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Original Instructions

EGCP-3 LS 8406-113 Revision L

Explanation of Software Changes Made for the EGCP-3 LS Control



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Important Definitions



This is the safety alert symbol. It is used to alert you to potential personal injury hazards. Obey all safety messages that follow this symbol to avoid possible injury or death.

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- **NOTICE**—Indicates a hazard that could result in property damage only (including damage to the control).
- **IMPORTANT**—Designates an operating tip or maintenance suggestion.

MARNING

Overspeed /
Overtemperature /
Overpressure

The engine, turbine, or other type of prime mover should be equipped with an overspeed shutdown device to protect against runaway or damage to the prime mover with possible personal injury, loss of life, or property damage.

The overspeed shutdown device must be totally independent of the prime mover control system. An overtemperature or overpressure shutdown device may also be needed for safety, as appropriate.

MARNING

Personal Protective Equipment The products described in this publication may present risks that could lead to personal injury, loss of life, or property damage. Always wear the appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) for the job at hand. Equipment that should be considered includes but is not limited to:

- Eye Protection
- Hearing Protection
- Hard Hat
- Gloves
- Safety Boots
- Respirator

Always read the proper Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) for any working fluid(s) and comply with recommended safety equipment.



Start-up

Be prepared to make an emergency shutdown when starting the engine, turbine, or other type of prime mover, to protect against runaway or overspeed with possible personal injury, loss of life, or property damage.



Automotive Applications On- and off-highway Mobile Applications: Unless Woodward's control functions as the supervisory control, customer should install a system totally independent of the prime mover control system that monitors for supervisory control of engine (and takes appropriate action if supervisory control is lost) to protect against loss of engine control with possible personal injury, loss of life, or property damage.

NOTICE

Battery Charging Device To prevent damage to a control system that uses an alternator or battery-charging device, make sure the charging device is turned off before disconnecting the battery from the system.

Electrostatic Discharge Awareness

NOTICE

Electrostatic Precautions

Electronic controls contain static-sensitive parts. Observe the following precautions to prevent damage to these parts:

- Discharge body static before handling the control (with power to the control turned off, contact a grounded surface and maintain contact while handling the control).
- Avoid all plastic, vinyl, and Styrofoam (except antistatic versions) around printed circuit boards.
- Do not touch the components or conductors on a printed circuit board with your hands or with conductive devices.

To prevent damage to electronic components caused by improper handling, read and observe the precautions in Woodward manual 82715, Guide for Handling and Protection of Electronic Controls, Printed Circuit Boards, and Modules.

Follow these precautions when working with or near the control.

- Avoid the build-up of static electricity on your body by not wearing clothing made of synthetic materials. Wear cotton or cotton-blend materials as much as possible because these do not store static electric charges as much as synthetics.
- 2. Do not remove the printed circuit board (PCB) from the control cabinet unless absolutely necessary. If you must remove the PCB from the control cabinet, follow these precautions:
 - Do not touch any part of the PCB except the edges.
 - Do not touch the electrical conductors, the connectors, or the components with conductive devices or with your hands.
 - When replacing a PCB, keep the new PCB in the plastic antistatic
 protective bag it comes in until you are ready to install it. Immediately
 after removing the old PCB from the control cabinet, place it in the
 antistatic protective bag.

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Explanation of Software Changes Made for the EGCP-3 LS Control

General

Woodward is releasing application software **5418-144K.SCP** for upgrading existing EGCP-3 controls in the field. This application note describes the changes made in the software and the process to upgrade the software in the control.



The software can be used to upgrade these existing controls:

- 8406-113 B, C, D, E, F, G, H, J, or K can be upgraded.
- The new unit part number will be 8406-113 Rev L.
- This converts software 5418-144 A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, or J to 5418-144 K.

Description of Software Changes

1. Improved Power Factor sharing with Voltage Trim on isolated systems. A few EGCP-3 installations were experiencing an issue where the EGCP-3 would no longer maintain the correct voltage reference after some time. The issue was the result of the voltage trim and power factor control being active at the same time. It was possible that after some time the voltage trim function might reach its limit and no longer be able to influence the voltage, possibly letting the bus voltage of the system drift outside of the programmable limit.

A change was made to this algorithm so that these two functions are no longer independent. The voltage trim creates an offset that is fed into the Power Factor control function, resulting in only one control that will both try to load share and keep the voltage at the correct level.

- Corrected an issue on the EGCP-3 display that showed Manual when the unit was ramping into load sharing on an isolated bus.
 Now when a second unit closes on to an isolated bus, the display shows PF Control during the ramp period and then PF Share when the ramp is completed.
- 3. When switching from PF control to Manual, the voltage bias no longer resets to zero.

In the 5418-144 Rev J software, when the discrete input for Voltage Control was opened, the voltage bias would reset to zero. This could cause a bump in the system. Now it freezes where it was, and the user can adjust it up or down manually.

4. Corrected an issue which sometimes caused the start sequence to hang up and not start the synchronizer, when Start Sequencing was Disabled.

If the synchronizer had been started by closing Auto and Run, but then the Auto and Run were opened before the generator breaker had a chance to close, the EGCP-3 would wait for the generator to stop before the synchronizer could be enabled again. Now this sequence is reset, and as long as the unit does not have a shutdown alarm, the synchronizer sequence can be started and stopped again and again.

5. Fixed a load mode issue where a single unit was running in the Process Slave mode. If the Auto input were opened on this unit, it would not soft unload and open the breaker.

This issue was corrected and now the last unit on the bus in the Process Slave mode will soft unload from the bus when the Auto input is opened.

6. The External LS Tie (bus-to-bus) synchronizing feature is blocked on a unit operating in the manual voltage control mode.

When the Raise and Lower discrete inputs were closed to change the voltage bias, this would enable the bus-to-bus synchronizing feature, and the control would try to change the bus voltage of all units on-line.

7. During operation, if the kVAR on the unit reaches or exceeds the Rated kVAR, then the EGCP-3 switches to manual voltage control and the voltage bias will stop.

Previously, if the limits were reached, the control mode switched to Manual, and in some cases would remain in manual even if the voltage problem were corrected.

8. Changed the System Rotation Variable to always True, CW (ABC), in the First Time Config Menu.

This setting is only used to change the direction of rotation used to measure the Negative Phase Sequence reading. If this setting was changed to CCW, it would not compensate for the rotation in the power and power factor calculations, so these would be incorrect. So to avoid confusion, this item is no longer allowed to be set to CCW from the Watch Window software. It is still possible to adjust this value from the Front Panel, although it is recommended to always leave this value in the CW setting.

9. Rescaled the Synchronizer Gain setting.

Some customers were operating with a very low gain setting below 0.01, which is difficult to adjust with Watch Window. If upgrading from Rev J software, the Synch Gain setting is now 10 times greater. For example, if the Rev J setting was 0.03, the new Rev K setting should be 0.3. For Revisions H and earlier, the new setting is 5 times greater (that is, if Rev H = 0.03, new Rev K setting should be 0.15).

10. Added the Voltage Control Derivative Ratio setting to the Service menu.

In the Reactive Load Control Menu, item 26 VAR/PF Derivative Ratio is new. This item can only be adjusted from Watch Window, not from the front panel.

In previous versions, this value was set to 100. This item is tuned opposite of the Gain and Integral Gain because it is a ratio. A setting of 100 is very little derivative. A setting of 1 is maximum derivative. Then a setting of 0.01 is again very little derivative.

11. Added the Process Slave Gain Scale Factor to the Service menu. In the Real Load Control Menu, item 32 PROC SLAVE GAIN SCALE is new. This item can only be adjusted from Watch Window, not from the front panel.

Some customers were having trouble when tuning stable load sharing response when the generators ran isolated, and then keeping good response when the generators were running in the Process Slave mode, while listening to an EGCP-3 MC control. Previously the Load Share Gain in the Real Load Control menu was used for both modes. Now whenever the unit goes into the Process Slave mode, the Proc Slave Gain Scale can be adjusted for better response. This item is a multiplier on the Load Share Gain, so a value of 1 is no difference. Values below 1 will reduce the gain in this mode, and values above 1 will increase the gain.

Compatibility with Existing Controls

The new software, 5418-144 K, will operate with all existing EGCP-3 controls.

Download Instructions

This section provides instructions for downloading the 5418144K.SCP software needed to upgrade the 8406-113.



Loading the Application software may change some or all of the Configuration setpoints. These setpoints should be saved to a file before upgrading the unit.



An unsafe condition could occur with improper use of these software tools. Only trained personnel should have access to these tools.

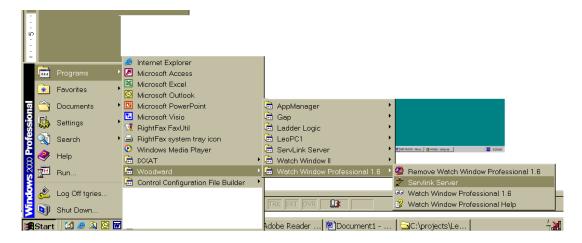
Requirements

- Nine pin DB9 Null Modem cable.
- Woodward Watch Window Professional Software. This program is available on the Woodward website at www.woodward.com) for a five day trial. A license can be purchased for extended use.

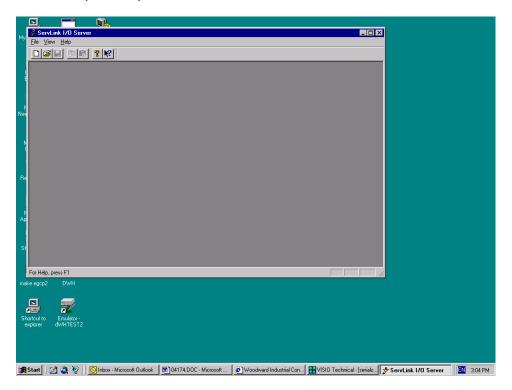
Instructions

Step 1. Establish a ServLink Connection

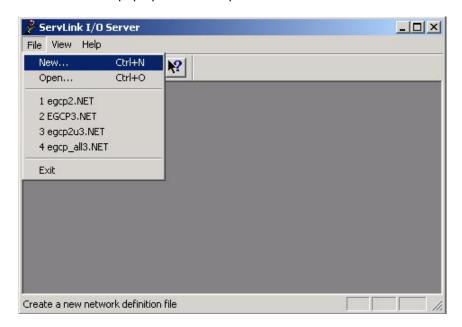
To run the Watch Window application, first click on the Start toolbar button in Windows desktop, then Programs, Woodward, Watch Window Standard version, and then click on the ServLink server as shown here.



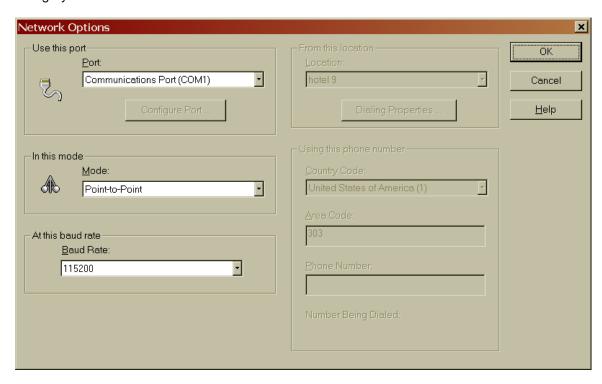
When you click once on the Icon, this screen will appear on the desktop. This is the Dialog Screen, where the type of communications you are using will be established prior to operation of the Watch Window software.



The first action to take inside the ServLink screen is to set up a new network definition file. Click once on $\underline{\mathbf{F}}$ ile, and then on $\underline{\mathbf{N}}$ ew as shown. The new network definition window will pop up on the computer screen.



This will open up the Network Options screen. This screen allows the user to configure the ServLink connection for serial com port, or modem. When a serial port is selected, the left side menus will be active and the right side menus will be grayed out.



The "Use This Port" box of this screen is used to select which communication port (COM) or modem will be used to communicate using RS-232 protocol to the control. Clicking on the drop down box will tell the ServLink software to scan the computer and list any communications ports which are not being used by other applications, that may be used for serial communications. If the port that is desired does not appear, most likely it is being used by some other application on the computer. Another port should be selected, or the application that was using the port should be stopped.

The next block down, "In this mode", is used to select either multidrop or point-to-point communications over the serial port. Point-to-point communications assumes that the computer will be communicating with only one control at the other end of the network. Point-to-point communications should be used only when the communications between the computer and the control are made in a direct fashion, (a null modem cable connected directly to the control).

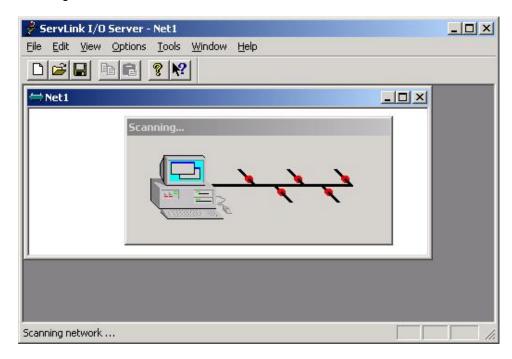
The advantage of using the point-to-point communications mode option is speed. Since the communications are only between the PC and one control, the ServLink software will scan for only one unit on the network. This takes less time than a multidrop communications mode, which scans for multiple controls on the network, regardless of how many units are actually connected to it.

Use the multidrop communications option any time there are two or more controls that require monitoring from the computer on the same network. This will require an RS-422 or RS-485 network configuration. For RS-232 only point-to-point is allowed. When downloading a new software application, only one unit can be connected to the computer at a time.

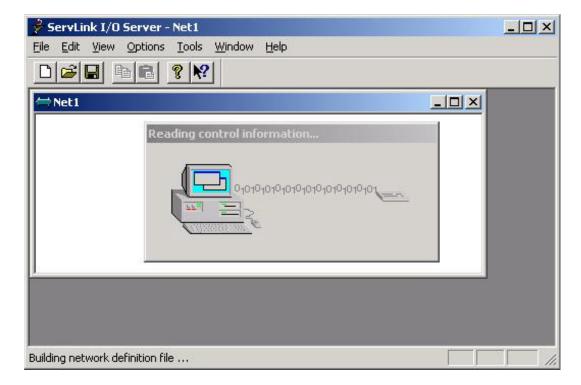
The next box down is the "At this baud rate" box. Different controls will operate at different baud rates. Please see the control manual to determine where the control baud rate is set. For example, EGCP-2 is 9600 (only), 2301 D is 38,400 (selectable), and EGCP-3 is 115,200 (selectable).

The boxes on the right hand side of the ServLink New File setup screen are normally turned "off" when the "Use This Port" box is configured for the COM ports of the computer. These boxes are used when the Modem option is selected in the "Use This Port" box.

When all the various communications options are selected in the ServLink screen, press the OK button. ServLink will automatically scan the network for active controls. This may take several minutes, depending on network configuration. Here is what the screen of the computer looks like when it is scanning the network for active controls:



When communications are established with the control network, the scanning screen will change to display that the ServLink software is reading the control information. That screen will look like this:



Once communications are established, and the data is read from the control network, the ServLink software will show each control it is communicating on the network by that control's network address. Here is a typical ServLink network definition screen for an EGCP-3.



If your network configuration is constant (neither the number of controls on the network nor the PC attached to the network will change), you may want to save the Network Definition File you have created for ServLink. To do this, click on the File button in the upper left hand window of ServLink. Select "Save As". A dialog window will pop up and ask you to name the new network definition file you have created. Typically, this file will be stored in the directory on the hard drive of the computer ServLink is operating from. The file name given to the network definition file will be given a ".net" extension. Once you have selected a file name, click on the OK button in the dialog box. This saves the network definition file you created.

Once you have created and saved the network definition file for ServLink, all you have to do in the future to run the definition file is open ServLink from the Programs Menu, and select <u>File</u>, and then <u>Open</u>. When Open is selected, a list will appear containing the network definition file you created. Select the desired network definition file, and ServLink will automatically select the necessary communications options defined by the file and establish a communications link with the EGCP-2 control network.

Now that ServLink has established a network connection, you may want to "minimize" the ServLink window by clicking on the Minimize button in the upper right hand of the ServLink Window. When you minimize an application, the software continues running, but the window is reduced to a button on the desktop toolbar. You can restore the application window to full size at any time by clicking on the reduced toolbar button for that software with the left mouse button.



Terminating ServLink will result in loss of communications with the network. The ServLink Network Definition file will have to be executed again to re-establish this link.

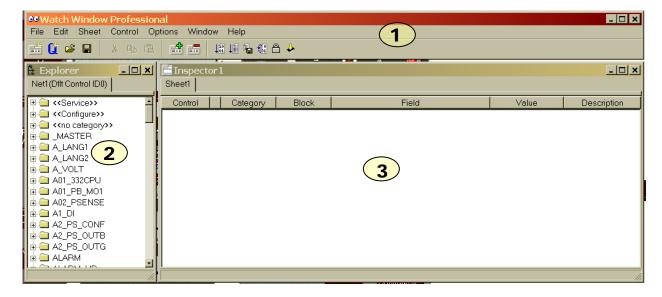
Step 2. Start the Watch Window Software

The Watch Window software adds the ability to monitor data from a computer. It also allows a user to save the control setpoints to a Tab delimited text file. The text file can then be printed, edited, and transferred into another control.

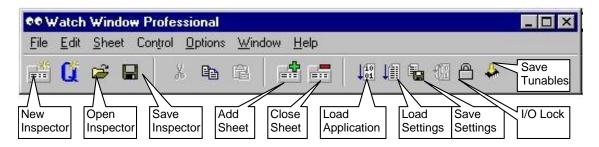
The Watch Window Software will not run unless the computer is communicating with at least one control. Once the ServLink Communication has been established, start the Watch Window program from the Windows toolbar Start button.



The Watch Window Professional software is comprised of three separate windows, each with a different function.



The Application Control window (1) is the main window for the software. It is used to manage the Explorer window (2) and the Inspector window (3). A tool bar is provided with icons to Open, close, and save Inspectors, and to upload and download the tunable setpoints.



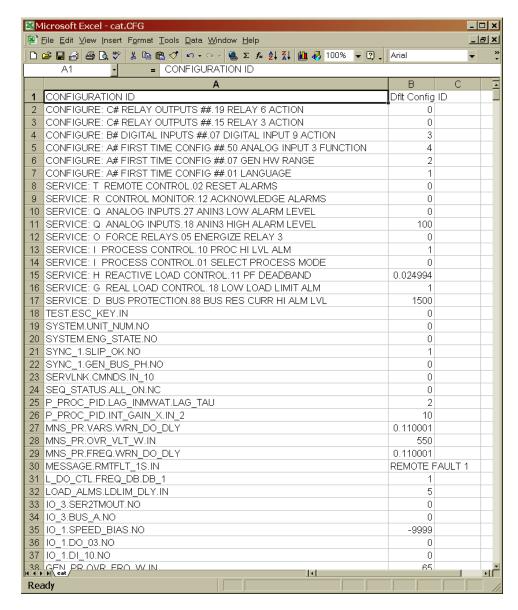
Step 3. Save the Control Setpoint File

After all of the setpoints have been entered, these settings can be saved to a file using the Watch Window Professional software.

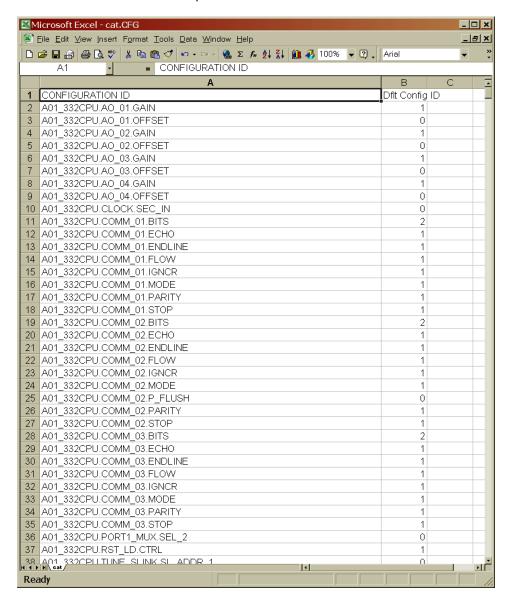


Click on the Save Application Settings icon in the Application Control window. A Windows Explorer box will appear to name the file and select a location for it. Then a status bar will appear updating the file transfer progress.

The format of this file is tab de-limited. Using a program like Microsoft Excel, this setpoint file can be sorted and edited. Two columns will be formed, one with the variable name and the other with the variable value.



This list can be sorted by clicking on the Data menu item; choose sort list by Configuration ID in ascending order. This list will show all of the adjustable variables of the control. There are two categories of variables that are important to the user. Many of these other variables are only needed for things like factory testing of the controls. The Service items and Configure items are the setpoints that would be described in the product manual

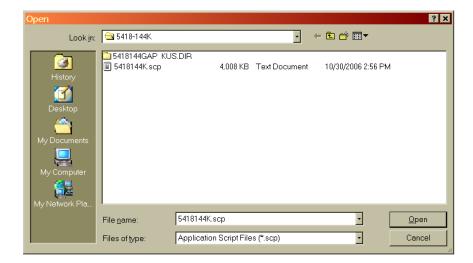


It is also possible to edit this file and transmit the edited settings into a control. When editing this file, only edit the second column of values. Do not change the Configuration ID column. ServLink and Watch Window software will only pass numeric values between the PC and the control. So, many text items such as the alarm setting will be expressed as a number 5, instead of the text Hard Shutdown.

Download the New Application Software



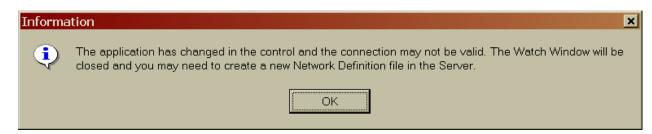
Click on the Save Application Settings icon in the Application Control window. A Windows Explorer box will appear and prompt the user for the file to load into the control. The 5418144J.SCP file should be selected.



After the Open button is pressed a warning box will appear that tells the user that the control inputs and outputs will be locked during the download. Hit the Yes button to continue. Then a status bar will appear updating the file transfer progress.



When the download is complete, another warning box will appear that tells the user, the ServLink Network Definition file will no longer be valid.



The new software is now loaded in the control. The EGCP-3 should go through a re-boot phase and after about 60 seconds, the screen should show valid data. The software can be verified by going to the password screen of the EGCP-3. On the bottom line of this display the software version is displayed. The software should now be 5418144K.

Step 4. Build a New Network Definition File with ServLink

The next step is to close both the Watch Window Professional application and the ServLink application.

Then re-open the ServLink application and repeat the process of building a Network Definition file that was described earlier in the Step 1 Establish a ServLink Connection section. This section of the procedure should be repeated.

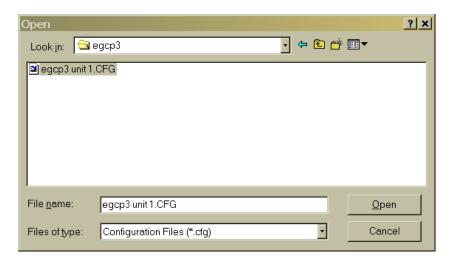
After this new file has been loaded from the EGCP-3, this file can be saved.

Step 5.Download the Previously Saved Application Settings



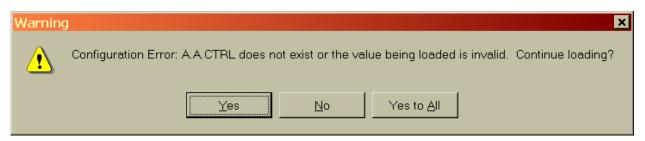
To load a setpoint file into a control, click on the Load Application Settings icon in the Application Control window. A warning box will appear that tells the user that the control inputs and outputs will be locked during the download. Hit the Yes button to go on.

Next a Windows Explorer box will appear to find the setpoint file that is to be transferred.

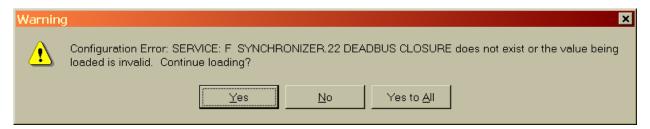


Then a status bar will appear updating the file transfer progress.

During the transfer some setpoint errors will occur. A message such as this will appear:



These configuration errors are the results of software changes in the control. The variables that were saved in the setpoint file of the previous version either no longer exist or have a different name in the new revision. Most of these are not important, however a few may be. For example the Deadbus Closure setting from the Synchronizer menu.



Depending on which revision was originally in the control, there may be several of these variables that can not be found. They can be verified one at a time by clicking the Yes button or all of them can be verified by clicking the Yes to All button. When the transfer is complete click on the Yes button to reset the control. Setpoint files can only be transferred when the unit is shut down.

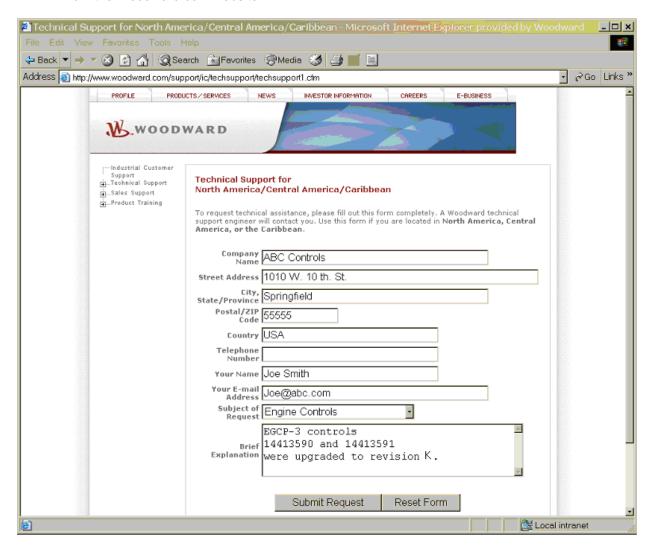
After the transfer is complete, **verify that the correct values have been entered into the control**. Because the software settings have changed between the revisions some settings may not have been entered correctly. Here are some suggestions for this.

- 1. The Synchronizer gain setting was changed, so if you are upgrading from an earlier revision, the synchronizer gain setting should be increased by 10 for Rev J and increased by 5 for Rev H and earlier, to have the same value. i.e. Rev J Sync Gain was 0.024 new setting should be 0.24. Rev E sync gain was 0.024 new setting should be 0.12.
- 2. The Engine Control menu. A new setting was added in Revision J, 20 Gen KW Hours (Ones). So all settings greater than 20 should be verified.
- 3. The Reactive Load Menu. A new setting was added in Revision J, 21 Volt Trim Deadband. So all settings greater than 21 should be verified.
- The Sequencing menu. Two new settings were added in Revision J, 31 LS
 Tie Sync Freq Gain and 32 LS Tie Sync Volt Gain. So all settings greater
 than 31 should be verified.

Once the settings have been confirmed the unit should now be ready for operation.

Step 6. Notify Woodward with the Control Serial Number for Record Keeping

We would appreciate to know when a control was upgraded in the field. Woodward keeps a history log of every control that is produced, by the serial number. Please record the serial number/s and send this information in an email from the Woodward.com website.



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