

Encompass® 1150 Mobile Reader

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This document describes the procedures to set up and use an Encompass 1150 (E1150) Mobile Reader.

Required Supplies

You need the following additional materials and/or tools to complete the reader installation:

- Host PC using Windows (2000, XP, Vista, or 7) operating system with CD drive and at least one USB port (either USB 1.0 or USB 2.0)
- Field Configuration Software (FCSW) CDROM
- USB communications cable provided with E1150
- Battery charger with power cable provided with E1150
- Test tag provided with E1150

Installing Field Configuration Software (FCSW)

Install the Field Configuration Software

Insert the FCSW CDROM into the host computer and follow the steps to load the software. The program installs a shortcut icon for the software and a shortcut icon for the E1150 mobile reader instructions to the desktop.



CAUTION: *Do not launch the field configuration software program at this time.*

E1150 Setup

Note: *The E1150 mobile reader is designed primarily for use in an office environment, but can be used outdoors in a limited environment.*

1. Place the E1150 on a flat surface.
2. Plug the power cord from the E1150 battery charger into the **Charger** port at the base of the E1150. Plug the power cord into a standard 110V AC wall outlet. Allow the E1150 to fully charge. The green LED indicator located on the charger will illuminate when the unit is ready for use. The E1150 unit receives its charging via the dedicated charger connected through the **Charger** port. The unit cannot be charged through the **USB** port.

Note: *The automatic charger shutoff allows for the E1150 to remain connected to the charger after completion of a charge cycle.*

3. Connect the USB data cable from the **USB** port at the base of the E1150 to one of the host computer's USB ports. Allow the device driver to be detected and installed automatically.

If the device driver fails to automatically load, disconnect the E1150 from the host computer. Locate the device driver setup executable file on the root directory of the field configuration software CDROM: CDM20828_Setup.exe, or go to http://www.ftdichip.com/Drivers/CDM/CDM20828_Setup.exe to download

the driver from the FTDIchip website. Launch the *CDM20828_Setup.exe* file and allow it to automatically install the necessary device driver. Reconnect the E1150 and allow it to be detected by the operating system.

Start the E1150 Field Configuration Software

1. Launch the field configuration software via the desktop shortcut icon.
2. The E1150 FCSW startup window will open (Figure 1). Click **Connect**. Click **COM Port**.

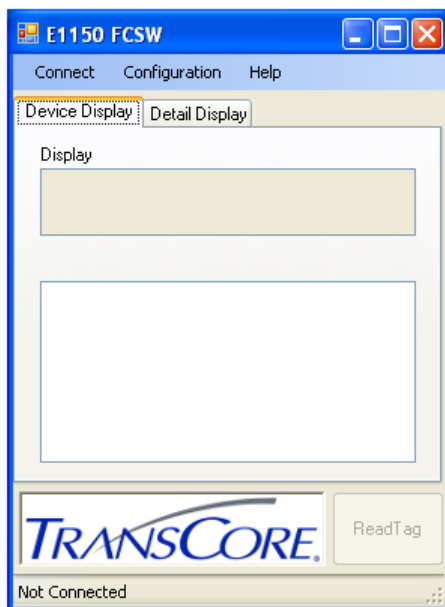


Figure 1 E1150 Field Configuration Software Startup Window

3. Select the associated COM port from the **COMSelect** window (Figure 2). Click **CONNECT**. Observe that the connect status in the lower left corner of the window reads *Connected*.

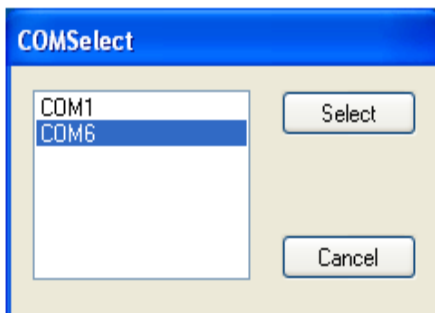


Figure 2 COM Port Selection Window

4. To view the FCSW and E1150 Version information, click on **Help** and then **About** (Figure 3).

Note: The firmware version shown in Figure 3 is for example only. Your version information may be different.



Figure 3 E1150 FCSW About Window

Configure the E1150 for Operation

Select the **Configuration** option in the FCSW window. Operation configuration parameters can be changed via the **Config** window as shown in Figure 4. The configuration parameters are listed in the **Tag Conversion Code** drop down menu as shown in Figure 5. Click **Save** after setting your options.

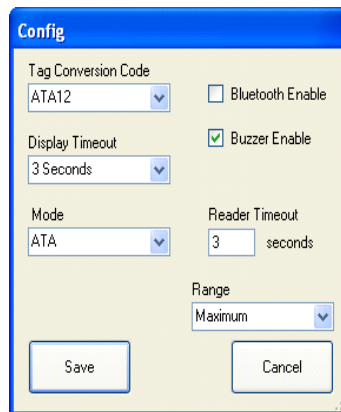


Figure 4 FCSW Default Configuration Window

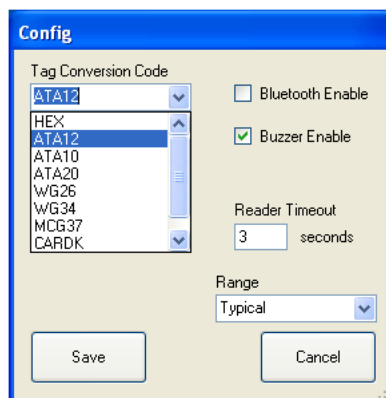


Figure 5 FCSW Configuration Tag Conversion Code Choices

Here is a detailed description of the operational configuration parameters used in the **Config** window.

- The **Tag Conversion Code** is used to define how the E1150 will display the retrieved tag data. The default parameter is *ata12*.
- The **Display Timeout** controls the amount of time available for displaying data. The default is 3 *seconds*. Other times may be selected, but operational time will be significantly affected when the unit is running on battery power.
- The **Mode** parameter is used to select the RFID protocol being used to read tags. [Figure 6](#) shows the **Mode** drop down menu. The default is *ATA Mode*.

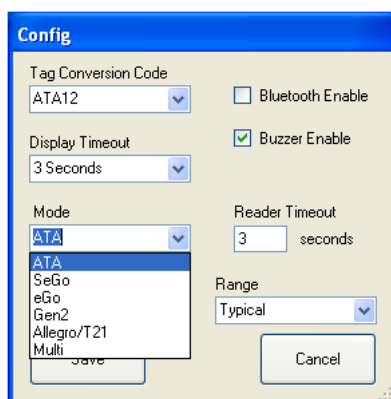


Figure 6 FCSW Configuration Mode Choices

- **Multi Mode** is used for reading tags from mixed tag populations such as FDOT. The *Multi-Protocol Pair* is fixed to *SeGo & Allegro/T21* and cannot be changed.
- Select **Bluetooth Enable** when tethering the reader to a Bluetooth connected device running a host application. The default option is *off*.
- Select **Buzzer Enable** if you want to hear an audible signal on completion of a successful read. The default option is *on*.
- The **Reader Timeout** configuration parameter should be set to 3 *seconds* for proper operation.
- The **Range** configuration parameter may be changed to conserve battery charge or optimize the read range and will significantly affect operational time when battery powered. The default is *Maximum*. Select the lowest possible range setting that works reliably with your tags and environment.

Reading Tags with the E1150

Place the Test Tag in front of the E1150 and push the **Scan** button located on the unit. Alternatively from the host computer, click the **Read Tag** button on the E1150 FCSW window ([Figure 7](#)). Both the E1150 and the FCSW display window will show the decoded tag data based on the protocol and tag conversion code configured in the unit. If you prefer a more detailed representation of the tag data, select the **Detail Display** tab on the FCSW as shown in [Figure 8](#).

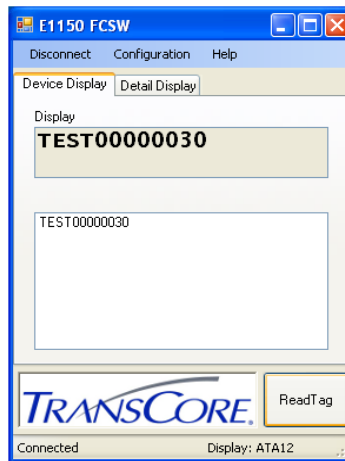


Figure 7 FCSW Read Tag Results - Device Display

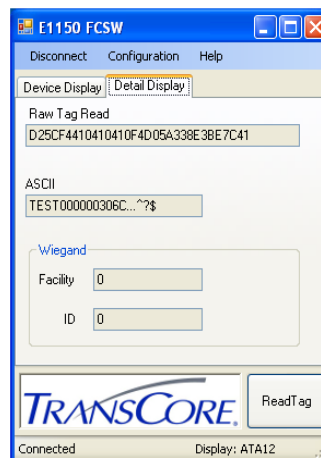


Figure 8 FCSW ReadTag Results - Detail Display

Bluetooth Operation

With a user supplied USB Bluetooth[®] Adapter, a wireless Virtual COM port connection can be established with the E1150. Follow the manufacturer's instructions for installation of a Virtual COM port connection to the host computer. Once a Bluetooth Virtual COM port connection is established with the Bluetooth dongle, the field configuration software can be launched and used as before. The Bluetooth pairing number required for the E1150 is **1234**.

Note: The connection to the E1150 is established using a virtual COM port. It is necessary to ensure that only one E1150 is enabled and within range of the host computer at any one time. Multiple Bluetooth connections are not supported through the virtual COM port.

Disconnect the E1150

Note: It is important to exit the software on the host computer before disconnecting the reader from the system.

1. Exit the software on the host computer before you disconnect the reader. Click **Disconnect** in the E1150 FCSW Window. Observe that the status on the lower left corner of the window reads *Not Connected*.

2. Click the red **X** on the upper left corner of the window to exit the software.
3. Disconnect the E1150 reader from the host PC.

Firmware Update

Do not attempt to update the firmware unless you have obtained an official firmware upload file from Transcore. Save this firmware download file to a known location on your computer such as the Windows desktop.

Firmware is updated via the **Option** tab under **Firmware Upload**.

Select **Option > Firmware Upload**.

A file explorer window will open. Navigate to the location of the firmware *.hex file ([Figure 9](#)).

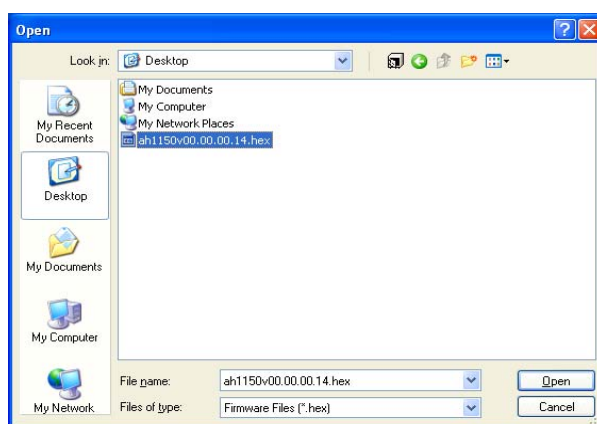


Figure 9 Updating Firmware

Allow the process to complete. Exit the program.

Diagnostics

Should you encounter trouble when using the E1150 Mobile Reader, perform the following diagnostic steps.

1. Ensure that the unit is adequately charged or fully charge the unit.
2. Reposition the tag closer to the front area of the unit and try reading again.
3. Isolate the tag from other tags which might be interfering and try reading again.

If steps 1 and 2 do not correct the problem, uninstall then reinstall the host software on the host computer.

If steps 1 through 3 do not correct the problem, contact TransCore for further assistance.



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