Expert Power Control NET 8x

The eight fold socket for TCP/IP networks
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Security Advise

The device must be installed only by qualified personnel according to the following installation and operating instructions. The manufacturer does not accept responsibility in case of improper use of the device and particularly any use of equipment that may cause personal injury or material damage.

The device contains no user-serviceable parts. All repairs must be performed by factory-trained service personnel.

Check that the power cords, plugs and sockets are in proper condition.

The device can be connected only to 230V AC (50 or 60 Hz) sockets.

Always plug the device into properly earthed power sockets.

The device is intended for indoor use only. Do NOT install them in an area where excessive moisture or heat is present.

Because of safety and approval issues it is not allowed to modify the device without our permission.

Please note the safety advises and manuals of connected devices, too.

The device is NOT a toy. It has to be used or stored out of range of children.

Packaging material is NOT a toy. Plastics has to be stored out of range of children. Please recycle the packaging materials.

In case of further questions, about installation, operation or usage of the device, which are not clear after reading the manual, please do not hesitate to ask our support team.
1. Description

With **Expert Power Control NET 8x (EPC NET 8x)** electrical devices can be switched via a TCP/IP network. There are only two steps necessary for installation: The connection to an electric circuit and a TCP/IP network and the configuration of the IP settings. Afterwards **EPC NET 8x** can be switched by all PCs of the network.

2. Hardware

2.1 Extend of Delivery

Included in delivery are:

- **Expert Power Control NET 8x** for 19“-Installation
- Power supply cable (IEC)
- CD-ROM including Software and Manual
- Short manual
2.2 Installation

1.) Connect the power supply cable to the power socket (7) at the rear side of EPC NET 8x and a socket. EPC NET 8x now is booting and shortly after ready for usage.

2.) Plug the Ethernet cable into the connector (3) on the front side of EPC NET 8x and connect it to your Ethernet.

3.) Connect the clients to the active outlets at the rear side of EPC NET 8x (8).

Figure 1 Front side

Figure 2 Rear side

1) Power Port LEDs 5) Buttons „select“ and „ok“
2) TEMP interface 6) RS232 connector
3) Ethernet connector (RJ45) 7) Power Socket (IEC C20, max. 16A)
4) StatusLED 8) 8 Power Ports (IEC C13, max. 10A)

2.3 Status LED

The Status LED (4) shows different states of the device:

- Status LED red: Device is not connected to the ethernet
- Status LED orange: Device is connected to the ethernet, TCP/IP settings are not allocated
- Status LED green: Device is connected to the ethernet, TCP/IP settings allocated, device is ready to use
- Status LED blinks alternately red and green: Device is in Bootloader mode.
3. Configuration

3.1 Automatic configuration by DHCP

After switch-on **EPC NET 8x** looks for a DHCP server and requests an available IP address (*for deactivation of that feature see 2.2*).

Please check the IP address allocated to **EPC NET 8x** in the DHCP server settings to make sure that the same address is used at every reboot.

3.2 Network configuration by **GBL_Conf.exe**

For changing the network properties manually, the program **GBL_Conf.exe** is required. This tool is available for free on our website [www.gude.info](http://www.gude.info).

Furthermore **GBL_Conf.exe** enables you to install firmware updates and to reset **EPC NET 8x** to its factory settings (see 5.2).

Activate bootloader mode of **EPC NET 8x** and run **GBL_Conf.exe** (see 5.1). The program will look automatically for connected devices and will display their network configuration.

If the displayed IP address accords with the factory settings (192.168.0.2), there is either no DHCP server available in the network or no free IP address could be allocated.

Enter a free IP address and the according netmask in the entry mask, then save these changes by clicking on **Program Device → SaveConfig**.

Restart **EPC NET 8x** by switching it off and on again, so that the changes will take effect. Now click on **Search** in order to have the new network configuration displayed.

![Figure 3 Gbl_Conf.exe](image)
3.3 Configuration by Webinterface

Go to the website of EPC NET 8x. Enter the IP address of EPC NET 8x into the address line of your internet browser:

http://"IP address of EPC NET 8x"/

and press LOGIN.
To enter the configuration menu, click on „Configuration“ on the upper left side of the screen.

**Configuration - Power Ports**

**Label**
A name with a maximum of 15 characters can be entered here for each Power Port.

**After power-up switch**
The Power Port’s switching state after a power-on of EPC NET 8x can be defined here (on, off, remember last state).

**If switching on after power-up, wait ...**
A switching delay of a Power Port can be defined here that is applied after switch on of EPC NET 8x. The delay can last up to 8191 seconds.
Configuration - IP Address

Hostname
Enter the host name of EPC NET 8x. EPC NET 8x uses this name to connect with DHCP server.

Special signs may destabilize your network.

IP Address
Here you can change the IP address of EPC NET 8x.

Netmask
Here you can change the netmask of EPC NET 8x.

Gateway
Here you can change the standard gateway of EPC NET 8x.

Use DHCP
Here you can set, if EPC NET 8x shall get its TCP/IP settings directly from your DHCP server. If DHCP is activated, EPC NET 8x proves if a DHCP server is active inside of your LAN. Then EPC NET 8x requests TCP/IP settings from this server. If there is no DHCP server inside of your network, we recommend to deactivate this function.

Figure 6 Configuration - IP Address
Configuration IP ACL

Reply ICMP-Ping requests
Here you can set, if EPC NET 8x shell react on pings.

Enable IP Filter
Here you can activate the IP Access Control List (IP ACL) of EPC NET 8x.

If IP ACL is active, DHCP and SNMP only work, if all necessary servers and clients are registered in this List.

Figure 7 Configuration IP ACL
Configuration - HTTP

HTTP Port
Here you can enter the HTTP port number, if necessary. Possible numbers are 1 ... 65534 (standard: 80). To get access to EPC NET 8x, you have to enter the port number behind the IP address of EPC NET 8x:
http://192.168.0.2:1720

Require HTTP Password
Password protected access can be activated here. In this case, a user and an admin password have to be defined. Passwords have a maximum length of 15 characters.

Administrators are authorized to switch all ports and to modify the settings of EPC NET 8x and of all ports. The username of the admin is “admin”.

Users are authorized to switch all ports but are not allowed to modify the settings of neither EPC NET 8x nor the ports. The username of the user is “user”.

If you have forgotten your password, activate the bootloader mode of EPC NET 8x, start GBL-Conf.exe and deactivate the password request.

All changes need a restart of the firmware to get valid.

Configuration - Messages
Here you can configure if and at which Min-/Max-Temperature EPC NET 8x shell send temperature alerts via SNMP-Traps and Syslog.
Configuration - SNMP

Enable SNMP-get
Here you can activate SNMP-get protocol of EPC NET 8x.

SNMP public community
Here you can enter the SNMP public community.

Enable SNMP-set
Here you can activate SNMP-set protocol of EPC NET 8x.

SNMP private community
Here you can enter the SNMP private community.

Download SNMP-MIB
Here you can download the MIBs of EPC NET 8x.

Configuration - SNMP Trap Receiver List

Enable Traps
Here you can activate SNMP-traps. If enabled, EPC NET 8x will dispatch SNMP-traps to all receivers listed. Receivers have to be listed as follows: IP address (and, if necessary, the HTTP port) e.g.: 192.168.0.2:8000

Trap Version
Here you can choose between SNMP-traps standard 1 and 2c.

Use SNMP only if your network is fitted for.
More information about the SNMP functions of EPC NET 8x, you can find in chapter 3.5, on http://www.gude.info/wiki or ask our support team.
Configuration - Syslog

Use Syslog
Here you can activate Syslog of EPC NET 8x.

Syslog Server IP
If syslog is active enter here the IP address of your Syslog server.

Syslog Port
If syslog is active enter here the port number, that your Syslog server uses to receive syslog information.

More information about Syslog you can find in chapter 3.6, on http://www.gude.info/wiki or ask our support team.
3.4 IP Access Control List

IP Access Control List (IP ACL) acts as an IP filter for your EPC NET 8x. Whether it is active hosts and subnets only can contact EPC NET 8x, if their IP addresses are stated in this IP ACL. e.g.: „http://192.168.0.1“ or „http://192.168.0.1/24“

If you locked yourself out by mistake, please activate the boot-loader mode of EPC NET 8x, start Gbl_Conf.exe and deactivate IP ACL.

You can find more information about configuration of IP ACL in chapter 3.3 or have a look at http://www.gude.info/wiki.

3.5 SNMP

To get detailed status information of EPC NET 8x SNMP can be used. SNMP communicates via UDP (port 161) with EPC NET 8x: You can use SNMP to switch the power ports as well.

Supported SNMP commands:
- SNMPGET: request status information
- SNMPGETNEXT: request the next status information
- SNMPSET: EPC NET 8x request change of status

You will need a Network Management System, e.g. HP-Open View, OpenNMS, Nagios etc., or the command line tools of NET-SNMP to request information of EPC NET 8x via SNMP.

SNMP Communities

SNMP authentifies requests by so called communities. The public community has to be added to SNMP-read-requests and the private community to SNMP write requests. You can see the SNMP communites like read/write passwords. SNMP v1 and v2 transmit the communities without encryption. Therefore it is simple to spy out these communities. We recommend to use a DMZ or IP ACL.
MIBs

All information, that can be requested or changed, the so called „Managed Objects“, are described in „Management Information Bases“ (MIBs).

There are three MIBs, which can be requested from EPC NET 8x:

„system“, „interface“ and „powerports“
„system“ and „interface“ are standardised MIBs (MIB-II).
„powerports“ (GUDEADS-EPC-MIB::gadsEPC) was created especially for EPC NET 8x.
At least, there are so called Object Identifiers (OID) subordinated to those three structures. An OID describes the location of an information inside a MIB.

SNMP-Traps

SNMP-Traps are system messages, sent via SNMP-protocol to different clients. On following events, Expert Power Control NET 8x will dispatch a SNMP-Trap:

- Switching of the Power Ports

You can find more information about configuration of SNMP in Chapter 3.3 or have a look at http://www.gude.info/wiki.

3.6 Syslog

Syslog messages are simple text messages transmitted to a syslog server using UDP.
Linux OS regularly have a syslog daemon installed, e.g. syslog-ng. For Windows there are some freeware tools available.

On following events, EPC NET 8x will send a syslog message:

- Booting up
- Activation/deactivation of syslog
- Switching of Power Ports

You can find more information about configuration of Syslog in chapter 3.3 or have a look at http://www.gude.info/wiki.
4. Switching

4.1 Switching at the device

EPC NET 8x disposes of two buttons: “select” and “ok”. By pushing “select”, the LED of Power Port 1 starts blinking which means that it is selected. By pushing the button again, the next Power Port is selected. If you want to change the switching state of the selected Power Port, push the “ok” button for two seconds.

You can check the status of the Power Ports by the color of the Power Port status LED (green=enabled/red=disabled).

4.2 Switching by Webinterface

Go to the website of EPC NET 8x. Enter the IP address of EPC NET 8x into the address line of your internet browser:

http://"IP address of EPC NET 8x"/

and press LOGIN
Switching
Here you are able to switch the ports directly.

![Switching](image.png)

You can check the status of the Power Ports by the color of the Power Port status LED (green=enabled/red=disabled).

**Batchmode**
Each Power Port of **EPC NET 8x** can be switched on or switched off for a selectable delay (1-30 sec. or 1-30 min.). After the chosen delay the selected port will be switched off or switched on again automatically.

Optionally the device can be accessed by using the pearl script „EPC_Control.pl“ through the command line (e.g. for automatic or time-triggered switching).

For more information please refer to our website: www.gude.info/wiki
4.3 Switching via Serial Interface

Alternatively to the Ethernet interface, the Power Ports of **EPC NET 8x** can be switched through its serial interface. It only requires a terminal program like HyperTerminal, a program provided under Windows for free (to be found under *Programs→Accessories→Communication*).

Connect your PC with **EPC NET 8x** by a 9-pole serial cable (RS232) and plug the device into a outlet. Now you can turn on **EPC NET 8x**. The boot process lasts a few seconds longer than by Ethernet.

You can access **EPC NET 8x** through the terminal program as soon as the status LED shines green. Choose the COM port that is connected to **EPC NET 8x** and enter the following values for the serial interface:

- **Bits per second**: 115200
- **Data bits**: 8
- **Parity**: no
- **Stop bits**: 1
- **Flow control**: no

If you do not use *HyperTerminal*, please make sure that the terminal program supports VT100 commands.

After having it connected successfully, **EPC NET 8x** answers as shown in figure 15. Press *Enter* for login.
Now the Power Ports can be switched on and off per number keys. By pressing c you can check the network configuration and by pressing Esc you can log out (see fig.16).

![Serial interface switching](image1)

**Figure 16 Serial interface Switching**

4.4 Temperature sensor

Connect the temperature sensor with the TEMP connector at the front of the device. If it is connected exactly, the recent temperature is displayed in the login window (Figure 4 and 13), in the switching window (Figure 14) and can be requested via SNMP. The temperature sensor can be ordered as additional supplies. More information can be found at [www.gude.info](http://www.gude.info) or requested at [mail@gude.info](mailto:mail@gude.info).

![Temperature sensor](image2)

**Figure 17 Temperature sensor**
5. Features

5.1 Bootloader mode

To activate the bootloader mode of EPC NET 8x the buttons “select” and “ok” at the front must be pushed for three seconds. In bootloader mode it is possible to disable the password protection, to update the firmware and to restore the default settings by running the program GBL_Conf.exe.

The bootloader mode of EPC NET 8x is indicated by “BOOT-LDR” appended to the device name in the program window of GBL_Conf.exe and by the alternately red and green blinking status led.

During bootloader mode an alteration of the switching state of a port is not possible.

5.2 Firmware update

In order to update the firmware the program GBL_Conf.exe and the latest firmware are needed.

Start EPC NET 8x in boot mode (see 4.1) and run the program GBL_Conf.exe. On the left side of the program window all EPC NET 8x that are in the network are listed. Select the one, that should be updated, click on Program Device→Firmware Update and determine the location of the new firmware. To activate the new firmware, you have to disable the bootloader mode of EPC NET 8x.
5.3. Technical information

Connections: 1 x Ethernet (RJ45)
              1 x Serial Interface (D-SUB, RS232)
              8 x Power Ports (IEC C13, max. 10A)
              1 x Power supply inlet (IEC C20, max. 16A)

Network connection: 10 MBit 10baseT Ethernet
Protocols: TCP/IP, HTTP, SNMP, Syslog
Voltage: 230 V
Operating temperature: 0°C-50°C
Dimensions: 19” / 1 rack unit
Weight: 2,3 kg

5.4. Default settings

In order to restore the default settings EPC NET 8x must be started in bootloader mode (see 5.1). Besides that the program GBL_Conf.exe is required.

Run GBL_Conf.exe and select the EPC NET 8x whose settings should be restored. Then click on Program Device->Reset to Fab default.

Please notice that all current settings will be deleted. The default settings will be loaded when EPC NET 8x is restarted the next time.

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<td>IP address: 192.168.0.2</td>
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<td>Netmask: 255.255.255.0</td>
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<td>Gateway: 192.168.0.0</td>
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<td>DHCP: enabled</td>
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<td>Password: disabled</td>
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<td>HTTP Port: 80</td>
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<td>IP ACL: disabled</td>
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<td>Name: Power Port 1 - 8</td>
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<td>After restart: disabled</td>
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6. Support

More information, current drivers and software can be found on http://www.gude.info.

In case of further questions, about installation or operation of EPC NET 8x, please have look at www.gude.info/wiki or do not hesitate to contact our support (mail@gude.info).
Hereby we confirm, that Expert Power Control NET 8x is compliant to 2002/95/EC of the European Community.
CERTIFICATE OF CONFORMITY

EU LVD DIRECTIVE 2006/95/EC

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Expert Power Control

Model No.: NET 8x

(Product identification)

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