

# GenIV Controller on PI Line Control Network

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### **1. Introduction**

The Gen IV family of controllers fully support the PI line control protocol. Communication with the PI line control is accomplished through a serial connection (RS-232). This document describes the configuration and behavior of the controller while connected to the PI line control system.

## 2. Configuring the Controller

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### **Serial Port**

The PI line control system communicates with the controller via a standard serial port. The Gen IV controller need to be configured the same as the PI line controller.

- Serial "Port Mode" be set to "PI Line Control"
- Serial port "Baud" set to 9600
- Serial port "Data Bits" set to 8
- Serial port "Stop Bits" set to 1
- Serial port "Parity" set to "Odd"

Serial Port Configuration				
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### JOBS

The use of JOBS is not recommended for controllers used in the PI Line Control environment.

### 3. PI Line Control Run Screen

Once the serial port mode is set to "PI Line Control" a new run screen will be available.



### **VIN Assembly Sequence and Tool ID**

The ID in the status header for all run screens will contain the part information from the PI control system.

#### **Connection Status**

The connection status is indicated by one of two icons.



Connected

Disconnected. When the Disconnected the status icon can be pressed to reset the communications.

### **Fasteners Remaining**

The number of fasteners remaining is for the part currently in the work station. It starts with the number of PSets that is to be ran and decrements by one for each acceptable fastening. When it hits zero the tool is disabled.

### PSet(s) with Fastening Results

As fastenings are completed the results are displayed for the current sequence.

### **Current Sequence Indicator**

The current sequence is indicated with an arrow. As acceptable fastenings are completed the indicator will move down the list of PSets. Once the PI control sends "Notification of Normal Work Completion" or "Notification of Forced Work Completion" the indicator is removed.

### www.aimco-global.com Manual Mode

Manual mode is used to enable the tool for testing. Entering manual mode will enable the tool, clear the PSet and results list. It will also clear the IDs (this will result in fastening results being stored without vehicle information). Fastening performed in manual mode will not be displayed on this run screen but can be observed on other screens. Manual mode is only allowed when a part is not in process. If a new work instruction is received from the PI control system, manual mode is canceled.

### 4. Run Screen Icons

While running the controller on the PI line control system the tool can be disabled for several reasons. Whenever it is disabled the run screen icon(s) and LED display will give the reason.

Run Screen Stop Icon	LED Display	Reason
	"DONE"	The list of PSets from the PI control has been completed

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\$ D	"PI"	There is a communication error to the PI line control system.
	"PSET"	The active PSet does not match the PSet sent by the PI line control system. This can occur if the PSet number is changed contrary to the PI line control.

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