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## SPECIFICATIONS:

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<th>Specification</th>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Power Voltage</strong></td>
<td>9Vdc - 30Vdc or 7Vac-20Vac</td>
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<td><strong>Maximum Power Consumption</strong></td>
<td>3VA</td>
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<td><strong>Isolation Voltage</strong></td>
<td>2500Vrms (RS232 to RS485)</td>
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<td><strong>Data rate</strong></td>
<td>1200 - 115,000 baud</td>
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<td><strong>Indicator Lights</strong></td>
<td>TX transmit (RS232 or Fiber Optic), RX receive (RS232 or Fiber Optic), CTRL control (RS485), ERR error (RS232 or Fiber Optic)</td>
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<td><strong>Connectors</strong></td>
<td>DB-9(RS-232), 5 screw terminal (RS-485), ST® receive and transmit (Fiber Optic), optional</td>
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<td><strong>Enclosure</strong></td>
<td>Rugged aluminum resistant to Electro Magnetic Interference</td>
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<td><strong>Outside Dimensions</strong></td>
<td>L=4 7/8” (124mm), W=2 9/16” (65mm), H= 1” (25mm)</td>
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<td><strong>Mounting</strong></td>
<td>Stand alone or wall mounted with mounting plate supplied</td>
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<td><strong>Operating Temperature</strong></td>
<td>-20°C to +70°C</td>
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<td><strong>Port Configuration</strong></td>
<td>RS232 - 9 Pin Female, RS485 - 4 wire and 2 wire connector, Fiber Port - 50/125µm, 62.5/125µm and 100/140µm fiber sizes using ST terminated cables, Wavelength=820nm</td>
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**CONNECTORS:**

**RS-232 Port:** Switch Position

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<td>TX</td>
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**RS-485 Port:** Pin assignment is also indicated on the enclosure

**FIBER OPTIC PORTS (optional):** The Fiber Optic ports accept ST® terminated fibers (50/125µm, 62.5/125µm, 100/140µm)

**Power Connection:** DC Jack barrel type (not polarized)
- Outside diameter: 5.5mm
- Inside diameter: 2.5mm
HOOKUP DIAGRAMS:

RS-232/RS-485 CONVERSION:
4 Wire (Full Duplex installation)

COMPUTER (DTE)

RS-232
Port

DCE

DTE

232/FO

485/FO

HD

FD

Fiber Optic
Port

RX

TX

TX, RX, TX+, RX+, GND

RS-485 Port

shield

Twisted
pair shielded cable

AC
ISOLATOR

T+

T-

R+

R-

Bus Devices
HOOKUP DIAGRAMS:

RS-232/RS-485 CONVERSION:
2 Wire (Half Duplex installation)

![Diagram of hook up diagrams showing RS-232/RS-485 conversion and 2 wire (half duplex) installation.]
HOOKUP DIAGRAMS:

RS-232/FIBER OPTIC CONVERSION:

COMPUTER (DTE)

Device with Fiber Optic Port

RS-232 Port

DCE  DTE

232/FO  485/FO

232/485

Baud Rate Selector

HD  FD

Fiber Optic Port

RX  TX

RS-485 Port

RX  TX
HOOKUP DIAGRAMS:

RS-485/ FIBER OPTIC CONVERSION:
2Wire (Half Duplex installation)

- Fiber Optic
- Port
- RS-485
- Port
- RS-232
- Port
- DTE
- DCE
- Baud Rate Selector
- HD
- FD
- 232/FO
- 485/FO
- 232/485
- RX
- TX
- TX: RX TX+ RX+ GND
- shield
- jumpers short RX+ to TX+
  short RX- to TX-
- Twisted pair shielded cable
- Bus Devices
- Device with Fiber Optic Port

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HOOKUP DIAGRAMS:

RS-485/FIBER OPTIC CONVERSION:
4Wire (Full Duplex installation)

Bus Devices

Device with Fiber Optic Port

Twisted pair shielded cable

Fiber Optic Port

RS-232 Port

DCE

DTE

232/FO

485/FO

Baud Rate Selector

HD

FD

Fiber Optic
Port

RX

TX

RS-485 Port

shield

RX

TX

T+
DESCRIPTION OF FEATURES

SWITCHES:

**DTE-DCE**: Configures the wiring of the RS-232 port. When DCE (Data Communication Equipment) is selected the Unicom-2500 receives data on Pin3 and transmits on Pin2 (DB-9 connector). When DTE (Data Terminal Equipment) is selected, Pin3 is the transmit and Pin2 is the receive. For example if the Unicom-2500 is connected to a computer, DCE should be selected. If it is connected to a modem or another Unicom-2500 (with DCE selected) DTE should be selected.

**CONFIGURATION SWITCH (RS232/FO - RS232/RS485 - RS485/FO), only for units with Fiber Optic Option**: Determines the path for the throughput.

**FD-HD(Full Duplex/Half Duplex),(RS-485)**: Used to setup the Unicom-2500 for Full Duplex or Half Duplex mode. Full duplex requires a 4 wire hookup on the RS-485 Bus to enable simultaneous receive and transmit. In this mode, the Baud Rate Selector Switch is not enabled since there is no need to control the RS-485 transmit driver (Receive is constantly enabled). Half Duplex mode requires only two wires to be hooked up on the RS-485 Bus. In this mode, transmit and receive signals are on the same pair of wires. When the unit is transmitting, the receive device is disabled, when the transmission is complete the unit is then in the receive mode (receive enabled). The Unicom-2500 automatically controls this operation. It only needs the Baud Rate to determine the turnaround time from transmit to receive, therefore the Baud Rate selection switch must be in the right position!

See also software/firmware considerations in Half Duplex mode (Pg. 11).

**Half Duplex installation requires these modifications on the RS-485 connection port!**:
- TX+ Pin connected to RX+ Pin (use jumper wire)
- TX- Pin connected to RX- Pin (use jumper wire)

**Baud Rate Selector Switch (For Half Duplex, two wire setup only)**:
- Sets up the current communication Baud Rate. Range: 1200 to 115000 Baud.
STATUS LIGHTS:

**Power**: Indicates the unit is on

**RX**: Indicates the RS-232 or Fiber Optic port is receiving

**TX**: Indicates the RS-232 or Fiber Optic port is receiving

**ERR**: Indicates an illegal condition on the RS-232 or Fiber Optic port.
A start bit is detected on the RS-232 or Fiber Optic receive line, but there is no data. This condition would enable the transmit driver on the RS-485 port forever which would load down the RS-485 Communication Bus. When the **ERR** light comes on, Unicom-2500 automatically disables the transmit driver to prevent this unwanted situation. Such a condition is usually caused by software/firmware lockup. A new start bit will reset the unit.

**CTRL**: indicates the RS-485 port data direction, and is used only in Half Duplex mode. The On state indicates transmit, the Off state indicates receive.
RS485 WIRING

For long distances or higher baud rates use high quality twisted pair shielded cable. Termination of the transmission line is also recommended. The termination resistor is usually 100Ω 1/2W and not less than 90Ω. Termination resistors should be hooked up at the first device and the last device on the transmission line.

Fig. 1 Full Duplex installation with terminating resistors.

In Half Duplex (two wire) installation there are only two terminating resistors to hook up.
Software/Firmware considerations when using RS-485 Half Duplex(two wire) installation:

In Half Duplex mode care must be taken in order to achieve successful operation. The automatic control of the Unicom-2500 detects the transitions on the incoming RS-232 or Fiber Optic(optional) receive line. When a transition occurs it enables the transmit driver of the RS-485 port. After the last transition is detected, the unit holds transmit enable for 13 bit-times, disables the transmit driver, and then enables the receive device of the RS-485 port. In order to avoid collisions on the transmission line, a time delay of at least 13 bits must be inserted before transmitting back to Unicom-2500.