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GENERAL WARNINGS

All marine Automatic Identification System (AIS) units utilise a satellite based system such as the Global Positioning Satellite (GPS) network or the Global Navigation Satellite System (GLONASS) network to determine position. The accuracy of these networks is variable and is affected by factors such as the antenna positioning, how many satellites are used to determine a position and how long satellite information has been received for. It is desirable wherever possible therefore to verify both your vessels AIS derived position data and other vessels AIS derived position data with visual or radar based observations.

The proAIS application is intended for use as an installation and configuration tool. The application is not a navigation tool and should not be used as such.

LICENSING

IMPORTANT: In most countries the operation of an AIS unit is included under the vessels marine VHF licence provisions. The vessel on to which the AIS unit is to installed must therefore possess a current VHF radiotelephone licence which lists the AIS system and the vessel Call Sign and MMSI number. Please contact the relevant authority in your country for more information. In accordance with a policy of continual development and product improvement the SRT-MTB hardware and software may be upgraded from time to time and future versions of the SRT-MTB may therefore not correspond exactly with this manual. When necessary upgrades to the product will be accompanied by updates or addenda to this manual. Please take time to read this manual carefully and to understand its contents fully so that you can install and operate your AIS system correctly. Information contained in this manual is liable to change without notice. Software Radio Technology plc disclaims any liability for consequences arising from omissions or inaccuracies in this manual and any other documentation provided with this product.

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Installation guide

Prerequisites

The proAIS application is designed to operate with Microsoft Windows 200, XP and above. Recommended minimum system requirements are:

- Microsoft Windows XP SP2
- Display resolution of at least 1024 x 768
- At least one RS232 serial port (or USB to serial converter already installed*)

*If you are using a USB to serial converter please ensure this is fully installed before proceeding.

This software uses the Microsoft .Net Framework V2.0. The framework will be automatically installed during setup if not already present on the system.

Setup

- 1. Insert the installation CD and locate the Setup.exe file.
- 2. Double click the Setup.exe file to begin the installation.
- 3. Follow on screen prompts to install the .Net framework if required
- 4. When the security warning below is displayed, select 'Install'



- 5. The application will install and launch automatically
- 6. A Start Menu folder and shortcut will be created with the name 'proAIS'. This short cut should be used to re-launch the application as required

Removal

The proAIS application can be removed at any time via the windows Control Panel 'Add or Remove Programs' tool.



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AIS Connection

- 1. Launch the proAIS application by navigating to the 'proAIS' shortcut on the Start Menu.
- 2. The initial application screen will appear as shown below (exact screen display depends on version installed)

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Call Sign						
MMSI Number	00000000					
Vendor ID						
– Ship's dimensi	ons & GPS Antenna lo	cation			Switch function	
					O Press switch to send Safety Related Me	essage
					O Make switch to disable transmitter	
/			0 m		O Press switch to toggle transmitter on / o	off
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			C O m		Blue LED function	
					Indicate switch state	
	۵	B			Indicate received AIS traffic	
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- 3. The application requires a serial connection to an SRT-MTB© transponder. Connect the transponder to an available serial port.
- 4. Select the serial port from the drop down menu, then click 'Connect':





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5. Once a connection is established the application is ready to use. Connection status is indicated at the bottom left of the application window:



6. The functions of proAIS are arranged in a series of tabs. Each tab contains information relating to a particular aspect of the connected AIS transponder. Depending on the version of proAIS installed not all tabs shown below may be visible.



- Static data tab
 - Displays the 'Static data' for the connected AIS transponder. This includes the vessel's name, call sign, MMSI number and other fixed information
 - Allows editing of the static data
- GPS Status tab
 - Shows the status of the internal GPS receiver, including position fix data and satellite signal strength graph
- Diagnostics tab
 - Shows the status of key system diagnostics. Used to troubleshoot installation of the transponder and verify correct operation.
- Other Vessels tab
 - Shows information about other vessels in the area received from the AIS transponder
- Safety messages tab
 - o Displays safety related messages received from other AIS equipped vessels.
- Commands tab
 - Provides access to software controlled features of the SRT-MTB AIS transponder.
- Serial Data tab
 - Shows the raw NMEA serial data being generated by the transponder. Provides a facility to log this data to a file for later analysis.
 - Allows NMEA commands to be sent to the transponder
- Software update tab
 - Provides facilities to upgrade the transponder software from an update file.

Subsequent sections describe the functions of each tab in more detail.



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Menu Bar

The menu bar provides basic program options.

Under the 'File' menu the 'Open log file' option allows playback of a log file previously recorded using proAIS. A log file can be recorded using the tools provided on the 'Serial Data' tab. During log file playback only data recorded in the log is available and most buttons in the application will be inoperative.

The 'Open log file' option is not available whilst a serial connection is made. Please disconnect from the AIS transponder to enable this option.



Under the 'Options' menu item checking 'Beep on AIS Transmission' will cause the PC to emit a sound every time the connected AIS unit transmits.

The 'Force connection' option is used for diagnosing connection issues and should be left unselected. This feature should be used under guidance from your technical support contact.



The Help -> About menu item displays the program splash screen and version information.



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Static Data Tab

This tab shows the current configuration of the AIS transponder and allows the configuration to be programmed during installation into a vessel.

When an un-configured AIS transponder is connected for the first time the display will be similar to that shown below:

t serial port:	Connect	Disconnect					
ic data GPS s	tatus Diagnostics	Other Vessels	Safety Messages	Commands	Software update	Serial data	
Ship's Name				Vessel type	37 = Vessel - Plea	asure craft	~
MMSINumber	00000000						
- Ship's dimensi	G G G M O M	a location	B D M	0 m		Switch function Press switch to send Safety Related Message Make switch to disable transmitter Press switch to toggle transmitter on / off Switch has no function Blue LED function Indicate switch state Indicate received AIS traffic Save static data to AIS	

Configuring the transponder

To configure the transponder all of the data fields must be completed and saved to the AIS.



CAUTION:

For security reasons the MMSI of the vessel cannot be changed once programmed. Do not programme the MMSI unless you are certain you have the correct information. Please check the number entered carefully. If the MMSI programmed is incorrect the AIS transponder will need to be returned to the supplier for factory reset.



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Configuring the transponder continued...

Enter the vessels information in the appropriate box:

- Ship's name enter the name of the vessel (20 characters maximum)
- Call Sign enter the vessel's radio call sign (7 characters maximum)
- MMSI number enter the vessel's Maritime Mobile Service Identity number
- Enter the vessels dimensions as follows
 - Dimension A distance from bows to GPS antenna location to the nearest meter
 - Dimension B distance from the GPS antenna location to the stern to the nearest meter
 - Dimension C distance from the port side to the GPS antenna location to the nearest meter
 - Dimension D distance from the GPS antenna to the starboard side to the nearest meter
- Select the most appropriate vessel type from the drop down menu.

CAUTION:

If no MMSI is entered (MMSI is set to 00000000) then the AIS transponder will operate in receive only mode. The vessels own position will not be transmitted. An MMSI must be entered to allow the AIS transponder to transmit its own position to other vessels.

Select the switch functions you require. Depending on your software version some options may not be available. Some units may not be fitted with a switch in which case this section of configuration can be skipped

- Select the "Press switch to send Safety Related Message" option if you want to configure the unit to transmit an AIS
 "Safety Related Message" when the switch is pressed. The switch must be pressed for two seconds to initiate this
 message which is broadcast with the vessels MMSI and the text "MAYDAY MAYDAY". Please note this should not be
 considered as a primary means of distress call.
- Select the "Make switch to disable transmitter" option if you will use an external latching switch for "Silent mode" control. Whilst the switch is closed the transmitter is disabled and other vessels will not receive your position via AIS. The receiver remains operational. The amber LED will illuminate to indicate the transmitter is disabled.
- Select the "Press switch to toggle transmitter on / off" if you will use a push button switch to toggle "Silent mode" on and off. The switch must be held for two seconds to toggle the transmitter off or on. When the transmitter is disabled other vessels will not receive your position via AIS. The receiver remains operational. The amber LED will illuminate to indicate this transmitter is disabled.
- Select the "Switch has no function" option if you will not use a switch to control "Silent mode" or transmission of a Safety Related Message.

Select the function of the blue LED indicator you require

- Select the "Indicate switch state" option if you want the blue LED to illuminate when the a Safety Related Message has been transmitted or when the unit is in "Silent mode" following use of the switch as described above.
- Select the "Indicate received AIS traffic" if you want the blue LED to flash each time an AIS report from another vessel is received.



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• When you have entered all of the vessel's data click the 'Save static data to AIS' button to programme this configuration into the AIS transponder:



• A warning will be displayed asking you to verify the MMSI number. Please check the number displayed is correct before proceeding. If the number is incorrect click the 'No' button to cancel programming of the MMSI:



- Click the 'Yes' button if the MMSI is correct. If you select 'No' the static data will not be updated and you can correct the MMIS before proceeding.
- The static data tab will be updated to show the newly programmed vessel information. The MMSI number will be displayed with a grey background to indicate that it has been programmed and cannot be changed.



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GPS Status tab

This tab shows the status of the internal GPS receiver. If the GPS receiver has position fix then the current position, speed and course are shown. A bar chart of satellite signal strength is also provided.



Satellite signal strength bars are shown in green for satellites that are currently being used for navigation. Blue signal strength bars are used to show satellites not currently being used for navigation. It is normal for the graph to display a combination of green and blue bars.

The information on this tab is intended for use during installation of the AIS transponder in order to verify connection of the GPS antenna.



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Diagnostics tab

The diagnostics tab shows key status information from the AIS transponder. This information can be used to quickly verify that the transponder has been installed correctly and is operational.

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	HAS ODDATE VENDEL 100.4	meosageo 97
GPS Position Fix	FPEA version: 5	channelA
AlS has transmitted a position report	GPS Immore version: ? Get version	Received metsaget 91
		channel B
AIS has received a position report 🛛 🗸	Transponder Serial Number: 0100663302	Transmitted
		mensagen 6 channel A
LED status	AIS Transponder active alares	Transmitted
POWER TIMEOUT ERROR STATUS		mensagen 3
		channel 5
Internal data		Plexet Statistics
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Internal 3/3 supply 3.29V		
R551 R 1 150		
RSSIR: 2 50		
TX Forward power 152		
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AIS Transponder Status

- A tick next to the items in this area indicates correct operation.
 - If a red cross is shown then some action may be required:
 - Transponder MMSI valid has a red cross check the MMSI of the unit is configured by selecting the 'Static Data' tab and verifying that a valid MMSI has been entered. If the MMSI is 000000000 then it has not been programmed.
 - GPS position fix has a red cross the GPS has not acquired a position fix. Please allow up to 5 minutes for a fix to be acquired. If the red cross is still present check the GPS antenna is correctly connected and has a clear view of the sky.
 - AIS has transmitted a position report has a red cross the unit has not yet transmitted its position. Please allow up to 5 minutes after GPS fix has been acquired for the green tick to appear. If the red cross is still present after this time please refer to the active alarms section below. The AIS will not transmit unless it has acquired GPS fix and has a valid MMSI programmed



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AIS has received a position report - a position report from another vessel has been received. If there is no
other AIS equipped vessel in the area the red cross will remain against this item. If other AIS equipped
vessels are present and the red cross remains please check the VHF antenna connections.

AIS Transponder Active Alarms

Any active alarm messages generated by the AIS unit are shown here

- Note that alarms may take up to 1 minute to clear from this display once their source has been corrected
- It is normal for GPS related alarms to be displayed when the AIS is first switched on. These alarms will clear once GPS
 position fix is acquired.
- Please refer to the troubleshooting section for a description of each alarm message

AIS Transponder Information

This section shows technical information about the connected AIS transponder including software and firmware version information. Depending on the AIS software version the ability to display the GPS firmware version may not be present. If shown clicking the 'Get version' button will retrieve the GPS firmware version. Please note that this operation may result in a temporary loss of GPS fix.

LED Status

This display may not be enabled depending on the software version of your AIS transponder. This section mirrors the LED display on the front of the AIS transponder and is useful when the unit is installed in a location where the physical LEDs are not easily visible.

Internal Data

This display may not be enabled depending on the software version of your AIS transponder. This section provides internal diagnostics data from you're AIS transponder. Your dealer may request this information if diagnosing any problems with your installation.

Statistics

This display may not be enabled depending on the software version of your AIS transponder.

This section shows the number of AIS messages received and transmitted on each of the AIS channels. You can use this information to verify that the transponder is successfully receiving and transmitting data when other AIS equipped vessels are in range.



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Serial data tab

This tab shows the raw NMEA 0183 serial data being output by the AIS. A typical display is shown below:

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Select serial port: COM2 Connect Disconnect Static data GPS status Diagnostics Other Vessels Safety Messages Commands Software update Serial data	
IAIVD0,1,1,,,B1mg=5@007u;Ik7ENi03wrUwP06,0°44 \$\$GPFMC,115354,00A,5116,79017,N,00227,94507,W,0.003,120407,,,A*65 IAIVD0,1,1,,A,154kq@P1TP=rho58IaP0?w*1102,0*6E \$\$GPGBS,115354,001,8,1.7,3.0,,,*4A IAIVD0,1,1,,B1mg=5@007u;Ik7ENi03wsEwP06,0*25 IAIVD0,1,1,,B1mg=5@007u;IK7ENi03wsEwP06,0*24 IAIVD0,1,1,,B1mg=5@007u;I/ENi03wsEwP06,0*23 IAIVD0,1,1,,B1mg=5@007u;I/ENi03wsEwP06,0*23 IAIVD0,1,1,,B1mg=5@007u;I/ENi03wsEwP06,0*23 IAIVD0,1,1,,B1mg=5@007u;I/ENi03wsEwP06,0*23 IAIVD0,1,1,,B1mg=5@007u;I/ENi03wsEwP06,0*23 IAIVD0,1,1,,B1mg=5@007u;I/ENi03wsEwP06,0*23 IAIVD0,1,1,,B1mg=5@007u;I/ENi03wsEwP06,0*23 IAIVD0,1,1,,B1mg=5@007u;I/ENi03wsEwP06,0*41 IAIVD0,1,1,,B1mg=5@007u;I/ENi03wsEwP06,0*41 IAIVD0,1,1,,B1mg=5@007u;I/ENi03wsEwP06,0*41 IAIVD0,1,1,,B1mg=5@007u;I/ENi03wsEwP06,0*41 IAIVD0,1,1,,B1mg=5@007u;I/ENi03wsPSwP06,0*04 IAIVD0,1,1,,B1mg=5@007u;I/ENi03wsPSwP06,0*04 IAIVD0,1,1,,B1mg=5@007u;I/WENh03wFUwP06,0*61 \$GPGBS,1153540,001,8,1,7,3,0,,*4E IAIVD0,1,1,,B1mg=5@007u;I/WENh03wQEwP06,0*60 IAIVD0,1,1,,B1mg=5@007u;I/WENh03wQEwP06,0*60 IAIVD0,1,1,B1mg=5@007u;I/WENh03wQEwP06,0*60 IAIVD0,1,1,B1mg=5@007u;I/WENh03wQEwP06,0*60 IAIVD0,1,1,B1mg=5@007u;I/WENh03wQEwP06,0*60	11
Enter commands below:	
	Send
Log to file Stop logging	
Connected 38400 Baud	

- NMEA command sentences can be sent to the unit by entering them in the lower text box and clicking the 'Send' button. proAIS will calculate and append the NMEA checksum to the sentence if the "Add Checksum" check box is checked. In this case enter a NMEA sentence without including the asterisk that precedes the checksum.
- Serial data can be logged to a file by clicking the 'Log to file' button and entering a file name and location in the dialog box.
 - Logging to file will continue if other tabs are selected after logging has been started
 - \circ $\;$ Logging to file will cease when the 'Stop logging' button is clicked
- The serial data display can be paused by clicking the pause button at the bottom right hand side of the data window. Clicking the button a second time will resume output of the live serial data.
- Transmitted AIVDO messages are indented for easy identification



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Software update tab

This tab provides the facility to update the AIS transponder's internal software.

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Select serial port: COM2 Connect Disconnect Static data GPS status Diagnostics Other Vessels Safety Messages Commands Software update Serial data	
1. Select update file 2. Start Update Update progress	
Please select update file	
Connected 38400 Baud	

CAUTION:

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Only perform a software update using an update file intended for use with the SRT-MTB© product. Do not interrupt the power to the unit or disconnect from the PC during the update process unless instructed to do so by the proAIS application.

- 1. Click the 'Select update file' button and navigate to the update file. This will have the extension .hex
- 2. Click the 'Start update button'
- 3. Follow the instructions provided underneath the update progress bar.
- 4. Depending on the AIS software version you may be requested to power cycle the unit at two points in the process. Turn the power supply to the AIS off and back on again at these requests. Do not disconnect the serial connection to the PC.
- 5. Once the 'Update completed' is displayed the AIS is ready for use
- Please verify the information shown on the static data tab is correct after any software update. 6.



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Other vessels tab

This tab shows information received from other AIS equipped vessels in the area.

- The MMSI of each vessel is shown. •
 - 0 Vessels equipped with Class A AIS have the MMSI displayed in black text.
 - Vessels equipped with Class B AIS have the MMSI shown in blue text 0
- The name and call sign of each vessel is shown .
 - Due to the way AIS operates this information may take some time to appear 0
- The speed in knots, course in degrees, decimal latitude and longitude are shown for each vessel .
- The approximate distance to each vessel is shown when the connected unit has a GPS fix. Please note that this is an ٠ approximate distance for indication only.
- The class of the AIS equipment on each vessel is displayed as A or B .
- Columns can be sorted into ascending or descending order by clicking on the column heading.

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0			0.1	158.3	50.85972	-1.12547	56.57	A	
209084000	BAS LEBACY	C4EL2	0	246	50.84167	-1.3325	50.26	A	
210236000			0	0.1	50.83853	-1.32951	50.46	A	
219047000			0	0	50.71783	1.05743	63.08	A	
227273000	NORMANDIE	ENNO	0	135	50.81133	-1.097	58.89	A	
232001340			1.5	53	50.72407	1.48471	49.93	A	
232002070			ú	202.3	50.83438	-1.32361	50.78	A	
232002163			10.6	249.3	50.79981	-1.38188	51.69	A	
232003081	DITY OF CHICHESTER	MD4GH3	12.1	249	50.76446	1.34448	52.51	A	
232003401	RED JET 3	INVIOU3	ú	20.3	50.76312	-1.2999	54.05	A	
2320039992			6.7	127	50.73034	-1.DE969	62.28	A	
232613000	NEDLLOYD HUDSON	MZERB	12.9	139.8	50.81726	-1.2967B	52.19	A	
234509000			3.9	317.6	50.74576	1.51742	4B.13	A	
235000366			10.9	341.2	50.78661	-1.10762	59.28	A	
235002514	ST CLARE	ZNNR5	10.7	70	50.77367	-1.1145	59.46	A	
235003303			12.B	142.2	50.83599	-1.31331	51.06	A	
235004650			9.9	76	50.4611	-1.31333	65.82	A	
235006680			12.4	138	50.84786	-1.33743	49.91	A	
235007472	FREEDOM 90	MLMI9	0	9B	50.785	-1.1	59.58	A	
235007473	ISLAND EXPRESS	ZIRL9	û	47	50.73283	-1.1585	59.38	A	
235012119			0.2	28.1	50.79132	1.11433	58.92	A	
235031241	TENAX	MKSF5	0.1	191.8	50.83453	-1.32342	50.78	A	
235031616			0	a	50.79283	-1.1075	59.1	A	
235031617	ST CECILIA	MEJEB	12.7	244	50.79933	1.17433	57.99	A	
235031622			25.8	221.7	50.76667	-1.12347	58.39	A	
244210000		1.00	0	248	50.70718	-1.D4522	63.82	A	
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Safety messages tab

This tab displays safety related messages received from other AIS equipped vessels in the area. The tab displays two message types:

- Addressed Safety Related Message (VDL Message #12)
- Broadcast Safety Related Message (VDL Message #14)

The UTC time the message was received, along with the MMSI of the sender will be displayed along with the text contents of each message.

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Commands tab

The commands tab provides access to software controlled features of the SRT-MTB transponder. Depending on the AIS software version the following commands may be available:

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Bulput only active element	Tarrant Safety Palated Message	

- Silent mode
 - Buttons to enter / exit silent mode. In Silent mode the transmitter is disabled and no position reports are transmitted by the unit. Other AIS users will be unaware of your position in this mode so it should be used with caution and only where allowed by local regulations.
- Safety related message
 - A button is provided to trigger the transmission of a Safety Related Message. Clicking this button will display a confirmation dialog box. Clicking 'OK' in the confirmation dialog box will cause a Broadcast Safety Related Message with the contents "MAYDAY MAYDAY" to be transmitted to all other AIS equipped vessels and base stations in the area.
- Configure baud rates
 - Baud rates for the RS232 and RS422 (NMEA 0183) communications ports can be set here. The default value is 38400 & should be used where possible. The 'Update' button should be clicked to send new settings to the AIS transponder.
- GPS output options
 - By default the AIS transponder will output its current GPS position data every four seconds via the RS232 and NMEA serial interfaces. This information is sent using the GPRMC sentence and can be used to provide your vessels GPS position to a chart plotter connected to the unit. A higher position update rate (once per second)



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> is available as an option and will result in a more accurate display of your vessels position, speed and course on a connected chart plotter. To use this option select the "Output GPS data every second" option and click 'Update'.

- Alarm output options
 - By default the AIS transponder will output the status of all alarms every minute using AIALR sentences. The unit can optionally be configured to only output active alarms using the radio buttons. The 'Update' button should be clicked to send new settings to the AIS transponder.



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Troubleshooting guide

Problem	Possible cause	Solution
General		
No AIS is detected	The AIS is not connected to the serial	Check the number of the serial port the
	port selected from the drop down menu	AIS is connected to and retry
	The AIS is not powered	Check that the power supply is
		connected and switched on
	The serial cable is damaged or faulty	Try an alternative serial cable
Can not communicate with unit	The AIS is not connected to the serial	Check the number of the serial port the
	port selected from the drop down menu	AIS is connected to and retry
	The Osciel askla is demonstrated as faults.	The second terms of the second second second
Otatia Data tak	The Serial cable is damaged or faulty	Try an alternative serial cable
Static Data tab	The Street of Long to Control	
No static data is displayed	The unit has not yet been configured	Follow Instructions in the Static data
The MMOL	The MMOLLAND AND A DAMA	section to configure the unit
The MMSI can not be changed	The MMSI has already been	The MMSI can only be programmed
	programmed	once. If it is incorrect please contact
The static data is in some at	Data was antoned in some still	your dealer.
I ne static data is incorrect	Data was entered incorrectly	Re-enter the static data and save to the
CPS tob		AIS. The MINIST cannot be updated.
No CDC position information in	The unit has not acquired CDC fiv	
No GPS position information is	The unit has not acquired GPS lix	
uispiayeu		Check the GPS antenna connections
(or graph shows only blue bars)	The GPS antenna is not correctly	and power cycle the AIS unit
(or graph shows only blue bars)	connected	and power cycle the rife unit.
		Check the GPS antenna location and
	The GPS antenna does not have a clear	make sure it's view of the sky is not
	view of the sky	obstructed
		Check the AIS installation manual
	GPS antenna is unsuitable for use with	against the specification of your GPS
	AIS	antenna
Diagnostics tab	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	·
Red cross against a status item	Unit configuration or antenna	See Diagnostics tab section of this user
	connections	guide for advice on each item
Active alarm shown:	The unit has not acquired GPS fix	Wait at least five minutes for the unit to
		acquire GPS position fix
Position sensor fault OR		
SOG data fault OR		Follow troubleshooting guide for GPS
COG data fault OR		tab



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Problem	Possible cause	Solution
Active alarm shown:	The VHF antenna is not connected or is	Check the VHF antenna connections.
	not suitable for use with the AIS	
VHF Antenna VSWR fault		Check the AIS installation manual
		against the specification of your VHF
		antenna
Active alarm shown:	The power supply to the AIS is outside	Check the power supply voltage to the
	the specified range.	AIS against that specified in the
12V Power supply fault		installation manual.
Active alarm shown:	The AIS cannot transmit because the	Check the VHF antenna connections.
	background noise level is too high	
Channel A Noise fault OR		Check the AIS installation manual
Channel B Noise fault		against the specification of your VHF
		antenna.
		In very busy shipping channels this
		alarm may appear temporarily. This is
		normal operation for Class B AIS.
Active alarm shown with message not	The VHF antenna is not connected or is	Check the VHF antenna connections.
listed here	not suitable for use with the AIS.	
		Check the AIS installation manual
		against the specification of your VHF
		antenna.
	AIS has an internal fault.	Please contact your dealer.



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