



CooLinkBridge for Zone Controllers

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1. Introduction

This User Manual (UM) provides the information necessary, for installers and integrators, to effectively use the CoolLinkBridge for connecting with zone controllers of multiple manufacturers.

1.1 Compatibility

CoolLinkBridge Model	Zone controller Manufacturer	Models	Notes
CoolLinkBridge DKZ	Daikin	BRC24Z4 BRC24Z8 BRC240Z4 BRC240Z8	CoolLinkBridge DKZ is used only as a slave controller
CoolLinkBridge IZN	Air Stream (iZone)		"Bridge (CB)" Ethernet Adapter Required

2. Overview

The CoolLinkBridge enables integration of the Zone Controller device with Home Automation and BMS (Building Management System) controllers.

When controlling the Zone Controller device through the CoolLinkBridge, the user is able to control AC unit and each zone as if it was a separate Indoor unit.

The CoolLinkBridge comprises the following capabilities and interfaces:

- RS232 (ASCII)
- RS485 (Modbus RTU according to the EIA/TIA-485 standard), BACnet MSTP
- Ethernet (ASCII, Modbus IP, REST, BACnet IP) for control and monitoring of the HVAC system's operation
- KNX (Optional).
- Remote access via smart phone, tablet or PC using the CoolRemote application

2.1 Conventions

This document provides screen prints and corresponding narrative to describe how to use the CoolLinkBridge.

When an action is required on the part of the reader, it is indicated by a line beginning with the word "Action:" For example:

Action: Click on OK.

Fields or buttons to be acted upon are indicated in bold italics in the Action statement; links to be acted upon are indicated as links in underlined blue text in the Action statement.

Note: The term 'user' is used throughout this document to refer to a person who requires and/or has acquired access to the CoolLinkBridge.

2.2 Revisions History

Version Number	Date	Author/Owner	Description of Change
0.1	25/3/2019	CA	Preliminary CoolLinkBridge manual
2.0	8/7/2019	CA	Update with additional zone controller brands

Table 1 - Record of Changes to document

2.3 Related Documentation

Document Name	Document Location and/or URL
BACnet integration guidelines	https://coolautomation.com/lib/doc/CoolMasterNet/manual/CoolMasterNet-BACnet-guidelines.pdf
Modbus Integration Guidelines	http://coolautomation.com/lib/doc/CoolMasterNet/manual/CoolMasterNet-Modbus-guidelines.pdf

Table 2 - Referenced Documents

2.4 Acronyms and Abbreviations

Acronym	Literal Translation
DTE	Data Terminal Equipment
GPIO	General Purpose Input / Output
HVAC	Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning
N.C.	Not Connected
TBD	To Be Defined

Table 3 – Acronyms and Abbreviations

3. System Layout and Connectivity

The following sub-sections provide details on the different connectivity options of the system and how to use the various functions of the CoolLinkBridge.

CoolLinkBridge has multiple models, with different interfaces, for connecting to the different auxiliaries. Please make sure you are using the right model for your Auxiliary device, based on the [compatibility table](#).

3.1 CoolLinkBridge DKZ

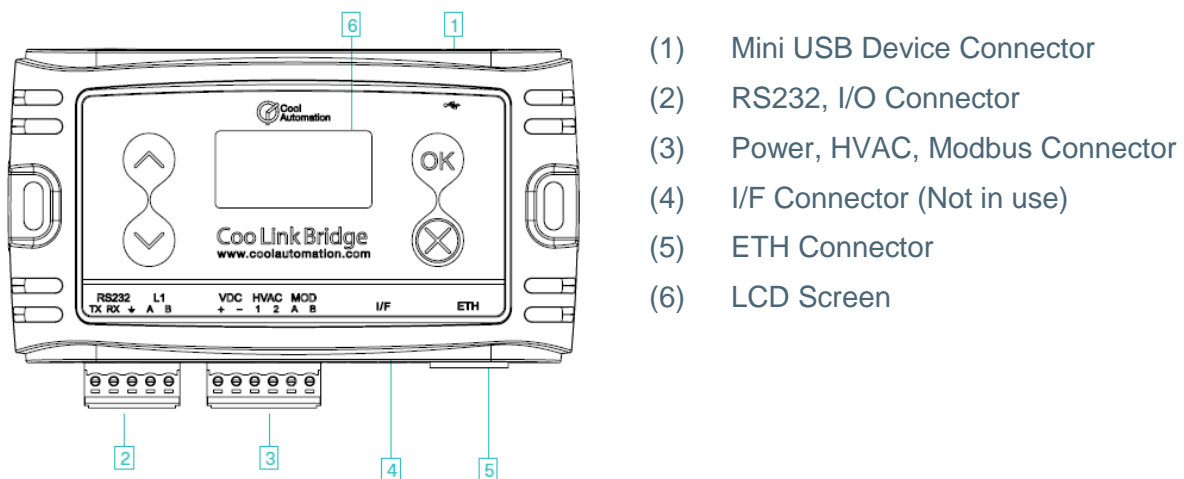
3.1.1 Power

The CoolLinkBridge can be powered by one of the following methods:

- From the P1 P2 interface
- AC/DC adapter via VDC+ and VDC- terminals
- 12-24V DC from HVAC or other equipment via VDC+ and VDC- terminals
- USB device port

Note: Unit is shipped without power adapter.

3.1.2 Device Layout and Connectivity



- (1) Mini USB Device Connector
- (2) RS232, I/O Connector
- (3) Power, HVAC, Modbus Connector
- (4) I/F Connector (Not in use)
- (5) ETH Connector
- (6) LCD Screen

Figure 1 – Device Layout

3.1.2.1 Mini USB Device Connector

Used to connect the CoolLinkBridge to the PC USB Host for firmware updates and maintenance operations.

3.1.2.2 RS232 I/O Connector

The RS232 Interface in CoolLinkBridge is available from the RS232 I/O connector. An adapter cable routes RS232 signals to the DB9 connector according to the table below:

RS232/I/O Pin	Pin Name	DP9 Pin	Signal Level	Function Description
1	RS232_TX	2	±12V	TxD Data from CoolLinkBridge DKZ
2	RS232_RX	3	±12V	RxD Data to CoolLinkBridge DKZ
3	VDC-	5	GND	Ground
4	L1 A			General Purpose IO
5	L1 B			General Purpose IO

Table 4 – RS232 I/O connector – RS232 to DB9 pin mapping

The length of the RS232 cable should not exceed 25m.

The default CoolLinkBridge RS232 port settings are:

Parameter	Value
Baud Rate	9600
Data Bits	8
Parity Control	None
Stop Bits	1
Flow Control	None

Table 5 – RS232 port settings

By default, the RS232 interface is dedicated for the ASCII I/F protocol.

3.1.2.3 Power, HVAC, Modbus Connector

Pin Number	Pin Name	Function
1	VDC+	Input Voltage (optional)
2	VDC-	Ground (optional)
3	HVAC1	P1 P2 wire
4	HVAC2	P1 P2 wire
5	MOD_A	Modbus A(+) Terminal
6	MOD_B	Modbus B(-) Terminal

Table 6 - Power, HVAC, Modbus Connector

By default, terminals MOD A and MOD B are used as an RS485 Interface line for DTE connection. CoolLinkBridge DKZ supports the following RS485-based protocol:

- Modbus RTU (Slave mode)
- BACnet MSTP

3.1.2.4 ETH Connector

The CoolLinkBridge incorporates an IEEE 802.3 compatible 10/100 Mb/s Ethernet port via an RJ45 connector. Below are the main port features.

Parameter	Value	Notes
Max Ethernet cable length	137m	CAT5 twisted pair cable
Bit Rate	10/100 Mb/s	
Supported Ethernet Protocols	10BASE-T/100BASE-TX	
Protocol Auto-Negotiation	Enabled	Against Link Partner

Table 7 - Ethernet port features

The RJ45 connector comprises Link and Activity indication LEDs used as specified below.

LED	Color	Function
Link LED	Green	ON for good link OFF for no link
Activity LED	Orange	BLINK for Tx/Rx activity

Table 8 - Ethernet activity indication LED

The Ethernet interface is used by a number of protocols available in the CoolLinkBridge

- ASCII I/F (via the ASCII I/F IP server)
- CoolRemote (cloud integration)
- Modbus IP
- BACnet IP
- REST API

Network settings of the CoolLinkBridge are controlled using the [ifconfig command](#).

3.1.2.5 ASCII I/F IP Server

The ASCII I/F IP server referenced as a server is a classic TCP/IP socket server. The server has the following default characteristics:

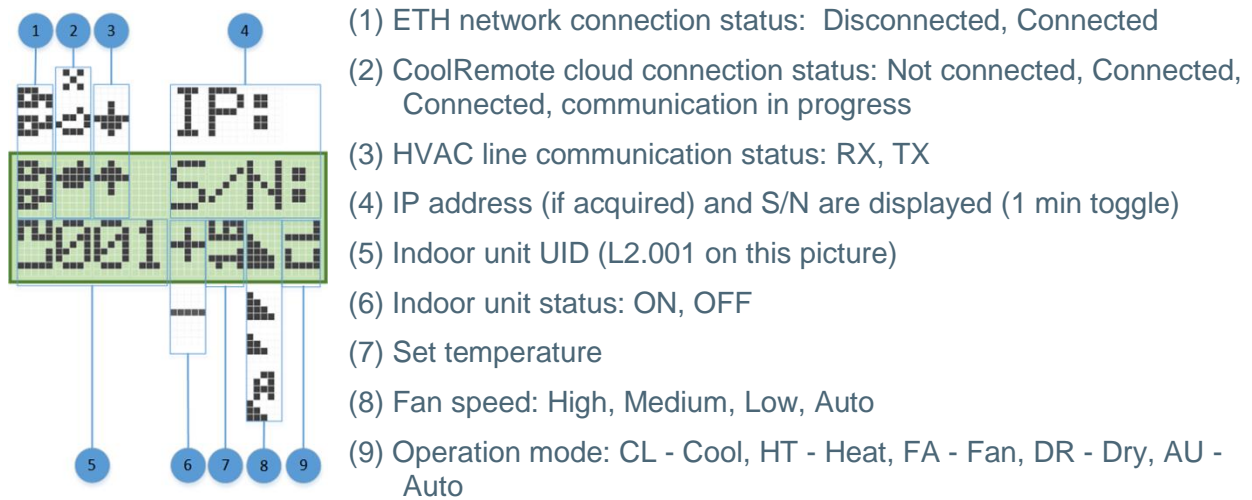
Characteristic	Value
Max number of simultaneous connections	4

Characteristic	Value
Default TCP/IP port	10102

Table 9 - ASCII I/F IP server characteristics

3.1.2.6 LCD Screen

The CoolLinkBridge is equipped with an alphanumeric 8x2 characters LCD that presents important device parametric and status information.



3.2 CoolLinkBridge IZN

3.2.1 Power

The CoolLinkBridge can be powered by one of the following methods:

- AC/DC adapter via VDC+ and VDC- terminals
- 12-24V DC from HVAC or other equipment via VDC+ and VDC- terminals
- USB device port
- 12-24V DC from power adapter through PWR terminal

Note: Unit is shipped without power adapter.

3.2.2 Device Layout and Connectivity

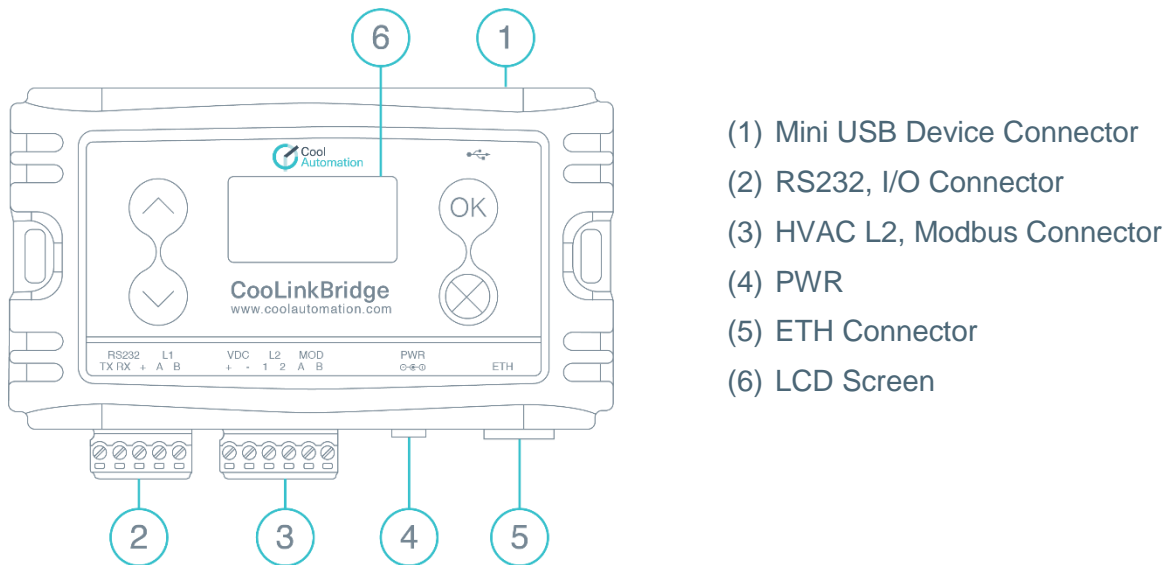


Figure 2 – Device Layout

3.2.2.1 Mini USB Device Connector

Used to connect the CoolLinkBridge to the PC USB Host for firmware updates and maintenance operations.

3.2.2.2 RS232 I/O Connector

The RS232 Interface in CoolLinkBridge is available from the RS232 I/O connector. An adapter cable routes RS232 signals to the DB9 connector according to the table below:

RS232/I/O Pin	Pin Name	DP9 Pin	Signal Level	Function Description
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3	VDC-	5	GND	Ground
4	L1 A			
5	L1 B			

Table 10 – RS232 I/O connector – RS232 to DB9 pin mapping

The length of the RS232 cable should not exceed 25m.

The default CoolLinkBridge RS232 port settings are:

Parameter	Value
Baud Rate	9600
Data Bits	8
Parity Control	None
Stop Bits	1
Flow Control	None

Table 11 – RS232 port settings

By default, the RS232 interface is dedicated for the ASCII I/F protocol.

3.2.2.3 Power, HVAC, Modbus Connector

Pin Number	Pin Name	Function
1	VDC+	Input Voltage (optional)
2	VDC-	Ground (optional)
3	L2 1	not in use
4	L2 2	Not in use
5	MOD_A	Modbus A(+) Terminal
6	MOD_B	Modbus B(-) Terminal

Table 12 - Power, HVAC, Modbus Connector

By default, terminals MOD A and MOD B are used as an RS485 Interface line for DTE connection. CoolLinkBridge IZN supports the following RS485-based protocol:

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- BACnet MSTP

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Table 14 - Ethernet activity indication LED

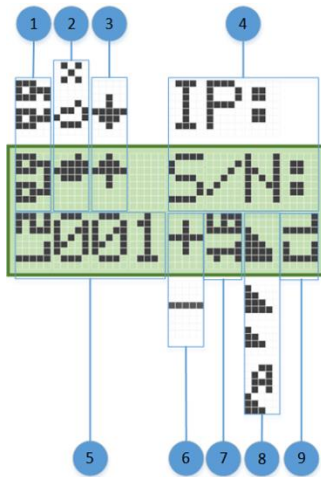
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- Modbus IP
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- REST API

Network settings of the CoolLinkBridge are controlled using the [ifconfig command](#).

3.2.2.5 LCD Screen

The CoolLinkBridge is equipped with an alphanumeric 8x2 characters LCD that presents important device parametric and status information.



- (1) ETH network connection status: Disconnected, Connected
- (2) CoolRemote cloud connection status: Not connected, Connected, Connected, communication in progress
- (3) HVAC line communication status: RX, TX
- (4) IP address (if acquired) and S/N are displayed (1 min toggle)
- (5) Indoor unit UID (L2.001 on this picture)
- (6) Indoor unit status: ON, OFF
- (7) Set temperature
- (8) Fan speed: High, Medium, Low, Auto
- (9) Operation mode: CL - Cool, HT - Heat, FA - Fan, DR - Dry, AU - Auto

4. Installation Guidelines

4.1 Daikin DKZ

4.1.1 How to connect

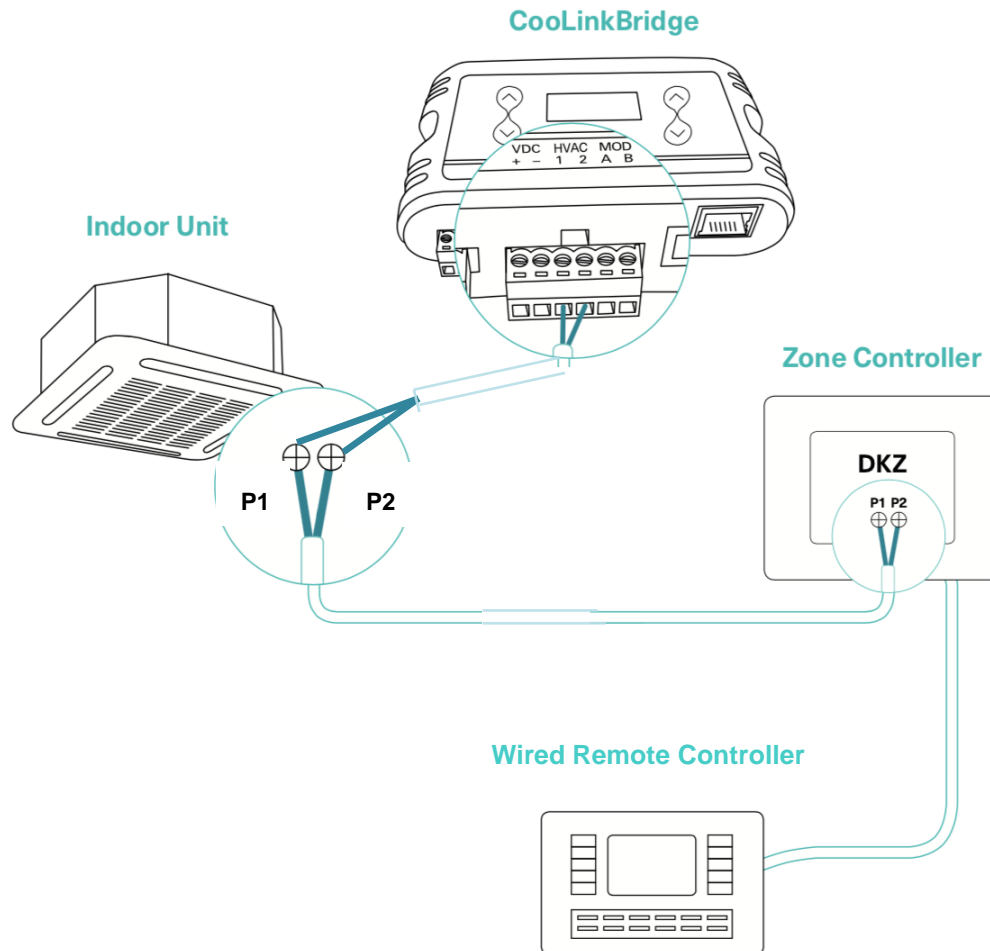


Figure 3 - System Wiring Diagram

Follow the procedure below to connect the CoolLinkBridge DKZ to the Zone Controller and Indoor Unit:

- Connect the CoolLinkBridge HVAC terminals to the P1 P2 terminals on the Indoor unit
- Reset power to the Indoor unit and to the Zone Controller
- Connect the relevant interface (Ethernet, Modbus, BACnet) and verify that zones can be controlled through the relevant commands.

4.1.2 Functional Limitations

The following limitations should be considered when installing and integrating with the CoolLinkBridge DKZ:

- Only one original panel (BRC230Z4/8 or BRC24Z4/8) can be used with the CoolLinkBridge DKZ. Usage of a secondary BRCSZC slave controller is prohibited.
- Zones can be turned ON only after indoor unit is turned ON
- Modes and Fan speed can be controlled only for Indoor unit and not for zones

4.2 iZone

4.2.1 How to connect

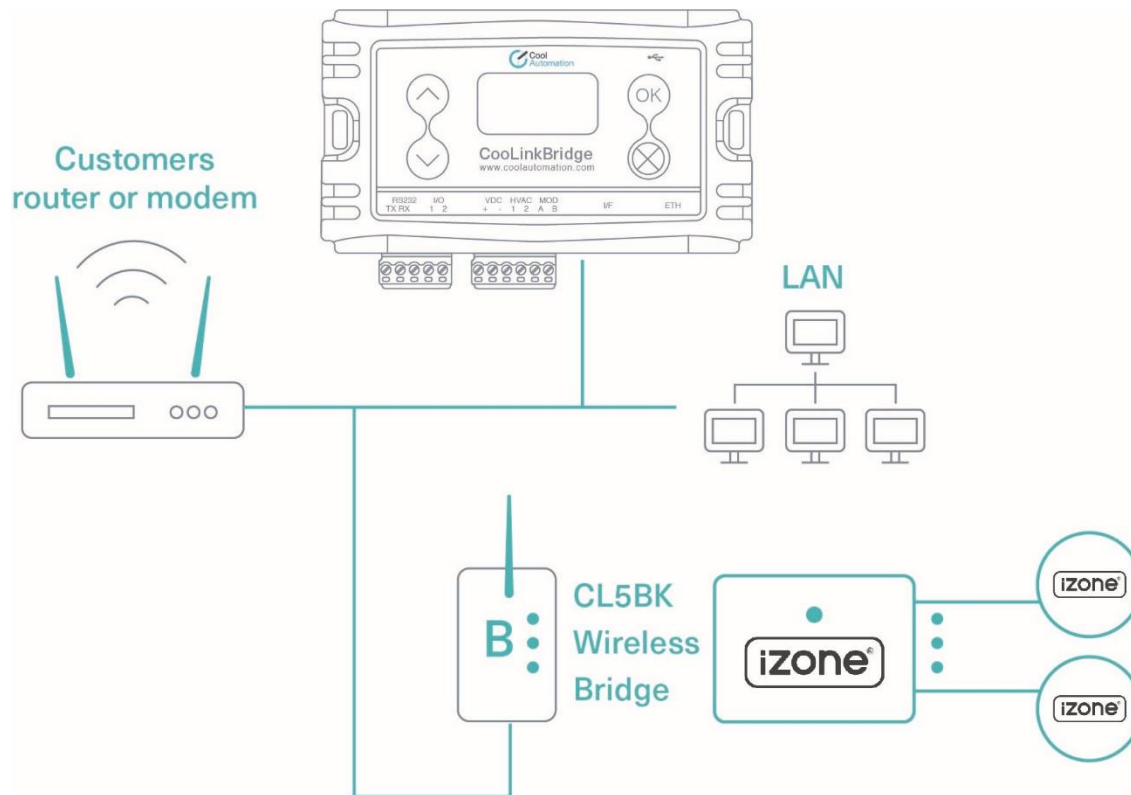


Figure 4 - System Wiring Diagram

Follow the procedure below to connect the CoolLinkBridge IZN to the iZone Zone Controller:

- Connect the iZone zone controller to the local network using iZone Wireless CL5BK bridge.
- Connect the CoolLinkBridge to the same local network of the iZone controller, through the ETH port
- iZone Zone Controllers are discovered automatically by CoolLinkBridge
- On the CoolLinkBridge, the AC indoor unit will be shown on the CoolLinkBridge as UID XX0, while Zones UID will be shown as XX1 .. XX9
- Connect the relevant interface (Ethernet, Modbus, BACnet) and verify that zones can be controlled through the relevant commands.

4.2.2 Functional Limitations

The following limitations should be considered when installing and integrating with the CoolLinkBridge IZN:

- Mode of operation can only be set for the AC indoor unit and not for the zones. The zone's mode will follow the AC unit's mode
- Fan speed can only be set for the AC indoor unit and not for the zones. For all the zones, Fan speed value reported by CoolLinkBridge indicates the damper status: closed/open/auto and is a read only value.

5. Configuration

5.1 Network Configuration

Network configuration is made using the `ifconfig` command as described below.

SYNOPSIS

```
ifconfig
```

```
ifconfig <PROPERTY> <VALUE>
```

```
ifconfig enable | disable
```

DESCRIPTION

Query or configure Ethernet network settings. Without parameters, the **ifconfig** command lists the current configuration. To change the configuration, use the format with the parameters **<PROPERTY>** and **<VALUE>**. Parameter **IP** can be set to **DHCP** (DHCP client) or fixed IP number. In case of DHCP - Netmask and Gateway values are provided by the DHCP server. By default, CoolLinkBridge DKZ is configured for DHCP client operation. The CoolLinkBridge DKZ Ethernet module can be enabled or disabled with the corresponding command.

EXAMPLE

5.1.1 Query network settings

```
>ifconfig
```

```
MAC : 28:3B:96:FF:FF:FE
```

```
Link : Up
```

```
IP : 192.168.1.109 (DHCP)
```

```
Netmask: 255.255.255.0
```

```
Gateway: 192.168.1.1
```

```
OK
```

5.1.2 Configure fixed IP and Gateway

```
>ifconfig IP 192.168.1.102
```

```
OK, Boot Required!
```

```
>ifconfig Gateway 192.168.1.0
```

```
OK, Boot Required!
```

5.1.3 Configure DHCP client operation

```
>ifconfig IP DHCP
```

```
OK
```

5.1.4 Disable Ethernet

```
>ifconfig disable
```

```
OK, Boot Required!
```

6. Specifications

Parameter		Data
Power supply	Min load*	5V/60mA (via mini USB); 12V/35mA; 24V/20mA
	Max load**	5V/100mA (via mini USB); 12V/70mA; 24V/40mA
Mounting		Magnet
Operating conditions	Ambient temperature	-10°C ~ 60°C / 14°F ~ 140°F
	Humidity	0% ~ 96% non-condensing
Storage conditions	Ambient temperature	-20°C ~ 70°C / -4°F ~ 158°F
	Humidity	0 % ~ 98 % non-condensing
Dimensions	H x W xD	65 x 115 x 31 [mm] / 2.56 x 4.50 x 1.22 ["]
LCD	Size / color / interface	2 x 8 / grey / HD44780
Communication functions	Direct HVAC connection	Connection to HVAC Indoor Unit
	MODBUS (A / B)	RS-485 communication line
	Ethernet	100 Mbps
	RS-232	9600Bps, ASCII
	USB Device	12 Mbps
Maximal allowable wiring length (to BMS) over RS232		25 [m] / 82 [ft]
Maximal allowable wiring length (to BMS) over RS485		1000 [m] / 3300 [ft]
Maximal allowable wiring length (to router) over Ethernet		137 [m] / 450 [ft]

Table 10 - Specifications