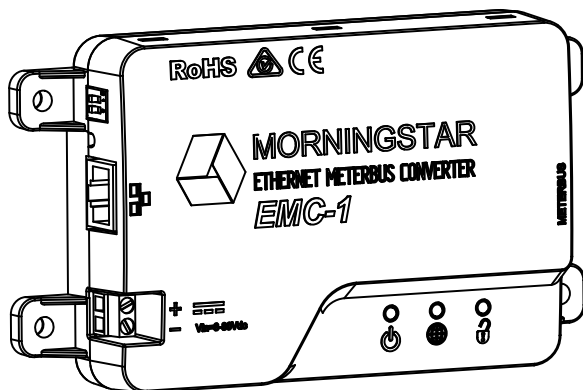


# EMC-1™

## Ethernet Meterbus Converter

### Installation and Operation Manual

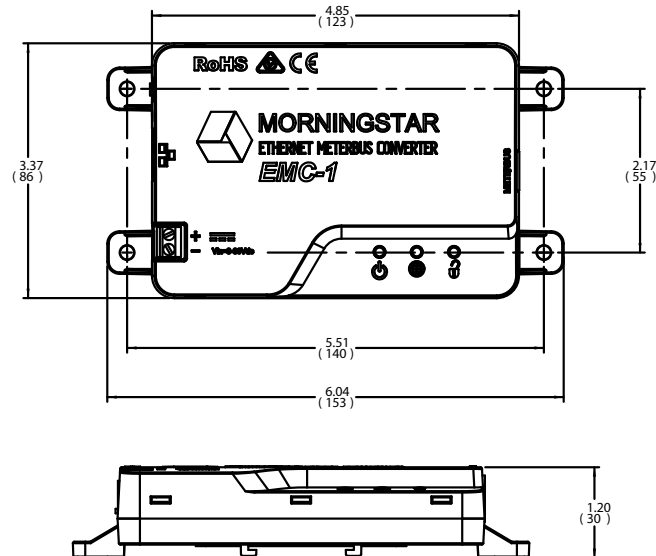
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## DIMENSIONS [inches (millimeters)]



## SPECIFICATION SUMMARY

EMC-1	
Required Power Source	System battery for Morningstar Device, or AC-DC converter
Required Power Supply Connection	On-board terminals
Input Voltage	8-80 Vdc
Ethernet Speed	10/100Base-T

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## 1.0 GENERAL INFORMATION

### 1.1 Overview

The EMC-1 is a MODBUS™ Ethernet to Meterbus™ converter that bridges a TCP/IP connection to a Morningstar charge controller or inverter (*Morningstar Device*) not having built-in Ethernet connectivity. The connected device needs to have a Meterbus (RJ-11) port.

The EMC-1 acts as an Ethernet gateway that serves MODBUS IP, local Web pages, and Web Monitoring Services. Note that the Web Monitoring Service is not available as of this printing. Ethernet connectivity allows users to remotely collect information about their off-grid PV system. Ethernet networks also include local area networks (LANs) and Internet communications.

The EMC-1 supports the following communication capabilities with a *Morningstar Device*:

- Morningstar LiveView™ Internet Web monitoring and Network settings changes;
- Monitoring, logging and custom programming using Morningstar MSView™ PC software;
- (Future use) Web Monitoring for data reporting and 3rd party visibility

The table below lists products supported by the EMC-1, and includes port and data details. **For the most recent list, see the latest manual version at:**

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Product	Modbus via RJ-11	RS-232 Port	Logs Historical Data
PS-MPPT-25/M	Yes	No	Yes
PS-MPPT-40/M	Yes	No	Yes
SunSaver Duo	Yes	No	No
SunSaver-MPPT-15L	Yes	No	Yes
SureSine-300 (all models)	Yes	No	No
TS-45*	No	Yes	Yes
TS-60*	No	Yes	Yes
TS-MPPT-30*	No	Yes	Yes
TS-MPPT-45*	No	Yes	Yes
TS-MPPT-60*	No	Yes	Yes

\* The EMC-1 included Y-cable is required to draw power from the RJ-11 port while communicating via the RS-232 port. See Section 2.3.2.

Table 1-1 Supported Products

## 1.2 Features

The features of the EMC-1 are shown in Figure 1-1 below. An explanation of each feature follows.

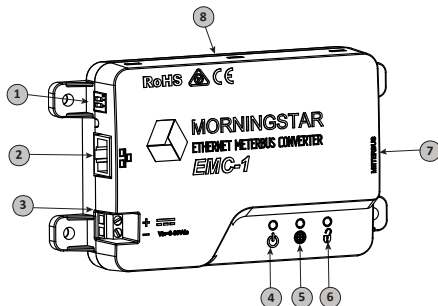


Figure 1-1 EMC-1 Features

### 1 - DIP Switches

DIP 1 enables Ethernet write commands.

DIP 2 enables Web Monitoring Service (future use)

### 2 - Ethernet port (RJ-45)

Used to connect the EMC-1 to LAN / Internet

### 3 - Power Input

8-80 Vdc power input

### 4 - Status LED

Green and red lights indicate unit status

### 5 - Web Monitoring Service LED

Green and red LEDs indicate Web Service status

### 6 - Ethernet Write LED

Green light indicates Ethernet write command capability

### 7 - Meterbus (RJ-11 port)

Used to connect the EMC-1 to *Morningstar Device*

### 8 - DIN rail mounts (bottom of unit)

35mm standard size

## 2.0 INSTALLATION

### 2.1 Mounting

The EMC-1 can be wall-mounted, surface-mounted or DIN rail mounted using basic tools:

Flat head screw driver

Philips head screw driver

Drill (if wall or surface mounting)

1/8" drill bit (if wall or surface mounting)

#### Option 1 - Wall and Surface Mounting:

##### Step 1

Locate the EMC-1 on a surface that is protected from direct sun, high temperatures, corrosive fumes, and water. Do not install in a confined area where battery gases can accumulate.

##### Step 2

Before starting the installation, place the EMC-1 on the surface where it will be mounted and determine where the wires will enter and exit. Be sure there is sufficient bending room for the wires and communication cables. If possible, verify that the mounting screws will not penetrate wires or other objects located on the opposite side of the surface.

##### Step 3

Place the EMC-1 on the intended mounting surface, mark four holes for drilling. Remove the EMC-1 from the surface, and using a 1/8" bit, drill pilot holes for each of the four mounting screws, as indicated on the surface.

## Step 4

Place the EMC-1 onto the surface and align the mounting feet holes with the four pilot holes. Use the included #10 screws to secure the EMC-1 to the surface.

## Option 2 - DIN Rail Mounting:

The EMC-1 will also mount to standard 1-3/8" (35mm) DIN rail.

### Step 1

Choose the DIN rail mounting location. It should be protected from direct sun, high temperatures, corrosive fumes, and water. Do not install the EMC-1 in a confined area where battery gases can accumulate.

### Step 2

Confirm sufficient space above and below the DIN rail mounting location for EMC-1 cable connections. Using screws, secure the DIN rail to the desired surface.

### Step 3

The EMC-1 is designed for tool-less installation onto a DIN rail. There are four hooks on the bottom of the EMC-1 that slide over the upper and lower lips of the DIN rail.

## 2.2 Configuration

For communication via the EMC-1, the *Morningstar Device's* DIP switches, if applicable, must be set for MODBUS communication. The SunSaver MPPT, ProStar MPPT, and the SureSine products need to have the appropriate DIP switch set for MODBUS communication. See Section 2.4 for EMC-1 DIP switch settings.

## 2.3 Connections

### 2.3.1 Installing the EMC-1

**NOTE:** Make COM connections with no power applied

Insert an Ethernet cable (A) into the RJ-45 jack of the EMC-1. Insert the plug on one end of a six-conductor RJ-11 cable (B) into the RJ-11 jack on the EMC-1. Insert the plug on the other end of the RJ-11 cable into the RJ-11 port of the *Morningstar Device*. See the Operation section (3) for details on the start-up procedure.

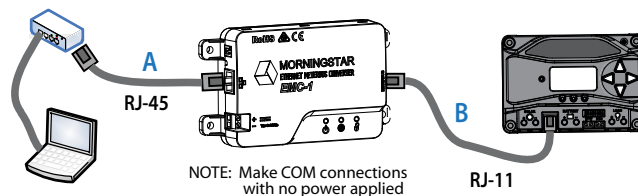


Figure 2-1. Connecting the COM cables

### 2.3.2 TriStar and TriStar MPPT Installation Using a Y-cable Adaptor

TriStar and TriStar-MPPT controllers must use the included Y-cable adaptor to connect to the EMC-1. The RS-232 serial and RJ-11 plugs are connected at the controller, and the other RJ-11 plug at the EMC-1.

## 2.4 DIP Switch Set-Up

Figure 2-2 below shows DIP switch locations and functions:

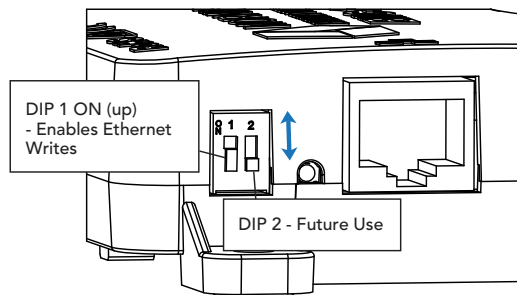


Figure 2-2. DIP Switch Functions

### 2.4.1 Ethernet Writes

With DIP 1 ON, Ethernet communication is enabled, and custom programs and network settings can be written to a *Morningstar Device*. Though this DIP switch is a safety feature designed to prevent unintended configuration changes to the *Morningstar Device*, DIP 1 is not a replacement for proper network security.

## 2.5 Connecting the Power Wires

The EMC-1 is powered from an 8-80 Vdc supply, such as an AC-DC converter or system battery connected to the power input provided on the EMC-1 unit. See the Operation section (3) for details on the start-up procedure. Connect the power wires as indicated in Figure 2.3 below.

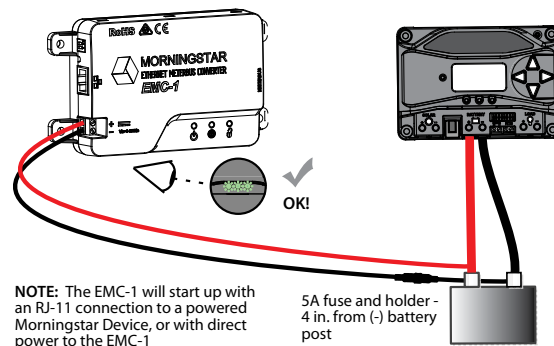


Figure 2-3. Connecting the power wires

**NOTE:** Although the *Morningstar Device* will provide power to the EMC-1 through the Meterbus port, it may not be sufficient under all operating conditions. The 8-80V power supply is required as a constant, reliable power source.

## 3.0 OPERATION

### 3.1 Start-up

After the EMC-1 has been installed, as described in Section 2.3.1, the unit is started by connecting the power supply, as described in section 2.5.

On start-up, the status LED will flash green once, and then all three LEDs (green, green, green) will light simultaneously for three seconds. Next, the EMC-1 will automatically begin searching for valid *Morningstar Devices*. If equipped, the *Morningstar Device* must have its MODBUS DIP switch enabled for the connection to be made.

EMC-1 START-UP INDICATION

Status LED flash	green
LEDs ON for 3 secs	green + green + green

With the EMC-1 powered, and the RJ-45 cable connected, LEDs will light as indicated in the table below.

ETHERNET JACK INDICATIONS

Condition	Green LED	Yellow LED
Network Connection OK	ON	OFF
Network Activity	ON	Blinking
Error	OFF	ON

### 3.2 LED Indicators

There are three EMC-1 LED indicators - see Figure 3-1 below - that will show all statuses of the EMC-1 - left to right: Status LED (green / red); Web Service LED (green / red); Ethernet write enable LED (green).

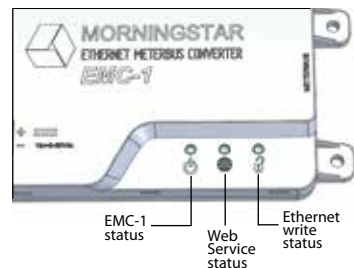


Figure 3-1. LED Indicators

### 3.3 EMC-1 Status LEDs (green and red)

Flashing green: 1 every sec	Searching for <i>Morningstar Device</i>
Solid green	<i>Morningstar Device</i> found, communicating
Solid red	No valid <i>Morningstar Devices</i> found
Flashing red - green: 1 every sec	<i>Morningstar Device</i> found, unknown device ID - update EMC-1 firmware
Flashing green: 3 every sec	Firmware upgrade or downgrade in progress. Power should not be removed while in this state.
Flashing red: 1 every 2 sec	Internal fault condition

### 3.4 (Future Use) Web Service LEDs (green and red)

Web Service OFF (DIP 2 Off)	Broadcasts disabled
Web Service ON (DIP 2 On)	Broadcasts enabled
Flashing green - 1 every 2 secs	Searching for server / establishing connection
Solid green	Connection made / broadcasting
Solid red	Cannot connect to server
Flashing red	TBD
Flashing red - green: 1 every 2 sec	Invalid log-in credentials* (connected to server)

\* Log-in and/or server registration error

### 3.5 Ethernet Write LED (green)

DIP 1 OFF (green OFF)	Ethernet writes disabled
DIP 1 ON (green ON)	Ethernet writes enabled

## 3.6 Connectivity

### 3.6.1 MSView

MSView is a Morningstar software utility that allows a real-time system data interface with a PC, the capability to custom program charging parameters, and to log data. MSView is available for download, at no charge: [www.morningstarcorp.com/msview/](http://www.morningstarcorp.com/msview/) For complete connection details, see the Product Connectivity Manual, available on our website: [www.morningstarcorp.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/02/](http://www.morningstarcorp.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/02/)

The Device tab in MSView can be used to, "Search for Connected Devices". The search screen will show the *Morningstar Device*, its 8-digit serial no. and the common IP address of the EMC-1 / Morningstar Device. The IP address can then be used to view Web pages as described in Section 3.6.2 below.

### 3.6.2 LiveView Web Pages

Using a Web browser, the EMC-1 allows access to a *Morningstar Device's* LiveView Web pages via two methods:

- 1) Enter the *Morningstar Device's* IP address into the Address bar e.g. <http://192.168.1.186>.
- 2) Enter a *Morningstar Device's* NetBIOS name [product abbreviation + 8-digit serial no.] into the Address bar e.g. <http://ssmpt15320850>

Product NetBIOS Abbreviations:

TriStar MPPT	tsmptpt
ProStar MPPT	psmptpt
SunSaver MPPT	ssmptpt
TriStar PWM	ts
SunSaver Duo	ssduo
SureSine	suresine

**NOTE:** Many networks are DHCP-enabled, and the IP address assignment will change after some period of time. The NetBIOS address is a static *Morningstar Device* identifier, and will always point to the *Morningstar Device*.



After connection to the LiveView server, the following Web pages are available for viewing:

### LiveView

This is the default Web Page, which displays basic real-time system data, faults and alarms.

### Network

This Web Page shows the *Morningstar Device's* current Network settings, and allows the option of changing COM settings, and port forwarding:

DHCP	Primary DNS
IP Address	Modbus IP Port 502
Subnet Mask	Default Device (MODBUS) ID
Gateway	HTTP port 80

### Data Log

This Web Page displays the current day, and a certain period of detailed historical system information, depending on the number of variables set for logging.

### System

The System Web Page is used to update EMC-1 firmware. Connected device firmware cannot be updated through the System Web Page. The System Web page also shows specific EMC-1 diagnostic information.

### 3.6.3 Connecting to a LAN / WAN

After installing MSView on a PC on a local network, and with COM and power connections made, as described in Section 2.3, 2.4, a DHCP enabled router will automatically assign an IP address and network settings to the EMC-1. The *Morningstar Device* will also be read for specific device information before connection is made. After the original assignment, Network settings

can be changed as desired using the LiveView Network Web Page.

For complete connection and addressing information, see Appendix I of the Product Connectivity Manual:

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### ADVANCED TOPIC:

#### 3.6.4 Connecting to the EMC-1 from a Remote Location (outside of the LAN) via the Internet / WAN

##### Basic Procedure:

1. Verify that the *Morningstar Device* is correctly connected by accessing it via a Web browser (see Section 3.6.2). Navigate to the Network Page.
2. In another browser window, enter the network router default gateway IP address (probably 192.168.1.1, but see Appendix I, Section II of Product Connectivity Manual - link below).
3. Login to the network router, and choose a static IP address outside of the listed dynamic range.
4. Return to the LiveView Network Page window, change the selection to, "Use Static IP Address", enter the IP address chosen in the previous step, re-enter the remaining network settings listed in the box, including port 502, to direct incoming Internet requests to the *Morningstar Device*, and port 80 to view *Morningstar Device* Web pages on any Internet connected PC, then click the "Save" button.
5. To maintain a recognizable public IP address, set up a Dynamic DNS service, or verify your router's Dynamic DNS capability.

The Product Connectivity Manual describes all aspects of connectivity and programming:

[www.morningstarcorp.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/02/](http://www.morningstarcorp.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/02/)

See Appendix 1, Section 3 for full details.

### 3.7 Push-button Functions

#### 3.7.1 Factory Reset

The EMC-1's communication settings can be restored to the factory default conditions. The following values will be reset:

- TCP / IP settings
- Stored non-volatile product data

#### To Perform a Factory Reset:

- 1) With the EMC-1 powered ON, press and hold the push-button until the status LED (left) starts to flash R-G, R-G....
- 2) Release the push-button.
- 3) The EMC-1 will reboot with the factory default settings.

#### 3.7.2 To Recover from a Failed Firmware Update

- 1) With the EMC-1 powered OFF, press and hold the push-button.
- 2) Re-apply power, and the green status LED will start flashing three times every second. Release the push-button after the flashing begins.
- 3) The recovery down-grade is in progress, and when complete, the EMC-1 will serve the System Web Page, and allow the user to attempt to re-load newer firmware.

## 4.0 TROUBLESHOOTING

### 4.1 Faults and Corrections

The following table 4.1 shows the main EMC-1 error conditions:

Solid red	No valid <i>Morningstar Devices</i> found
Flashing red / green - 1 every sec	<i>Morningstar Device</i> found, unknown device ID
Flashing red - 1 every 2 sec	Internal fault condition

Table 4.1. Error Conditions

#### Problem:

No valid *Morningstar Devices* found.

#### Solution:

Use an RJ-11 cable to connect *Morningstar Device* to EMC-1.

#### Problem:

*Morningstar Device* found, unknown device ID

#### Solution:

Update EMC-1 firmware using System Web Page - see Section 3.6.1.

#### Problem:

Internal fault condition

#### Solution:

Contact Morningstar dealer for assistance

### Problem:

Cannot connect to the controller via Ethernet

### Solutions:

Confirm that the *Morningstar Device* is powered on.

Verify good Ethernet cables and connections.

Verify that NetBIOS name or IP address is correctly entered in the Web browser address bar - using http:// instead of https:// may help.

For complete connection details, see the Product Connectivity Manual, available on our website:

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## 5.0 WARRANTY

### LIMITED WARRANTY Morningstar Solar Controllers and Inverters

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## 6.0 TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

### Electrical:

DC Input supply voltage range  
Self-consumption

8-80 Vdc  
~2W

### Data & Communications:

Communications Ports

MeterBus (RJ-11)  
Ethernet (RJ-45)

COM Protocols

Morningstar MeterBus;  
MODBUS TCP/IP

Ethernet speed

10/100Base-T

### Mechanical:

IP Indoor, IP20

Plastic enclosure

DIN-rail mount

Standard 35mm

Weight (unit only):

0.28 lb / 0.13 kg

### Environmental:

Operating temperature range

-40°C to +60°C

Storage Temperature

-55°C to 80°C

Humidity

100% non-condensing

## 7.0 CERTIFICATIONS



- C-Tick RCM compliant
- FCC Class B compliant

### ENs Directives:

- Complies with ENs standards for CE marking
- Immunity: EN 61000-4-3: 2006  
EN 61000-4-6: 2009
- Emissions: CISPR 22: 2008

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