



# FES FCU Bridge

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## 1. Important notices

This user manual contains important information about proper and safe usage of FES FCU Bridge.

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**Caution:** A Yellow triangle is shown for parts of the manual which should be read carefully and are important.



**Warning:** Notes with a red triangle describe procedures that are critical and may result in reduced safety or may lead to critical situation.



**Note:** A bulb icon is shown when a useful hint is provided to the reader.

If you need more information, please contact the manufacturer LZ design.

### 1.1 Limited Warranty

This product is warranted to be free from defects in materials or workmanship for two years from the date of purchase. Within this period, LZ design will, at its sole option, repair or replace any components that fail in normal use. Such repair or replacement will be made at no charge to the customer for parts and labour, however the customer is responsible for any transportation cost.

Usage of device is at user's own risk. LZ design will not under any circumstances accept any responsibility or will be liable for possible damage on people, animals, or things, which might directly or indirectly happen from using FES FCU Bridge.

In the case of a fault/damage or to obtain a warranty service, contact LZ design directly. Only authorized persons can repair the module.

### 1.2 Invalid Warranty

The warranty does not cover failures due to abuse, misuse, accident, or unauthorized alterations or repairs.

## 2. Description

FES FCU Bridge is a small device – bridge which is used to connect FCU instrument (FCU means - Fes Control Unit) to LXNAV flight computers (FCU CAN bus to LX80/90xx RS485 bus). It enables FES parameters to be presented on the big screen of flight computer. Six of the FES parameters can be logged to "igc" file.



FES FCU Bridge, top view



FES FCU Bridge, back view



DB9 Male connector



Four spring connectors

FES FCU Bridge has one DB9 Male connector and four spring connectors.

### 3. How to use

A short cable with DB9 Female connector is coming out of the back side of the FCU instrument (from the upper DB9 connector).



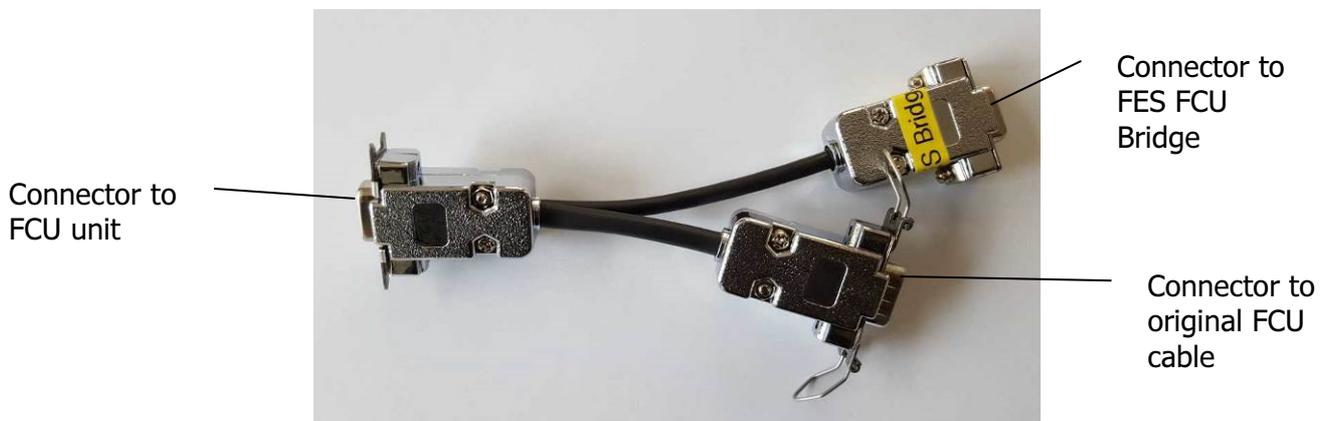
DB9 female connector to FCU



**Caution:** Please check if there is present a short cable as on photo above. On early FES gliders it was not provided.

DB9 Male connector on the FES FCU Bridge should be inserted directly to the DB9 Female connector on the short cable.

If there is no short cable with DB9 connector coming out of the FCU, an adaptor as on photo below can be used (it can be ordered at LZ design).

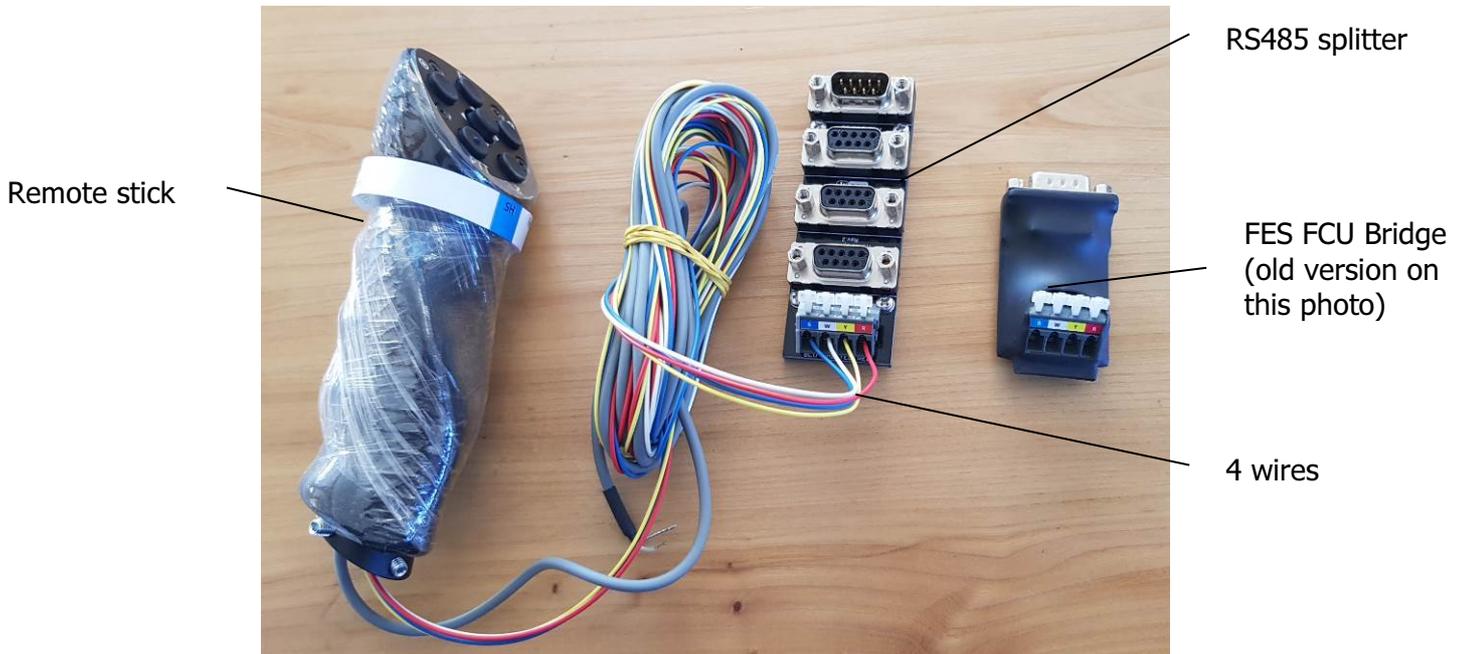


FES FCU Bridge special adaptor

Spring connectors on the FES FCU Bridge are used to connect four wires (white, blue, red and yellow) to spring connectors of RS485 splitter. 4 wires are not included - usually the wires from remote control are too long, so you can use about 30 cm of them to connect the FES FCU Bridge to the splitter unit, **in parallel** to wires from control stick.



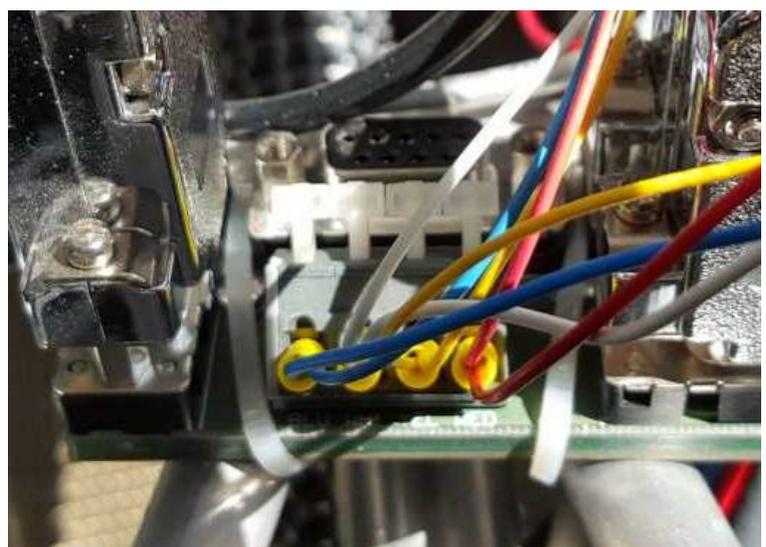
**Caution:** Be careful - red goes to red, yellow to yellow, white to white and blue to blue. Do not mix them!

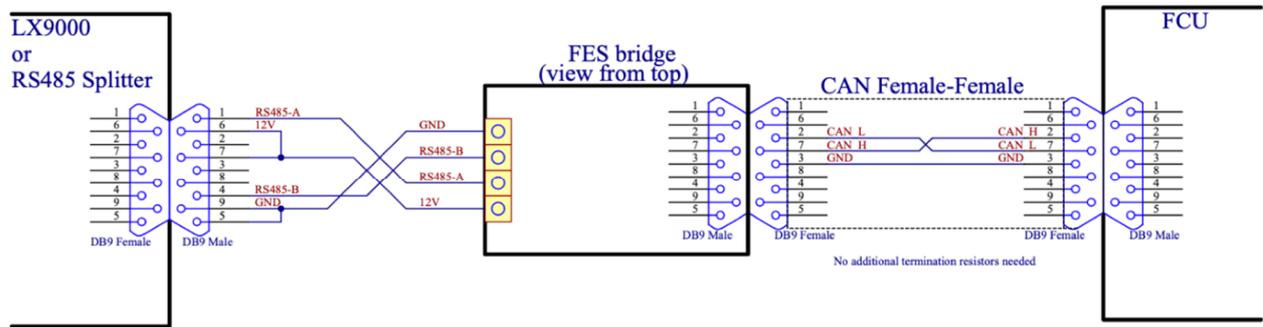


When connecting the wires to the RS485 splitter the Tube insulated terminals should be used.



Tube insulated terminals





Wiring diagram how FES FCU Bridge is connected to the LX9000 and to FCU instrument.

### 3.1 Removing the module

It's a very simple matter to remove the module – remove the binnacle cover and disconnect the FES FCU Bridge where it is connected to DB9 connector which goes to FCU. You will temporarily lose the FES displays on the LXxxx – the FES FCU Bridge is re-installed.

### 4. FES system parameters on the big screen

FES FCU Bridge enables **FES parameters and warnings** to be seen on the big screen of the flight computer.



FES system data on LX9000 with "Power switch" ON

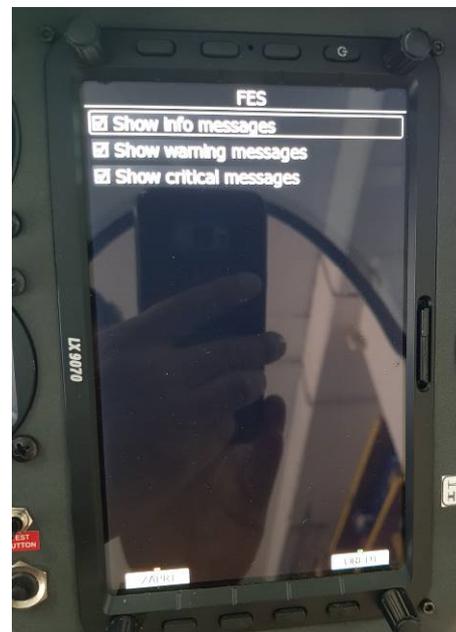
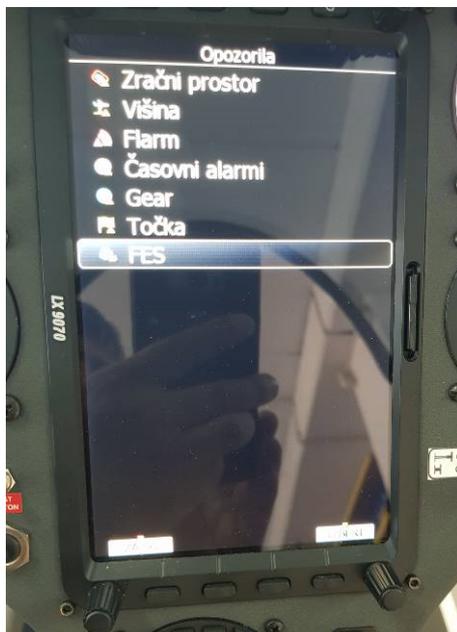


FCU data with map background



FES system data on LX900

If you want FES warning messages to be seen on the screen of the flight computer, you must mark (tick) it in the menu:



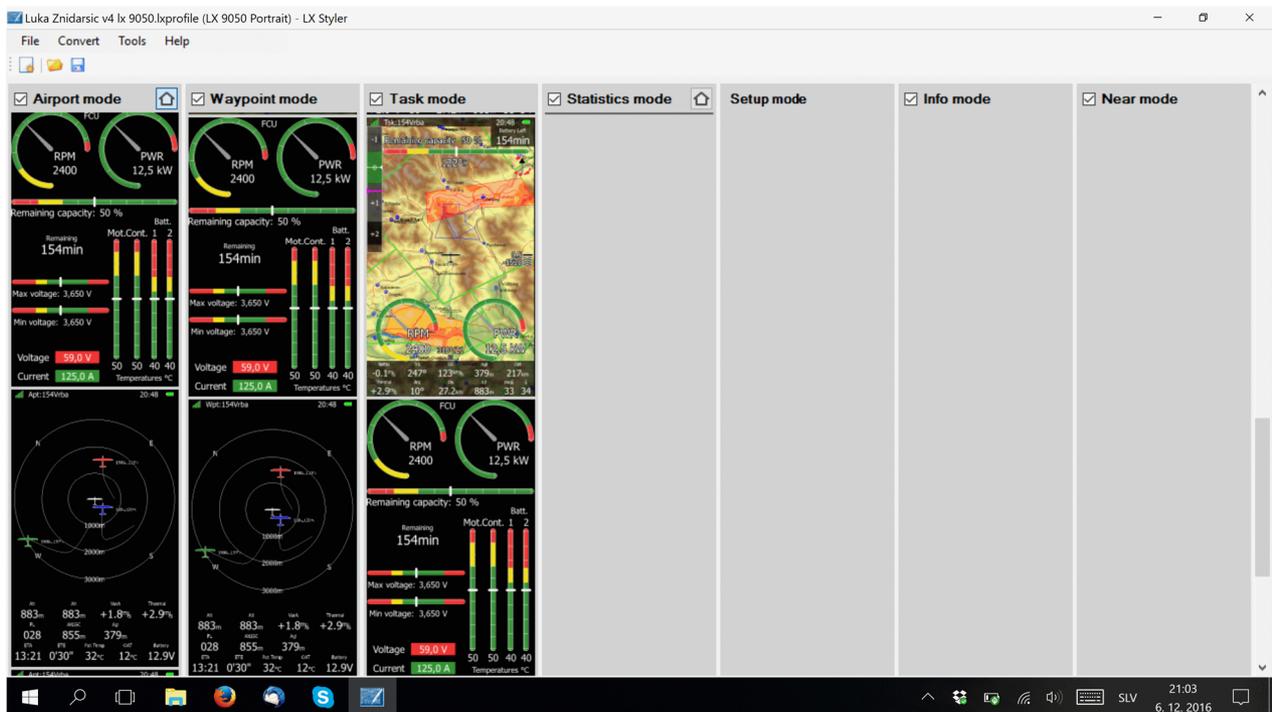


**Caution:** *LXstyler (see chapter 5.) allows the user a variety of settings, that can affect the appearance of warning messages on the screen of the flight computer. Thus, the data shown on the screen of the flight computer may deviate from the data on the FCU. Please note that data shown on the FCU are more relevant.*

## 5. Creating FES gauges with LXStyler

LX Styler is a customization tool for the LX8000, LX8080, LX9000, LX9050 and LX9070. It can create FES indication gauges - a set of gauges designed for glider equipped with FES system. These gauges are: Voltage, minimum Voltage, maximum Voltage, Current, Power, RPM, Throttle, Engine temperature, Controller temperature, Battery temperature and Battery level.

In order that something will be visible you need to use proper `***.lx` profile with FES features.



The easiest way to get or to create suitable file is to visit LXNAV Profile collection (<https://gliding.lxnav.com/lxdownloads/profile-collection/>).

Search for profiles of Luka Žnidaršič. Download most suitable profile regarding device and orientation. You can modify existing profile. Another possibility is to copy FES dedicated pages to your profile. Place them where you would like to have them available. When saving your profile, make sure you will save it for proper orientation and device. If you want, you can share your profile with other pilots.

## 6. Revision history

October 2019	Initial release of manual v1.0
January 2020	Minor additional information v1.1
September 2020	Minor update v1.11
March 2024	Updated photos with new version with housing v1.2