

**Monitoring Current over Ethernet IP using the AKD-P-NBEI drive**

If you want to read the drive’s current, my opinion is using an AOI for this purpose is not a very good method. As mentioned before, Ethernet/IP is not a super-fast communication bus. RPI scan ( for each Generic Ethernet Module ) is absolute fastest at 20msec. Keep this in mind in regards to monitoring or sampling current values. Only one AOI per axis can be executing at a time. Whether it is a AKD\_Get\_Parameter or AKD\_Get\_Attribute...they both tie up your EIP communications because all AOIs use the same static bytes 0-35 of the command and response assemblies. I see a note in the manual that a response type can be viewed I presume by requesting the response type 5 in the command assembly but I’ve never used it. I would expect this to be a conflict because other AOIs call Response Type 14 Command/Error Response to detect an error. I’ve also not used the Controller Attribute that is shown in the Controller Attribute Listing. A “torque” parameter does not exist in the AKD drive so only milliamps or amps can be queried regardless of EIP or not.

**6.2.3.4 Response Type 0x05 - Actual Torque**

This I/O response assembly is used to return the actual torque (current) of the motor in milliamps. Data will be received in the Data field, bits 4-7. Set Response Type = 0x05 in the command assembly to read this value.

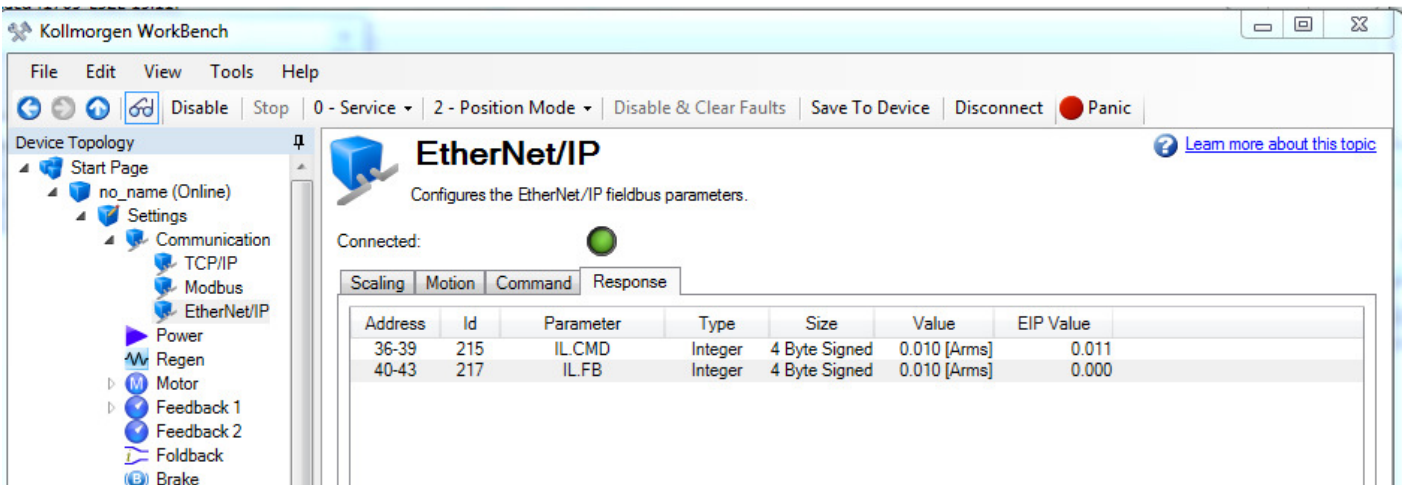
25	Torque	Get/Set	DINT	Output torque.
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If you want to monitor current in the drive you can look at IL.FB ( feedback ) or IL.CMD ( command ). We do not have a filtered parameter for the current loop like we do on the velocity loop so you’re going to find the value is going to bounce around quite a bit ( IL.FB may be more noisy than IL.CMD ). You can monitor both as well if you’d like.

I would presume you want to read the value all the time. The best method for this is dynamic mapping ( cyclic data ) as opposed to triggering MSG ( explicit ) message blocks all the time with a timer or to a similar effect the AKD\_Get\_Parameter AOI ( remember only 1 AOI per axis can be executing at a time ). Dynamic mapping puts the parameters on the cyclic data ( command ( write ); response ( read ) ) which gets updated every RPI scan. Bytes 36-63 of both the command assembly and the response assembly can have AKD parameters mapped.

Instance	Parameter	Data Size	Data Type
215	IL.CMD	4 Byte Signed	Float
217	IL.FB	4 Byte Signed	Float

Map the desired parameters in the Response assembly since you want to read. Use the latest Workbench version ( 1-17 ). An earlier version had a bug with using the GUI to dynamically map. Under the Settings->Communications->Ethernet/IP navigation and the “Response” tab you can map your desired instances.



Mapping does not put the parameters on the poll; it merely maps them.

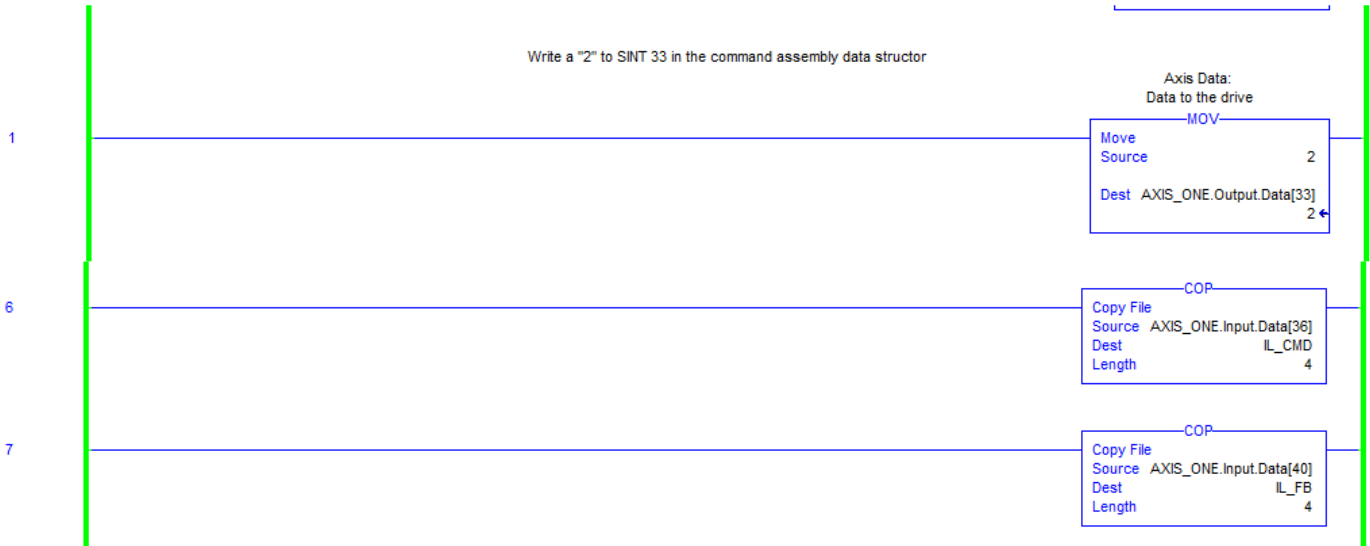
To enable polling it is required to move a value of "2" into byte 33 of the command assembly.

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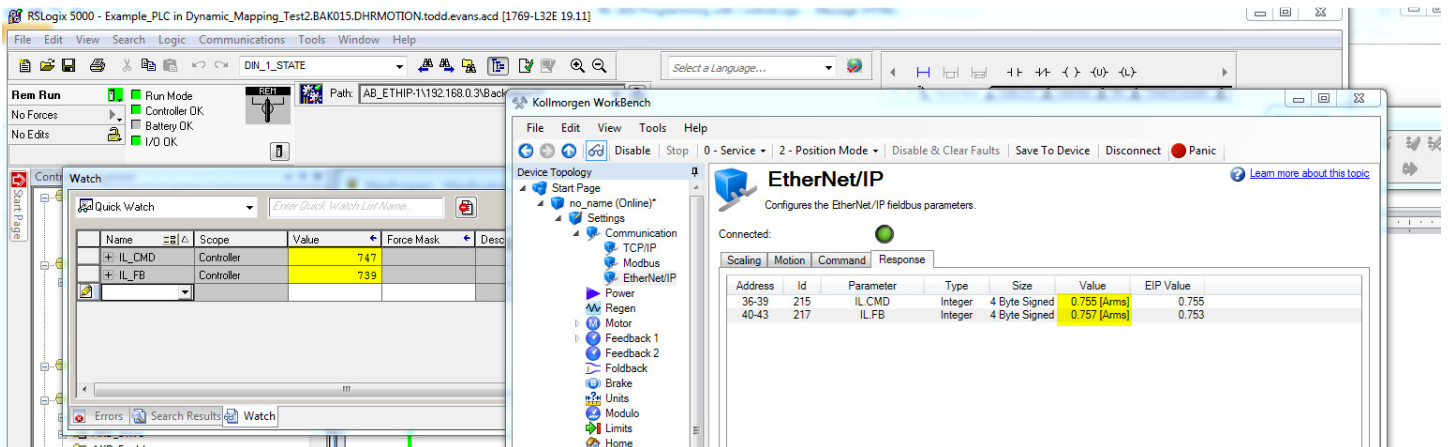
Byte	Data	Comment
33	Map Type	0: Static Map (only bytes 0 to 35 are sent) 1: Custom Map 1 2: Dynamic Map (bytes 36-63 are dynamically configurable)
34-35	Reserved	
36-63	Command Dynamic Map	See EIP.CMDMAP (→ p. 32).

\*Least significant byte first for all data fields

Below you can see I did just that and also copied the data into tags in the ladder using the COP instruction. The size of the data is 4 byte signed or a DINT data type which is what I declared the IL\_CMD and IL\_FB tags as in the PLC's controller tags.



Note the values in the PLC are x1000 since these are DINT ( double integers ). I monitored both the PLC data using the Quick Watch and Online in Workbench on the EIP screen.



I wrote 2 articles related to this.

<https://kdn.kollmorgen.com/content/akd-ethernet-ip-diagnostics-and-dynamic-mapping>

<https://kdn.kollmorgen.com/content/reading-drive-parameter-akd-ethernet-ip>

Using the latest 1-17-0-0 firmware, I checked writing to IL.LIMITP ( positive current limit ), IL.LIMITN ( negative current limit ) and then PL.ERRFTHRESH ( maximum following error threshold ).

They worked fine. Because the AB PLC works in DINT or INTs, 4 bytes is the maximum I could write even if it is an 8 byte parameter in the drive.

There is a known issue in the firmware in regards to writing negative values to some parameters. One note on this is there is a unreleased beta that fixes this problem.

I anticipate it will be rolled out as an official production release sometime later this year. It will enable the usage of 32 bit ( 4 byte ) versions ( instances ) of 8 byte parameters.

I was able to monitor, IL.CMD ( current loop command ), IL.FB ( current loop feedback ), PL.ERR ( position loop error; again an 8 byte parameter but I could only read a value up to 4 bytes in the PLC ) over Ethernet IP.

The PL.FB ( position loop feedback ) is built in to the response assembly of Ethernet IP.