A1800 ALPHA® meter 150 series Direct connect-rated

Elster has designed the A1800 ALPHA system-ready meter based on extensive metering technology and global metering standards knowledge.

Technical details

- IEC 62053 accuracy Class 1.0 %
- UV-protected, polycarbonate, IP54 enclosure
- Wide operating ranges:
 - Voltage: 46 V to 498 V
 - Current rating: 5(120)A
 - Temperature: -40 °C to +55 °C (ambient)
- Energy plus demand for kWh, kVARh, and kVAh
- Four-quadrant metering for exportimport
- Up to 4 tariffs per day for 4 day types
- Up to 12 seasons
- 256 KB nonvolatile memory
- Easily replaceable battery located under the terminal cover
- Precision internal clock with backup timekeeping provided by super capacitor and long-life battery
- 16-segment character LCD with optional backlight
- Windows-based software with multilanguage support
- Optional Read without Power feature ensures the meter can be read when it is not externally powered

Advanced features and functions

- Programmable thresholds for TRueQ monitors
- Optional 1 MB extended memory
- Transformer and line loss compensation
- Up to 8 channels of load profile data
- Up to 32 channels of instrumentation profile data

System-ready meter

- Communication port with 2 interfaces on the main circuit board
- 4 pulse output relays on main circuit board
- Available with RS-232, RS-485, and future communication options developed by Elster and third parties
- Optional second, independent communication port
- Optical port available in the ANSI or IEC standard physical configuration
- ANSI C12.18, C12.19, and C12.21 open protocol support
- Optional DNP protocol support
- Optional Modbus support
- Optional DLMS/COSEM open
 protocol support



Built on the patented strengths of the ALPHA, the A1800 ALPHA meter is a highly accurate, robust meter suitable for residential polyphase, commercial, and industrial metering applications, including EnergyAxis® metering points.

Revenue protection

- Terminal cover and main cover opening detection
- Site service diagnostics
- Installation and system instrumentation tools that provide instantaneous volts, amps, power factor, phase angles, and more
- History log that records all changes to meter program and meter data
- Multiple level password scheme
- Phase voltage outage recording

Active energy

1.0 % (IEC 62053-21)

Accuracy

- Cumulative demand calculation
- Reverse energy warning and recording
- Optional Always Positive feature that calculates the absolute energy value per phase
- Write protection feature that disables field reprogramming
- Enhanced TRueQ tests that measure power quality and ensure tamper protection

Reactive energy 2.0 % (IEC 62053-23)

Actual accuracy better than 0.5 %

About Elster Group

Elster, a global leader in smart metering and smart grid systems and solutions, has delivered more than 3 million smart metering devices worldwide with systems located in North America, Europe, Central America, Australia, New Zealand and the Caribbean. Elster smart metering system solutions provide utilities with energy conservation capabilities via demand response programs, smart grid applications, and operational efficiencies resulting in significant value creation across the utility enterprise. Elster has more than 7,500 staff and operates globally in North America, South America, Europe, Africa, Middle East, and Asia.

Current rating	5(120)A	
Starting current	<40 mA (I _b = 5 A)	
Voltage range	58 V to 415 V nominal range	
Maximum range	Continuous 498 VAC	
Frequency	Nominal 50 Hz or 60 Hz \pm 5 %	
Temperature range	-40 °C to +85 °C (inside meter cover); -40 °C to +60 °C (outside)	
Humidity range	0 % to 100 % noncondensing	
Power supply burden	Less than 3 W	
Surge voltage withstand	Test performed	Results
	Oscillatory (IEC 61000-4-12)	2.5 kV, 60 seconds
	Fast transient (IEC 61000-4-4)	4 kV
	Impulse voltage test	12 kV @ 1.2/50 μs, ≥450 Ω (8 kV
	(IEC 60060-1)	with option boards)
	AC voltage (insulation) test	4 kVrms for 1 minute
Creep 0.000 A (no current)	No more than 1 pulse per quantity, conforming to IEC 62053 requirements	
Internal clock accuracy	Better than 0.5 seconds per day (while powered)	
Read without Power	20 years based on 6 uses per year and 3 write operations per each use	
Communications		
Optical port	1200 bps to 28,800 bps	

Optical port protocol Serial ports Serial port protocol







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