

## SafeLink Application & selection

Shown: SLS-2



SafeLink provides wireless communication between the fixture mounted SEND unit and the machine control interfaced RECEIVE unit.

A pressure switch is used on the fixture to monitor the circuit pressure. If the pressure switch on the fixture goes open, the RECEIVE unit communicates the changed status to the machine control through either 24 VDC, Modbus RTU RS485 or Ethernet IP protocol or Modbus TCP/IP.

The machine control would interrupt the machining process. The SEND unit can also be used with limit switch based position sensing clamps to verify clamped or unclamped status for robotically loaded systems.

### WIRELESS communication between a fixture circuit and the machine control

- Fixture mounted "SEND" unit uses radio communication to monitor pressure and/or clamp position
- 2.4 GHz Frequency Band for global acceptance
- "Frequency Hopping" used to for signal stability, even in busy production environments
- "SEND" units are easily reassigned to a different "RECEIVE" unit so fixtures can be moved between machines
- No limit to the number of systems used in a production area
- "SEND" units are internally powered by a replaceable 3,6 VDC Lithium battery – provides up to 3-year battery life
- "SEND" units are sealed to IP-67 for protection from contamination and coolant
- LED lights for visual status indication
- LCD Display window for set-up and status display.

### Product selection

Model Number	Description
SLS-1	"SEND" Unit with Internal Antenna
SLS-2	"SEND" Unit with External Antenna
SLS-3	"SEND" Unit with External Antenna, 3 Inputs
SLR-1	"RECEIVE" Unit with External Antenna
SLR-2	"RECEIVE" Unit with External Antenna, 3 Inputs
SLS-2AC	0,2 meter Antenna Cable
SLEM-1	Expansion Module for SLR
SLEB-1	Ethernet Bridge for SLR-1
SLSC-1	Power and Communication Splitter Cable for SLEB-1
SLDB-1	DIN Rail Mounting Bracket

### Product specifications

IP Rating	Radio Frequency	Transmit Power	Input Power for RECEIVE Unit	Output	FCC Rating	Receiver Commu- nication Protocols	Additional Outputs available from Receiver
IP 67	2.4 GHz	21 dBm	+10 VDC	+24 VDC	FCC	Modbus	24 VDC
		conducted	to		Part 15,	RTU RS485	
			+30 VDC		Subpart C,		
					15.247	Ethernet IP	
Dust tight,	Global		Supplied	NMOS			Max. from
immersion	Standard		by machine	Sinking		Modbus	Receiver: 6
up to			control			TCP/IP	
1 meter							

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## SafeLink Systems using 24 VDC output

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SafeLink can provide a discrete 24 VDC output signal for systems of up to 4 fixtures. Each SEND unit can provide up to three outputs to the RECEIVE unit. The RECEIVE unit has 6 terminal stations , which are assigned to SEND units in groups of 3. So each RECEIVE unit can be paired with 2 SEND units when using the 24VDC output. For extra capacity, an EXPANSION MODULE provides an additional terminal strip, adding 2 more sets of three terminal stations. Basic System with I/O Machine Interface







#### Larger System with I/O Machine Interface



SLCS-1 Splitter Cable



The **SLSC-1 Splitter Cable** is used with the **SLEM-1** Expansion Module and the **SLEB-1** Ethernet Bridge to connect to the **SLR-1** RECEIVE unit and the machine control circuit.



## Systems using Modbus or Ethernet Protocols SafeLink

#### Larger System with Modbus RTU Machine Interface



#### Larger System with Ethernet IP Machine Interface



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SafeLink RECEIVE units can supply the outputs by using the standard Modbus RTU RS-485 protocol. This output uses the 5 pin connector on the RECEIVE unit. If Ethernet protocol is preferred, an ETHERNET BRIDGE is available to convert the Modbus RTU R-485 to ETHERNET IP or Modbus TCP/IP.

Shown: SLEB-1



The SLEB-1 Ethernet Bridge is used with the SLR-1 Receiver when Ethernet connection is available in the machine control. Use of the SLEB-1 will allow the monitoring of more fixtures in a large pallet pool system.

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## SafeLink Frequently Asked Questions

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### ▶ WHAT IS SAFELINK?

SafeLink is a wireless way to communicate between a palletized fixture and a machine control.

### ▶ WHY USE SAFELINK?

SafeLink can monitor the fixture pressure and clamp position in real time- even when parts are being machined. The system can also be used to verify that the operator has properly pressurized the fixture before it is sent in to be machined. If there is a pressure deficiency, the signal between the Send and Receive units is interrupted, and the machine control can respond before expensive damage occurs.

### ► HOW DOES SAFELINK WORK?

SafeLink uses 2,4 GHz radios to allow the SEND unit on the fixture to communicate with the RECEIVE unit that is interfaced with the machine control. The RECEIVE unit provides both 24 VDC outputs and a standard Modbus RTU RS485 communication protocol. An optional Ethernet Bridge will convert this to an Ethernet TCP IP protocol. The machine control must be set up to respond to this protocol to initiate a Feed Hold command, turn on a warning light, or even activate a Machine Stop command.

A pressure switch for pressure monitoring or a limit switch for position sensing is used with the SEND unit. If the pressure or position is lost, the switch goes open and the signal to the RECEIVE unit is interrupted.

### WHAT POWERS THE SEND UNIT?

The SEND unit uses a 3,6 VDC size D Lithium battery that is supplied with the unit. Projected battery life is 3 years.

### ▶ WHAT POWERS THE RECEIVE UNIT?

The receive unit requires 24 VDC power, usually from the power supply in the machine control.

# ► WILL THE MACHINE FAULT IF THE PALLET IS IN THE LOADING STATION AND THE CLAMPS ARE UNCLAMPED?

The Receive unit is just an input source for the machine control. The machine control must be able to identify which fixture is in the machine being run and which one is in the loading station. When in the loading station, the machine control must be able to ignore the signal loss when the clamps are unclamped to remove the completed parts.

### ▶ HOW MANY FIXTURES CAN BE MONITORED BY ONE RECEIVE UNIT?

By using either Modbus RTU RS485 or Ethernet TCP IP, up to 56 SLS-1 or SLS-2 Send Units on fixtures can be monitored by a single SLR-1Receive Unit.

#### ► IS INSTALLATION AVAILABLE FROM ENERPAC?

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