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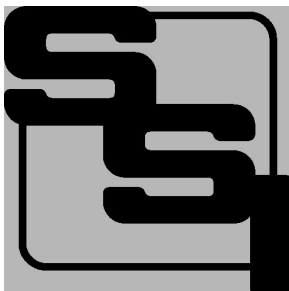
# Wireless Pulse Link

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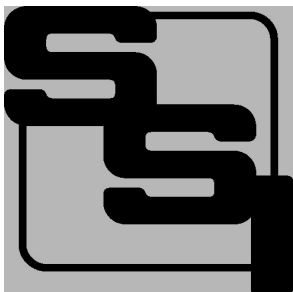
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# Introduction

The PRL-1200 Pulse Radio Link is a Transmitter and Receiver system that wirelessly sends up to four channels of KYZ pulses between the transmitter and a receiver. The short-hop PRL-1200 has a range of up to 5,000 feet depending on site topography and solves the problem of getting pulses across parking lots, vacant lots, roads, railroad tracks or other obstacles. With the PRL-1200, you're now able to connect real-time KYZ pulses from 2 Form C pulse channels or 4 Form A pulse channels. Pulses from each meter output are independently outputted on one of the four channels in the receiver. The PRL-1200 eliminates trenching or other costly methods of getting wires strung between each meter and the destination device as well as providing superior isolation against transients that could be induced in a long cable run. Additionally, ground rise problems are mitigated since there is no electrical connection between the two devices.

The PRL-1200 Radio Pulse Link system consists of one PRT-1200 Transmitter and one PRR-1200 Receiver. The system uses Frequency Hopping Spread Spectrum (FHSS) technology to communicate on 32 frequencies between 902 to 927MHz, using one of 6 hop sequence "channels", and allows unlicensed operation by the user, allowing multiple systems to operate in the same radio airspace. Nominally, the PRL-1200 will transmit pulses between 4,000 and 5,000 feet in an unobstructed line-of-sight configuration but may go farther depending on optimal site conditions.

## **PRT-1200 TRANSMITTER**

The PRT-1200 Transmitter consists of the following:

- \*PRNT-1200 Pulse Radio Transmitter/Antenna Unit
- \*PRT-12 Pulse Transmitter Base Unit

The PRT-1200 Transmitter receives pulses from a meter's KYZ pulse initiator and sends them to the PRR-1200 Receiver unit wirelessly. Each time a pulse is received from the meter's pulse KYZ initiator, the transmitter validates this pulse and reports it to the Receiver upon the next transmission cycle. The Receiver will set the corresponding KYZ output to the correct state, to reflect the state of the pulse at the PRT-1200's input. The PRNT-1200 Transmitter/Antenna Unit contains the transceiver radio, a microcontroller and all the circuitry and software to communicate with the Receiver. The PRT-12 Base Unit contains the power supply, termination points, and has a built-in low voltage transformer-isolated power supply generating a +18VDC sense (wetting) voltage. The sense voltage is connected to meter's dry-contact KYZ pulse initiator. The PRT-1200 Transmitter is capable of operating on supply voltages of 120 or 208-277VAC. In addition to line power, it can be operated with batteries or a solar power supply such as Solid State Instruments' SPS-4 Solar Power Supply.

## **PRR-1200 RECEIVER**

The PRR-1200 Receiver consists of the following:

- \*PRNR-1200 Pulse Radio Receiver/Antenna Unit
- \*PRR-12 Pulse Receiver Base Unit

The PRR-1200 contains the transceiver radio, a microcontroller and all the circuitry and software to receive pulses from the Transmitter and output them on one of four output channels. The PRR-12 Base Unit contains the power supply, output relays and termination points where all connections are made. Four Form A (2-wire) output channels are available, and can be configured as 4 Form A or 2 Form C. Each output channel contains one KY Form A (2-Wire) Solid State output. The Receiver/Antenna unit is intended to be mounted outdoors, in a direct line-of-sight with the Transmitter/Antenna units. It cannot operate if obstructed by trees, metal poles, buildings or other objects. The Receiver Base Unit is designed to mount indoors, or inside an existing control enclosure suitable for the application. The Base and Transceiver/Antenna Units are connected together by means of an 8-conductor, #24AWG shielded control cable. It is important for noise immunity and error-free communications between the Base and Transceiver that shielded control cable be used.

The PRR-1200 is capable of operating on supply voltages of 120, 208-277VAC. Other power supply voltages are available upon special order.

# PRL-1200 SYSTEM DESIGN AND PLANNING

**SYSTEM CONFIGURATION** - The PRL-1200 can be used in one of two configurations: 4 Form A pulse channels or 2 Form C pulse channels. The entire system operates in either one mode or the other. They cannot be mixed.

Form A Configuration: The Form A configuration will transmit four 2-Wire (KY) pulse channels.

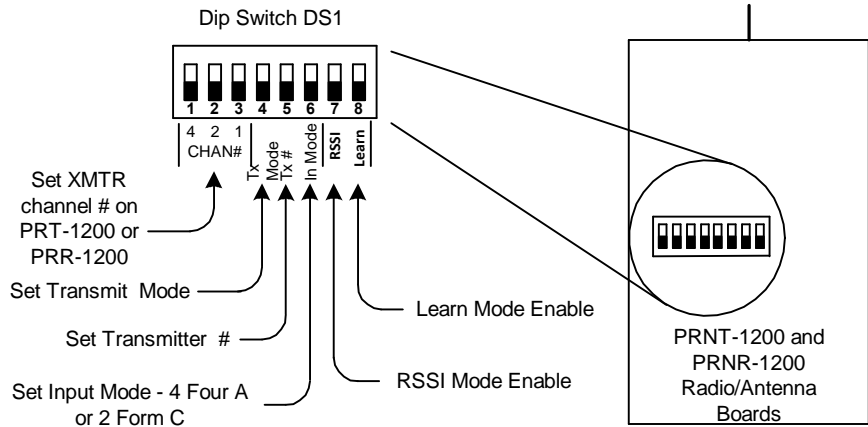
Form C Configuration: The Form C configuration will transmit two 3-wire (KYZ) pulse channels.

Determine the desired mode for the system.

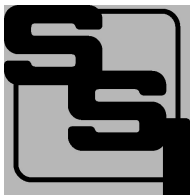
Dip Switch DS1's switches #1 through #3 set the channel # or hop sequence. Both the PRNR and the PRNT boards must be set to the same hop sequence.

**Table 1**

Channel #	DS1.1	DS1.2	DS1.3
1	DN	DN	DN
2	DN	DN	UP
3	DN	UP	DN
4	DN	UP	UP
5	UP	DN	DN
6	UP	DN	UP
6	UP	UP	DN
6	UP	UP	UP



**SYSTEM FREQUENCY** - The PRL-1200 System operates on one of 6 hop sequence channels, each of which consists of 25 of 32 frequencies in the 902MHz to 927MHz range. This allows great reliability since RF transmissions are transmitted until they are received by the receiver. Set the Transmitter and the Receiver to the same channel number. Multiple systems can operate in the same radio airspace by each system having a different channel number. Once you have determined the channel # that you will use, configure Dip Switch DS1's switches #1 through #3 on each the PRNT-1200 Transmitter board and the PRNR-1200 Receiver board. Table 1 shows the dip switch combinations for each channel.



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# CONSIDERATIONS FOR A SUCCESSFUL INSTALLATION

**GENERAL** - The PRL-1200 System is designed to provide mirror-image pulses from the transmitter to the receiver. This is important for Peak Demand Control since the KW demand is determined by timing the pulses. The greater the time between pulses the lower the demand. Conversely, the shorter time between pulses, the higher the demand. Every effort is made in the PRL-1200 to make the pulses coming out of the receiver look exactly like the pulses going into the transmitter.

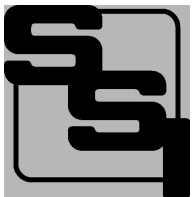
**APPROPRIATE PULSE CONSTANT** - It is important to properly program the Pulse Constant of the meter such that there are no more than 2 pulses per second at the peak KW demand of the building or facility. Pulses faster than this may be lost.

**LINE OF SIGHT** - Make sure that you have the Receiver in a location where the Transmitter can "see" it. The PRL-1200 is a Line-Of-Sight system, and the transmitter must have uninterrupted and unrestricted sight with the receiver radio at all times. Make sure that there are no trees, buildings, light poles, rail cars, trucks, or any other obstruction that gets in the line-of-sight between the Transmitter and Receiver at any time. Interruptions in the line-of-sight may cause pulses to be lost. Generally speaking, the PRL-1200 will not transmit through concrete, concrete block or masonry walls. It has been reported that in some cases it does in fact work but it is our recommendation not to count on reliable communications in applications that are not line-of-sight.

**HEIGHT** - Get the Xmtr and Rcvr Radio/Antenna units up off the ground as high as reasonably possible to improve reception and transmission distance. The higher the transmitter is off the ground, the longer the transmission distance and the more reliable reception by the receiver.

**MOUNTING:** If mounting the Receiver Radio/Antenna unit on the side of a metal building, make sure that the antenna in the Radio/Antenna unit is mounted at least 6.1" away from the metal siding. Use the brackets supplied with the PRL-1200 to get this distance. You may have to rotate the board to insure that the antenna is not closer to the metal surface than 6.1", since the antenna is not exactly in the center of the board as well as the board being mounted in an off-set fashion. If the antenna is closer than 6.1", the signal may be corrupted and transmissions may be affected.

**INTERFERENCE** - The PRL-1200 is a Frequency-Hopping Spread Spectrum system that communicates on 25 of the 32 frequencies. It may or may not work in substations or in other areas where there is high power energy fields exist or where RF energy may jam the signal. The electromagnetic field around high voltage conductors may cause enough interference so as to keep the system from transmitting correctly or may significantly reduce the range of the system.



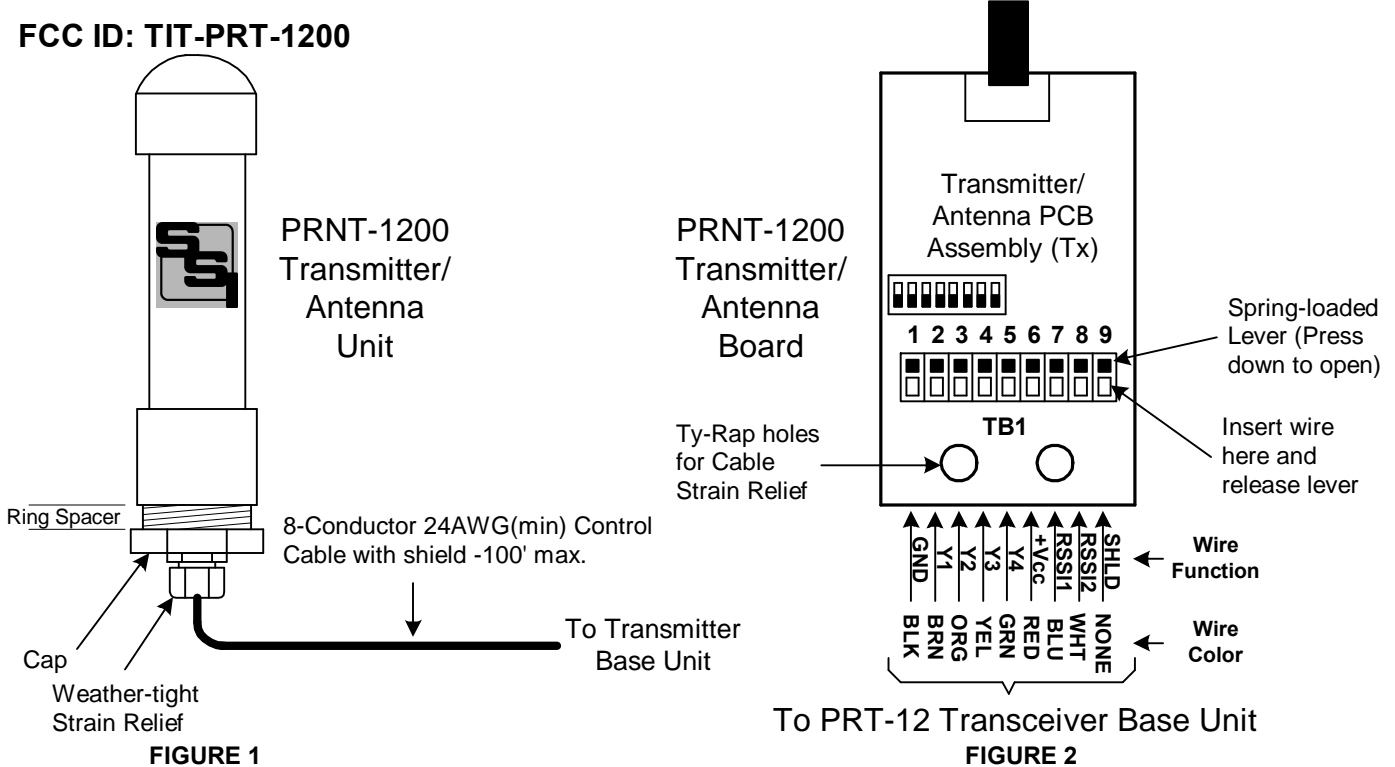
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## PRNT-1200 PULSE RADIO TRANSMITTER

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**MOUNTING POSITION** - (See Note Below on Cable Connection before mounting) The PRNT-1200 Transmitter/Antenna unit should be mounted in an upright position so that the cable is located on the bottom of the unit. Mount the unit as high as necessary to guarantee LINE-OF-SIGHT with the PRNR-1200 Receiver/Antenna unit. Mount using the aluminum mounting bracket supplied, making sure that the center of the transmitter is at least 6.1" away from any metal object such as a pole or metal building. Make sure that no metal mounting hardware is placed above the bottom of the PRNT-1200 Transmitter/Antenna unit case.

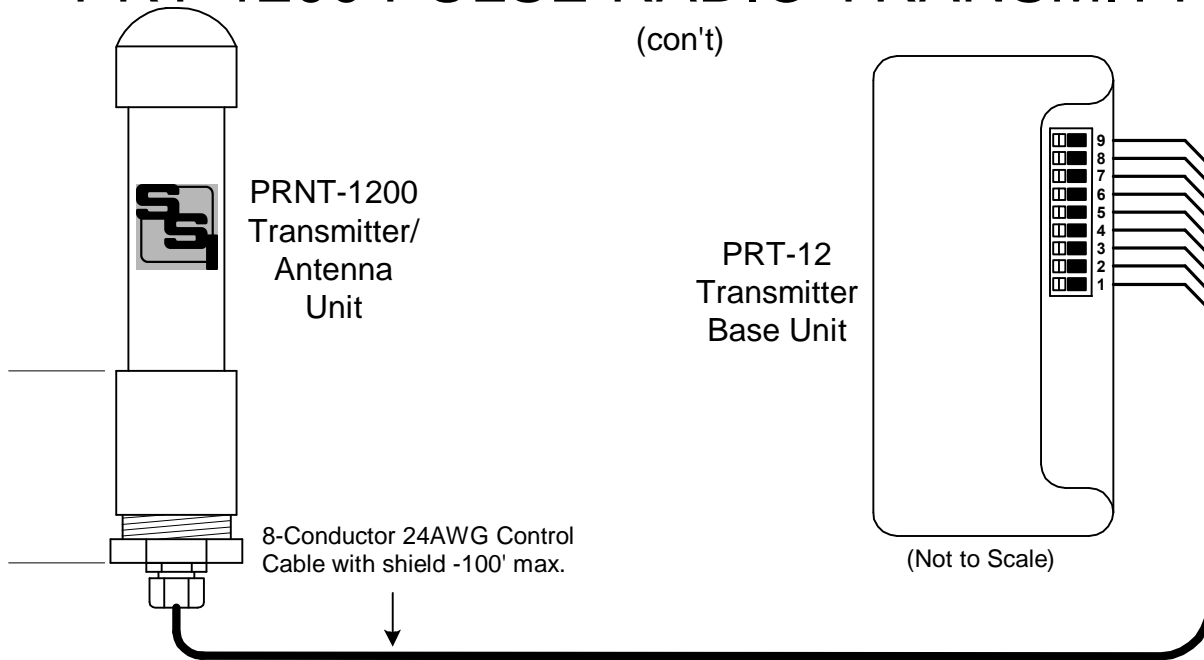
**CABLE CONNECTION TO PRNT-1200** - It is advisable that this task is performed, if possible, in a convenient, clean work area before mounting the Transmitter unit. Connect the 8-conductor 24AWG(min) shielded control cable to the 9-position connector on the PRNT-1200 Board. Access the PCB Assembly by unscrewing the Transmitter housing cap on the bottom of the unit. Remove the Transmitter assembly from the housing. Feed the control cable into the housing's weather-tight connector on the cap so that there is approximately 12" of cable through the cap. Tighten the weather-tight cable fitting so that the cable is not quite tight and easily slides back and forth. Alternately, non-metallic conduit ("Seal-Tight" or "Carflex") may be used to connect directly to the housing and run the control cable to the Base unit inside this conduit.

Strip approximately 2" of the control cable's outer jacket to expose the individual conductors, being careful not to cut the insulation of the conductors or any strands of the shield's drain wire. Strip the insulation of each conductor back 1/4". Connect each conductor of the cable to the 9-position connector TB1 using a small flat-blade screwdriver or other similar tool to open the spring-loaded connector as shown above in Figure 2. Press down on connector lever, slip wire into hole and release. When all conductors are attached, attach a cable tie (ty-rap) through the Transmitter PCB Assembly's holes and tighten the control cable down, leaving about 1/4" of jacket above the ty-rap so as to provide adequate strain relief for the cable connections. Pull the cable back through the cap and weather-tight connector and place the Transmitter PCB Assembly back into the cap's slots. Set Channel # and other settings on DIP SWITCH DS1. Tighten the weather-tight connector to secure the assembly in place. Put the ring spacer over the Cap's threads and insert the Transmitter Assembly into the housing. Tighten the cap until spacer is tight. For best results, keep the length between the Transmitter and the Base Unit to the minimum practical distance. When Transmitter installation is complete, secure cap to mounting bracket using sheet metal screw in slot.

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## PRT-1200 PULSE RADIO TRANSMITTER

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**POWER INPUT** - The PRNT-1200 receives its power supply from the PRT-12 Transmitter Base unit.

**METER INPUTS** - See the PRT-12 Base Unit Instruction Sheet for detailed information on connecting the K-Y pulse inputs to the Electric Meter's KYZ Pulse output.

**RADIO OUTPUT** - The PRT-1200's Transceiver/Antenna Unit (PRNT-1200) contains a 900MHz band FHSS radio transceiver with an integral antenna mounted inside the unit. See diagram on reverse side for mounting method and considerations. Transmission is LINE OF SIGHT up to approximately 5,000 feet max. Metal poles, buildings or other objects will affect the distance the radio system will effectively work. Trees may also affect transmission distance. The user bears all responsibility for proper mounting and operation of the unit within the PRT-1200's operating parameters.

**TRANSMITTER ADDRESS** - On single transmitter systems, set the TX Mode for 1 transmitter by setting Dip Switch #4 in the **DOWN** position. Set the Transmitter # to 1 by setting Dip Switch #5 in the **DOWN** position. This is set on the PRNT-1200 Transmitter/Antenna Board.

**TRANSMITTER CHANNEL** - Set the channel number (hop sequence) using DIP Switches #1 through #3 as shown in Table 1 on page 4. This is set on the PRNT-1200 Transmitter/Antenna Board.

### NOTICE TO USER -

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This device complies with Part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions:

1. This device may not cause harmful interference; and
2. This device must accept any interference received including interference that may cause undesired operation.

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## PRNT-1200 RADIO/ANTENNA UNIT

**Setting the System CHANNEL** - Each system -- the Transmitter and Receiver must operate on one of six different channels. A channel is a collection of 26 specific frequencies that are arranged in a specific "hop sequence". A unique channel allows multiple systems to operate in the same radio airspace without any interference with each other. Therefore, the transmitter and receiver must have the same channel setting. The channel address is set as a 3-bit binary code plus 1. **Switch #1** is worth 4 while **Switch #2** is worth 2 and **Switch #3** is worth 1. To add the value of each switch, set it in the UP position. If all three switches are down, then the frequency is equal to  $(0 + 0 + 0) + 1$ , or Channel #1. If the second and third switches are in the UP position, that would be equal to  $(0 + 2 + 1) + 1$  or Channel #4. See **Table 1** at right for complete list of the channels. Note that Channel #6 is the highest channel number and even though there are eight unique switch combinations, Channel 6 is the highest channel that can be selected. The last three switch combinations all result in Channel #6 being selected.

**Setting the System Mode** - The PRL-1200 operates in the 1-transmitter/1-receiver mode. Set **Switch #4** to the **DOWN** position.

**Setting the Transmitter Number** - Since the PRL-1200 has only one transmitter, the Transmitter is, of course, Transmitter #1. Set **Switch #5** to the **DOWN** position.

**Setting the Transmitter Input Mode** - The PRL-1200 can operate in the Form C or Form A modes. The Form C mode, also called 3-Wire mode, each input channel uses the K, Y and Z inputs, and two independent 3-Wire meter pulse channels can be transmitted. In the Form A mode, also called 2-Wire, each pulse channel uses the K and Y inputs, and four independent 2-Wire meter pulse channels can be transmitted. Set **Switch #6** to the **DOWN** position for the Form A mode and **UP** for Form C mode.

**Switch #7** - Not used by the Transmitter. Set to **DOWN**.

**Pairing the Transmitter and Receiver** - The PRT-1200 System requires that each Transmitter and Receiver are paired together. Each Transmitter must learn the address of the Receiver it is designated to talk to. This makes it possible for the Transmitter to only talk to the designated Receiver and ignore other devices sending and receiving information on a particular frequency. After installation is complete, perform the pairing procedure described on page 15.

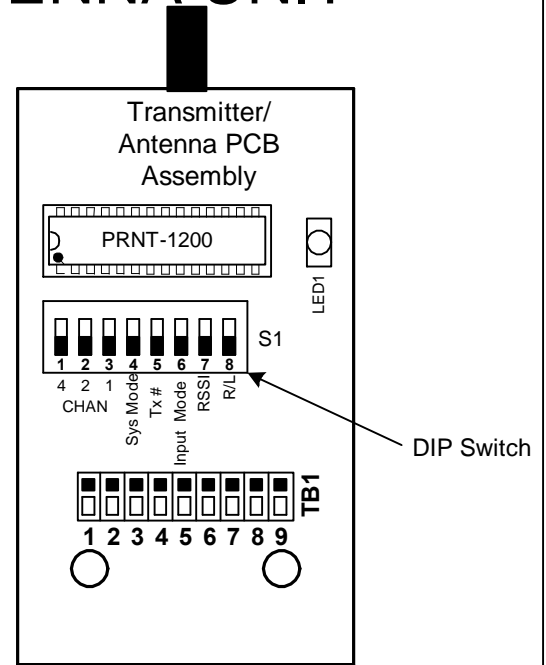


FIGURE 3

TABLE 1

CHANNEL#	SW#1	SW#2	SW#3
1	DN	DN	DN
2	DN	DN	UP
3	DN	UP	DN
4	DN	UP	UP
5	UP	DN	DN
6	UP	DN	UP
6	UP	UP	DN
6	UP	UP	UP

TABLE 2

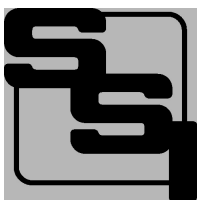
Mode	SW#4	SW#5	SW#7
DEFAULT	DN	DN	DN

TABLE 3

Input Mode	SW#6
FORM A (2W)	DN
FORM C (3W)	UP

TABLE 4

Run/Learn	SW#8
RUN	DN
LEARN	UP



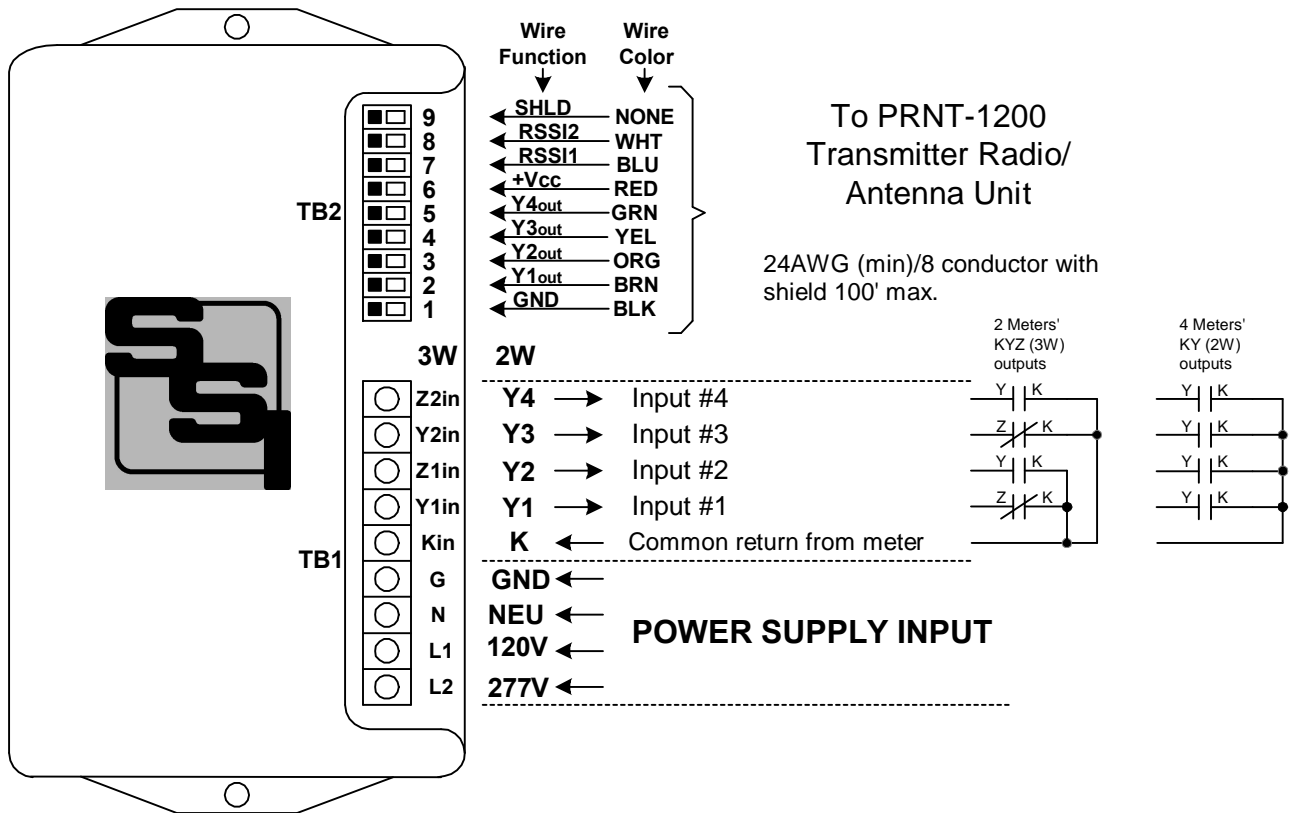
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## PRT-12 PULSE TRANSMITTER BASE



**MOUNTING POSITION** - The PRT-12 Base unit may be mounted in any position.

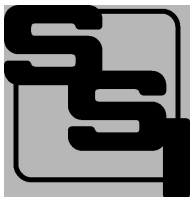
**ENCLOSURE** - The PRT-12 base unit is housed in a polycarbonate base and cover and is designed to be mounted into another electrical enclosure suitable for the application. An optional NEMA 3R raintight enclosure is available.

**POWER INPUT** - For 120VAC, connect the "hot" lead to the **L1** power supply terminal. Connect the neutral lead to the **NEU** terminal. For a power supply voltage between 208 and 277 VAC, connect the "hot" lead to the **L2** power supply terminal and the neutral lead to the **NEU** terminal. Connect the **GND** terminal to Ground.

**INPUT CONFIGURATION** - The PRT-12 accepts either 2 Form "C" (3-Wire) inputs using the K, Y & Z input terminals, or 4 Form "A" (2-Wire) inputs using the K & Y terminals. The PRNR-1200 PCB Assembly must be configured for the input type used. See Dip Switch Definitions and Settings.

**METER CONNECTIONS** - Form A (2W) mode: Connect the PRT-12's "K" and "Y1" input terminals to meter's "K" and "Y" terminals. The "Yx" input terminals are "pulled-up" to +13VDC power supply, making it compatible with open-collector transistor meter outputs, as well as all non-polarized mechanical or solid state pulse outputs. Form C (3W) mode: Connect the PRT-12's "K", the "Y1" and the "Z1" input terminals to the meter's "K", "Y" and "Z" terminals. The PRT-12's "K" terminal is the system common (return).

**OUTPUT TO PRNT-1200 TRANSMITTER/ANTENNA UNIT** - Connect the 8-conductor 24AWG(min) shielded control cable to the PRNT-1200 Transmitter/Antenna Unit. For best results, it is advisable to keep this length of this cable to the minimum practical distance.

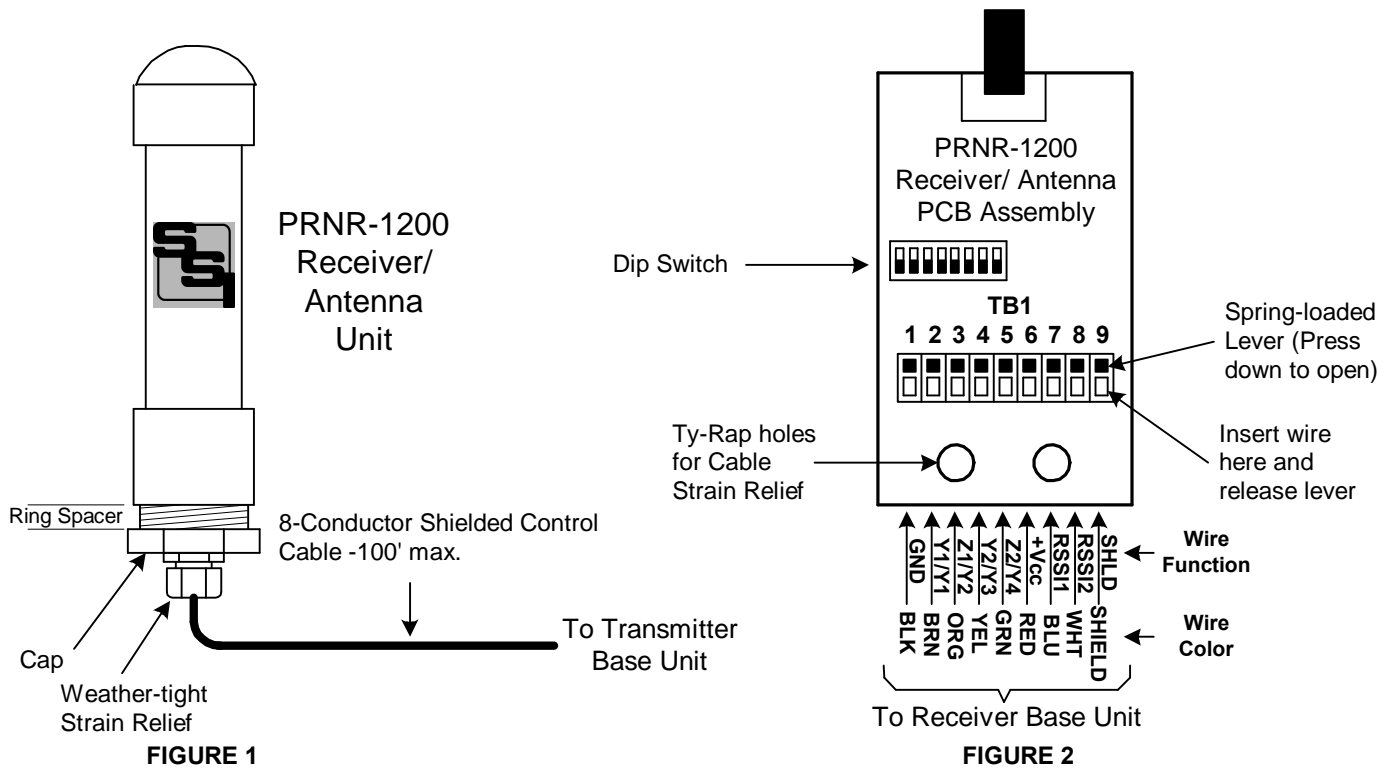


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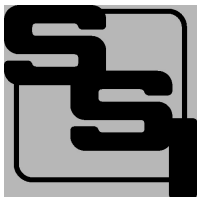
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## PRNR-1200 PULSE RADIO RECEIVER



**MOUNTING POSITION** - (See Note Below on Cable Connection before mounting) The PRNR-1200 Receiver/Antenna unit should be mounted in an upright position so that the cable is located on the bottom of the unit. Mount the unit as high as necessary to guarantee LINE-OF-SIGHT with the PRT-1200 Transmitter/Antenna unit. Mount using the aluminum mounting bracket supplied, making sure that the antenna of the receiver is at least 6.1" away from any metal object such as a pole or metal building. Make sure that no metal mounting hardware is placed above the bottom of the receiver unit case.

**CABLE CONNECTION TO PRNR-1200** - Perform this task in a convenient, clean work area before mounting the Receiver unit. Connect the 8-conductor shielded control cable to the 9-position connector on the PRNR-1200 PCBA. (See page 13) Access the PCB Assembly by unscrewing the housing cap on the bottom of the unit. Remove the board assembly from the housing. Feed the control cable into the housing's weather-tight connector on the cap so that there is approximately 12" of cable through the cap. Tighten weather-tight cable fitting so that the cable is not quite tight and easily slides back and forth. Strip approximately 2" of the control cable's outer jacket to expose the individual conductors, being careful not to cut the insulation of the conductors or any strands of the shield's drain wire. Strip the insulation of each conductor back 1/4". Connect each conductor of the cable to the 9-position connector TB1 using a small flat-blade screwdriver or other similar tool to open the spring-loaded connector as shown above in Figure 2. Press down on the connector lever, slip wire into hole and release. When all conductors are attached, attach the cable tie(ty-rap) included through the PCBA's holes and tighten the control cable down, leaving about 1/4" of jacket above the ty-rap so as to provide adequate strain relief for the cable connections. Pull the cable back through the cap and weather-tight connector and place the PCB Assembly back into the cap's slots. Tighten the weather-tight connector to secure the assembly in place. Set the Channel Number and other settings using the Dip Switch. Perform the pairing procedure now - See page 15. Once the pairing procedure has been completed, put the ring spacer over the Cap's threads and insert the PCBA Assembly into the housing. Tighten the cap until spacer is tight. For best results, keep the distance between the Receiver and the Base Unit to the minimum practical distance. When PCBA installation is complete, secure cap to mounting bracket using sheet metal screw in slot.



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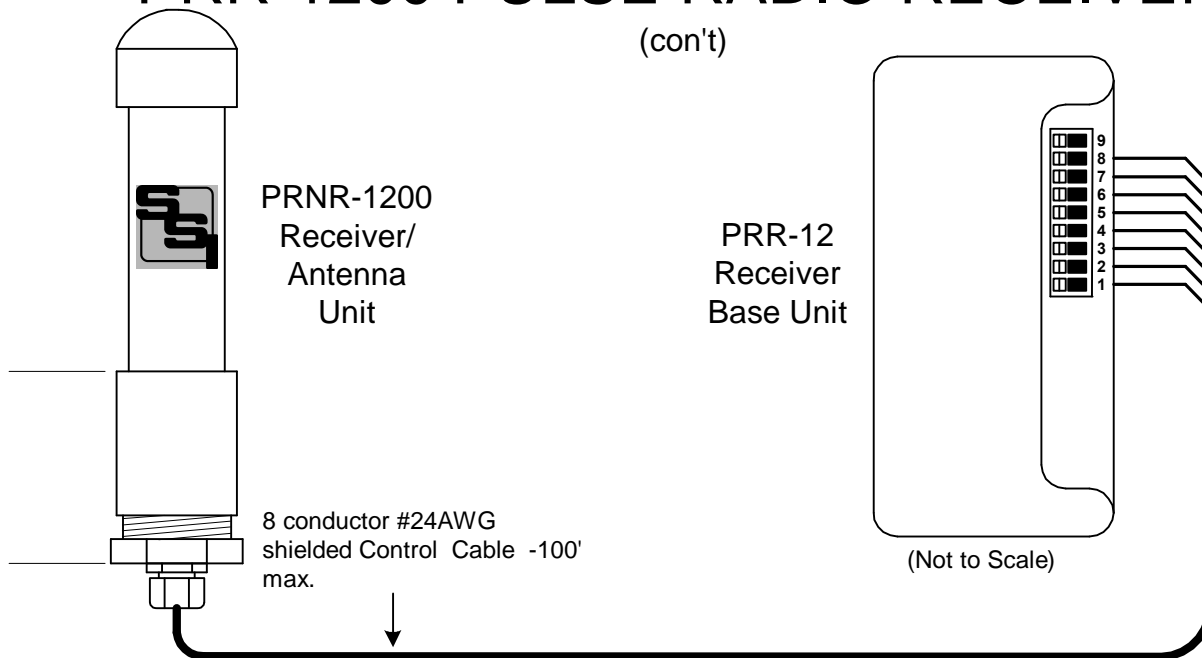
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**POWER INPUT** - The PRNR-1200 receives its power supply from the PRR-12 Receiver Base unit.

**PULSE OUTPUTS** - See the PRR-12 Base Unit Instruction Sheet for detailed information on connecting the KYZ Outputs to the receiving device. The receiving (destination) device may be the input to an energy management system, SCADA system, RTU, or other device configured to receive pulses.

**RADIO RF INPUT** - The PRNR-1200's Receiver/Antenna Unit contains a low-power 900MHz radio transceiver with an integral antenna mounted inside the unit. Observe the following application guidelines: 1.) Mount the transceiver as directed on the reverse side of this sheet; 2.) Locate the PRNR-1200 Receiver/Antenna unit so it is LINE-OF-SIGHT with the transmitter of the system; 3.) Ensure that all metal objects, trees and other obstructions, which may affect the distance the radio system will effectively work, are not within the line-of-sight between the transmitter and receiver.

**OPERATING MODE** - The PRR-1200 needs to be set for system operating mode.

**NOTICE TO USER** - This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a class B digital device, pursuant to part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses and can radiate radio frequency energy and if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- \* Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- \* Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
- \* Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- \* Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

In order to maintain compliance with FCC regulations, shielded cables must be used with this equipment. Operation with non-approved equipment or unshielded cables is likely to result in interference to radio and TV reception. The user is cautioned that changes and modifications made to the equipment without the approval of manufacturer could void the user's authority to operate this equipment.

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**Setting the System CHANNEL** - Each system -- the Transmitter and Receiver must operate on one of six different channels. A "channel" is a collection of 25 specific frequencies that are arranged in a specific "hop sequence". A unique channel allows multiple systems to operate in the same radio airspace without any interference with each other. Therefore, the transmitter and receiver must have the same channel setting. The channel address is set as a 3-bit binary code plus 1.

**Switch #1** is worth 4 while **Switch #2** is worth 2 and **Switch #3** is worth 1. To add the value of each switch, set it in the UP position. If all three switches are down, then the channel is equal to (0 + 0 + 0) + 1, or Channel #1. If the second and third switches are in the UP position, that would be equal to (0 + 2 + 1) + 1 or Channel #4. See **Table 1** at right for complete list of the channels. Note that Channel #6 is the highest channel number and even though there are eight unique switch combinations, Channel 6 is the highest channel that can be selected. The last three switch combinations all result in Channel #6 being selected.

**Setting the System Mode** - The PRL-1200 operates in the 1-transmitter/1-receiver mode. Set **Switch #4** to the **DOWN** position.

**Setting the Transmitter Number** - Not used on the Receiver. Set **Switch #5** to the **DOWN** position.

**Setting the OUTPUT Mode** - The PRL-1200 can operate in the Form C or Form A modes. The Form C mode, called 3-Wire mode, each input channel uses the K, Y and Z outputs, and two independent 3-Wire meter pulse channels are received and outputted. In the Form A mode, also called 2-Wire, each pulse channel uses the K and Y outputs, and four independent 2-Wire meter pulse channels can be received and outputted. Set **Switch #6** to the **DOWN** position for the Form A mode and **UP** for Form C mode. This must match Switch #6 of the PRNT-1200 Transmitter.

**RSSI Indicator\*** - The receiver has an Signal Strength Indicator to show the signal strength of the Transmitter. **This is a test mode and can only be used during installation.** See Diagnostics on page 18. Once the system is operational, set #7 to **DOWN** to turn off the RSSI.

**Pairing the Transmitter and Receiver** - The PRT-1200 System requires that each Transmitter and Receiver are paired together. Each Transmitter must learn the address of the Receiver it is designated to talk to. This makes it possible for the Transmitter to only talk to the designated Receiver and ignore other devices sending and receiving information on a particular frequency. After installation is complete perform the **Pairing Procedure** described on page 15.

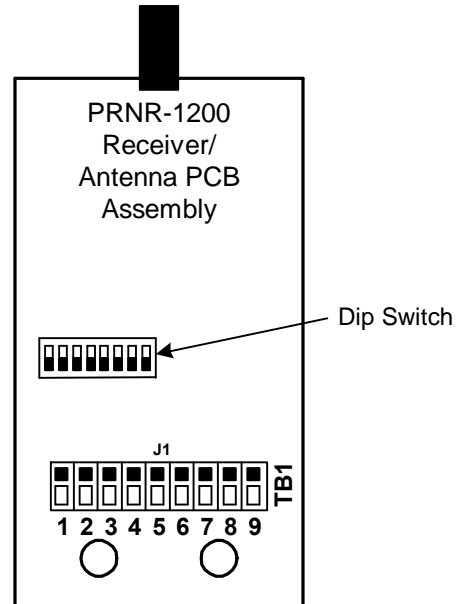


FIGURE 3

TABLE 1

CHANNEL#	SW#1	SW#2	SW#3
1	DN	DN	DN
2	DN	DN	UP
3	DN	UP	DN
4	DN	UP	UP
5	UP	DN	DN
6	UP	DN	UP
6	UP	UP	DN
6	UP	UP	UP

TABLE 2

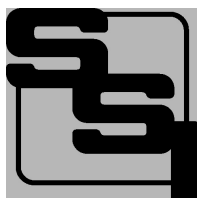
Mode	SW#4	SW#5	SW#7*
DEFAULT	DN	DN	DN

TABLE 3

Output Mode	SW#6
FORM A (2W)	DN
FORM C (3W)	UP

TABLE 4

Learn Mode	SW#8
RUN	DN
LEARN	UP

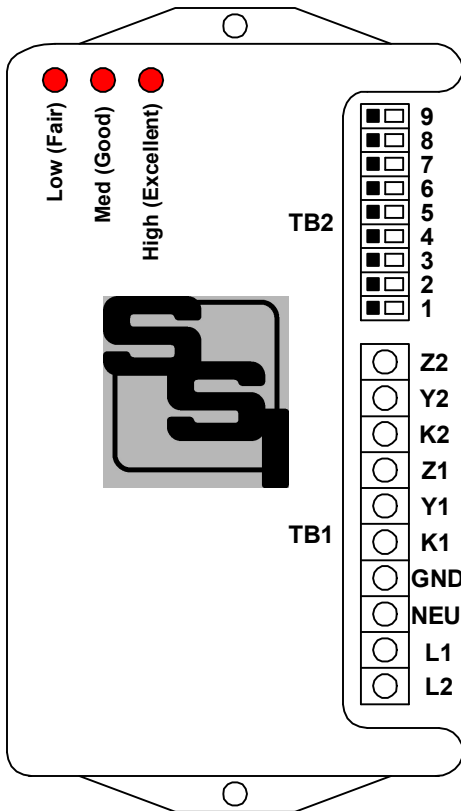


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# INSTRUCTION SHEET

## PRR-12 PULSE RECEIVER BASE UNIT



← SHLD → NONE  
 ← RSSI2out → WHT  
 ← RSSI1out → BLU  
 ← +Vcc → RED  
 ← Z2out → GRN  
 ← Y2out → YEL  
 ← Z1out → ORG  
 ← Y1out → BRN  
 ← GND → BLK

From PRNR-1200  
Receiver/Antenna Unit  
24AWG (min)/8 conductor with  
shield 100' max.

Z →  
 Y →     **OUTPUT #2**  
 K ←

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Z →  
 Y →     **OUTPUT #1**  
 K ←

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GND ←  
 NEU ←     **POWER SUPPLY INPUT**  
 120V ←  
 277V ←

**GENERAL** - The PRR-12 serves as a base unit, and termination point for the PRNR-1200 receiver/antenna unit. It contains a power supply, output relays and all connection points for the receiver/antenna unit.

**MOUNTING POSITION** - The PRR-12 may be mounted in any position.

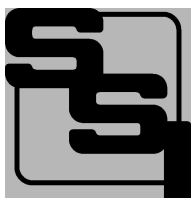
**ENCLOSURE** - The PRR-12 base unit is housed in a polycarbonate base and cover and is designed to be mounted into another electrical enclosure suitable for the application. An optional NEMA 3R raintight enclosure is available.

**POWER INPUT** - For a power supply of 120 VAC, use the the **L1** terminal for the "hot" lead. For 208 to 277 volts AC, use the **L2** terminal for the "hot" lead. Connect the Neutral lead to the **NEU** terminal. Connect the **GND** terminal to Ground. **GROUND MUST BE CONNECT TO A GOOD ELECTRICAL SYSTEM GROUND!!!**

**SIGNAL INPUT** - The PRNR-1200 receiver/antenna unit connects to the 9-position connector labelled TB2. Terminals are numbered in the same order on the PRNR and the PRR-12. Connect #24AWG 8-conductor shielded control cable between the PRNR-1200 receiver/antenna board and the PRR-12 making sure that all connections are matched up on both ends: 1 to 1, 2 to 2, etc. Make sure that the control cable's shield is connected to position 9 on each end.

**RSSI SIGNAL STRENGTH INDICATOR** - The PRR-12 contains a 3-LED bar graph that tells the relative signal strength coming from the Transmitter. It consists of three RED LEDs in the upper left-hand corner of the board.

**OUTPUT CONFIGURATION** - The PRR-12 contains four solid state Form A dry-contact outputs, two each for both "K", "Y" and "Z" outputs. Each solid state output is limited to 100mA@ 250VAC, 800mW maximum. Fuses are sized at 1/10th amp (100mA). Do not exceed this rating as the device will be destroyed. Transient voltage protection for the contacts of the solid state relays are provided by MOVs on board.



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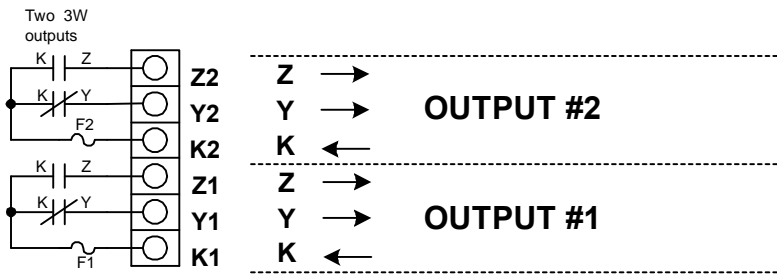
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## PRR-12 PULSE RECEIVER BASE UNIT

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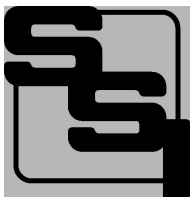
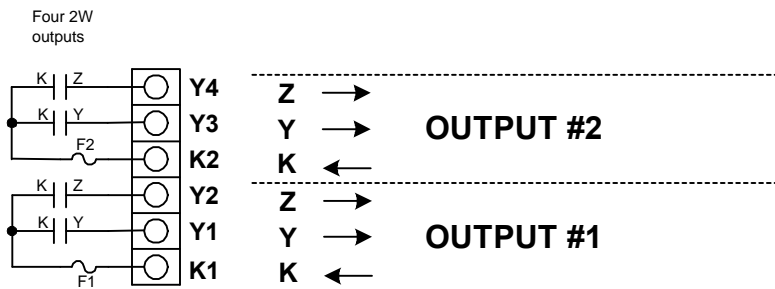
**USING THE OUTPUT IN 3-WIRE MODE -** When the PRR-1200 is operated in the Form C (3-Wire) mode, each output channel "toggles" back and forth like a single-pole, double throw switch. For one pulse there is continuity between K and Y (a closure) while there is no continuity between K and Z (an open). Upon the next pulse being received from the meter they reverse positions, K-Z closes and K-Y opens. In Form C mode, Y and Z are always opposite of each other. When one is closed and the other is open. There is logic in the PRR-1200's software that disallows two pulses of the same type in a row. They **MUST** alternate.

Each KYZ output is isolated, meaning there is no voltage applied to it internally. The wetting voltage for each KYZ output of the PRR-12 output must be supplied by the receiving ("downstream") device or by an auxiliary power supply. The outputs are solid state and are non-polarized. They may be used for AC or DC voltages. The output is limited to 100mA@ 250VAC, 800mW maximum. Fuses are sized at 1/10th amp (100mA). Do not exceed this rating as the solid state MOS-FET switching device may be destroyed. Internal current limiting of the solid state devices is also employed to protect them from over current or high dissipation situations. Transient voltage protection for the contacts of the solid state relays are provided by MOVs on board between the K and Y, as well as the K and Z outputs. Depending on user requirements the PRR-1200 can be operated in Form C mode and only two wires used on the output for the downstream device. This is perfectly acceptable, but remember to double the Form C pulse constant if your receiving device does not automatically adjust the pulse value.



**USING THE OUTPUT IN 2-WIRE MODE -**

The PRR-12's two KYZ outputs contain four solid state Form A dry-contacts and may be used independently as four Form A outputs. In this case instead of Y and Z being opposite of each other they are independently used. See the numbering of the output terminals in the diagram below. Even though the devices are operated independently in Form A mode, each set (Y1-Y2 and Y3-Y4) must be operated at the same voltage, from the same voltage source.



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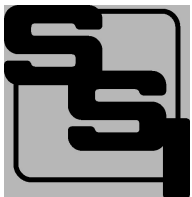
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# Transmitter and Receiver Pairing Procedure

## REQUIRED

This procedure pairs the PRT-1200 Transmitter with a specific PRR-1200 Receiver. The PRL-1200 system WILL NOT work unless this procedure is completed. In some cases the PRL-1200 system may be factory paired, in which case the pair procedure is not necessary to be re-done.

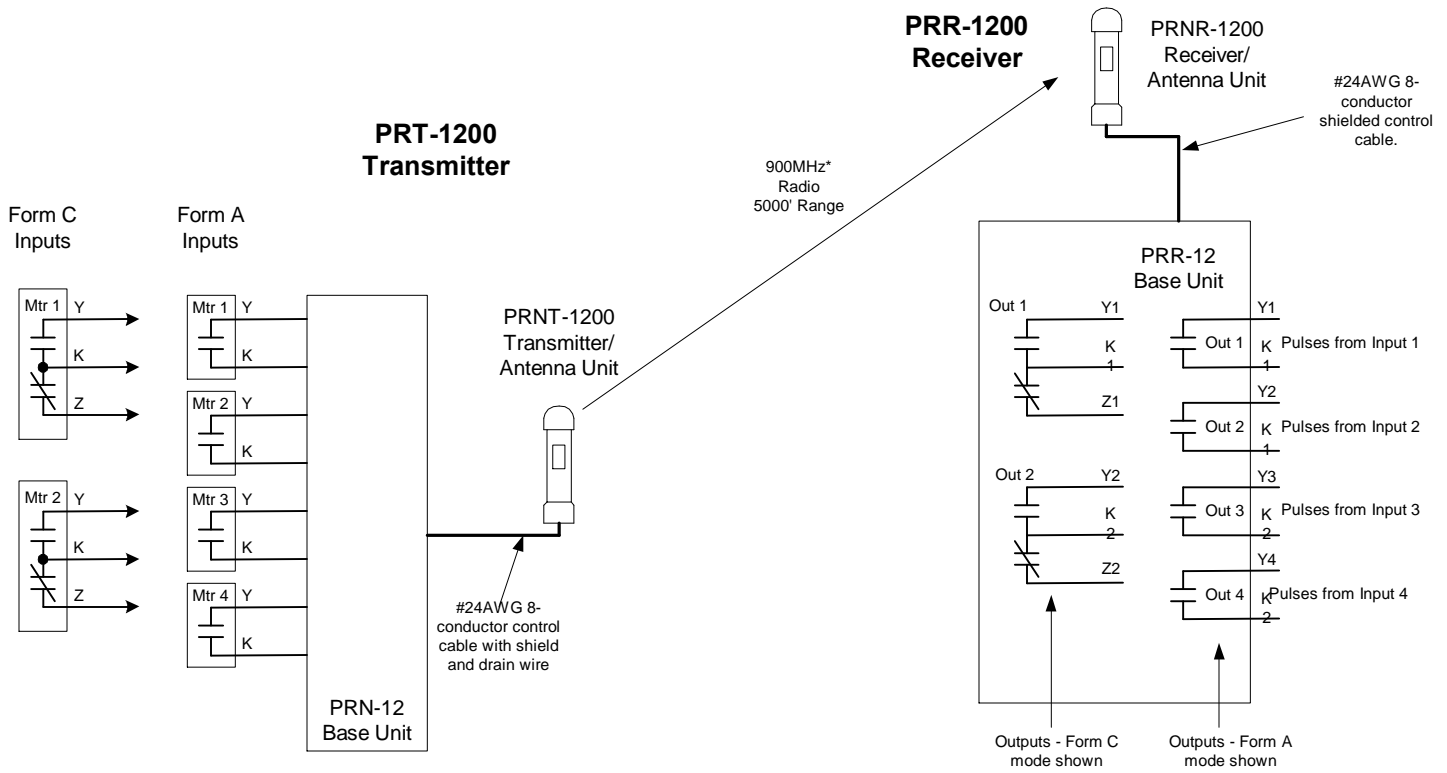
1. With the system powered down (OFF), set the transmitter and receiver channel numbers to the same setting. (See instructions on pages 8 and 12 for the transmitter and receiver, respectively).
2. Set Dip Switch #8 on both the transmitter and receiver to the "UP" position to put the system in the Learn mode.
3. Turn on power to the PRR-1200 Receiver. The RED system status LED should flash quickly.
4. Turn on power to the PRT-1200 Transmitter. The RED system status LED should flash in slow mode, about once per second) for a few seconds and then flash fast, about 4 times per second. The fast flash means that the system has paired itself together.
5. Return Dip Switch #8 on both the transmitter and receiver units to the "DOWN" position to put the PRL-1200 system in the RUN mode.
6. Once both units are in the RUN mode, you will see the KYZ outputs changing state to reflect the state of the transmitter.
7. If the Transmitter and Receiver boards ever need to be changed or if the transmitter and receiver units ever have to be deployed in a new system with a different transmitter or receiver, the pairing procedure will have to be performed again.



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# PRL-1200 Wireless Pulse Link Application



**Notes:**

- 1.) Configure each end to the same mode Form A or Form C. Make sure that the utility configures all the meter's outputs for toggle mode, not momentary mode. Form C (3-wire) mode is preferred from the meter to the transmitter's input. Set both the transmitter and receiver to Form C by setting Dip Switch #6 to the UP position. Using two wires (K and Y) on a Form C output is acceptable.
- 2.) Dip Switch #8 must be DOWN on the both ends for normal operation.
- 3.) Transmission is Line-of-sight and must not be blocked by trees, buildings, metal poles, trucks, railcars, etc.
- 4.) Transmission distance is variable from 1000' to 5000' depending on conditions. Distance and reliability will increase as the height mounted above the ground increases. During extremely heavy rain, transmissions may not be reliable.

<p>PRL-1200 Wireless Pulse Link System Diagram</p>		<p>REVISIONS</p>		
		NO.	DATE	DESCRIPTION
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## Troubleshooting and Tech Support

- 1.) Use shielded control cable between the PRT-12 Base Unit and the PRNT-1200 Transmitter/Antenna unit, as well as between the PRR-12 Base Unit and the PRNR-1200 Receiver/Antenna unit. Solid State Instruments part number 0715-0005 is an 8-conductor #24AWG shielded control cable sold by the foot. This cable is not UV rated so must be enclosed in seal-tight, liquid-tight or other non-metallic conduit. You can acquire your own cable but insure a high-quality communications cable with eight #24 stranded conductors. Do not use solid conductor wire, especially thermostat wire. Do not use any heavier wire than #22 AWG since there is limited space and it will be difficult to work with.
- 2.) Make sure that the transmission path between the Transmitter and the Receiver is free of ANY obstacles or anything that can interrupt the radio transmission line-of-sight path between the transmitter and receiver. The Transmitter or Receiver/Antenna units MUST be in continuous sight of each other . no interruptions from cars, trucks, railcars, trees, light poles, metal buildings, ANYTHING!
- 3.) Mount the Transmitter or Receiver/Antenna units as high up off the ground as reasonably possible to prevent RF reflections from the ground. This will increase range and reliability, and also allow for certain obstacles to be avoided. Do not mount the Transmitter/Antenna unit next to high voltage powerlines.
- 4.) Program the pulse constant (Ke value) of the electric meter high enough to allow for a pulse rate that will not exceed 2 pulses per second at maximum KW demand. This is well below the system's maximum pulse throughput rate but insures excellent reliability. NOTE: the PRL-1200 system does not change or modify the pulse values in any way. The pulse value is completely determined by the Ke value of the meter and the metering installation multiplier, which is based on Current Transformer (CT) and Potential Transformer (PT) ratios. Some meters are different and the programming of the pulse constant may vary from meter brand to meter brand.
- 5.) In extremely heavy rain or snow, the system may not be able to accurately receive all pulses transmitted. Like any other RF system, with enough interference, communications can be lost.
- 6.) RED System Status LED Light - The PRT-1200 and PRR-1200 Radio/Antenna boards have a red Status LED to help the installer determine whether the system is operating. This LED indicates that the processor is running through its program and is "alive". Both of these LEDs must be flashing in the fast mode about 4 times per second to indicate two things:
  - a. - there is power to the respective part of the PRL-1200 system and,
  - b. - the processor is operating normally and executing its program.

7. If there is interference on the hop sequence+channel you have selected, change to another channel. There are six channels to choose from. Both ends must have the same channel number.

8. The system's maximum reliable transmission distance will change with each installation since it is dependent on all of the environmental and electrical factors of each particular installation. While the distance is nominally specified as 5,000 feet, it may not work at the full range in some installations.

9. The Transmitter base unit is designed for mounting inside another control cabinet or enclosure appropriate and suitable for the particular application. If a NEMA 4X enclosure is required, order SSI P/N: 05000-47001A for the NEMA 4X Fiberglass 12"x 10"x 4" enclosure option. This option includes an interior mounting plate that the PRT-12 or PRR-12 mounts onto.

### Troubleshooting Procedure:

- Check all wiring connections especially the control cable connections between each Radio/Antenna unit and the Base unit.
- Check that power is on and applied properly to all components.
- Check the RED LED on the Transmitter and Receiver/Antenna boards and make sure they are flashing in fast mode.
- Check to make sure that all Transmitter and Receiver units are all on the same channel (Dip Switches #1-3)
- Make sure that there is not another system operating in the same RF airspace that has the same channel hop sequence selected.
- Make sure that the Transmitter and Receiver are set for the same Input and Output Mode, Form A (2-wire) or Form C (3-wire). (Dip Switch #6)
- Check Red LEDs on each Base Unit's input or output, and make sure they are flashing with pulses received from the meter.
- Use the Signal Strength LEDs (RSSI) on the Receiver to measure signal strength. Put Dip Switch #7 in the UP position on the Receiver to enable the RSSI indicator. Put in DOWN position when test complete to turn off RSSI. **Do not leave the RSSI indicate on during normal operation. Pulses will be lost if the RSSI is left on. The RSSI is a diagnostic tool only and not for normal operation.**
- Check that the antennas are securely screwed to the Radio/Antenna board.
- Use an ohmmeter or continuity checker across the KY terminals of each output and determine whether each is opening and closing by watching the output's resistance change. When the output is open, there should be infinite resistance. When the output is closed, the on-state resistance should be approximately 18 to 25 ohms.
- Is the downstream+equipment, that is receiving the pulses from the Receiver, providing a wetting voltage to the dry-contact output of the Receiver? Is the wetting voltage within the maximum specifications?

## FCC / IC NOTICES

This product contains FCC ID: Q7V-3F090009X / IC: 5589A-3F090009

This device complies with Part 15 of the FCC rules and Industry Canada license-exempt RSS standards. Operation of this device is subject to the following two conditions:

1. This device may not cause harmful interference, and
2. this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- “ Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- “ Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
- “ Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- “ Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

Any modifications could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.

Le présent appareil est conforme aux CNR de l'industrie Canada applicables aux appareils radio exempts de licence. L'exploitation est autorisée aux deux conditions suivantes:

1. l'appareil ne doit pas produire de brouillage, et
2. l'utilisateur de l'appareil doit accepter tout brouillage radioélectrique subi, même si le brouillage est susceptible de compromettre le fonctionnement.

**NOTES:**