervening barriers (e.g. a large expanse of metal) that is blocking the Wi-Fi signals. Relocated your Transponder to the center of the area where the client devices are placed, or to a position where the router and the devices are within a visible distance without interfering barrier.
- Nearby devices (e.g. microwaves/wireless phones) using the same frequency band may interfere with the router's 2.4GHz Wi-Fi transmission. To improve the Wi-Fi signal strength, try to avoid channel overlapping by reassigning their operation channels to channels 1, 6 or 11.

If you still encounter difficulties to set up or operate WideLink B600 correctly, please email to service@alltekmarine.com for further instructions.

7 ABBREVIATIONS

AIS	Automatic Identification System
COG	Course Over Ground
CPA	Distance to Closest Point of Approach
CSTDMA	Carrier-Sense Time Division Multiple Access
SOTDMA	Self-Organized Time Division Multiple Access
DSC	Digital Selective Calling
ECS	Electronic Chart System
ETA	Estimated Time of Arrival
GPS	Global Positioning System
IMO	International Maritime Organization
MMSI	Maritime Mobile Service Identity
SOG	Speed Over Ground
TCPA	Time to Closest Point of Approach
TDMA	Time Division Multiple Access
UTC	Coordinated Universal Time
VHF	Very High Frequency
VTS	Vessel Traffic Services

8 FCC INTERFERENCE STATEMENT

NOTE: This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class A digital device, pursuant to part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference when the equipment is operated in a commercial environment. This equipment generates, uses, and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instruction manual, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. Operation of this equipment in a residential area is likely to cause harmful interference in which case the user will be required to correct the interference at his own expense.

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

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

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

9 RF Exposure Warning

WARNING: This device generates and radiates RF electromagnetic energy and must be installed and operated according to the instructions contained in this manual. Failure to do so may result in product malfunction and/or exposure to potentially harmful levels of radio frequency radiation.

WARNING: Never operate this device unless it is properly connected to a VHF antenna. To maximize performance and minimize human exposure to RF energy, always mount the antenna at least 3m from the device.

The system has a Maximum Permissible Exposure (MPE) radius of 50cm from the antenna, and 20cm from Wi-Fi antenna (B600W only). This has been determined assuming the maximum power of the transmitter and using a standard half-wave monopole VHF antenna with a maximum gain of 3dBi and termination impedance of 50 ohms.

When installing the antenna and operating the equipment consider the following:

- The antenna should be mounted at a minimum vertical distance of 5m above the deck in order to meet international safety directives on Maximum Permissible Exposure (MPE). Failure to adhere to these limits could expose persons within the radius to RF radiation in excess of the recommended MPE limits.
- Higher gain VHF antennas will require a larger MPE radius.
- Do not operate the unit when anyone is within the MPE radius of the antenna.
- The antenna should not be co-located or operated in conjunction with any other transmitting antenna.

DECLARATION OF CONFORMITY

Hereby, Alltek Marine Electronics Corp. (AMEC) declares that this WideLink B600 is in compliance with the essential requirements and other relevant provisions of Directive **2014/53/EU RED**.

AMEC WORLDWIDE WARRANTY

Limited warranty

Subject to the terms, conditions and limitations set forth in this Worldwide Limited Warranty (hereinafter the “Warranty”), AMEC warrants that its products, when properly installed and used, will be free from defects in material and workmanship for a period of twelve (12) months, from the date of first purchase (the ‘Warranty Period’) For the purposes of this warranty, ‘date of first purchase’ means the date that the product was purchased by the first retail customer, or by the institutional customer, or in the case of a product installed on a new vessel or any other marine related platform by a certified AMEC original equipment manufacturer (a ‘AMEC OEM’), the date that such vessel was purchased by the first retail customer.

AMEC will, at its sole option, repair or replace any defective products or components returned during the Warranty Period in accordance with the terms, conditions and limitations set forth below. Such repairs or replacement will be the sole remedy of the customer under this Warranty.

Standard Warranty Service

To qualify for standard warranty service the product must be returned to a AMEC-certified service agent (i) within the Warranty Period, and (ii) within thirty (30) days of the alleged product failure. Any products returned must be securely packaged and sent pre-paid and insured to AMEC or to a AMEC-certified service agent. All products returned must be accompanied by a copy of the original sales receipt to be eligible for standard warranty service.

Other conditions

This Warranty is fully transferable provided that you furnish the original proof of purchase to the AMEC -certified service agent. This Warranty is void if the seal label is removed or defaced.

THE LIABILITY OF AMEC TO A CUSTOMER UNDER THIS WARRANTY, WHETHER FOR BREACH OF CONTRACT, TORT, BREACH OF STATUTORY DUTY OR OTHERWISE SHALL IN NO EVENT EXCEED AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE TOTAL PURCHASE PRICE OF THE PRODUCT GIVING RISE TO SUCH LIABILITY AND IN NO EVENT SHALL AMEC BE LIABLE FOR SPECIAL, INCIDENTAL, CONSEQUENTIAL OR INDIRECT DAMAGES OR LOSS OF GOODWILL, REPUTATION, LOSS OF OPPORTUNITY OR INFORMATION, DATA, SOFTWARE OR APPLICATIONS.

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Appendix: How to Determine Serial Port

If your PC/laptop does not have an available serial port, you may use an RS232-to-USB adapter. To find out the proper serial port for connection, use the following instructions.

Windows 7 or VISTA version:

Click on "Start" → Select "Control Panel" → Select "Device Manager" → Click Port (COM&LPT)

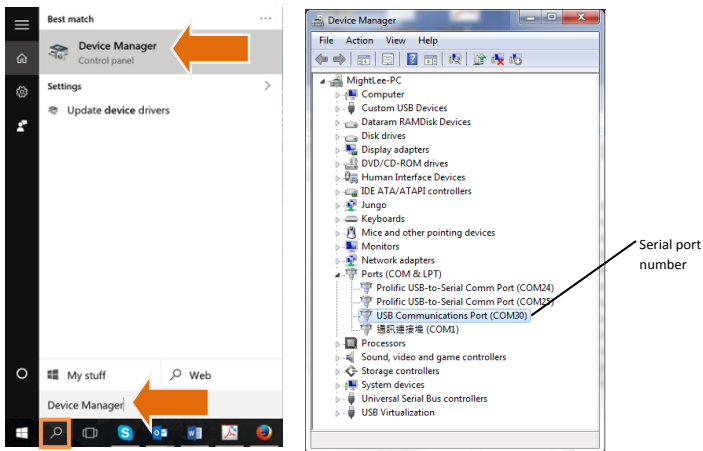
Windows 8 and 8.1:

Click (W)* + I and then click on Control Panel → Select "Device Manager" → Click Port (COM&LPT)

Windows 10

⊞ + S → type Device Manager in the search box, and select Device Manager from the list of results. Expand the Ports (COM & LPT) and port number are presented with numerical number within a parenthesis in the following format (COMXX).

* means Windows button



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