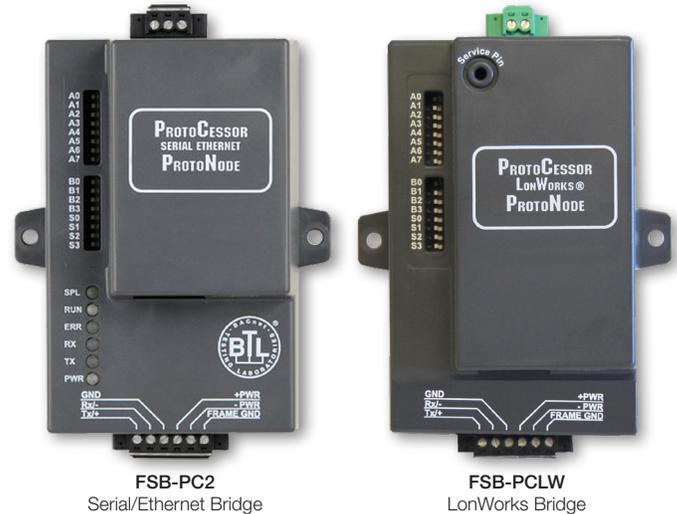


# BMS Communication Bridges

FSB-PC2 and FSB-PCLW



## Overview

The BMS Communication Bridges are ancillary devices that provide protocol translation between EST3, EST3X or VM control panel serial data and the serial or Ethernet input of an external device controller. Signal flow is typically one way — from the life safety panel to the network to the building automation system.

Two Communication Bridges are available. Each comes complete with the driver necessary to communicate over a single supported protocol.

**The FSB-PC2** is a multi-protocol bridge that converts the panel's External Communications Protocol (ECP) to any one of several supported protocols including Modbus RTU, BACnet MSTP and Metasys N2. It operates over RS-232 or RS-485 serial communications or Ethernet (10/100 Base-T).

**The FSB-PCLW** is a single-protocol bridge that converts the panel's External Communications Protocol (ECP) to LonWorks only.

## Standard Features

- **Links EST3, EST3X or VM with building management system**  
Sends events to a BMS system via serial or Ethernet connection, helping to reduce interface hardware costs
- **Supplied with field protocols, Modbus, BACnet and Metasys**  
One module provides selection of any single protocol – no need to purchase separate software or hardware modules
- **Serial and Ethernet ports**  
Flexible connection type for the BMS system: RS-232 or RS-485, LonWorks, or Ethernet 10/100 Base-T
- **Software configuration**  
Speeds installation and setup
- **Selectable connection to BMS via RS-485 or Ethernet**  
Enable Serial-to-Serial protocol translation for bridging EST3, EST3X, VM, or Serial-to-Ethernet to Industrial Automation or Building Automation equipment
- **RoHS compliant**  
Provides readiness for the Restriction of Certain Hazardous Substances (RoHS) directives that are becoming prevalent in many jurisdictions

VM-1 control units do not support the FSB-PCLW.

## Application

Options selected for bridging EST3, EST3X or VM panels to building control systems depend on the requirements of the external device controller. Before specifying an FSB bridge, determine the communications protocol and the communications interface required by third-party equipment. Keep in mind that both FSB bridges support either Ethernet or serial interfaces, however the FSB-PCLW supports only the LonWorks protocol.

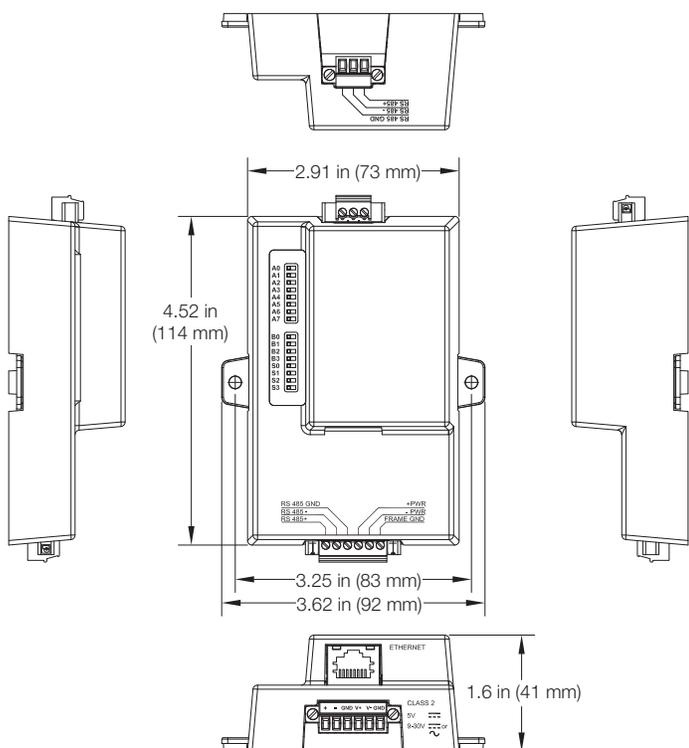
FSB bridges communicate with EST3, EST3X or VM systems via an installer-supplied RS-232 cable. This connects between the control panel's RS-232 port and a DB-9 connection at the bridge. Software is used to select the desired communications protocol where applicable, and whether the serial or the Ethernet interface is to be used for output to field equipment.

In order to complete the bridging process, individual points need to be specified within the FSB software. This allows the bridge to relay only required data to the external device controller. To do this, use the configuration utility to identify and export a list of relevant device addresses. Then simply import this list into the FSB software and generate a new configuration file for uploading to the bridge.

## Engineering Specification

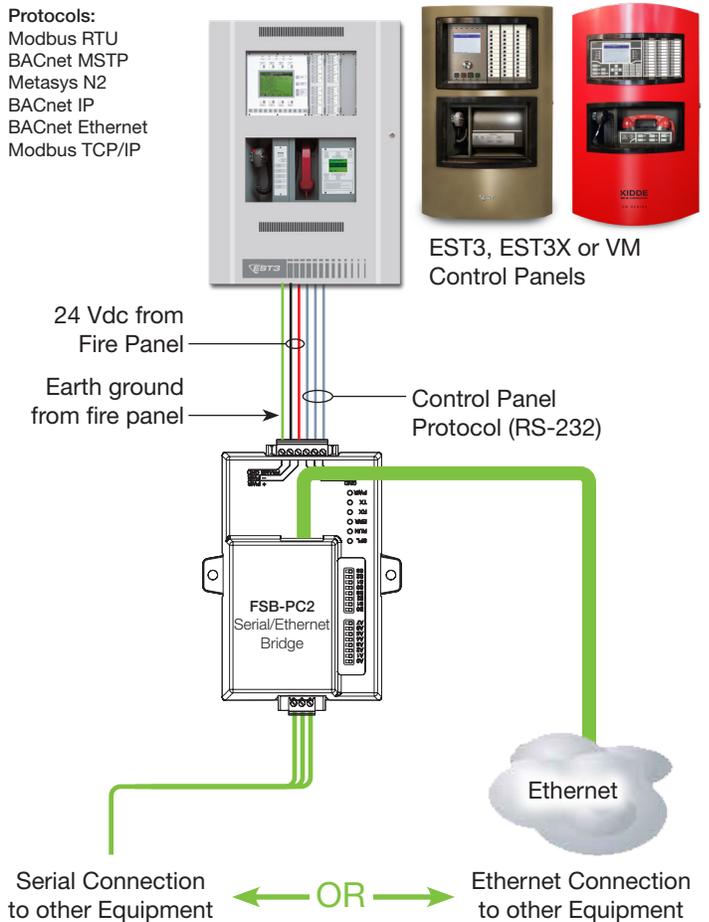
The system shall provide an interface from the fire/life safety system to the Building Management System. The interface shall be via <Modbus RTU> <BACnet MSTP> <Metasys N2> <BACnet IP> <BACnet Ethernet> <Modbus TCP/IP> <LonWorks> protocol. The interface shall be software configurable as to which points from the fire systems shall be provided to the BMS. The BMS interface shall be powered from and mount within the fire panel without affecting its agency listing.

## Dimensions

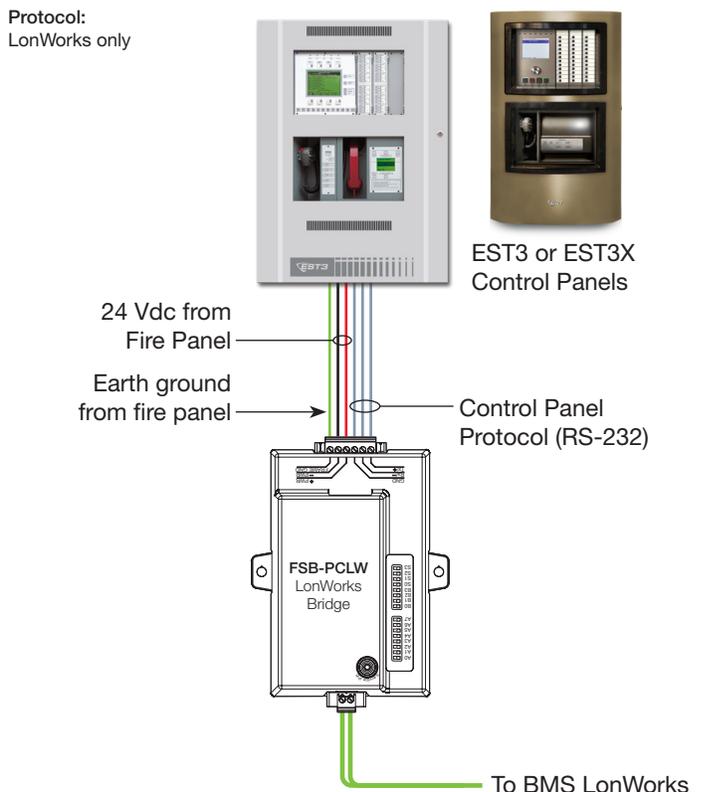


## Typical Wiring

**Protocols:**  
 Modbus RTU  
 BACnet MSTP  
 Metasys N2  
 BACnet IP  
 BACnet Ethernet  
 Modbus TCP/IP



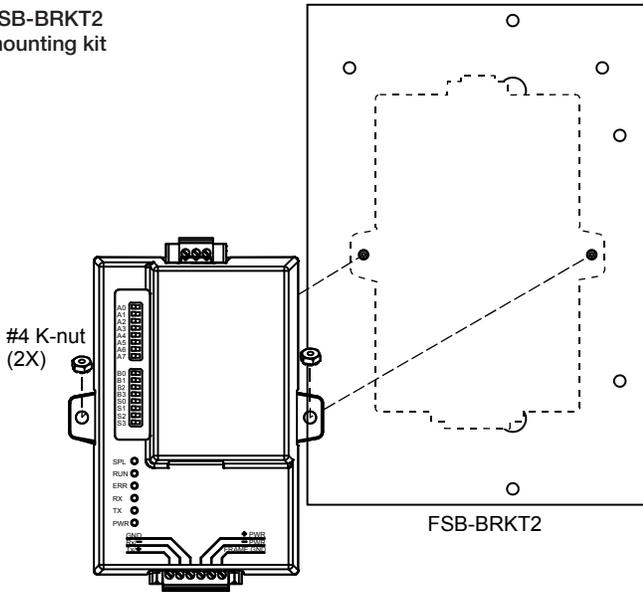
**Protocol:**  
 LonWorks only



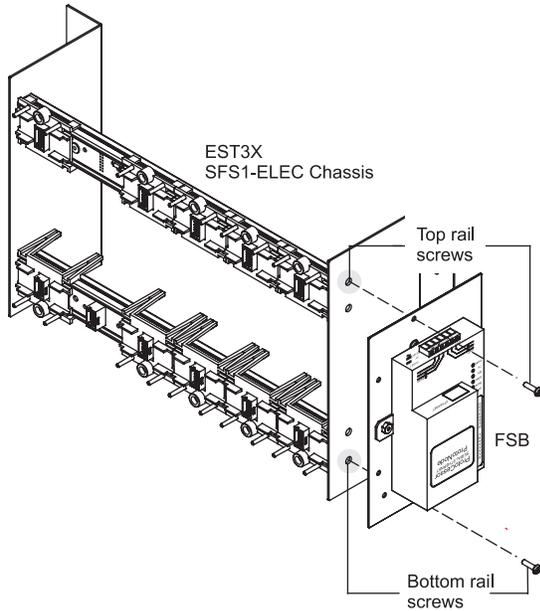
# Installation

FSB bridges mount inside the EST3 and EST3X control panel enclosures using the separately ordered FSB-BRKT2 mounting kit. This kit eliminates the cost and effort of installing a separate cabinet. However, an external MFC-A multifunction cabinet is required to house the FSB for the VM panel. FSB bridges are powered from the control panel 24VDC power supply.

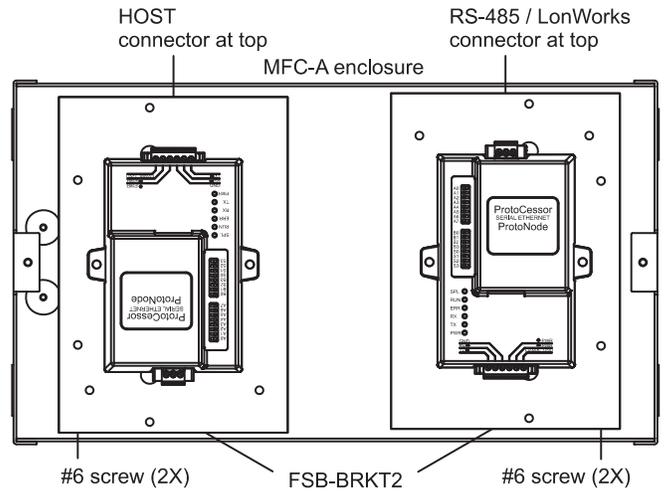
## FSB-BRKT2 mounting kit



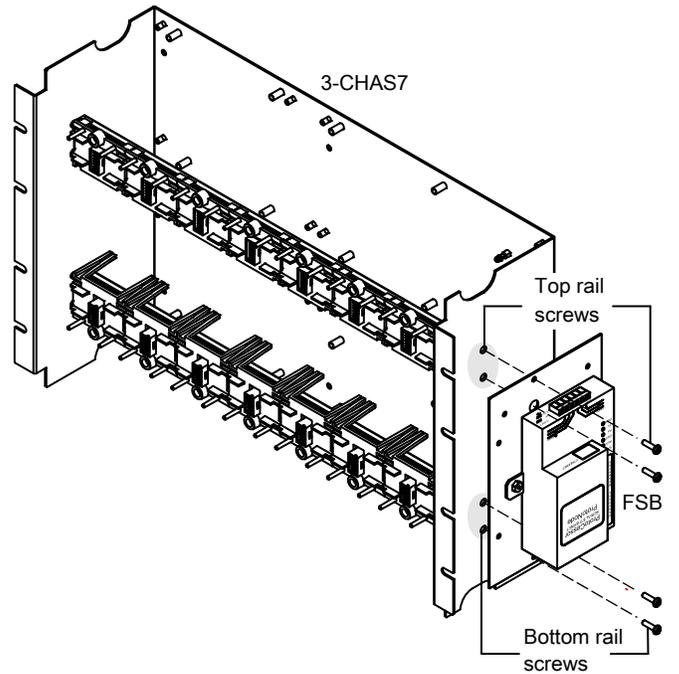
## Mounting to an EST3X SFS1-ELEC Chassis



## Mounting in an MFC-A Cabinet



## Mounting to an EST3 3-CHAS7 Chassis





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## Technical Specifications

	FSB-PC2	FSB-PCLW
Communication Interfaces	Serial to fire panel: RS-232 To BMS: Serial (RS-485) or Ethernet 10/100 Base-T (auto sensing).	To Fire Panel: Serial To BMS -FTT-10 LonWorks
Supported field protocols	To Fire Panel: Serial To BMS: Ethernet BACnet/IP (default), Modbus TCP Serial: Modbus RTU, BACnet MS/TP, Metasys N2	To Fire Panel: Serial To BMS: LonWorks
Points per Bridge	3,600 max. <sup>1</sup>	1,800 max.
Operating Current	110 mA nominal, 120 mA max. (at 24 VDC)	130 mA nominal, 140 mA max. (at 24 VDC)
Input voltage	9 to 30 VDC (from control panel power supply)	
Storage & Operating Environment	32 to 120 °F (0 to 49 °C) 5-90% RH, non-condensing	
Regulatory Approvals	CE (EN 55022, EN 55024) Surge Suppression: EN61000-4-2 ESD, EN61000-4-3 EMC, EN61000-4-4 EFT Tested to comply with UL916 to carry the TUV Rheinland Mark. Complies with part 15 of the FCC Rules.	
Construction and Finish	Light Grey metal enclosure with mounting ears.	
Mounting	Within EST3 or EST3X cabinet using mounting kit model FSB-BRKT2 or within an MFC-A cabinet. For VM, an MFC-A external cabinet is required.	
Configuration	Software programmable for protocol supported as well as specific points to be translated.	
Maximum Bridges	Two per EST3 node; One per EST3X node; 10 per EST3/EST3X/VM network; VM supports one FSB per node	
Dimensions, W x H x D	3.6 x 5.0 x 1.6 in. (8.2 x 11.5 x 4.0 cm)	

<sup>1</sup> A single FSB-PC2 can support up to 3,600 points. Total points are a combination of the programmed points coming into the FSB-PC2 and the programmed points going out to the building management system. For example, if you program 1,800 points to come into the FSB-PC2, you can program up to 1,800 points to go out to your building management system. See installation sheet 3102007-EN for further details.

## Ordering Information

Model	Description	Ship Wt. lb (kg)
FSB-PC2	BMS Communication Bridge. Mounts on separately ordered FSB-BRKT2.	3.0 (1.36)
FSB-PCLW	BMS Communication Bridge. Mounts on separately ordered FSB-BRKT2.	3.0 (1.36)
FSB-BRKT2	Mounting bracket for FSB-PC2 or FSB-PCLW. Allows FSB series to mount in an MFC-A cabinet or on the side of an EST3 3-CHAS7 or on the side of the EST3X SFS1-ELEC chassis.	1.0 (0.45)
MFC-A	Multifunction Fire Alarm Cabinet, red.	7.0 (3.1)