

OPERATING MODE

Power-on

When you switch the unit on, the instrument shows for approximately 5 seconds the instrument's software revision, for example: r.1.

Displaying, control and diagnostics

The instrument shows continuously the value of the input variable as defined in the programming phase.

The value shown on the display is continuously compared with the value of the two set-points and of the other parameters, thus generating the control function by energizing/de-energizing the output relays.

Programming

This phase is identified by the blinking of the decimal point on the right side of the display.

To enter the programming phase, press the "S" key until "PAS" is shown on the display; then "0" is displayed: the correct numerical code (password) is to be entered. The following conditions may occur:

1) the operator hasn't entered any Password: press the "S" key again to enter the configuration menus of the instrument;

2) the operator has already entered a Password: select the correct password by means of the "▲" key (to increase the value) or "▼" key (to decrease it) until the desired value is displayed. Press the "S" key to confirm the value: if the password is correct, then the display will show "PAS" again followed by the relating numerical code; press the "S" key once more in order to display the first configuration menu; if the password is not correct, the display shows "End" and the instrument goes back to the measuring and control phase.

PROGRAMMING OF A NEW PASSWORD AND AUTOMATIC SELECTION OF THE PROTECTION LEVEL OF THE CONFIGURATION DATA. To enter the new Password:

- if the Password is "0", press the "S" key when the display shows the "PAS" message for the second time; enter the desired numerical code using the "▲" or "▼" keys, then confirm it by pressing the "S" key: the display will show the first configuration menu ("INP");
- if the Password has already been entered, you can modify it following the procedure described at No. 2); after the "PAS" message has been shown a second time, enter the new numerical code using the "▲" or "▼" keys and confirm it by pressing the "S" key: the display will show the first configuration menu ("INP").

Data protection levels:

- if the password is "0", the configuration data are not protected by undesired accesses;
- if the Password is a number between "1 and 127", the configuration data are almost entirely protected against undesired accesses;
- if the Password is a number between "128 and 255", the configuration data are protected against undesired accesses except for the programming of the values ("SEI") of set-point 1 and/or 2.

It is possible to reset the Password by entering the number 3584.

All programming/configuration steps of MDI40 are shown in the flow chart on the top right of this page. The flow chart has been conceived to make the operator better understand the programming structure of MDI40 indicating the position of the current function with regards to the others. The flow chart also makes more easily understandable the commands to be used in the configuration phase.

See the chapter "Front panel description" for information regarding the use of the key-pad and the relevant main functions.

Glossary of displayed symbol:

- PAS:** access key to programming
- INP:** menu to select measuring inputs
- For MDI40V and MDI40A only:
 - AC:** selection of AC voltage/current measurements;
 - DC:** selection of DC voltage/current measurements.
- For MDI40CF only:
 - rtD:** selection of thermoresistance/Ohm measurements;
 - tC:** selection of thermocouple measurements
 - r1, r2, r3, r4, r5:** range selection (see table "INP" in the flow chart).
- SCA:** menu to program the scaling parameters
- Lo.E:** min. value of electrical scale (see table "INP" in the flow chart). Enter the minimum value that is to be measured (zero scale).
- Hi.E:** max. value of electrical scale (see table "INP" in the flow chart). Enter the maximum value to be measured (full scale).

Note: in the resistance measurements ("INP" ⇒ "rtD" ⇒ "r5") the maximum electrical full scale to be entered is: "2000" and the corresponding value of "Hi" must be "200.0" in order to take true resistance measurements with a 0.1Ω resolution.

NOTE: if the measured variable goes beyond the scale limits "Lo.E"/"Hi.E", the value displayed during the measuring phase will be blinking and updated with reference to the measured value up to the maximum displaying range ("dC" and temperature measurements: -1999/3999; "AC" and resistance measurements: 0/3999).

d.P: decimal point position in the Hi-Lo scale. **Lo:** min. value of the displayed scale. Enter the value to be displayed in correspondence with the minimum value of the electrical scale "Lo.E". Example: "Lo.E"=4.00mA ⇒ "Lo"=1000mbar, means that when the value measured by MDI40 is 4mA, the displayed value will be 1000mbar.

Hi: max. value of the displayed scale. Enter the value to be measured in correspondence with the maximum value of the electrical scale "Hi.E". Example: "Hi.E"=19.99mA ⇒ "Hi"=3000mbar, means that when the value measured by MDI40 is 20mA, the displayed value will be 3000mbar.

NOTE: electrical scale and displayed scale must have:

- corresponding values (Lo.E=Lo, Hi.E=Hi), if the same value is to be both measured and displayed.
- different values, if the signal to be measured is different from the one to be displayed (see examples of "Lo" and "Hi").
- inverted values, if an increasing signal to be measured must correspond to a decreasing value to be displayed (scale inversion). Example: "Lo.E"=4.00mA ⇒ "Lo"=3000mbar; "Hi.E"=19.99mA ⇒ "Hi"=0mbar, means that when the measured value increases from 4 to 20mA, the displayed value decreases from 3000mbar to 0.

As you can see, the scales can be programmed with absolute freedom.

NOTE: to display temperature values as "°F", it is necessary to program the electrical scale as "°C" and enter the values for the displayed scale according to the following relationship:

$$°F = (1.8 \times °C) + 32$$

Example: "Lo.E"=-50°C ⇒ "Lo"=-58°F; "Hi.E"=+760°C ⇒ "Hi"=+1400°F, means that the new measuring range becomes -58°F to +1400°F. The data to be entered in the displayed scale can be calculated either by means of the above mentioned "°F" relationship, or using the data of the relevant measuring range (see chapter "Technical Features", paragraph "Inputs temperature" on the previous page).

SP.1/SP.2: menu to select the programming of the set-point parameters.

tYP: selection of the type of control.

oFF: signaling of the abnormal condition. The relay is activated when a burn-out condition occurs or the measurement is outside the electrical range (displaying and blinking of the measured value or displaying of the "EEE"/"EE" message).

Note: by selecting this function the "Lo.S", "Hi.S", "SP.1", "HYS" parameters are not active.

do: down/low alarm set-point. The relay will be activated when the measured value goes below the set-point value.

uP: up/high alarm set-point. The relay will be activated when the measured value goes over the set-point value.

d.d: alarm set-point similar to "do", but with alarm inhibition eventually present when MDI40 is turned on. The control starts only after the first condition of non-alarm has been signalled.

uP.L: up/high alarm set-point with latch function. The alarm functions as per "uP", but the alarm can be reset only manually when the "F" key is pressed for at least 2 seconds during the measuring phase.

do.L: down/low alarm set-point with latch function. The alarm functions as per "do" and can be reset only manually when the "F" key is pressed for at least 2 seconds during the measuring phase.

Lo.S: minimum set-point value, which is programmable within the range: Lo (Hi) < Lo.S < Hi (Lo). This limit to the set-point's amplitude is very useful when the set-points are managed outside the programming phase.

Hi.S: maximum set-point value, which is programmable within the range: Lo.S < Hi.S < Hi (Lo). This limit to the set-point's amplitude is very useful when the set-points are managed outside the programming phase.

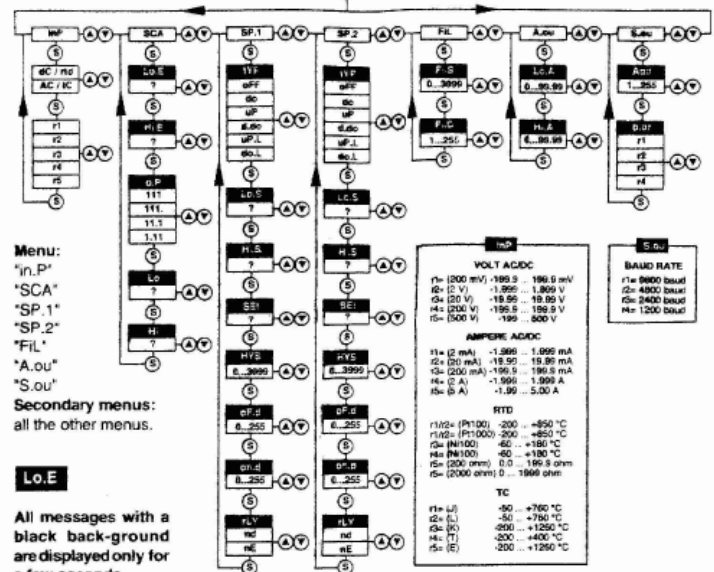
SEt: value of the alarm set-point to be programmed within the following range: Lo.S < SEt < Hi.S.

HYS: hysteresis value of the set-point. The hysteresis is a numerical value included within the range: 0 < HYS < 3999 and represents the difference between the value of the ON alarm status and the value of the OFF alarm status. The hysteresis modifies the value of the OFF alarm status not only with regards to the set alarm value, but also with regards to the alarm type; the hysteresis value is summed to the set value if the alarm type is "do" and subtracted from the set value if the alarm type is "uP".

Example: "do" alarm, "SEt"=2200 (value of the ON alarm status), hysteresis "HYS"=12 ⇒ resulting OFF value (end of alarm status): 2212 (resulting from 2200 + 12).

In the menus:

press the F key in order to exit from the programming phase: the display shows "End" and then the measured value.



All messages with a black background are displayed only for a few seconds.

"uP" alarm, "SEI"=2200 (value of the ON alarm status), hysteresis "HYS"=12 ⇒ resulting OFF value (end of alarm status): 2188 (resulting from 2200 - 12).

NOTE: the hysteresis is to be programmed according to the displayed range.

oF.d: value expressed in seconds of the time delay at the alarm set-point's deactivation (OFF). Value to be programmed within the range: 0 < oF.d < 255.

This delay can be useful when it is necessary to guarantee the alarm output activation for a sufficiently long time which is to be acquired by the processing system connected downstream MDI40.

oN.d: value expressed in seconds of the time delay at the alarm set-point's activation (ON). This value is to be programmed within the range: 0 < oN.d < 255. This value can be useful when it is necessary to avoid the alarm set-point's activation if the alarm duration is not long enough. Example: when the pressure to be measured decreases very quickly because of air bubbles, but this is not a danger for the monitored plant.

RLY: normal status of the relay coil. **nd:** normally de-energized coil. **ne:** normally energized coil.

FIL: menu to program the digital filter's parameters.

This function allows you to solve two different kinds of problems:

- stabilize the value of the instantaneous measurement displayed by MDI40 when the value is not enough stable from the beginning and will not therefore allow either a clear reading on the display or a good control by the alarm set-points;
- allow an amplitude of the displayed scale as regards to the electrical one >2.

An example of how the electrical scale is to be used can be the measurement of a process signal from a transmitter: 0 to 20mA, 4 to 20mA, 0 to 10V, 0 to 5V, 1 to 5V and so on which can correspond to a pressure, humidity, temperature, etc. In this case the measured signal managed by the electrical scale (see "Lo.E", "Hi.E") has a numerical value which is completely different from the one of the displayed scale (see "Lo", "Hi").

Fi.S: activation range of the digital filter. This value is programmable within the range: 0 < Fi.S < 3999. The programmable numerical value represents the fluctuation range of the value which has been measured and displayed by MDI40. In the first configuration phase this value must be 0 and the right value is to be entered only after the verification of the possible fluctuation.

Example: the measured instantaneous value varies from 1204 to 1210, and the value to be entered as "Fi.S" is 6 (1210 - 1204).

Fi.C: value of the filtering coefficient. Value to be programmed within the range: 1 < Fi.C < 255. The higher "Fi.C", the higher the filtering of the measured value and the longer the updating time of the displayed value, the alarm set-points and the analogue retransmission.

NOTE: for a correct working of the filter, the relative coefficient must satisfy the following relationship: 1 < Fi.C < (Fi.S x 8) < 255.

Example: in order to display a temperature with

In the secondary menus:

press the F key in order to go back to the main menu (the selection or programming modification will not be saved if the S key has not been previously pressed).

a resolution of 0.1°C, set "Lo.E"=-20°C ⇒ "Lo"=20.0°C, "Hi.E"=200°C ⇒ "Hi"=200.0°C. In this case the scaling amplitude will be 10 times wider with a clear fluctuation of the value displayed in the measuring phase. In order to stabilize the value it is necessary the parameters "Fi.S" and "Fi.C". The value fluctuates of 0.5°C max., therefore "Fi.S"=0.5 and the filtering coefficient is to be entered making various attempts starting from a minimum value, for example "Fi.C"=3. The datum will not remain stable, therefore "Fi.C" is to be increased; in our case the optimum value is "Fi.C"=15.

A.Ou: menu to program the parameters relating to the analogue output.

Lo.A: value to be expressed as % of the output range (0/20mA-0/10V) to be generated in correspondence with the minimum measured value (Lo.E/Lo parameters). Value programmable within the range: 0.00 < Lo.A < 99.99. Example: "Lo.E"="Lo"=100°C that must correspond to a retransmitted signal of 4mA. "Lo.A" (%) = $100 \times \frac{2mA}{20}$ that in our example

corresponds to $100 \times \frac{4mA}{20} = 20\%$, therefore enter 20.00. Example: "Lo.E"="Lo"=100°C that must correspond to a retransmitted signal of 1V.

"Lo.A" (%) = $100 \times \frac{2V}{2V}$ that in our example

corresponds to $100 \times \frac{1V}{10} = 10\%$, therefore enter 10.00.

Hi.A: value expressed as % of the output range (0/20mA-0/10V) to be generated in correspondence with the maximum measured value (Hi.E/Hi parameters). Value to be programmed within the range: 0.00 < Hi.A < 99.99. Example: "Hi.E"="Hi"=200°C that must correspond to a retransmitted signal of 18mA.

"Hi.A" (%) = $100 \times \frac{7mA}{20}$ that in our example

corresponds to $100 \times \frac{18mA}{20} = 90\%$, therefore enter 90.00. Example: "Hi.E"="Hi"=200°C that must correspond to a retransmitted signal of 5V.

"Hi.A" (%) = $100 \times \frac{7V}{2V}$ that in our example

corresponds to $100 \times \frac{5V}{10} = 50\%$, therefore enter 50.00.

Also in this case, as per the electrical and displayed scale, it is possible to invert the scale, that is, a decreasing value of the retransmitted signal may correspond to an increasing value of the input variable.

S.Ou: menu to program the serial output's parameters

MDI40 is provided (on request) with an RS485 serial interface that allows the communication with a PC or PLC. It is possible to retransmit both the static and the dynamic variables and make connections with more than one MDI40 (multiprod).

Add: address value programmable within the range: 1 < Add < 255.

b.dr: baud rate programming of the data, see table "S.Ou" in the flow-chart.

For further information on the serial interfacing, see the special literature.

Diagnostic messages

EEE: blinking indication: burn-out or overcoming of the displaying range (value to be displayed > 3999).

EE: blinking indication: burn-out or overcoming of the displaying range > -1999.