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PREFACE

About these release notes

This document provides important information about the VibroSight® software from Meggitt Sensing Systems. It is applicable to all VibroSight-based condition monitoring and machinery protection systems using the versions of software described by this document, namely:

- VibroSight software version 2.12.1 (CD part number 609-004-000-028).

This document contains information about changes to the software since the previously released version (VibroSight 2.12.0), such as new features and improvements, solved problems and bug fixes, and hardware and software compatibility.

For more general information on the actual software, or the entire condition monitoring system (CMS), refer to the following Meggitt Sensing Systems (MSS) documentation:



VibroSight software data sheet
(MSS document ref. 660-020-005-217A)



Getting started with VibroSight installation guide
(MSS document ref. 660-010-006-216A)



VibroSight help



XMV16 / XIO16T extended vibration monitoring card pair data sheet
(MSS document ref. 660-020-010-208A)










VibroSight application notes and technical notes.

Users who are familiar with VibroSight may also find it useful to refer to the release notes included in earlier versions of the software:

- VibroSight 2.9.0 (MSS document ref. VIBROSIGHT-RN/E)
- VibroSight 2.9.1 (MSS document ref. VIBROSIGHT-RN/E)
- VibroSight 2.9.2 (MSS document ref. VIBROSIGHT-RN/E)
- VibroSight 2.9.4 (MSS document ref. VIBROSIGHT-RN/E)
- VibroSight 2.9.5 (MSS document ref. VIBROSIGHT-RN/E)
- VibroSight 2.9.6 (MSS document ref. VIBROSIGHT-RN/E)
- VibroSight 2.9.7 (MSS document ref. VIBROSIGHT-RN/E)
- VibroSight 2.10.0 (MSS document ref. VIBROSIGHT-RN/E)
- VibroSight 2.10.1 (MSS document ref. 660-010-013-201A)
- VibroSight 2.11.0 (MSS document ref. 660-010-013-203A)
- VibroSight 2.11.1 (MSS document ref. 660-010-013-204A)
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- VibroSight 2.11.3 (MSS document ref. 660-010-013-206A)
- VibroSight 2.11.4 (MSS document ref. 660-010-013-207A)
- VibroSight 2.11.5 (MSS document ref. 660-010-013-208A)
- VibroSight 2.11.6 (MSS document ref. 660-010-013-209A)
- VibroSight 2.12.0 (MSS document ref. 660-010-013-210A).

Structure of the release notes

This document presents information in the following order: general items first, then in terms of the software modules that constitute VibroSight, such as  Configurator,  Event Viewer,  Mimic,  Scope,  Server,  System Manager and  Vision.

You should read those sections that are most relevant to you and then keep the document for future reference.

Version identifiers

A complete VibroSight software product version number has four components x.x.x build x (or x.x.x.x) that provide the following information:

- Major release identifier: x.x.x build x (or x.x.x.x)
- Minor release identifier: x.x.x build x (or x.x.x.x)
- Update identifier: x.x.x build x (or x.x.x.x)
- Build identifier: x.x.x build x (or x.x.x.x)

The version identifiers for installed software appear in the Help About box (obtained using **Help > About ...** in any VibroSight software module).

Terminology

To distinguish between the different Meggitt Sensing System products that can be used with the VibroSight software, the following terminology is used in this document:

- VM600 card – to refer to the VibroSight-software compatible cards that are installed in a VM600 rack. The currently available VM600 cards that are designed for operation with the VibroSight software are the XMx16 card pairs (XMC16 / XIO16T, XMV16 / XIO16T and XMVS16 / XIO16T).

Where XMx16 card is used in this document, it refers to XMC16 / XIO16T, XMV16 / XIO16T and XMVS16 / XIO16T cards, unless otherwise stated.

- VibroSmart DMS module or VibroSmart DMS device – to refer to VibroSight-software compatible modules or devices that are used in a distributed monitoring system. The currently available VibroSmart DMS modules and devices that are designed for operation with the VibroSight software are the VSI010, VSN010 and VSV300.

Where VibroSmart DMS module is used in this document, it refers to VSI010 and VSV300 modules, unless otherwise stated.

Where VibroSmart DMS device is used in this document, it refers to the VSN010 device, unless otherwise stated.

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1 Licensing

In general, the licence key required to enable purchased product options remains unchanged between update level releases. For example, from version 2.12.0 to version 2.12.1.

However, a new licence key is required for upgrades between major and minor version releases. For example, from version 2.11.x to version 2.12.x.

To obtain a new VibroSight licence key file or for further information on licence keys, contact Meggitt Sensing Systems customer support. See 7 Customer support.

2 Features

General

2.1 VibroSight support for 1 s time-boxed peak-hold processing

VibroSight 2.12.1 adds support for spectral data aggregation that allows the spectra available internally on a VM600 XMx16 card at data update rates up to 100 ms card to be aggregated using a peak hold function and made available externally to VibroSight at the usual data update rate of 1 s. This new spectral data aggregation processing allows important measurement data due to bursts or spikes that occur between the VibroSight software's once per second data update rate to be captured.

On an XMx16 card, the processing cycle times for a dynamic processing block depend on the resolution (size) of the waveforms (points) and spectra (lines) configured for the principal and auxiliary measurement modes. These internal processing cycle times help determine the rate at which the waveforms, spectra, and extracted data are available as outputs from the XMx16 card.

For XMx16 cards, the internal data update rate is:

- 100 ms with a waveform size from 256 to 4096 / spectrum size from 100 to 1600.
- 200 ms with a waveform size of 8192 / spectrum size of 3200.
- 500 ms with a waveform size of 16384 / spectrum size of 6400.

While measurements are available from a VM600 XMx16 card at data update rates up to 100 ms, the VibroSight data update rate is 1 s. That is, VM600 XMx16 cards are polled by a VibroSight Server at a maximum data rate of once per second. As a result, an XMx16 card dynamic processing block with a principal measurement mode configured for a data update rate of 100 ms provides VibroSight with every tenth waveform, spectrum and associated extracted data (the other internal measurement data is discarded).

More of the VM600 XMx16 card's internal measurement data is used if averaging is configured for a waveform or spectrum. For example, waveforms (time domain processing) allow complex averaging with a configurable exponential decay factor and spectra (frequency domain processing) allow mean, peak-hold or RMS averaging with a configurable exponential decay factor.

However, in order to avoid the potential loss of important information that occurs in the VM600 XMx16 card's internal measurement data because it is either discarded or reduced by averaging, spectral

data aggregation can be used to capture the peaks from any bursts or spikes in the intermediate (internal) spectra, without dramatically increasing network traffic.

Accordingly, VibroSight's spectral data aggregation has been implemented using 1 s time-boxed peak-hold processing and is available as a new processing block: **1s Spectral Data Aggregation**.

NOTE: The **1s Spectral Data Aggregation** processing block operates on the spectra acquired by a VM600 XMx16 card's dynamic processing block using the principal measurement mode only.

As shown in Figure 1 (below), the internal spectra for a VM600 XMx16 card can be 100 ms, 200 ms or 500 ms, depending on the configured spectra / waveform resolution. The XMx16 card's spectral data aggregation processing block performs a peak fold function using the internal spectra that have been generated in the previous 1 s. It makes the spectral data aggregation outputs available to VibroSight at the usual data update rate of 1 s, aligned with the other card measurement data.

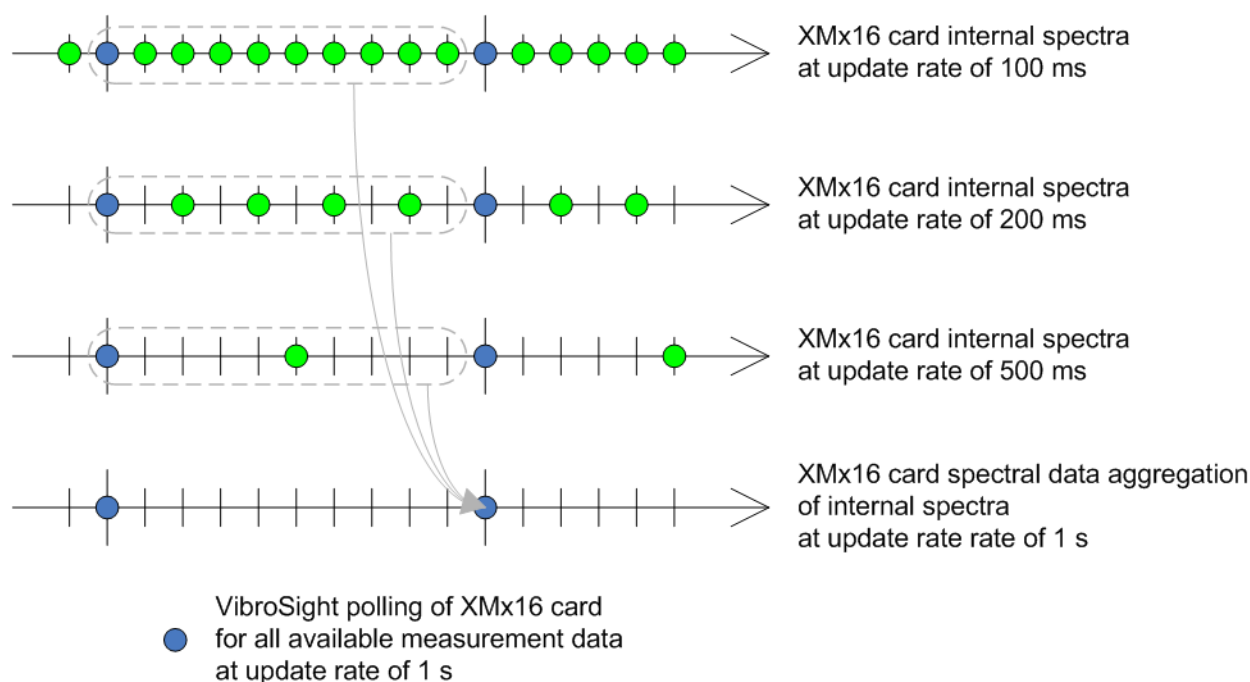


Figure 1: VM600 XMx16 card spectral data aggregation

The **1s Spectral Data Aggregation** processing block takes a dynamic processing block as an input and informs an XMx16 card to use the internal spectra acquired using the principal measurement mode. To aggregate the internal spectra and produce a single spectrum, the XMx16 card compares the latest spectral magnitudes to the previous spectral magnitudes and uses the largest magnitude on a frequency bin by bin basis.

NOTE: The dynamic processing block used as an input to a **1s Spectral Data Aggregation** processing block must be configured with a fixed-frequency sampling mode (order tracking is not supported).

The resulting aggregated (peak hold) spectrum generated by the XMx16 card includes the peak magnitudes that have occurred for a group of spectra. It has a default name of **SP pkh 1s**.

NOTE: The resolution of the spectrum configured for the principal measurement mode of the dynamic processing block used as an input to a **1s Spectral Data Aggregation** processing block determines the number of spectra that are aggregated in the resulting peak hold spectrum.

For example:

- An XMx16 card dynamic processing block with a principal mode spectrum size up to 1600 lines has an internal data update rate of 100 ms, so the 10 previous internal spectra generated internally by an XMx16 card are used by a **1s Spectral Data Aggregation** processing block to generate the aggregated spectrum. ($1 \text{ s} / 100 \text{ ms} = 10$.)
- An XMx16 card dynamic processing block with a principal mode spectrum size of 3200 lines has an internal data update rate of 200 ms, so the 5 previous internal spectra generated internally by an XMx16 card are used by a **1s Spectral Data Aggregation** processing block to generate the aggregated spectrum. ($1 \text{ s} / 200 \text{ ms} = 5$.)
- An XMx16 card dynamic processing block with a principal mode spectrum size of 6400 lines has an internal data update rate of 500 ms, so the 2 previous internal spectra generated internally by an XMx16 card are used by a **1s Spectral Data Aggregation** processing block to generate the aggregated spectrum. ($1 \text{ s} / 500 \text{ ms} = 2$.)

Similarly to a dynamic processing block, a **1s Spectral Data Aggregation** processing block can provide extracted data, namely, frequency domain extractions.

The spectra and extracted data outputs provided by a **1s Spectral Data Aggregation** processing block are aligned in time and timestamped to be consistent with the usual data update rate of 1 s.

To use spectral data aggregation:

- VibroSight Configurator is used to add and configure a dynamic processing block as usual. At the **Spectra And Waveforms** node level, under **Waveform and Spectrum Processing**, on the **Principal Mode** tab, the **Waveform Size** field is used to select the resolution of the waveform and the spectrum (the **Spectrum Size** field is for information only and cannot be edited directly). Note that the **Update Rate** field (for information only) changes with the **Waveform Size** field. This is the VM600 XMx16 cards internal data update rate.
- VibroSight Configurator is used to add and configure a **1s Spectral Data Aggregation** processing block. To add a 1s Spectral Data Aggregation processing block, at the Processing Blocks node level, right-click then click **New 1s Spectral Data Aggregation Processing Block**. Select the 1s Spectral Data Aggregation Processing Block to display its parameters. Under **Input Setup**, the **Processing Block** field is used to select the dynamic processing block to use as the input to the 1s Spectral Data Aggregation processing block. The other fields are for information only.

At the **Spectra** node level, under **1s Spectral Data Aggregation Processing**, the **Output Name** field can be used to change the default name of the aggregated (peak hold) spectrum from **SP pkh 1s**.

Similarly to a dynamic processing block, at the **1s Spectral Data Aggregation Processing Block** node level, frequency domain extractions can be added and configured.

NOTE: As a 1s Spectral Data Aggregation processing block uses the same VM600 XMx16 card resources as a dual-channel shaft relative processing block or a dual-channel shaft absolute processing block, a maximum of eight 1s Spectral Data Aggregation processing blocks can be included in a configuration, as part of the 12 dual-channel processing blocks permitted per XMx16 card. (This is in addition to the 20 single-channel processing blocks: 4 tachometer processing blocks and 16 dynamic processing blocks).

The configuration is then saved and activated as usual. The spectra and extracted data outputs provided by a 1s Spectral Data Aggregation processing block are available for use in VibroSight Vision (as per a dynamic processing block).

2.2 VibroSight support for 100 ms pre-trigger data logging

VibroSight 2.12.1 adds support for the data logging of pre-trigger data at an update rate of up to 100 ms, when triggered by an alarm event.

NOTE: Pre-trigger data logging requires an 'event' in order to be triggered: this is provided by an alarm and an alarm event based data logging rule.

The data logging of pre-trigger data at up to 100 ms applies to static data only (that is, extracted data).

Pre-trigger data logging is configured in VibroSight Configurator using an Alarm Event Based data logging rule, where the quantity of pre-trigger data (**Pre-Logging Duration**) can be configured either as none, the maximum available from the VM600 XMx16 card's buffer memory that is allocated to static data or as a fixed time period up to this maximum.

In VibroSight Configurator, at the **Dynamic Processing Block** mode level, under **Card Buffer – Static Data**, the **100 ms Update Rate Buffer Length** fields are now used to select the amount of VM600 XMx16 card buffer memory to allocate to 100 ms pre-trigger data logging. (The VM600 XMx16 card buffer memory allocated to static data can be divided between the **100 ms Update Rate Buffer Length** and the **1 sec Update Rate Buffer Length** as required, up to the listed **Maximum Available**).

(Previously, at the **Dynamic Processing Block** mode level, under **Card Buffer – Static Data**, the **100 ms Update Rate Buffer Length** fields were displayed, but they were not used by the VibroSight software.)

2.3 VibroSight support for 100 ms post-trigger data logging

VibroSight 2.12.1 adds support for the data logging of post-trigger data at an update rate of up to 100 ms, when triggered by an alarm event.

NOTE: Post-trigger data logging requires an 'event' in order to be triggered: this is provided by an alarm and an alarm event based data logging rule.

The data logging of post-trigger data at up to 100 ms applies to static data only (that is, extracted data).

Post-trigger data logging is configured in VibroSight Configurator using an Alarm Event Based data logging rule, where the quantity of post-trigger data (**Post-Logging Duration**) can be configured as a fixed time period ranging from 1 second to 1 hour.



VibroSight Configurator

2.4 VibroSmart DMS VSV300: Scaled peak-peak qualifier

For the VSV300 vibration monitoring module, the scaled peak-to-peak qualifier is now available for and supported by all time domain extractions (**Qualifier: Scaled Peak-Peak**).

2.5 VibroSmart DMS VSV300: Digital filters

For the VSV300 vibration monitoring module, the implementation of the digital high-pass and low-pass filters, typically found in the main signal processing path, has been significantly improved in order to optimise the overall response of the filters and more accurately meet the configured parameters (that is, the required filter performance).



VibroSight System Manager

2.6 VibroSmart DMS: Ethernet link quality information

In order to help ensure the reliable operation of a VibroSmart DMS, the Ethernet port link quality information generated by VibroSmart DMS VSI010 and VSV300 modules is now displayed in VibroSight System Manager.

During operation, the VibroSmart VSV300 vibration monitoring module and the VSI010 communications interface module monitor the number of data reception errors on their Ethernet communication ports. This Ethernet link quality information is monitored and displayed individually for both Ethernet ports of a VibroSmart DMS module, as follows:

- **Ethernet left port RX quality** – corresponding to the Ethernet port on the left of the module, when viewed from the front. That is, as used by the J11 sidebus connector and the Eth2 Ethernet connector.

- **Ethernet right port RX quality** – corresponding to the Ethernet port on the right of the module, when viewed from the front. That is, as used by the J10 sidebus connector and the Eth1 Ethernet connector.

If the number of reception errors on an Ethernet port is too high for the reliable operation of a VibroSmart DMS, then the Ethernet link quality information is reported as being **Not OK** (otherwise it is reported as being **OK**).

The Ethernet link quality information is displayed with the overall information that is already available for a VibroSmart DMS module. In VibroSight System Manager:

1. Select the VibroSmart DMS module from the Devices tree-view of the System Explorer.
2. The main window updates to display the information available about the module.
Under **Diagnostic**, see **Ethernet left port RX quality** and **Ethernet right port RX quality**, which will be displayed as either **OK** or **Not OK**.

NOTE: In addition to the individual Ethernet port link information displayed in VibroSight System Manager, the Network (Status) LED on the front panel of a VSI010 or VSV300 module will also blink red to indicate Ethernet link quality errors.

The Ethernet link quality information is particularly useful for verifying the robustness of the communications for an installed VibroSmart DMS and can be used to help identify communication problems that are typically due to incorrect cabling (for example, cables that are too long or of poor quality) or environments that are too electrically noisy.



VibroSight Vision

2.7 Peak hold of spectra

When displaying historical or live data in a Spectrum plot, it is now possible to manually enable a peak hold function in order to display a peak hold spectrum for the source data, in addition to the source spectrum.

To generate the peak hold spectrum, VibroSight Vision compares the latest spectral magnitudes to the previous spectral magnitudes and uses the largest magnitude on a bin by bin basis (frequency or order). The resulting peak hold spectra shows the peak magnitudes that have occurred for a series of spectra.

A new **Peak hold** button is available on the quick action toolbar at the bottom of the plot to enable or disable the peak hold function, as required. By default, the peak hold function is disabled.

When the peak hold function is enabled, by clicking on the **Peak hold** button (to display **Peak hold**), for each spectrum being displayed:

- A new peak hold spectrum is added to the Spectrum plot.
- The peak hold spectrum takes the colour of the source data spectrum and the source data spectrum becomes lighter in colour.
- The Timestamp column in the legend at the bottom of the plot changes to display the time at which the currently displayed peak hold function started (that is, the date and time

corresponding to the timestamp of the first spectrum used in the peak hold calculation). For example, it changes from 04.11.2014 12:44:39 to PkH from 04.11.2014 12:44:39.

- Any cursors displayed are attached to a peak hold spectrum and the cursor columns in the legend at the bottom of the plot change to display data from the peak hold spectrum (no cursor information is available for the source data).
- The Baseline function becomes unavailable (that is, Peak hold and Baseline are mutually exclusive).

When the peak hold function is disabled, by clicking on the **Peak hold** button (to display Peak hold), all peak hold spectra are removed and the Spectrum plot reverts back to normal operation. That is, the source data spectra revert to their previous colour, the timestamp column reverts back to the timestamp corresponding to the source spectrum and cursors revert back to the source spectrum.

NOTE: A peak hold spectrum is generated by VibroSight Vision using the source spectra data (historical or live) received from an XMx16 card. Accordingly, peak hold spectrum data is local to the Spectrum plot only and is temporary. For example, when the peak hold function is disabled or the source data changes (for example, using the Time Range tool window), the peak hold spectra data is lost.

When exporting a Spectrum plot in which the peak hold function is enabled, only peak hold spectra are exported (that is, source data spectra are not exported).

3 Solved problems and bug fixes

General

3.1 Improvements and bug fixes

General stability improvements across the various VibroSight 2.12.1 software modules.

This included improvements to the error messages displayed by a VibroSight Server when communication problems with a VibroSight OPC Server are experienced. For example, the following error messages are now used:

Unable to connect to the OPC server ... , when a connection problems occur.

Failed to add group ... on OPC server ... , when an error occurs while creating a group on the OPC server.

(Previously, *Error while requesting data to the OPC Server ...* was used for multiple errors.)

The VibroSight Configurator user interface (including multi-edit mode) and consistency check have been improved in order to make it easier to configure tachometer input channels, especially when the VM600 rack's tachometer bus is used to share speed signals (Tachometer Bus Routing).

In addition, the bug where a VibroSight Server could be listed twice in VibroSight System Manager (VibroSight Hosts view in System Explorer) but could not be run as a Windows service has been fixed.

4 Known issues

4.1 Changing a VibroSight Server's maximum RAM cache size when DSNs are not used

Since VibroSight 2.9.7, a VibroSight Server database no longer requires a data source name (DSN), so it is no longer required to use the ODBC Data Source Administrator to manage the underlying connection to the Sybase SQL Anywhere 11 database (which provided convenient access to the start line command that is used to start the SQL Anywhere 11 server).

NOTE: `dbeng11.exe -ch 600m` is the default command used to start the SQL Anywhere 11 server, where the `-ch 600m` option specifies that a maximum RAM cache size of 600 MB should be used. (This option limits the underlying SQL Anywhere's database server cache during automatic cache growth.)

However, for more complex machinery monitoring applications and larger databases, it is recommended that a maximum RAM cache size of 2000 MB (`-ch 2000m`) is used, in order to improve the overall performance of the VibroSight machinery monitoring system.

When a DSN is not used with a VibroSight Server database, the settings usually written to the DSN using the ODBC Data Source Administrator are managed by the VibroSight Server itself and stored in the VibroSight Server configuration file (`*.vssrvcfg`). However, this means that the specification of the maximum cache size to be used by the VibroSight Server database is not as convenient to access by the user.

Presently, the default command used to start the SQL Anywhere 11 server will be used unless:

- In VibroSight Configurator, when saving the configuration as a server / database, the Configure advanced settings option is used to enter a different SQL database start line command.
- In VibroSight System Manager, when copying the database, the Configure advanced settings option is used to enter a different SQL database start line command.

So when DSNs are not used with a VibroSight Server database, the VibroSight Server configuration file (`*.vssrvcfg`) must be edited manually if it is necessary to change the SQL database start line command after a VibroSight Server database has been created or copied:

1. Exit all VibroSight software modules (clients and servers) that use the VibroSight Server database to be modified.
2. Use a text editor program to open the VibroSight Server configuration file (`*.vssrvcfg`) and search for the text string `dbeng11.exe`.
3. Edit the `StartLine="dbeng11.exe -ch 600m"` command in the configuration file to use the new required maximum cache size.
For example, `StartLine="dbeng11.exe -ch 2000m"`, then save the file.
4. Restart the VibroSight Server.

If the `StartLine="dbeng11.exe -ch 600m"` command cannot be found in the VibroSight Server configuration file being used, then a "dummy" copy of the VibroSight Server database should be

created using VibroSight System Manager's Database Copy command with the Configure advanced settings option selected. A "dummy" VibroSight Server configuration file created in this way will include the SQL database start line command and can be used as an example to edit the VibroSight Server configuration file being used. (After which, the "dummy" files should be deleted.)

NOTE: It is highly recommended to make a backup copy of the VibroSight Server configuration file being used before manually editing it.

Such manual edits must be done carefully in order to ensure that the tags and delimiters used in the VibroSight Server configuration file are used correctly.

4.2 Display of timestamps in VibroSight Vision

In VibroSight Vision, when the timestamps (date and time) are configured to be displayed as Site time or Local computer time and the site time or local computer time is subsequently changed on the relevant computer (for example, using Windows > Control Panel > Date and Time), this change is not reflected in the VibroSight Vision user interface until the user clicks on the **Timestamp** displayed in the VibroSight Vision status bar.

4.3 Small "holes" in plotted data for larger VibroSight Vision projects when viewing live data

Depending on the complexity of a VibroSight application and the performance of the computer running the VibroSight software, the responsiveness of VibroSight Vision can decline under certain situations and affect the display of plots when viewing live data.

In particular, this performance issue has been seen with larger VibroSight Vision projects containing many open plots using live data. It is typically characterised by plots being displayed with small "holes" in the data, corresponding to when the computer has reached its performance limits.

If this behaviour is seen, the recommended workaround is to:

- Reduce the number of active plots in the VibroSight Vision project in order to reduce the computational load, as only the currently displayed (foreground) plots are constantly refreshed. Plots that are hidden or minimized (background) are not active and will only be refreshed when they become visible again.
- If it is necessary to view historical data at the same time, consider using a separate VibroSight Vision session to work with the historical data, preferably on a different computer.

4.4 Missing data for XMV16 and XMVS16 cards

When the order-tracked sampling mode is being used, XMV16 and XMVS16 cards have been seen to disappear (drop out) and produce no data for periods of 10, 20 or 30 seconds. After which, the card usually reappears without any intervention and normal operation resumes.

This issue is being investigated and appears to be an XMV16 and XMVS16 card firmware problem that is related to transitions in the input speed signal from "zero speed" to "non-zero speeds".

4.5 VibroSight Server and Host Service restart required after changes to network adapter

If the configuration of a network adapter is changed (for example, enabled or disabled, connected or disconnected) on a computer running VibroSight, then the VibroSight Servers and Host Services running on the computer must be restarted in order for the network adapter to be recognized by the VibroSight discovery mechanism.

4.6 Length limitation of VibroSight Server instance names

Since VibroSight 2.9.6, VibroSight Server instance names are limited to 18 characters, whereas up to 27 characters were allowed in previous versions. This constraint is enforced during the creation of new server instances with VibroSight 2.9.6 or later.

NOTE: VibroSight allows only alphanumeric characters (A to Z, a to z, 0 to 9), the hyphen-minus character (-) and the underscore character (_) to be used for VibroSight Server names.

However, existing server instances may be non-compliant (too long) and no longer run after an upgrade of the VibroSight software. In such cases, the file names used for the VibroSight Server database file (*.vssrvdb or *.db) and the VibroSight Server configuration file (*.vssrvcfg or *.config) should be updated (and manually edited in the VibroSight configuration file) to be 18 characters or less. Changes may also be required in any VibroSight software that references the server instance name, such as VibroSight Vision projects.

Where used, the automated database copies append a timestamp (_yyyyMMddHHmmss) to the Server instance name which reduces the number of file name characters that remain available for VibroSight Server instance names to three. Alternatively, the server instance name can be shorted after the database copy is complete.

Also, depending on the VibroSight Server database file names used and any truncation performed by VibroSight, it is possible that servers are created with names that contain non-allowed characters (such as spaces), with the result that these servers will not be accessible by VibroSight software clients. Similarly, duplicate VibroSight Server names are also possible.

NOTE: Choose appropriate VibroSight Server names in order to avoid name conflicts arising due to truncation and/or additional databases being created during automatic data management.

This is particularly important for systems with automated data management and system backup procedures that use script files containing database commands (such as copy and backup) that can automatically generate VibroSight Server database files.

4.7 VibroSight client connections to local and remote VibroSight Servers are mutually exclusive

When a VibroSight Server is running on a (local) computer, a VibroSight client, such as VibroSight Configurator or VibroSight Vision running on the same (local) computer cannot connect to a VibroSight Server running on a different (remote) computer.

4.8 VibroSight Servers listen to a single IP address

A VibroSight Server uses one specific IP address for connections to VibroSight clients and all communications is directed through this VibroSight Server IP address. This IP address can be set to any of the available network adapters or logical addresses on the host computer running the VibroSight Server. On a computer with a single network adapter, the IP address of the single network adapter is used by default.

In typical applications, the network adapter of the host computer running the VibroSight Server is connected to a dedicated control (industrial) Ethernet network that contains the VibroSight-compatible hardware such as VM600 XMx16 cards and VibroSmart DMS devices.

However, as a VibroSight Server uses one specific IP address (network adapter), this prevents concurrent connections from VibroSight clients running on other separate networks, such as a business (corporate) Ethernet network.

4.9 Gaps in logged Modbus data

When data logging with pre-trigger is used (for example, a time-based data logging rule with Pre Logging selected) or database operations such as a database copy or a database purge command occur at the same time as standard data logging, gaps can appear in the Modbus data that has been logged at a standard rate.

These gaps in Modbus data are related to the computation of alarms when data is written to the database, which can be slow and can prevent some subsequent Modbus data from being handled correctly, especially when VibroSight Server is busy with other data intensive tasks.

4.10 Display of timestamps in VibroSight clients other than VibroSight Vision

Although VibroSight Vision now supports the display of timestamps (date and time) as either Site time, UTC time or Local computer time, all other VibroSight client software modules continue to display timestamps in local computer time only (that is, the date and time according to the local clock of the computer running the VibroSight software module).

4.11 Display of devices in VibroSight System Manager

In the System Explorer window of VibroSight System Manager, the Devices tree-view does not always update correctly to show all of the devices (VM600 cards and VibroSmart DMS devices) available on the network.

In particular, this has been seen when changing the firmware of a device, and can persist even after a refresh (using the **Refresh** toolbar button or **View > Refresh**).

If this behaviour is seen, the recommended workaround is to:

- Wait a few minutes and refresh again.
- Restart VibroSight System Manager.

4.12 VibroSight Mimic backwards compatibility

VibroSight 2.10.0 contained significant improvements and changes, including a separate VibroSight Mimic client software module for mimics (that were previously available in VibroSight Vision). As a result, VibroSight Vision mimics created with VibroSight 2.9.7 or earlier are not compatible with VibroSight 2.10.0 or later.

VibroSight 2.11.0 contained significant improvements and changes to the VibroSight Mimic client software module. As a result, VibroSight Vision mimics created with VibroSight 2.10.1 or earlier are not compatible with VibroSight 2.11.0 or later.

VibroSight 2.11.5 contained significant improvements to the VibroSight Mimic project framework to include version information, in order to improve the compatibility between projects created with different versions of VibroSight Mimic and eliminate the requirement for the recreation of Mimics. Starting with VibroSight 2.11.5, Mimic projects automatically detect any changes in the VibroSight Mimic software that affect project compatibility, inform the user and update the project as required.

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| NOTE: | VibroSight 2.11.5 is also able to open and work with Mimic projects created with VibroSight 2.11.0 or later, if the corresponding database had been updated as required. |
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4.13 VibroSight OPC Clients not recovering

When a VibroSight OPC Client is being used to import information from an external OPC server into a VibroSight system and the external OPC server becomes unavailable, the VibroSight OPC Client may not always recover automatically when the OPC server becomes available again.

This is typically characterised by the VibroSight OPC Client continuing to show connection error messages even when OPC server is available and can result in permanent loss of the imported data if not noticed.

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| NOTE: | The external OPC data can be permanently lost if it is not imported into VibroSight as expected. Any VibroSight system feature or configuration element relying on the imported OPC data will not behave as expected, for example, alarms, machinery operating conditions and data logging rules. |
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If this behaviour is seen, the recommended workaround is to:

- Stop and restart the VibroSight OPC Client from either the VibroSight Server (**Data > Acquisition > OPC Device Driver**) or VibroSight System Manager.
- Stop and restart the VibroSight Server, if required.



4.14 Duplicate events

For VibroSight systems using VM600 XMx16 cards, VibroSight Event Viewer retrieves all of the event information available from the data buffers on the cards.

For VibroSight systems using VibroSmart DMS modules, VibroSight Event Viewer retrieves the event information available from the current time only (no buffered events).

Accordingly, for a VibroSight system using VM600 XMx16 cards, there is the possibility of duplicate events being listed in the Event Viewer, particularly for VibroSight systems being operated without an NTP server (where events are not recognised as duplicates due to time drift).

5 Compatibility



NOTE: Refer also to the latest version of the  *Getting started with VibroSight* installation guide or the  *VibroSight software* data sheet for further information on VibroSight's prerequisites and compatibility.

As part of the VibroSight software installation process, the installation wizard will automatically check to see if the "Microsoft Visual C++ Redistributable Package" (see section 5.1.6) and the "OPC Core Components Redistributable (x86)" (see section 5.1.7) are available on the computer.

If these items have not previously been installed and they are required by the VibroSight installation's application, then the VibroSight installation wizard can be used to install them.

5.1 VibroSight software

VibroSight 2.12.1 is an update version release in the 2.x.x series and replaces VibroSight 2.12.0.

Compatibility with existing databases is achieved using the database  **Update** tool (from VibroSight System Manager's  **Database** tools) which supports the continued used of configurations and data from previous versions. See 6.2.1 Updating the internal structure of a VibroSight database.

5.1.1 Microsoft Windows operating systems

VibroSight 2.12.1 is compatible with 32-bit versions and 64-bit versions of Microsoft ® Windows ® operating systems.

NOTE: Since VibroSight 2.9.0, VibroSight can run on 64-bit versions of Windows in order to help eliminate memory and performance issues that can occur due to the limitations of the 32-bit memory space.

VibroSight 2.12.x remains 32-bit software that runs on x64 Windows in the same manner as it does on 32-bit windows, that is, VibroSight is "x64-compatible" software (not "native x64" software).

See the appendix of this document for detailed information on VibroSight software and Windows operating system compatibility.

5.1.2 Microsoft .NET Framework

For most Windows operating systems, VibroSight 2.12.1 requires that Microsoft .NET Framework 4.5 and .NET Framework 2.0 are installed on the computer.

However, since Microsoft .NET Framework 3.5 includes .NET Framework 2.0 and .NET Framework 3.0, installing Microsoft .NET Framework 4.5 and .NET Framework 3.5 Service Pack 1 is the recommended solution for most computers.

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| NOTE: | Microsoft .NET Framework 4.5 is required since VibroSight 2.9.4. |
| | Microsoft .NET Framework 4 (Standalone Installer) is required for VibroSight 2.9.2 and 2.9.3. |
| | Microsoft .NET Framework 3.5 SP1 is required for VibroSight 2.9.1 or earlier. (Microsoft .NET Framework 3.5 SP1 is a full cumulative update that contains many new features building incrementally upon .NET Framework 2.0, 3.0, 3.5, and includes cumulative servicing updates to the .NET Framework 2.0 and .NET Framework 3.0 subcomponents.) |
| | Microsoft .NET Framework 2.0 is required by the OPC Core Components Redistributable that is installed by VibroSight (see 5.1.7 OPC Foundation OPC Core Components Redistributable). |

See the appendix of this document for detailed information on VibroSight software's Microsoft .NET Framework requirements.

5.1.3 Sybase SQL Anywhere 11 software

VibroSight uses the Sybase® SQL Anywhere 11 database software in its standard configuration. VibroSight 2.12.1 remains compatible with the previously deployed version of SQL Anywhere, namely SQL Anywhere version 11.0.1.2044.

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| NOTE: | VibroSight requires the 32-bit version of SQL Anywhere 11 on both 32-bit and 64-bit Windows operating systems. It is strongly recommended that only the 32-bit version of SQL Anywhere 11 is installed on the computer running VibroSight. |
| NOTE: | Updating SQL Anywhere to version 11.0.1.2867 is mandatory in order to avoid potential memory issues (fixed by Sybase). A software update (patch) included on the Sybase CD must be run in order to update Sybase SQL Anywhere from version 11.0.1 to version 11.0.1.2867: <i>SA11_Full_Win32+64.1101_2867_EBF.exe</i> . See 6.3 Upgrading the Sybase SQL Anywhere 11 software. |

5.1.4 VM600 CMS software

The VM600 CMS software from Meggitt Sensing Systems uses Sybase SQL Anywhere 8. Both Sybase SQL Anywhere 8 (VM600 CMS) and Sybase SQL Anywhere 11 (VibroSight) can be installed on the same computer.

However, while SQL Anywhere 8 and SQL Anywhere 11 can be installed on the same computer and run at the same time for standard database operations, certain administrative tasks are mutually exclusive and may block one another.

More specifically, all operations that refer to Sybase ISQL (a command-line Interactive SQL utility) in the background could be directed to the wrong version of Sybase SQL Anywhere. For example, this impacts all user operations and system operations involving the creation, copying and updating of databases.

NOTE: It is recommended to install and use VibroSight on a computer that does not have the VM600 CMS software installed.

5.1.5 SIMATIC Step 7 software

The SIMATIC Step 7 software from Siemens typically uses Sybase SQL Anywhere 9. Both Sybase SQL Anywhere 9 (SIMATIC Step 7) and Sybase SQL Anywhere 11 (VibroSight) can be installed on the same computer.

However, while SQL Anywhere 9 and SQL Anywhere 11 can be installed on the same computer, they cannot run at the same time.

More specifically, if SIMATIC Step 7 and VibroSight are both installed, certain administrative tasks, such as all user operations and system operations involving the creation, copying and updating of databases, may not work correctly. If this behaviour is seen, the recommended workaround is to manually change or remove the SQLANY environmental variable in order to allow VibroSight to work correctly.

Note: The SQLANY environment variable is used to contain the directory where Sybase SQL Anywhere is installed.

NOTE: It is recommended to install and use VibroSight on a computer that does not have the SIMATIC Step 7 software installed.

5.1.6 Microsoft Visual C++ Redistributable Package

The Microsoft Visual C++ Redistributable Package is required in order to install and register the Visual C++ libraries required by a VibroSight OPC Server.

If this package does not already exist on the computer, then the VibroSight installation wizard will install it automatically. (The package is included in the ISSetupPrerequisites folder on the VibroSight CD.)

NOTE: The Microsoft Visual C++ Redistributable Package is required since VibroSight 2.9.4, if VibroSight OPC Servers are being used.

The 32-bit version of the package ("vcredist_x86.exe") is installed on both 32-bit and 64-bit Windows operating systems, as the VibroSight OPC Server is a 32-bit application.

5.1.7 OPC Foundation OPC Core Components Redistributable

The OPC Core Components Redistributable is installed by VibroSight in order to configure and run VibroSight OPC Clients and VibroSight OPC Servers correctly: the redistributable must be installed on OPC client computers in order to allow connections to remote OPC servers and it must be installed on OPC server computers in order to allow OPC clients to browse for running OPC servers.

If this redistributable does not already exist on the computer, then the VibroSight installation wizard will install it automatically. (The redistributable is included in the ISSetupPrerequisites folder on the VibroSight CD.)

NOTE: The OPC Core Components Redistributable is required since VibroSight 2.9.4, if OPC clients or OPC servers are being used.

The 32-bit version of the package ("OPC Core Components Redistributable (x86)") is installed on 32-bit Windows operating systems and the 64-bit version of the package ("OPC Core Components Redistributable (x64)") is installed on 64-bit Windows operating systems.

The OPC Core Components Redistributable that is installed as part of the VibroSight software installation process requires that the Microsoft .NET Framework 2.0 is available on the computer. (However, since Microsoft .NET Framework 3.5 includes .NET Framework 2.0 and .NET Framework 3.0, installing Microsoft .NET Framework 3.5 Service Pack 1 is the recommended solution for most computers.) See also 5.1.2 Microsoft .NET Framework.

5.2 VM600 cards

5.2.1 Firmware

There are firmware updates for some VM600 cards corresponding to VibroSight 2.12.1.

NOTE: Starting with VibroSight 2.12.0, support for the existing VM600 CPUR card was deprecated.

The latest firmware for the XMC16, XMV16 and XMVS16 is now:

- Base System: base-system-640-003-001-011.tgz
- Applications: applications-640-010-001-011.tgz.

Therefore, for current versions of the VibroSight-compatible VM600 cards, firmware upgrades are required. See 6.4 Updating the VibroSight hardware.

Improvements to this latest XMx16 card firmware includes support for spectral data aggregation (see 2.1 VibroSight support for 1 s time-boxed peak-hold processing).

5.3 VibroSmart DMS devices

5.3.1 Firmware

There are firmware updates for the VibroSmart DMS modules and devices corresponding to VibroSight 2.12.1.

The latest firmware for the VSI010 module is now:

- 642-002-000-007.xmsifw.

The latest firmware for the VSN010 device is now:

- 642-004-000-009.redboxfw.

The latest firmware for the VSV300 module is now:

- 642-001-000-011.xtranfw.

Therefore, for current versions of the VibroSmart DMS modules and devices, firmware upgrades are required.

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| NOTE: | VibroSight 2.11.5 and earlier are not compatible with the latest versions of VibroSmart DMS device firmware. |
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6 Upgrade procedure

This section describes the procedure for upgrading a VibroSight system from a previous version. Perform the steps in the given sequence in order to complete a system upgrade.

NOTE: It is strongly recommended to verify the version of firmware running in the related hardware (XMx16 cards and VibroSmart DMS modules and devices) before starting a VibroSight system upgrade, in order to establish if any firmware updates are also required.
See 6.4.3 Updating the firmware using VibroSight System Manager.

NOTE: It is strongly recommended to ensure that a copy of the configuration for a VibroSmart DMS is available before updating the firmware of any of the VibroSmart DMS modules used in the DMS. See 6.4.3 Updating the firmware using VibroSight System Manager.

6.1 VibroSight software user settings

The VibroSight Software generates and uses some files on the hard disk of the computer running VibroSight to keep track of user-configurable settings, so that these settings are remembered and applied for the VibroSight installation.

These settings files have an `.xmssettings` file name extension and on a computer running Windows 7, can be found here:

C:\Users*username*\AppData\Roaming\Meggitt\VibroSight 2, where *username* is the Windows account name.

For example, the `VibroSightVision.xmssettings` file records the user-configurable default settings for VibroSight Vision, such as default settings for plots.

NOTE: VibroSight software updates and upgrades do not replace these settings files, so:

- For a computer on which VibroSight was previously installed, an update, upgrade or a re-installation of VibroSight will continue to use the previous defaults recorded in the `.xmssettings` files.
- For a computer on which VibroSight was not previously installed, the installation of VibroSight will generate and use new `.xmssettings` files, which use the latest VibroSight software defaults.

If a settings file is deleted for any reason, VibroSight will generate and use a new settings file, which uses the latest VibroSight software defaults.



6.2 Upgrading the VibroSight software

NOTE: Since VibroSight 2.9.6, VibroSight Server instance names are limited to 18 characters (previously, it was 27). So VibroSight installations with VibroSight Server instance names of more than 18 characters will experience problems with VibroSight 2.12.x until the existing VibroSight Server instance names (and any references to them) are manually edited to be 18 characters or less. See also 4.6 Length limitation of VibroSight Server instance names.




1. If it is not necessary for the VibroSight-based system to remain operational during the upgrade procedure, back up any important (required) VibroSight databases in the following way:
 - Exit all VibroSight software modules (clients and servers) – no VibroSight software modules, such as Vision, Configurator or Server, should be running.
 - Copy the files (*.vssrvdb, *.vssrvcfg and optionally, *.log) from the directory where your database files are located to another location, for example, to a specific backup directory.

NOTE: The default data (data path) directory is C:\VibroSight Data

Or if it is necessary for the VibroSight-based system to remain operational for as long as possible during the upgrade procedure, back up any important (required) VibroSight databases in the following way:

- Exit all VibroSight software modules (clients) – no VibroSight software modules, such as Vision or Configurator, should be running.
- Start VibroSight System Manager and use the database  **Backup** tool from VibroSight System Manager's  **Database** tools, and follow the instructions presented by the Database Backup Wizard.

NOTE: It is necessary to be logged in to System Manager as 'Admin' in order to have the user rights to access the database tools:

Select your  VibroSight Host (computer) in the System Explorer tree structure and click  **Login** (from VibroSight System Manager's  **Access Rights** tools).


Refer also to the *Backing up a database* topic in the  *VibroSight help*.

2. Make backup copies of any important (required) VibroSight Vision projects in the following way:

- Create an archive file (for example, *.zip) containing all of the files (*.xml and *.xmsproj) in the directory where your project files are located.


NOTE: The default project directory is:
 C:\Documents and settings\username\My Documents
 \VibroSight\Projects

3. Ensure that no VibroSight software modules are running.

4. Remove the currently installed version of the VibroSight software (for example,  VibroSight Standard Edition) using Windows Add or Remove Programs, in one of the following ways:

- Click **Start > Settings > Control Panel** and then double-click **Add or Remove Programs**.
- Or click **Start**, click **Control Panel** and then double-click **Add or Remove Programs**.

5. Install the latest version of the VibroSight software by inserting the VibroSight CD into the CD/DVD drive of the computer and follow the instructions presented by the VibroSight installation wizard.

NOTE: Refer to the  *Getting started with VibroSight* installation guide for detailed information on installing the VibroSight software – including prerequisites and compatibility.

6. Restart VibroSight Server and ensure that the required communications are enabled. For example, enable card and module device drivers according to the hardware in the system:

- For example, click **Data > Acquisition > XMC16/XMV16 Card Driver** or **Data > Acquisition > VibroSmart Module Driver**.



7. Restart VibroSight Vision and ensure that live data is being received from the hardware and displayed in Vision.

8. The VibroSight system is now up and running.




6.2.1 Updating the internal structure of a VibroSight database

When VibroSight Server is started, it checks the status of the database and will automatically inform the user if any internal structures of the database need to be updated before proceeding.

1. Update a VibroSight database in the following way:

- Start VibroSight System Manager and use the database  **Update** tool from VibroSight System Manager's  **Database** tools, and follow the instructions presented by the Database Update Wizard.

NOTE: It is necessary to be logged in to System Manager as 'Admin' in order to have the user rights to access the database tools:

Select your  VibroSight Host (computer) in the System Explorer tree structure and click  **Login** (from VibroSight System Manager's  **Access Rights** tools).

Refer also to the *Updating a database* topic in the  *VibroSight help*.

6.3 Upgrading the Sybase SQL Anywhere 11 software

VibroSight software is compatible (and extensively tested) with Sybase SQL Anywhere versions 11.0.0 and 11.0.1.

However, with the release of SQL Anywhere version 11.0.1.2867, Sybase has fixed some previously known memory issues. Therefore, it is **mandatory** to upgrade all VibroSight systems to this version of SQL Anywhere 11.


Determine the version of the SQL Anywhere 11 database engine installed on a computer in the following way:

1. From the Start menu, click **Start > All Programs > SQL Anywhere 11 > Sybase Central**.

The Sybase Central window appears. Sybase Central is a GUI-based management tool for Sybase products.

2. Click **Help > About Sybase Central**.

The About Sybase Central windows appears, displaying the version information for SQL Anywhere 11 (and any other installed Sybase products).

NOTE: Refer also to the *Determining the version of SQL Anywhere 11 installed on a computer* topic in the  *VibroSight help*.


If SQL Anywhere 11 version 11.0.0 is installed on the computer, it is necessary to first remove version 11.0.0, then install version 11.0.1 from the Sybase CD.

If SQL Anywhere 11 version 11.0.1 is installed on the computer, simply update to version 11.0.1.2867 by running the software update (patch) included on the Sybase CD.


When SQL Anywhere 11 software version 11.0.0 is installed on the computer:

NOTE: Do not use the SQL Anywhere 11.0.1 setup to upgrade directly to software version 11.0.1 from software version 11.0.0. Instead, it is necessary to upgrade the Sybase database software as follows:

1. Remove SQL Anywhere 11.0.0, using the Windows Add or Remove Programs tool.
2. Install SQL Anywhere 11.0.1, using the Sybase SQL Anywhere 11.0.1 CD.

Refer also to the  *Getting started with VibroSight* installation guide for information on installing the Sybase software.

1. Exit all VibroSight software modules (clients and servers) – no VibroSight software modules, such as Vision, Configurator or Server, should be running – as this also stops the SQL Anywhere 11 database engine.

The  lightning icon that appears in the notification area (at the far right of the task bar) to indicate that a Sybase database engine is running should no longer be shown.

2. Remove the currently installed version of Sybase SQL Anywhere 11 using Windows Add or Remove Programs, in one of the following ways:

- Click **Start > Settings > Control Panel**, then double-click **Add or Remove Programs**
- Or click **Start**, click **Control Panel** and then double-click **Add or Remove Programs**.

And remove  SQL Anywhere 11.

3. Restart the computer.
4. Install Sybase SQL Anywhere VibroSight 11.0.1.2044 by inserting the Sybase CD into the CD/DVD drive of the computer and following the instructions presented by the SQL Anywhere 11 installation wizard.
5. Restart the computer.

Without this final computer restart, VibroSight Server may not be able to start the SQL Anywhere 11 database engine.

When SQL Anywhere 11 software version 11.0.1 is installed on the computer:

1. Update to Sybase SQL Anywhere VibroSight 11.0.1.2867 by inserting the Sybase CD into the CD/DVD drive of the computer, running the *SA11_Full_Win32+x64.1101_2867_EBF.exe* software update (patch) and following the instructions presented by the SQL Anywhere 11 installation wizard.
2. Restart the computer.

6.4 Updating the VibroSight hardware

Appropriate files and tools are included in the installation package to allow VM600 cards (XMx16) and VibroSmart DMS devices (VSI010, VSN010 and VSV300) to be updated to the latest firmware, in order to take advantage of improvements to the VibroSight software.

Updating the firmware VM600 cards or VibroSmart DMS devices is a special task that can, if used unintentionally or incorrectly, lead to malfunctioning of the device and affect proper function of data acquisition.

During the firmware update of a device, the card or module being updated cannot provide its normal machinery monitoring functions because its outputs (alarms and relays) can go to undetermined states, irrespective of how they have been configured.

For VibroSmart DMS modules, the machinery being monitored is not protected for the duration of a firmware update and the restart (reboot) that is triggered automatically after the firmware update (which can take up to 5 minutes).

NOTE: It is highly recommended that firmware updates are only performed in accordance with the operating procedures for the machinery being monitored and that appropriate precautions are taken at the control system level (such as DCS or PLC).

For example, alarms and relay outputs should be ignored (bypassed or inhibited) in order to avoid false trips of the machinery being monitored.

6.4.1 VM600 card firmware

The latest VM600 card firmware files are copied to a directory on your computer as part of the VibroSight software installation process.

NOTE: For example, the default firmware directory for VM600 cards is:

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C:\Program Files\Meggitt\VibroSight 2\Firmware\VM600
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The firmware files for a VM600 card can be found in the appropriate subfolder and identified by their .tgz file name extension. For example, the `XMV16` subfolder contains the applications and base system firmware for use by XMV16 cards. Any additional firmware updates received from Meggitt Sensing Systems should also be stored in these directories.

Table 1 shows the compatibility between VibroSight software and VM600 XMx16 card hardware (that is, XMC16, XMV16 and XMVS16 card pair firmware).

NOTE: It is strongly recommended to use the most recent version of the VM600 XMx16 card firmware that is compatible with the version of VibroSight software being used.

Table 1: VibroSight software and VM600 XMx16 card firmware compatibility

| | VM600 XMx16 firmware (see note 1) | | | | | |
|--|-----------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| VibroSight software version CD part number | Base-system (*.tgz) | | | | | |
| | 640-003-001-007 | 640-003-001-008 | 640-003-001-009 | 640-003-001-010 | 640-003-001-011 | |
| | Applications (*.tgz) | | | | | |
| | 640-010-001-006 | 640-010-001-007 | 640-010-001-008 | 640-010-001-009 | 640-010-001-010 | 640-010-001-011 |
| 2.9.6 609-004-000-016 | ✓ | | | | | |
| 2.9.7 609-004-000-017 | | ✓ See note 2 | | | | |
| 2.10.0 609-004-000-018 | | ✓ | | | | |
| 2.10.1 609-004-000-019 | | ✓ | | | | |
| 2.11.0 609-004-000-020 | | ✓ | ✓ See notes 2 and 3 | | | |
| 2.11.1 609-004-000-021 | | | | ✓ See note 4 | | |
| 2.11.2 609-004-000-022 | | | | ✓ | | |
| 2.11.3 609-004-000-023 | | | | ✓ | | |
| 2.11.4 609-004-000-024 | | | | ✓ | | |
| 2.11.5 609-004-000-025 | | | | ✓ | | |
| 2.11.6 609-004-000-026 | | | | ✓ | | |
| 2.12.0 609-004-000-027 | | | | | ✓ See note 5 | |
| 2.12.1 609-004-000-028 | | | | | | ✓ See note 6 |

Notes for Table 1 (see the next page)

Notes for Table 1

1. VM600 XMx16 card firmware is packaged and distributed as a .tgz file (a compressed archive file format) with PNRs such as 640-003-001-xxx for the Base System and 640-010-001-xxx for the (Applications) Firmware. In these PNRs, the xxx-xxx-001-xxx denotes the firmware is packaged in the tgz file format.

After the .tgz file is unpacked by VibroSight System Manager and the firmware is uploaded to a VM600 XMx16 card, the dialog box displayed by the VibroSight System Manager's Change Firmware command shows the current version of firmware using PNRs such as 640-010-000-xxx for the Firmware and 640-003-000-xxx for the Base System, which correspond to the actual unpacked firmware that is running on the card.

2. Updating to these versions of VM600 XMx16 card firmware requires a two-step process:

- (i) VibroSight System Manager's Change Firmware command should be used to update the base-system firmware (640-003-001-00*.tgz) only.
- (ii) Then the Change Firmware command should be used again to update the applications firmware (640-010-001-00*.tgz) only.

3. This version of VM600 XMx16 card firmware introduces support for the direct measurement mode that is used to acquire direct data (digitised waveform) before an event.

4. This version of VM600 XMx16 card firmware introduces support for the operation of a VibroSight system without an NTP server (NTP-free).

5. This version of VM600 XMx16 card firmware introduces support for hydro air-gap monitoring.

6. This version of VM600 XMx16 card firmware introduces support for 1 s time-boxed peak-hold processing (that is, spectral data aggregation).

6.4.2 VibroSmart DMS device firmware

The latest VibroSmart DMS device firmware files are copied to a directory on your computer as part of the VibroSight software installation process.

NOTE: The default firmware directory for VibroSmart DMS devices is:
`C:\Program Files\Meggitt\VibroSight 2\Firmware\VibroSmart`

The firmware files for a VibroSmart DMS device can be found in the appropriate subfolder and identified by their *.fw file name extension. For example, the `VSV300` subfolder contains the firmware for use by VSV300 modules. Any additional firmware updates received from Meggitt Sensing Systems should also be stored in these directories.

Table 2 shows the compatibility between VibroSight software and the VibroSmart VSI010 module firmware.

Table 3 shows the compatibility between VibroSight software and the VibroSmart VSN010 device firmware.

Table 4 shows the compatibility between VibroSight software and the VibroSmart VSV300 module firmware.

NOTE: It is strongly recommended to use the most recent version of the VibroSmart DMS firmware that is compatible with the version of VibroSight software being used.

Table 2: VibroSight software and VibroSmart VSI010 module firmware compatibility

| VibroSight software version CD part number | VibroSmart VSI010 firmware (see note 1) | | | | |
|---|---|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| | 642-002-001-002.xmsifw | 642-002-001-004.xmsifw | 642-002-001-005.xmsifw | 642-002-000-006.xmsifw | 642-002-000-007.xmsifw |
| 2.9.7 609-004-000-017 | ✓ | | | | |
| 2.10.0 609-004-000-018 | ✓ | | | | |
| 2.10.1 609-004-000-019 | See note 2 | | | | |
| 2.11.0 609-004-000-020 | | | | | |
| 2.11.1 609-004-000-021 | | | | | |
| 2.11.2 609-004-000-022 | | ✓ See note 3 | | | |
| 2.11.3 609-004-000-023 | | ✓ | | | |
| 2.11.4 609-004-000-024 | | | ✓ | | |
| 2.11.5 609-004-000-025 | | | ✓ | | |
| 2.11.6 609-004-000-026 | | | | ✓ See note 4 | |
| 2.12.0 609-004-000-027 | | | | ✓ | |
| 2.12.1 609-004-000-028 | | | | | ✓ See note 4 |

Notes for Table 2

1. VibroSmart VSI010 module firmware is distributed as a single *.xmsifw* file (a proprietary file format) with a PNR such as 642-xxx-000-xxx. In these PNRs, the xxx-xxx-000-xxx denotes that the firmware is not packaged (compressed or archived). VibroSight System Manager always uses and displays information about VibroSmart DMS device firmware using PNRs such as 642-xxx-000-xxx, which correspond to the actual firmware that is running on the device.

2. VibroSight 2.10.1, 2.11.0 and 2.11.1 included features that were activated in order to ensure compatibility with development versions of VibroSmart DMS device firmware. However, only the later versions of each should now be used, that is, VibroSight 2.12.1 and the VSI010 642-002-000-007 firmware.

3. Updating to this version of VibroSmart VSI010 firmware requires a two-step process:

- (i) All VSI010 devices in the DMS should be upgraded to the latest *.xmsifw* firmware and all VSV300 devices in the DMS should be upgraded to the latest *.xtranfw* firmware.

Note: It is necessary to wait until these VibroSmart DMS modules have automatically restarted after the firmware update before continuing, that is, for up to 10 minutes (up to 5 minutes for the firmware update and up to 5 minutes for the duration of the restart (reboot)).

- (ii) Then all VSN010 devices in the DMS should be upgraded to the latest *.redboxfw* firmware.

As this version of VibroSmart DMS device firmware enables the rapid spanning tree protocol (RSTP), this sequence is necessary in order to avoid broadcast storms on the network.

4. Updating to this version of VibroSmart VSI010 firmware requires a specific process:

Notes:

For a VibroSmart DMS consisting of different types of device, the devices should be updated in the following order: first VSN010 real-time Ethernet switches, then VSV300 vibration monitoring modules and finally VSI010 communications interface modules. In addition, VibroSight System Manager should be exited (closed) and restarted after updating the firmware for each type of device, before continuing. And after updating the firmware, the configuration on the VibroSmart DMS devices should be re-activated and the VibroSmart DMS devices should be restarted.

Procedure:

(1) Ensure that a copy of the configuration for the VibroSmart DMS is available before updating any device firmware. For example, using the currently installed version of VibroSight (that is, before any updates to the VibroSight software corresponding to updates to VibroSmart DMS devices), VibroSight Configurator can be used to obtain a copy of the configuration as follows:

- For a VibroSmart DMS using a VibroSight Server, the **File > Open > Server / Database** command can be used to read the configuration from the VibroSight Server.
- For a VibroSmart DMS not using a VibroSight Server (that is, a “stand-alone” VibroSmart DMS), the **File > Open > Device** command can be used to read the configuration directly from the VibroSmart DMS modules.

Then the **File > Save As > File** command can be used to store a copy of the configuration for the VibroSmart DMS.

(2) Start VibroSight System Manager, select the device or devices of the same type to be updated (for example, VSI010 modules) and run the Change Firmware command.

When updating multiple VibroSmart DMS devices of the same type to use the same firmware, CTRL+click or SHIFT+click can be used to select multiple devices in the Devices tree structure of the System Explorer window. This way, when the Change Firmware command is run, all of devices that were selected will be updated at the same time. Otherwise, each device must be selected and updated individually.

(3) When the VibroSmart Module(s) Firmware Upgrade window displays a “Firmware upgrade terminated. The firmware has been upgraded successfully ...” message, click the **Finish** button to continue.

If after 10 minutes, the VibroSmart Module(s) Firmware Upgrade window does not display a successful message, click the **Cancel** button to close the window and continue.

Then exit (close) VibroSight System Manager.

(4) Restart VibroSight System Manager and verify that the correct version of firmware is reported for each device that was updated. (When a device is selected in the System Explorer window, this information is available in the main window (centre) under Module PNR. It is also available in the VibroSmart Module(s) Firmware Upgrade window when a device is selected and the Change Firmware command is run).

If a device does not report the correct version of firmware, rerun the Change Firmware command for this device.

Then exit (close) VibroSight System Manager.

(5) Repeat steps (2), (3) and (4) for each type of device to be updated (for example, VSN010 and VSV300 modules).

(6) Start VibroSight Configurator, open the configuration for the VibroSmart DMS (see step (1)), then activate the configuration.

(If required, VibroSight Configurator will automatically update the configuration to the latest version and inform the user.)

Then exit (close) VibroSight Configurator.

(7) Turn the power supply to the VibroSmart DMS off and wait for a few seconds. Then turn the power supply back on and verify that the system operates as expected.

During this firmware update process, the behaviour of the LEDs on the front panel of the VibroSmart DMS devices can be inconsistent and should be ignored. Normal LED behaviour resumes after the firmware update is complete (after step (7)).

Table 3: VibroSight software and VibroSmart VSN010 device firmware compatibility

| | VibroSmart VSN010 firmware (see note 1) | | | | | |
|---|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| VibroSight software version CD part number | 642-004-001-003.redboxfw | 642-004-001-005.redboxfw | 642-004-001-006.redboxfw | 642-004-001-007.redboxfw | 642-004-000-008.redboxfw | 642-004-000-009.redboxfw |
| 2.9.7 609-004-000-017 | ✓ | | | | | |
| 2.10.0 609-004-000-018 | ✓ | | | | | |
| 2.10.1 609-004-000-019 | See note 2 | | | | | |
| 2.11.0 609-004-000-020 | | | | | | |
| 2.11.1 609-004-000-021 | | | | | | |
| 2.11.2 609-004-000-022 | | | ✓ See note 3 | | | |
| 2.11.3 609-004-000-023 | | | ✓ | | | |
| 2.11.4 609-004-000-024 | | | | ✓ | | |
| 2.11.5 609-004-000-025 | | | | ✓ | | |
| 2.11.6 609-004-000-026 | | | | | ✓ See note 4 | |
| 2.12.0 609-004-000-027 | | | | | ✓ | |
| 2.12.1 609-004-000-028 | | | | | | ✓ See note 4 |

Notes for Table 3

1. VibroSmart VSN010 device firmware is distributed as a single *.redboxfw* file (a proprietary file format) with a PNR such as 642-xxx-000-xxx. In these PNRs, the xxx-xxx-000-xxx denotes that the firmware is not packaged (compressed or archived). VibroSight System Manager always uses and displays information about VibroSmart DMS device firmware using PNRs such as 642-xxx-000-xxx, which correspond to the actual firmware that is running on the device.

2. VibroSight 2.10.1, 2.11.0 and 2.11.1 included features that were activated in order to ensure compatibility with development versions of VibroSmart DMS device firmware. However, only the later versions of each should now be used, that is, VibroSight 2.12.1 and the VSN010 642-004-000-009 firmware.

3. Updating to this version of VibroSmart VSN010 firmware requires a two-step process:

- (i) All VSI010 devices in the DMS should be upgraded to the latest *.xmsifw* firmware and all VSV300 devices in the DMS should be upgraded to the latest *.xtranfw* firmware.

Note: It is necessary to wait until these VibroSmart DMS modules have automatically restarted after the firmware update before continuing, that is, for up to 10 minutes (up to 5 minutes for the firmware update and up to 5 minutes for the duration of the restart (reboot)).

- (ii) Then all VSN010 devices in the DMS should be upgraded to the latest *.redboxfw* firmware.

As this version of VibroSmart DMS device firmware enables the rapid spanning tree protocol (RSTP), this sequence is necessary in order to avoid broadcast storms on the network.

4. Updating to this version of VibroSmart VSN010 firmware requires a specific process:

Notes:

For a VibroSmart DMS consisting of different types of device, the devices should be updated in the following order: first VSN010 real-time Ethernet switches, then VSV300 vibration monitoring modules and finally VSI010 communications interface modules. In addition, VibroSight System Manager should be exited (closed) and restarted after updating the firmware for each type of device, before continuing. And after updating the firmware, the configuration on the VibroSmart DMS devices should be re-activated and the VibroSmart DMS devices should be restarted.

Procedure:

(1) Ensure that a copy of the configuration for the VibroSmart DMS is available before updating any device firmware. For example, using the currently installed version of VibroSight (that is, before any updates to the VibroSight software corresponding to updates to VibroSmart DMS devices), VibroSight Configurator can be used to obtain a copy of the configuration as follows:

- For a VibroSmart DMS using a VibroSight Server, the **File > Open > Server / Database** command can be used to read the configuration from the VibroSight Server.
- For a VibroSmart DMS not using a VibroSight Server (that is, a “stand-alone” VibroSmart DMS), the **File > Open > Device** command can be used to read the configuration directly from the VibroSmart DMS modules.

Then the **File > Save As > File** command can be used to store a copy of the configuration for the VibroSmart DMS.

(2) Start VibroSight System Manager, select the device or devices of the same type to be updated (for example, VSN010 modules) and run the Change Firmware command.

When updating multiple VibroSmart DMS devices of the same type to use the same firmware, CTRL+click or SHIFT+click can be used to select multiple devices in the Devices tree structure of the System Explorer window. This way, when the Change Firmware command is run, all of devices that were selected will be updated at the same time. Otherwise, each device must be selected and updated individually.

(3) When the VibroSmart Module(s) Firmware Upgrade window displays a “Firmware upgrade terminated. The firmware has been upgraded successfully ...” message, click the **Finish** button to continue.

If after 10 minutes, the VibroSmart Module(s) Firmware Upgrade window does not display a successful message, click the **Cancel** button to close the window and continue.

Then exit (close) VibroSight System Manager.

(4) Restart VibroSight System Manager and verify that the correct version of firmware is reported for each device that was updated. (When a device is selected in the System Explorer window, this information is available in the main window (centre) under Module PNR. It is also available in the VibroSmart Module(s) Firmware Upgrade window when a device is selected and

the Change Firmware command is run).

If a device does not report the correct version of firmware, rerun the Change Firmware command for this device.

Then exit (close) VibroSight System Manager.

(5) Repeat steps (2), (3) and (4) for each type of device to be updated (for example, VSI010 and VSV300 modules).

(6) Start VibroSight Configurator, open the configuration for the VibroSmart DMS (see step (1)), then activate the configuration.

(If required, VibroSight Configurator will automatically update the configuration to the latest version and inform the user.)

Then exit (close) VibroSight Configurator.

(7) Turn the power supply to the VibroSmart DMS off and wait for a few seconds. Then turn the power supply back on and verify that the system operates as expected.

During this firmware update process, the behaviour of the LEDs on the front panel of the VibroSmart DMS devices can be inconsistent and should be ignored. Normal LED behaviour resumes after the firmware update is complete (after step (7)).

Table 4: VibroSight software and VibroSmart VSV300 module firmware compatibility

| VibroSight software version CD part number | VibroSmart VSV300 firmware (see note 1) | | | | | |
|---|---|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| | 642-001-001-006.xtranfw | 642-001-001-007.xtranfw | 642-001-001-008.xtranfw | 642-001-001-009.xtranfw | 642-001-000-010.xtranfw | 642-001-000-011.xtranfw |
| 2.10.1 609-004-000-019 | See note 2 | | | | | |
| 2.11.0 609-004-000-020 | | | | | | |
| 2.11.1 609-004-000-021 | | | | | | |
| 2.11.2 609-004-000-022 | | ✓ See note 3 | ✓ See note 3 | | | |
| 2.11.3 609-004-000-023 | | | ✓ | | | |
| 2.11.4 609-004-000-024 | | | | ✓ | | |
| 2.11.5 609-004-000-025 | | | | ✓ | | |
| 2.11.6 609-004-000-026 | | | | | ✓ See note 4 | |
| 2.12.0 609-004-000-027 | | | | | ✓ | |
| 2.12.1 609-004-000-028 | | | | | | ✓ See note 4 |

Notes for Table 4

1. VibroSmart VSV300 device firmware is distributed as a single .xtranfw file (a proprietary file format) with a PNR such as 642-xxx-000-xxx. In these PNRs, the xxx-xxx-000-xxx denotes that the firmware is not packaged (compressed or archived). VibroSight System Manager always uses and displays information about VibroSmart DMS device firmware using PNRs such as 642-xxx-000-xxx, which correspond to the actual firmware that is running on the device.

2. VibroSight 2.10.1, 2.11.0 and 2.11.1 included features that were activated in order to ensure compatibility with development versions of VibroSmart DMS device firmware. However, only the later versions of each should now be used, that is, VibroSight 2.12.1 and the VSV300 642-001-000-011 firmware.

3. Updating to these versions of VibroSmart VSV300 firmware requires a two-step process:

- (i) All VSI010 devices in the DMS should be upgraded to the latest .xmsifw firmware and all VSV300 devices in the DMS should be upgraded to the latest .xtranfw firmware.

Note: It is necessary to wait until these VibroSmart DMS modules have automatically restarted after the firmware update before continuing, that is, for up to 10 minutes (up to 5 minutes for the firmware update and up to 5 minutes for the duration of the restart (reboot)).

- (ii) Then all VSN010 devices in the DMS should be upgraded to the latest .redboxfw firmware.

As these versions of VibroSmart DMS device firmware enable the rapid spanning tree protocol (RSTP), this sequence is necessary in order to avoid broadcast storms on the network.

4. Updating to this version of VibroSmart VSV300 firmware requires a specific process:

Notes:

For a VibroSmart DMS consisting of different types of device, the devices should be updated in the following order: first VSN010 real-time Ethernet switches, then VSV300 vibration monitoring modules and finally VSI010 communications interface modules. In addition, VibroSight System Manager should be exited (closed) and restarted after updating the firmware for each type of device, before continuing. And after updating the firmware, the configuration on the VibroSmart DMS devices should be re-activated and the VibroSmart DMS devices should be restarted.

Procedure:

(1) Ensure that a copy of the configuration for the VibroSmart DMS is available before updating any device firmware. For example, using the currently installed version of VibroSight (that is, before any updates to the VibroSight software corresponding to updates to VibroSmart DMS devices), VibroSight Configurator can be used to obtain a copy of the configuration as follows:

- For a VibroSmart DMS using a VibroSight Server, the **File > Open > Server / Database** command can be used to read the configuration from the VibroSight Server.
- For a VibroSmart DMS not using a VibroSight Server (that is, a “stand-alone” VibroSmart DMS), the **File > Open > Device** command can be used to read the configuration directly from the VibroSmart DMS modules.

Then the **File > Save As > File** command can be used to store a copy of the configuration for the VibroSmart DMS.

(2) Start VibroSight System Manager, select the device or devices of the same type to be updated (for example, VSV300 modules) and run the Change Firmware command.

When updating multiple VibroSmart DMS devices of the same type to use the same firmware, CTRL+click or SHIFT+click can be used to select multiple devices in the Devices tree structure of the System Explorer window. This way, when the Change Firmware command is run, all of devices that were selected will be updated at the same time. Otherwise, each device must be selected and updated individually.

(3) When the VibroSmart Module(s) Firmware Upgrade window displays a “Firmware upgrade terminated. The firmware has been upgraded successfully ...” message, click the **Finish** button to continue.

If after 10 minutes, the VibroSmart Module(s) Firmware Upgrade window does not display a successful message, click the **Cancel** button to close the window and continue.

Then exit (close) VibroSight System Manager.

(4) Restart VibroSight System Manager and verify that the correct version of firmware is reported for each device that was updated. (When a device is selected in the System Explorer window, this information is available in the main window (centre) under Module PNR. It is also available in the VibroSmart Module(s) Firmware Upgrade window when a device is selected and the Change Firmware command is run).

If a device does not report the correct version of firmware, rerun the Change Firmware command for this device.

Then exit (close) VibroSight System Manager.

(5) Repeat steps (2), (3) and (4) for each type of device to be updated (for example, VSI010 and VSN010 modules).

(6) Start VibroSight Configurator, open the configuration for the VibroSmart DMS (see step (1)), then activate the configuration. (If required, VibroSight Configurator will automatically update the configuration to the latest version and inform the user.) Then exit (close) VibroSight Configurator.

(7) Turn the power supply to the VibroSmart DMS off and wait for a few seconds. Then turn the power supply back on and verify that the system operates as expected.

During this firmware update process, the behaviour of the LEDs on the front panel of the VibroSmart DMS devices can be inconsistent and should be ignored. Normal LED behaviour resumes after the firmware update is complete (after step (7)).

6.4.3 Updating the firmware using VibroSight System Manager

When performing VibroSight software upgrades, it is strongly recommended to systematically upgrade the firmware of VM600 XMx16 cards and VibroSmart DMS devices to the latest compatible version.

Failure to perform a necessary VibroSight-compatible VM600 card firmware update may lead to incoherent system behaviour and affect the proper functioning of data acquisition in a system. It is only in systems where the firmware running on the XMx16 cards and VibroSmart DMS devices already corresponds to the latest available version that no firmware update is required. Therefore, it is strongly recommended to verify the version of firmware running on the hardware before starting a VibroSight system upgrade, in order to establish if a firmware update is also required.

NOTE: Changing the firmware of the VibroSight hardware is a special administrative task that can – if performed unintentionally – affect the proper functioning of data acquisition in a system.

It is therefore strongly recommended to change the firmware of the VibroSight hardware only when it is necessary. For example, when the devices must be updated to be compatible with a VibroSight software upgrade.

For VibroSmart DMS modules, each module can be selected and its firmware updated individually. Alternatively, multiple modules of the same type (for example, VSV3x0) can be updated to the same version of firmware at the same time.


NOTE: It is strongly recommended to ensure that a copy of the configuration for a VibroSmart DMS is available before updating the firmware of any of the VibroSmart DMS modules used in the DMS.

For example, using the currently installed version of VibroSight (that is, before any updates to the VibroSight software corresponding to updates to VibroSmart DMS modules), VibroSight Configurator should be used to obtain a copy of the configuration as follows:

For a VibroSmart DMS using a VibroSight Server, the **File > Open > Server / Database** command can be used to read the configuration from the VibroSight Server.

For a VibroSmart DMS not using a VibroSight Server (that is, a “stand-alone” VibroSmart DMS), the **File > Open > Device** command can be used to read the configuration directly from the VibroSmart DMS modules.

Then the **File > Save As > File** command should be used to store a copy of the configuration for the VibroSmart DMS.

Update the firmware on a VibroSight device using the  **Change Firmware** tool (from VibroSight System Manager's **Maintenance** tools):

1. Ensure that the computer running the VibroSight software is on the same network as the hardware (XMx16 card or VibroSmart DMS module or device) to be updated.

2. Start VibroSight System Manager and navigate to the Devices tree structure in the System Explorer window.

The Devices tree lists all of the VibroSight compatible hardware that VibroSight can see on the network. If there are no XMx16 cards or VibroSmart DMS devices in the tree structure or some cards are missing, verify your network connections.

3. Select the card or device that requires its firmware to be changed.

The Actions tool window updates to show the available tools.

To change multiple VibroSmart DMS to use the same version of firmware at the same time, use CTRL+click or SHIFT+click to select multiple devices from the Devices tree-view. (Then, when the Change Firmware command is run, all of the devices that were selected will be updated at the same time.)

4. Click  **Change Firmware** in the Maintenance tools group of the Actions window.

The Change Firmware dialog box appears.

5. Click the **Add** button and select the new firmware files for the card or new firmware file for the device.

NOTE: The Change Firmware dialog box automatically opens the firmware folder corresponding to the VibroSight-compatible VM600 card or VibroSmart DMS device selected.


.tgz files are for VM600 cards and *.fw files are for VibroSmart DMS devices.

6. Click the **Finish** button to start the firmware upgrade process.


For XMx16 cards and VibroSmart DMS devices, the firmware upgrade process can take up to 5 minutes, during which:


- The IP address beside the device's serial number in the Devices tree structure can disappear.
- The LEDs on the front panel of the device can change to reflect the status of the upgrade.

7. Repeat steps 3 to 6 for each device that requires a firmware update.

NOTE: Although the firmware for each VibroSight device must be changed individually using the  **Change Firmware** tool, as each device updates its firmware independently of the VibroSight software (once the process has started), firmware updates can be performed on several devices in parallel.

8. After the firmware upgrade, verify that the VibroSight system is acquiring data from the cards.

NOTE: Refer also to the *Changing the firmware* topics in the  *VibroSight* help.

The  **Change Firmware** tool can be used to load a VibroSight device with any version of firmware. It is therefore possible to change a device's firmware to any previously available version, as well as the latest update.

This feature can be useful in certain situations, for example, swapping spare VibroSight hardware between different VM600 racks or VibroSmart DMSs, where systems are operating with different versions of VibroSight.

6.5 Final checks

After upgrading the VibroSight software, the following checks are recommended to ensure that VibroSight has not been inadvertently modified and that it continues to operate as expected:

- Use VibroSight Configurator to run a consistency check on the configuration in order to ensure that the configuration has not been modified by any changes to the VibroSight software, internal database structure and firmware for the hardware (VM600 cards and VibroSmart DMS modules).
- Use the VibroSight Server window to check that the data acquisition, data post-processing and data logging settings are as expected. (Click **Data > Acquisition**, **Data > Post-processing** and **Data > Logging** and disable/enable the drivers, processing managers and logging as required.)

7 Customer support

7.1 Contacting us

Meggitt Sensing Systems worldwide customer support network offers a range of support including Technical support and Sales and repairs support. For customer support, please contact your local Meggitt Sensing Systems representative. Alternatively, contact our main office:

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7.2 Technical support

Meggitt Sensing Systems technical support team provide both pre-sales and post-sales technical support, including:

- General advice
- Technical advice
- Troubleshooting
- Site visits.

7.3 Sales and repairs support

Meggitt Sensing Systems sales team provide both pre-sales and post-sales support, including advice on:

- New products
- Spare parts
- Repairs.

Appendix

VibroSight software and Windows operating system compatibility

| | Windows XP and Windows Server 2003 R2 | Windows Vista and Windows Server 2008 | Windows 7 and Windows Server 2008 R2 | Windows 8 and Windows Server 2012 |
|--|--|--|---|--------------------------------------|
| VibroSight software compatible? | Yes, but not recommended for new installations as Microsoft support for Windows XP SP3 ended on 08 June 2014 | Yes, but not recommended. Windows Server 2008 R8 should be used instead of Windows Server 2008 | Yes – recommended for new installations | To be announced |

Microsoft .NET Framework versions pre-installed on Windows operating systems

| | Windows XP and Windows Server 2003 R2 | Windows Vista and Windows Server 2008 | Windows 7 and Windows Server 2008 R2 | Windows 8 and Windows Server 2012 |
|---|---|--|---|--------------------------------------|
| Microsoft .NET Framework pre-installed on Windows operating system | None on XP. .NET Framework 2.0 on Server 2003 R2 | .NET Framework 3.0 | .NET Framework 3.0 SP1 | .NET Framework 4.5 |

VibroSight software's Microsoft .NET Framework requirements

| VibroSight software version | Windows XP and Windows Server 2003 R2 | Windows Vista and Windows Server 2008 | Windows 7 and Windows Server 2008 R2 | Windows 8 and Windows Server 2012 |
|-----------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| VibroSight 2.9.1 or earlier | .NET Framework 3.5 SP1 | .NET Framework 3.5 SP1 | .NET Framework 3.5 SP1 | .NET Framework 3.5 SP1 |
| VibroSight 2.9.2 and 2.9.3 | .NET Framework 4 | .NET Framework 4 | .NET Framework 4 | .NET Framework 4 |
| VibroSight 2.9.4 or later | .NET Framework 4 | .NET Framework 4.5 | .NET Framework 4.5 | .NET Framework 4.5 |
| VibroSight 2.12.0 or later | .NET Framework 4 and .NET Framework 2.0 <small>See note</small> | .NET Framework 4.5 and .NET Framework 2.0 <small>See note</small> | .NET Framework 4.5 and .NET Framework 2.0 <small>See note</small> | .NET Framework 4.5 and .NET Framework 2.0 <small>See note</small> |

Note: Since Microsoft .NET Framework 3.5 includes .NET Framework 2.0 and .NET Framework 3.0, installing Microsoft .NET Framework 3.5 SP1 is the recommended solution for most computers (rather than installing Microsoft .NET Framework 2.0).