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## 1. INTRODUCTION

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The YAESU GS-232B is a sophisticated computer interface designed to provide seamless control of your Yaesu G-8xx and G-10xx series antenna rotor units from a personal computer. This interface translates commands from your computer's rotor control software into signals understood by the rotor controller, enabling automated antenna positioning for various amateur radio applications. This manual provides essential information for the proper setup, operation, and maintenance of your GS-232B interface.



Figure 1: The YAESU GS-232B Computer Interface Unit. This unit facilitates communication between your computer and Yaesu rotor controller.

## 2. SAFETY INFORMATION

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Please read and understand all safety precautions before operating the GS-232B interface. Failure to do so may result in personal injury or damage to the equipment.

- **Indoor Use Only:** This device is designed for indoor use in a dry environment. Do not expose it to rain, moisture, or extreme temperatures.
- **Power Source:** Ensure the power supply (if external) matches the specified voltage and current requirements. Use only approved power adapters.
- **Cable Connections:** Always ensure all cables are securely connected before powering on any equipment. Do not force connectors.
- **Ventilation:** Ensure adequate ventilation around the unit to prevent overheating.
- **Servicing:** Do not attempt to open or service the unit yourself. Refer all servicing to qualified personnel.

## 3. PACKAGE CONTENTS

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Verify that all items are present in the package before proceeding with installation. If any items are missing or damaged, contact your dealer immediately.

- YAESU GS-232B Computer Interface Unit
- Serial Cable (DB9 Male-Female)
- DC Power Cable (if external power is required)
- User Manual (this document)

## 4. SETUP

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Follow these steps to properly set up your GS-232B interface.

1. **Unpack and Inspect:** Carefully remove the GS-232B unit and all accessories from the packaging. Inspect for any visible damage.
2. **Connect to Yaesu Rotor Controller:** Locate the dedicated GS-232B interface port on your Yaesu G-8xx or G-10xx series rotor control unit. Connect one end of the provided interface cable to this port.
3. **Connect to Computer:** Connect the DB9 serial cable to the RS-232C port on the GS-232B unit. Connect the other end of the serial cable to an available serial (COM) port on your personal computer. If your computer lacks a physical serial port, a reliable USB-to-serial adapter will be required. Ensure the adapter's drivers are correctly installed on your computer.
4. **Power Connection:** If your GS-232B unit requires external power (consult your rotor controller manual or GS-232B specifications for details), connect the provided DC power cable to the power input jack on the GS-232B. Connect the other end to an appropriate power source.
5. **Driver Installation (if applicable):** For direct serial port connections, most modern operating systems have built-in drivers. If using a USB-to-serial adapter, install the manufacturer's drivers as per their instructions. Verify the assigned COM port number in your computer's Device Manager.
6. **Software Configuration:** Install your preferred third-party rotor control software on your computer. Within the software's settings, select the correct COM port number identified in the previous step and set the appropriate baud rate (commonly 4800 or 9600 bps, refer to your rotor controller's manual for the correct setting).

## 5. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

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Once the GS-232B is properly set up, you can begin controlling your rotor.

1. **Power On:** Ensure your Yaesu rotor controller and the GS-232B interface are powered on.
2. **Launch Software:** Open your chosen rotor control software on your computer.
3. **Establish Connection:** Within the software, initiate the connection to the GS-232B interface. The software should indicate a successful connection.
4. **Control Rotor:** Use the software's interface to send commands to the rotor. Common functions include:
  - Setting a target azimuth (e.g., 180 degrees).
  - Reading the current antenna position.
  - Stopping rotor rotation.
5. **Monitor Status:** The software will typically display the current rotor position and status, allowing you to monitor antenna movement.

## 6. MAINTENANCE

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The GS-232B interface requires minimal maintenance to ensure long-term reliable operation.

- **Cleaning:** Periodically wipe the exterior of the unit with a soft, dry cloth. Do not use liquid cleaners or solvents.
- **Environment:** Keep the unit in a clean, dry, and dust-free environment. Avoid areas with high humidity or extreme temperature fluctuations.
- **Cable Integrity:** Regularly check all connecting cables for signs of wear or damage. Replace any damaged cables immediately.

## 7. TROUBLESHOOTING

If you encounter issues with your GS-232B interface, refer to the following troubleshooting tips:

| Problem                                | Possible Cause                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Solution                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| No communication with rotor controller | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Incorrect cable connection</li><li>• Incorrect COM port selected in software</li><li>• Incorrect baud rate in software</li><li>• GS-232B or rotor controller not powered</li><li>• Faulty serial cable or adapter</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Verify all cables are securely connected.</li><li>• Check Device Manager for correct COM port and select it in software.</li><li>• Ensure baud rate in software matches rotor controller's setting.</li><li>• Confirm both units are powered on.</li><li>• Test with a known good serial cable or adapter.</li></ul> |
| Rotor moves erratically or not at all  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Interference</li><li>• Software configuration error</li><li>• Rotor controller issue</li></ul>                                                                                                                              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Check for sources of electrical interference.</li><li>• Review software settings and rotor controller manual.</li><li>• Test rotor control manually via the rotor controller.</li></ul>                                                                                                                              |
| Software reports 'Device Not Found'    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Driver issue for USB-to-serial adapter</li><li>• Incorrect COM port</li></ul>                                                                                                                                               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reinstall USB-to-serial adapter drivers.</li><li>• Verify and select the correct COM port.</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

If problems persist after attempting these solutions, consult the documentation for your specific rotor control software or contact YAESU customer support.

## 8. SPECIFICATIONS

- **Model:** GS-232B
- **Compatible Rotors:** YAESU G-8xx Series, YAESU G-10xx Series
- **Interface Type:** RS-232C (Serial DB9)
- **Compatible Devices:** Personal Computer
- **Power Requirement:** External DC Power (if required, consult rotor controller manual or product specifications)
- **ASIN:** B00AR0AK0

## 9. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

The YAESU GS-232B Computer Interface is covered by a manufacturer's warranty. Please refer to the warranty card included with your product or visit the official YAESU website for detailed warranty terms and conditions.

For technical assistance, troubleshooting beyond this manual, or warranty claims, please contact YAESU customer support through their official website or authorized service centers. Ensure you have your product model number and purchase information available when contacting support.

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