DC Power Supplies
AL3000 series
User's manual

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Attention
This manual provides all the necessary information regarding the mode of operation of AL3000 and AL3000R power supplies series. For the correct use of this specific equipment it is recommended to refer to the characteristics data sheet of the power supply, which is an integral part of this manual.

(Regenerative)[1] bidirectional Power Supply AL 3000R series

The power supplies AL3000 and AL3000R series are fast AC/DC static converters with double conversion and IGBT technology under microprocessor control. They supply the load with voltage or current at the value that has been set regardless of the inpedance[2)] value and the mains fluctuations, they can also draw in energy from the load and put it on the mains net. They are particularly suited to users with high dynamic needs.

The information about voltage and current supplied is shown by means of 7 segments displays.

They can be controlled by external signals.

They are equipped with RS485 serial interface for diagnostics and parameters setting.

1) R model
2) in current control mode

Product presentation

According to the output power, the equipment can be assembled in:
table rack
recessed rack
metal cabinet

Control interface

commands and connections

voltage setting command and visualization:	on front panel
current setting command and visualization:	on front panel
logical command for output-on:	on front panel
selection local/remote commands:	from serial interface
line breaker:	on front panel
RS485 serial interface:	on front panel
mains supply:	from cable on the back side (rack version)
	on terminal blocks inside the cabinet (heavy duty cabinet version)
outputs:	on front panel jacks or bars (rack version)
	on terminal blocks inside the cabinet (metal cabinet version)
emergency input:	on front panel
auxiliary inputs/outputs	on front panel

Front Panel
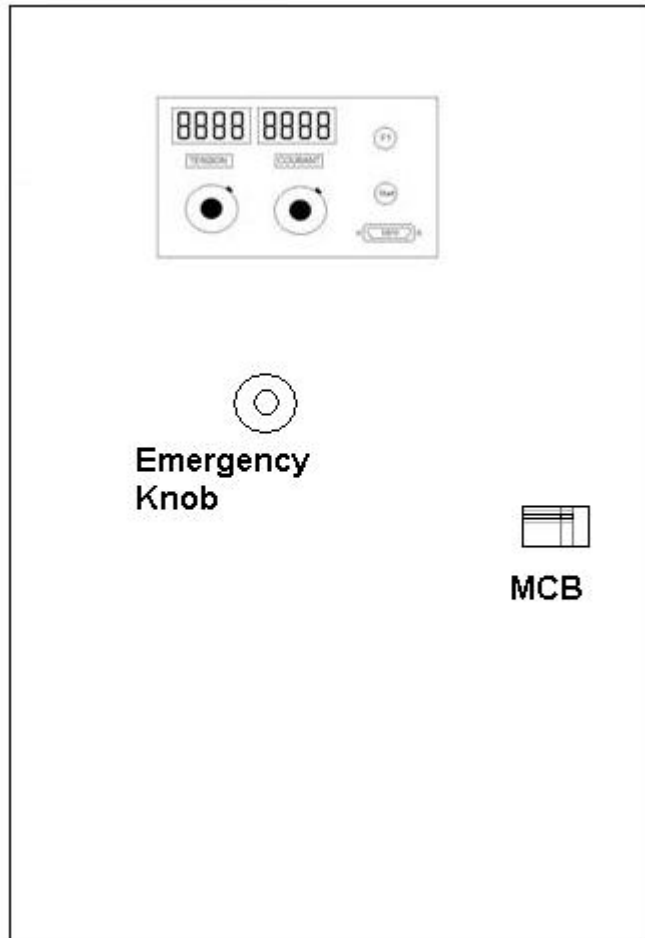
Introduction

Thank you for choosing our product. We invite you to read this manual thoroughly because here you can find the technical characteristics and all the necessary information for using this equipment correctly.

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Summary

1.   Preface

1.1   How to use and understand the instructions provided in this manual

In this manual have been used conventional keys to simplify and standardize the utilization and the control of our generators.
In this manual you can find also functions that might not be present on the equipment you have purchased; nevertheless proper information will tell you about eventual limitations.
This solution has been chosen for clarity and to better evaluate the functional characteristics available on all our products.

1.2 Safety instructions

The following notes or graphic symbols list a series of instructions essential for the correct use of the equipments. Such information could be found, in graphic form, also on the equipment or used in the manual to focus the attention on the specific issue. It is highly recommended to read such instructions carefully before equipment installation.

❄️   Do not install the equipment in environments with temperatures different from those allowed

☀️ Do not expose the equipment to direct sun light

Do not pour any kind of liquids on the Equipment.
In case of fire, use foam, CO_2 or dry chemicals fire-extinguishers

Attention
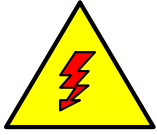
The lightning symbol within a triangle is a warning symbol that indicates the presence of "dangerous voltages" inside the equipment with risk of electric shock.

The exclamation mark within a triangle is a caution symbol that indicates the presence of important additional information for the correct use of the equipment.
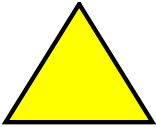
The empty triangle it is a caution symbol that indicates a danger of equipment damage if improperly used.

The text that follows this symbol gives information, recommendations or other particular instructions for the correct operation of the equipment.

The text that follows this symbol gives information, recommendations or other particular instructions in order to avoid danger and/or injury to personnel.

A proper disposal of the shipment packing is recommended.

1.3 Compliance declaration

$C\!\epsilon$ **MANUFACTURER DECLARATION OF CONFORMITY**

The Zenone Elettronica Power Supplies :

AL3000 and AL3000R

are herewith confirmed to comply with the requirements set out in the Council Directive on the Approximation of the Law of Member States relating to:

- **Electromagnetic Compatibility, Directive 2004/108/EEC**

- EN 61000-6-1 - CEI EN 61000-6-1 (2° ed. 2007-10)Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) - Part 6-1: Generic standards - Immunity for residential, commercial and light-industrial environments "

- EN 61000-6-3 - CEI EN 61000-6-3 (2° ed. 2007-11)
  Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) - Part 6-3: Generic standards - Emission standard for residential, commercial and light-industrial environments

     EN 61326-1 :2006
  Electrical equipment for measurement, control and laboratory use - EMC requirements - Part 1: General requirements

- **Low Voltage Equipment Directive (2006/95/EEC) and EN61010-1 ("Safety of Electrical Measuring Apparatus")**

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Identification label

Each equipment is identified by the following label.
We invite you to consider the data shown in it as essential for product traceability, and to communicate them for eventual request for assistance.

2.   Preliminary operations

2.1   Working environment

The Power Supply is designed for indoor use.

❄ + 5 ˚C ˚   ☀ + 40 ˚C

⚠ Place the device on a suitable support or on a plane surface for good stability. Be sure that proper ventilation is allowed and no objects obstruct the ventilation openings.

2.2 Precautions
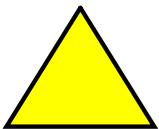
⚠ Operate the equipment at its rated mains voltage, on earthed outlet only. Fasten suitable cables or bars of adequate section on the output bolts, calculated on the bases of equipment functional characteristics.

WARNING: Power connections can generate high temperature spots, that could cause burnings.
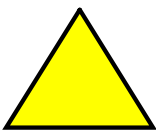
⚠ **WARNING**:   All standard power supplies are delivered with output **FLOATING**, not connected to any potential (unless otherwise specified); at the moment of installation **MUST BE CONNECTED TO GND OR TO ANY OTHER POTENTIAL**. Maximum allowed voltage on the output bolts, when not connected to earth, is 800Vdc. If you use 2 AL in Series and the sum of the output voltage of the ALs in greater than 800Vdc, connect the middle point of series circuit to ground.
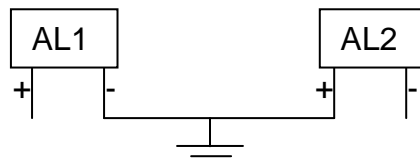
If necessary connect eventual protection devices (differential relay, isolation control relay, etc.)

⚠ **WARNING** : **This equipment puts energy into the mains net, if power to the equipment is supplied from an external source (batteries, independent generator, etc.), make sure to have adequate protection elements complying with local actual regulations, and eventual authorizations from the energy supplier agency.**

Emergency circuit

The AL3000 series is equipped with an emergency circuit that provides to opening the main breaker

The opening condition are:
- Pressing the emergency button
- Opening of doors
- Main power failure
- Opening external circuit

The emergency circuit is always powered, even when the main breaker is off

2.4   Switching the equipment on

Connect the power supply to the power mains, *it is recommended to follow the instructions given on the equipment (or in the attached sheet) regarding voltage, frequency and earth connection,* then turn on the power switch, that could be located on the back panel or by the cabinet side depending on the type of equipment.
In some models the power-on command can be part of an external power supply frame.
In some cases the integrated console, keyboard/display, can be connected to the cabinet by means of an external cable.
At system power-on an self-diagnostic routine tests the most important equipment functionalities and detects eventual faults **(the information are visible with the proper software).**
In case of failure or malfunctions, we must be informed in advance before sending the equipment to our laboratories.

2.5   Regeneration(only AL3000R models)

The AL3000R power supply series are bidirectional devices, as a matter of fact they can either supply energy to the load or absorb energy from it; the energy is taken from or is put on the power mains. This function is accomplished through an extra converter called REGENERATOR.
In fact it will adjust the DC voltage on an intermediate bus taking it or putting it back into the network, providing also to put in phase the absorption and the regeneration so to guaranty a PF >0.95 at Pn.
According to the model, the regenerator block can be either internal to the equipment or external in a separate unit. The regenerator block, in normal mains network condition, does not need any setting or adjusting because it works autonomously controlling the BUS voltage, in some special cases it might be necessary to touch up some control parameters using the software PWMutil. The power that the equipment is capable to draw from the load is the same that is capable to supply. The regenerator has its own electronics with microprocessor that provides the energy management and the monitoring of all alarms and system parameters.

2.6 Regenerator error conditions

Under error conditions, the regenerator stops the operation and signals the failure by display on the cards . The cause of the fault can be visualized by error code or means of the PWMutil program connecting it to the appropriate serial port on the regenerator.

signal	Type error	Remedy
1	DC overvoltage	
2	DC undervoltage	
3	Over temperature	
4	IGBT Error (FAULT)	
5	Precharge error	
6	Current limitat	
7	NTC error	
8	CKS error	
9	AC overvoltage	
A	AC undervoltage	
B	HI frequency	
C	LOW frequency	
D	ZC missing	
E	Feedback error	
0	Slave T.OUT	

2.7   Regenerator serial port

The regenerator is equipped with standard RS485 serial port communication with rate fixed at 9600

DB9 Pinout
RS485
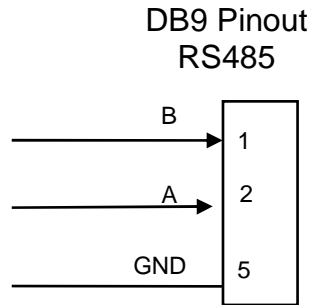
2.8   Regenerator functional diagram (only AL3000R models)
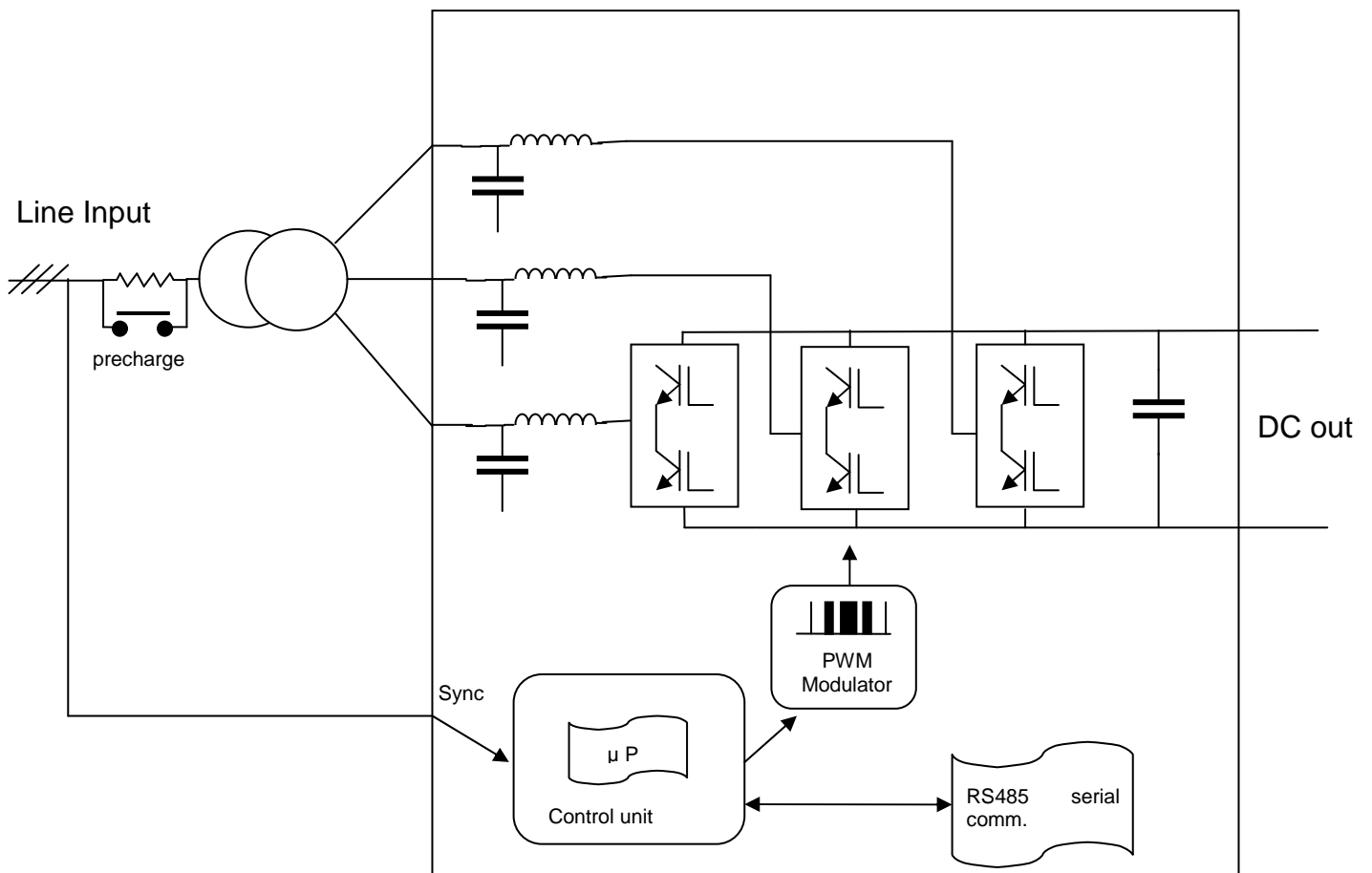
3.   Inputs / Auxiliary outputs

3.1   sensing
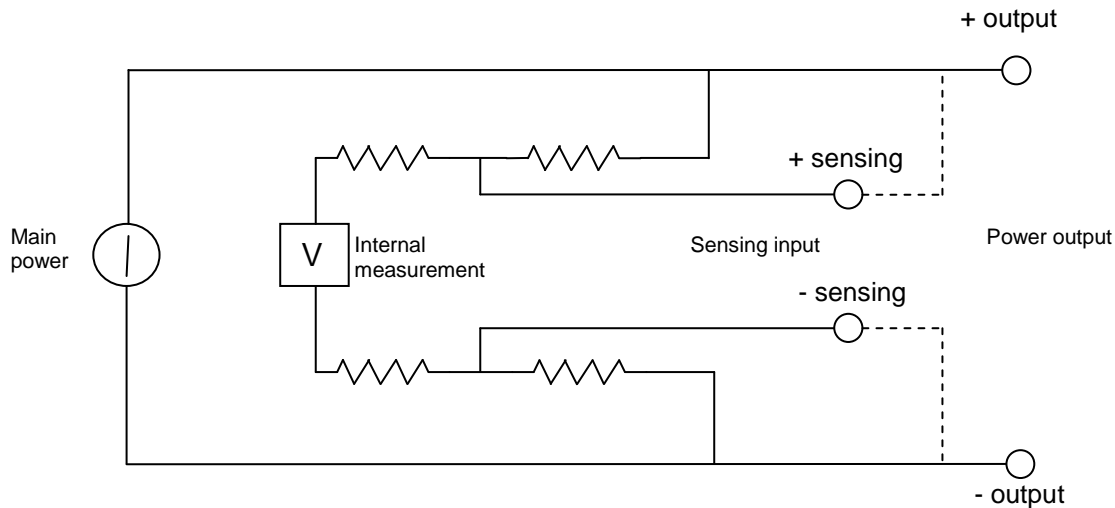
Sensing circuit diagram

The sensing circuit has internally resistors that link the senses to the main output in order to prevent the AL3000 to go to its maximal voltage when the sense line is broken or accidentally removed.

The resistors are sized that If the sense is broken or removed, the output voltage result:

(Set output voltage X 1.1) circa

If the sensing is reversed the AL3000 will not started and can break the sense circuit.

3.2   Inputs

The AL 3000 power supplies are equipped with some inputs for the remote control.

function	Description
Emergency	NC contact with no voltage, its opening causes the immediate disengagement of the line breaker disconnecting the equipment from the mains
on – off	NO contact with no voltage, allows to start the power supply from a remote command
Scale	NO contact with no voltage, allows to select the 2nd scale (if present).
Voltage command	Analog input 0 ÷ 10V, remote command for the output voltage 0 ÷ 100%
Current command	Analog input 0 ÷ 10V, remote command for the output current 0 ÷ 100%
Master/Slave connectors	To connect two AL3000 in parallel, one as master and the other as slave.

3.3   Outputs

The AL 3000 power supplies are equipped with some outputs for remote signaling.

function	description
Run/stop	PNP digital output, signaling for output on/off Max 30V 0,5A
Alarm	PNP digital output, fault signaling Max 30V 0,5A

3.4   Communication port

The power supply is equipped with a RS484 communication port which allows to connect a PC for some parameters setting and for the alarm register reading.
The Baud Rate is the transfer speed and is set at 9600.

4.   Power output

4.1   Command type selection

The selection of the command type:

- Front panel
- analog or digital inputs
- serial port

can be done via serial link by means of "AL Manager" software.

4.2   Starting the output of power

After the preliminary operations, connecting the equipment to the mains and to an eventual load, have been done it's possible to turn on the power supply acting on the main switch.

Note: the main switch will not activate if the emergency circuit is open or the emergency push-button is pressed.

Once the equipment is turned on it's possible to start the output of power in following ways:

- With local command; acting on the on-off push-button.
- With remote command; activating the proper input.
- With command from serial port; entering the appropriate string.

Under these conditions the power supply will take immediately the voltage and current values set.

4.3   Setting the working scale (If present)

The AL3000 may have two scale. The setting can be done:

- With the front panel knob
- With remote command; activating the proper input.
- With command from serial port; entering the appropriate string.

It can be set only in "OFF". Changing it during the "ON" has no effect till the "OFF".

4.4   Setting the voltage and current values

The setting of voltage and current output can be done:
* With local command; by means of the potentiometers on the front panel
* With remote command; by means of analog signal $0 \div 10V$
* With command from serial port; by means of appropriate strings

Note: some particular settings are possible only by means of command from serial port

4.5   Setting the simulated resistance

The power supply can simulate a resistance in the output such that given a set voltage V:
The output voltage is dynamically reduced by the value R (*set*) x I (*circulating*) in case of power output, is dynamically increased by the value R (*set*) x I (*circulating*) in case of absorption.

The resistance setting is expressed in OHM with respect to the maximum value and has a 1mOHM resolution. It can be done through the analog input (if selected) or through a serial string.
If resistance is selected on analog input, is possible to set the maximum value corresponding at 10V by software "GESMD"

Note: with simulated resistance and some types of reactive loads instabilities might be triggered.

4.6   Maximum power limitation

The power supply can work with constant power operation. To use this function first adjust voltage and current limits within which you want to work, then set the value of maximum power output.
In these conditions when the load will require more power than that set, the voltage will be automatically decreased so that the P *(out)* $\leq P$ *(set)*. In the case of regeneration the voltage is increased.

The setting of power is expressed in W with respect to the value of the specification sheet and has a resolution of 1W. It can be done through analog input (if selected) or through serial string.

4.7   Ramps up and down

Ramps up and down allow a "sweet" start of the output voltage avoiding overshoot.

Ramps can be set at "0" or from 100mS up to 10S.
Ramps have effect only during the transition OFF-ON.
The setting of ramps can be done through serial interface.

4.8   Separate control of the current limits (supply / absorption)

You can independently set the maximum limits of positive and negative current. In this way the power supply will follow the current limitation set by the potentiometer or other input up to the maximum limit set for this polarity, for any other value over the limit the current will be cut to the limit.
This function is used to set profiles of current asymmetrical between supply and absorption.
The two parameters are settable by serial link.

4.9   Visualization of values entered

In stand-by it's possible to visualize on the displays the voltage and current values simply pressing the "F1" push-button
>   "F1" pressed = visualization of voltage and current entered
>   "F1" released = off

4.10 Visualization of measurements

While the output is on the power supply shows on the displays the voltage and current outputs.
Pressing "F1" it's possible to visualize voltage and current setting.

4.11 Booster mode

The output voltage of the device can be set by the front-panel knob, an external analog signal (see 6.4), a serial command or by a further external signal 0-10V, applied on some pins of the Slave-in connector. This one is applied direct on the PWM modulator and can take advantage of the full dynamic of the control, unlike the DB15 analog signal that are processed by the digital board and then applied to the modulator.
This function can be set by the relative RS485 command.

Slave-in pins	Usage
1	Control signal 0-10V
2	Control signal return (connect to 3-GND at the source ends)
3	Gnd

5.   Maintenance instructions

- Check periodically the air vents, clean them or change the filter;
- Check the fans efficiency.
- Check periodically the bolts of the connections between the power outputs and the external circuit under test.

6.   External connections

6.1   MAIN connections
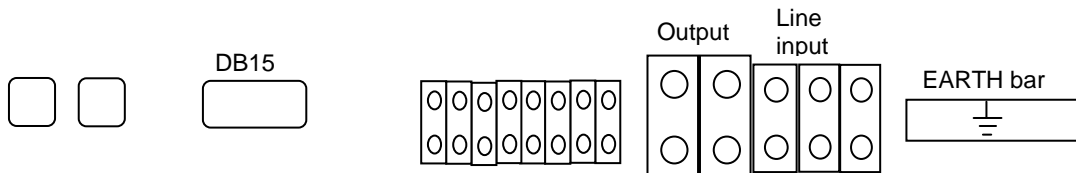
6.2   DB15 I/O connections

DB15 Pin Out
I/O section

Max current sink from each input: 4mA@24Vdc	Max current for each output: 500mA

I/O section

The I/O section of the interface connector is made of:
- 2 Inputs "PNP" type at 24V (Pin 1 and 2)
- 2 outputs "PNP" type at 24V (Pin 11 and 12)

- 1 24V supply output limited at 100 mA max
- 2 Pins assigned for a 24V supply (4=GND e 10=VCC).

The inputs have the following function:
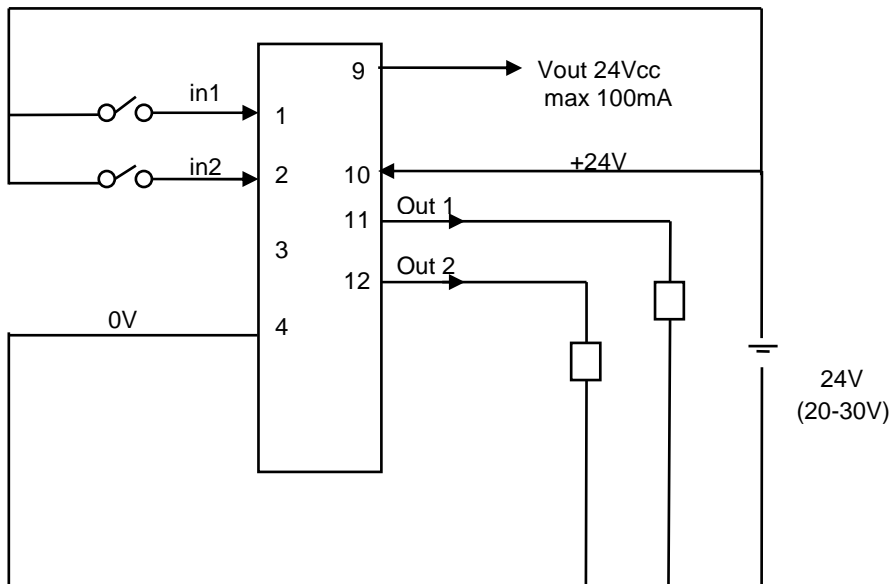- Input 1: Allows to START the output supply
- Input 2: Allows to select the working scale (if present).
- Input "Emergency": normally closed to the common of 24V. When opened causes the disengagement of the line breaker.

The outputs have the following function:
- Output 1: Active when the power output is on.
- Output 2: Active in case of fault.

6.3   DB15 RS485 connection
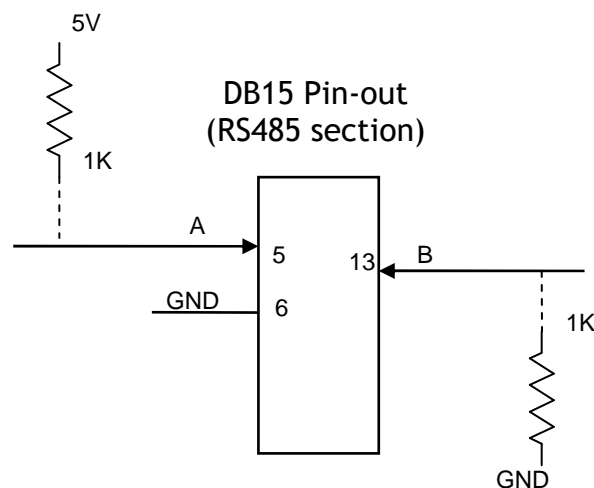
RS485 section

The RS485 section of the interface connector is made up of pin "A" and "B" of the RS485 interface and of a Ground pin. For a proper functioning of the serial communication it's suggested to insert in a point of the line two resistance of 1K ohm connected as in the diagram.

6.4   DB15 analog connections

DB15 Pin-out
(Analog section)
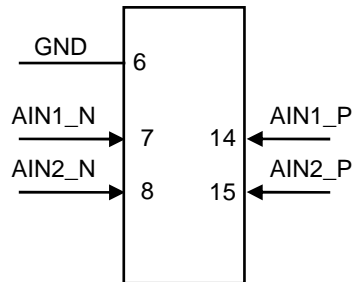
ANALOG section

The Analog section of the interface connector is made of pin:
- AIN1_P and AIN1_N of the Analog input 1 (Pin 14 and 7)
- AIN2_P and AIN2_N of the Analog input 2 (Pin 15 and 8)
- Reference ground GND (Pin 6)

They are two balanced inputs that can take a maximum voltage of +/- 10V with respect to GND.
Their function, when enabled by appropriate command via RS485, is to set the Voltage or Resistance (Input 1) and the Current or Power Limit (Input 2).

6.5   Master/Slave connections
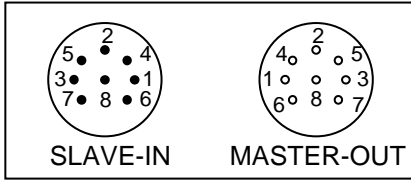
By connecting the MASTER-OUT connector of the device to the SLAVE-IN connector of another AL3000 with a 1 to 1 cable, and connecting the power outs (Plus and Minus) together, there is the possibility to use both devices as one. In other words, by setting the voltage on the first device (Master) and then starting it, the second device (Slave) starts in the same time automatically. The output voltage is controlled by the Master and current will be the sum of the current of both devices.

In the current-limit mode, the total output current will be the value set on the Master plus the Slave current. For example: if we set the current limit on the Master at 50% of f.s. value, the Slave current will be the 50% of its own current f.s.

On the front panel of the Slave device, in off condition , the left display indicate "SLA" and the START button is disable. In On condition (Start by the master), the display indicate the Slave voltage and current measured.

In some devices, there is a couple of connectors, one for the signals and the other for the analog reference signal:
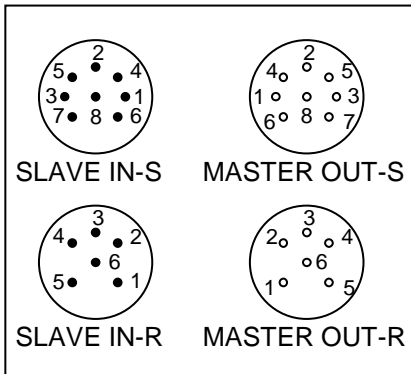
In this case two cables 1-1, one 8 poles and the other 6 poles, are used for the master-slave function.

7   Front panel indications

The front panel displays indicate:

OFF	

When the device is off

SLA	

When the device is in Slave mode and OFF, under control of a Master.

DIS	

When the device is Disabled and OFF, waiting for an external Enable signal (*Not in all devices*).

FAIL	X YY

When the device is in error and OFF. Where:
X = DSP board number (Normally 1, may be more on some devices)

and

Y	Meaning
1	DC - Overvoltage
2	DC – Undervoltage
3	Overtemperature
4	Hardware FAULT
5	Precharge failure
6	Overcurrent
7	NTC Failure
8	Chacksum error
14	Feedback error
15	SUBdevices error
16	DSP610 timed out
99	DSP not responding

OFF	OVL

When the device OFF, due to Power or Current Overload

OFF	SUB

When the device is OFF, and a Subdevice has a warning (*Not in all devices*).

VVV	SUB

When the device is ON, where VVV=Voltage measure, and a Subdevice has a warning (*Not in all devices*).

Current mode

A lamp on the front panel (if present) indicate that the device is working in current limitation mode, not in voltage control.

8 Error and faults signals

The converters are equipped with self-diagnosis routine, in case of anomalous event they stop the power output and show an error message.

Signal	Cause	Remedy
DSP X FAIL	Communication error between the central processor and the DSP shown by nr. X	Shut off and turn on the equipment; if the error remains contact the assistance
FAIL XX	Generic error	See the display on cards or connect a PC to the equipment and by means of the software "PWMutil" check the table below

signal	Type error	Remedy
1	DC overvoltage	Check the mains voltage, the presence of all three phases and that the regenerator works properly.
2	DC undervoltage	Check the mains voltage, the presence of all three phases and that the regenerator works properly.
3	Over temperature	Shut off the equipment and wait a few minutes. If the phenomenon repeats check the air vents and the operation of the fans.
4	IGBT Error (FAULT)	Contact the assistance
5	Precharge error	Check the precharge relay.
6	Current limitat	Check the load or the parameters settings.
7	NTC error	Contact the assistance.
8	CKS error	
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A		
B		
C		
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E	Feedback error	
0	Slave T.OUT	

If the fault remains, contact the assistance.

7.   *Converter diagram*
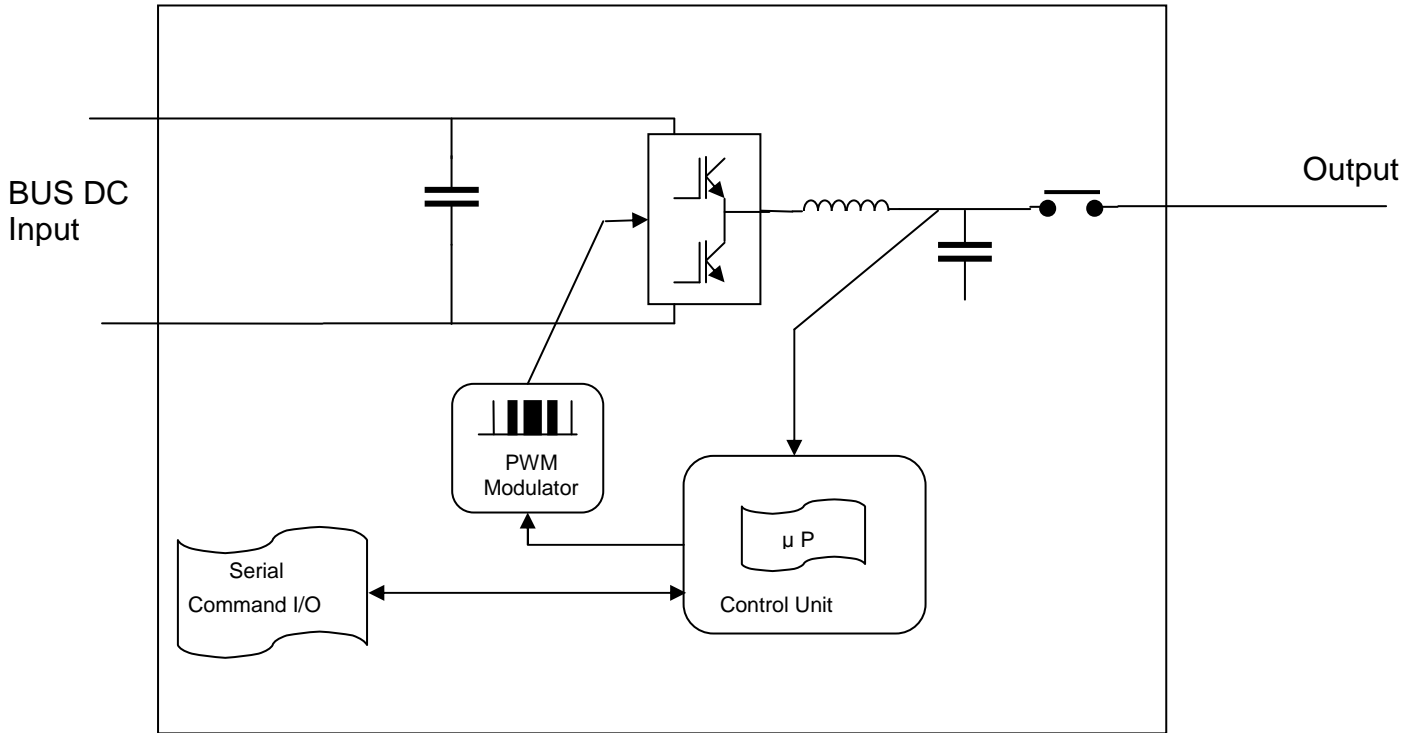
Functional diagram
Power supply/load section

8.   Control system

The power supply is equipped with a sophisticated digital control system, which has to keep the voltage and/or the current output constant regardless of load change and mains variations.
The regulation is based on two PID algorithms in sequence and named:
"Internal" with feedback from internal current,
"External" with feedback from the output voltage.

The following figure shows the principle of operation

9.1   Control system block diagram
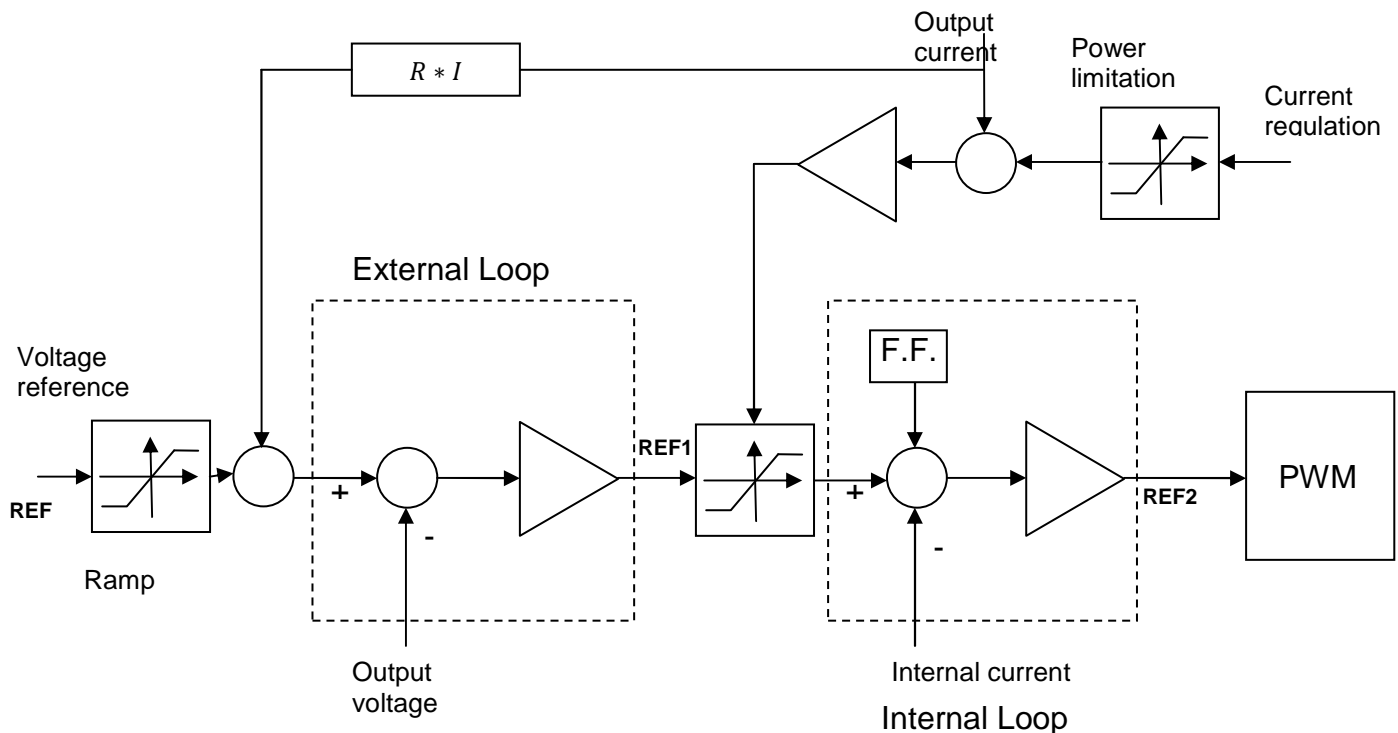
The control loops are pre-adjusted in production to achieve a good compromise between speed and stability for most loads, in some cases it is necessary to modify some parameters for the following reasons:

- Oscillations due to a load too reactive
- To enhance the generator dynamic performance
- To adapt the generator to the load

9.2   Control system description

The control system is based on two PID loops in sequence, named "Internal" and "External".

The internal loop is the fastest and regulates the current in the load. It takes input the external loop reference properly adapted by the current regulation.

The external loop regulates the output voltage, reacts more slowly and provides the value of current to the internal loop. It takes at the input the main reference and the feedback comes from the output voltage of the power supply.

External loop

Internal loop
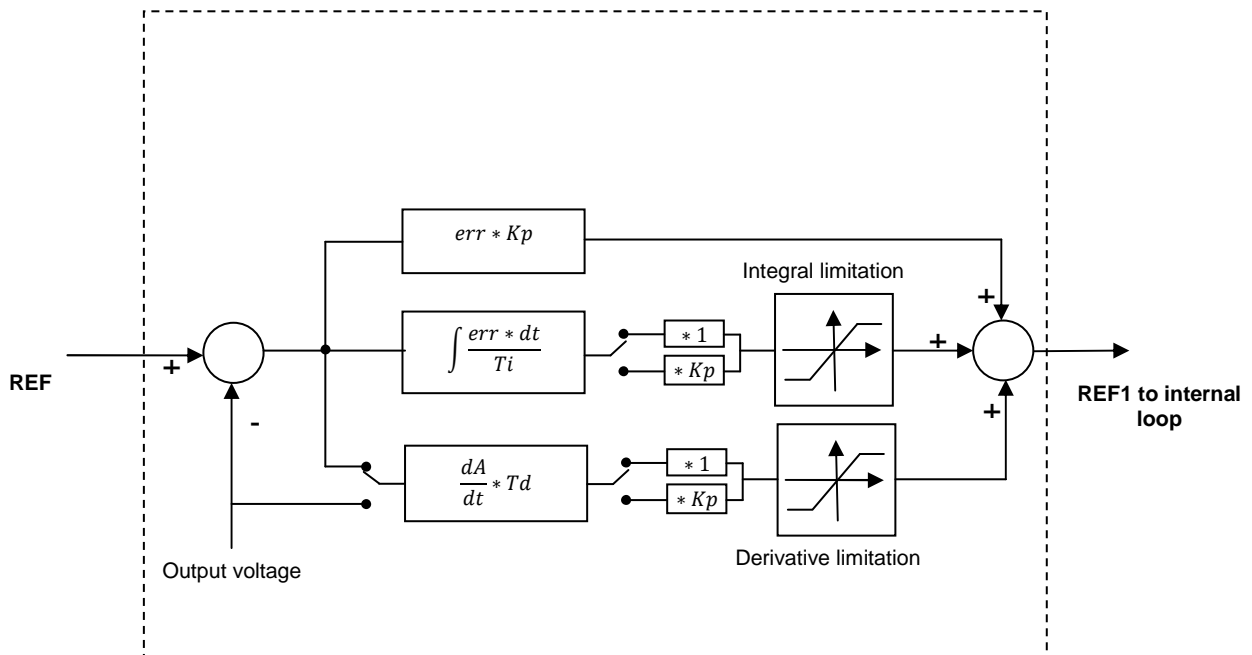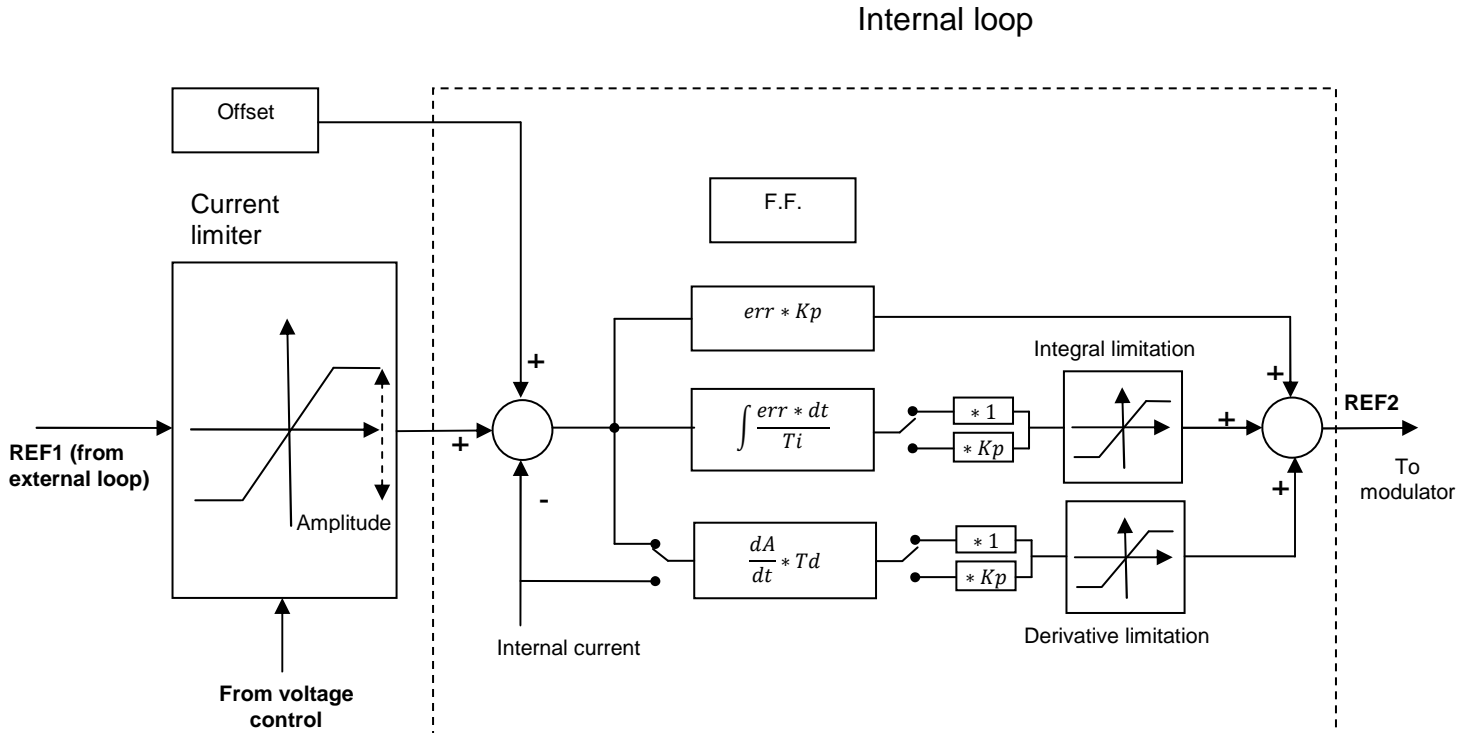
9.3   *Parameters definition and function*

$Kp:$ **range 0 ÷ 10000**
It's the proportional gain of the regulation loop (it causes the output to change according to the input error)

$Ti:$ **range dt ÷ 32000µS; 0 = integral disabled**
It's the integration time of the regulation loop in microseconds, can be applied directly or multiplied by the parameter Kp (causes the output to change with a speed proportional to the error, sets the regulation point canceling out the offset).

$Td:$ **range dt ÷ 32000µS; 0 = derivative disabled**
It's the derivative time of the regulation loop in microseconds, can be applied directly or multiplied by the parameter Kp (causes the output to change proportionally to the rate of change of the input, reduces the system response time).

dt **machine cycle time not changeable.**

Positive integral limitation: **range 0 ÷ 100%**
It's the maximum value the variable integral can take

Negative integral limitation: **range 0 ÷ 100%**
It's the minimum value the variable integral can take

Positive derivative limitation: range 0 ÷ 100%
It's the maximum value the variable derivative can take

Negative derivative limitation: range 0 ÷ 100%
It's the minimum value the variable derivative can take

F.F. Feed forward   range 0 ÷ 20
It's the anticipation value on the current output, is used to speed the voltage recovery during the load variations. When a load variation happens, there will be a little trough in voltage before to get the stabilized value. This duration can be modified by modifying the F.F .

9.4 Fine-tuning procedure for the control system

Note: To change the control parameters it's necessary to have a PC connected to the serial port of the console and the software program "PWMutil". (Look at paragraph "PWMutil software")

The following paragraph provides only a guide for the fine tuning of the PID regulation loops since in many cases a unique rule it's not applicable and regulations are made on the bases of personal experience.

Note: Eventual parameters modifications must be done by specialized personnel only because these modifications could cause malfunctions and/or generator damages.

Note: Before making any change to the regulation parameters it's advisable to take note of the existing parameters so to restore the initial setup.

In most cases, in particular when the equipment must be adapted to the load, it's sufficient to make slight changes to some parameters following simple rules:

   In case of sever capacitive load, lower the Kp coefficients and increase the integration time Ti.

   In case of sever inductive load, increase the Kp coefficients and lower the integration time Ti.

9.5   Technique for fine tuning the loops

The fine tuning of the PID loops must be done in two phases, first the internal one and then the external.

In order to fine tune and verify the dynamic performances of the generator, it's better to set the references with an external generator connected to the proper input, using a square waveform with the following parameters:
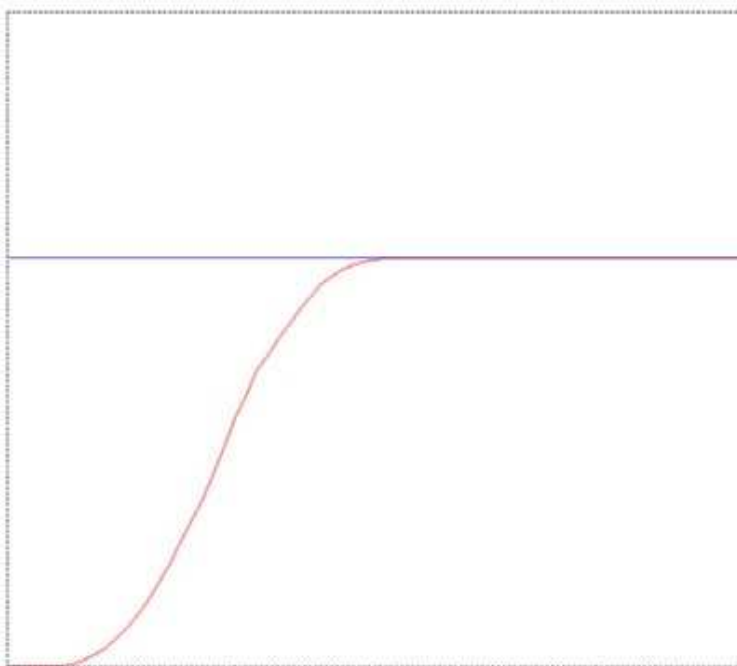Frequency > 0 < 50Hz
Amplitude 0 ÷ V <5V
or have an external dynamic load

Under these conditions freeze the external loop and adjust the parameters Kp, Ti and Td of the internal loop to get maximum performance.
Once the internal loop has been fine tuned, the parameters Kp, Ti and Td of the external loop can be adjusted so to optimize the global performance.

Ideal system response to a step function
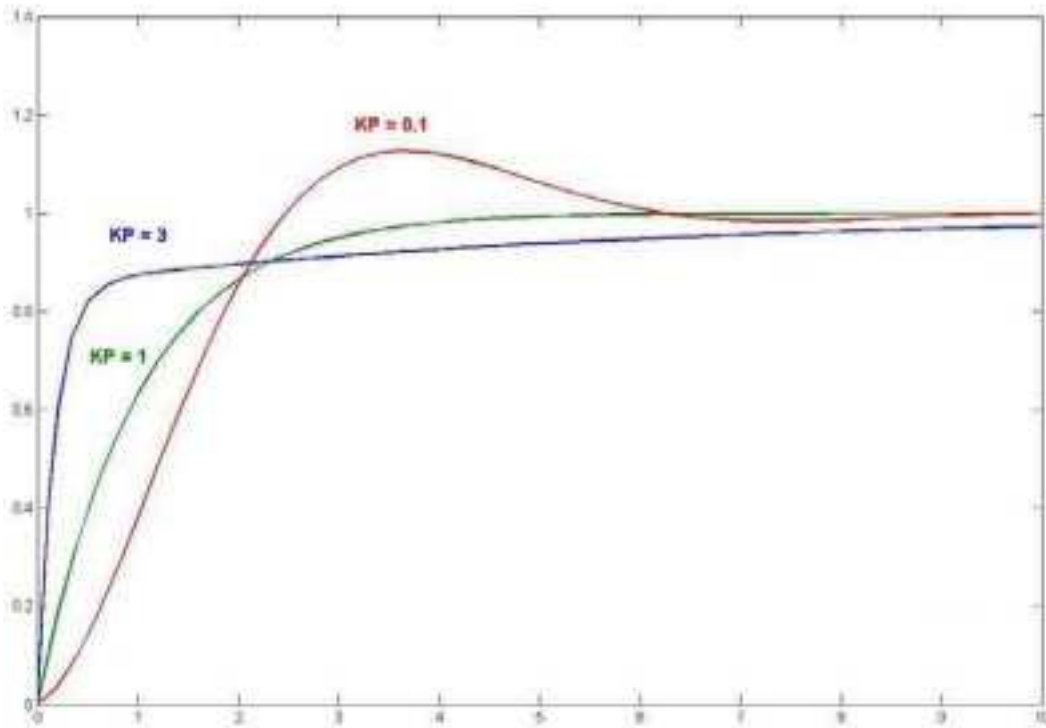
Step function response varying Kp with Ti constant

Step function response varying Ti with Kp constant

Step function response with Kp too high
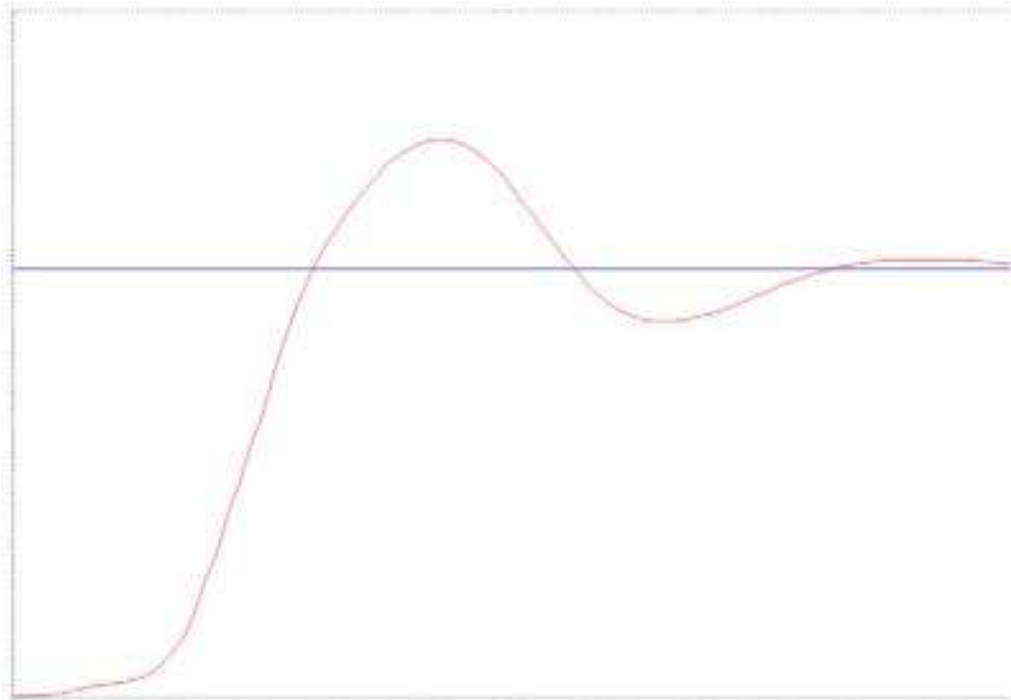
Step function response with Kp and Ti too small

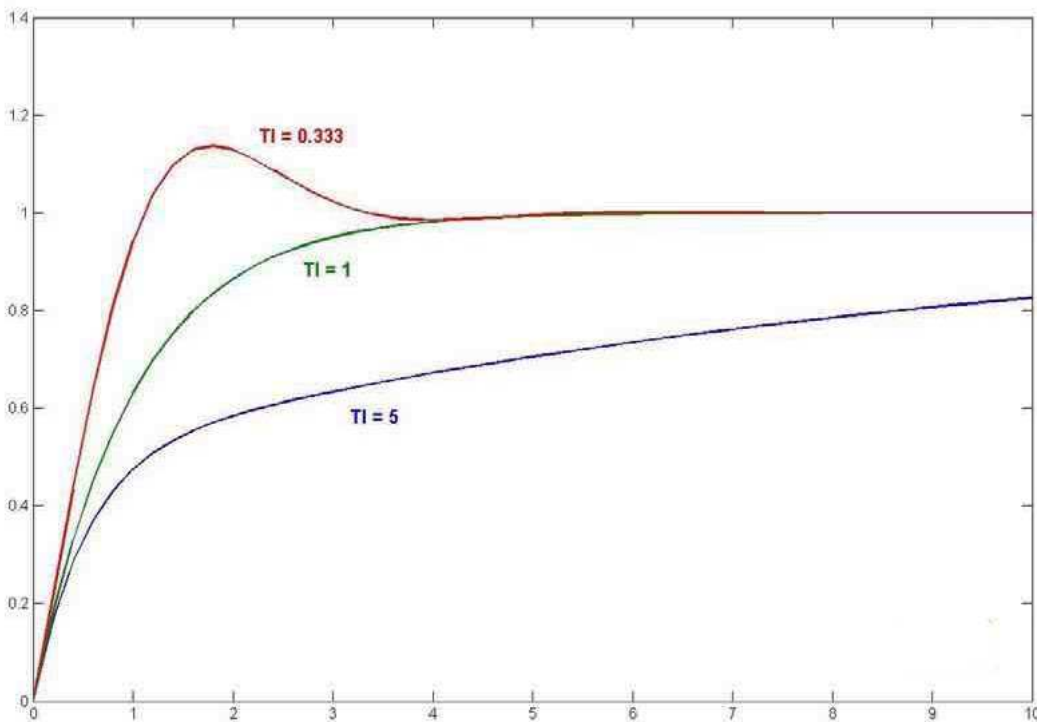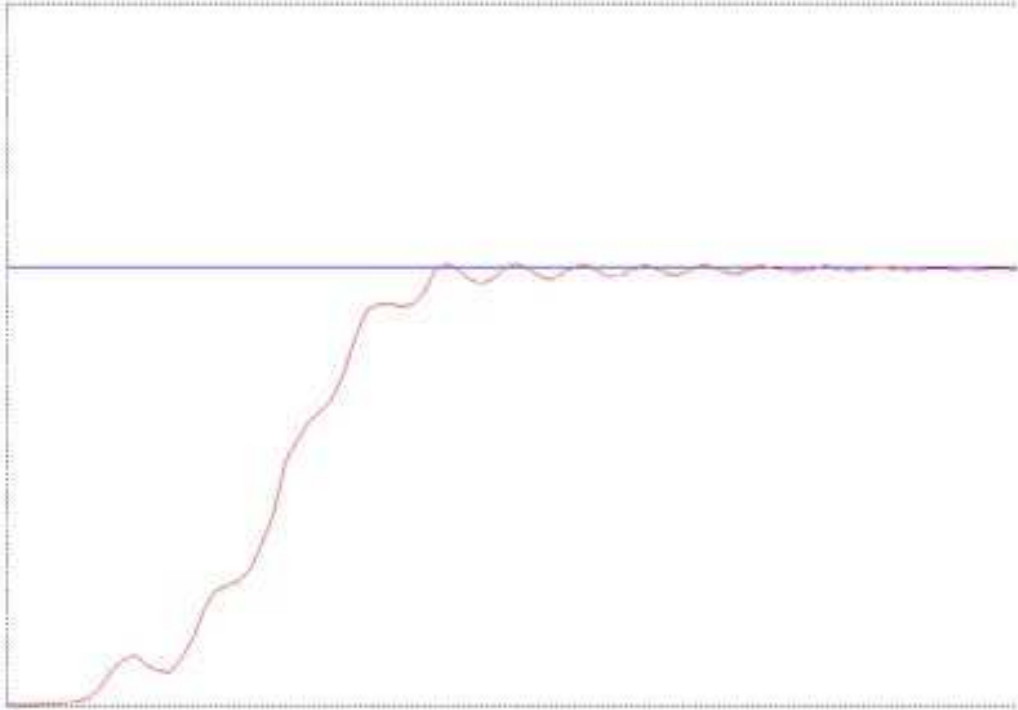# 9.   PWMutil Software
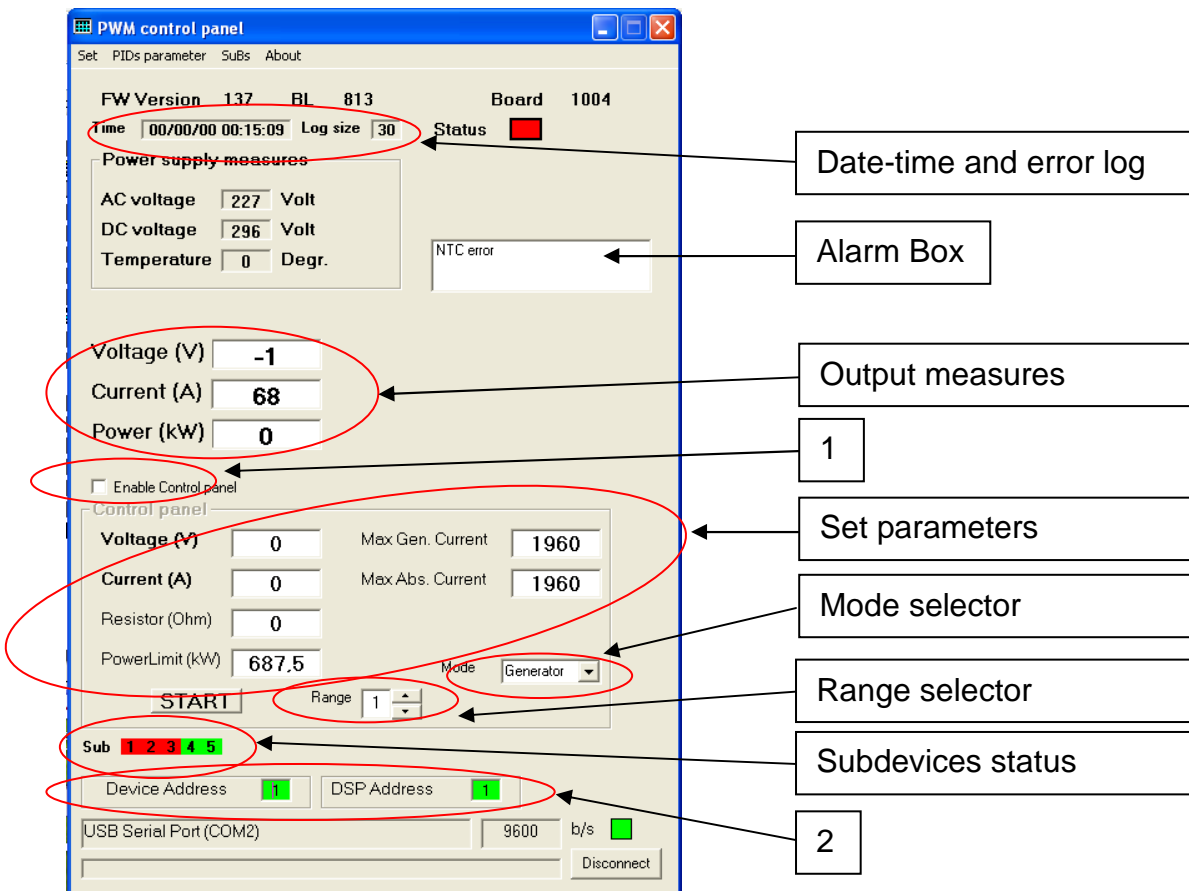
The "PWMutil" software is compatible with WINDOWS XP systems and allows to set up some important parameters of the power supply; it must be installed on a suitable PC and executed.

Such software is designed to set up the parameters of different equipment types we produce, therefore it's possible that are displayed some parameters that have no function for this specific power supply.

Connection to a PC

The equipment must be connected to the PC trough the serial port of the console by means of the specific cable.

After the connection has been done and the program PWMutil is executed, the following mask will appear:

By means of the menu "Set" it's possible to select the parameters for the serial link:
PC port and baud-rate. **In this case the baud-rate must be 9600**
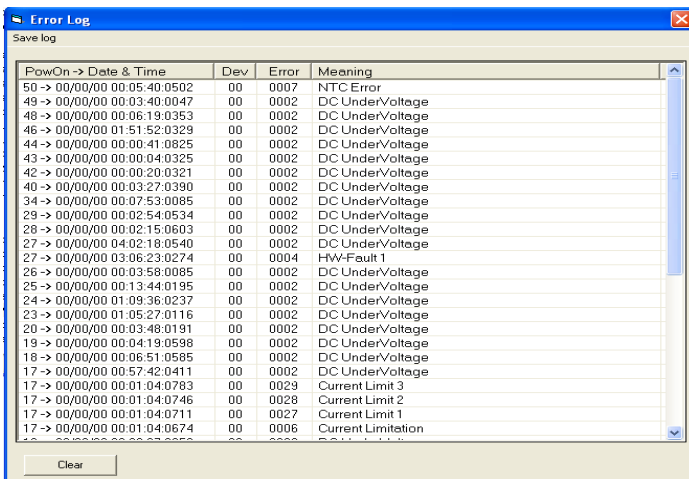
Enter the following parameters in position "2":
- "Device Address":   serial address of the power supply
- "DSP Address":   serial address of the power module (**if more power modules are present: 1 for module 1, 2 for module 2, etc..; in case of one module only, enter 1**)

Once the parameters have been set-up as shown above, push the button "Connect" to start the connection.
In this situation the mask will appear as shown above and it's possible:
- display the machine state with the readings of Output voltage, Output current, Output Power, AC mains voltage, DC BUS voltage, temperature of heat sink and the state of the alarms. With the RESET button it's possible to reset some stored alarms.
- In quadrant 1 appear the box "Enabe control panel", if checked is possible to set parameter in the appropriate boxes. **In this mode the front panel indicate always OFF and all other controls (front panel, analog input, ecc)** are disabled.
- Set the device Date and Time by double-click on "Time" numbers.
- If there are errors stored in the error log, show the error log by double-click on error log number.

Each row shows:
PowerOn: a counter incremented oh each power-on of the device.
Date and Time: Internal date and time (start from 0 on each power-on, can be set as described above.
Dev: Reserved for future use.
Error: Error code.
Meaning: error code meaning.

It is also possible to save the log on a file.
By pressing the CLEAR button, the log can be deleted.

- Mode selector: use of the internal reference generator or external reference "booster mode" as described in 6.4
- Range selector: allows to select the working scale (present only in 2 scale devices).
- Subdevices status: in some devices indicate the number of power modules (5 in this case) and which of them are ONLINE (4 & 5 in this example).

By means of the menu button "PIDs parameter" to step into the next mask where the PWM parameters are shown and could eventually be changed.
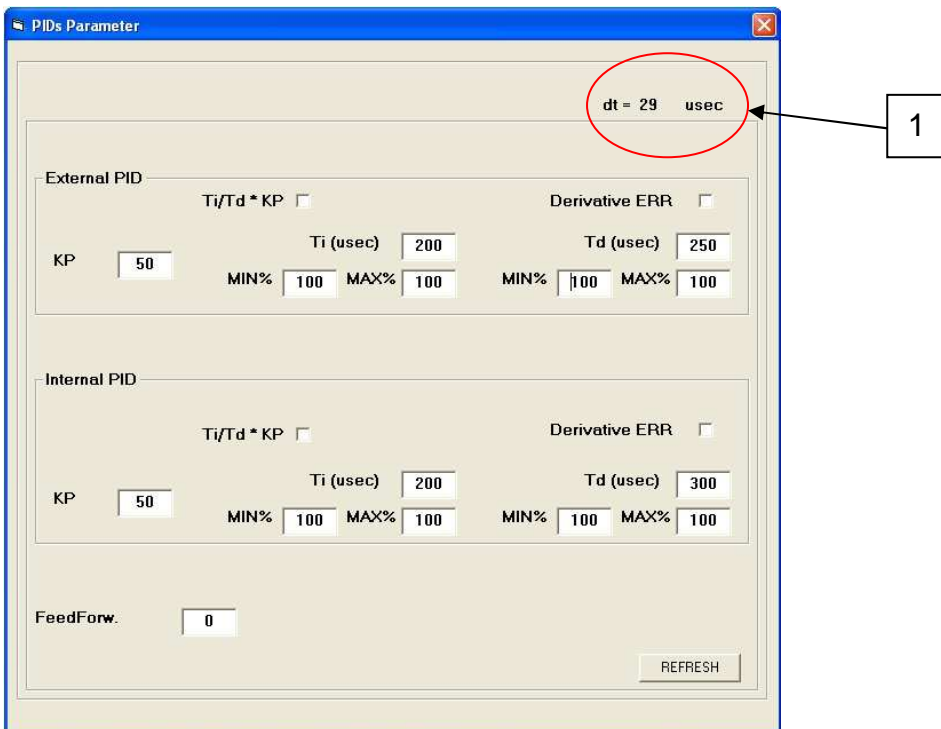
The sampling timing "dt" is shown at point "1".
In order to change any parameter just overwrite it and press ENTER on the keyboard.
The button "REFRESH" provides an over-reading of the parameters stored in the memory module.

Warning: in case of more power modules, the regulation parameters must be the same for each module.

Subdevices menù

In some devices, the main menu has "SUBs" page:
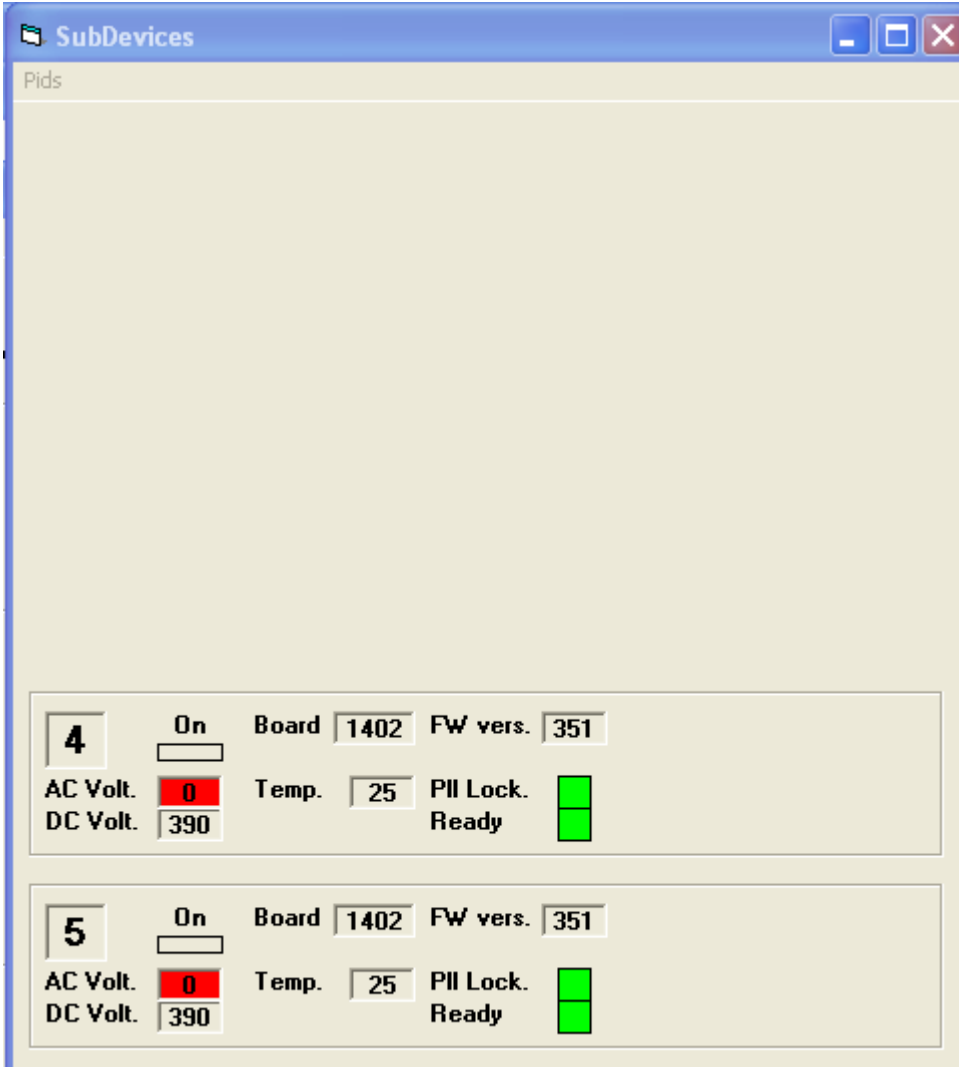
There are status indication, temperature and voltages for each one (only the online).

By click on the "Pids" menu in this page:
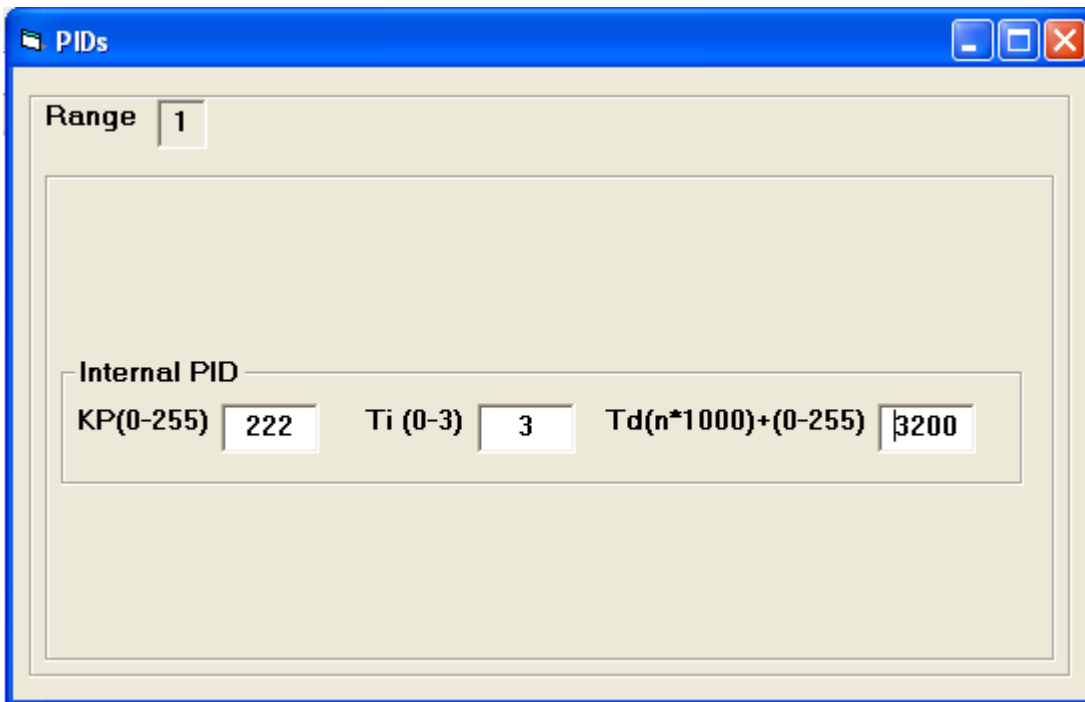
Here is possible to change the PID parameters, for all subdevices in the same time.
If there are parameter difference between Subs, due to communication error or by
individual setting using "APWM" utility, the value background is RED and by doubleclick
on the field, the individual value are shown. Writing a value should solve the issue.

10. AL Manager software

The "AL Manager" software allows total control of up to 32 power supplies AL3000 series.

10.1 Software installation
The "AL Manager" software is compatible with Windows XP, Windows Vista, Windows 7, Windows 8 in both 32bit and 64bit versions. It is supplied in a single install package.
The installation is simple. Just click on the install package, accept the license agreement terms and select the install path.

Note: Some operating systems can request to confirm the software installation. Simply press on **Continue** or **OK** button when the alert message appear.

Note: ZENONE ELETTRONICA disclaims any liability for incompatibilities or conflicts with other software and operating systems.

Note: Some operating systems maybe need to run software with the Administrator Rights.

10.2 Run software

Click on the AL Manager icon on desktop or in the Start Menu to run software after the installation.

At the first start, the software shows the language select window. Choose the language and click on the **OK** button.
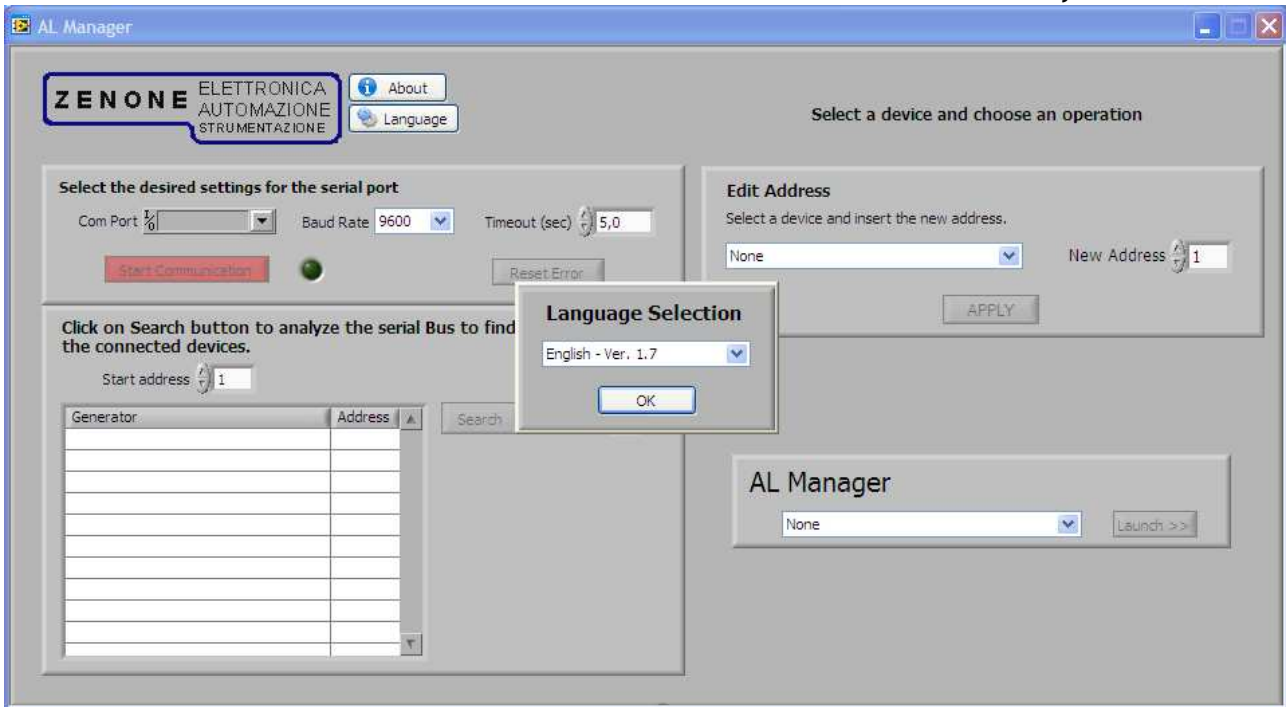
English and **Italian** language is directly integrated into the install package. Other languages can be available in the future. Each language refers a file which contains all strings used by software and has a version number. For the AL Manager v1.3 language version **1.7** or greater is required.

The new language is directly applied without software restart.

To change language other times press Language button in the top of the window.

To connect to AL serial port a serial cable is needed. For information about cable and connection refer to **External Connection** section.

Select a **Com Port** from top down menu. If com port is not listed, select **Refresh** and click again on the field. Now the port maybe appears in the list. Set baud rate to **9600bps** and timeout to **5sec**. If connection appears instable or have more delay, try to increase timeout.

After this setting, the **Start Communication** button becomes active. Press the button to connect to the serial port. A green indicator on the right informs that the communication has started. The communication could be started and stopped without any problem independently from the number of control instances currently opened.

When connect to first time, software start to search the connected devices on the serial bus and show in the list name, S/N and address of the founded generators. Up to **32 devices** could be connected and used with this software with single Com Port.

Note: More than one kind of generators could be founded in this operation, but only AL could be used with this software.

It is possible to start manually search of generators by simply clicking on **Search** button near the list. During searching that button become **Stop** and, if pressed, stop the search. In the **Start address** field is possible to set from which address start searching and the **Actual** field show the address actually scanned.
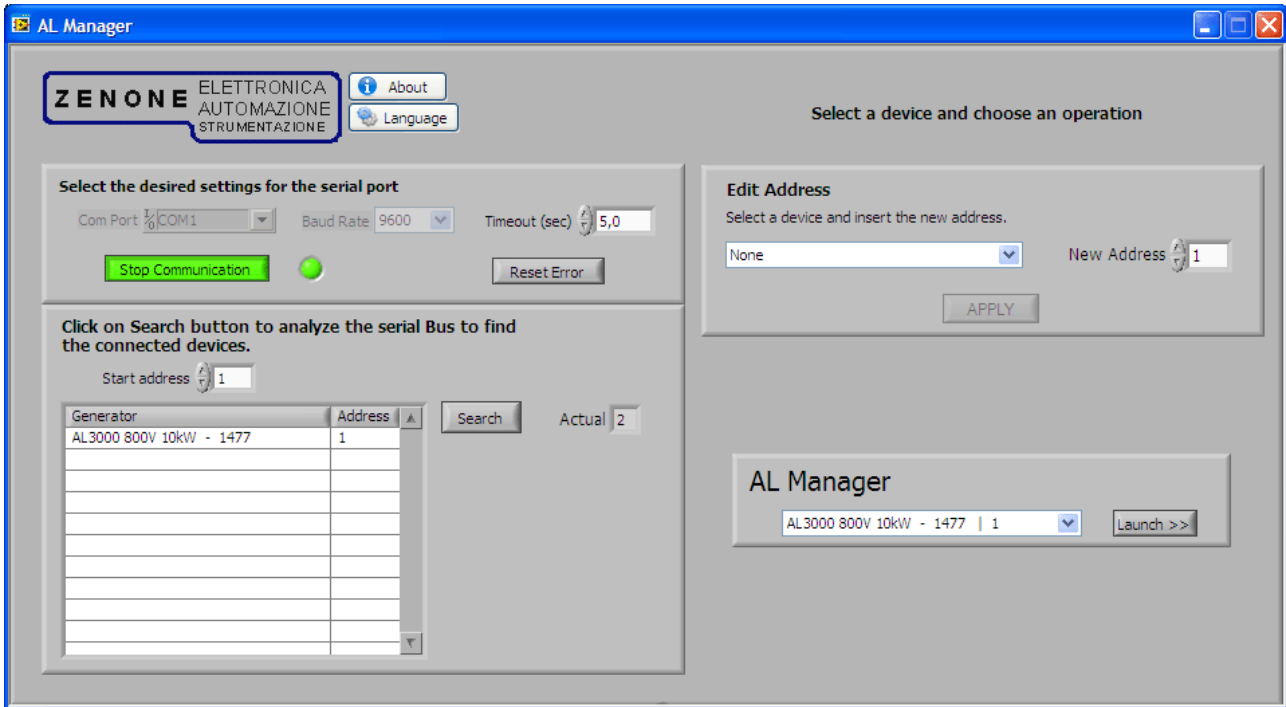
10.3 Change address

After scan it is possible to choose the founded generators from the top down menu on the left. **Edit Address** section allow to change the address to AL. Simply select the generator from the menu, set **new address** and click on **Appl**y button. After operation a popup inform that the operation is completed and automatically restart search.

Note: If there is more than one generator on the serial bus with the same address, no one is recognized during search. Ensure that all generator connected to the bus have different address. Is possible to connect generator one by one to the bus and change it address in as described here.

14.4 Remote control

Now is possible to launch the control software. Select the generator from the menu in the **AL Manager** section and press **Launch >>** button.
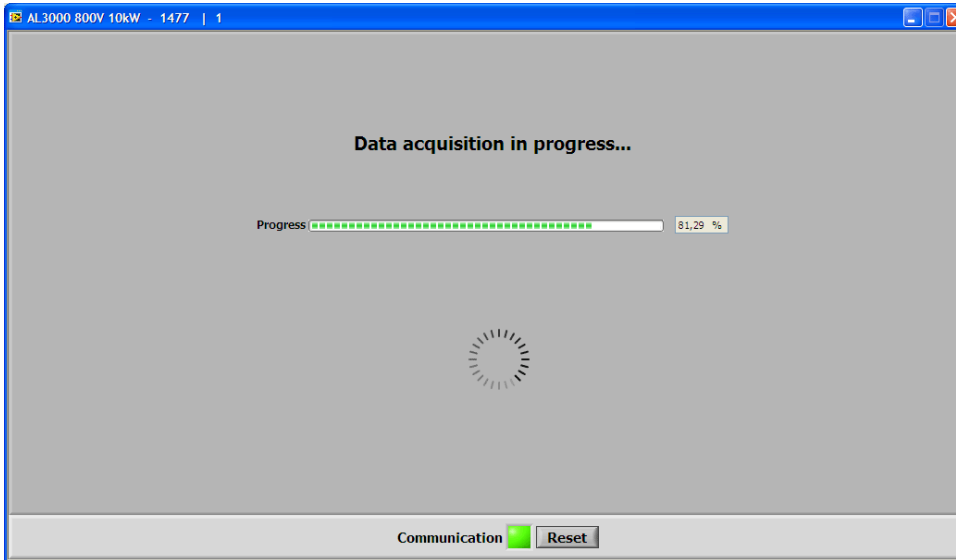
A new window is open and software starts to acquire data from the AL to configure all software parameters and option.

At the end of this step the main window of the manager appear.
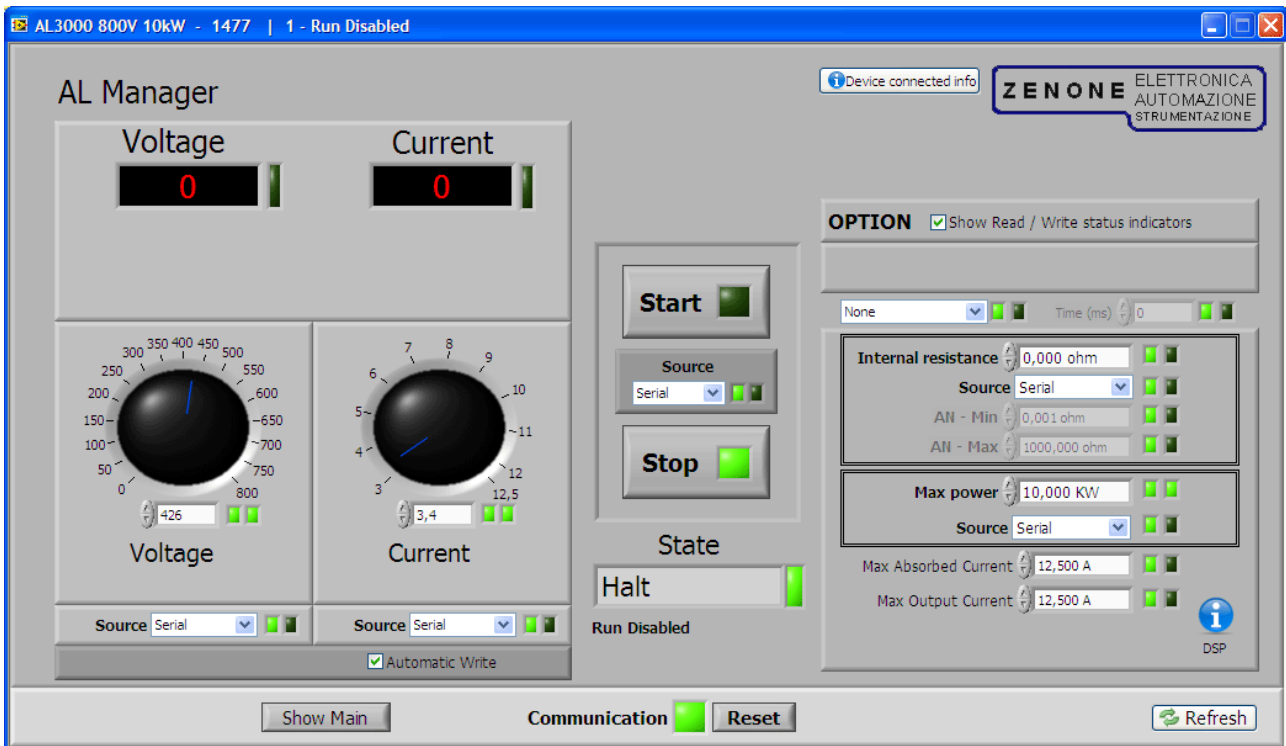
On the title bar appear the name, serial number, address and various operating mode and state of the AL. This is important when several generator are connected and used simultaneously because allow to identify correct instance directly from the name.

Voltage and **Current** red field show the value of the generator output. The on-screen knob allow to set voltage and current if the relative **Source** is set to **Serial**. Check the option **Automatic Write** to apply new value directly when move the knob. If this option

is unchecked, for apply the new value, click in the numeric field under knob and press **Enter**. This function is active too when Automatic Write is enabled.
When the source is set to **Panel** or **Analog Input (AI)** the knob and the field is disabled.

The **Start** and **Stop** button works in the same way. Only when the **Source** is defined **Serial** is possible to start and stop from AL Manager. Other options are from **Panel** or via **Digital input**.

State Field shows the status of the AL. Possible indications are:
- **Halt**: AL is in stop mode;
- **Running**: AL is running ;
- **Fail**: Error or malfunction.

Under this box could be present some additional description like:
- **Run disabled**: An external enable signals is not present. AL cannot start;
- **Slave mode**: AL is in Slave mode, which mean that is connected and driving by another Master AL. In this mode no operation is allow, and AL manager only show the status and the output value. All command are disabled;
- **Current mode**: AL is running in Current Control Mode;
- **Power Limitation Mode**: Al is running in Power limitation;

This description and status is reported in the title bar too.

The **Device Connected Info** buttons show a window with different information about AL such as FW version, Serial number and DSP Firmware Version.

Near each field or control there are one or two green indicators that show the status of reading or writing operation for those parameters. When indicator is on the read or write is done successfully. For hide this indicators uncheck the option **Show Read/Write Status Indicator**.

Is possible to set two kind of erogation: **Normal** and a **Linear Ramp**. To set normal mode set None in the ramp field. AL instantaneously gives the settled voltage to the output. If **Linear Ramp** is selected AL will reach the settled voltage in the settled **Time (ms)**.

Is possible to set an internal resistance in the range **0÷1000mOhm**. For this value is possible to define the source of reference. If serial is selected, the value can be directly inserted by Al Manager. If **0ohm** is settled, no resistance is applied on the AL. In the other way is possible to drive this value from analog input, and in this case, is possible to define the operating range of the analog input. **AN-min** and **AN-max** field set respectively the minimum and maximum resistance correspond to minimum and maximum voltage value on the analog input. This field is only editable when Source is defined like analog input.

Max Power field allow setting a limit for the power generated by AL. The range go from zero to maximum power of the AL. Source option allow to give this value from **Serial**, **analog input** or to set it to **Max**.

Max Absorbed Current set the current limit when the AL is in regeneration mode.
Max Output Current set the limit of the output current.

Note: Simply click Enter in all numeric fields to apply the value. The right green indicator turn on when write success.

DSP button open a window that show the status of the DSP controller of the AL. In it is possible to see a more detailed explanation of alarm and errors, version of the DSP firmware and current operating status.
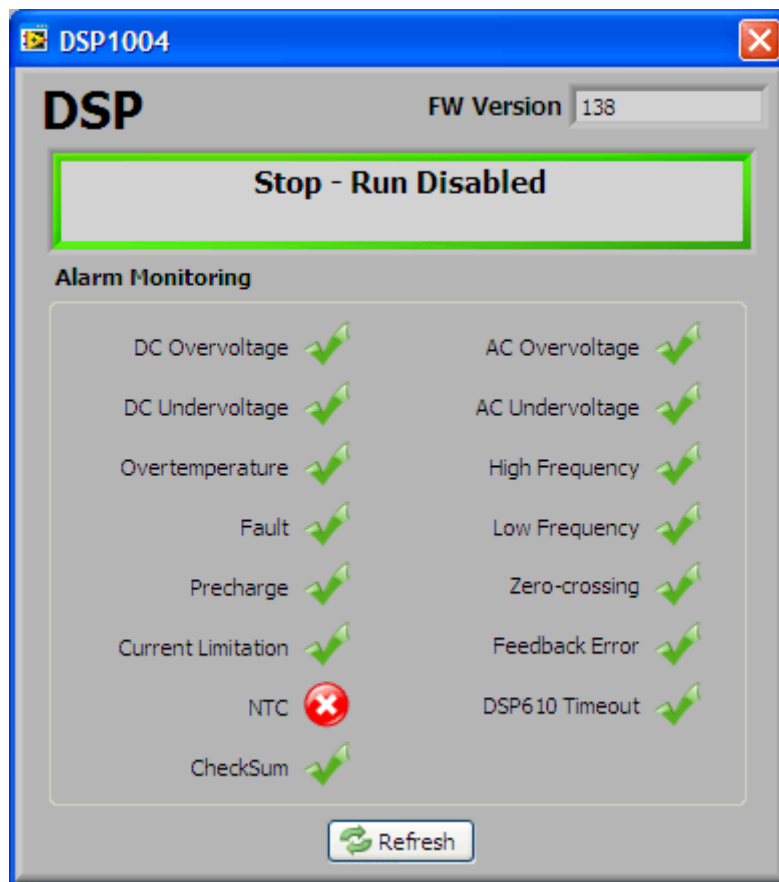
A description of that error could be finding in the **Error and Fault Signals** Section.

Show Main button show the start window of the AL manager.

Communication indicator shows the status of communication with AL. If green is OK but if it is red could be some communication error that could be fixed pressing **Reset** button.

Refresh button allow to read all parameters in window in a single time. Is possible to call this function with F5 button too.

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11. Communication protocol

Communication protocol

It's possible to communicate with the device (send commands and get replies) by means of the RS485 serial interface, according to a half-duplex communication protocol.
The settings of the communication port is:

Device address:	from 1 to 32	(assigned with appropriate software)
Baud-rate:	9600 b/s	
Number of bits:	8	
Stop bit:	1	
Parity:	None	

Each command and each reply are preceded by a start (STX) and the address (IND) of the device we intend to communicate with, followed by a stop (ETX) and a checksum (CKSUM) for the data correctness verification.

STX	IND	Command or reply	ETX	CKSUM

STX	=	Start character, Hexadecimal value 0x02
IND	=	Device address, added to the hexadecimal value 0x80 (ex. Address 1 = character 0x81)
ETX	=	Stop character, Hexadecimal value 0x03
CKSUM	=	Control checksum, it's a character sum of all characters of the command, Inclusive of STX and ETX characters, module 256.

Each command that carries a parameter receives a reply with a result character (**ESI**) that can have the following values:

"0" = Command executed.
"1" = Command not executed.

General information commands and device options

Device serial number request

Command		Reply		
0x10	**"S"**	**0x10**	**"S"**	Serial number

Device firmware version request

Command		Reply		
0x10	**"F"**	**0x10**	**"F"**	Firmware version

Device name request

Command		Reply		
0x10	**"N"**	**0x10**	**"N"**	Device name

Request and setting device setup mode

Command		Reply		
0x10	**"M"**	**0x10**	**"M"**	Setup mode

Command			Reply		
0x11	**"M"**	Setup mode setting	**0x11**	**"M"**	**ESI**

"0"	Setup and start from panel
"1"	
"2"	
"3"	
"4"	Setup and external start

Note: In case of remote mode (look at appropriate command 0x15 "M"), this command has effect only for the start.

Commands for test main setup

Request and setting voltage value

Command					
0x12	"M"	IDX			

Reply if IDX ok

0x12	"M"	IDX	UMIS	Voltage value *

Reply if IDX not ok

0x12	"M"	ESI

Command					Reply		
0x13	"M"	IDX	UMIS	Voltage value *	0x13	"M"	ESI

IDX	= 0x81 (Fixed value)

UMIS	= "1" (Fixed value)

* For the allowed ranges refer to equipment specifications

Request and setting current value

Command		
0x12	"E"	IDX

Reply if DX OK

0x12	"E"	IDX	UMIS	Current value *

Reply if IDX not OK

0x12	"E"	ESI

Command					Reply		
0x13	"E"	IDX	UMIS	Current value *	0x13	"E"	ESI

IDX	= 0x81 (Fixed value)

UMIS	= "1" (fixed value) Ampere

* For the allowed ranges refer to equipment specifications

Request and sending Range

Command				
0x12	**"W"**			

Reply				
0x12	**"W"**	**IDX**	Range "1" or "2"

Command			
0x13	**"W"**	**IDX**	Range "1" or "2"

Reply		
0x13	**"W"**	**ESI**

IDX	= 0x81 (Fixed value)

Request and setting maximum power value

Command	
0x12	**"X2"**

Reply		
0x12	**"X2"**	Power

Command		
0x13	**"X2"**	Power

Reply	
0x13	**ESI**

Power is in Watt from: 0 to Full Scale.

Request and setting internal resistance

Command	
0x12	**"X1"**

Reply		
0x12	**"X1"**	Resistor

Command		
0x13	**"X1"**	Resistor

Reply	
0x13	**ESI**

Resistor is in Ohm from: 0.001 to 1000

Request end sending RAMP timing

Command		
0x12	"T"	IDX

Reply if IDX OK

0x12	"T"	IDX	UMIS	RAMP timing (ms)

Reply if IDX not OK

0x12	"T"	ESI

Command						Reply		
0x13	"T"	IDX	UMIS	RAMP timing (milliseconds)		0x13	"T"	ESI

IDX	= 0x81 (Fixed value)

UMIS	= "0" (Fixed value)

Request and sending Ramp mode

Command		
0x12	"R"	IDX

Reply if IDX OK

0x12	"R"	IDX	Mode

Reply if IDX not OK

0x12	"R"	ESI

Command					Reply		
0x13	"R"	IDX	Mode		0x13	"R"	ESI

IDX	= 0x81 (Fixed Value)

Mode

"0"	No ramp
"1"	Linear ramp

Commands for reading the actual values

Reading the actual state

Command			Reply		
0x14	**"E"**		**0x14**	**"E"**	State or test result

Test state

"0"	Halt
"1"	Running
"2"	
"3"	
"4"	
"5"	
"6"	Fail (failure or malfunction)
"7"	
"A"	

Reading the actual voltage

Command			Reply			
0x14	**"M"**		**0x14**	**"M"**	UMIS	Actual value

UMIS

"0"		Millivolt
"1"		Volt

Reading the actual current

Command			Reply			
0x14	**"S"**		**0x14**	**"S"**	UMIS	Actual value

UMIS

"0"	Millivolt	Milliampere
"1"	Volt	Ampere

Reading the remote connection state

Command		Reply		
0x14	"L"	0x14	"L"	Connection state

Connection state

"L"	Not ACTIVE
"R"	Active

Test Start and Stop commands

Enables remote mode

Command			Reply		
0x15	"M"	Mode	0x15	"M"	ESI

Remote mode

"L"	Not active
"R"	Active

In "Remote" mode the output values are defined via SERIAL link. The start can be given from SERIAL link or from PANEL/EXTERNAL according to the appropriate command (0x11 "M").

Supply start

Command		Reply		
0x15	"R"	0x15	"R"	ESI

Note: It's possible to start the supply only if in remote mode and start from selected PANEL/EXTERNAL.
The positive result of the command means that it was accepted but, in order to be sure the start has taken place, it's necessary to read the device state (Command 14E).

Supply stop

Command		Reply		
0x15	"S"	0x15	"S"	ESI

Note: It's possible to stop the supply only if in remote mode and stop from selected PANEL/EXTERNAL.
The positive result of the command means that it was accepted but, in order to be sure the stop has taken place, it's necessary to read the device state (Command 14E).

Address assignment

Command			Reply		
0x15	"A"	IND	0x15	"A"	ESI

Request and setting reference sources.

Command				Reply			
0x20	"C"	RIF		0x20	"C"	RIF	SRC

Reply if RIF not OK

0x20	"C"	ESI

Command				Reply			
0x21	"C"	RIF	SRC	0x21	"C"	ESI	RIF2

Reference values and associated source

RIF		SRC			
		"0"	"1"	"2"	"3"
"0"	Voltage	Pot. 1	Input AN1	From serial	Booster
"1"	Current	Pot. 2	Input AN2	From serial	---------------
"2"	Source of START	Panel	Input IN1	From serial	---------------
"3"	Not used	Pot. 2	Input AN2	From serial	---------------
"4"	RESISTANCE reference	Fixed 0 ohm	Input IN1	From serial	---------------
"5"	POWER LIMITATION reference	Fixed MAX	Input AN2	From serial	---------------

Note: This command **ESI** can take also value "2". In this case means that SRC you want to use is already used by the reference RIF2. The command is NOT accepted in "Running" status.