Wireless Pulse Counter Interface

R718H
User Manual

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1. Introduction

R718H is the Wireless Pulse Counter Interface of Netvox ClassA type device based on LoRaWAN open protocol, compatible with LoRaWAN protocol.

LoRa Wireless Technology:

LoRa is a wireless communication technology famous for its long-distance transmission and low power consumption. Compared with other communication methods, LoRa spread spectrum modulation technique greatly extend the communication distance. It can be widely used in any use case that requires long-distance and low-data wireless communications. For example, automatic meter reading, building automation equipment, wireless security systems, industrial monitoring. It has features like small size, low power consumption, long transmission distance, strong anti-interference ability and so on.

LoRaWAN:

LoRaWAN uses LoRa technology to define end-to-end standard specifications to ensure interoperability between devices and gateways from different manufacturers.

2. Appearance

Indicator

Function Key

Pulse signal

Ground

3. Main Features

- Compatible with LoRaWAN

- Pulse counter interface

- External equipment of pulse voltage range is 2.4v~3.3v

- 2 ER14505 lithium batteries in parallel (3.6V / section)

- Protection class IP65

- Compatible with LoRaWAN^{TM} Class A

- Frequency hopping spread spectrum

- Applicable to third-party platforms: Actility/ThingPark, TTN, MyDevices/Cayenne

- Low power consumption and long battery life

Battery Life:

- Please refer to web: http://www.netvox.com.tw/electric/electric_calc.html

- At this website, users can find battery life time for variety models at different configurations.

  1. Actual range may vary depending on environment.

  2. Battery life is determined by sensor reporting frequency and other variables.

4.Set up Instruction

On/Off

Power on	Insert batteries. (Users may need a screwdriver to open)
Turn on	Press and hold the function key for 3 seconds till the green indicator flashes once.
Turn off (Restore to factory setting)	Press and hold the function key for 5 seconds till green indicator flashes for 20 times.
Power off	Remove Batteries.
Note:	1. Remove and insert the battery; the device is at off state by default. 2. On/off interval is suggested to be about 10 seconds to avoid the interference of capacitor inductance and other energy storage components. 3. At 1st to 5th second after power on, the device is in engineering test mode.

Network Joining

Never joined the network	Turn on the device to search the network. The green indicator stays on for 5 seconds: success The green indicator remains off: fail
Had joined the network (Not at factory setting state)	Turn on the device to search the previous network. The green indicator stays on for 5 seconds: success The green indicator remains off: fail

Function Key

Press and hold for 5 seconds	Restore to factory setting / Turn off The green indicator flashes for 20 times: success The green indicator remains off: fail
Press once	The device is in the network: green indicator flashes once and sends a report The device is not in the network: green indicator remains off

Sleeping Mode

The device is on and in the network	Sleeping period: Min Interval. When the reportchange exceeds setting value or the state changes: send a data report according to Min Interval.

Low Voltage Warning

Low Voltage	3.2V (If the battery voltage is lower than 3.2V, the device will send a low-power warning)

5. Data Report

The device will immediately send a version packet report along with an uplink packet including battery voltage and pulse count.

The device sends data in the default configuration before any configuration is done.

Default Setting:

MaxTime: 0x0E10 (3600s)

MinTime: 0x0E10 (3600s)

BatteryChange: 0x01 (0.1v)

FilterTime = 0x02 (10ms)

Pulse Counter Clear Mode:

Pulse Counter has two mode to option

a. Clear When SEND:0x00 (default)

Clear the pulse count after reporting data packet

b. Clear When Roll-Over:0x01 (Enable the mode by command ConfigureCmd)

Accumulate each pulse count, it will clear pulse count reach 0xFFFF then report an uplink packet (0xFFFF), and

restart count. (When device reset or reboot, it will clear pulse count data, too)

Note:

(1) The input pulse width is greater than 100ms to accurately count

(2) The device report interval will be programmed based on the default firmware which may vary.

(3) The interval between two reports must be the minimum time

(4) Please refer Netvox *LoRaWAN Application Command document* and *Netvox Lora Command Resolver*

http://cmddoc.netvoxcloud.com/cmddoc to resolve uplink data.

Data report configuration and sending period are as following:

Min Interval (Unit:second)	Max Interval (Unit:second)	Reportable Change	Current Change≥ Reportable Change	Current Change＜ Reportable Change
Any number between 1~65535	Any number between 1~65535	Can not be 0.	Report per Min Interval	Report per Max Interval

5.1 Example of ReportDataCmd

Bytes	1	1	1	Var(Fix=8 Bytes)
	Version	DeviceType	ReportType	NetvoxPayLoadData

Version– 1 bytes –0x01——the Version of NetvoxLoRaWAN Application Command Version

DeviceType– 1 byte – Device Type of Device

        The devicetype is listed in Netvox LoRaWAN Application Devicetype.doc

ReportType – 1 byte –the presentation of the NetvoxPayLoadData，according the devicetype

NetvoxPayLoadData– Fixed bytes (Fixed =8bytes)

Tips

  1. **Battery Voltage:**

     The voltage value is bit 0 ~ bit 6, bit 7=0 is normal voltage, and bit 7=1 is low voltage.

     Battery=0xA0, binary=1010 0000, if bit 7= 1, it means low voltage.

     The actual voltage is 0010 0000 = 0x20 = 32, 32*0.1v =3.2v

  2. **Version Packet:**

     When Report Type=0x00 is the version packet, such as 011F000A0B202005200000, the firmware version is 2020.05.20

  3. **Data Packet:**

     When Report Type=0x01 is data packet.

Device	Device Type	Report Type	NetvoxPayLoadData			
R718H	0x1F	0x00	SoftwareVersion(1Byte) Eg.0x0A—V1.0	HardwareVersion (1Byte)	DateCode (4Bytes,eg0x20170503)	Reserved (2Bytes,fixed 0x00)
		0x01	Battery (1Byte, unit:0.1V)	PulseCount (2byte)	Reserved (5Bytes,fixed 0x00)	

Example of uplink: 011F012400C80000000000

   1st byte (01): Version

   2nd byte (1F): DeviceType 0x1F － R718H

   3rd byte (01): ReportType

   4th byte (24): Battery－3.6v , 24 Hex=36 Dec   36*0.1v=3.6v

   5th 6th byte (00C8): PulseCount－200 , C8 Hex=200 Dec

   7th -11th byte (0000000000): Reserved

5.2 Example of ConfigureCmd

Bytes	1	1	Var(Fix =9 Bytes)
	CmdID	DeviceType	NetvoxPayLoadData

CmdID– 1 byte

DeviceType– 1 byte – Device Type of Device

NetvoxPayLoadData– var bytes (Max=9bytes)

Description	Device	Cmd ID	Device Type	NetvoxPayLoadData			
Config ReportReq	R718H	0x01	0x1F	MinTime (2bytes Unit:s)	MaxTime (2bytes Unit:s)	BatteryChange (1byte Unit:0.1v)	Reserved (4Bytes,Fixed 0x00)
Config ReportRsp		0x81		Status (0x00_success)		Reserved (8Bytes,Fixed 0x00)	
ReadConfig ReportReq		0x02		Reserved (9Bytes,Fixed 0x00)			
ReadConfig ReportRsp		0x82		MinTime (2bytes Unit:s)	MaxTime (2bytes Unit:s)	BatteryChange (1byte Unit:0.1v)	Reserved (4Bytes,Fixed 0x00)

(1) Configure device parameters MinTime = 1min, MaxTime = 1min, BatteryChange = 0.1v

Downlink: 011F003C003C0100000000 $003C(H_{ex})$ = $60(D_{ec})$

Response:

811F000000000000000000 (Configuration success)

811F010000000000000000 (Configuration failure)

(2) Read Device Parameters Configuration:

Downlink: 021F00000000000000000000

Response: 821F003C003C0100000000 (Current device parameter)

SetFilter timeReq	R718H	0x03	0x1F	FilterTime (1byte,Unit:5ms)	Reserved (8Bytes,Fixed 0x00)
SetFilter timeRsp		0x83		Status (0x00_success)	Reserved (8Bytes,Fixed 0x00)
GetFilter timeReq		0x04		Reserved (9Bytes,Fixed 0x00)	

GetFilter timeRsp		0x84		FilterTime (1byte,Unit:5ms)	Reserved (8Bytes,Fixed 0x00)
SetPulseCounter ClearModeReq		0x05		PulseCounterClearMode (1Byte,0x00_Clear When SEND, 0x01_Clear When Roll-Over)	Reserved (8Bytes,Fixed 0x00)
SetPulseCounter ClearModeRsp		0x85		Status (0x00_success)	Reserved (8Bytes,Fixed 0x00)
GetPulseCounter ClearModeReq		0x06		Reserved (9Bytes,Fixed 0x00)	
GetPulseCounter ClearModeRsp		0x86		PulseCounterClearMode (1Byte,0x00_Clear When SEND, 0x01_Clear When Roll-Over)	Reserved (8Bytes,Fixed 0x00)

(3) Setting the FilterTime =100ms

    Downlink： 031F140000000000000000   14(Hex) = 20(Dec), 20*5ms=100ms

    Response：

          831F000000000000000000 (Configuration success)

          831F010000000000000000 (Configuration failure)

(4) Read the FilterTime Configuration:

    Downlink： 041F000000000000000000

    Response： 841F140000000000000000 (Current device parameter)

(5) Setting the Pulse Counter Clear Mode = 0x01_Clear When Roll-Over

    Downlink： 051F010000000000000000

    Response：

          851F000000000000000000 (Configuration success)

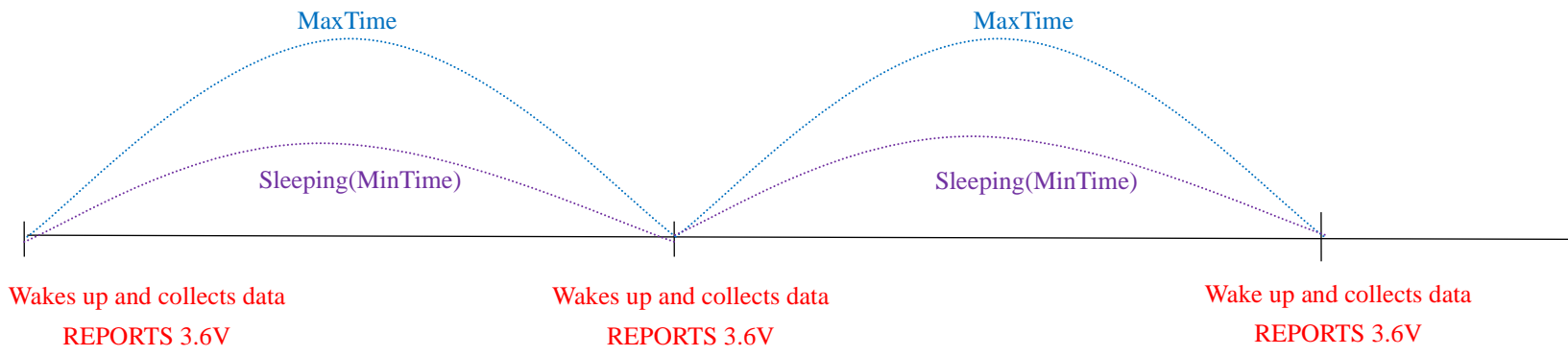   851F010000000000000000 (Configuration failure)

(6) Read the Pulse Counter Clear Mode Configuration:

    Downlink： 061F000000000000000000

    Response： 861F010000000000000000 (Current device parameter)
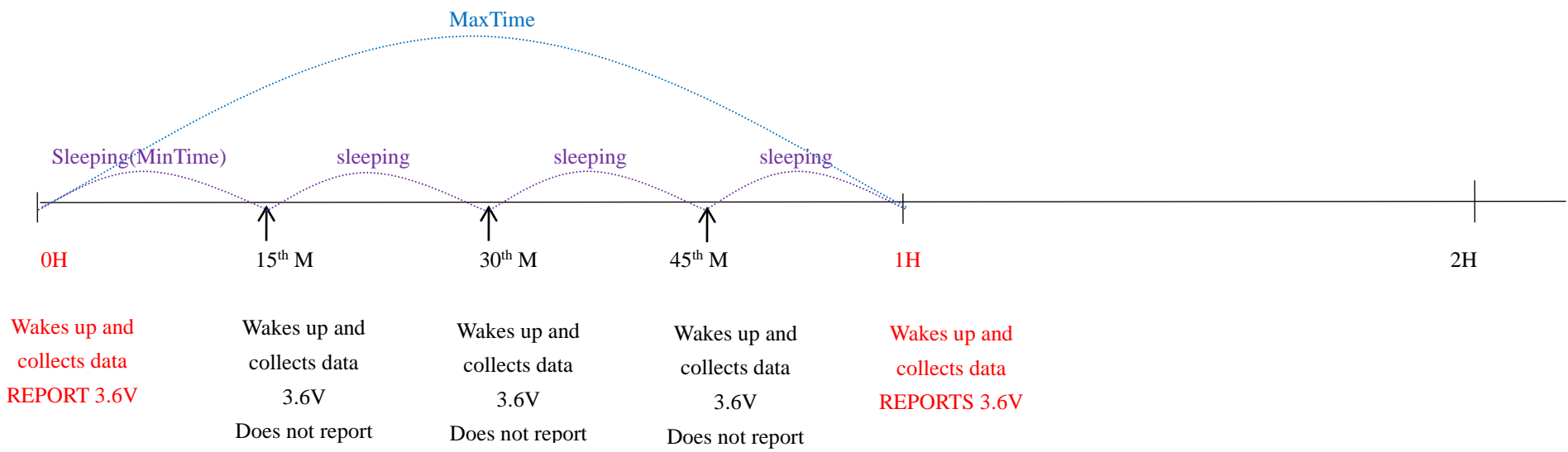

5.3 Example for MinTime/MaxTime logic

Example#1 based on MinTime = 1 Hour, MaxTime= 1 Hour, Reportable Change i.e. BatteryVoltageChange=0.1V

MaxTime

MaxTime

Sleeping(MinTime)

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REPORTS 3.6V

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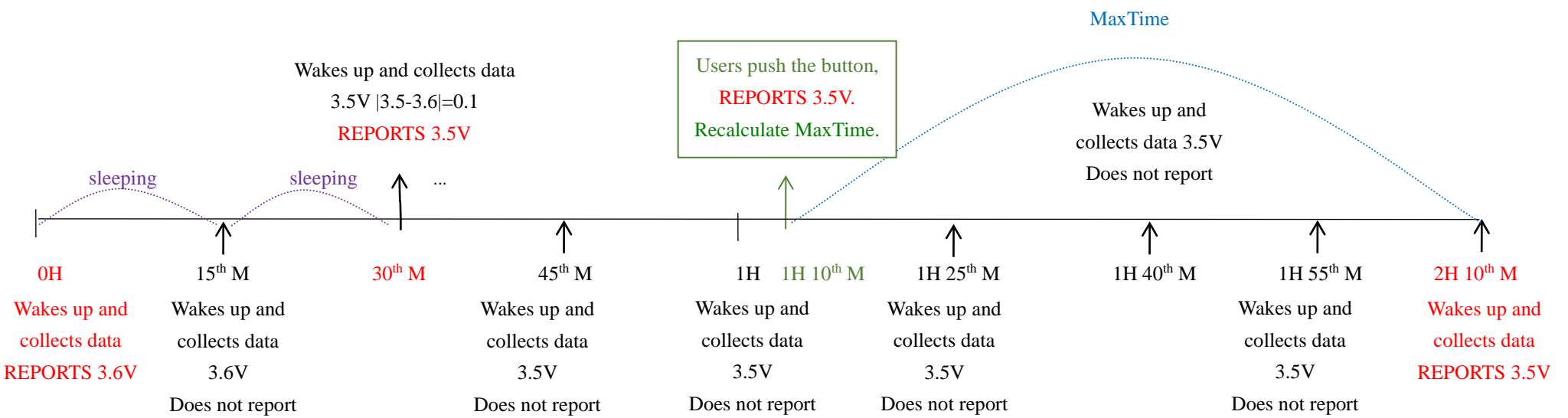Wake up and collects data
REPORTS 3.6V

Note: MaxTime=MinTime. Data will only be report according to MaxTime (MinTime) duration regardless BatteryVoltageChange value.

Example#2 based on MinTime = 15 Minutes, MaxTime= 1 Hour, Reportable Change i.e. BatteryVoltageChange= 0.1V.

MaxTime

Sleeping(MinTime)   sleeping   sleeping   sleeping

0H   15th M   30th M   45th M   1H   2H

Wakes up and collects data REPORT 3.6V

Wakes up and collects data 3.6V Does not report

Wakes up and collects data 3.6V Does not report

Wakes up and collects data 3.6V Does not report

Wakes up and collects data REPORTS 3.6V

Example#3 based on MinTime = 15 Minutes, MaxTime= 1 Hour, Reportable Change i.e. BatteryVoltageChange= 0.1V.

MaxTime

Wakes up and collects data 3.5V |3.5-3.6|=0.1 REPORTS 3.5V

Users push the button, REPORTS 3.5V. Recalculate MaxTime.

Wakes up and collects data 3.5V Does not report

sleeping   sleeping   ...

0H   15th M   30th M   45th M   1H   1H 10th M   1H 25th M   1H 40th M   1H 55th M   2H 10th M

Wakes up and collects data REPORTS 3.6V

Wakes up and collects data 3.6V Does not report

Wakes up and collects data 3.5V Does not report

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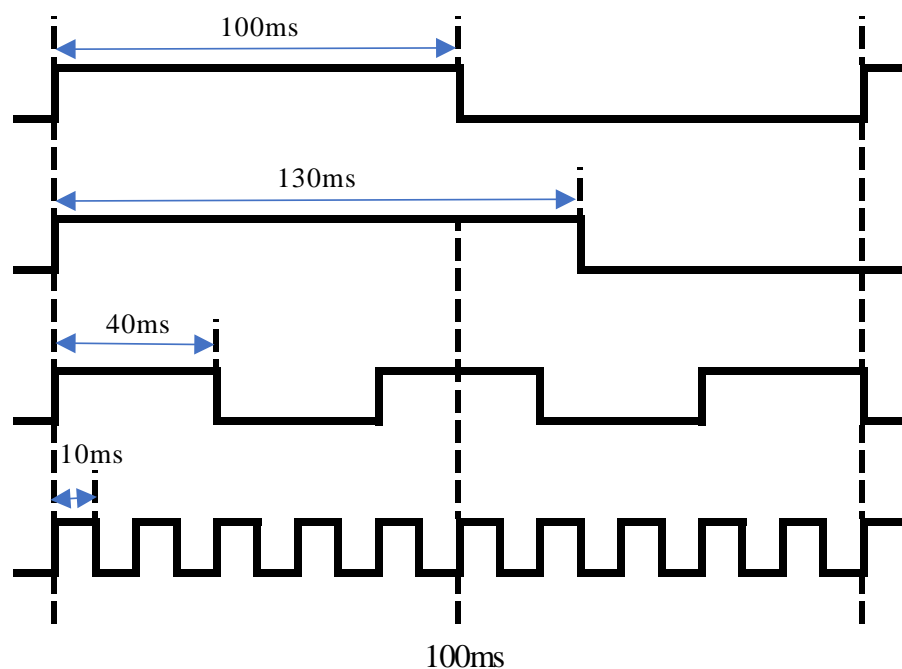
Wakes up and collects data REPORTS 3.5V

Notes :

1) The device only wakes up and performs data sampling according to MinTime Interval. When it is sleeping, it does not collect data.

2) The data collected is compared with the last data <u>reported</u>. If the data variation is greater than the ReportableChange value, the device reports according to MinTime interval. If the data variation is not greater than the last data reported, the device reports according to MaxTime interval.

3) We do not recommend to set the MinTime Interval value too low. If the MinTime Interval is too low, the device wakes up frequently and the battery will be drained soon.

4) Whenever the device sends a report, no matter resulting from data variation, button pushed or MaxTime interval, another cycle of MinTime/MaxTime calculation is started.

6. Filtering time

100ms		Ex1. The pulse = 100ms ; Accurately count
130ms		Ex2. The pulse > 100ms ; Accurately count
40ms		Ex3. 10ms < The pulse <100ms; Countable, but it could be missing.
10ms		Ex4. The pulse ≦ 10ms ; It will be filtered, not counted.

100ms

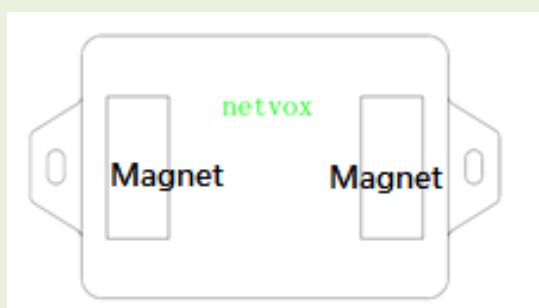*Pulse filtering time must be multiple of 5ms (can be set)

7. Installation

1.Wireless Pulse Counter Interface(R718H) has a built-in magnet (see Figure 1 below). When installed, it can be attached to the surface of an object with iron which is convenient and quick. To make the installation more secure, use screws (purchased) to secure the unit to a wall or other surface (see Figure 2 below).

Note:

Do not install the device in a metal shielded box or in an environment with other electrical equipment around it to avoid affecting the wireless transmission of the device.

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Magnet   Magnet

2.Wireless Pulse Counter Interface(R718H) is sent according to the maximum and minimum interval, and the count is automatically cleared after transmission

3.When the count reaches 65535 (0xFFFF), a report is automatically sent (sending value is 65535), and the report loop is restarted.

Note：
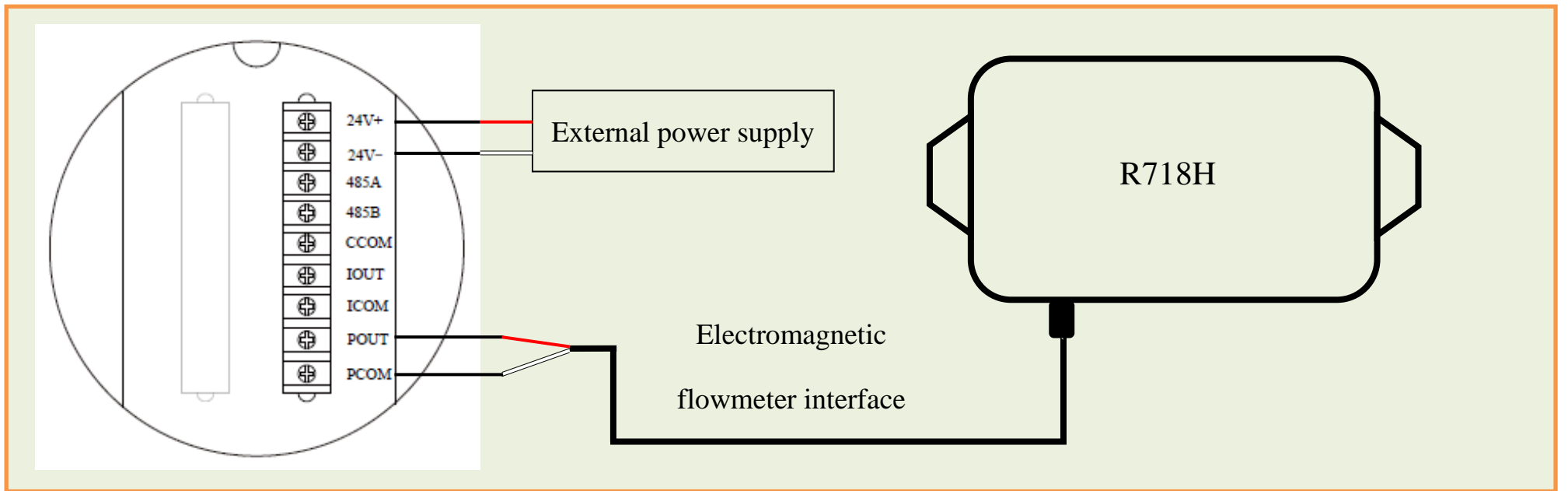
● Input pulse width greater than 100ms can be accurately counted.

● External pulse input level is not higher than 3.3V

Wireless Pulse Counter Interface (R718H)

It can also be applied to the following scenarios:

●Electric meter

●Water meter

●Gas Meter

●Flow meter

When it is necessary to instrumentation equipment with pulse signal output.

Note:

Please do not disassemble the device unless it is required to replace the batteries.

Do not touch the waterproof gasket, LED indicator light, function keys when replacing the batteries. Please use suitable screwdriver to tighten the screws (if using an electric screwdriver, it is recommended to set the torque as 4kgf) to ensure the device is impermeable.

8. Information about Battery Passivation

Many of Netvox devices are powered by 3.6V ER14505 Li-SOCl2 (lithium-thionyl chloride) batteries that offer many advantages including low self-discharge rate and high energy density.

However, primary lithium batteries like Li-SOCl2 batteries will form a passivation layer as a reaction between the lithium anode and thionyl chloride if they are in storage for a long time or if the storage temperature is too high. This lithium chloride layer prevents rapid self-discharge caused by continuous reaction between lithium and thionyl chloride, but battery passivation may also lead to voltage delay when the batteries are put into operation, and our devices may not work correctly in this situation.

As a result, please make sure to source batteries from reliable vendors, and it is suggested that if the storage period is more than one month from the date of battery production, all the batteries should be activated.

If encountering the situation of battery passivation, users can activate the battery to eliminate the battery hysteresis.

ER14505 Battery Passivation:

8.1 To determine whether a battery requires activation

Connect a new ER14505 battery to a resistor in parallel, and check the voltage of the circuit.

If the voltage is below 3.3V, it means the battery requires activation.

8.2 How to activate the battery

a. Connect a battery to a resistor in parallel

b. Keep the connection for 5~8 minutes

c. The voltage of the circuit should be $\geqq 3.3$, indicating successful activation.

Brand	Load Resistance	Activation Time	Activation Current
NHTONE	165 Ω	5 minutes	20mA
RAMWAY	67 Ω	8 minutes	50mA
EVE	67 Ω	8 minutes	50mA
SAFT	67 Ω	8 minutes	50mA

Note:

If you buy batteries from other than the above four manufacturers, then the battery activation time, activation current, and required load resistance shall be mainly subject to the announcement of each manufacturer.=

9. Important Maintenance Instruction

Kindly pay attention to the following in order to achieve the best maintenance of the product:

• Keep the device dry. Rain, moisture, or any liquid might contain minerals and thus corrode electronic circuits. If the device gets wet, please dry it completely.

• Do not use or store the device in dusty or dirty environment. It might damage its detachable parts and electronic components.

• Do not store the device under excessive heat condition. High temperature can shorten the life of electronic devices, destroy batteries, and deform or melt some plastic parts.

• Do not store the device in places that are too cold. Otherwise, when the temperature rises to normal temperature, moisture will form inside, which will destroy the board.

• Do not throw, knock or shake the device. Rough handling of equipment can destroy internal circuit boards and delicate structures.

• Do not clean the device with strong chemicals, detergents or strong detergents.

• Do not apply the device with paint. Smudges might block in the device and affect the operation.

• Do not throw the battery into the fire, or the battery will explode. Damaged batteries may also explode.

All of the above applies to your device, battery and accessories.

If any device is not working properly, please take it to the nearest authorized service facility for repair.