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# FS-8705-27 – 'Barrington MicroSTAR Snoop' Serial Driver

DATASHEET - Rev 2

#### **DESCRIPTION**

If you have a site with a trunk(s) of Microstar's connected to a Lanstar and you cannot remove the Lanstar then this protocol driver can work for you. It connect to the trunk and listens (snoops) on the messages between the LanStar and the Microstars.

The driver is completely passive. It never sends any messages and will not affect network activity in any way if installed correctly.

As the driver is passive it relies on the messages between the LanStar and the MicroStars. Thus, if for some reason your Lanstar has not been



configured to talk to the Microstars or they are not reading data from the Microstars then this driver will have no messages to snoop on and therefore will not be useful.

Each MicroStar devices has 4x AO, 4x AI, 4x DI, 4x DO and 4x Counters. The driver can monitor the status of these points and cannot write to the outputs.

Setpoints, virtual Digital Outputs, any virtual points or virtual Microstars all reside in the memory of the LanStar and are not accessible using this driver. You will need the CAS Barrington Lanstar Driver. Ask our sales team.

The Microstar devices are daisy chained on a RS485 network.

The driver is fully compatible with other FieldServer drivers and meets FieldServer's quality assurance standards. The driver was developed by Chipkin Automation Systems, an Approved FieldServer Integrator.

This driver can only act as a passive client. It cannot be used to simulate a Microstar device.

# **CONNECTION FACTS**

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Passive Client	16	A maximum of 16 devices may be connected per trunk. This is a limitation of the protocol which only allows 16 possible addresses.
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# **FORMAL DRIVER TYPE**

Serial

**Active Client** 

## **COMPATIBILITY**

FIELDSERVER MODEL	COMPATIBLE
FS-x2010-01	Yes
FS-x2011-01	Yes
FS-x40	Yes
FS-X30	Yes
QuickServer's	Any with RS485 port

#### **CONNECTION INFORMATION**

Connection Type: EIA485

Baud Rates: Driver Supports: 110; 300; 600; 1200; 2400; 4800; 9600;

19200; 28800; 38400; 57600; 115200 Baud

MicroSTAR supports: 4800

Data Bits: Driver Supports: 7,8

MicroSTAR supports: 8

Stop Bits: Driver Supports: 1,2

MicroSTAR supports: 1

Parity: Driver Supports: Odd, Even, None

MicroSTAR supports: none

Hardware Interface: N/A Multidrop Capability: Yes

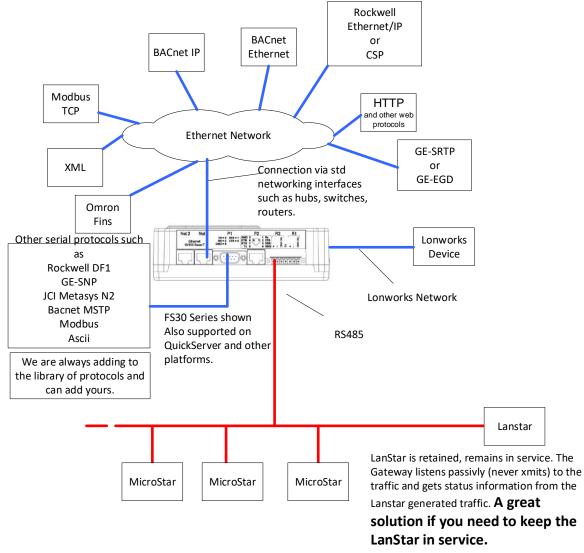
# **DEVICES TESTED**

DEVICE	TESTED (FACTORY, SITE)
Barrington MicroStar-II Std	Office

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### **CONNECTION CONFIGURATIONS**

FS30 shown as representing FS20, FS30 and FS40 and Quickservers



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# **COMMUNICATIONS FUNCTIONS**

FUNCTION	NOTES
Poll Request with Download Data	Writes 4xAO values and 4xDO states.
Poll Request	Reads all data for all inputs. Analog inputs are 16 bits values.

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#### **CUSTOMER SUPPORT**

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