

# Manufacturers of Process Controls and Instrumentation

## Instruction Manual

Model:	RCI-200-XXX
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Function: Remote Control Signal Interface

Communication:		XXX=SER: RS-232/485
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☐ XXX=MDM Modem Dial-Up

☐ XXX=FSK: Leased Line

■ XXX=RF9: 900 Mhz Wireless

☐ XXX=RF2: 2.4 Ghz Wireless

Input: ■ 2 "Dry" Contacts and 2 Analog Inputs

Output: 2 Form 'C' Contacts and 2 Analog Outputs

Power: □ 117VAC, 50/60Hz

□ 24 VDC

Serial #: \_\_\_\_\_

(If special or required)

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### Model: RCI-200-RF9

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#### Remote Control Signal Interface With 900MHz Radio Frequency Link



#### Standard Features:

Bi-directional Communication using License-free 900MHz Radio Band

Spread-Spectrum Radio Technology Provides Reliable Communication

Re-Transmission & Error Correction Algorithms ensure Accurate Data Transmission

2 Dry Contact and 2 Analog Inputs

2 'C' Relay Contacts and 2 Analog Outputs

Point-to-Point or Host-to-Multipoint Topologies

No Calibration Required

Microprocessor Controlled for High Accuracy

Power: 117 VAC 50/60 Hz (Optional 24 VDC)

High Noise Rejection

#### Function:

The RCI-200-RF9 is a bi-directional data communication system that exchanges the status of 2 dry contact inputs and 2 analog inputs between a master and one or more remote units. A basic system consists of one master station and one remote station each with 2 dry contact and 2 analog inputs and 2 'C' relay contact and analog outputs. All signals are bi-directional so that data may be read from the remote station and sent to it.

The license-free spread-spectrum radio technology allows small systems to be set up with very little effort and at low cost. The technology ensures high communication reliability even in RF-intensive environments.

Antennas, such as directional Yagi or Patch antennas, are sold separately.

#### Options:

- -A: 24VDC Power
- B: 240VAC Power
- N12: NEMA 12 Enclosure

#### Specifications:

Media: 900MHz Spread-Spectrum Radio

Range: up to 1500ft indoors with omnidirectional antenna up to 12 miles line-of-sight with directional antenna

Protocol: MODBUS ASCII, 9600 BAUD

RF Connector: N-Female (Bottom of Enclosure) Radio Power Output: 100mW, 1W (selectable)

Operating Temperature: -4°F to +140°F (-20°C to +60°C)

Relay Contacts: 10A 1/8Hp @ 125VAC 6A 1/8Hp @ 277VAC

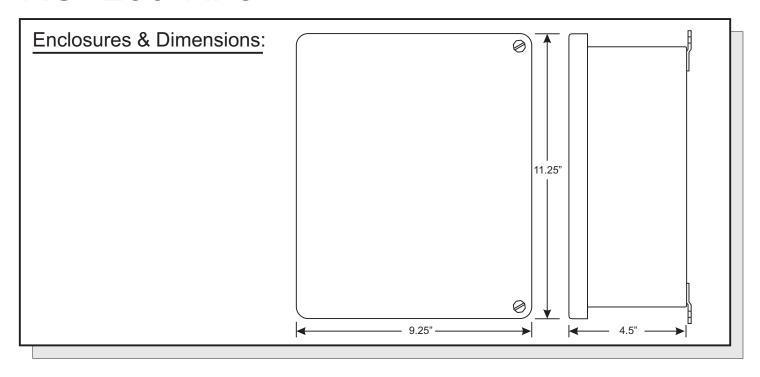
Power: 117 VAC, 60/50 Hz, 24VDC Available

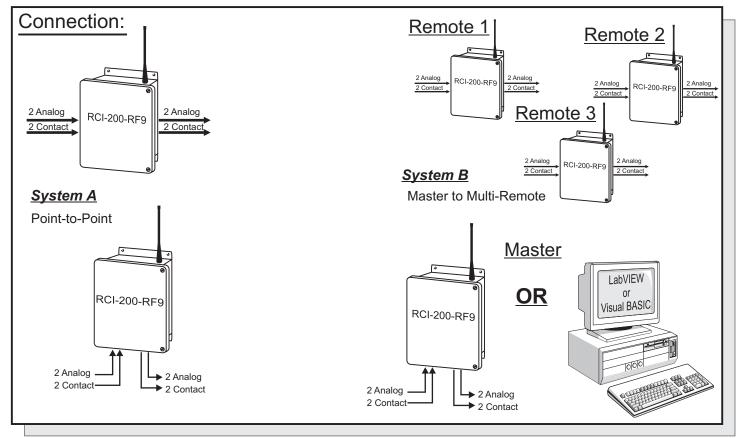
Enclosure: NEMA4X (NEMA12 available as an option)

Approvals: ETL 3118354:

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## RCI-200-RF9





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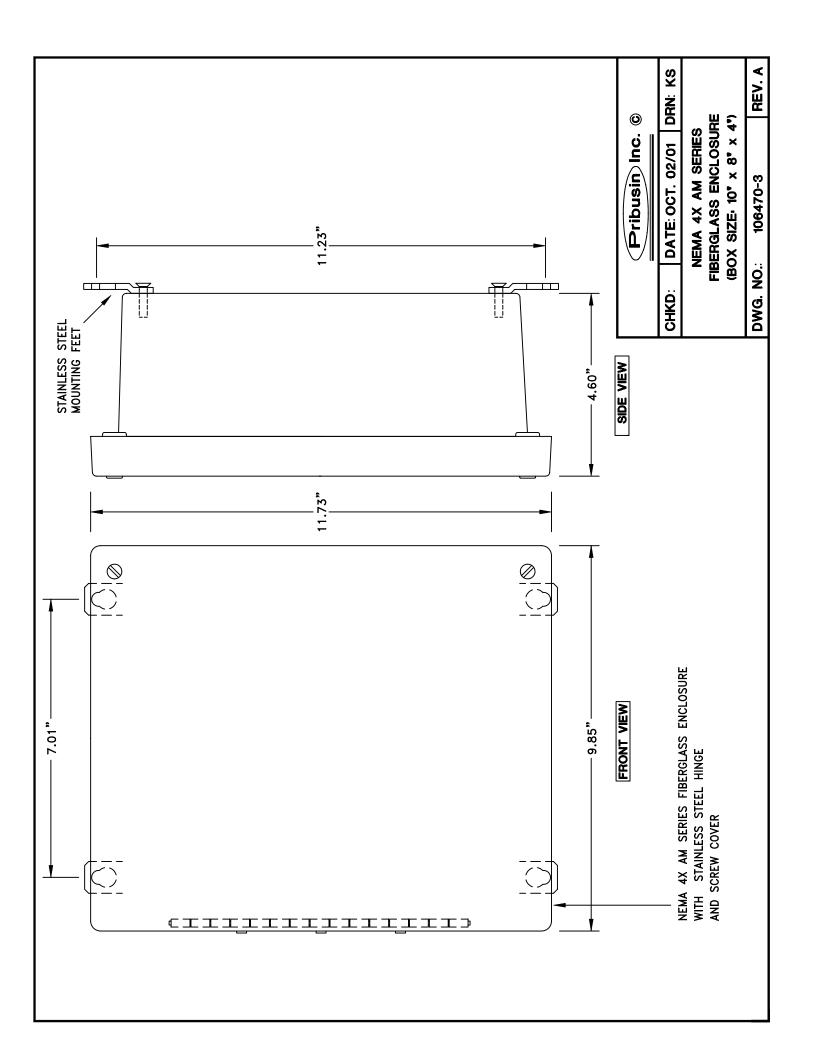
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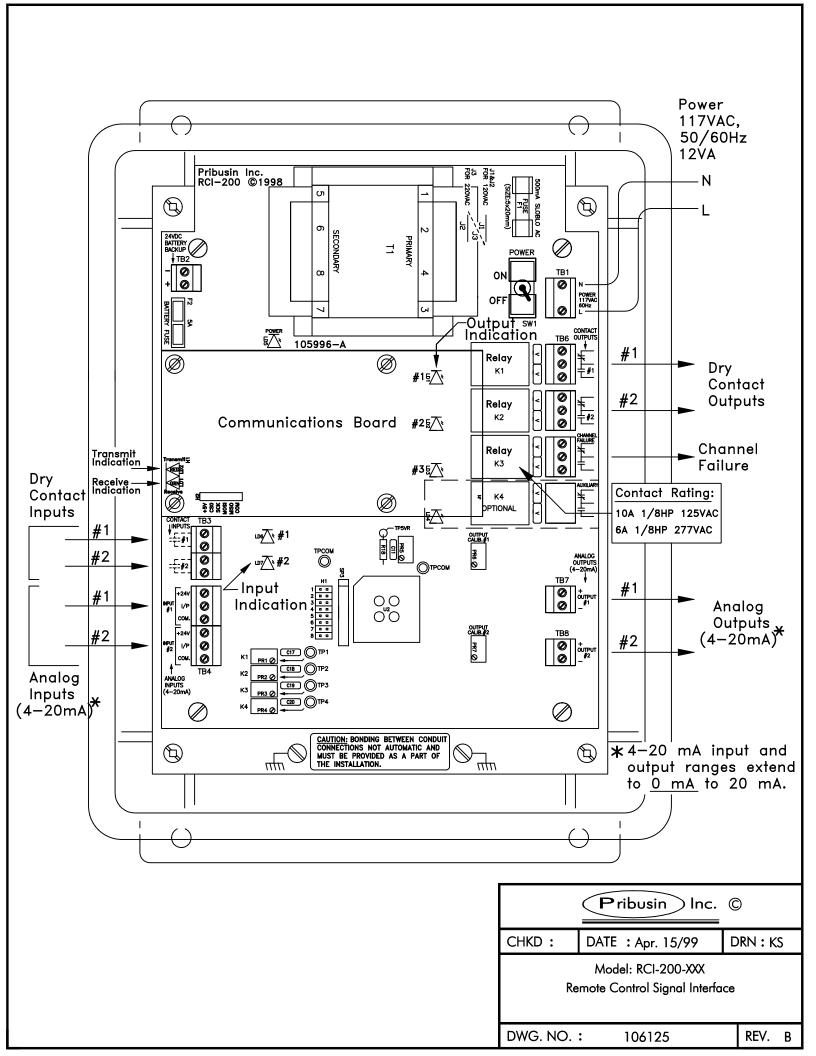


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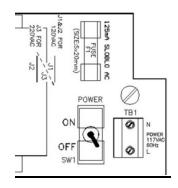
#### **RCI-200 Connections:**

The RCI-200 is the main board of an RCI-200-XXX Telemetry system. It provides the input and output signal connections as well as the power supply for the unit. A separate communications board is added to the RCI-200 to allow it to communicate with other units. This communications board may have its own configuration that is in a separate section of this manual. The following configuration applies only to the RCI-200 board and is common to all communications interfaces.

#### **AC Power & Fuse:**

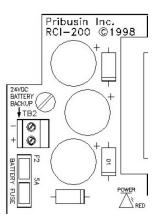
The RCI-200 is typically powered from 120VAC and protected by a 125mA SLOBLO fuse. It can be wired for 240VAC operation by removing (desoldering) power jumpers J1 & J2 and installing (soldering) jumper J3.

When changing the RCI-200 to 240VAC power make sure to change the fuse to half of its value, 80mA. This is important since at 240VAC the RCI-200 requires only half the current as if it were powered from 120VAC. Proper protection is only achieved by reducing the fuse value as mentioned above.

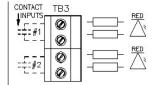


#### **DC Power & Battery Backup:**

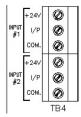
The RCI-200 may also be powered from a 24VDC source which could be a battery or a DC power supply. The 24VDC power input is polarity protected with a fuse to prevent damage to the RCI-200 by inadvertent reverse polarity. A DC fuse provision is also provided if this power option is utilized. Insert a 5A automotive type blade fuse into the Battery Fuse socket.



#### Inputs:



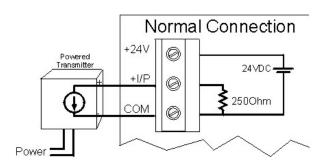
The RCI-200 has two dry contact inputs and two 0-20mA inputs. The dry contact inputs are excited with 24VDC and will source approximately 20mA when the contact is closed. A red LED lights up when a contact input is closed.

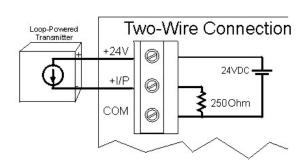


The analog inputs are configured as 0-20mA inputs and have a  $250\Omega$  input impedance. Each input terminal has three connections: +24V, I/P, COM. The +24V power output may be used to power field transmitters. Up to 500mA may be used to power a transmitter. The input signal is connected to I/P(+) and COM(-).

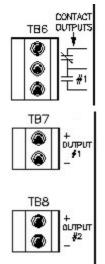
Analog inputs are connected to the RCI-800 in two fashions: 1) Normal (3-wire connection) or 2) two-wire connection. On a 3-wire connected input, an external power supply or the +24V power output terminal of the RCI provides power to the field transmitter. The field transmitter has a current source that provides the 4-20mA signal back to the RCI-800. If using the power supply of the RCI-800, the field transmitter may draw up to 125mA. A total of 1A is available to power up to 8 field transmitters.

On a 2-wire connected input, the field transmitter receives power from the RCI-800 and superimposes the signal onto the power return path. A maximum of 20mA will flow in such a connection. Make sure to consult the field transmitter manual to determine how to connect it to the RCI-800.





#### **Outputs:**



The RCI-200 has two form 'C' relay contact outputs and two 0-20mA analog outputs. The relay contacts are capable of switching 120VAC, 10A or 240VAC, 6A. An energy absorbing varistor is installed across each contact to limit switching transients. A third relay contact acts as a communications fail indicator. If no communication occurred within 30 seconds, this relay contact will energize. Upon re-established communication this relay will de-energize again.

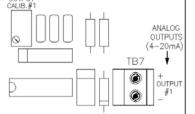
The two analog outputs are typically configured as 0-20mA outputs and can drive into a  $1000\Omega$  load each, provided that the power supply to the unit is not below 24VDC. The outputs are not isolated from each other or from the inputs. Care must be taken when connecting the outputs to different devices so that no inadvertent ground loops are established.

#### **Output Calibration & Input Testing:**

The outputs on the RCI-200 are factory calibrated and should not require any adjustments. To check the calibration of the outputs and relays use jumpers H1-7 & H1-8 as shown below to set them to known states. If an output should require some adjustment, insert

jumper H1-8 only and turn the OUTPUT CALIB. trim pot until the output reads 20mA.

H1-7	H1-8	Function	
OUT	OUT	Normal Operation	
OUT	IN	Outputs=20mA, Relays=Energized	
IN	OUT	Outputs=0mA, Relays=De-energized	
IN	IN	Outputs=Inputs_Relays=Contact Inputs	



If both jumpers are IN the analog and contact inputs are passed straight through to the analog and relay outputs. This may help in troubleshooting input and output signals.

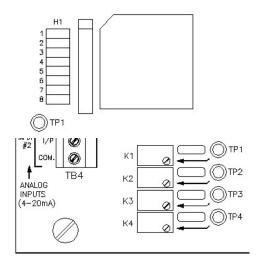
Make sure both jumpers are removed before resuming normal operation.

#### **RCI-200 Configuration:**

The RCI-200 requires no configuration other than for its communication fail operation. In the event of a communications failure on the communications board, the RCI-200 can be set up to take various actions on its outputs. This may be desirable in order to place connected devices into a safe operating mode. By default factory setting, all outputs remain at their last known state if a communications failure occurs.

H1-	Function	OUT	IN
1	Relay Fail Mode	No Change	See H1-2
2	Relay Fail Status	De-Energize	Energize
3	Output Fail Mode	No Change	Ramp to K1/K2*
4			
5			
6			
7	I/O Calibration		
8	I/O Calibration		

\* If H1-3=IN then analog output #1 will ramp to the setting of K1 and analog output #2 will ramp to the setting of K2. Both outputs will change at a rate determined by the setting of K3. The settings of the trim pots can be read on test points TP<sub>1,2,3</sub> using a voltmeter. The test points read a voltage of 0-5V for a 0-100% adjustment.



$$TP_{1,2} = \frac{Output}{20} \times 5Volt$$
  $TP_3 = \frac{RampRate}{60} \times 5Volt$ 

where, Output = 0-20 (mA) and Ramp Rate = 0-60 (seconds) (5 sec. minimum)

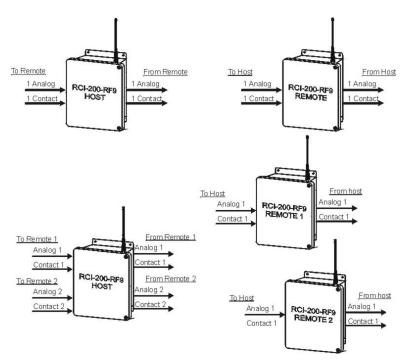
#### **RF9 Communication Option:**

The -RF9 communications option to the RCI series utilizes license-free spread spectrum radio frequency transmissions to exchange the signal data between a host and its remote(s). There are two types of **Topologies** that can be configured: 1) Point-to-Point and 2) Host-to-Multipoint.

In a **Point-to-Point** topology one host communicates with one remote. The two exchange all their signals with one another. The remote is configured as remote #1 even though it is the only remote in the system.

In a **Host-to-Multipoint** topology one host communicates to several remotes. Each remote is assigned an address (1,2,3, etc.) so that the host may distinguish between them. There may at most be as many remotes as there are inputs & outputs on the host.

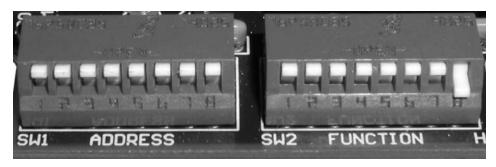
For example, an RCI-200 system, having two analog/contact inputs and outputs, may communicate with up to two remotes each having one analog/contact input and output. In this



case all #1 inputs and outputs on the host correspond to the #1 inputs and outputs on remote #1 and all #2 inputs and outputs on the host correspond to the #1 inputs and outputs on remote #2. The second analog/contact input and output on each of the two remotes would be unused.

A **Network ID** allows multiple RF9 systems to co-exist within close proximity without interfering with one another. There are four Network ID's to choose from: A, B, C or D. The host and its remote(s) must be set to the same Network ID in order for them to communicate with each other.

All radio configurations are done via two banks of DIP Switches. SW1 assigns the remote address from 1 to 100 using a binary encoding scheme. SW2 assigns the Topology, Network ID, Channel Numbers and Host/Remote Mode. The switches are located on the



communications board just below the radio. They are a slanted rocker type that flips **up for OFF** and **down for ON**.

#### **Radio Configuration:**

The radio communication board has two banks of 8-position DIP switches: SW1 and SW2. The function of these switches is slightly different for a host unit and a remote unit. We recommend powering the unit down while making any changes to the configuration.

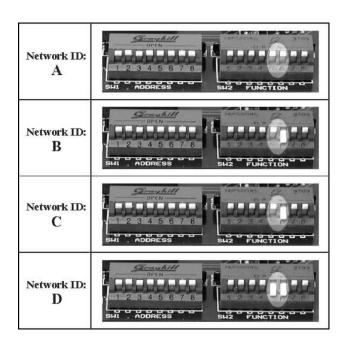
SW1-	HOST	REMOTE
1	# of Remotes	Remote Address
2	# of Remotes	Remote Address
3	# of Remotes	Remote Address
4	Communication Timing	
5	Communication Timing	
6		
7		Repeater Select
8	RF Speed	RF Speed

SW2-	HOST	REMOTE
1	# of Channels on each Remote	# of Channels on this Remote
2	# of Channels on each Remote	# of Channels on this Remote
3	# of Channels on Host	
4	# of Channels on Host	
5	Network ID	Network ID
6	Network ID	Network ID
7	RF Output Power	RF Output Power
8	Host / Remote Select	Host / Remote Select

#### **Network ID:**

The Network ID is common to both the host and remote modes of operation. All hosts and remotes that are intended to communicate with each other must be set to the same Network ID. Four ID's are available: A, B, C, D. They are set as shown in the table.

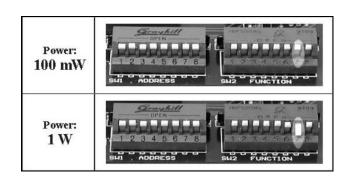
SW2-5	SW2-6	Network ID
UP	UP	Α
DOWN	UP	В
UP	DOWN	С
DOWN	DOWN	D



#### **RF Output Power:**

The radio output power can be selected with SW2-7. For shorter transmission ranges select the 100mW range to limit the amount of 'RF pollution'. Select the 1W setting for: a) longer transmission ranges, b) heavy foliage transmission scenarios or c) if there is no communication at the 100mW setting.

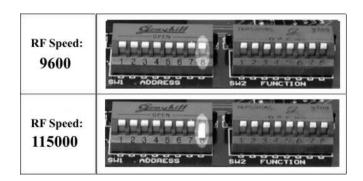
SW2-7	RF Power
UP	100 mW
DOWN	1 W



#### **RF Output Speed:**

The radio 'over-the-air' speed can be selected with SW1-8. Normally, this should be set at the 9600 BAUD setting. If there is a lot of interference suspected in the area and the radios have trouble staying linked up, the faster transmission speed can help with communication issues. The downside to a faster RF speed is possible reduction in communication distance.

SW1-8	RF Speed
UP	9600 BAUD
DOWN	115000 BAUD



#### **Host Configuration:**

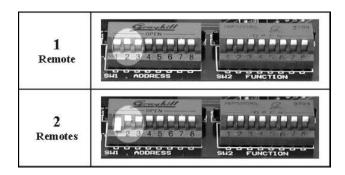
To make an RCI-200 operate as a host unit, make



sure that SW2-8 is flipped down.

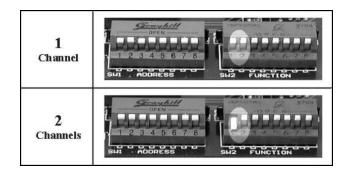
Next, set the **number of remotes** that the host is to communicate with using SW1-1, -2, -3. These switches are binary encoded as shown in the chart to the right.

SW1-1	SW1-2	SW1-3	# of Remotes
UP	UP	UP	1
DOWN	UP	UP	2



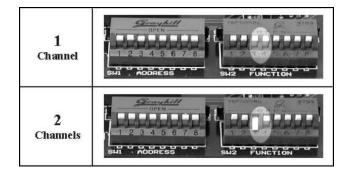
Next, set the **number of channels of each remote** using SW2-1, -2. One channel is considered 1 analog input/output plus 1 contact input/output. Hence an RCI-200 can have at most 2 channels.

SW2-1	SW2-2	Channels on Remotes
UP	UP	1
DOWN	UP	2



Next, set the **number of channels of the host** using SW2-3, -4. An RCI-200 can at most have 2 channels. This is the number of channels that will be exchanged between the host and each remote.

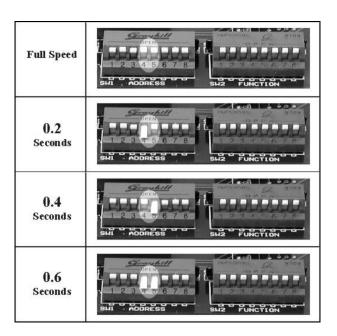
SW2-3	SW2-4	Channels on Host
UP	UP	1
DOWN	UP	2



#### Optional (for repeater networks)

If you are using a repeater in your network or if the RCI system is located in a heavy interference area, you may need to adjust the **communication timing**. Since the radios have built in error correction algorithms to insure reliable and error free communication this can sometimes cause the communication to slow down by a few 10ths of a second. To compensate for this slow-down, the **communication timing** gives the data packets returning from the remote additional time to reach the host.

SW1-4	SW1-5	Communication Timing (seconds)
UP	UP	Full Speed
DOWN	UP	0.2sec delay
UP	DOWN	0.4sec delay
DOWN	DOWN	0.6sec delay



#### **Remote Configuration:**



To make an RCI-200 operate as a REMOTE unit, make sure that SW2-8 is flipped up.

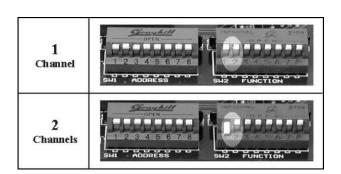
Next, set the **remote address** using SW1-1, -2 & -3. Each remote in a system must have a unique address.

SW1-1	SW1-2	SW1-3	Remote Address
UP	UP	UP	1
DOWN	UP	UP	2
UP	DOWN	UP	3
DOWN	DOWN	UP	4
UP	UP	DOWN	5
DOWN	UP	DOWN	6
UP	DOWN	DOWN	7
DOWN	DOWN	DOWN	8

Address:	OPEN 2200 2700 1 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 SH2 FUNCTION	Address: 5	DPN 2200 12 5 4 5 6 7 8 SHI - ADDRESS SHIZ FUNCTION
Address:	9700 9700 9700 9700 9700 9700 9700 9700	Address:	99 M 99 M 9200 9200 9200 9200 9200 9200
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Address:	97000 970000	Address:	OPIN 223 4 5 6 7 8

Next, set the **number of channels on this remote** using SW2-1, -2. One channel is considered 1 analog input/output plus 1 contact input/output. Hence an RCI-200 can have at most 2 channels.

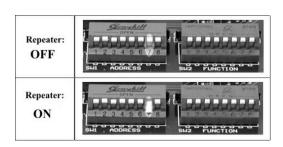
SW2-1	SW2-2	Channels on Remotes
UP	UP	1
DOWN	UP	2



#### **Repeater Configuration:**

To make an RCI-200 operate as a remote-repeater unit, make sure that SW1-7 is flipped down and SW2-8 is flipped up. In this mode, the unit will function like any other remote but in addition it will be retransmit all radio signals to remotes that are out of reach of the host directly.

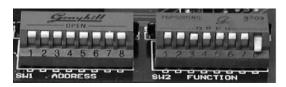
SW1-7	SW2-8	Mode
UP	UP	Remote only
DOWN	UP	Remote with Repeater



#### **Point-to-Point Communication**

Communication between one host and one remote is called point-to-point.

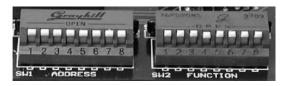
#### Example 1: An RCI-100 Host communicating with an RCI-100 Remote



#### RCI-100 (Host)

Host Channels: 1

Number of Remotes: 1 Network ID: A Channels on Remotes: 1 Power: 100mW

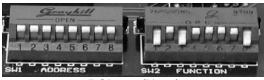


#### RCI-100 (Remote)

Remote Channels: 1

Network ID: A Address: 1 Power: 100mW

#### Example 2: An RCI-200 Host communicating with an RCI-200 Remote



RCI-200 (Host)

Host Channels: 2

Number of Remotes: 1 Network ID: A Channels on Remotes: 2 Power: 100mW



RCI-200 (Remote)

Remote Channels: 2

Address: 1 Network ID: A Power: 100mW

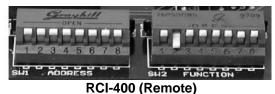
#### Example 3: An RCI-400 Host communicating with an RCI-400 Remote



RCI-400 (Host)

Host Channels: 4

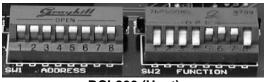
Number of Remotes: 1 Network ID: A Channels on Remotes: 4 Power: 100mW



Remote Channels: 4

Address: 1 Network ID: A Power: 100mW

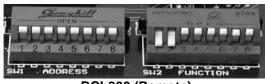
#### Example 4: An RCI-800 Host communicating with an RCI-800 Remote



RCI-800 (Host)

Host Channels: 8

Number of Remotes: 1 Network ID: A Channels on Remotes: 8 Power: 100mW



RCI-800 (Remote)

Remote Channels: 8

Address: 1 Network ID: A Power: 100mW

#### **Point-to-Multipoint Communication**

Communication between a host and more than one remote is called point-to-multipoint.

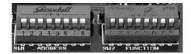
#### Example 1: An RCI-200 Host communicating with (2) RCI-100 Remotes



#### RCI-200 (Host)

Host Channels: 2 Number of Remotes: 2 Channels on Remotes: 1

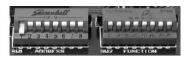
Network ID: A Power: 100mW



#### RCI-100 (Remote 1)

Remote Channels: 1

Address: 1 Network ID: A Power: 100mW

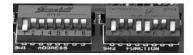


#### RCI-100 (Remote 2)

Remote Channels: 1

Address: 2 Network ID: A Power: 100mW

#### Example 2: An RCI-400 Host communicating with (2) RCI-200 Remotes



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#### RCI-400 (Host)

Host Channels: 4 Number of Remotes: 2 Channels on Remotes: 2

Network ID: **B** Power: **100mW** 

#### RCI-200 (Remote 1)

Remote Channels: 2

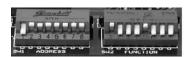
Address: 1 Network ID: B Power: 100mW

#### RCI-200 (Remote 2)

Remote Channels: 2

Address: 2 Network ID: B Power: 100mW

#### Example 3: An RCI-800 Host communicating with (2) RCI-400 Remotes



#### RCI-800 (Host)

Host Channels: 8 Number of Remotes: 2 Channels on Remotes: 4

Network ID: **C** Power: **1W** 



#### RCI-400 (Remote 1)

Remote Channels: 4

Address: 1 Network ID: C Power: 1W

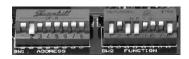


#### RCI-400 (Remote 2)

Remote Channels: 4

Address: 2
Network ID: C
Power: 1W

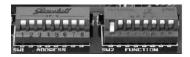
#### Example 4: An RCI-800 Host communicating with (3) RCI-200 Remotes



#### RCI-800 (Host)

Host Channels: 8 Number of Remotes: 3 Channels on Remotes: 2

Network ID: A Power: 100mW



#### RCI-200 (Remote 1)

Remote Channels: 2

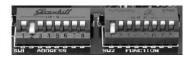
Address: 1
Network ID: A
Power: 100mW



#### RCI-200 (Remote 2)

Remote Channels: 2

Address: 2 Network ID: A Power: 100mW



#### RCI-200 (Remote 3)

Remote Channels: 2

Address: 3 Network ID: A Power: 100mW

#### Example 5: An RCI-400 Host communicating with (3) RCI-100 Remotes via Repeater



#### RCI-400 (Host)

Host Channels: 4 Number of Remotes: 3 Channels on Remotes: 1

Network ID: **A** Power: **1W** 



#### **RCI-RPT** (Repeater)

Repeater Select: **YES** Network ID: **A** 

Power: **1W** 



#### RCI-100 (Remote 1)

Remote Channels: 1

Address: 1 Network ID: A Power: 1W



#### RCI-100 (Remote 2)

Remote Channels: 1

Address: 2
Network ID: A
Power: 1W

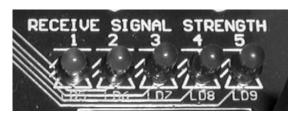


#### RCI-100 (Remote 3)

Remote Channels: 1

Address: 3 Network ID: A Power: 1W

#### **Received Signal Strength Indicator (RSSI):**



The radio communications board has a signal strength indicator to show the level of the signal that was received from another radio. The indicator consists of 5 LED's labeled 1 through 5. It is desirable to operate with the highest signal strength achievable. If the signal strength shows LED1 lit only it is advisable to try to make adjustments to the system to bring the signal strength up.

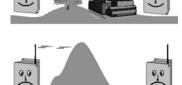
A higher power setting on the radio or a higher gain antenna can be used to increase signal strength and achieve more reliable operation of the radio system.

#### Cable & Antenna Selection & Installation:

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#### Line-of-Sight Installation:

To achieve maximum operational reliability, all antennas in a system must be installed in a line-of-sight fashion. This means that there are no obstructions between the host antenna and each of the remote antennas. This may require the antenna to be raised on a mast with some low-loss coaxial cable being installed. We recommend coaxial cables be kept as short as possible and not exceed 100ft.

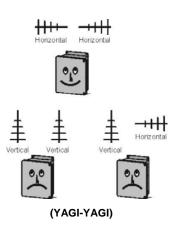


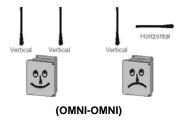
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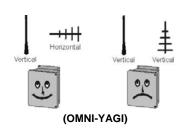


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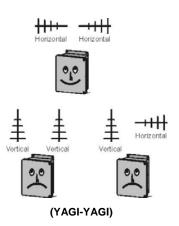


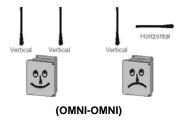
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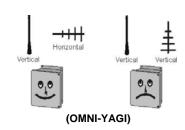


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