

# FMC003 GSM Operators settings

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### Operator lists

FMC003 can work in different modes (use different settings) according to the operator list defined. Operator list is used for Data Acquisition mode switching (see [Data acquisition settings](#) section for more details). Modes are changed based on the GSM operator FMC003 is connected to.

The screenshot displays the 'GSM Settings' configuration page. On the left is a vertical sidebar menu with options: Security, System, GPRS, Data Acquisition, SMS \ Call Settings, GSM Operators (highlighted), Features, Accelerometer Features, Auto Geofence, Manual Geofence, Trip \ Odometer, Bluetooth, Bluetooth 4.0, Beacon List, 1-Wire, I/O, OBD II, CAN Adapter, and RS232 \ RS485. The main area shows two side-by-side tables. The 'Roaming Operator List' table has 20 rows, each with a number from 1 to 20 and a dropdown menu. Below it are 'Import CSV' and 'Export CSV' buttons. The 'Operator Black List' table also has 20 rows with numbers 1-20 and dropdown menus, with similar 'Import CSV' and 'Export CSV' buttons below it. A mouse cursor is visible over the right table. At the bottom of the page is a blue footer bar containing social media icons and a gear icon.

**Configuring device roaming and blacklist operators is recommended to optimize device performance by mitigating additional latency.**

If the roaming operator list is left empty, FMC003 will automatically detect the home operator. If the home operator is written to the roaming operator list, it will still be detected as a home operator. Any operator not in the roaming operator list (except the home operator) will be recognized as an unknown operator and FMC003 will work in Unknown mode (make sure it is configured to allow data sending - GPRS context is enabled).

If the user wants FMC003 to not connect and work with a particular operator it has to be written to *Operator Blacklist*. Up to 50 operators may be entered into this list.

The Operator search procedure is initiated every 15 minutes. During the search, FMC003 tries to connect to the operator providing the strongest signal. It will prioritize operators that are specified in the operator list. If no operators from the operator list are available, the device will try to connect to an operator from the blacklist. If the device connects to an operator from the blacklist, the best operator search procedure is initiated instantly. During the time when the device is connected to a

blacklisted operator, no GPRS connection would be initiated and no data would be sent via GPRS. However, the ability to send SMS commands to the device would remain. If no suitable operator is found on both lists, the device will try to connect to a remaining available operator with the strongest signal.