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This manual is for ECU-1251 Series.
Product Warranty (2 years)

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2. Call your dealer and describe the problem. Please have your manual, product, and any helpful information readily available.

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CE

This product has passed the CE test for environmental specifications. Test conditions for passing included the equipment being operated within an industrial enclosure. In order to protect the product from being damaged by ESD (Electrostatic Discharge) and EMI leakage, we strongly recommend the use of CE-compliant industrial enclosure products.

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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.
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2. Contact your distributor, sales representative, or Advantech's customer service center for technical support if you need additional assistance. Please have the following information ready before you call:
   – Product name and serial number
   – Description of your peripheral attachments
   – Description of your software (operating system, version, application software, etc.)
   – A complete description of the problem
   – The exact wording of any error messages

Safety Instructions

1. Read these safety instructions carefully.
3. Disconnect this equipment from any AC outlet before cleaning. Use a damp cloth. Do not use liquid or spray detergents for cleaning.
4. For plug-in equipment, the power outlet socket must be located near the equipment and must be easily accessible.
5. Keep this equipment away from humidity.
6. Put this equipment on a reliable surface during installation. Dropping it or letting it fall may cause damage.
7. The openings on the enclosure are for air convection. Protect the equipment from overheating. DO NOT COVER THE OPENINGS.
8. Make sure the voltage of the power source is correct before connecting the equipment to the power outlet.
9. Position the power cord so that people cannot step on it. Do not place anything over the power cord.
10. All cautions and warnings on the equipment should be noted.
11. If the equipment is not used for a long time, disconnect it from the power source to avoid damage by transient overvoltage.
12. Never pour any liquid into an opening. This may cause fire or electrical shock.
13. Never open the equipment. For safety reasons, the equipment should be opened only by qualified service personnel.
14. If one of the following situations arises, get the equipment checked by service personnel:
   - The power cord or plug is damaged.
   - Liquid has penetrated into the equipment.
   - The equipment has been exposed to moisture.
   - The equipment does not work well, or you cannot get it to work according to the user's manual.
   - The equipment has been dropped and damaged.
   - The equipment has obvious signs of breakage.
15. DO NOT LEAVE THIS EQUIPMENT IN AN ENVIRONMENT WHERE THE STORAGE TEMPERATURE MAY GO BELOW -25° C (-13° F) OR ABOVE 70° C (158° F). THIS COULD DAMAGE THE EQUIPMENT. THE EQUIPMENT SHOULD BE IN A CONTROLLED ENVIRONMENT.
16. CAUTION: DANGER OF EXPLOSION IF BATTERY IS INCORRECTLY REPLACED. REPLACE ONLY WITH THE SAME OR EQUIVALENT TYPE RECOMMENDED BY THE MANUFACTURER, DISCARD USED BATTERIES ACCORDING TO THE MANUFACTURER’S INSTRUCTIONS.

17. Due to the sensitive nature of the equipment it must be stored in a restricted access location, only accessible by qualified engineers.

18. When installing this equipment, ensure that the Earth cable is securely attached using a 3.5mm screw.

19. The equipment does not include a power cord and plug.

The sound pressure level at the operator’s position according to IEC 704-1:1982 is no more than 70 dB (A).

DISCLAIMER: This set of instructions is given according to IEC 704-1. Advantech disclaims all responsibility for the accuracy of any statements contained herein.

**Safety Precaution - Static Electricity**

Follow these simple precautions to protect yourself from harm and the products from damage.

- To avoid electrical shock, always disconnect the power from your PC chassis before you work on it. Don’t touch any components on the CPU card or other cards while the PC is on.
- Disconnect power before making any configuration changes. The sudden rush of power as you connect a jumper or install a card may damage sensitive electronic components.
Chapter 1

Overview
1.1 **Introduction**

For solar power, electricity and factory related applications which require a total wire-
less and Ethernet communication solutions, Advantech has released the ECU-1251
RISC-based industrial communication gateway. ECU-1251 has an open platform
design with Cortex A8 processor, up to four RS-232/485 isolated serial ports, two 10/100 Ethernet ports and operating temperature range of -40~70°C. With Linux operat-
ing system and open TagLink SDK, which enable to system integrators to develop applications which precisely fit their need.
1.2 Specifications:

1.2.1 General
- Certification: CE, FCC
- Mounting: Wall-Mount/ DIN-Rail
- Power Consumption: 2.4W @ 24VDC
- Power Requirements: 10 ~ 30 VDC

1.2.2 System
- CPU: TI Cortex A8, 800MHz
- Memory: DDR3L 256MB
- Indicators: LEDs for Power, LAN (LINK, ACT), Serial (Tx, Rx), Programmable
- Storage: 1GB Micro-SD card for system storage
- SD Slot: 1 x Micro-SD slot
- Watchdog: Yes
- Node ID: 8-bit
- Real-time clock: Yes

1.2.3 Communication
- Serial Port: 4 x RS-232/485 ECU-1251
- Isolation: 3000 VDC
- Serial Port Speed: RS-232/RS-485: 50 ~ 115.2 kbps
- Ethernet Port: 2 x 10/100 Base-T RJ-45 ports ECU-1251
- USB Port: 1 x USB2.0
- Wireless (Optional): Interface: 1x Mini-PCIe (Full-size)
- Type: WIFI/3G/GPRS/4G
- Signal: USB

1.2.4 Software
- OS Support: RT-Linux 3.12
- Programming: Linux C

1.2.5 Environment
- Humidity: 5~95% (non-condensing)
- Operating Temperature: -40 ~ 70°C
- Storage Temperature: -40~85°C
1.3 Safety Precautions

The following messages informs how to make each connection. In most cases, you will simply need to connect a standard cable

**Warning!**  Always disconnect the power cord from your chassis whenever you are working on it. Do not connect while the power is on. A sudden rush of power can damage sensitive electronic components. Only experienced electronics personnel should open the chassis.

![Warning Icon]

**Caution!**  Always ground yourself to remove any static electric charge before touching ECU-1251 Series. Modern electronic devices are very sensitive to static electric charges. Use a grounding wrist strap at all times. Place all electronic components on a static-dissipative surface or in a static-shielded bag.

![Caution Icon]

**Note!**  If DC voltage is supplied by an external circuit, please put a protection device in the power supply input port.

![Note Icon]
1.4 Chassis Dimensions:

![Figure 1.1 ECU-1251 Chassis Dimensions]

1.5 Packing List

The accessory package of ECU-1251 contains the following items:

(A) ECU-1251

(B) 1 x warranty card

(C) Connector
Chapter 2

Hardware Functionality
2.1 Overview

The following figures show the panel configuration on ECU-1251. More information of each peripheral is included in the following sections.

Figure 2.1 ECU-1251 overview
2.2 LED Status Indicators

The LEDs in the front panel can be divided into 4 groups:

![ECU-1251 LED status indicator](image)

**Figure 2.2 ECU-1251 LED status indicator**

### 2.2.1 System Status Indicators:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>LED</th>
<th>Status</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>PWR</td>
<td>Green</td>
<td>Power is on</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Off</td>
<td>Power is off</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>IRIG</td>
<td>Green</td>
<td>Customers can define the Programmable LED state according to the actual need.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Off</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

- **PWR**: Power is on/off
- **IRIG**: Customers can define the Programmable LED state according to the actual need.
2.2.2 Serial Communication Status Indicator

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>LED</th>
<th>Color</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>TX1</td>
<td>Orange</td>
<td>Blinking, Serial port 1 data being transmitted</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RX1</td>
<td>Green</td>
<td>Blinking, Serial port 1 data being received</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TX2</td>
<td>Orange</td>
<td>Blinking, Serial port 2 data being transmitted</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RX2</td>
<td>Green</td>
<td>Blinking, Serial port 2 data being received</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TX3</td>
<td>Orange</td>
<td>Blinking, Serial port 3 data being transmitted</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RX3</td>
<td>Green</td>
<td>Blinking, Serial port 3 data being received</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TX4</td>
<td>Orange</td>
<td>Blinking, Serial port 4 data being transmitted</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RX4</td>
<td>Green</td>
<td>Blinking, Serial port 4 data being received</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

2.2.3 Ethernet Status Indicator

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>LED</th>
<th>Color</th>
<th>Description</th>
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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Link1</td>
<td>Yellow</td>
<td>Lighting, Ethernet not connected</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Act1</td>
<td>Green</td>
<td>Blinking, Ethernet data being transmitted</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Link2</td>
<td>Yellow</td>
<td>Lighting, Ethernet not connected</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Act2</td>
<td>Green</td>
<td>Blinking, Ethernet data being transmitted</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Chapter 3

Wiring and Installation
3.1 Wiring

3.1.1 Power Supply Wiring

ECU-1251 supports power input ranging from 10VDC to 30VDC.

1. Remove all power and signal connections.
2. Place the unit heat-sink side down.
3. Remove the screws shown below.

![Power Supply Wiring Diagram]

**Figure 3.1 Power Supply Wiring**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Function</th>
<th>Pin</th>
<th>Screen Printing</th>
<th>Function Description</th>
</tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Power Input</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>+Vs</td>
<td>PWR V+ DC power input PIN</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>2</td>
<td>GND</td>
<td>PWR V- DC power input PIN</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>3</td>
<td></td>
<td>GND</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

3.1.2 Communication Ports

![RS-232/485 Serial Ports Diagram]

**Figure 3.2 RS-232/485 Serial Ports (COM1~ COM4)**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Pins</th>
<th>1</th>
<th>2</th>
<th>3</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>RS-232</td>
<td>Rx</td>
<td>Tx</td>
<td>GND</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RS-485</td>
<td>Data+</td>
<td>Data-</td>
<td>GND</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
### 3.1.3 Wireless Card Installation

ECU-1251 is equipped with a Mini-PCIe interface on the front of motherboard, which supports one full-size wireless network card. If users also need SIM card, slot on the front of motherboard can be used. The installation is shown as below.

![USB Connector](image)

**Figure 3.3 USB Connector**

#### Table 3.3: USB Connector Pin Assignment

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Pin</th>
<th>Signal</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>VCC</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>DATA-</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>DATA+</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>GND</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

![LAN Connectors](image)

**Figure 3.4 LAN Connectors (LAN1~LAN4)**

#### Table 3.4: LAN Connector Pin Assignments

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Pin</th>
<th>Assignment</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>TD+</td>
<td>Transmit+</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>TD-</td>
<td>Transmit-</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>RD+</td>
<td>Receive+</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>N/C</td>
<td>Not used</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5</td>
<td>N/C</td>
<td>N/C</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6</td>
<td>RD-</td>
<td>Receive-</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7</td>
<td>N/C</td>
<td>N/C</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8</td>
<td>N/C</td>
<td>N/C</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
ECU-1251 has an 8-bit node ID. The detailed definition is as follows:

![Dial Switch Setting](image)

**Figure 3.5 Dial Switch Setting**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Node ID</th>
<th>8-bit, support 0<del>255 devices. In peer to peer application, the Node ID should be 1</del>255.</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>

### 3.2 Jumper Setting

#### 3.2.1 Jumper Setting

The motherboard of ECU-1251 has two types of jumper for user operation, as the below shown.

![Jumper on the back motherboard](image)

**Figure 3.6 Jumper on the back motherboard**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Location</th>
<th>Description</th>
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</table>
3.3 Installation

3.3.1 Wall-mounted and DIN-Rail Installation

ECU-1251 supports two types of installation: Wall-mounted and DIN-Rail Installation. For wall-mounted installation, users can fix the device on the wall with 4 screws as shown below.

Table 3.6: Jumper Setting of Terminal Resistor For COM(1?4)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>CN8</th>
<th>CN9</th>
<th>CN10</th>
<th>CN11</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Data+/Data- of RS-485</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RX/TX of RS-232</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Figure 3.7 Wall-mounted installation
ECU-1251 supports DIN-Rail installation. Firstly, users can install a sliver DIN-Rail buckle with screws on the back of ECU-1251. And then fix ECU-1251 on the DIN-Rail. The detailed steps are shown as below:

![Vertical DIN-Rail buckle Installation](image1)

**Figure 3.8 Vertical DIN-Rail buckle Installation**

![Vertical DIN-Rail Installation](image2)

**Figure 3.9 Vertical DIN-Rail Installation**

### 3.3.2 SD&SIM Card Installation

ECU-1251 is equipped with a Micro SD slot and a SIM slot.

![SD&SIM Card Installation](image3)

**Figure 3.10 SD&SIM Card Installation**
3.3.3 Installing a Wireless module Card and Antenna (Optional)

For optional wireless module card and antenna, please contact Advantech for the following wireless solution kit.

- Top panel with pre-cut antenna holes
Figure 3.11 Installing a Wireless module Card and Antenna

- The internal coaxial cable with standard SMA connector
  For more information about internal coaxial cable, please contact with Advantech.

- Wireless module card (PCI Express Mini card)
  The ECU-1251 supports one full-size Mini PCIe slot (only USB signal) for wireless module card installation. For more information about wireless module cards, refer to the datasheet or contact Advantech.

- Antenna
  Select the necessary specification according to your application. For more information about antenna, please contact with Advantech.