

# TLM200 Tank Level Monitor

## User's Manual

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## 1 General

### 1.1 Introduction

Congratulations on your purchase of the Maretron Tank Level Monitor (TLM200). Maretron has designed and built your monitor to the highest standards for years of reliable, dependable, and accurate service.

The TLM200 is used to sense levels of liquid tanks using ultrasonic technology and transmit the liquid levels over the NMEA 2000® network. This allows you to observe tank levels anywhere on the vessel where there is an NMEA 2000® compatible display such as the Maretron DSM250. The TLM200 is capable of sensing tanks up to 104" (2.64m) in depth. It can be used for diesel, fresh water, grey water, black water, and oil tanks. Unlike most tank senders that only work with rectangular tanks, the TLM200 can be calibrated for irregular tank shapes so you know the true level of your tanks. The TLM200 can be mounted on tanks with a SAE J1810 5-hole mounting pattern, or to tanks using 1.5" NPT or 1.25" BSP threaded openings via available adapters.

The Maretron TLM200 is designed to operate within the harsh demands of the marine environment. However, no piece of marine electronic equipment can function properly unless installed, calibrated, and maintained in the correct manner. Please read carefully and follow these instructions for installation, calibration, and usage of the Maretron TLM200 in order to ensure optimal performance.

### 1.2 Gasoline Tanks

The TLM200 is NOT intended for use in tanks containing gasoline. Use in tanks containing gasoline will void the product warranty.

### 1.3 Firmware Revision

This manual corresponds to TLM200 firmware revision 1.1.4.

### 1.4 Features

The Maretron TLM200 has the following features.

- Transmits liquid levels over an NMEA 2000® Interface
- Integrated ultrasonic level sensor
- Can be used in tanks up to 104" deep
- SAE J1810 5-hole, 1.5" NPT, or 1.25" BSP Mounting
- Accommodates Irregularly Shaped Tanks with 16 Point Calibration
- 16 Programmable Tank Types Including Fuel, Fresh Water, Waste Water, Live Well
- Programmable Tank Number(s) Up to 16 per Tank Type
- Programmable Tank Capacity

## **1.5 TLM200 Accessories**

Maretron offers the following accessories for the TLM200:

- TA-5H-1.5NPT 1.5" NPT Displacement Hull Tank Adapter
- TA-5H-1.25BSP 1.25" BSP Displacement Hull Tank Adapter

## **1.6 Quick Install**

Installing the Maretron TLM200 involves the following steps. Please refer to the individual sections for additional details.

1. Unpack the Box (Section 2.1)
2. Choose a Mounting Location (Section 2.2)
3. Connect the TLM200 (Section 2.4)
4. Configure or Program the Tank Type (Section 3.1)
5. Configure or Program the Tank Number (Section 3.2)
6. Configure or Program Tank Capacity (Section 3.3)
7. Configure for Tank Depth and Shape
  - Configure or Program the Tank Depth (Section 3.4.1)
  - Custom Calibration (Section 3.4.2)

## **2 Installation**

### **2.1 Unpacking the Box**

When unpacking the box containing the Maretron TLM200, you should find the following items.

- 1 – TLM200 Tank Level Monitor
- 1 – TLM200 Gasket
- 1 – TLM200 User's Manual
- 1 – Warranty Registration Card

If any of these items are missing or damaged, please contact Maretron.

### **2.2 Choosing a Mounting Location**

The primary function of the TLM200 is to sense levels of liquid in tanks using ultrasonic technology and transmit this information over NMEA 2000<sup>®</sup> network so that tank level information can be viewed anywhere on the vessel where there is an NMEA 2000<sup>®</sup> compatible display.

The TLM200 tank level monitor consists of two parts: 1) the sensor, which mounts onto the top of the tank and contains the ultrasonic fuel measurement components, and 2) the interface, which converts the measured data into NMEA 2000<sup>®</sup> format and transmits the data over the NMEA 2000<sup>®</sup> network.

The interface component of the TLM200 may be mounted anywhere, subject to the length of the cable connecting it to the sensor component.

The sensor component of the TLM200 must be mounted on the tank whose level is to be monitored. The mounting hole through which the TLM200 measures fluid level should be located as close to the center of the tank, both front-to-back and side-to-side, as possible. This will ensure maximum accuracy of reading in the event that the vessel experiences pitch and roll.

## **2.2.1 Effect of Pitch and Roll on the TLM200**

Assuming that the TLM200 sensor component is mounted on a flat tank top, the TLM200 will operate correctly as long as the vessel does not experience pitch and/or roll in excess of 6° for an extended period of time. This can occur on a sailboat when the boat is heeled over, or on a powerboat with a non-displacement (planing) hull. Temporary pitch and roll due to wave motion and will not adversely affect tank level readings.

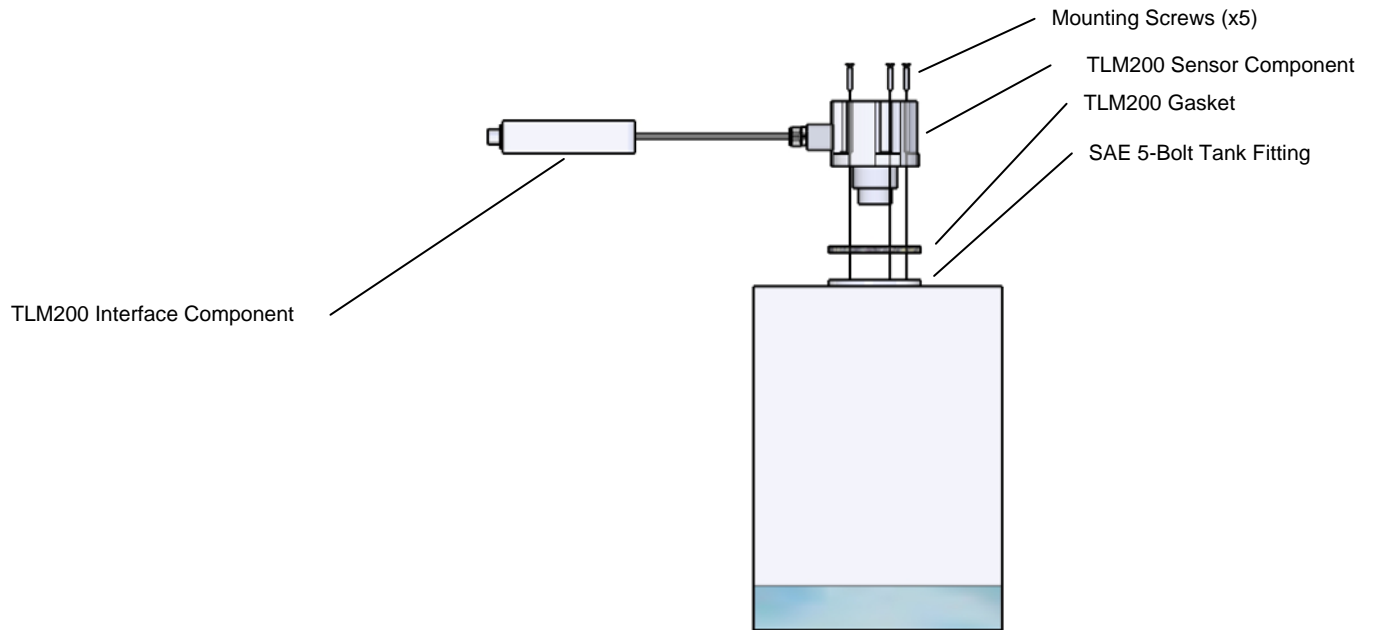
## **2.3 Mounting the TLM200**

### **2.3.1 Mounting the TLM200 Sensor Component**

The TLM200 comes from the factory ready to mount on a tank with the standard SAE J1810 5-Hole mounting pattern. Maretron offers adapters to allow mounting the TLM200 on a tank with a 1.5" NPT connection or a 1.25" BSP connection.

## 2.3.1.1 Installation on a Tank with a SAE J1810 5-Bolt Fitting

To install the TLM200 on a tank with a SAE J1850 5-bolt fitting, place the gasket over the tank fitting so that the bolt holes line up. Please the TLM200 sensor component over the gasket so that the bolt holes line up. Insert the mounting bolts through the TLM200 sensor component and gasket into the tank fitting (the tank fitting may instead have studs installed, so in this case, install the nuts over the studs), and tighten them to a torque of 10-15 ft-lbs (13.6-20.3 N·m).



**Figure 1 – TLM200 Mounting – SAE 5-Hole Bolt Pattern**

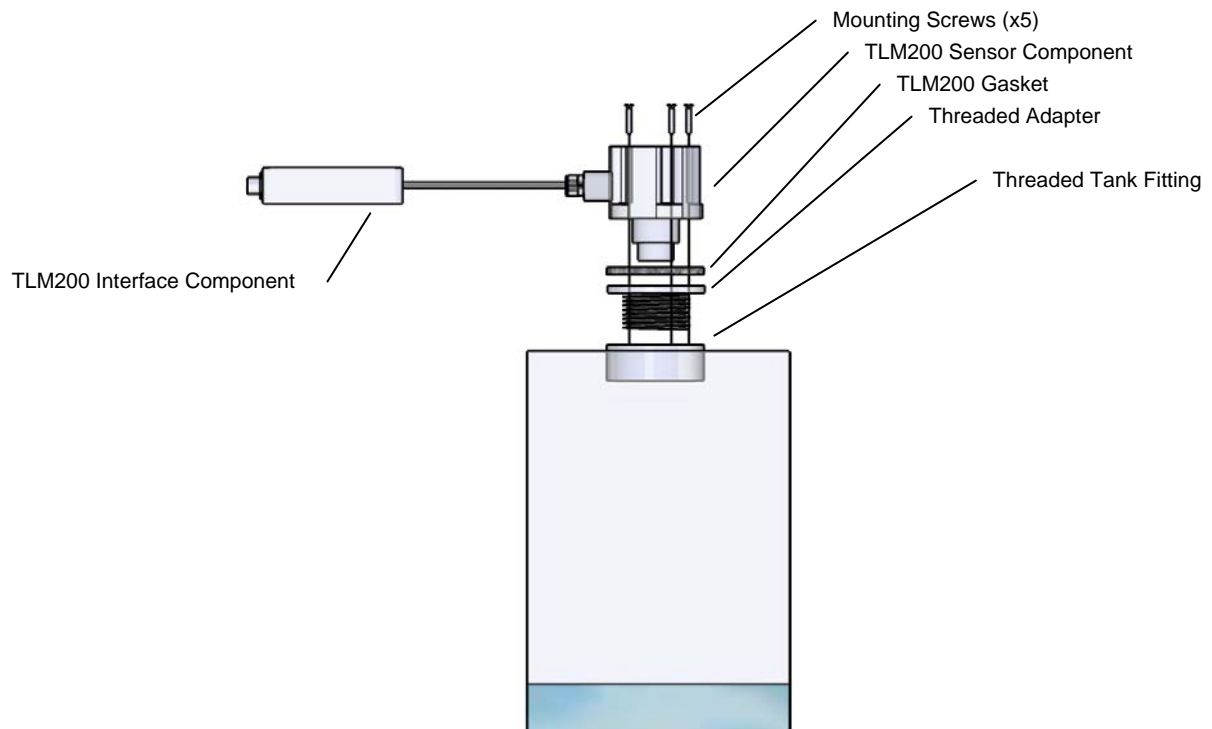


## 2.3.1.2 Installation on a Tank with a 1.25”BSP or 1.5”NPT Threaded Tank Fitting

For a threaded tank sender mounting hole, first thread the adapter into the tank opening and tighten to a torque of 3-5 ft-lbs (4.1-6.8 N·m).

Next, place the TLM200 gasket over the adapter so that the bolt holes on the gasket line up with the bolt holes on the adapter. Place the TLM200 sensor component on top of the adapter so that the bolt holes on the TLM200 sensor component line up with the bolt holes on the adapter.

Place the included mounting screws through the bolt holes on the TLM200 sensor component, and thread them into the adapter, tightening them to a torque of 10-15 ft-lbs (13.6-20.3 N·m).



**Figure 2 – TLM200 Mounting With Threaded Adapter**

## 2.3.2 Mounting the TLM200 Interface Component

The actual mounting of the TLM200 interface component is not critical and the unit can be mounted in any orientation. The TLM200, NMEA 2000® connector, and cable are all waterproof (rated IP67 – protected against temporary immersion in water) so you can mount the unit virtually anywhere. Once you have located a suitable mounting location, you can secure the TLM200 interface component by placing wire ties with screw eyes on the attached cables next to the TLM200 interface component.

## 2.4 Connecting the TLM200

There is one connection point (see Figure 3) for the TLM200: the NMEA 2000® connection. Please refer to Section 2.4.1 for making NMEA 2000® connection.



Figure 3 – TLM200 Connections

### 2.4.1 Connecting to NMEA 2000® Interface

The Maretron TLM200 provides a connection to an NMEA 2000® interface through a five pin male connector (see Figure 4). You connect the TLM200 to an NMEA 2000® network using a Maretron NMEA 2000® cable (or an NMEA 2000® compatible cable) by connecting the female end of the cable to the TLM200 (note the key on the male connector and keyway on the female connector). Be sure the cable is connected securely and that the collar on the cable connector is tightened firmly. Connect the other end of the cable (male) to the NMEA 2000® network in the same manner. The TLM200 is designed such that you can plug or unplug it from an NMEA 2000® network while the power to the network is connected or disconnected. Please follow recommended practices for installing NMEA 2000® network products.

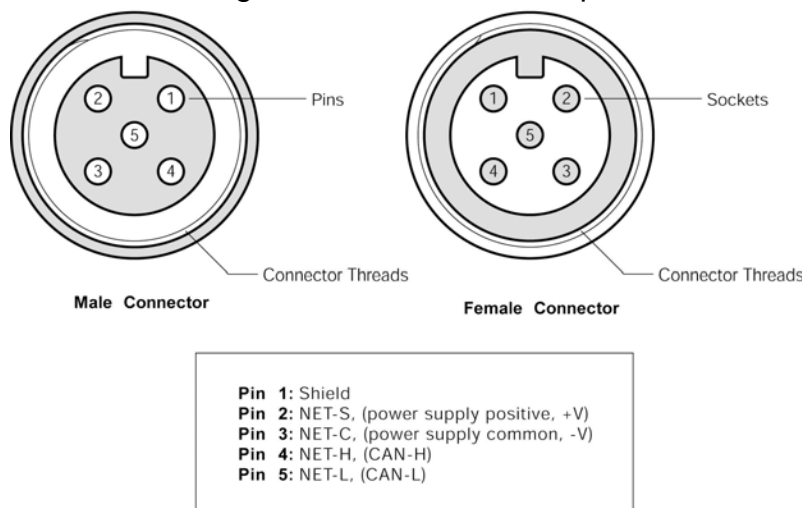


Figure 4 – NMEA 2000® Connector Face Views

## 3 Configuring the TLM200

The TLM200 has several configurable parameters, which are shown below including the default values. If you are not using the default values, then you will need to refer to the corresponding section for configuring the TLM200 appropriately.

1. Tank Type – Default is Fuel (Section 3.1)
2. Tank Number – Default is Tank 0 (Section 3.2)
3. Tank Capacity – Default is No Tank Capacity Transmitted (Section 3.3)
4. Tank Depth or Custom Calibration – Default is a 104” (2.64m) deep tank with rectangular cross-section (Section 3.4.1)

### 3.1 Configuring Tank Type

As shipped from the factory, the TLM200 transmits the tank type as “Fuel”. You can reconfigure the TLM200 for any of these tank types:

1. Fuel
2. Fresh Water
3. Waste Water
4. Live Well
5. Oil
6. Black Water

You configure or program a TLM200 tank type using a display product such as the Maretron DSM250. Refer to the *DSM250 User's Manual* for configuring the TLM200 as the manual provides detailed instruction on configuration procedures.

### 3.2 Configuring Tank Number

As shipped from the factory, the TLM200 transmits the Tank Number as “0”. The TLM200 supports up to sixteen tanks (0 through 15) for a given type of tank, which means you can monitor up to 16 separate fuel tanks or 16 separate fresh water tanks. The TLM200 is configured or programmed by choosing a TLM200 tank number using a display product such as the Maretron DSM250. Refer to the *DSM250 User's Manual* for configuring the TLM200 as the manual provides detailed instruction on configuration procedures.

### 3.3 Configuring Tank Capacity

In addition to indicating the fluid level within a tank, the TLM200 also has the ability to be configured or programmed with the attached tank's capacity. This way, you will be able to view the tank's capacity as well as the amount of fuel remaining anywhere on the vessel where there is an NMEA 2000® compatible display. It is not required, but you can enter the TLM200 tank capacity using a display product such as the Maretron DSM250. Refer to the *DSM250 User's Manual* for configuring the TLM200 as the manual provides detailed instruction on configuration procedures.

### **3.4 Tank Depth or Custom Calibration**

The TLM200 can be easily programmed for use with tanks of rectangular cross-section (see Section 3.4.1). For non-rectangular tank shapes, you can perform custom calibration so that the TLM200 accurately reflects fluid levels (see Section 3.4.2).

#### **3.4.1 Tank Depth Programming**

The TLM200 can be used with tanks that have rectangular cross sections. The TLM200 comes from the factory programmed for a 104" (2.64m) deep tank. In order to obtain correct level readings on a tank having a rectangular cross section but shallower than 104", you must program the TLM200 with the actual depth of the tank using a display product such as the Maretron DSM250. Refer to the *DSM250 User's Manual* for configuring the TLM200 as the manual provides detailed instruction on configuration procedures.

#### **3.4.2 Custom Calibration**

For accurate tank level readings, the TLM200 must be custom calibrated if the tank shape is irregular or non-rectangular.

You can calibrate the TLM200 using a display product such as the Maretron DSM250. Refer to the user's manual of the particular product that will be used for configuring the TLM200 as these manuals provide detailed instruction on configuration procedures.

## **4 Maintenance**

Regular maintenance is not required; however, an occasional inspection will ensure continued proper operation of the Maretron TLM200. Perform the following tasks periodically:

- Ensure that the unit is mounted securely and cannot be moved relative to the mounting surface. If the unit is loose, tighten the screws holding the cable ties.
- Check the security of the cable connected to the NMEA 2000® interface and tighten if necessary.

## **5 Troubleshooting**

If you notice unexpected operation of the Maretron TLM200, follow the troubleshooting procedures in this section to remedy simple problems.

Symptom	Troubleshooting Procedure
No tank level output	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. If operating in the <i>NMEA 2000® Mode</i>, check the connection to the NMEA 2000® interface (see Section 2.4.1) and tighten if necessary.</li> <li>2. Ensure that power is supplied to the NMEA 2000® network. Proper network power can be checked by measuring the voltage at an open tee between NET-S and NET-C. The voltage should be between 9 and 16 volts.</li> <li>3. Ensure that both trunk line terminators are in place. Proper network termination can be checked by removing network power and measuring the resistance at an open tee between NET-L and NET-H signals. The resistance should read approximately 60 ohms (two 120 ohm terminators in parallel equals 60 ohms).</li> <li>4. Removed the TLM200 sensor component from the tank opening and ensure that the surface of the ultrasonic sensor is not fouled.</li> </ol>
Inaccurate tank level output	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. If operating with a rectangular tank, ensure that the tank depth is programmed properly (see Section 3.4.1).</li> <li>2. If using custom calibration, re-calibrate the TLM200 (see Section 3.4.2).</li> </ol>

**Figure 5 – Troubleshooting Guide**

If these steps do not solve your problem, please contact Maretron Technical Support (refer to Section 7 for contact information).

## 6 Technical Specifications

### Specifications

Parameter	Value	Comment
Accuracy	+/-2%	
Resolution	+/-1%	
Number of Tank Types	16	Fuel, Fresh Water, Waste Water, Live Well, Oil, etc.
Number of Tanks per Tank Type	16	16 Tanks per Tank Type Numbered 0-15
Maximum Tank Depth	104" (2.64m)	
Minimum Depth Reading	6" (15.24cm)	Sensor Deadband
Support for Irregularly Shaped Tanks	Yes	Can be Calibrated for any Shape Tank
Programmable Tank Capacity	Yes	Allows Displays to Calculate Amount Remaining
Maximum Tank Angle	6°	

### Certifications

Parameter	Comment
NMEA 2000	Level B+
Maritime Navigation and Radiocommunication Equipment & Systems	Tested to IEC 60945
FCC and CE Mark	Electromagnetic Compatibility

### NMEA 2000® Parameter Group Numbers (PGNs) - See Appendix A for Details

Description	PGN #	PGN Name	Default Rate
Periodic Data PGNs	127505	Fluid Level	0.4 Times/Second
Response to Requested PGNs	126464	PGN List (Transmit and Receive)	N/A
	126996	Product Information	N/A

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	126998	Configuration Information	N/A
Protocol PGNs	059392	ISO Acknowledge	N/A
	059904	ISO Request	N/A
	060928	ISO Address Claim	N/A
	065240	ISO Address Command	N/A
	126208	NMEA	N/A

### Electrical

Parameter	Value	Comment
Operating Voltage	9 to 16 Volts	DC Voltage
Power Consumption	<100mA	Average Current Drain
Load Equivalence Number (LEN)	2	NMEA 2000 <sup>®</sup> Spec. (1LEN = 50mA)
Reverse Battery Protection	Yes	Indefinitely
Load Dump Protection	Yes	Energy Rated per SAE J1113

### Mechanical

Parameter	Value	Comment
Size	3.9" x 1.2" x 1.0" (99mm x 30.5mm x 25.4mm)	Interface Component
	2.6" dia. X 2.0" (66.0mm dia. x 50.8mm)	Sensor Component
	96" (2.44m)	Interconnecting Cable
Weight	15 oz. (425g)	
Mounting	SAE J1810 5-hole bolt pattern	Can mount to 1.25" BSP or 1.5" NPT using available adapters

### Environmental

Parameter	Value
IEC 60945 Classification	Exposed
Degree of Protection	IP67
Operating Temperature	-25°C to 55°C
Storage Temperature	-40°C to 70°C
Relative Humidity	93%RH @40° per IEC60945-8.2
Vibration	2-13.2Hz @ ±1mm, 13.2-100Hz @ 7m/s <sup>2</sup> per IEC 60945-8.7
Rain and Spray	12.5mm Nozzle @ 100liters/min from 3m for 30min per IEC 60945-8.8
Solar Radiation	Ultraviolet B, A, Visible, and Infrared per IEC 60945-8.10
Corrosion (Salt Mist)	4 times 7days @ 40°C, 95%RH after 2 hour Salt Spray Per IEC 60945-8.12
Electromagnet Emission	Conducted and Radiated Emission per IEC 60945-9
Electromagnetic Immunity	Conducted, Radiated, Supply, and ESD per IEC 60945-10
Safety Precautions	Dangerous Voltage, Electromagnetic Radio Frequency per IEC 60945-12

## 7 Technical Support

If you require technical support for Maretron products, you can reach us in one of the following ways:

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### **8 Maretron (2 Year) Limited Warranty**

Maretron warrants the TLM200 to be free from defects in materials and workmanship for **two (2) years** from the date of original purchase. If within the applicable period any such products shall be proved to Maretron's satisfaction to fail to meet the above limited warranty, such products shall be repaired or replaced at Maretron's option. Purchaser's exclusive remedy and Maretron's sole obligation hereunder, provided product is returned pursuant to the return requirements below, shall be limited to the repair or replacement, at Maretron's option, of any product not meeting the above limited warranty and which is returned to Maretron; or if Maretron is unable to deliver a replacement that is free from defects in materials or workmanship, Purchaser's payment for such product will be refunded. Maretron assumes no liability whatsoever for expenses of removing any defective product or part or for installing the repaired product or part or a replacement therefore or for any loss or damage to equipment in connection with which Maretron's products or parts shall be used. With respect to products not manufactured by Maretron, Maretron's warranty obligation shall in all respects conform to and be limited to the warranty actually extended to Maretron by its supplier. The foregoing warranties shall not apply with respect to products subjected to negligence, misuse, misapplication, accident, damages by circumstances beyond Maretron's control, to improper installation, operation, maintenance, or storage, or to other than normal use or service.

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#### **Warranty Return Procedure:**

To apply for warranty claims, contact Maretron or one of its dealers to describe the problem and determine the appropriate course of action. If a return is necessary, place the product in its original packaging together with proof of purchase and send to an Authorized Maretron Service Location. You are responsible for all shipping and insurance charges. Maretron will return the replaced or repaired product with all shipping and handling prepaid except for requests requiring expedited shipping (i.e. overnight shipments). Failure to follow this warranty return procedure could result in the product's warranty becoming null and void.

Maretron reserves the right to modify or replace, at its sole discretion, without prior notification, the warranty listed above. To obtain a copy of the then current warranty policy, please go to the following web page:

<http://www.maretron.com/company/warranty.php>



## Appendix A – NMEA 2000® Interfacing

### TLM200 NMEA 2000® Periodic Data Transmitted PGNs

#### ***PGN 127505 – Fluid Level***

The TLM200 uses this PGN to indicate the attached tank's fluid instance, fluid type, fluid level, and tank capacity.

- Field 1: Fluid Instance – This field is used to identify the tank number and ranges between 0 and 15. There can be up to 16 tanks of a given type as defined by the Fluid Type field. This field is programmable through the NMEA command PGN. The TLM200 ships from the factory with a default value of zero.
- 2: Fluid Type – This field identifies the type of fluid contained within the tank. Currently the defined fluid types are fuel, fresh water, wastewater, live well, oil, and black water. The TLM200 ships from the factory with a default value of 0x0 indicating "Fuel".
- 3: Fluid Level – This field is used to indicate the current fluid level in percentage. The value transmitted in this field depends on the sender resistance value..
- 4: Tank Capacity – This field is used to indicate the tank capacity. The TLM200 ships from the factory with a default value of 0xFFFFFFFF indicating "Data Not Available".
- 5: Reserved – This field is reserved by NMEA; therefore, the TLM200 sets all bits to a logic 1.