



CENTRON® GPRS SmartMeter



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SmartSynch's residential metering solution features a communications module that is integrated into the Itron CENTRON electricity meter. The CENTRON SmartMeter communicates with a server running SmartSynch's Transaction Management System™ (TMS) and complies with ANSI C12.19 protocols for data storage and transmission.

This solution delivers actionable intelligence (critical usage and rate data) over secure cellular networks (such as AT&T and Rogers Wireless) and the Internet – in lieu of cumbersome and expensive private networks. This makes mass deployments quicker, easier, and more scalable, providing a significantly greater Return on Resources (RoR) for utilities.

Unlike proprietary, closed-architecture solutions, the CENTRON SmartMeter is essentially a *future-proof* investment in technology. Its standards-based IP connectivity makes it adaptable and field-upgradable to support today's sensing and communications needs, as well as tomorrow's opportunities, better than any alternative.

Functions & Features

Wireless Networks

- GPRS

Advanced Metering Functionality

- Flexible Two-Way Data Retrieval
- Scheduled and On-Demand Reads
- Interval Reads (5, 15, 30, 60 minutes)
- Real-Time Interval Reads
- Automated Register, Self-Read & TOU Retrieval
- Demand Resets
- Real-Time Meter Event and Alarm Retrieval
- Real-Time Power Outage and Power Restoration
- Service Diagnostics and Tamper Detection
- Tilt Detection
- Meter Clock Synchronization
- SmartMeter Status Display
- Automated Meter Registration
- Secure and Encrypted Data Transmissions
- Bi-Directional Metering
- Over-The-Air SmartMeter Module Firmware Upgrade

Supported Meter Forms

- Class 20: 3S, 4S
- Class 100: 1S
- Class 200: 2S, 12S, 25S
- Class 320: 2S

Hardware Components

- Radio Control Module Board (RCM)
- Capacitor Storage Bank (CSB)
- GSM/GPRS Modem
- Internal Antenna
- Tilt Detector
- Temperature Sensor

Operating Ranges

Temperature

- Operating: [-40°C, +85°C]
- Transmission (GPRS): [-40°C, +85°C]

Humidity

- 0% to 95% non-condensing

Accuracy

- Meets ANSI 12.20 for accuracy class 0.5%

Regulatory & Industry Specifications

- FCC Part 15 Class B
- ANSI C37.90.1 – 1989: (SWC)
- ANSI C12.20 (Class 0.5) – 1998
- PTCRB Certified
- Network Carrier Certified
- Measurement Canada Certified

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Flexible Two-Way Data Retrieval and Scheduled Data Collection

Users can execute all appropriate TMS functionality using user configurable SmartMeter-controlled schedules and TMS-controlled schedules and as well as on an on-demand basis.

Automated Interval Data/Energy Usage Retrieval

The CENTRON SmartMeter module retrieves and transmits interval data for 1 unique energy value for intervals as small as 5 minutes. Recorded events and exceptions with each interval are also transmitted to the TMS, which interprets them and logs appropriate messages (e.g. time adjustments).

Real-Time Interval Reads

Real-time interval data acquisition enables utilities to implement Load Curtailment and Real Time Pricing (RTP) programs. With this functionality, the user can configure the SmartMeter module to transmit load profile data as often as every 15 minutes at interval completion.

Automated Register, Self-Read and TOU Retrieval

The CENTRON SmartMeter module is configured by the TMS to read and transmit all or a subset of enabled registers including totals, self-reads, maximum demand and time-of-use values.

Demand Resets

The CENTRON SmartMeter module executes Demand Resets using one of three methods: SmartModule-initiated schedules, TMS-initiated schedules or TMS on-demand requests.

Real-Time Meter Event and Alarm Retrieval

The CENTRON SmartMeter provides automatic real-time alarm reporting of all events defined in the ANSI C12.19 standard including history and event codes, ANSI Standard status and Manufacturer status alarms. Additionally, alarms received by TMS can be automatically routed via e-mail to a specific user or group of users using the TMS Message Routing Interface.

Real-Time Power Outage and Restoration Alarms

With built-in ultracapacitor energy storage, the CENTRON SmartMeter module will transmit a real-time "last gasp" notification when detecting an AC power outage without requiring the use of less reliable batteries. The CENTRON SmartMeter also notifies the TMS when the AC power is restored and provides full configuration of these alarms based on user-defined durations.

Service Diagnostic and Tamper Detection Alerts

The CENTRON SmartMeter can report power service and wiring errors detected by the meter, including reverse polarity, cross-phase and energy flow, phase voltage deviation, inactive phase current, phase angle displacement and current waveform distortion. In addition, the SmartMeter can detect and report exceptions for the following tamper events: number of Demand Resets, Loss of AC power, and reported power outages.

TMS configures a specific filter in the SmartMeter for each of these events enabling the transmission of a corresponding alert only after the event is repeated a minimum number of times within a specific duration. The TMS can also configure the SmartMeter to reset the event counter when the alert message is transmitted.

Tilt Detection

The CENTRON SmartMeter can detect and report tilt events that occur when the SmartMeter is moved from its installation position.

Meter Clock Synchronization

If enabled, the SmartModule automatically adjusts the meter clock when the time deviation falls within user-defined lower and upper deviation boundaries based on a reference clock provided by the TMS. If the deviation exceeds the upper boundary, the module reports the deviation via an alarm but does not correct the meter clock. If the deviation is less than the lower boundary, the module ignores the deviation.

SmartMeter Status Display

The CENTRON SmartMeter supports an optional LCD status sequence to display important SmartMeter indicators periodically. This status sequence includes the meter site coverage status, SmartModule firmware state and any SmartModule firmware warnings/errors enabling technicians to ensure proper installation of the CENTRON SmartMeters and allow field troubleshooting without any other tools.

Automated Meter Registration

The SmartMeter module automatically transmits a registration message to the TMS when the meter is installed without requiring user intervention. This message permits the TMS to create or update the meter record with validated information ensuring accurate and automated record entries without user intervention.

Secure and Encrypted Data Transmissions

256-bit encryption is applied to all messages exchanged between the TMS and the SmartMeter module, utilizing a unique meter specific encryption key.

Bi-Directional Metering

The CENTRON SmartMeter is a bi-directional meter that supports Net Metering. Both received and delivered data metrics are stored in the meter and can be delivered to the utility as needed to support "green-credit" electricity programs for consumers who own renewable energy facilities or participate in vehicle-to-grid systems.

Over-The-Air SmartMeter Module Firmware Upgrade

TMS users with administrator privileges can remotely upgrade the CENTRON SmartMeter module firmware for one or multiple communication modules.

Transmission Efficiency

In addition to support for allowing users to filter the number of meter channels and types of diagnostics that are returned, all wireless messages are converted to binary and optimally compressed before transmission to ensure the most economical data processing rates. The compression ratio can be as high as 50% and overall data usage can be as little as 5% of the total usage of other wireless systems.

Automated ID Tracking

Barcode labels and important identifiers (e.g. ICC-ID / MS-ISDN) are attached to the integrated SmartMeter for tracking and troubleshooting purposes. The SmartMeter module manufacturer and meter integrator scan and track all device IDs accurately.

On-Demand Data Reads For Virtual Disconnect

Customers can perform virtual disconnects through the TMS by retrieving a final read for one end-user and an initial read for a subsequent end-user. This function is also utilized to perform meter "switch-outs."



Hardware Specifications



<i>Hardware Component</i>	<i>Description</i>
Radio Control Module Board (RCM)	32-bit ARM processor, 256K RAM, 512K flash
Capacitor Storage Bank (CSB)	Supplies peak power for data transmissions and all functions during power outages – no batteries required
GSM/GPRS Modem	GSM modem communicates with head-end using GPRS and SMS services
Internal Antenna	Flexible dual frequency GSM antenna for the modem
Tilt Detector	Detects unauthorised movement or removal of the device
Temperature Sensor	Monitors all temperatures to ensure correct radio operation

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Input/Output Signal or Interface *Definition/Values*

Module Power Input Voltage	120 VAC
Meter Serial Interface	3.3V / TTL compatible asynchronous

Integration

The SmartMeter module is a fully integrated, under-the-cover option inside the CENTRON meter. The CENTRON GPRS SmartMeter is shipped as one complete unit, ready for field deployment.

Version and Compatibility Information

CENTRON Meter Hardware: Supported meter forms, classes, and types, equipped with battery

CENTRON Meter Firmware: TBD

SmartModule: CENTRON GPRS SmartMeter Module

SmartSynch TMS: Version 7.20 or higher

About SmartSynch: Headquartered in Jackson, Miss., SmartSynch has been developing successful Smart Grid *Intelligence* solutions for the utility industry since 2000. The company's clean-tech innovations in the two-way delivery of real-time energy usage data over cellular networks (AT&T, Rogers, etc.), in lieu of private network build-outs, have to date simplified SmartMeter deployments for 150 major North American utilities, while enabling green-energy initiatives and delivering significantly higher Returns on Resources.

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