SDI-12 SUPPORT GROUP

NEWSLETTER

SERIAL DATA INTERFACE AT 1200 BAUD

Spring 2000

UPDATED SDI-12 SPECIFICATION

ERE is the updated SDI-12 Specification, Version 1.3. The following changes have been made:

 New commands that support a 16 bit Cyclic Redundancy Check (CRC) have been added. The CRC value is encoded as three ASCII characters and appended to the data values that are returned via the standard D (get data) commands. The new commands are:

> aMC!, aMC1! . . . aMC9! aCC!, aCC1! . . . aCC9! aRC0!, aRC1! . . . aRC9!

- The Data Line "OFF" impedance has been changed from 200K with an implied ±10% tolerance to an explicit range of 160K to 360K Ohms.
- The definition of low power standby mode has been clarified by adding the following statement to the SDI-12 Specification:

"The low power standby mode, in addition to being a power consumption state, is a protocol state and a break is required to leave that state."

 The statement about inductive loads on the 12V line has been clarified by recommending the use of a series diode on the 12V line.

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The SDI-12 Support Group is organized exclusively for educational and scientific purposes. The educational purpose is to inform all interested parties about the SDI-12 interface by providing all interested parties with copies of the SDI-12 Specification and providing other information, as appropriate, about the SDI-12 Specification. The scientific purpose is to publish the SDI-12 Specification and to upgrade the Specification when technical changes are necessary to facilitate the collection of environmental data using the SDI-12 Specification.

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