# **The AtlasScientific**

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# OEM-pH™ Embedded pH Circuit ISO 10523 Compliant





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### **SOLDERING THIS DEVICE VOIDS YOUR WARRANTY.**

Before purchasing the pH OEM™ read this data sheet in its entirety. This product is designed to be surface mounted to a PCB of your own design.

This device is designed for electrical engineers who are familiar with embedded systems design and programing. If you, or your engineering team are not familiar with embedded systems design and programing, Atlas Scientific does not recommend buying this product.



# Attention

After soldering the OEM circuit to your PCB, all flux residue MUST be removed. Failure to do so could lead to a high impedance short, making it impossible to get accurate readings.



### Signs of a high impedance short.

pH readings will be locked at 0, 7 or 14 no matter what calibration solution the pH probe is in.

Readings will drift up or down until they eventually reach 0 or 14.

Getting an accurate, stable reading will be very difficult and it may take over an hour to get a stable reading.

The device responds to rituals. "It only works when I'm standing."

### DO NOT SKIP THIS STEP

The PCB must be washed with an ultrasonic cleaner, OR cleaned with a commercial flux removing chemical, OR soaked in alcohol for ~20 mins.



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# Resolution

The resolution of a sensor is the smallest change it can detect in the quantity that it is measuring. The Atlas Scientific™ pH OEM™ will always produce a reading with a resolution of three decimal places.

### Example

0.002 pH 13.476 pH

# Power on/start up

Once the Atlas Scientific™ pH OEM™ is powered on it will be ready to receive commands and take readings after 1ms. Communication is done using the SMBus/I<sup>2</sup>C protocol at speeds of 10 – 100 kHz.

### Settings that are retained if power is cut

**Calibration** I <sup>2</sup>C address

### Settings that are **NOT** retained if power is cut

Active/Hibernation mode LED control Interrupt control



# System overview

The Atlas Scientific pH OEM™ Class Embedded Circuit is the core electronics needed to read the pH of water from any off the shelf pH probe. The pH OEM™ Embedded Circuit will meet, or exceed the capabilities and accuracy found in all models of bench top laboratory grade pH meters.

The pH OEM™ is an SMBus / I<sup>2</sup>C slave device that communicates to a master device at a speed of 10 to 100 kHz. Read and write operations are done by accessing 26 different 8 bit registers.

# Accessible registers



The default device address is **0x65** This address can be changed.



Read and write R/W **Read only <b>R** 

#### **Compensation**



Each pH reading takes 420ms



# Reading register values

To read one or more registers, issue a write command and transmit the register address that should be read from, followed by a stop command. Then issue a read command, the data read will be the value that is stored in that register. Issuing another read command will automatically read the value in the next register. This can go on until all registers have been read. After reading the last register, additional read commands will return 0xFF. Issuing a stop command will terminate the read event.

The default device address is **0x65** This address can be changed.

### Example

Start reading at register 0x04 and read 2 times.



#### Example code reading two registers

**byte i2c\_device\_address=0x65; byte reg\_4, reg\_5;**

**Wire.beginTransmission(i2c\_device\_address); Wire.write(0x04); Wire.endTransmission();** 

**Wire.requestFrom(i2c\_device\_address,2); reg\_4=Wire.read(); reg\_5=Wire.read(); Wire.endTransmission();**

# Writing register values

All registers can be read, but only registers marked read/write can be written to.

To write to one (or more) registers, issue a write command and transmit the register address that should be written to, followed by the data byte to be written. Issuing another write command will automatically write the value in the next register. This can go on until all registers have been written to. After writing to the last register, additional write commands will do nothing.

### Example

Start writing at address 0x05 and write 2 values.



#### Example code writing the number 1 in register 0x05 – 0x06

**byte i2c\_device\_address=0x65; byte starting\_register=0x05 byte data=1;** 

**Wire.beginTransmission(i2c\_device\_address); Wire.write(starting\_register); Wire.write(data); Wire.write(data); Wire.endTransmission();** 

# Sending floating point numbers

For ease of understanding we are calling fixed decimal numbers "floating point numbers." We are aware they are not technically floating point numbers.

It is not possible to send/receive a floating (fixed decimal) point number over the SMBus/ I <sup>2</sup>C data protocol. Therefore, a multiplier/divider is used to remove the decimal point. Do not transmit a floating point number without property formatting the number first.

2 blocks of registers require the master to transmit a floating point number.

Calibration Compensation

When transmitting a floating point number to any of these 2 register blocks, the number must first be multiplied by **1000 for pH calibration values** and **100 for temperature** compensation values. This would have the effect of removing the floating point. Internally the pH OEM™ will divide the number by 100 or 1000 (depending on type), converting it back into a floating point number.

### Example

Setting a pH calibration midpoint of: 7.123  $7.123 \times 1000 = 7123$ Transmit the number 7123 to the Calibration Value Registers

Setting a pH calibration low point of: 4.00  $4.000 \times 1000 = 4000$ Transmit the number 4000 to the Calibration Value Registers

Setting a temperature compensation value of 99.06˚C  $99.06 \times 100 = 9906$ Transmit the number 9906 to the Temperature Compensation Registers

When reading back a value stored in one of these 2 register blocks the value must be divided by 100 or 1000 (depending on type) to return it to its originally intended value.



# Receiving floating point numbers

2 blocks of registers require the master to transmit a floating point number.



After receiving a value from any of these 2 register blocks, the number must be divided by 1000 for the pH Read Register or 100 for the Temperature Confirmation Register to convert it back into a floating point number.

### Example

Reading an pH value of 14.563 Value received = 14563  $14563 / 1000 = 14.563$ 

Reading a Temperature confirmation value of 99.06˚C Value received = 9906  $9906 / 100 = 99.06^{\circ}C$ 



# Registers

# Device information

R R

0x00: Device type 0x01: Firmware version

# 0x00 – Device type register

1 unsigned byte Read only value  $= 1$  $1 = pH$ 

This register contains a number indicating what type of OEM device it is.

## 0x01 – Firmware version register

1 unsigned byte Read only value  $= 2$ 2 = firmware version

This register contains a number indicating the firmware version of the OEM device.

### **byte i2c\_device\_address=0x65;** Example code reading device type and device version registers

**byte starting\_register=0x00 byte device\_type; byte version\_number;**

**Wire.beginTransmission(i2c\_device\_address); Wire.write(staring\_register); Wire.endTransmission();**

**Wire.requestFrom(i2c\_device\_address,(byte)2); device\_type = Wire.read(); version\_number = Wire.read(); Wire.endTransmission();** 





# Changing I<sup>2</sup>C address

0x02: SMBus/I<sup>2</sup>C address lock/unlock 0x03: SMBus/I<sup>2</sup>C address

### This is a 2 step procedure

To change the I<sup>2</sup>C address, an unlock command must first be issued.

R/W R/W

Step 1 Issue unlock command



The two unlock commands must be sent back to back in immediate succession. No other write, or read event can occur. Once the register is unlocked it will equal 0x00 (unlocked).

#### To lock the register

Write any value to the register other than 0x55; or, change the address in the Device Address Register.

#### Example code address unlock

**byte i2c\_device\_address=0x65; byte unlock\_register=0x02;** 

**Wire.beginTransmission(bus\_address); Wire.write(unlock\_register); Wire.write(0x55); Wire.endTransmission();** 

**Wire.beginTransmission(bus\_address); Wire.write(unlock\_register); Wire.write(0xAA); Wire.endTransmission();** 





### Step 2 Change address

# 0x03 - I<sup>2</sup>C address register

1 unsigned byte Default value =  $0x65$ Address can be changed 0x01 - 0x7F (1-127)

### Address changes outside of the possible range 0x01 - 0x7F (1-127) will be ignored.

After a new address has been sent to the device the Address lock/unlock register will lock and the new address will take hold. It will no longer be possible to communicate with the device using the old address.



### Settings to this register are retained if the power is cut.

#### Example code changing device address

**byte i2c\_device\_address=0x65; byte new\_i2c\_device\_address=0x60; byte address\_reg=0x03;**

**Wire.beginTransmission(bus\_address); Wire.write(address\_reg); Wire.write(new\_i2c\_device\_address); Wire.endTransmission();** 

0x00 0x01 0x02 0x03 0x04 0x05 0x06 0x07 0x08 0x09 0x0A 0x0B 0x0C 0x0D 0x0E 0x0F 0x10 0x11 0x12 0x13 0x14 0x15 0x16 0x17 0x18 0x19



# Control registers

R/W R/W

R/W



### 0x04 – Interrupt control register

1 unsigned byte Default value = 0 (disabled)

### Command values

 $0 =$  disabled

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- 2 = pin high on new reading (manually reset)
- 4 = pin low on new reading (manually reset)
- 8 = invert state on new reading (automatically reset)

Pin 7

The Interrupt control register adjusts the function of pin 7 (the interrupt output pin).

Settings to this register are not retained if the power is cut.

# Pin high on new reading

# Command value = 2

By setting the interrupt control register to 2 the pin will go to a low state (0 volts). Each time a new reading is available the INT pin (pin 7) will be set and output the same voltage that is on the VCC pin.





# Pin low on new reading

### Command value = 4

By setting the interrupt control register to 4 the pin will go to a high state (VCC). Each time a new reading is available the INT pin (pin 7) will be reset and the pin will be at 0 volts.



## Command value = 8

By setting the interrupt control register to 8 the pin will remain in whatever state it is in. Each time a new reading is available the INT pin (pin 7) will invert its state.





### 0x05 – LED control register

1 unsigned byte

#### Command values

1 = Blink each time a reading is taken  $0 = \bigcirc$ 

The LED control register adjusts the function of the on board LED. By default the LED is set to blink each time a reading is taken.

#### Example code Turning off LED

**byte i2c\_device\_address=0x65; byte led\_reg=0x05;** 

**Wire.beginTransmission(i2c\_device\_address); Wire.write(led\_reg); Wire.write(0x00); Wire.endTransmission();** 



## 0x06 – Active/hibernate register

1 unsigned byte

To wake the device Transmit a 0x01 to register 0x06

To hibernate the device Transmit a 0x00 to register 0x06

This register is used to activate, or hibernate the sensing subsystem of the OEM device.



Once the device has been woken up it will continuously take readings every 420ms. Waking the device is the only way to take a reading. Hibernating the device is the only way to stop taking readings.





# 0x07 – New reading available register

1 unsigned byte Default value  $= 0$  (no new reading) New reading available  $= 1$ 

### Command values

 $0 =$  reset register

This register is for applications where the interrupt output pin cannot be used and continuously polling the device would be the preferred method of identifying when a new reading is available.

When the device is powered on, the New Reading Available Register will equal 0. Once the device is placed into active mode and a reading has been taken, the New Reading Available Register will move from 0 to 1.

This register will never automatically reset itself to 0. The master must reset the register back to 0 each time.

#### Example code Polling new reading available register

**byte i2c\_device\_address=0x65;** 

**byte new\_reading\_available=0; byte nra=0x07;**

**while(new\_reading\_available==0){ Wire.beginTransmission(i2c\_device\_address); Wire.write(nra); Wire.endTransmission();** 

**Wire.requestFrom(i2c\_device\_address,(byte)1); new\_reading\_available = Wire.read(); Wire.endTransmission(); delay(10);** 

**if(new\_reading\_available==1){ call read\_pH(); Wire.beginTransmission(i2c\_device\_address); Wire.write(nra); Wire.write(0x00); Wire.endTransmission(); }** 





# Calibration

0x08: Calibration value MSB 0x09: Calibration value high byte 0x0A: Calibration value low byte 0x0B: Calibration value LSB



### 0x08 – 0x0B Calibration registers

Signed long  $0x08 = MSB$  $0x0B = LSB$ Units = pH

Calibration values can be whole number, or floating point. The first calibration point must always be pH 7.



Both pH 4 and pH 10 calibration commands can be sent as many times as you like. However, each time a ph 7 calibration command is sent both the 4 and 10 calibration points are deleted. This is because pH 7 is the foundation of the calibration protocol.

After sending a value to this register block, calibration is **not** complete. The calibration request register must be set after loading a calibration value into this register block.

To send a new calibration value to the pH OEM™ the value of the calibration solution must be multiplied by 1000 and then transmitted to the pH OEM™. The calibration value will be divided by 1000 internally. Move the value from a float to an unsigned long. Break up the unsigned long into its 4 individual bytes. Send the bytes (MSB to LSB) to registers 0x08, 0x09, 0x0A and 0x0B.

### Example

Calibrating to a pH of 7.002 calibration value = 7.002  $7.002 \times 1000 = 7002$ 7002 to HEX = 0x00001B5A

calibration MSB Register  $= 0x00$ calibration high byte Register =  $0x00$ calibration low byte Register  $= 0x1B$ calibration LSB Register  $= 0x5A$ 

0x00001B5A

0x5A

0x1B

0x00

0x00





### 0x0C – Calibration request register

1 unsigned byte

#### Command values

- 1 Clear calibration = (delete all calibration data)
- 2 Low point calibration  $=$  (typically this is pH 4.0)
- 3 Midpoint calibration  $=$  (typically this is pH 7.0)
- 4 High point calibration low = (typically this is pH 10.0)

0x05 0x06 0x07 0x08 0x09 0x0A 0x0B 0x0C 0x0D 0x0E 0x0F 0x10 0x11 0x12 0x13 0x14 0x15 0x16 0x17 0x18 0x19

0x00 0x01 0x02 0x03 0x04

Once a calibration value has been transmitted to the previous registers (0x08 – 0x0B) the calibration request register is used to apply the calibration value.

By default this register will read 0x00. When a calibration request command has been sent and a stop command has been issued, the pH OEM™ will perform that calibration requested. Once the calibration has been done the calibration request registers value will return to 0x00.

After setting this register to one of the four possible values, calibration will commence once an I<sup>2</sup>C stop bit has been transmitted.

## 0x0D – Calibration confirmation register

1 unsigned byte

### Command values

- $0 =$  low point calibration
- 1 = midpoint calibration
- 2 = high point calibration

After a calibration event has been successfully carried out, the calibration confirmation register will reflect what calibration has been done, by setting bits 0 – 2.







# Temperature compensation



### 0x0E – 0x11 Temperature compensation registers

Unsigned long  $0x0E = MSB$  $0x11 = LSB$ Default value =  $25 °C$ Units  $=$   $^{\circ}C$ 

The pH OEM™ Embedded pH Circuit can take temperature compensated pH readings. Any temperature value from 0.01 °C to 200.0 °C can be entered into the device. The default temperature is 25.0 °C

To send a new temperature to the pH OEM™ the value of the temperature must be multiplied by 100 and then transmitted to the pH OEM™. Internally the temperature will be divided by 100.



Settings to this register are **not** retained if the power is cut.

### Example

Setting the register to 34.26°C  $34.26 \times 100 = 3.426$ 3,426 → Unsigned long Unsinged long = Hex (0x00, 0x00, 0x0D, 0x62) 0x0E 0x1F 0x10 0x11





# Temperature confirmation

0x12: Temperature confirm MSB 0x13: Temperature confirm high byte 0x14: Temperature confirm low byte 0x15: Temperature confirm LSB

### 0x12 – 0x15 Temperature confirmation registers

Unsigned long  $0x12 = MSB$  $0x15 = LSB$ Default value =  $25 °C$ Units  $=$   $^{\circ}C$ 

The value in this register is only updated when actively taking readings.

This read only data is the temperature compensation value that was used to take the pH readings. This register can be used to be sure that the pH readings that are being taken are at the correct temperature.

If the temperature compensation register is changed from 25 °C to 30 °C, reading this register will show what temperature the pH reading was taken at. If a reading is being taken each time the interrupt pin fires, the first reading may still be at the old temperature of 25 °C while all other subsequent readings would then be at 30 °C.

To read the value in this register, read the bytes MSB to LSB and assign them to an unsigned long, cast to a float and divide that number by 100.

0x00 0x01 0x02 0x03 0x04 0x05 0x06 0x07 0x08 0x09 0x0A 0x0B 0x0C 0x0D 0x0E 0x0F 0x10 0x11 0x12 0x13 0x14 0x15 0x16 0x17 0x18 0x19



# <span id="page-23-0"></span>Sensor data

0x16: pH reading MSB 0x17: pH reading high byte 0x18: pH reading low byte 0x19: pH reading LSB

R R R R

# 0x16 – 0x19 pH reading registers

Signed long  $0x16 = MSB$  $0x19 = LSB$ Units = pH

The last pH reading taken is stored in these four registers. To read the value in this register, read the bytes MSB to LSB and assign them to an unsigned long, cast to a float and divide that number by 1000.

### Example Reading an pH of 8.347

**Step 1** read 4 bytes







#### **Step 3** cast unsigned long to a float



Step 4 divide by 1,000







# Calibration theory

The first calibration point must be the Mid point (pH 7.00)

If this is your first time calibrating the pH OEM™ circuit, we recommend that you follow this calibration order.



# Single, Two point, or Three point calibration





Two point calibration will provide high accuracy between **7.00** and the second point calibrated against, such as a 4.00.



Three point calibration will provide high accuracy over the full pH range. Three point calibration at **4.00, 7.00** and **10.00** should be considered the standard.



# Mid point calibration

Remove the soaker bottle and rinse off the pH probe. Remove the top of the pH 7.00 calibration solution pouch. Place the pH probe inside the pouch and let the probe sit in the calibration solution until the readings stabilize (small movement from one reading to the next is normal).



### Low point calibration

- Rinse off the probe before calibrating to the low point.
- Open the pouch of pH 4.00 calibration solution, and place probe inside the pouch.
- Wait for readings to stabilize  $(1 2$  minutes).





# High point calibration

- Rinse off the probe before calibrating to the high point.
- Open the pouch of pH 10.00 calibration solution, and place probe inside the pouch.
- Wait for readings to stabilize  $(1 2$  minutes).



The pH OEM™ circuits default temperature compensation is set to 25° C. If the temperature of the calibration solution is +/- 2° C from 25° C, consider setting the temperature compensation first. Temperature changes of < 2° C are insignificant.



# OEM electrical isolation

If the pH OEM™ Class Embedded Circuit is going to be used in consumer, industrial, or scientific/medical applications electrical isolation is strongly recommended. Electrically isolating the device will insure that the readings are accurate, the pH probe does not interfere with other sensors and that outside electrical noise does not affect the device.

The goal of electrically isolating the pH OEM™ device is to insure that the device no longer shares a common ground with the master CPU, other sensors and other devices that are can be traced back to a common ground. It is important to keep in mind that simply isolating the power and ground is not enough. Both data lines (SDA, SCL) and the INT pin must also be isolated.

This technology works by using tiny transformers to induce the voltage across an air gap. PCB layout requires special attention for EMI/EMC and RF Control, having proper ground planes and keeping the capacitors as close to the chip as possible are crucial for proper performance. The two data channels have a 4.7k $\Omega$  pull up resistor on both the isolated and non-isolated lines (R1, R2, R3, and R4) The output voltage is set using a voltage divider (R5, R6, and R,7) this produces a voltage of 3.9V regardless of your input voltage.

#### Isolated ground is different from non-isolated ground, these two lines should not be connected together.



# Designing your product

The pH OEM<sup>™</sup> circuit is a sensitive device. Special care **MUST** be taken to ensure your pH readings are accurate.

# Simple design

Simple low voltage computer systems experience little to no problems during development and have no reported issues from the target customer.



# Complex design

Complex computer systems with multiple voltages and switching, can lead to extended and unnecessary debugging time. Target customers can experience frequent accuracy issues.





# How to add chemical sensing to a complex computer system

Placing the OEM<sup>™</sup> circuits onto their own board is **strongly recommended**; Not only does this help keep the design layout simple and easy to follow, it also significantly reduces debugging and development time.

Target customers will experience accurate, stable and repeatable readings for the life of your product.





# Designing your PCB



The pH OEM™ circuit requires two separate ground planes to operate properly. One ground plane is for the digital section of the device, the other is for the analog section.

 just like the image below. Create two double-sided ground planes,



Connect pin 5 to the analog ground plane, and pin 6 to the digital ground plane.





Place the probe connector (BNC/SMA) close to the pH OEM™ circuit.





Using a 0.4mm trace width connect pin 4 (PRB) to pin 1 on the BNC/SMA. Keep this trace as short as possible. This trace is the pH signal path.



Connect pin 2 on the BNC/SMA to the analog ground plane



# Cross section of the pH signal path



This cross section is an example of how the analog ground plane protects the pH signal. The analog ground should surround the pH signal, on both the top and bottom layers.

 $\overline{\mathbf{C}}$ Rout the other traces as you see fit. If pin 7(INT) is unused leave it floating, do not connect pin 7 to VCC or ground.



# NEVER place vias under the OEM footprint.







6 Pins marked NC (No Connect) must be left floating. **NEVER** connect pins marked NC to VCC or ground.



 $\blacksquare$ If the pH OEM™ circuit is going to be hand soldered, avoid using rosin core solder. Use as little flux as possible. Do not let liquid flux seep under the pH OEM™ circuit. After the pH OEM™ circuit has been soldered to the PCB all flux residue MUST be removed. Failure to do so will result in poor quality readings.



#### DO NOT SKIP THIS STEP

The PCB must be washed with an ultrasonic cleaner, OR cleaned with a commercial flux removing chemical, OR soaked in alcohol for ~20 minutes.



# Recommended pad layout



# IC tube measurements

**Top View** 





# Recommended reflow soldering profile







# Pick and place usage



# Datasheet change log

#### Datasheet V 4.2

Revised operating voltages on pages 1 & 5.

#### Datasheet V 4.1

Added a page about flux removal on pg 3.

#### Datasheet V 4.0

Revised artwork on pg 7.



#### Datasheet V 3.9

Added "Calibration theory" on pg 24.

### Datasheet V 3.8

Added "Designing you product" on pg 25.

### Datasheet V 3.7

Revised calibration information on pg. 19

### Datasheet V 3.6

Changed calibration confrim register 0x0D from R/W to R.

### Datasheet V 3.5

Expanded upon the "Designing your PCB" section of datasheet, pg. 25

### Datasheet V 3.4

Revised isolation schematic on pg. 24

### Datasheet V 3.3

Changed "Max rate" to "Response time" on cover page.

### Datasheet V 3.2

Revised temperature compensation register information.

#### Datasheet V 3.1

Corrected max rate reading on cover page.

### Datasheet V 3.0

Revised entire datasheet

# Firmware updates

V4.0 – Initial release (July 7, 2015)

