

Pro-face

Mitsubishi Electric Q Series
PLC Ladder Monitor

Operation Manual

Introduction

Thank you for purchasing the PLC Ladder Monitor Add-on Kit for the Mitsubishi Electric Corporation Q Series. This manual explains the operations for monitoring the PLC ladder programs and device addresses using the GP3000 Series Programmable Display manufactured by Pro-face (Digital Electronics Corporation of Japan.)

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Manual Description

This manual provides following cautions for proper use of the PLC Ladder Monitor Add-on Kit for the Mitsubishi Electric Corporation Q Series. The cautions described herein contain important safety information. The following table shows the symbols and what they mean.

Symbol	Meaning
	Failure to follow the instructions on the display may result in adverse events such as device errors or data loss.
	Important points for use.
*	The footnotes contain an explanation of the annotated words.
	Related reference pages are provided.
PLC	Programmable Logic Controller.

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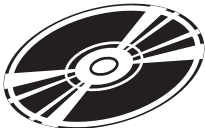
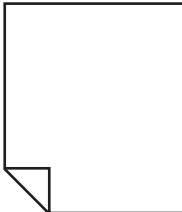
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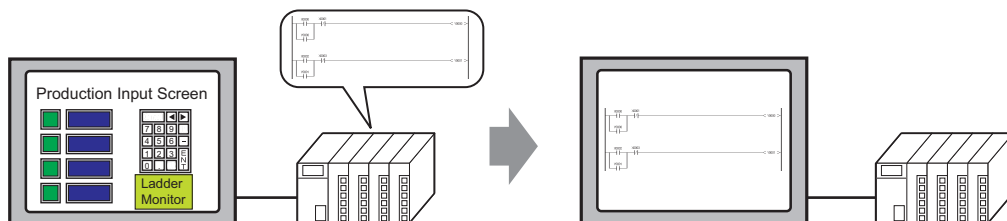
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1.1 Ladder Monitor

The ladder monitor is a feature that reads and monitors the PLC (Mitsubishi Electric Corporation PLC Q series) ladder programs on a display screen. It monitors the ladder programs online without stopping other features.



You can use the ladder monitor feature to do the following:

- Monitor the PLC ladder program over the internet
 - Display the executing ladder instruction in bold/color.
 - Display the I/O comments in the ladder program
- Specify and display the ladder program you wish to check
 - Display the ladder monitor simultaneously with the alarm display
 - Search for a step number or a device address
- Save the desired ladder program view
 - Capture and save the image on a CF Card
 - Print the desired ladder program view
- Edit timer and counter instruction values over the internet

NOTE

- The ladder monitor mode calls the device monitor feature. The device monitor feature allows you to see the device you are using and change the values.

☞ “3.3 Menu Screen” (page 3-6)

See: GP-Pro EX Reference Manual

1.2 Supported Models

■ Supporting PLC

Maker	Series Name	CPU	Link I/F or CPU Direct	Device PLC Names on GP-Pro EX
Mitsubishi Electric Corporation	Q series	Q02 Q02H Q06H Q12H Q25H	RS-232C port on CPU unit	Mitsubishi Electric Corporation Q series CPU direct

■ Relevant Display

For displays that support the ladder monitor, see the Pro-face support site "Otasuke Pro!"



URL <http://www.pro-face.com/otasuke/>

Click here!

■ Screen Creation Software by Pro-face (Digital Electronics Corporation of Japan)

GP-Pro EX Ver.2.00 or later

■ Mitsubishi Electric Corporation Programming Tools

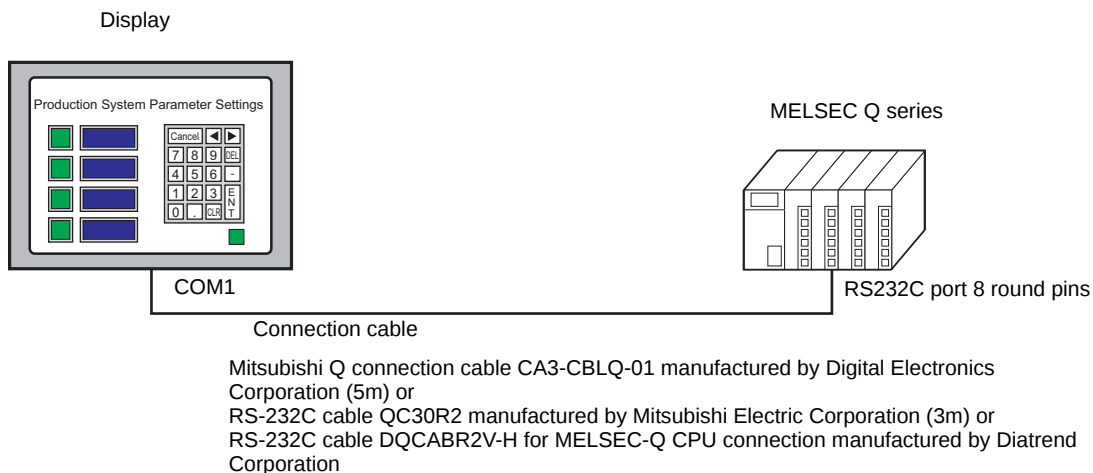
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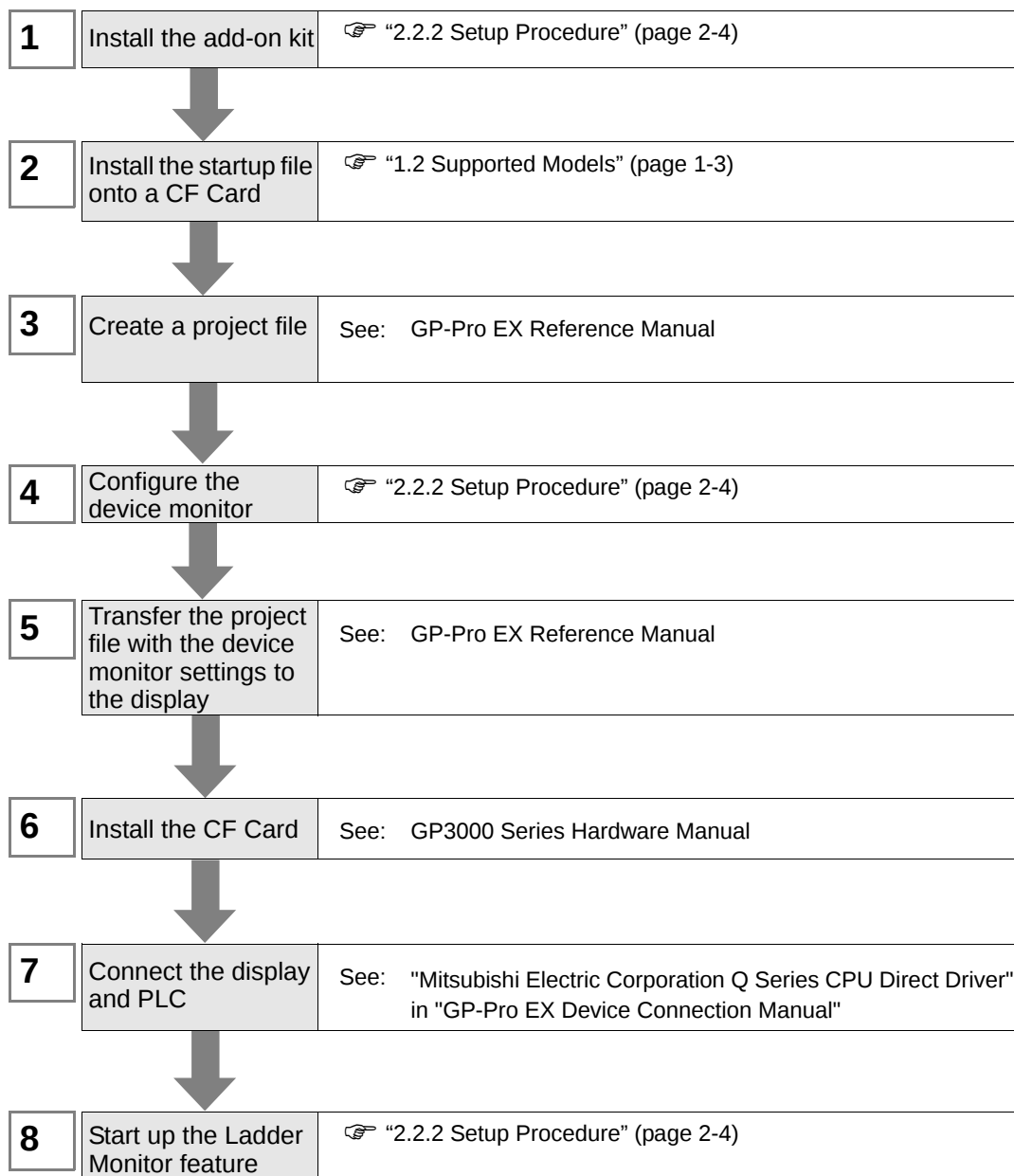
- For the programming tool versions that support the ladder monitor, see the Pro-face support site "Otasuke Pro!". Some versions may not be able to display the ladder programs.
- For the instructions that the ladder monitor can monitor, see the programming tools manual for the relevant version.

1.3 System Configuration

The display and PLC are connected 1:1 with a communication cable.



1.4 Installation Procedure

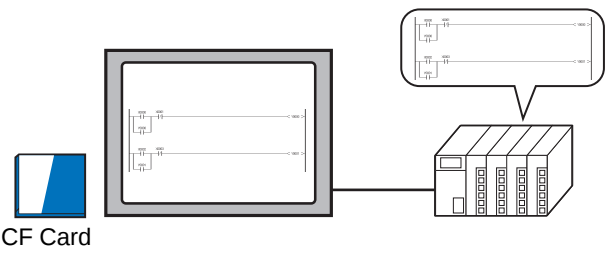
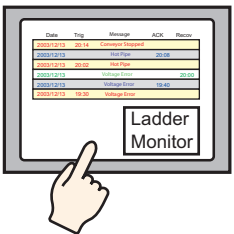
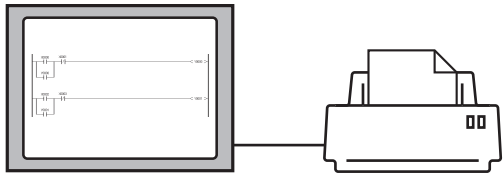
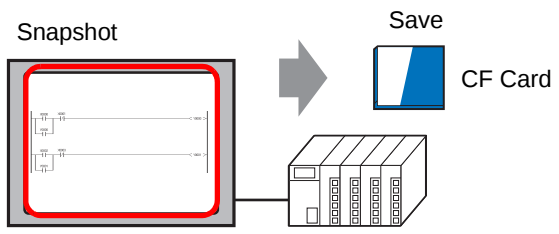
**NOTE**

- GP-Pro EX Manual and the Hardware Manual are available for download on the Pro-face support site "Otasuke Pro!" (<http://www.proface.com/otasuke/>). See the manual for GP-Pro EX Ver.2.00 or later.

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2.1 Settings Menu

Monitoring the PLC Ladder Programs on a Display	
 CF Card You can display the PLC ladder program on a display screen.	☞ “2.2.1 Details” (page 2-3) ☞ “2.2.2 Setup Procedure” (page 2-4)
Displaying the Relevant Ladder Programs Simultaneously from Alarm History	
 You can display the device for which the alarm is sounding directly from the alarm history screen.	☞ “2.3.1 Details” (page 2-9) ☞ “2.3.2 Setup Procedure” (page 2-9)
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 Snapshot Save CF Card You can capture the displayed Ladder Monitor screen and save it to a CF Card.	☞ “2.5.1 Details” (page 2-12) ☞ “2.5.2 Setup Procedure” (page 2-12)

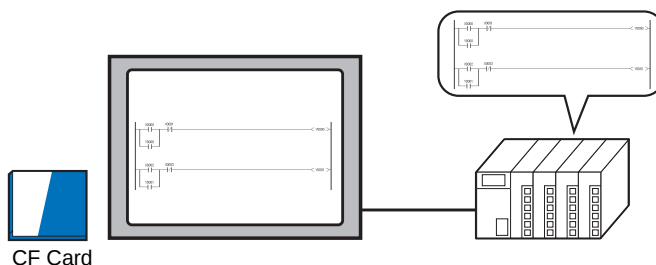
2.2 Monitoring the PLC Ladder Programs on a Display

2.2.1 Details

NOTE

- See the following pages for the detailed settings.
☞ Chapter3 "Ladder Monitor Screen Features" (page 3-1)
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With the Ladder Monitor you can remotely view, search, and edit the PLC ladder program as it appears on the HMI.



IMPORTANT

- The CF Card must have 100 MB or more of free space.
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NOTE

- See the following pages for the search feature.
☞ "3.3 Menu Screen" (page 3-6)
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2.2.2 Setup Procedure

- 1 Install the Ladder Monitor CD-ROM onto a PC installed with GP-Pro EX. Run Setup.exe on the CD to launch the installer. Follow the installer instructions to install.

IMPORTANT

- Your PC must have GP-Pro EX Ver.2.00 or later installed. For the OS, see the GP-Pro EX Reference Manual.
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- 2 Install the startup file on a CF Card.

Install the CF Card onto your PC. Designate the drive where the CF Card is located to automatically install the file.

IMPORTANT

- To use this feature, the CF Card must have 100 MB or more of free space.
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- 3 Create a project file.

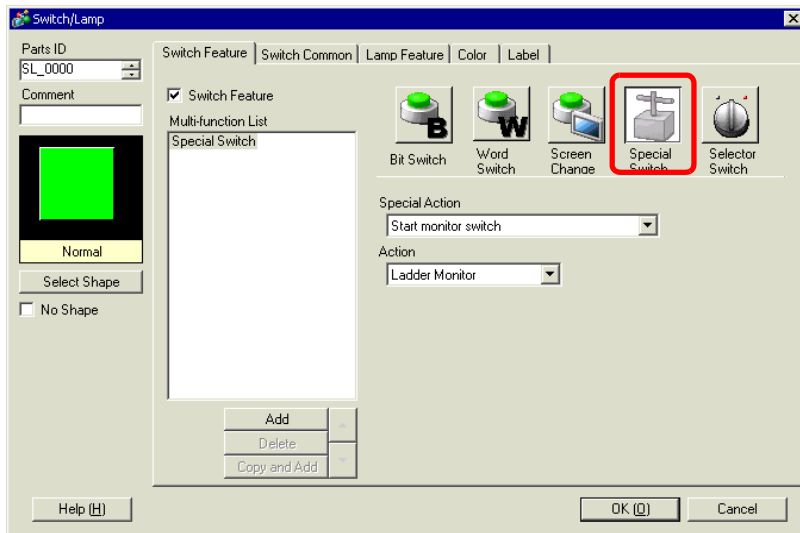
There are four ways to start the Ladder Monitor. To start the monitor without using the system menu, you must configure the settings for starting the Ladder Monitor in GP-Pro EX in advance.

- System menu
- Switch parts
- LS area
- System variables:
 - #H_LadderMonitor (no cache)
 - #H_LadderMonitorCache (with cache)

NOTE

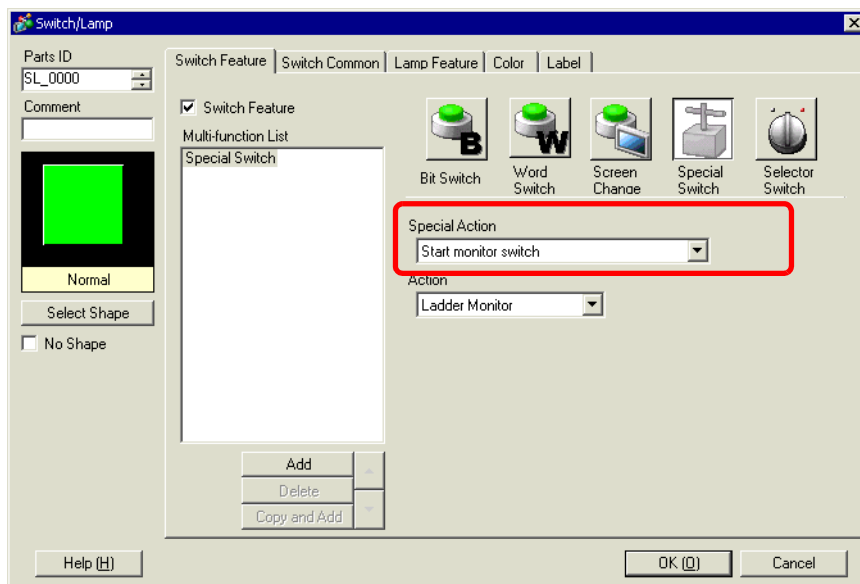
- To start up using the system menu, see the following pages.
 - ☞ Setup Procedure8 "Start up the Ladder Monitor." (page 2-8)
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■ Using a Switch to Start Up



- 1) From the [Parts (P)] menu, point to [Switch/Lamp (C)] and select [Special Switch (P)] or click . Click and drag to place a switch is placed on the screen.
- 2) Double-click the switch you placed and in [Special Action] select [Start monitor switch]. In [Action], select [Ladder Monitor] or [Ladder Monitor (cache)].
 - Ladder Monitor
Reads the ladder programs from the PLC every time you click the switch.
The real-time ladder program is always displayed but it may take time to update the program status.
 - Ladder Monitor (Cache)
Reads the ladder programs saved on the CF Card when you click the switch, reducing the read time. To update the ladder programs on the CF Card, in [Main Screen] on the GP, select [Read].

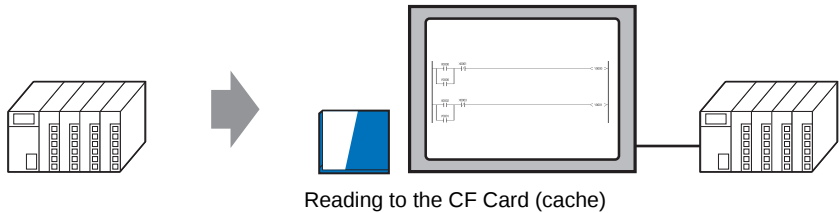
☞ “3.1 Main Screen” (page 3-2)



- NOTE

- Read the cache from a CF Card

Normally, every time you start the Ladder Monitor, it communicates with the PLC to read the ladder programs and it may take time to display the ladder programs. To improve the display update speed, the Ladder Monitor feature reads the PLC ladder programs onto the device CF Card (cache) first and then displays them.



If you change the ladder programs on the PLC after reading the PLC ladder programs to the display CF Card, read the ladder programs to the CF Card again. In [Main Screen] on the GP, select [Read].

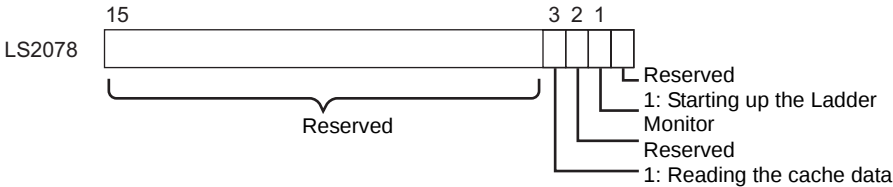
☞ “3.1 Main Screen” (page 3-2)

- To speed up the comment file display speed, create the [PLCLDMON\MIT_QCPU] folder on the CF Card to copy the project comment file (*.WCD) created with the GX-Developer programming tool by Mitsubishi Electric. This saves reading on the PLC and allows for faster reading.
- ☞ “3.2 File Selection Screen” (page 3-4)

3) Select [Select Shape], [Color], [Label], and any other features you require and click OK.

■ Using an LS Area Bit to Start Up

1) The Ladder Monitor starts up if you turn ON bits in the LS area. Configure the settings for turning ON the following bits using switch parts and D-scripts.

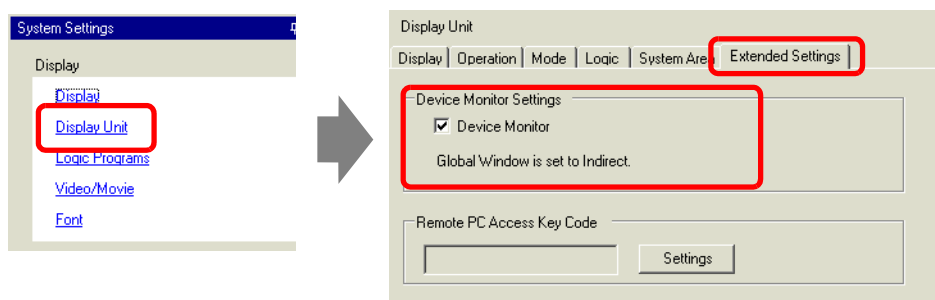


Bit 1	Turn ON to start up the Ladder Monitor.
Bit 3	Turn ON to start the Ladder Monitor and display the ladder programs cached on the CF Card. NOTE If the programs are not cached in advance, the bit only triggers the same action as Bit 1 turning ON (starts up the Ladder Monitor). To update the ladder programs on the CF Card, in [Main Screen] on the GP, select [Read]. ☞ “3.1 Main Screen” (page 3-2)

- IMPORTANT

- Bits other than Bits 1 and 3 are reserved. Do not use them.

- 4 Register the device monitor feature. In GP-Pro EX, from [System Settings], point to [Display Unit] and select [Extended Settings]. Select the [Device Monitor] checkbox.



NOTE

- The device monitor screen uses a global display window. While the device monitor is displayed, the screen cannot display other global windows. When you select the [Device Monitor] checkbox, [Global Window] operation is automatically set to [Indirect].
- For manual settings, in the display system menu, point to [Offline], select [Main Unit], and select [Window Settings]. Configure the following settings in [Global Window Operation]:

Global Window Operation: Indirect

Data Type : BIN

- 5 Save and transfer the project file to the display.

Reference:GP-Pro EX Reference Manual

- 6 Install the CF Card onto the GP.

Reference:For details on installing a CF Card, see "GP3000 Series Hardware Manual".

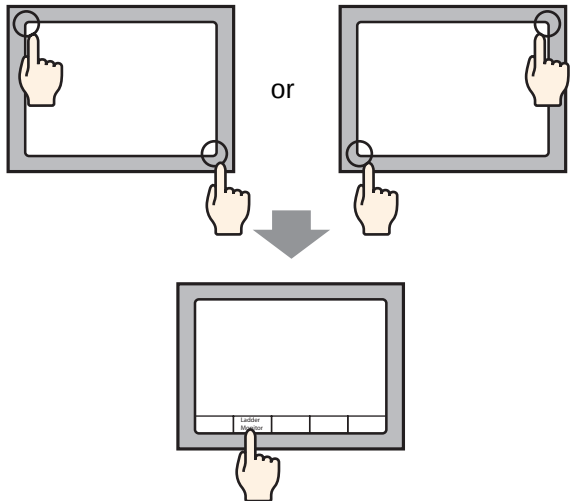
- 7 Connect the display to communicate with the PLC.

Reference:For details on the connection, see "GP-Pro EX Device Connection Manual"

8 Start up the Ladder Monitor.

There are four ways to start up the Ladder Monitor.

- System menu
- Switch parts
- LS area
- System variables:
#H_LadderMonitor (no cache)
#H_LadderMonitorCache (with cache)

Ladder Monitor Startup	Detail
Start up with the System Menu	On the screen, touch the top left → on the bottom right (or the top right → on the bottom left) in this order within 0.5 Seconds to display the system menu. Touch the [Ladder Monitor] button to display the main screen. 

NOTE

- To start up using switch parts or the LS area, see the following pages.
 👉 Setup Procedure3 "Create a project file." (page 2-4)

When the monitor starts up, the device/PLC selection screen is displayed.
Select the PLC for the ladder program you wish to monitor. The screen jumps to the File Selection screen.



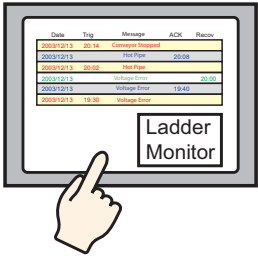
NOTE

- For the File Selection screen, see the following pages.
 👉 "3.2 File Selection Screen" (page 3-4)

2.3 Displaying Ladder Programs in Alarm History View

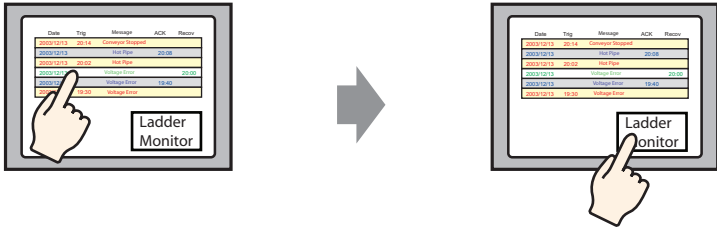
2.3.1 Details

Place the Ladder Monitor startup switch on the alarm history screen. This allows you to display the device whose the alarm is sounding directly from the history screen.



2.3.2 Setup Procedure

- 1 Place the Ladder Monitor startup switch on the alarm history screen.
 ➡ “2.2 Monitoring the PLC Ladder Programs on a Display” (page 2-3)
- 2 On the alarm history screen, touch the alarm you wish to monitor.
 Next, touch the Ladder Monitor startup switch.



3 The device search keypad is displayed.

The device address you selected on the alarm history screen is automatically entered.
Touch [Search].



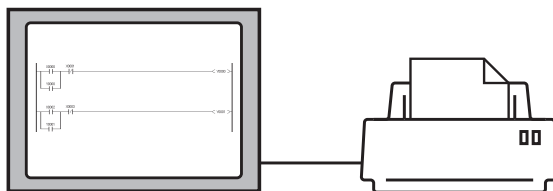
4 The ladder programs will be displayed starting with the device for which the alarm sounded.



2.4 Printing the Ladder Monitor View from a Display

2.4.1 Details

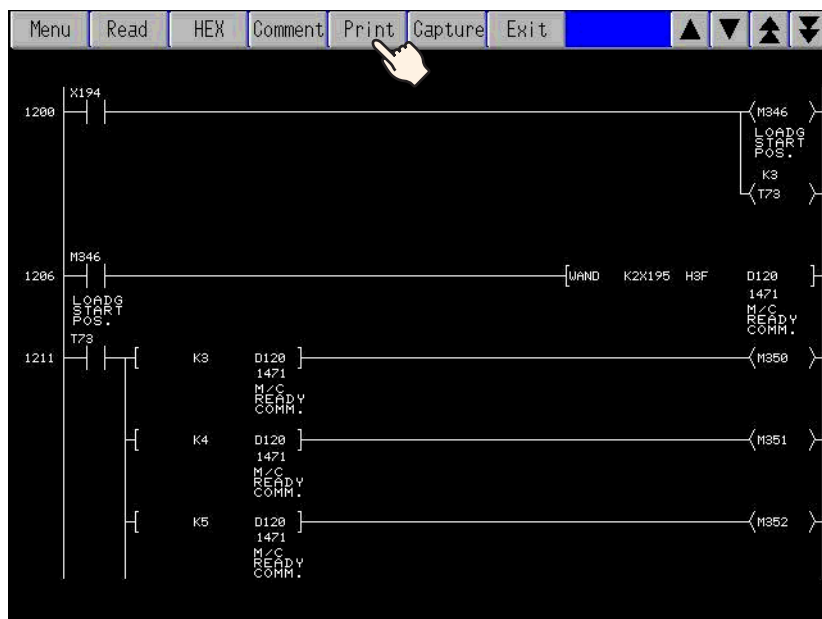
You can output the Ladder Monitor screen from a printer connected to the display. This allows you to efficiently save and analyze data.



2.4.2 Setup Procedure

- 1 Connect the display to the printer.
Reference:GP-Pro EX Reference Manual

- 2 On the Ladder Monitor main screen, touch [Print].

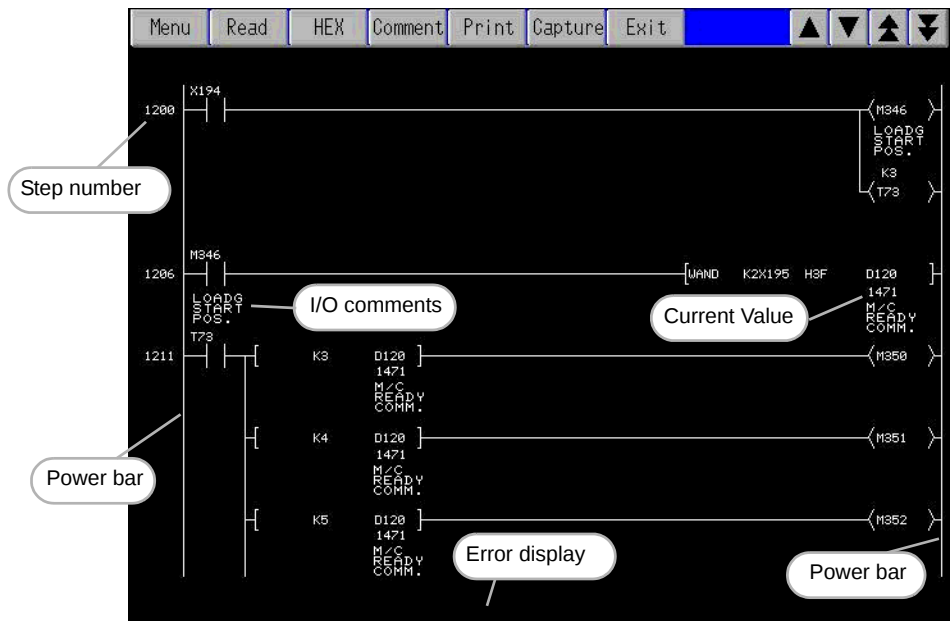


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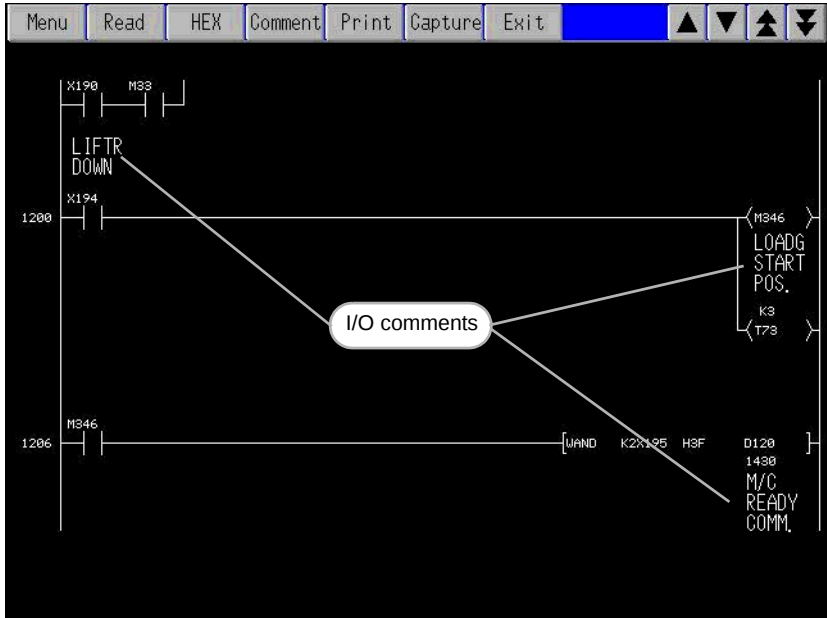
3.1 Main Screen

Main Screen Feature Names



Setting	Description
Menu	This displays the menu screen. For details, see the following pages. ☞ “3.3 Menu Screen” (page 3-6)
Read	This displays the file selection screen where you select the ladder program to read. For details, see the following pages. ☞ “3.2 File Selection Screen” (page 3-4)
Decimal/ Hexadecimal	This switches the monitor data values between decimal/hexadecimal.

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Setting	Description
Comment	This selects the display method for I/O comments. Touch to switch Short Comment Mode --> Compressed Comment Mode -> No Comment Mode in this order. • Short comment mode This displays up to 5 single-byte characters x 3 lines of comments. • Compressed comment mode This displays up to 5 single-byte characters x 6 lines of comments. This displays the characters compressed to 1/2 vertical size. • No comment mode This displays no I/O comments. 
Print	This prints the Ladder Monitor screen.
Snapshot	This captures and saves the Ladder Monitor screen to a CF Card.
End	This closes the Ladder Monitor.
▲ ▼	This scrolls the Ladder Monitor screen one by one.
▲ ▼	This takes you to the previous/next page.

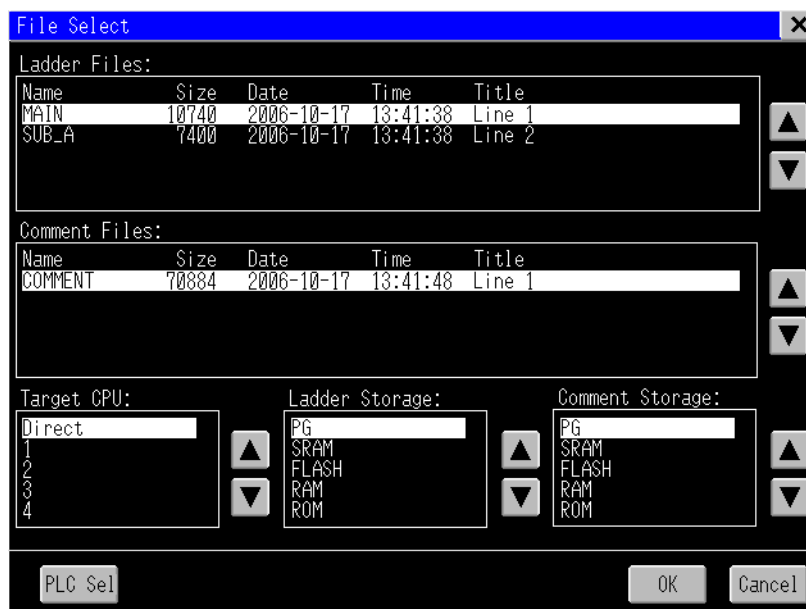
NOTE

- The ladder rungs that you can display differ depending on the comment mode.

Type	Window Size	No Comments	16 x 16 Comments	16 x 8 Comments
VGA	640 x 480	13 x 10	13 x 4	13 x 6
SVGA	800 x 600	16 x 13	16 x 5	16 x 8
XGA	1024 x 768	21 x 17	21 x 7	21 x 10

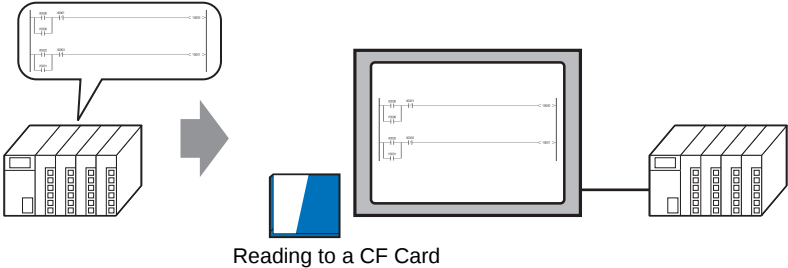
3.2 File Selection Screen

Names and Features on the File Selection screen



Setting	Description
File Name	This displays the name of the ladder file /comments file.
Size	This displays the size of the ladder file/comments file.
Date	This displays the date when you saved the ladder file/comments file.
Hour	This displays the time you saved the ladder file/comments file.
Titlle	This displays the comments you made to the file.
Target CPU	This selects the PLC for the ladder you wish to monitor.
Ladder Storage Location	This selects where to read the ladder program from [PG], [SRAM], [FLASH], [RAM], [ROM], or [CACHE].
Comment Storage Location	This selects where to read the comment from [PG], [SRAM], [FLASH], [RAM], [ROM], [CACHE], or [CF]. NOTE • Create the [PLCLDMON\MIT_QCPU] folder on the CF Card to copy the project comments file (*.WCD) created with the GX-Developer programming tool by Mitsubishi Electric Corporation. This saves PLC reading and increases the reading speed.
Select PLC	This moves to the device/PLC selection screen.

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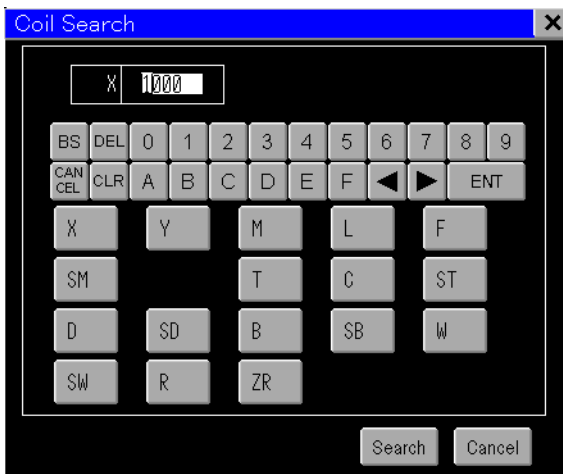
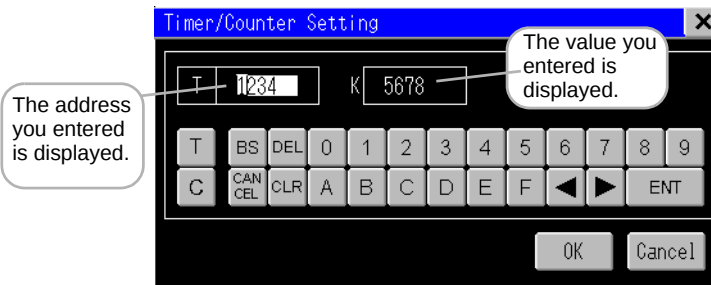
Setting	Description
OK	This reads the ladder programs onto a CF Card. NOTE The read button triggers saving of only ladder programs and comments to the CF Card. It always reads and displays the latest numeric values from the PLC.  Reading to a CF Card If you change the ladder programs or comments on the PLC after reading the PLC data to the CF card of the display, the Ladder Monitor for the display will not be updated. Read the data again to update the saved data. Cache the ladder programs or comments on the CF Card to increase the display speed instead of reading data from the PLC every time.
 /Cancel	This closes the file selection screen and returns to the previously displayed screen.

3.3 Menu Screen



Setting	Description
Step Search	This searches by the step number (number of steps) of the ladder program. This displays the ladder program with the specified step number (number of steps) at the top of the screen.
Device Search	This searches by the device address. This displays the ladder program with the specified device address at the top of the screen.

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Setting	Description
Coil Search	This searches by output instruction. This displays the ladder program with the specified output instruction at the top of the screen. 
Timer/Counter Value Change	This changes the timer/counter instruction values. Enter the timer or counter address to set the value. 
Device monitor	This displays the device monitor screen.
	This closes the menu screen and returns to the previously displayed screen.

NOTE

- For the device monitor feature, see the following manual.
See: GP-Pro EX Reference Manual
- You can change the timer/counter values only when the values are specified as constants.
- To display the ladder program after changing the value, you need to read and display the ladder again.
- You can change the value of a program located at the first number of the settings screen that appears after executing "PC Parameter Scan Execution Program". Even if multiple programs exist on the CPU, the timer/counter values of all the programs will not be changed.

4 | Restrictions

Ladder Monitor Restrictions

- Depending on the version, your programming tool may not be able to display ladder programs. For the versions supporting programming tools, see the Pro-face support site "Otasuke Pro!". For the instructions that you can monitor, see the PLC manual.
- To use this feature, your CF Card must have 100 MB or more of free space.
- To monitor a bit device used in a FUNC instruction, the Word data of the bit address divided by 16 is displayed in hexadecimal notation.
- When reading the ladder program, you cannot read the comment file. If the ladder program has already been read, you can read the comment file.
- Up to 25 lines are displayed per circuit. The 26th line and after are not displayed. If you specify a device located in the 26th line or after when searching for a device, the start of the circuit where the device is located will be displayed but the specified device itself will not be displayed.
- The power flow is shown by the contact/coil/border in bold, but the lines connecting contacts to contacts do not change.
- The time taken for a screen capture depends on the image quality and screen size. The file size for a screen quality of 80 will be approximately 200 KB and the capture will take about 5 to 6 seconds.
- If you continuously touch the capture (snapshot) button, the screens may not be captured properly. Allow some time between captures (snapshots).
- Ladder program and comment password settings are not supported. When a [Stop Read/Write] password is used, reads will cause a communication error.
- Multiple PLC connections are not supported. Neither can the Ladder Monitor access PLCs via "MELSECNET/H", "MELSECNET/10", and "Ethernet" networks.

■ Timer/Counter Value Change Screen Restrictions

- You can change the timer/counter values only when the values are specified as constants.
- To display the ladder program after changing the value, you need to read and display the ladder again.
- You can change the value of a program located at the first number of the settings screen that appears after executing "PC Parameter Scan Execution Program". Even if multiple programs exist in CPU, the timer/counter values of all the programs is not changed.
- Ladder program password settings are not supported. When a [Stop Read/Write] password is used, changing a setup value will cause a communication error.

■ Error Messages

Error Messages	Solution
There is no CF-Card in the GP.	Please check if the CF Card is inserted properly.
It failed to read a file in the CF-Card.	Please check if the CF Card is inserted properly.
It failed to write a file in the CF-Card.	• Please check if the CF Card is inserted properly. • Please check if the CF Card has enough space. • Please check if the CF Card is write-protected.
It failed to load the Ladder Monitor.	• Please check for damage to the CF Card. • Please format the CF Card and try again.
The Ladder Monitor can't start because the Runtime version is old.	Use the latest version of GP-Pro EX and download the system to the GP.
The Ladder Monitor can't start because the version is old.	Install the latest version of the ladder monitor onto the CF card.
There are unsupported instructions.	This message appears when an instruction is used that is not supported by the Ladder Monitor. Please check the version of the programming tool.
The communication error occurred.	Please check if the PLC and cables are connected properly. If a password is used in the ladder program file, please remove that password.

