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# ***MS-2 CCD Reader User's Manual***



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# About the MS-2 CCD Reader

The key features of the MS-2 CCD Reader are:

- Ultra-compact size
- CCD image sensor
- LED illumination
- No moving parts
- Low power draw (voltage: 5V; current: 150 mA)
- ESP and K command support
- Up to 220 scans per second
- 0.8 to 12.8" (20 to 325 mm) read range
- High Density and Low Density options
- Integrated right-angle option
- LED status indicators
- IP54-rated enclosure
- RS-232 connectivity

## About This Manual

This manual provides complete information on setting up, installing, and configuring the MS-2 CCD Reader. The sections are presented in the order in which a reader might be set up and made ready for operation.

## Highlighting

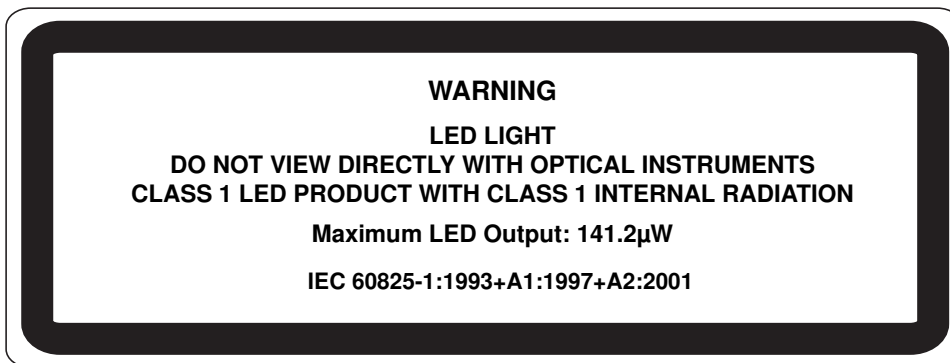
Serial commands, highlighted command fields, and default command settings are highlighted in **rust bold**. Cross-references and web links are highlighted in **blue bold**. References to **ESP**, its toolbar headings (**Communications**, **Read Cycle**, **Symbologies**, etc.), menu topics, and other points of emphasis, are highlighted in **Bold Initial Caps**.

## Host Communications

There are two ways to configure and test the MS-2 CCD Reader:

- Microscan's Windows-based **ESP** (Easy Setup Program) Software, which offers point-and-click ease of use and visual responses to user adjustments.
- Serial commands, such as **<K200,0>**, that can be sent from **ESP's Terminal** or another terminal program.

## Warning and Caution Summary



- Viewing the MS-2's LED output with optical instruments such as magnifiers, eye loupes, or microscopes within a distance of 100 mm could cause serious eye injury.
- Maximum LED output: 141.2μW
- Location of the MS-2's LED aperture window:



LED Aperture Window

**CAUTION:** Use of controls or adjustments or performance of procedures other than those specified herein may result in hazardous radiation exposure.

**IMPORTANT:** The MS-2 is intended for connection to a UL-listed direct plug-in power unit marked Class II and rated 5 VDC at 3.5 Watts, or greater if using electrical accessories. European models must use a similarly rated Class I or Class II power supply that is certified to comply with safety standard EN 60950.



## **Statement of Agency Compliance**



The MS-2 has been tested for compliance with FCC (Federal Communications Commission) regulations and has been found to conform to all applicable FCC Rules and Regulations.

To comply with FCC RF exposure compliance requirements, this device must not be co-located or operate in conjunction with any other antenna or transmitter.

Changes or modifications not expressly approved by the party responsible for compliance could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.



The MS-2 has been tested for compliance with CE (Conformité Européenne) standards and guidelines, and has been found to conform to applicable CE standards, specifically the EMC requirements EN 55024:1998+A1:2001+A2:2003, ESD EN 61000-4-2, Radiated RF Immunity EN 61000-4-3, ENV 50204, EFT EN 61000-4-4, Conducted RF Immunity EN 61000-4-6, EN 55022:1998+A1:2000+A2:2003 for Class A products, Class B Radiated Emissions, and Class B Conducted Emissions.

The MS-2 has been tested by an independent electromagnetic compatibility laboratory in accordance with the applicable specifications and instructions.

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This section is designed to get your MS-2 CCD Reader up and running quickly using **ESP** (Easy Setup Program). Following these steps will allow you to get a sense of the reader's capabilities and to test symbol decode performance.

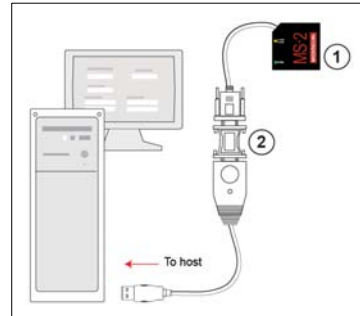
Detailed setup information for installing the reader into your application can be found in the subsequent sections.

## Step 1 — Check Hardware

**Caution:** Be sure that all cables are connected **BEFORE** applying power to the system. Always power down **BEFORE** disconnecting any cables.

### USB Hardware

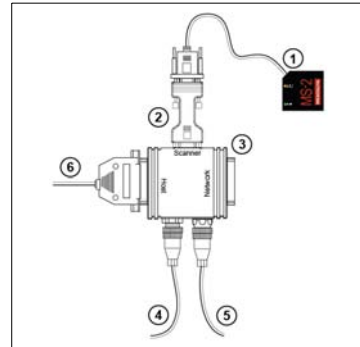
Item	Description	Part Number
1	MS-2 CCD Reader	FIS-0002-000XG
2	IC-3USB Interface Kit	98-000051-01



*USB Hardware Required*

### RS-232 Hardware

Item	Description	Part Number
1	MS-2 CCD Reader	FIS-0002-000XG
2	IC-332 Adapter	FIS-0001-0035G
3	IB-131 Interface Box	99-000018-01
4	Power Supply (90-264 VAC, 24VDC, USA/Euro plug)	97-100004-15
5	Object Detector	99-000017-01
6	Communication Cable	61-300026-03



*RS-232 Hardware Required*

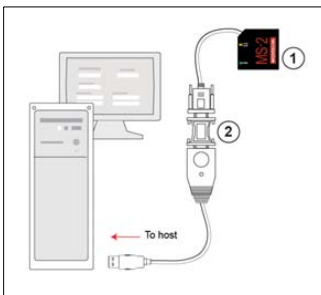
## Step 2 — Connect the System

**Caution:** Be sure that all cables are connected **BEFORE** applying power to the system. Always power down **BEFORE** disconnecting any cables.

### Connecting by USB

- Connect the reader (1) to the IC-3USB Interface Kit (2).
- Connect the IC-3USB Interface Kit (2) to the host computer.

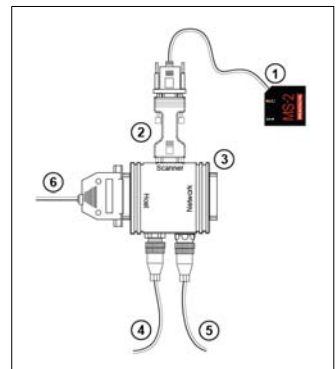
The reader is powered by the USB connection.



*USB Hardware Configuration*

### Connecting by RS-232

- Connect the reader (1) to the IB-131/IC-332 interface (2) and (3).
- Connect the host cable (6) to the host and to the host port on the IB-131 (3).
- Connect the object detector (5) to the IB-131 (3).
- Connect the power supply (4) to the IB-131 (3).
- Apply power to the reader.



*RS-232 Hardware Configuration*

## Step 3 — Install ESP

**Easy Setup Program (ESP)** is Microscan's proprietary setup and testing application. The purpose of **ESP** is to provide a quick and easy way to set up and configure Microscan readers.

When the MS-2 is connected to a host computer (Windows Vista, XP, or 2000), **ESP** can be used to configure reader settings and to set up communications between the reader and host.

### If installing from the Microscan Tools CD:

1. Insert the Microscan Tools CD in your computer's CD drive.
2. Select **ESP Software** from the navigation bar at the left of the screen.
3. Click on **ESP Software** under the **Current Version** heading.
4. Click the **Run** button and follow the prompts in the **ESP Setup Wizard**.  
**Note:** During installation, you may see an Internet Explorer Security Warning that states: "The publisher could not be verified." If you see this warning, click **Run** to continue installation.

### If downloading from the web:

1. Go to the Download Center at [www.microscan.com](http://www.microscan.com).
2. Create a new member account or, if you are already a member, enter your user name and password.
3. Navigate to the "Microscan Software" section of the Download Center (near the top of the page).
4. Click on the link showing the latest version of **ESP**. Extract the **ESP** installation files to a location of your choice on the host computer. *Note where your **ESP.exe** file is stored on your hard drive.*
5. At the end of the installation process, the following icon will appear on your desktop:



6. Click the **ESP** icon to start the program.

### System Requirements for ESP

- 166 MHz Pentium processor (recommended)
- Windows Vista, XP, or 2000 operating system
- Internet Explorer 5.0 or higher
- 64 MB minimum RAM
- 40 MB minimum disk space
- 800 x 600 pixel minimum 256 color display



## Step 4 — Select Model

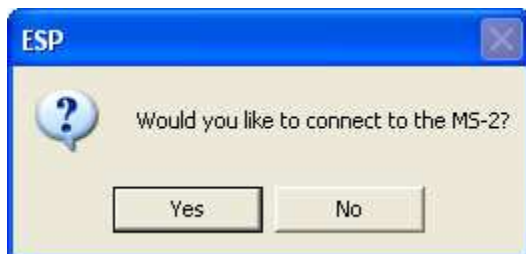
When you start **ESP**, the following menu will appear:



1. Click the button showing the MS-2.
2. Click **OK**.

**Note:** You can also double-click the MS-2 button to make your selection.

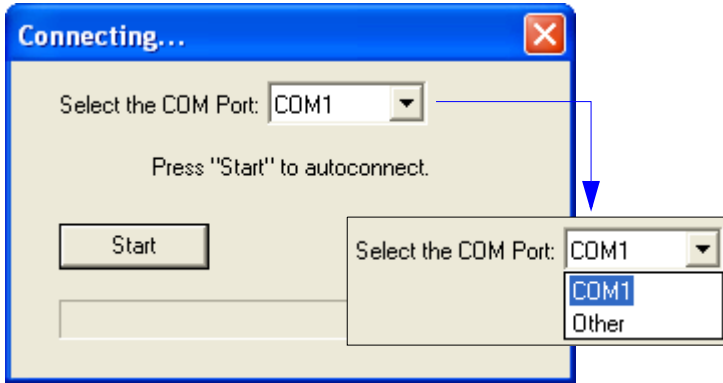
3. Click **Yes** when this dialog appears:



**Note:** If you need to select another model later, click the **Switch Model** button near the top of the screen or use **Model > New Model** in the menu toolbar.

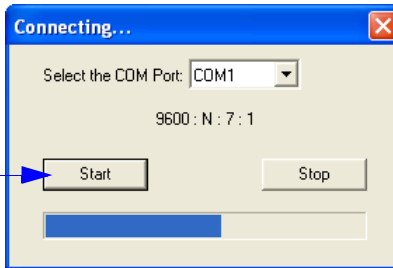
## Step 5 — Autoconnect

- Click **Start** when the **Autoconnect** dialog appears.

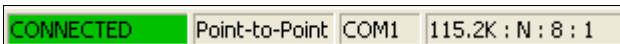


- If your communications port is not the default **COM1**, use the dropdown menu to change your port.

- Once you have chosen the correct port, click **Start** to connect.

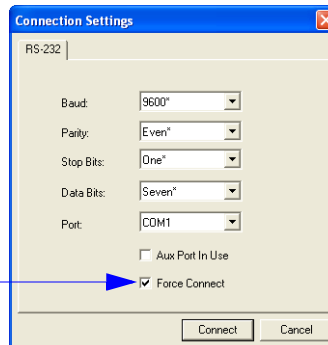


When you are connected, you will see the green connection indicator in the status bar at the bottom right of your screen:



- If the connection attempt fails, click the **Autoconnect** button, select a different communications port, and try again.

**Note:** If your RS-232 or USB host settings cannot be changed to match the reader's settings, select **Connect** from the **Connect** dropdown menu on ESP's menu toolbar. When the **Connection Settings** dialog appears, check the **Force Connect** box and click the **Connect** button.

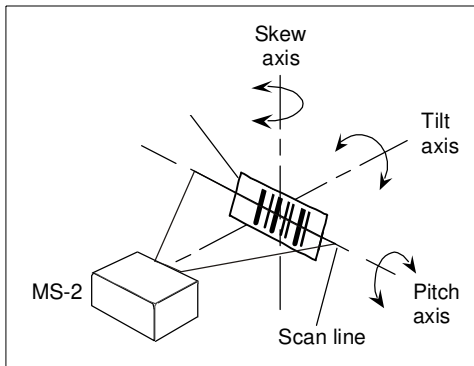


## Step 6 — Position the Reader

- Set up a symbol at the distance you will be using in your application. Refer to the [Read Ranges](#) for your MS-2 model (High Density or Low Density) to determine the optimal distance.

**Note:** If you are using an Interleaved 2 of 5 symbol, verify that the number of characters being scanned matches the symbol length enabled for I 2/5 (default is **10** and **6**).

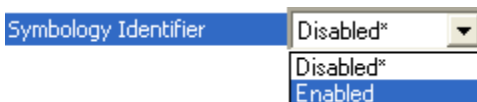
- Avoid bright light or infrared light from other sources, including other readers.
- Pitch the reader or symbol at a minimum of  $\pm 15^\circ$  to avoid specular reflection (the return of direct, non-diffused light).
- Avoid excessive skew or pitch. Maximum skew is  $\pm 30^\circ$ ; maximum pitch is  $\pm 30^\circ$ .



*Reader and Symbol Orientation*

**Note:** Code 39 is the default symbology enabled. If you are uncertain of your symbology, perform the following steps:

1. Enable all symbologies using **ESP**.
2. Enable **Symbology Identifier** at the bottom of ESP's **Symbologies** tree control.



3. Decode the symbol and compare the symbology identifier character to the list on page [5-20](#) to determine your symbology.
4. Disable all other symbologies.

## Step 7 — Configure the Reader

To make setup changes to the reader, click the **App Mode** button.

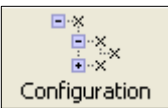


The following modes are accessible by clicking the buttons in the first row of **App Mode** icons:

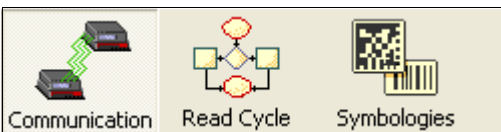


- Click the **Autoconnect** button to establish communications between **ESP** and the reader.
- Click the **Send/Recv** button to send or receive commands.
- Click the **Terminal** button to display decoded symbol data, and to send serial commands to the reader using text or macros.
- Click the **Utilities** button to test Read Rate, request or clear Counters, enable or disable the reader or send output pulses in Device Control, determine the Differences from Default in the current settings, add or remove master symbol data in Master Database, and verify or update the reader's firmware.

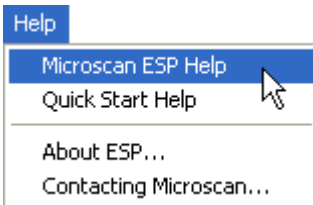
Click the **Configuration** button to display the second row of **ESP** icons.



From here you can make changes in the tree controls that can be accessed by clicking the buttons on the second row of icons in the **ESP** window.



For further details, see **Microscan ESP Help** in the dropdown Help menu.



## Step 8 — Save Configuration in ESP

To make changes to a configuration setting:

The screenshot shows a configuration window with two panes: 'Parameters' and 'ESP Values'. The 'Parameters' pane contains a tree view with the following structure:

- [-] Communications
  - [-] Host Port Connections
    - Baud Rate
    - Parity
    - Stop Bits
    - Data Bits
  - Host Protocol
  - [-] Preamble
    - Preamble Characters
  - [-] Postamble (highlighted in blue)
    - Postamble Characters

The 'ESP Values' pane shows the following settings:

- Point-to-Point
- Disabled
- CR
- Enabled\* (highlighted in blue)
- Disabled
- Enabled\* (highlighted in blue)

Five numbered instructions with arrows point to specific UI elements:

1. **Left-click** on the + to expand the desired tree.
2. **Double-click** on the desired parameter and click once in the selection box to view options.
3. Place your cursor in the selection box, scroll down to the setting you want to change, and **click** once on the setting.
4. **Left-click** again on the open screen to complete your selection.
5. **Right-click** on the open screen and select **Save to Reader** to implement the command in the reader.

### Saving Options

- **Send, No Save.** Changes will be lost when power is re-applied to the reader.
- **Send and Save.** This activates all changes in current memory *and* saves to the reader for power-on.

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*Save Configuration in ESP*

# 2 Using ESP

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This section is designed to help you understand the basic structure and elements of **ESP** (Easy Setup Program).

When you open **ESP**, unless otherwise specified in the **ESP Preferences** dialog accessible from the **Options** heading on the menu toolbar, you will enter **EZ Mode** for initial setup. From there, you can enter **Application Mode (App Mode)** and access three configuration menus (**Communications**, **Read Cycle**, and **Symbologies**), a **Terminal** interface, and a **Utilities** interface.

**ESP** can be used to configure the MS-2 CCD Reader in three main ways:

- **Tree Controls:** Each configuration menu contains a list of all option settings that pertain to that specific element of reader operation. For example, the **Communications** menu shows a **Host Port Connections** option, and then a list of the sub-options **Baud Rate**, **Parity**, **Stop Bits**, and **Data Bits**. Each of these sub-options is configurable by using dropdown menus.
- **Graphic User Interfaces:** Reader settings can be configured using such point-and-click tools as radio buttons, zoom in/zoom out sliders, spin boxes, check boxes, and drag-and-drop functions.
- **Terminal:** **ESP's Terminal** allows you to send serial configuration and utility commands directly to the reader by typing them in the provided text field.

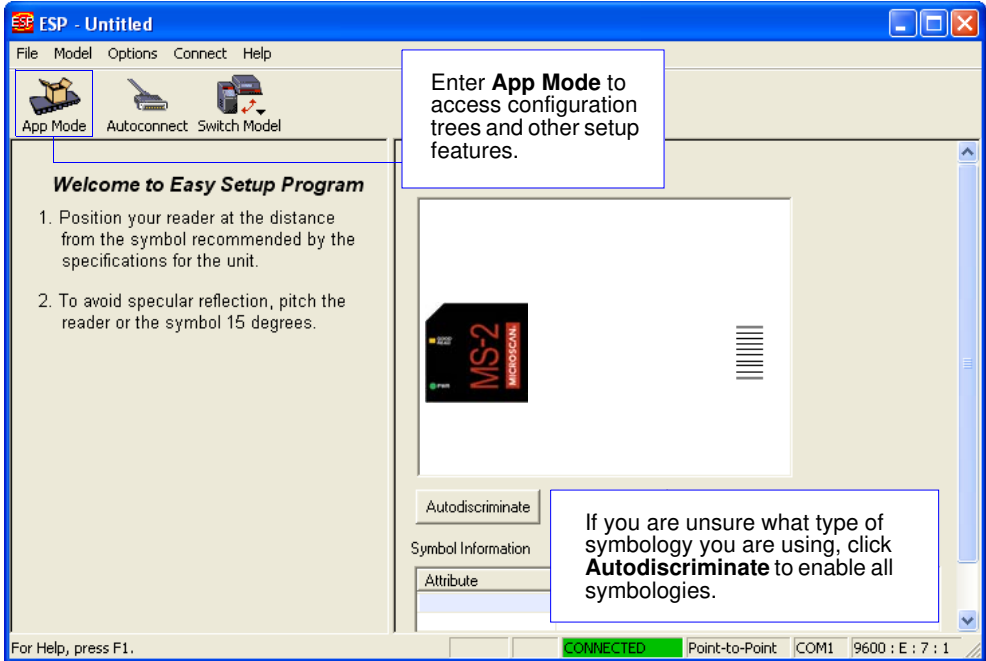
Information about using **ESP** in specific applications is provided in subsequent sections.

For **ESP** system requirements, see [System Requirements for ESP](#) in Chapter 1, [Quick Start](#).



# EZ Mode

**EZ Mode** offers instructions on positioning the reader in relation to a test symbol, and also features an **Autodiscriminate** function that automatically enables all symbologies.

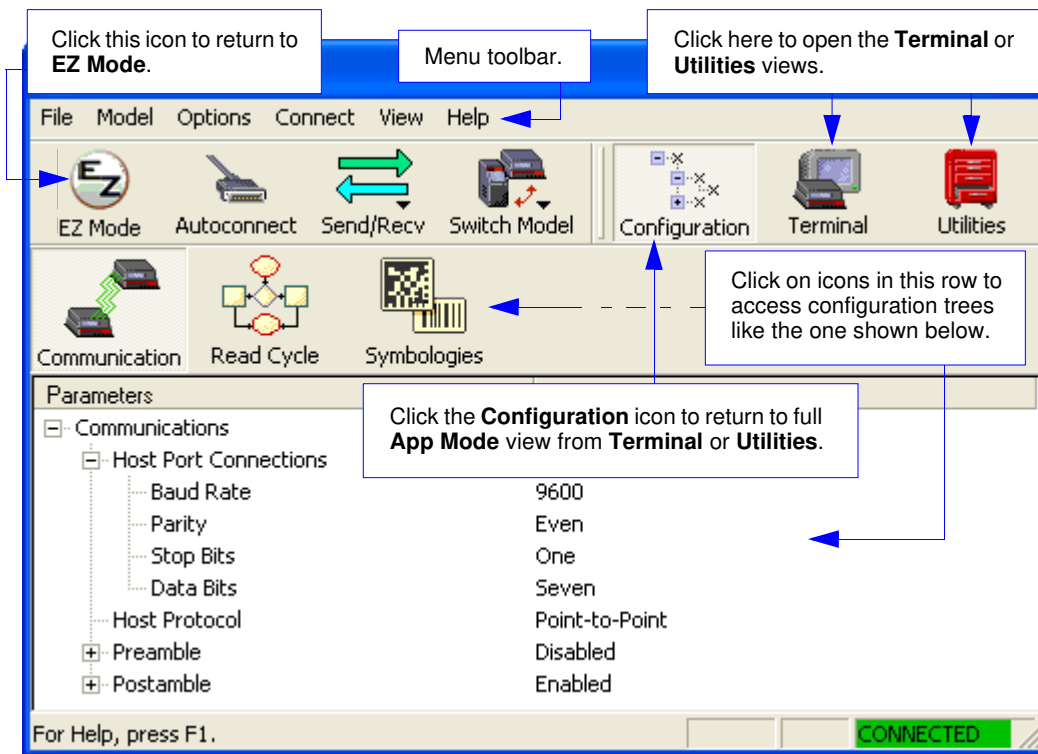


# Application Mode

From **EZ Mode**, you can click on the **App Mode** button to access specific configuration menus, **Utilities** tools, **Camera** setup, **Output Format** options, and a **Terminal** window where serial commands can be entered.



**Note:** The **App Mode** and **EZ Mode** buttons appear in the same position to allow easy switching between these primary modes.



**Note:** See the corresponding sections in this manual for specific information on any of the views or modes mentioned above.

# Menu Toolbar

## File > New

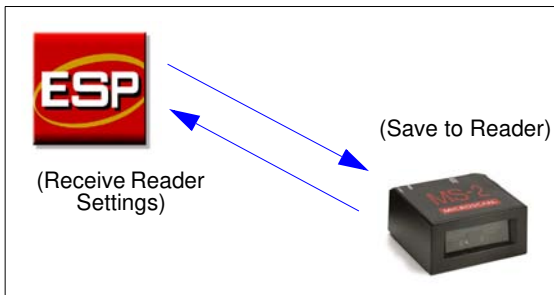
Whenever **New** is selected, the default configuration of **ESP** is loaded.

## Open/Save

When **Save** or **Save As** is selected, the **ESP** configuration is saved to the host computer's hard drive and available whenever the same file is selected under **Open**.

**Important:** When you save menu changes to your hard drive, these changes are not saved to your reader. The illustration below shows how settings can be saved and received between **ESP** and the reader, and **ESP** and the host hard drive.

File	
New	Ctrl+N
Open...	Ctrl+O
Save	Ctrl+S
Save As...	
Print...	Ctrl+P
Import...	
Export...	
Recent File	
Exit	



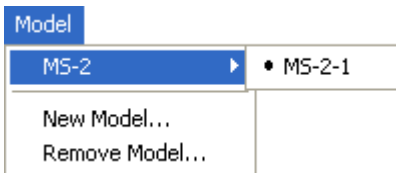
## Import/Export

**Import** converts the ASCII settings from a text file to **ESP** configuration settings.

**Export** converts the active **ESP** configuration settings to an ASCII text file.

## Model

In the **Model** menu you can select any of the models supported by **ESP**. When you choose a different model, the connection to your present model will be terminated.



To connect to another model, select **New Model**, choose a new model from the **pop-up menu** that appears, and click **OK**.

**Note:** When you save an **ESP** file, you are saving the settings of all the models defined in that file.