



PROGRAMMABLE CONTROLLERS  
MELSEC-F

FX3U-485-BD

INSTALLATION MANUAL



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This manual describes the part names, dimensions, mounting, and specifications of the product. Before use, read this manual and the manuals of all relevant products fully to acquire proficiency in handling and operating the product. Make sure to learn all the product information, safety information, and precautions. Store this manual in a safe place so that it can be taken out and read whenever necessary. Always forward it to the end user.

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**Safety Precaution** (Read these precautions before use.)

This manual classifies the safety precautions into two categories:

**WARNING** and **CAUTION**.

<b>WARNING</b>	Indicates that incorrect handling may cause hazardous conditions, resulting in death or severe injury.
<b>CAUTION</b>	Indicates that incorrect handling may cause hazardous conditions, resulting in medium or slight personal injury or physical damage.

Depending on the circumstances, procedures indicated by **CAUTION** may also cause severe injury. It is important to follow all precautions for personal safety.

**Associated Manuals**

Manual name	Manual No.	Description
FX3U Series User's Manual - Hardware Edition	JY997D16501 MODEL CODE: 09R516	Explains the FX3U Series PLC specifications for I/O, wiring, installation, and maintenance.
FX3UC Series User's Manual - Hardware Edition	JY997D28701 MODEL CODE: 09R519	Explains the FX3UC Series PLC specifications for I/O, wiring, installation, and maintenance.
FX3S/FX3G/FX3GC/FX3U/FX3UC Series Programming Manual - Basic & Applied Instruction Edition	JY997D16601 MODEL CODE: 09R517	Describes PLC programming for basic/applied instructions and devices.
FX Series User's Manual - Data Communication Edition	JY997D16901 MODEL CODE: 09R715	Explains N:N network, Parallel Link, Computer Link, Non-Protocol communication by RS and RS2 instructions/FX2N-232IF.

This manual describes the specifications and installation details for the FX3U-485-BD. For wiring with communication equipment, system configuration, communication settings, and program examples, refer to the "FX Series User's Manual - Data Communication Edition".

**How to obtain manuals**  
For product manuals or documents, consult with the Mitsubishi Electric dealer from who you purchased your product.

**Applicable standards**

FX3U-485-BD units made in June, 2005 or later comply with the EC Directive (EMC Directive). Further information can be found in the following manual. However, the FX3UC-32MT-LT does not comply with the EC Directive (EMC Directive).  
→ FX3U Series Hardware Manual (Manual No. JY997D18801)  
→ FX3UC-32MT-LT-2 Hardware Manual (Manual No. JY997D31601)

**Attention**

- This product is designed for use in industrial applications.
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**1. Outline**

FX3U-485-BD is an expansion board equipped with an European terminal block for RS-485 communication. The FX3U-485-BD exchanges data with RS-485 devices. For wiring, specifications, settings, and program examples, refer to the following manual.  
→ FX Series User's Manual - Data Communication Edition

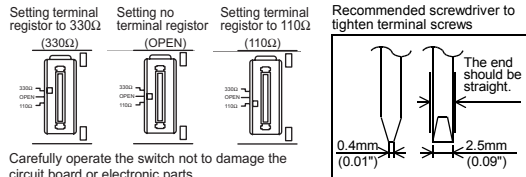
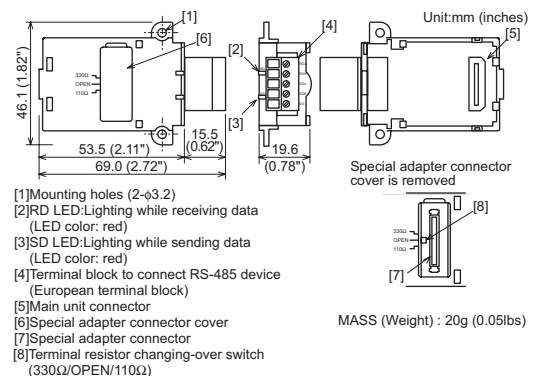
**1.1 Incorporated Items**

<b>Product</b>	RS-485 communication expansion board FX3U-485-BD
<b>Accessories</b>	M3 tapping screws for installation: 2 pcs. Station number labels for linking Installation Manual (This manual)

**1.2 Communication Function**

Communication type	Function
N:N network	Data transfer connecting up to eight FX Series PLCs.
Parallel link	Data transfer between two PLCs relationship specifying master/slave station.
Computer link	Data transfer between PLC and computer (specified as the master station) via dedicated protocol.
Non-protocol communication	Serial communication between PLC and RS-485 device via non-protocol.
Inverter communication	Controlling Mitsubishi's FREQROL inverter using inverter communication instructions.

**1.3 External Dimensions and Part Names**



Carefully operate the switch not to damage the circuit board or electronic parts.

**2. Installation**

**INSTALLATION PRECAUTIONS** **WARNING**

- Make sure to cut off all phases of the power supply externally before attempting installation or wiring work. Failure to do so may cause electric shock or damage to the product.

**INSTALLATION PRECAUTIONS** **CAUTION**

- Use the product within the generic environment specifications described in PLC main unit manual (Hardware Edition). Never use the product in areas with excessive dust, oily smoke, conductive dusts, corrosive gas (salt air, Cl<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>S, SO<sub>2</sub>, or NO<sub>2</sub>), flammable gas, vibration or impacts, or exposed to high temperature, condensation, or rain and wind. If the product is used in such conditions, electric shock, fire, malfunctions, deterioration or damage may occur.
- Use screwdrivers carefully when performing installation work, thus avoiding accident or product damage.
- When drilling screw holes or wiring, make sure cutting or wire debris does not enter the ventilation slits. Failure to do so may cause fire, equipment failures or malfunctions.
- Do not touch the conductive parts of the product directly. Doing so may cause device failures or malfunctions.
- Connect the expansion board securely to their designated connectors. Loose connections may cause malfunctions.

For the installation and removal, refer to the PLC main unit manual.  
→ FX3U Series User's Manual - Hardware Edition  
→ FX3UC Series User's Manual - Hardware Edition

**3. Specifications**

**STARTUP AND MAINTENANCE PRECAUTIONS** **CAUTION**

- Do not disassemble or modify the PLC. Doing so may cause fire, equipment failures, or malfunctions. \* For repair, contact your local Mitsubishi Electric distributor.
- Do not drop the product or exert strong impact to it. Doing so may cause damage.

**DISPOSAL PRECAUTIONS** **CAUTION**

- Please contact a certified electronic waste disposal company for the environmentally safe recycling and disposal of your device.

**TRANSPORT AND STORAGE PRECAUTIONS** **CAUTION**

- The product is a precision instrument. During transportation, avoid any impacts. Failure to do so may cause failures in the product. After transportation, verify the operations of the product.

**3.1 Applicable PLC**

Model name	Applicability
FX3U Series PLC	Ver.2.20 or later (from first production)
FX3UC-32MT-LT	Ver.1.00 or later (from first production)
FX3UC-32MT-LT-2	Ver.2.53 or later (from first production)

- The expansion board cannot be connected to FX3UC Series PLCs other than the FX3UC-32MT-LT(-2).
- Only one expansion board can be used per main unit. Additional expansion boards such as the FX3U-232-BD, FX3U-422-BD or FX3U-485-BD cannot be installed/used together with the FX3U-485-BD.

For details on the system configuration, refer to the following manual.  
→ FX3U Series User's Manual - Hardware Edition  
→ FX3UC Series User's Manual - Hardware Edition

**3.2 General Specifications**

The general specifications are equivalent to the PLC main unit. For general specifications, refer to the following manuals. However, since the product is not isolated between communication lines and the CPU of main unit, please do not perform any dielectric withstand voltage tests or insulation resistance tests to this product.  
→ FX3U Series User's Manual - Hardware Edition  
→ FX3UC Series User's Manual - Hardware Edition

**3.3 Power supply specifications**

5V DC, 40 mA is supplied from the internal power supply of the main unit.

**3.4 Communication specifications**

Item	Specification
<b>Transmission standard</b>	In conformance to RS-485/RS-422
<b>Maximum transmission distance</b>	50 m (164ft) maximum
<b>Communication method</b>	Half-duplex
<b>Communication format</b>	Non-Protocol Communication, Computer Link (dedicated protocol format 1 and 4), Parallel Link, and N:N network
<b>Baud rate</b>	Non-Protocol Communication, Computer Link: 300/600/1200/2400/4800/9600/19200 bps Parallel Link: 115200bps N:N network: 38400 bps
<b>Insulation</b>	Not insulated (Between communication line and CPU)

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**For safe use**

- This product has been manufactured as a general-purpose part for general industries, and has not been designed or manufactured to be incorporated in a device or system used in purposes related to human life.
- Before using the product for special purposes such as nuclear power, electric power, aerospace, medicine or passenger movement vehicles, consult with Mitsubishi Electric.
- This product has been manufactured under strict quality control. However when installing the product where major accidents or losses could occur if the product fails, install appropriate backup or failsafe functions in the system.