

# ACI BN2120-R2 Modbus Relative Humidity Sensor User Guide



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### 1. General Information

The BACnet MS/TP / Modbus RTU Room Series sensor is designed for use with electronic controllers in commercial heating and cooling building management systems. The ACI BACnet MS/TP / Modbus RTU Room Series sensor can be ordered to monitor temperature, RH, or temp/RH in Commercial Room environments. It uses BACnet MS/TP or Modbus RTU for physical connection to a BAS or controller, has dip switches to set addresses and baud rate, parity and stop bits (Modbus RTU only), and has on board end-of-line termination. There is no analog output.

#### 1.1. Wiring Instructions

1.31 mm<sup>2</sup> to 0.33 mm<sup>2</sup> (16 AWG to 22 AWG) two conductor shielded cable is recommended for powering the sensors.

## Precautions

- DO NOT RUN THE WIRING IN ANY CONDUIT WITH LINE VOLTAGE (24 V ac/120 V ac/230 V ac).
- Remove power before wiring. NEVER connect or disconnect wiring with power applied.
- It is recommended that you use an isolated UL-listed Class 2 transformer when powering the unit with 24 V ac. Failure to wire the devices with the correct polarity when sharing transformers may result in damage to any device powered by the shared transformer.
- If the 24 V dc or 24 V ac power is shared with devices that have coils such as relays, solenoids, or other inductors, each coil must have an MOV, dc/ac Transorb, Transient Voltage Suppressor (ACI Part: 142583), or diode placed across the coil or inductor. The cathode, or banded side of the DC Transorb or diode, connects to the positive side of the power supply. Without these snubbers, coils produce very large voltage spikes when de-energizing that can cause malfunction or destruction of electronic circuits.

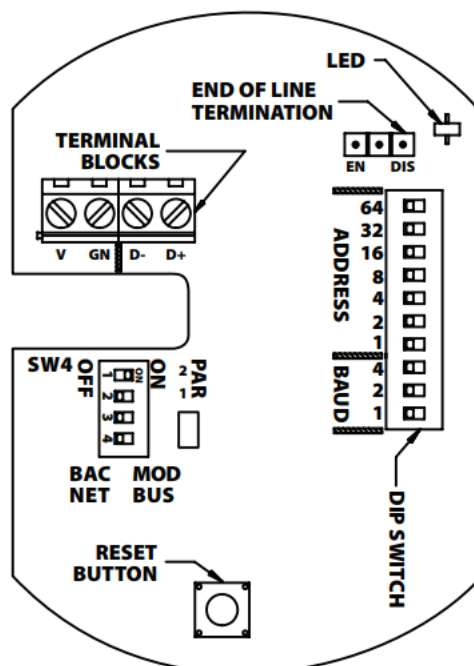


Figure 1: Front View Layout

Terminal Blocks	Connections
<b>+V</b>	Power Supply Positive 8 V dc to 34 V dc / 10 V ac to 28 V ac
<b>GN</b>	Power Supply Common or Ground
<b>D-</b>	EIA-485 Data Negative
<b>D+</b>	EIA-485 Data Positive

Table 1: Wiring Connections

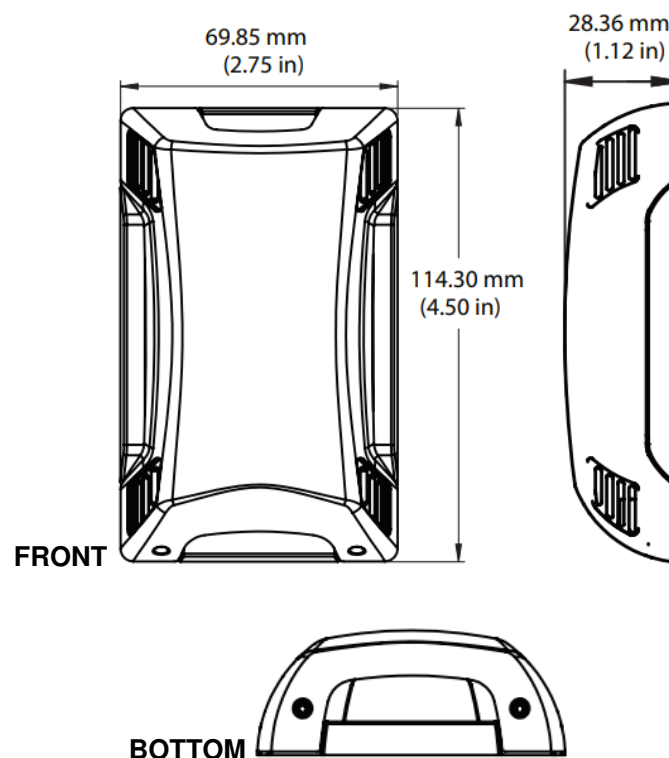
## 1.2. Mounting Instructions

ACI recommends using BELDEN 3105 for communication wiring. This wire has 120 ohm input impedance. The terminal blocks allow for (1) or (2) wires to be connected in each position for daisy chaining. Daisy chain the RS-485 wiring and do not use “Star” or “T” wiring.

Avoid running communication wires next to AC line voltage wires. These can be sources of noise that can affect signal quality.

For optimal temperature measurement, follow these tips:

- Do not install on external walls
- Avoid air registers, diffusers, vents, and windows
- Avoid confined areas such as shelves, closed cabinets, closets, and behind curtains
- Eliminate and seal all wall and conduit penetrations. Air migration from wall cavities may alter temperature readings.
- Do not install near heat sources. eg: lamps, radiators, direct sunlight, copiers, chimney walls, walls concealing hot-water pipes
- A thermally-insulated backing should be used when fitting to solid walls (concrete, steel, etc.). ACI part: A/ROOM-FOAM-PAD



Separate the cover from the base. Attach the base directly to the wall or to a standard 50.8 mm x 101.6 mm (2 in x 4 in) junction box using the (2) M3.5-0.06 mm x 25.4 mm (#6-32 x 1 in) screws that are provided.

Refer to the **Wiring Instructions** to make necessary connections. After wiring, attach the cover to the base by snapping the top of the cover on first and then the bottom. Tighten the cover down, using the (2) 1.59 mm (1/16 in) Allen screws located in the bottom of the housing. A 1.59 mm (1/16 in) Hex driver is needed to secure the cover to the base.

Take care when mounting. Check local code for mounting height requirements. Typical mounting heights are 1.22 m to 1.52 m (48 in to 60 in) off the ground and at least 0.5 m (1.5 ft) from the adjacent wall. The sensor should be mounted in an area where air circulation is well mixed, and not blocked by obstructions.

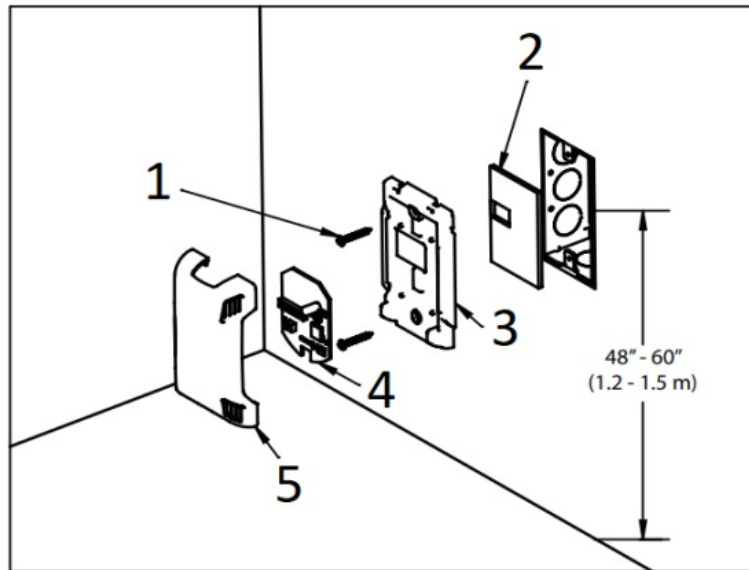


Figure 3: Mounting Diagram

1. MOUNTING SCREW (#6-32 x 1")
2. OPTIONAL INSULATING GASKET
3. BACKPLATE
4. CIRCUIT BOARD
5. COVER

## 2. BACnet MS/TP and Modbus RTU interface

The BACnet Master-Slave/Token-Passing (MS/TP) and Modbus Remote Terminal Unit (RTU) data link protocol uses EIA-485 as a two-wire, daisy chain network. A branch is a discrete chain of devices connected to a controller. The max number of devices per segment is 32, as per the BACnet and Modbus specifications. 1219.2 m (4000 ft) is the maximum recommended length for a segment, which includes all devices from the controller to the last device in the daisy chain.

BACnet or Modbus RTU protocol selection is done via SW4 switch. Place dipswitch #4 to the OFF position for BACnet and the ON position for Modbus. Refer to Figure 4.

ACI's BACnet sensors are master devices. Only master nodes are allowed to send and receive tokens on the MSTP network.

ACI's Modbus RTU sensors are slave devices. Only one master is connected to the bus and several slave nodes are connected to the same trunk. The Master initiates communication. The slave nodes only respond to a request from the Master. Slave nodes do not communicate with each other.

Each branch must have all devices connected with (+) connected to (+) and (-) connected to (-). If a shielded cable is used, this is not to be connected to the devices. The shield cable should only be connected on one end to earth ground, usually at the controller. The start and end of each branch should have a termination resistor at the device level or at the controller.

Each device must be configured for the correct baud rate and have a unique address in each branch. The baud rate for the branch is set by the controller. This product has auto-baud for ease of network configuration but setting

the baud rate using the DIP switches is recommended. Note: Auto-baud feature does not function when Modbus is the selected protocol.

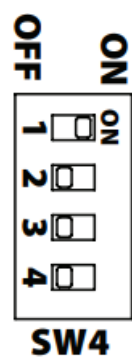


Figure 4: SW4 Dipswitch Settings

- DIP 1 – PAR2 (only applies to Modbus)
- DIP 2 – PAR1(only applies to Modbus)
- DIP 3 – OPEN (For Future Use)
- DIP 4 — OFF is BACNET, ON is MODBUS

3. Baud Rate Selection

By default, BACnet Protocol and Auto-Baud is factory set. If the sensor is field adjusted for Modbus RTU, the baud rate should be selected at this time to match the Master configuration. If Modbus RTU protocol is selected it is recommended the sensor unique address is selected at this time. Switches 8-10 are used to set the BACnet and Modbus baud rate. Refer to Table 2 for switch settings. Where (0) is OFF and (1) is ON. If the system’s baud rate is known, it is recommended to set the specific baud rate to match the system. **If the device is powered when a change is made, the device must be power cycled or reset for changes in baud rate to be made.**

Baud Rate	SW 8	SW 9	SW 10
Auto-Baud	0	0	0
9600	0	0	1
19200	0	1	0
38400	0	1	1
57600	1	0	0
76800	1	0	1
115200	1	1	0

Table 2: BAUD Rate Selection

**Note**  
Auto-Baud not available for Modbus RTU.

4. EOL Termination Resistance Selection

RS-485 requires that the last device in a chain have a termination resistor. This is controlled using a jumper in the EN (enabled) position marked on Figure 5. When the jumper is set to EN (enabled), a 120 resistance is added in parallel to the data line. When the jumper is set to DIS (disable), the resistance is not added. By default, the jumper is placed in the DIS (disabled) position.

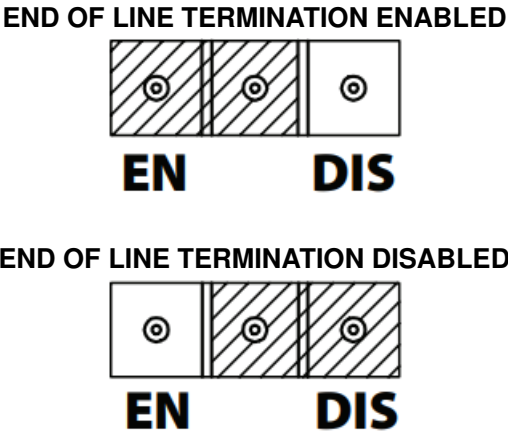


Figure 5: EOL Termination Jumpers

5. Reset

The reset button can be used to reset the device without disconnecting power. The location of this button is shown in Figure 1.

6. LED Information

One LED indicates four statuses. Solid green shows that power is good, but no data is transmitting. A solid Amber indicates that autobaud is set and no data has been received to set a baud rate. Green/ Amber flashing indicates data is being transmitted or received. Solid Red LED status indicates an error state, usually loss of communication on the network. If BACnet is the selected protocol, and this status remains for 10 times the APDU timeout, the device will automatically reset. If this state remains longer than that, reset the device.

7. Address Selection

Switches 1-7 are used to set the BACnet and Modbus addressing. Refer to **Table 3** for switch settings. Each device in a network branch must have a unique address. The value of each position is printed on the board. By default, the address is (0).

Note

(0) cannot be used if Modbus RTU protocol is selected and will require a unique address. If the device is powered when a change is made, the device must be power cycled or reset for changes in address to be made.

Address	SW 1 (64)	SW 2 (32)	SW 3 (16)	SW 4 (8)	SW 5 (4)	SW 6 (2)	SW 7 (1)
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table 3: Address Selection

## 8. Device Configuration through BACnet

### 8.1. Device Instance

The Device Instance, by default, is 1035000 plus the Address. For example, an Address of 21 results in a default address of 1035021. This can be changed once the device is connected to the network, but each device instance must be unique within the network, not just this segment.

### 8.2. Device Name

By default, the device name is based on the type of device and the address. The device name can be a character string up to 32 characters in length. This can be changed once the device is connected to the network. For example: Temperature Sensor – 034. The device name must be unique throughout the entire BACnet network, not just this segment.

### 8.3. Test Mode BACnet

For the Sensor objects (AI0 and AI1), a test mode can be set by writing the Boolean value true to the “out-of-service” property. Then the present-value can be set to any valid test value the user requires. This allows a user to test reactions to specific values returned by this device.

### 8.4. Device Location

The device location is optional but is intended to allow for further definition of the device’s location. The device location can be a character string up to 64 characters in length.

### 8.5. Device Description

By default, the device description is optional but is intended to allow for further information about the device or its environment. The device location can be a character string up to 64 characters in length.

### 8.6. Temperature Units Configuration

For temperature, the units of measure can be configured using BACnet. By writing to the units property of the temperature sensor (AI0), the reported temperature units can be changed. Table 4 shows the values to write.

Units	Value
°F	64
K	63
°C	62

Table 4: Unit Settings

### 8.7. Temperature and RH Offset

This device allows for a temperature offset of  $\pm 5$  °C (9 °F) and an RH offset of  $\pm 10$  %. By default, these values are set to 0, meaning no offset is added.

These are set by writing to the present value of the Temperature Calibration Offset (AV0) or RH Calibration Offset



(AV1). The value written must be within the specified range or an error will be returned. To set back to factory settings, write any changed values to 0.

OBJECT TYPE	OBJECT ID	OBJECT NAME	RANGE	BACnet ENGINEERING UNITS
Device	----- -	BN11x0	0-4194302	-----
Analog Inputs	AI-0	Temperature Sensor	34.7 – 122.0	Degrees-Fahrenheit (64) – default
	AI-1	RH Sensor	0.0 – 95.0	percent-relative-humidity (29)
Analog Values	AV-0	Temperature Calibration Offset	-9.0 – 9.0	delta-degrees-Fahrenheit (120)
	AV-1	RH Calibration Offset	-10.0 -10.0	percent-relative-humidity (29)

Table 5: BACnet Object Table

#### Note

The table shows all objects for Temperature and RH. If you have a Temperature only model, the RH objects(AI-1 and AV-1) will not be present. If you have a RH only model, the Temperature objects (AI-0 and AV-0) will not be present.

## 9. Device Configuration through Modbus RTU

### 9.1. Modbus RTU Data Bits, Parity, and Stop Bits Selection

Confirm Modbus Protocol is selected via dipswitch #4 on SW4 – see Figure 4. The device that requests information is called the Modbus Master and the devices giving the information are Modbus Slaves. The Modbus sensors are slave devices and the number of Data Bits needs to be the same as in the Master device configuration. ACI's Modbus RTU sensors utilize 8 data bits during communication exchange.

Parity and stop bit selection is performed via the SW4 switch located on the board. Dipswitches #1 and #2 are adjusted to select the Parity and stop bits – see Table 6. Where (0) is OFF and (1) is ON. If BACnet protocol is selected these dipswitches are irrelevant.

Mode (Databits-Parity-Stop Bits)	PAR 2	PAR 1
8-Even-1	0	0
8-Odd-1	0	1
8-None-2	1	0
8-None-1 (non-standard)	1	1

Table 6: Parity and Stop Bits

## 9.2. Modbus RTU Test Mode

There are 5 data values in test mode. Coil 1001, Holding Registers (HR) 1001 and 1002, and the Input Registers (IR) 0003 and 0004 for Temp and RH values. When Coil 1001 is enabled, reading IR 0003 and 0004 will respond with the values in HR 1001 and 1002, other wise they will respond with the actual sensor values. General process for this is to write initial test values to HR 1001 and 1002, Enable Coil 1001 and then read as normal from IR 0003 and 0004. While Coil 1001 is enable, it is possible to write a change of value to IR 1001 and 1002, which will be reflected in the next read from IR 0003 and 0004. When testing completed, disable Coil 1001. The status of Coil 1001 and HR 1001 and 1002 are not persistent between reset/power cycle.

## 9.3. Modbus RTU Model

Modbus data model:

Four (4) primary data tables (addressable registers)

- Discrete Input (read only bit).
- Coil (read / write bit).
- Input register (read only 16 bit word, interpretation is up to application).
- Holding register (read / write 16 bit word).

## 9.4. Modbus RTU Map

Reference	Address	Name	Description
<b>Coils (CL)</b>			
1001	1000	Test Mode Enable	<b>0</b> = Disable Test Mode. IR3 and IR4 will read with current Sensor Value. <b>1</b> = Enable Test Mode. IR3 and IR4 will read with the values stored in HR1001 and HR1002.
<b>Input Register (IR)</b>			
1	0	Sensors Present	For each bit location: <b>0</b> = Sensor not present <b>1</b> = Sensor present <b>Bit 0</b> – Temperature Sensor <b>Bit 1</b> – RH sensor
2	1	Reserved	N/A
3	2	Temperature Sensor Value	For example, a value of 312 would represent 31.2 Degrees of the units selected in HR1. Signed Integer.
4	3	RH Sensor Value	For example, a value of 429 would represent 42.9% Relative Humidity.
2001	2000	Temperature Range Min	Temperature range Minimum value (Tenths). Signed Integer.
2002	2001	Temperature Range Max	Temperature range Maximum value (Tenths). Signed Integer.
2003	2002	RH Range Min	Relative Humidity range Minimum value (Tenths)

2004	2003	RH Range Max	Relative Humidity range Maximum value (Tenths)
9001	9000	Unsigned Integer Test Value	Always reads a value of 12345. For testing proper communication and interpretation of values.
9002	9001	Signed Integer Test Value	Always reads a value of -12345. For testing proper communication and interpretation of values.
9003 through 9006	9002 through 9005	Test String Test Value	Always reads a string value of “-123.45” (Null terminated). For testing proper communication and interpretation of values.
9007 through 9010	9006 through 9009	Serial Number	Non-null terminated character string of the Serial Number. For example, “12345678”
9011 through 9016	9010 through 9015	Firmware Version	Non-null terminated character string of the Firmware Version. For example, “02.00.000.90”
<b>Holding Register (HR)</b>			
1	0	Temperature Units	Value – Units: <b>62</b> – Degrees Celsius <b>63</b> – Degrees Kelvin <b>64</b> – Degrees Fahrenheit
2	1	Temperature Offset Value	Temperature Offset Value (Tenths) Signed Integer. User can set an offset that will be added to Temperature sensor and reflected in IR3. Range of -5.0 to 5.0 degrees Celsius/degrees Kelvin (-9.0 to 9.0 degrees Fahrenheit). For example, writing -16 would add an offset of -1.6 degrees.
3	2	RH Offset Value	Relative Humidity Offset (Tenths) User can set an offset that will be added to RH sensor and reflected in IR4. Range of -10.0 % to 10.0 %RH. For example, writing -16 would add an offset of -1.6 % RH.
1001	1000	Test Mode Temperature Value	User can set what temperature value (Tenths) that would be returned when reading IR3 and Test Mode is Enabled in CL1001. For Example -400 would be -40.0.
1002	1001	Test Mode RH Value	User can set what RH value (Tenths) that would be returned when reading IR4 and Test Mode is Enabled in CL1001.
9001 through 9016	9000 through 9015	Device Name	Device Name, Device Location, and Device Description are user settable character strings (Null terminated) that can be used to allow for system customization and device identification. For example: Device Name (Modbus 9001 through 9016) could be set to a system ID: “S2253” Device Location (Modbus 9017 through 9048) could be set to: “Building 5, Floor 2, Duct 3” Device Description (Modbus 9049 through 9080) could be set to: “Cold air return sensor”
9017 through 9048	9016 through 9047	Device Location	
9049 through 9080	9048 through 9079	Device Description	

## 10. Product Specifications

**Supply Voltage:** 12 V dc to 36 V dc / 24 V ac  $\pm 10\%$ , 50/60 Hz (Reverse Polarity Protected)

**Current Consumption:** 25 mA maximum (0.67 VA)

**Temperature Measurement Range:** 1.5 °C to 50 °C (35 °F to 122 °F)

**Temperature Measurement Accuracy at 25 °C (77 °F):**  $\pm 0.5$  °C ( $\pm 1.0$  °F)

**Temperature Calibration Offset:**  $\pm 5$  °C ( $\pm 9$  °F) (Field Configurable)

**RH Measurement Range:** 0 % to 100 %

**RH Measurement Accuracy at 25 °C (77 °F):**  $\pm 2$  % from 10 % to 90 % RH

**RH Calibration Offset:**  $\pm 10$  % RH (Field Configurable)

**Temperature / RH Update Rate:** 4 seconds

**Communication Protocol:** BACnet MS/TP or Modbus RTU = Field Selectable; EIA RS-485

**Sensor Addresses:** 0 to 127 (0 (Default – Must be changed if Modbus RTU is selected protocol); (Field Selectable)

**Supported Baud Rates:** 0 to 127 (Default, **BACnet only**), 9600, 19200, 38400, 57600, 76800, 115200 (Field Selectable)

**Device Instance Number:** 1035000 + Address (example: Address 127 = 1035127; Field Configurable)

**Parity (Modbus RTU):** None/Even/Odd = Field Selectable

**Stop Bits (Modbus RTU):** 1 or 2 = Field Selectable

**Data Bits (Modbus RTU):** 8

**Connections / Wire Size:** Screw Terminal Blocks / 1.31 mm<sup>2</sup> to 0.33 mm<sup>2</sup> (16 AWG to 22 AWG)

**Terminal Block Torque Rating:** 0.5 Nm (0.45 lbf-in) nominal

**Operating Temperature Range:** 1.5 °C to 50 °C (35 °F to 122 °F)

**Storage Temperature Range:** -40 °C to 85 °C (-40 °F to 185 °F)

**Operating Humidity Range:** 10 % to 95% RH, non-condensing

**Enclosure Material / UL Flammability:** ABS Plastic / UL94-HB

## WARRANTY

The ACI BACnet and Modbus RTU Room Series temperature sensors are covered by ACI's Five (5) Year Limited Warranty, which is located in the front of ACI'S SENSORS & TRANSMITTERS CATALOG or can be found on ACI's web site: [workaci.com](http://workaci.com).

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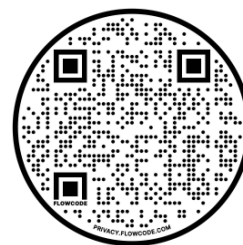


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