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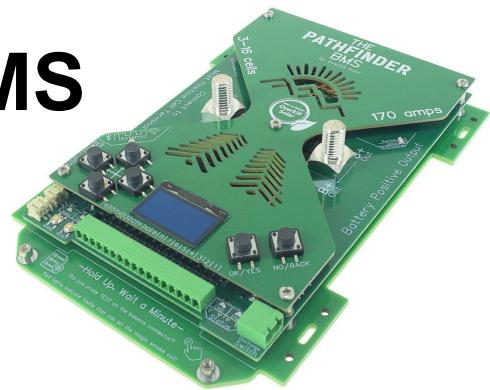


# PATHFINDER BMS

Datasheet supplement

## Serial API

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This document details the Serial API (communication protocol) for the Pathfinder BMS.

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## Introduction

The Pathfinder BMS provides a serial API for communication with various external applications. This API is accessible via the USB-C port, the UART port, and the Bluetooth wireless connection.

We will not change the existing opcodes or register definitions. When new features are added we will append new opcodes.

When using wired communication, care should be taken to avoid differences in ground potential, which is common in battery systems. Neither of the Pathfinder's wired ports are isolated. Overkill Solar supplies an isolated USB-UART module that works well with the Pathfinder BMS.

When connecting the USB port, make sure that there is no voltage present between the cable shell and connector shell before plugging it in.

When connecting to the UART port, make sure there is no voltage between the grounds. This interface is not tolerant of voltage differentials. Voltage over 3.3v on either TX or RX pin will damage the user interface controller. An isolated interface is strongly recommended.

When communicating via Bluetooth, a passkey is used to prevent unauthorized communication. Bluetooth traffic is also encrypted via Bluetooth Low Energy (BLE) Secure Manager Protocol (SMP) with LE Secure Connections (LESC).

When communicating via the wired interfaces, the passkey is not used.

The UART uses standard 8-N-1 settings at 115200 baud, with no flow control. (not adjustable)

The USB port appears as a virtual COM port (CDC-ACM device) to the host. The same settings can be used with terminal programs using the virtual COM port.

## Serial message format

The Pathfinder BMS will only listen and respond to requests via the serial API. The internal data registers are updated once per second (1Hz), so the host application should request new data once per second to stay up to date.

Both wired ports also stream system logs and/or CSV formatted logs if enabled. The host application should ignore any traffic without the proper framing bytes. If the user interface reboots, some system logs will be streamed on the UART only, even if system logs were disabled previously.

All streaming logs will be automatically silenced when the serial API is active on the same port.

Every exchange starts with a request from the host application.

Messages on the wired ports are composed of a start byte, length byte, opcode, checksum, and stop byte.

The BMS will respond with a start byte, length byte, opcode, data bytes, checksum, and stop byte.

Checksum is calculated on the length, opcode, and data bytes.

Numerical values are always padded to a fixed 4 bytes or 32 bits each regardless of their actual data type. String/ASCII values return the actual data without a null terminator.

The serial stream for numerical values uses little-endian format, meaning the least significant byte is sent first. For example, the 32-bit value 3100 (0x00000C1C) is transmitted as the byte sequence: 0x1C 0x0C 0x00 0x00

When these bytes are reassembled in little-endian order, they form the 32-bit integer 0x00000C1C, which equals 3100 in decimal.

Note: Bluetooth messages contain only the opcode and data, because the bluetooth layer has built in framing and error checking.

## Example request and response

The host application requests the manufacturer name: 0x FE 01 05 6394 FD

| Start | Length | Opcodes              |  | Checksum | Stop |
|-------|--------|----------------------|--|----------|------|
| 0xFE  | 0x01   | 0x05 (read MFG name) |  | 0x6394   | 0xFD |

The BMS responds with the same opcode and the requested data:

0x FE 0F 05 5041544846494E44455220424D53 7A5E FD

Length includes opcode+data.

| Start | Length | Opcodes | Data   | Checksum | Stop |
|-------|--------|---------|--|----------|------|
| 0xFE  | 0x0F   | 0x05    | 0x50 41 54 48 46 49 4e 44 45 52 20 42<br>4d 53 | 0x7A5E   | 0xFD |

15 bytes      MFG Name      PATHFINDER BMS (ASCII String, no terminator)

## Checksum

The checksum algorithm is **CRC-16-CCITT**

Checksum is calculated on the length, opcode, and data bytes.

In the above example request, the length 0x01 and opcode 0x05 go into the checksum calculation and the result is 0x6394

In the example response, the length 0x0F, opcode 0x05, and data 0x5041544846494e44455220424d53 go into the checksum calculation and the result is 0x7A5E

**CRC Type:** CRC-16-CCITT

**Polynomial:** 0x1021

**Initial value:** 0x0000

**Endianness:** Big-endian (most significant byte first)

For manual testing, this calculator produces the correct checksum:

<https://crccalc.com/?crc=0105&method=CRC-16/XMODEM&datatype=hex&outtype=hex>

## List of Instruction Opcodes

The Pathfinder BMS will include the same instruction opcode in its response to indicate success.

In the case of a failure, one of the failure opcodes will be returned instead.

All messages include Length as the second byte and Opcode as the third byte.

| Hex  | Description                    | Request Format        | Response Format<br>(success only) |
|------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 0x01 | Request MFG data               | Opcode only           | Opcode + predefined data sequence |
| 0x02 | Request all settings           | Opcode only           | Opcode + predefined data sequence |
| 0x03 | Request basic info             | Opcode only           | Opcode + predefined data sequence |
| 0x04 | Request cell voltages          | Opcode only           | Opcode + predefined data sequence |
| 0x05 | Read device name               | Opcode only           | Opcode + data(string)             |
| 0x06 | Passkey login (Bluetooth only) | Opcode, Data          | Opcode only                       |
| 0x0E | Write parameter register       | Opcode, Address, Data | Opcode only                       |
| 0x11 | Set BMS Advertising Name       | Opcode, Data(String)  | Opcode only                       |
| 0x16 | Read MFG name                  | Opcode only           | Opcode + data(string)             |
| 0x18 | Set Idle Current               | Opcode only           | Opcode only                       |

| <b>Hex</b> | <b>Description</b>           | <b>Request Format</b> | <b>Response Format<br/>(success only)</b> |
|------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|---|
| 0x19       | Calibrate Current Gain       | Opcode, data(integer) | Opcode, data(integer)                     |
| 0x1A       | Request Current Cal State    | Opcode only           | Opcode, data(string)                      |
| 0x1B       | Read MFG Build Data and Time | Opcode only           | Opcode, data(string)                      |
| 0x1C       | Read BMS Advertising Name    | Opcode only           | Opcode, data(string)                      |
| 0x1D       | Reset Session Values         | Opcode only           | Opcode only                               |
| 0x1E       | Calibrate Stack Voltage      | Opcode, data(integer) | Opcode, data(integer)                     |
| 0x1F       | Calibrate B+ voltage         | Opcode, data(integer) | Opcode, data(integer)                     |
| 0x30       | Remote button press          | Opcode, data(integer) | Opcode, data(integer)                     |
| 0x31       | Frame buffer chunk           | Opcode only           | Opcode, data                              |
| 0x32       | Reset Alarm Counts           | Opcode only           | Opcode only                               |

## List of Failure Response Opcodes

The BMS will respond with different opcodes to reflect the status of an operation.

For "success", it will respond with the same opcode (plus the requested data, when applicable).

For failure statuses, it will respond with one of the failure opcodes:

| <b>Hex</b> | <b>Description</b>          |
|------------|-----------------------------|
| 0x20       | Login required              |
| 0x21       | Data out of range           |
| 0x22       | String too long             |
| 0x23       | Invalid or unknown register |
| 0x24       | Bad checksum                |
| 0x26       | Bad i2c checksum            |
| 0x27       | Wrong Password              |
| 0x2D       | Value Clamped               |

## Start and End bytes:

The start byte is always 0xFE  
The end byte is always 0xFD

## Data Type Abbreviations

U8 = 8 bit unsigned byte  
I8 = 8 bit signed byte  
U16 = 16 bit unsigned  
I16 = 16 bit signed  
U32 = 32 bit unsigned  
I32 = 32 bit signed  
bool = boolean - true or false

## Opcode Details

### 0x01 Request MFG Data

Returns a preformatted sequence containing the lot code and firmware version.

Example:

The host sends FE 01 01 23 10 FD

The BMS responds FE 0D 01 02 00 00 00 00 00 00 DF 00 00 00 52 CB FD

The data breaks down to: lot code 2, version number 0.223

| Data Type | Description            | Example hex data | Example parsed data |
|-----------|------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| I32       | Lot_code               | 02 00 00 00      | 2                   |
| I32       | Firmware_version_major | 00 00 00 00      | 0                   |
| I32       | Firmware_version_minor | DF 00 00 00      | 223                 |

## 0x02 Request All Settings

Returns a preformatted sequence containing all of the BMS user configurable settings (parameters). Note: Each piece of data is transmitted as a 32 bit signed integer, regardless of its actual data type. The host's serial parser should convert to the original data type to avoid overflowing the values. See the Pathfinder datasheet for the min max ranges of each BMS parameter.

Use this message to get any/all of the settings- the API does not provide individual read access yet. (We may add an opcode to read a single register in the future)

Some of these data registers have unusual units with formulas or multipliers because they are mapped directly to registers in the BQ76952 BMS chip or the BQ34Z100 fuel gauge chip.

Example:

The host sends FE 01 02 13 73 FD

The BMS responds

|    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| FE | C9 | 02 | 1C | 0C | 00 | 00 | 14 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 04 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 37 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 32 | 00 | 00 | 00 |    |
| 02 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 05 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 02 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 3C | 00 | 00 | 00 | 37 | 00 | 00 | 00 |    |
| 02 | 00 | 00 | 00 | EC | FF | FF | FF | F1 | FF | FF | FF | 02 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 48 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 02 | 00 | 00 | 00 |
| 2D | 01 | 00 | 00 | 31 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 02 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 2D | 01 | 00 | 00 | AC | 00 | 00 | 00 | 58 | 00 | 00 | 00 |
| 56 | FF | FF | FF | 02 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 0F | 00 | 00 | 00 | 90 | 01 | 00 | 00 | 58 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 50 | 00 | 00 | 00 |
| 41 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 02 | 00 | 00 | 00 | C2 | 01 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 1E | 00 | 00 | 00 | E8 | 03 | 00 | 00 |
| 01 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 24 | FA | FF | FF | 01 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 94 | 11 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | E8 | 03 | 00 | 00 |
| 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 6B | 82 | 03 | 00 | 01 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 01 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 01 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 01 | 00 | 00 | 00 |
| B8 | 0B | 00 | 00 | 32 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 10 | 27 | 00 | 00 | 62 | 53 | FD |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |

### Data definitions for 0x02 Request All Settings:

| Index | Data Type | Description               | Example hex data | Example parsed data |
|-------|-----------|---------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| 0     | I16       | Balancer Start Voltage    | 1C 0C 00 00      | 3100mV              |
| 1     | U8        | Delta to Balance          | 14 00 00 00      | 20mV                |
| 2     | U8        | Max Cells to Balance      | 04 00 00 00      | 4 cells             |
| 3     | I8        | Charge Overtemp Threshold | 37 00 00 00      | 55c                 |
| 4     | I8        | Charge Overtemp Recovery  | 32 00 00 00      | 50c                 |
| 5     | U8        | Charge Overtemp Delay     | 02 00 00 00      | 2s                  |

|    |     |                                       |             |                                |
|----|-----|---------------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------------|
| 6  | I8  | Charge Undertemp Threshold            | 00 00 00 00 | 0c                             |
| 7  | I8  | Charge Undertemp Recovery             | 05 00 00 00 | 5c                             |
| 8  | U8  | Charge Undertemp Delay                | 02 00 00 00 | 2s                             |
| 9  | I8  | Discharge Overtemp Threshold          | 3C 00 00 00 | 60c                            |
| 10 | I8  | Discharge Overtemp Recovery           | 37 00 00 00 | 55c                            |
| 11 | U8  | Discharge Overtemp Delay              | 02 00 00 00 | 2s                             |
| 12 | I8  | Discharge Undertemp Threshold         | EC FF FF FF | -20c                           |
| 13 | I8  | Discharge Undertemp Recovery          | F1 FF FF FF | -15c                           |
| 14 | U8  | Discharge Undertemp Delay             | 02 00 00 00 | 2s                             |
| 15 | U8  | Cell Overvoltage Threshold            | 48 00 00 00 | $72*50.6 = 3643\text{mV}$      |
| 16 | U8  | Cell Overvoltage Recovery Hysteresis  | 02 00 00 00 | $2*50.6 = 101\text{mV}$        |
| 17 | U16 | Cell Overvoltage Delay                | 2D 01 00 00 | $301*3.3+6.6 = 999.9\text{ms}$ |
| 18 | U8  | Cell Undervoltage Threshold           | 31 00 00 00 | $49*50.6 = 2479\text{mV}$      |
| 19 | U8  | Cell Undervoltage Recovery Hysteresis | 02 00 00 00 | $2*50.6 = 101\text{mV}$        |
| 20 | U16 | Cell Undervoltage Delay               | 2D 01 00 00 | $301*3.3+6.6 = 1000\text{ms}$  |
| 21 | I32 | Charge Overcurrent Threshold          | AC 00 00 00 | 172A                           |
| 22 | U8  | Charge Overcurrent Delay              | 58 00 00 00 | $88*3.3+6.6 = 297\text{ms}$    |
| 23 | I32 | Discharge Overcurrent Threshold       | 56 FF FF FF | -170A                          |
| 24 | U8  | Discharge Overcurrent Delay           | 02 00 00 00 | $2*3.3+6.6 = 10\text{ms}$      |
| 25 | U8  | Fault Recovery Time (shared)          | 0F 00 00 00 | 15s                            |
| 26 | U32 | L2 Discharge Overcurrent Threshold    | 90 01 00 00 | 400A                           |
| 27 | U8  | L2 Discharge Overcurrent Delay        | 58 00 00 00 | $88*3.3+6.6 = 297\text{ms}$    |
| 28 | U8  | L2 FET Overtemp Threshold             | 50 00 00 00 | 80c                            |
| 29 | U8  | L2 FET Overtemp Recovery              | 41 00 00 00 | 65c                            |
| 30 | U8  | L2 FET Overtemp Delay                 | 02 00 00 00 | 2s                             |

|    |      |                                |             |                        |
|----|------|--------------------------------|-------------|------------------------|
| 31 | I32  | L3 Short Circuit Threshold     | C2 01 00 00 | 450/0.5 = 900A *note 1 |
| 32 | I32  | L3 Short Circuit Delay         | 00 00 00 00 | 0μs                    |
| 33 | U8   | L3 Short Circuit Recovery      | 1E 00 00 00 | 30s                    |
| 34 | I32  | PF Charge Overcurrent          | E8 03 00 00 | 1000A                  |
| 35 | U8   | PF Charge Overcurrent Delay    | 01 00 00 00 | 1s                     |
| 36 | I32  | PF Discharge Overcurrent       | 24 FA FF FF | -1500A                 |
| 37 | U8   | PF Discharge Overcurrent Delay | 01 00 00 00 | 1s                     |
| 38 | I16  | PF Cell Overvoltage Threshold  | 94 11 00 00 | 4500mV                 |
| 39 | U8   | PF Cell Overvoltage Delay      | 00 00 00 00 | 0s                     |
| 40 | I16  | PF Cell Undervoltage Threshold | E8 03 00 00 | 1000mV                 |
| 41 | U8   | PF Cell Undervoltage Delay     | 00 00 00 00 | 0s                     |
| 42 | U32  | Design Capacity                | 6B 82 03 00 | 229,995mAh             |
| 43 | bool | NTC1 Active                    | 01 00 00 00 | true                   |
| 44 | bool | NTC2 Active                    | 01 00 00 00 | true                   |
| 45 | bool | NTC3 Active                    | 01 00 00 00 | true                   |
| 46 | bool | NTC4 Active                    | 01 00 00 00 | true                   |
| 47 | U32  | Predischarge Timeout           | B8 0B 00 00 | 3000ms                 |
| 48 | U8   | Predischarge Target Percent    | 32 00 00 00 | 50%                    |
| 49 | U32  | Predischarge Retry Time        | 10 27 00 00 | 10,000ms               |

### Note 1:

L3 Short Circuit Threshold (SCD) is in shunt millivolts. The Pathfinder shunt resistance is 0.5mΩ. The value is set by a lookup table. Possible values are 0-15, representing 10mv to 500mv. Write this value in mV, and divide by 0.5 to display amps.

Lookup Table: {10,20,40,60,80,100,125,150,175,200,250,300,350,400,450,500}mV

## 0x03 Request Basic Info

Returns a preformatted sequence containing BMS live data.

This is the largest preformatted message. The host must be able to handle 218 bytes in its receive buffer.

Example:

The host sends FE 01 03 03 52 FD

The BMS responds

|    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| FE | D5 | 03 | BC | 14 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 6B | 82 | 03 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 |
| 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | DF | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 |
| 01 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 01 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 01 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 01 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 10 | 00 | 00 | 00 |
| 01 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 01 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 01 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 01 | A2 | 0B | 00 | 00 | A1 | 0B | 00 |
| A8 | 0B | 00 | 00 | E3 | 0B | 00 | 00 | FF | FF | 00 | 00 | 6C | CF | 00 | 00 | 4E | CF | 00 | 00 |
| 12 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 80 | BB | 03 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 80 |
| 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 |
| 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 4F | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 |
| FF | FF | 00 | 00 | FF | FF | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | E5 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 7A |
|    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    | 14 | 00 | 00 |
| E0 | F3 | FD |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |

### Data definitions for 0x03 Request Basic Info:

| Index | Data Type | Description                          | Example hex data | Example parsed data    |
|-------|-----------|--------------------------------------|------------------|------------------------|
| 0     | I16       | Stack Voltage (10mV)                 | BC 14 00 00      | 53080mV                |
| 1     | I32       | Pack Current (mA)                    | 00 00 00 00      | 0mA                    |
| 2     | U32       | Remaining Capacity (mAh)             | 00 00 00 00      | 0mAh                   |
| 3     | U32       | Reserved                             | 6B 82 03 00      | Reserved               |
| 4     | U32       | Cycle Count                          | 00 00 00 00      | 0                      |
| 5     | U16       | Cell Balancer Status (bitfield)      | 00 00 00 00      | 1 = balancing. 16 bits |
| 6     | U32       | Current Errors 1 (bitfield) (note 3) | 00 00 00 00      | none                   |
| 7     | U32       | Current Errors 2 (bitfield) (note 3) | 00 00 00 00      | none                   |
| 8     | I32       | firmware_version_major               | 00 00 00 00      | 0                      |

|    |     |   |             |                     |
|----|-----|---|-------------|---------------------|
| 9  | I32 | firmware_version_minor                    | DF 00 00 00 | 223                 |
| 10 | U8  | State of Charge (SOC)                     | 00 00 00 00 | 0%                  |
| 11 | U8  | CHG FET status (0=off 1=on)               | 01 00 00 00 | on                  |
| 12 | U8  | DSG FET status (0=off 1=on)               | 01 00 00 00 | on                  |
| 13 | U8  | CHG FET command (0=off 1=on)              | 01 00 00 00 | on                  |
| 14 | U8  | CHG FET command (0=off 1=on)              | 01 00 00 00 | on                  |
| 15 | U8  | DSG switch state (0=off 1=on)             | 01 00 00 00 | on                  |
| 16 | I32 | Cell Count (3 to 16)                      | 10 00 00 00 | 16                  |
| 17 | U8  | NTC1 active (0=disabled 1= active)        | 01 00 00 00 | active              |
| 18 | U8  | NTC1 active (0=disabled 1= active)        | 01 00 00 00 | active              |
| 19 | U8  | NTC1 active (0=disabled 1= active)        | 01 00 00 00 | active              |
| 20 | U8  | NTC1 active (0=disabled 1= active)        | 01 00 00 00 | active              |
| 21 | I32 | NTC1 temperature (.1 kelvin)              | A2 0B 00 00 | 297.8k              |
| 22 | I32 | NTC2 temperature (.1 kelvin)              | A1 0B 00 00 | 297.7k              |
| 23 | I32 | NTC3 temperature (.1 kelvin)              | A8 0B 00 00 | 298.4k              |
| 24 | I32 | NTC4 temperature (.1 kelvin)              | E3 0B 00 00 | 304.3k              |
| 25 | U16 | Active cell inputs (0=disabled 1= active) | FF FF 00 00 | 0b1111111111111111  |
| 26 | I32 | Session values Max Voltage                | 6C CF 00 00 | 53,100mV            |
| 27 | I32 | Session values Min Voltage                | 4E CF 00 00 | 53,070mV            |
| 28 | I32 | Session values Max Charge Current         | 00 00 00 80 | Invalid mA (note 2) |
| 29 | I32 | Session values Max Discharge Current      | 12 00 00 00 | 18mA                |
| 30 | I32 | Session values Max Charge Power           | 00 00 00 80 | Invalid mW (note 2) |
| 31 | I32 | Session values Max Discharge Power        | BB 03 00 00 | 955mW               |

|    |     |                                     |             |          |
|----|-----|-------------------------------------|-------------|----------|
| 32 | U16 | alarm_count_charge_undertemp        | 00 00 00 00 | 0        |
| 33 | U16 | alarm_count_discharge_undertemp     | 00 00 00 00 | 0        |
| 34 | U16 | alarm_count_internal_undertemp      | 00 00 00 00 | 0        |
| 35 | U16 | alarm_count_charge_overtemp         | 00 00 00 00 | 0        |
| 36 | U16 | alarm_count_discharge_overtemp      | 00 00 00 00 | 0        |
| 37 | U16 | alarm_count_internal_overtemp       | 00 00 00 00 | 0        |
| 38 | U16 | alarm_count_fet_overtemp            | 00 00 00 00 | 0        |
| 39 | U16 | alarm_count_cell_undervolt          | 00 00 00 00 | 0        |
| 40 | U16 | alarm_count_cell_overvolt           | 00 00 00 00 | 0        |
| 41 | U16 | alarm_count_charge_overcurrent      | 00 00 00 00 | 0        |
| 42 | U16 | Alarm count L1 DSG over current     | 00 00 00 00 | 0        |
| 43 | U16 | Alarm count L2 DSG over current     | 00 00 00 00 | 0        |
| 44 | U16 | alarm_count_discharge_short_circuit | 00 00 00 00 | 0        |
| 45 | U16 | Reset count                         | 4F 00 00 00 | 79       |
| 46 | U8  | State of Charge SOC confidence %    | 00 00 00 00 | %        |
| 47 | U16 | Time to Full                        | FF FF 00 00 | minutes  |
| 48 | U16 | Time to Empty                       | FF FF 00 00 | minutes  |
| 49 | U8  | State of Health SOH %               | 00 00 00 00 | %        |
| 50 | U32 | Design Capacity                     | E5 00 00 00 | 229Ah    |
| 51 | U32 | Measured Capacity                   | 00 00 00 00 | 0Ah      |
| 52 | I16 | B+ terminal voltage (10mV)          | 7A 14 00 00 | 52,420mV |

**Note 2:**

Integer min/max values indicate unavailable or invalid data.

Example- Session values Max Charge Current at int32\_min indicates no data or unavailable data.

**Note 3:**

Current errors (alarms) are packed into 2 bitfields.

Current Errors 1:

| Bit Position | Alarm Label | Description                           |
|--------------|-------------|---------------------------------------|
| 0            | SCD         | DSG Short circuit                     |
| 1            | OCD2        | (unused)                              |
| 2            | OCD1        | Level 2 DSG overcurrent               |
| 3            | OCC         | CHG Over Current                      |
| 4            | COV         | Cell over voltage                     |
| 5            | CUV         | Cell under voltage                    |
| 6            | OTF         | FETs over temperature (NTC3)          |
| 7            | OTINT       | Internal over temperature (NTC4)      |
| 8            | OTD         | DSG over temperature (NTC1 & NTC2)    |
| 9            | OTC         | Charge over temperature (NTC1 & NTC2) |
| 10           | UTINT       | Internal under temperature (NTC4)     |
| 11           | UTD         | DSG under temperature (NTC1 & NTC2)   |
| 12           | UTC         | CHG under temperature (NTC1 & NTC2)   |
| 13           | OCD3        | Level 1 DSG over current              |
| 14           | SCDL        | (unused)                              |
| 15           | OCDL        | (unused)                              |
| 16           | COVL        | (unused)                              |
| 17           | PTO         | (unused)                              |
| 18           | HWDF        | (unused)                              |
| 19           | CUDEP       | (unused)                              |
| 20           | SOTF        | (unused)                              |
| 21           | SOT         | (unused)                              |
| 22           | SOCD        | PF DSG over current                   |

| <b>Bit Position</b> | <b>Alarm Label</b> | <b>Description</b>  |
|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| 23                  | SOCC               | PF CHG over current |
| 24                  | SOV                | PF over voltage     |
| 25                  | SUV                | PF under voltage    |
| 26                  | SCDLPF             | (unused)            |
| 27                  | VIMA               | (unused)            |
| 28                  | VIMR               | (unused)            |
| 29                  | 2LVL               | (unused)            |
| 30                  | DFETF              | (unused)            |
| 31                  | CFETF              | (unused)            |

Current Errors 2:

| <b>Bit Position</b> | <b>Alarm Label</b> | <b>Description</b> |
|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 0                   | CMDF               | (unused)           |
| 1                   | HWMX               | (unused)           |
| 2                   | VSSF               | (unused)           |
| 3                   | VREF               | (unused)           |
| 4                   | LFOF               | (unused)           |
| 5                   | IRMF               | (unused)           |
| 6                   | DRMF               | (unused)           |
| 7                   | OTPF               | (unused)           |

## 0x04 Request Cell Voltages

Returns a preformatted sequence containing the voltage of all 16 cell voltage inputs

Example:

The host sends FE 01 04 73 B5 FD

The BMS responds FE 41 04 0e 0d 00 00 05 00 00 00 05 00 00 00 05 00 00 00  
05 00 00 00 05 00 00 00 05 00 00 00 11 0d 00 00 10 0d 00 00 05 00 00 00  
05 00 00 00 05 00 00 00 05 00 00 00 05 00 00 00 05 00 00 00 11 0d 00 00  
17 B3 FD

This example has only 4 active cells at cell inputs 1,8,9,16 (data word index 0,7,8,15)

The voltage of unused cell inputs may be reported as +/- a few millivolts and should be ignored.

## 0x05 Read device name

Returns an ASCII string containing the device name, without a null terminator.

Example:

The host sends FE 01 05 6394 FD

The BMS responds

FE 0F 05 50 41 54 48 46 49 4E 44 45 52 20 42 4D 53 7A5E FD

In ASCII, the payload is “PATHFINDER BMS”

## 0x06 Passkey login (Bluetooth only)

This opcode is only used for bluetooth. The serial API does not request passkeys on wired ports.

## 0x0E Write parameter register

Write to a single data register. This opcode includes a target register and a 32 bit payload.  
All data is padded to 32 bits regardless of the register data type.

Example:

The host application writes 56c to charge over temp threshold (register 03):

FE 06 0E 03 38 00 00 00 667E FD

| Start | Length | Opcode | target | Data        | Checksum | Stop |
|-------|--------|--------|--------|-------------|----------|------|
| FE    | 06     | 0E     | 03     | 38 00 00 00 | 667E     | FD   |

The BMS responds with the same opcode and no data to indicate success:

0x FE 01 0E D2FF FD

### Target register definitions:

| Reg | Description                   | Type | Min | Max  | Units |
|-----|-------------------------------|------|-----|------|-------|
| 0   | Balancer Start Voltage        | I16  | 0   | 5000 | mV    |
| 1   | Delta to Balance              | U8   | 0   | 255  | mV    |
| 2   | Max Cells to Balance          | U8   | 0   | 16   | count |
| 3   | Charge Overtemp Threshold     | I8   | -40 | 120  | °C    |
| 4   | Charge Overtemp Recovery      | I8   | -40 | 120  | °C    |
| 5   | Charge Overtemp Delay         | U8   | 0   | 255  | s     |
| 6   | Charge Undertemp Threshold    | I8   | -40 | 120  | °C    |
| 7   | Charge Undertemp Recovery     | I8   | -40 | 120  | °C    |
| 8   | Charge Undertemp Delay        | U8   | 0   | 255  | s     |
| 9   | Discharge Overtemp Threshold  | I8   | -40 | 120  | °C    |
| 10  | Discharge Overtemp Recovery   | I8   | -40 | 120  | °C    |
| 11  | Discharge Overtemp Delay      | U8   | 0   | 255  | s     |
| 12  | Discharge Undertemp Threshold | I8   | -40 | 120  | °C    |
| 13  | Discharge Undertemp Recovery  | I8   | -40 | 120  | °C    |
| 14  | Discharge Undertemp Delay     | U8   | 0   | 255  | s     |

| Reg | Description                           | Type | Min    | Max   | Units         |
|-----|---------------------------------------|------|--------|-------|---------------|
| 15  | Cell Overvoltage Threshold            | U8   | 20     | 110   | 50.6mV        |
| 16  | Cell Overvoltage Recovery Hysteresis  | U8   | 2      | 20    | 50.6mV        |
| 17  | Cell Overvoltage Delay                | U16  | 1      | 2047  | val*3.3+6.6ms |
| 18  | Cell Undervoltage Threshold           | U8   | 20     | 90    | 50.6mV        |
| 19  | Cell Undervoltage Recovery Hysteresis | U8   | 2      | 20    | 50.6mV        |
| 20  | Cell Undervoltage Delay               | U16  | 1      | 2047  | val*3.3+6.6ms |
| 21  | Charge Overcurrent Threshold          | U8   | 2      | 62    | A             |
| 22  | Charge Overcurrent Delay              | U8   | 1      | 127   | val*3.3+6.6ms |
| 23  | Discharge Overcurrent Threshold       | I16  | -32768 | 0     | A             |
| 24  | Discharge Overcurrent Delay           | U8   | 0      | 255   | val*3.3+6.6ms |
| 25  | Fault Recovery Time (shared)          | U8   | 1      | 255   | s             |
| 26  | L2 Discharge Overcurrent Threshold    | U8   | 2      | 100   | A             |
| 27  | L2 Discharge Overcurrent Delay        | U8   | 1      | 127   | val*3.3+6.6ms |
| 28  | L2 FET Overtemp Threshold             | U8   | 0      | 150   | °C            |
| 29  | L2 FET Overtemp Recovery              | U8   | 0      | 150   | °C            |
| 30  | L2 FET Overtemp Delay                 | U8   | 0      | 255   | s             |
| 31  | L3 Short Circuit Threshold (Note 1)   | U8   | 0      | 15    | val/0.5A      |
| 32  | L3 Short Circuit Delay                | U8   | 1      | 31    | Val-1 *15µs   |
| 33  | L3 Short Circuit Recovery             | U8   | 0      | 255   | s             |
| 34  | PF Charge Overcurrent                 | I16  | -32768 | 32767 | 10mA          |
| 35  | PF Charge Overcurrent Delay           | U8   | 0      | 255   | s             |
| 36  | PF Discharge Overcurrent              | I16  | -32768 | 32767 | 10mA          |
| 37  | PF Discharge Overcurrent Delay        | U8   | 0      | 255   | s             |
| 38  | PF Cell Overvoltage Threshold         | I16  | 0      | 32767 | mV            |
| 39  | PF Cell Overvoltage Delay             | U8   | 0      | 255   | s             |
| 40  | PF Cell Undervoltage Threshold        | I16  | 0      | 32767 | mV            |

| Reg | Description                | Type | Min    | Max        | Units                              |
|-----|----------------------------|------|--------|------------|------------------------------------|
| 41  | PF Cell Undervoltage Delay | U8   | 0      | 255        | s                                  |
| 42  | Design Capacity            | U32  | 0      | uint32_max | mAh                                |
| 43  | NTC1 Active                | U8   | 0      | 1          | boolean                            |
| 44  | NTC2 Active                | U8   | 0      | 1          | boolean                            |
| 45  | NTC3 Active                | U8   | 0      | 1          | boolean                            |
| 46  | NTC4 Active                | U8   | 0      | 1          | boolean                            |
| 47  | (Reserved)                 |      |        |            |                                    |
| 48  | FET Command (bitfield)     | U8   | 0      | 0x03       | Bit 0 = DSG cmd<br>Bit 1 = CHG cmd |
| 49  | Pre-discharge Timeout      | U32  | 200    | 10,000     | ms                                 |
| 50  | Pre-discharge Percent      | U8   | 10     | 90         | %                                  |
| 51  | Pre-discharge Retry time   | U32  | 10,000 | 600,000    | ms                                 |

## 0x11 Set BMS Advertising Name

Set a new advertising name for the BMS. Max length is 29 char.  
 Longer strings will return opcode 0x21 Data out of range.

Example: Change the advertising name to “Zoidberg, MD”

The host sends FE 0D 11 5A 6F 69 64 62 65 72 67 2C 20 4d 44 53 78 FD

The BMS responds FE 01 11 31 21 FD

## 0x16 Read MFG name

Returns the Manufacturer name. Same procedure as 0x05 Read device name.

## 0x18 Set Idle Current

Starts the idle current calibration routine

## 0x19 Calibrate Current Gain

## 0x1A Request Current Cal State

## 0x1B Read MFG Build Data and Time

## 0x1C Read BMS Advertising Name

## 0x1D Reset Session Values

## 0x1E Calibrate Stack Voltage

## 0x1F Calibrate B+ voltage

## 0x30 Remote control command

Used by the BMS remote control to send a button press, discovery message, or keep-alive message.

The remote sends 0-5 for a button press, or 0xFF for a discovery request.

If the BMS chooses to respond to a discovery request, it will return its WiFi channel number in the first 4 bytes, plus the BMS advertising name string.

The MAC addresses are also exchanged by the transport layer if using the ESP-NOW.

Start, Length, Opcode, data, checksum, stop.

## 0x31 Frame buffer chunk

When sent as a request this serves as the keep-alive message for the remote control. The BMS will respond with a series of frame buffer chunks if the display has changed, or with an ack if the frame buffer has not changed.

Used by the BMS to stream the OLED frame buffer to a remote control display. The max message size is 250 bytes including framing and checksum, so the ~1kB frame buffer must be split into 5 messages and reassembled by the remote.

Start, Length, Opcode, index, data, checksum, stop.

## 0x32 Reset alarm counts

Instructs the BMS to reset all the alarm event counts.

## Revision History

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