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Tipping Bucket Rain Gages



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TB4, TB4MM, CS700, and CS700H Tipping Bucket Rain Gages

1. Introduction

The TB4, TB4MM, CS700, and CS700H are tipping bucket rain gages that funnel rain into a mechanism that tips when filled. The TB4, CS700, and CS700H measure in 0.01-inch increments and the TB4MM measures in 0.2-mm increments. The TB4 and TB4MM have a lightweight plastic base, and the CS700 and CS700H have a heavy-duty, cast-aluminum base (FIGURE 1-1). The CS700H is a heated rain gage for measuring the water content of snow.



FIGURE 1-1. TB4 or TB4MM (left), CS700 (center), and CS700H (right) Tipping Bucket Rain Gages

NOTE

This manual provides information only for CRBasic data loggers. For retired Edlog data logger support, see an older manual at www.campbellsci.com/old-manuals.

2. Precautions

- READ AND UNDERSTAND the *Safety* section at the front of this manual.
- The rain gages are precision instruments. Please handle them with care.
- Before using the rain gage, remove the rubber band and cardboard that secures the tipping bucket assembly during shipping.
- The black outer jacket of the cable is Santoprene® rubber. This compound was chosen for its resistance to temperature extremes, moisture, and UV

degradation. However, this jacket will support combustion in air. It is rated as slow burning when tested according to U.L. 94 H.B. and will pass FMVSS302. Local fire codes may preclude its use inside buildings.

- While assembling the CS700H, ensure that the coiled cable and the neoprene jacket do not interfere with the tipping bucket mechanism when placing the funnel on the base.

3. Initial Inspection

- Upon receipt of the tipping bucket rain gage, inspect the packaging and contents for damage. File damage claims with the shipping company. Immediately check package contents against the shipping documentation (see Section 3.1, *Ships With*). Contact Campbell Scientific about any discrepancies.
- The model number and cable length are printed on a label at the connection end of the cable. Check this information against the shipping documents to ensure the expected product and cable length are received.

3.1 Ships With

The rain gages ship with:

- (1) Allen wrench from original manufacturer

CS700H-AC version also ships with:

- (1) Power supply and mounting hardware (Quint Power made by Phoenix Contact)

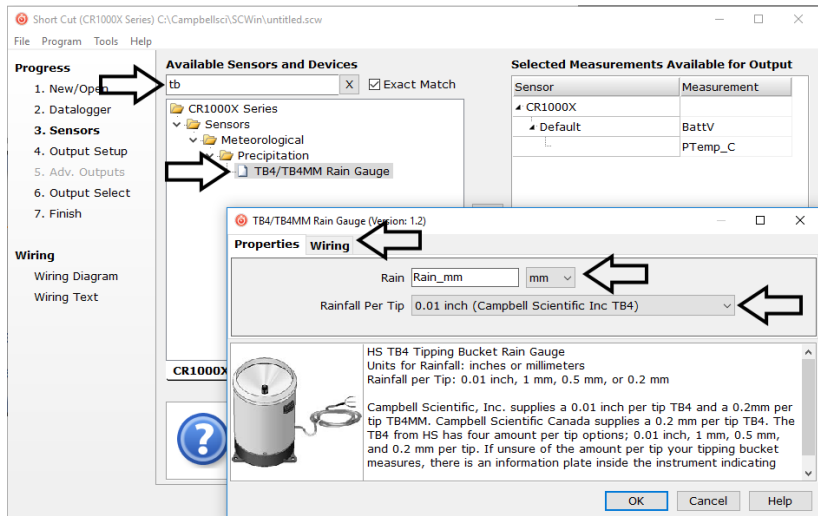
4. QuickStart

A video that describes data logger programming using Short Cut is available at: www.campbellsci.com/videos/cr1000x-datalogger-getting-started-program-part-3. *Short Cut* is an easy way to program your data logger to measure the rain gage and assign data logger wiring terminals. *Short Cut* is available as a download on www.campbellsci.com. It is included in installations of *LoggerNet*, *PC200W*, *PC400*, or *RTDAQ*.

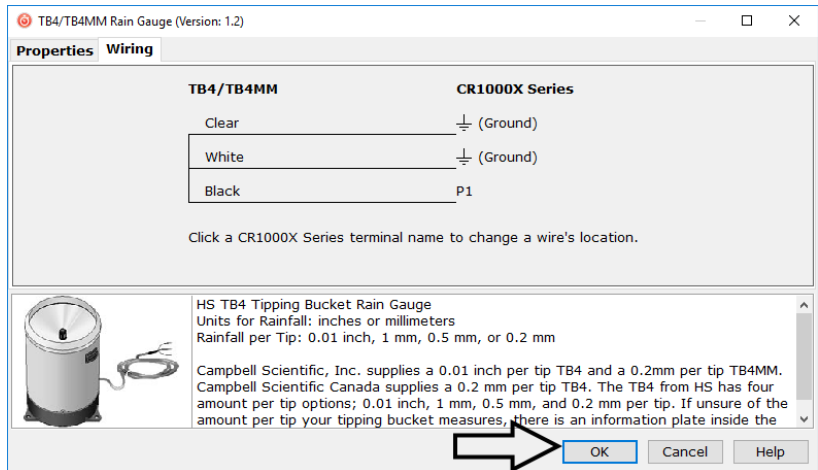
The following procedure also describes programming with *Short Cut*.

1. Open *Short Cut* and click **Create New Program**.
2. Double-click the data logger model.

- In the **Available Sensors and Devices** box, type TB4 or CS700. You can also locate the sensor in the **Sensors | Meteorological | Precipitation** folder. Double-click **TB4/TB4MM** or **CS700 Rain Gauge**. The units default to millimeters, which can be changed by clicking the **Rain** box and selecting one of the other options. The default rainfall per tip value of 0.01 inches should be used if the sensor is a TB4 or CS700 purchased at Campbell Scientific (U.S. office). Select 0.2 mm if the sensor is a TB4MM purchased at Campbell Scientific (U.S. office) or a TB4 or CS700 purchase at Campbell Scientific Canada.

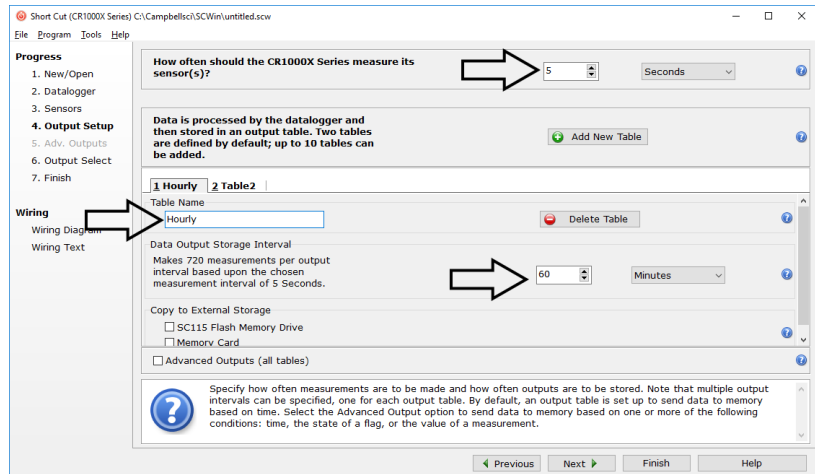


- Click on the **Wiring** tab to see how the sensor is to be wired to the data logger. Click **OK** after wiring the sensor.

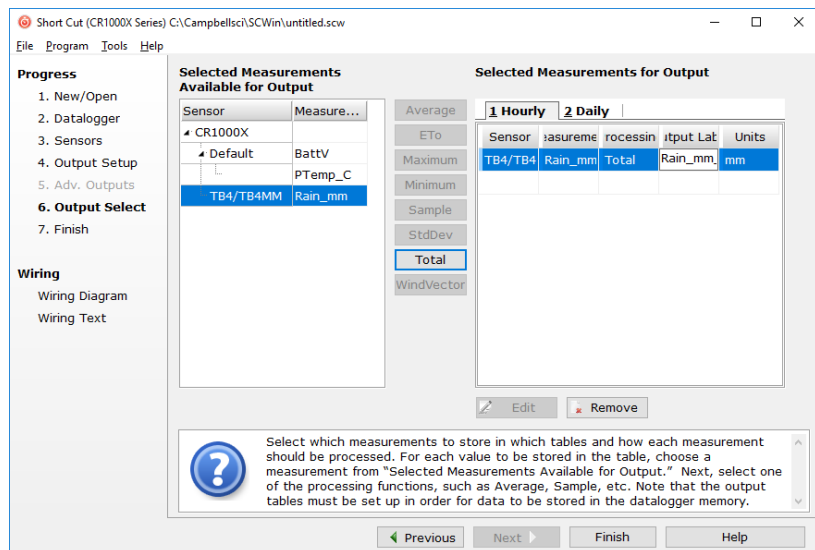


- Repeat steps three and four for other sensors. Click **Next**.

- In **Output Setup**, type the scan rate, meaningful table names, and the **Data Output Storage Interval**.



- Select the output options.



- Click **Finish** and save the program. Send the program to the data logger if the data logger is connected to the computer.
- If the sensor is connected to the data logger, check the output of the sensor in *LoggerNet*, *PC400*, *RTDAQ*, or *PC200W* to make sure it is making reasonable measurements.

5. Overview

The TB4, TB4MM, CS700, and CS700H tipping bucket rain gages are manufactured by HS Hyquest Solutions Pty. Ltd. and modified for use with Campbell Scientific data loggers. These rain gages funnel precipitation into a bucket mechanism that tips when filled to a calibrated level (FIGURE 5-1). The tipping mechanism activates a reed switch. The switch closure is recorded

by the data logger. When the bucket tips, the water drains out the screened fittings in the base of the gage.

The rain gages are ideal for locations where intense rainfall events may occur. They include a siphoning mechanism that allows the rain to flow at a steady rate regardless of rainfall intensity. The siphon reduces typical rain bucket errors and produces accurate measurements for up to 50 cm per hour.



FIGURE 5-1. CS700 Bucket Mechanism (housing not shown)

The CS700H has two power configuration options (either AC or DC) for powering the heater. With the AC option, a Phoenix Contact Power Supply is shipped with the CS700H (FIGURE 5-2). Appendix D, *Phoenix Contact Power Supply Specifications (p. D-1)*, provides more information about this power supply.



FIGURE 5-2. Phoenix Contact Power Supply

With the DC option, the CS700H is connected to a user-supplied battery. This option is ideal for remote sites using wind or solar power to recharge the battery. Battery capacity requirements vary according to the application and site location.

5.1 Wind Screen

The 260-953 Alter-Type Wind Screen can be used with the rain gage to minimize the effects of strong winds. Siting information and the installation procedure for this wind screen is provided in our 260-953 manual.

6. Specifications

Features:

- More accurate measurement of high-intensity precipitation
- High precision
- Compatible with Campbell Scientific CRBasic data loggers: CR200(X) series (except CS700H), CR300 series (except CS700H), CR6 series, CR800 series, CR1000, CR1000X, CR3000, CR5000, and CR9000(X) (except CS700H)

| | |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| Orifice Diameter: | 200 mm (7.87 in) |
| Measurement Range: | 0 to 700 mm/hr (0 to 27.6 in/hr) |
| Accuracy: | ±2% @ < 250 mm/hr (9.8 in/hr); ±3% @ 250 to 500 mm/hr (9.8 to 19.7 in/hr) |
| Resolution | |
| TB4, CS700, CS700H: | 0.254 mm (0.01 in) |
| TB4MM: | 0.2 mm (0.008 in) |
| Temperature Range | |
| TB4, TB4MM, CS700: | 0 to 70 °C |
| CS700H: | -40 to 70 °C |
| Humidity: | 0 to 100% |
| Contact: | Dual Reed Switch |
| Drain Tube: | Both filters accept 12 mm inner diameter tubing |
| Siphon: | 0.4 mm (12 ml) capacity of rainfall; made from brass with a non-hygroscopic outer case. The syphon can be dismantled for routine cleaning and servicing. |
| Weight with 25-ft signal cable | |
| TB4/TB4MM: | 2 kg (4.4 lb) |
| CS700/CS700H: | 3.3 kg (7.4 lb) |
| Height | |
| TB4/TB4MM: | 33 cm (13 in) |
| CS700/CS700H: | 34.2 cm (13.5 in) |

6.1 Heated Rain Gage

Snow Sensor and Heater

Operating Temperature Range: –20 to 5 °C

Output: SDI-12

Voltage Requirements

Main Power: 10 to 30 VDC or 12 to 28 VAC

SDI-12 Power: 9.6 to 16 VDC

Total Current Consumption

Snow sensor off, heater off: 6 mA @ 12 V, 0.072 W

Snow sensor on, heater off: 12 mA @ 12 V, 0.144 W

Snow sensor on, heater on: 5.8 A @ 12 V, 70 W

NOTE

Specifications for the power supply used for the –AC option is provided in Appendix D, *Phoenix Contact Power Supply Specifications (p. D-1)*.

7. Installation

If programming the data logger with *Short Cut*, skip Section 7.1, *Wiring (p. 7)*, and Section 7.2, *Data Logger Programming (p. 9)*. *Short Cut* does this work for you. See Section 4, *QuickStart (p. 2)*, for a *Short Cut* tutorial.

7.1 Wiring

7.1.1 TB4, TB4M, or CS700 Connections

| Wire Color | Wire Function | Data Logger Connections Using a Pulse Terminal | Data Logger Connections Using a Control Terminal |
|------------|-----------------------|--|--|
| Black | Rain Signal | P, P_SW, or U ¹ (Pulse Terminal) | C (Control Terminal) |
| White | Rain Signal Reference | ⏏ (Analog Ground) | 5 V |
| Clear | Shield | ⏏ (Analog Ground) | ⏏ (Analog Ground) |

¹U and C terminals are automatically configured by the measurement instruction.

7.1.2 CS700H Heated Rain Gage Connections

CAUTION

The CS700H will only communicate over SDI-12 when both its sensor cable and power cable are connected.

The CS700H has both a sensor cable and a power cable (FIGURE 7-1).



FIGURE 7-1. CS700H with Cables

The sensor cable connects to the data logger (TABLE 7-2). The power cable connects to the power supply (TABLE 7-3). FIGURE 7-2 shows the terminals for connecting the power cable to the Phoenix Contact Power Supply.

| TABLE 7-2. CS700H Sensor Cable Wire Color, Wire Function, and Data Logger Connection | | | |
|--|-----------------------|--|--|
| Wire Color | Wire Function | Data Logger Connections Using a Pulse Terminal | Data Logger Connections Using a Control Terminal |
| Green | SDI-12 | Odd-numbered C or U ¹ configured for SDI-12 | Odd-numbered C or U ¹ configured for SDI-12 |
| Red | SDI-12 Power | 12V | 12V |
| Blue | SDI-12 Power Ground | G | G |
| Black | Rain Signal | P or U ¹ (Pulse Terminal) | C ² (Control Terminal) |
| White | Rain Signal Reference | ⏏ (Analog Ground) | 5 V |
| Clear | Shield | ⏏ (Analog Ground) | ⏏ (Analog Ground) |

¹U and C terminals are automatically configured by the measurement instruction.
²When using a CR6 or CR1000X, a conflict occurs if the pulse measurement uses an even C terminal that immediately follows the SDI-12 terminal. For example, if C1 is used for the SDI-12 terminal, do not use C2 for the pulse terminal.

| TABLE 7-3. CS700H Power Cable Wire Color, Wire Function, and Power Supply Connection | | |
|--|-------------|--------------|
| Wire Color | Description | Power Supply |
| Red | +24 VDC | + |
| Black | Ground | - |

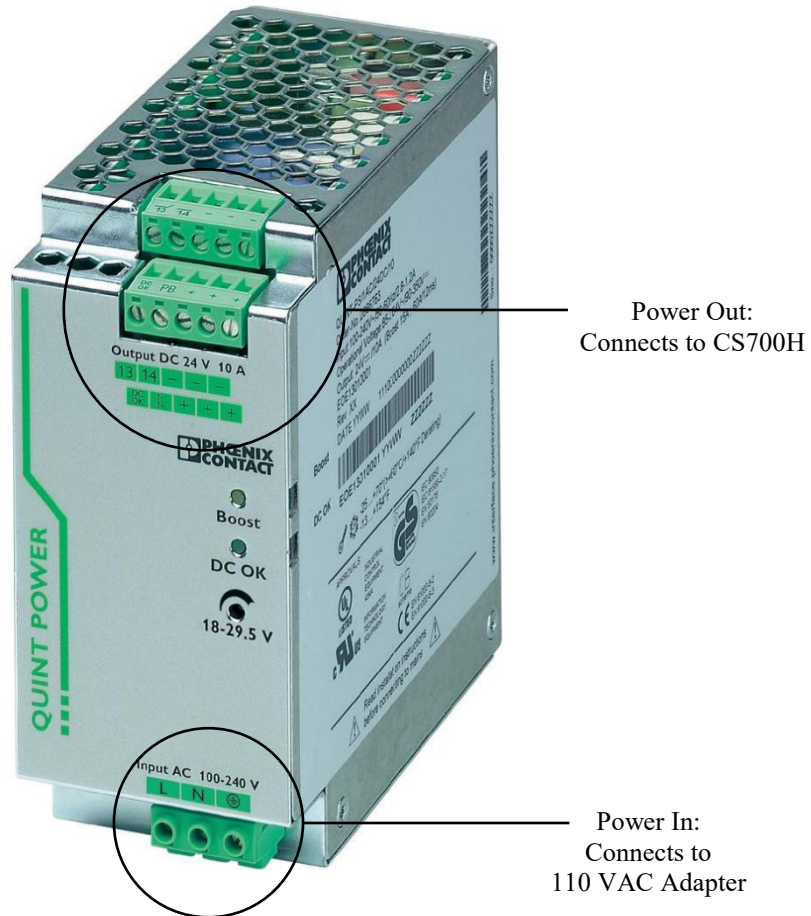


FIGURE 7-2. Phoenix Contact Power Supply

7.2 Data Logger Programming

Short Cut is the best source for up-to-date data logger programming code.

If your data acquisition requirements are simple, you can probably create and maintain a data logger program exclusively with *Short Cut*. If your data acquisition needs are more complex, the files that *Short Cut* creates are a great source for programming code to start a new program or add to an existing custom program.

NOTE

Short Cut cannot edit programs after they are imported and edited in *CRBasic Editor*.

A *Short Cut* tutorial is available in Section 4, *QuickStart* (p. 2). If you wish to import *Short Cut* code into *CRBasic Editor* to create or add to a customized program, follow the procedure in Appendix A, *Importing Short Cut Code Into CRBasic Editor* (p. A-1).

Programming basics for *CRBasic* data loggers are in the following sections. Complete program examples for select *CRBasic* data loggers can be found in Appendix B, *Example Programs* (p. B-1). Programming basics and programming

examples for Edlog data loggers are provided at www.campbellsci.com/old-manuals.

7.2.1 PulseCount Instruction

The tipping buckets use a reed switch for measuring precipitation. The **PulseCount()** CRBasic instruction measures the reed switch.

PulseCount(Dest,Reps,PChan,PConfig,POption,Mult,Offset)

- Choose Switch Closure for the **PConfig** parameter. For the CR6 and CR1000X, choose Switch Closure with pull up.
- The **Multiplier** parameter determines the units in which rainfall is reported. For the TB4, CS700, and CS700H, a multiplier of 0.01 converts the output to inches and a multiplier of 0.254 converts the output to millimeters. For the TB4MM, a multiplier of 0.2 converts the output to millimeters and a multiplier of 0.008 converts it to inches.

7.2.2 SDI12Recorder Instruction

When measuring a CS700H, the CRBasic program can include the **SDI12Recorder()** instruction to retrieve real-time status information stored in the CS700H microprocessor.

SDI12Recorder (Dest, SDIPort, SDIAddress, "SDICommand", Multiplier, Offset, FillNAN, WaitonTimeout)

The **Destination** parameter must be an array of length 9. **FillNAN** and **WaitonTimeout** are optional parameters (refer to *CRBasic Help* for more information). Appendix C, *CS700H Operation Details (p. C-1)*, provides information about the SDI-12 commands and other operational details for the CS700H.

CAUTION

The CS700H will only communicate over SDI-12 when both its sensor cable and power cable are connected (TABLE 7-2 and TABLE 7-3).

7.3 Siting

Mount the rain gage in a relatively level location representative of the surrounding area. Ensure that the orifice is horizontal, at least 1 m above the ground, and higher than the average snow depth.

Place the rain gage away from objects that obstruct the wind. The distance should be 2- to 4-times the height of the obstruction.

7.4 Mounting

The tipping buckets have three equally-spaced feet for mounting them on a flat surface. Each foot includes a hole that fits a 3/8-inch (M8) bolt. The three holes form a 234 mm (9.21 in) diameter bolt circle.

Campbell Scientific offers the CM240 mounting bracket for installing and leveling the rain gages. The CM240 may be attached to a CM300-Series mounting pole or to a user-supplied 1.5 in. IPS (1.9 in. OD) unthreaded pipe.

The pole or pipe can be placed directly into a concrete foundation (FIGURE 7-3), or attached to a concrete foundation using J-bolts or self-supporting with legs (FIGURE 7-4). A concrete pad is recommended, but it should not be installed over large paved or concrete surface.

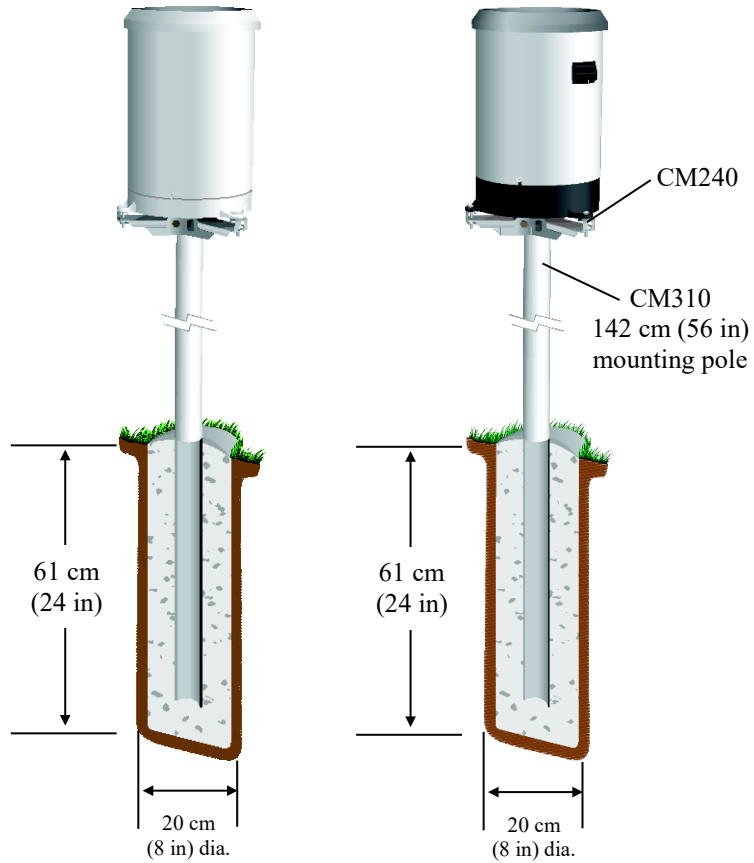


FIGURE 7-3. Typical Rain Gage Installation

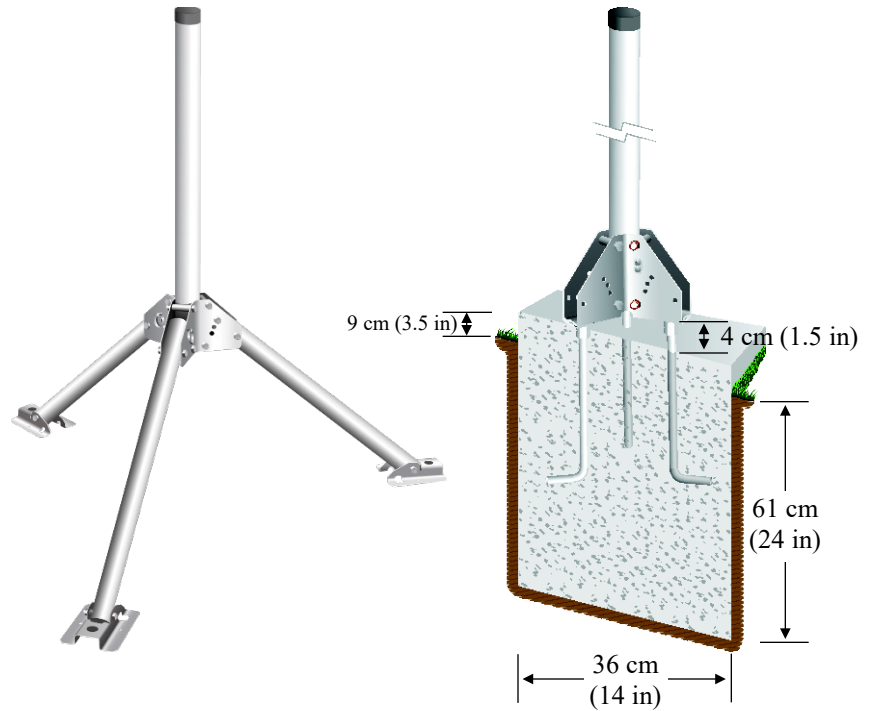


FIGURE 7-4. CM300 Short Leg Pedestal Option (left) and J-Bolt Pedestal Option

7.4.1 Mounting to the CM240 and Leveling

1. Remove the housing assembly from the base by loosening the three housing screws and lifting the housing upward (FIGURE 7-5).

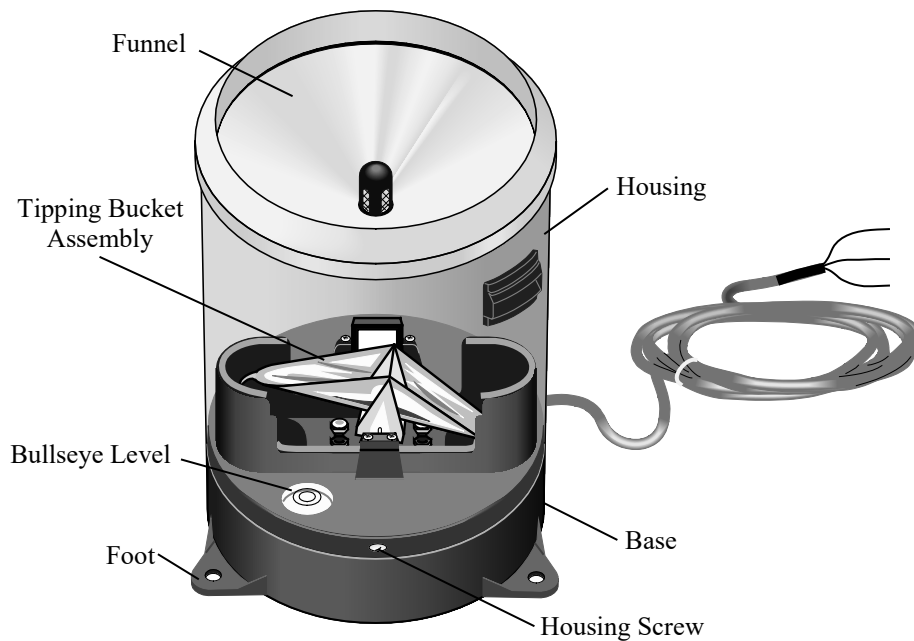


FIGURE 7-5. Transparent View of the TB4 (CS700 looks similar)

- Remove the leveling screws from the CM240 (FIGURE 7-6).

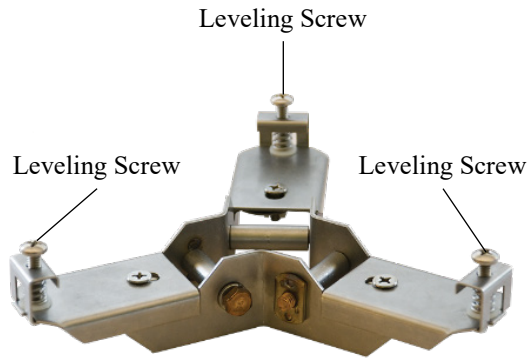


FIGURE 7-6. CM240 Mounting Bracket

- Place the tipping bucket on the CM240 and line up the holes in the tipping bucket feet with the holes for the CM240 leveling screws (FIGURE 7-5 and FIGURE 7-6).
- Use the leveling screws to loosely secure the rain gage to the CM240.
- Place the CM240 and rain gage on the mounting pole.
- Adjust the three leveling screws on the CM240 bracket to level the gage (FIGURE 7-6). A bullseye level is mounted on the rain gage base to facilitate leveling (FIGURE 7-5).
- Remove the rubber band and cardboard securing the tipping bucket assembly. Tip the bucket several times to ensure the tipping mechanism is moving freely.
- Replace the housing assembly and tighten the three housing screws to secure the housing to the base.

7.5 CS700H Power Supply Installation

A CS700H with option –AC includes a Phoenix Contact Power Supply that must be housed in an environmental enclosure. A DIN rail mounting bracket is shipped with the CS700H for securing this power supply to an enclosure backplate. The DIN Rail mounts to the backplate using screws and grommets.

8. Operation

8.1 Sensor Schematic

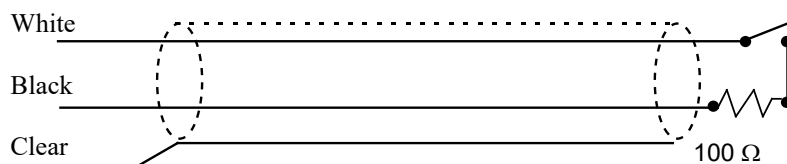


FIGURE 8-1. TB4, TB4M, and CS700 Schematic

8.2 Long Cable Lengths

Long cables have appreciable capacitance between the lines. A built up charge could cause arcing when the switch closes, shortening switch life. A 100 ohm resistor is connected in series at the switch to prevent arcing by limiting the current (FIGURE 8-1). This resistor is installed on all rain gages currently sold by Campbell Scientific.

8.3 CS700H Heated Rain Gage Operation

NOTE This section provides a brief discussion of the CS700H heater operation. More in-depth information is provided in Appendix C, *CS700H Operation Details (p. C-1)*.

The CS700H includes heating elements and an internal snow sensor, which is activated when the air temperature drops below 4 °C. If the snow sensor detects snow in the catch area (funnel), the heating elements automatically turn on and keep the funnel temperature at 10 °C. The heater goes into a wait mode when snow has not been detected for 18 minutes. It automatically deactivates when the air temperature drops below -20 °C.

As the ambient temperature falls below the *Active On Temperature* (default 4 °C), the heater will turn on to heat the funnel area of the rain gage. Once the funnel reaches the *Funnel Set Point Temp* (default 10 °C), the heater will begin cycling on and off with a duty cycle dependent on the ambient temperature, keeping the funnel temperature at or near 10 °C (FIGURE 8-2).

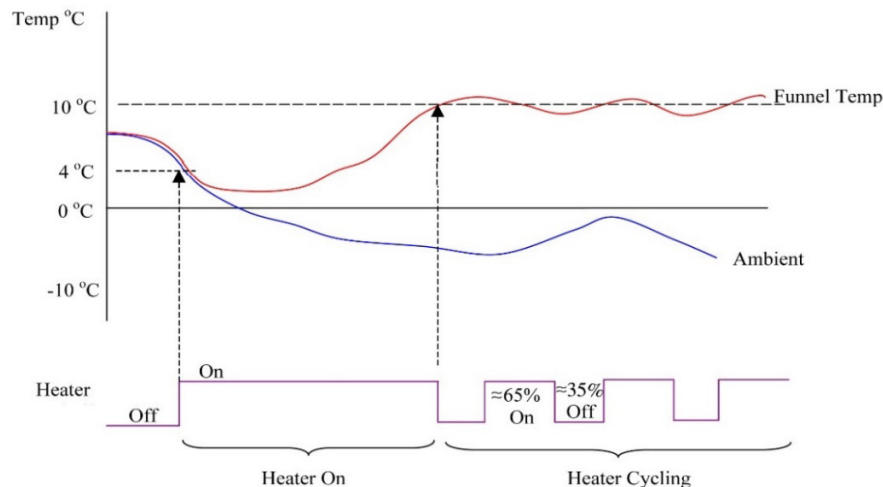


FIGURE 8-2. CS700H Heater Operation

8.3.1 SDI-12 Measurements

The **M!**, **C!**, and **R!** SDI-12 commands retrieve the following status information from the CS700H:

1. Ambient temperature (°C or °F)
2. Block temperature (°C or °F)
3. Units (0=°C, 1=°F)
4. 0=no snow; 1=snow detected

5. 0=snow sensor disabled; 1=snow sensor enabled
6. 0=heater elements off; 1=heater elements on
7. 0=automatic control; 1=manual control
8. 0=cycle disabled; 1=cycle enabled
9. Low Power Heater cycle time left (mins)

When using an **M!** command, the data logger waits for the time specified by the sensor, sends the **D!** command, pauses its operation, and waits until either it receives the data from the sensor or the sensor timeout expires. If the data logger receives no response, it will send the command a total of three times, with three retries for each attempt, or until a response is received. Because of the delays this command requires, it is only recommended in measurement scans of 10 seconds or more or use **SlowSequence**.

A **C!** command follows the same pattern as an **M!** command with the exception that it does not require the data logger to pause its operation until the values are ready. Rather, the data logger picks up the data with the **D!** command on the next pass through the program. Another measurement request is then sent so that data is ready on the next scan. To use this command, the scan interval should be 10 seconds or less.

An **R!** command switches the sensor to automatically make measurements and send data every 11 seconds, ± 2 seconds, based on the sensor internal clock. If measurements are requested at 2 seconds or faster, the sensor will increase its measurement rate to approximately every 5 seconds. This instruction usually takes less than 300 milliseconds to execute. The automatic measurement mode can only be cancelled by powering down the sensor to reset it.

The CS700H also uses extended commands (X) to control the heater and change settings. Appendix C.6, *SDI-12 Sensor Support (p. C-5)*, describes the extended commands and provides detailed information about the SDI-12 interface. Additional SDI—12 information is also available at www.sdi-12.org, or www.youtube.com/user/CampbellScientific.

9. Troubleshooting and Maintenance

NOTE

All factory repairs and recalibrations require a returned material authorization (RMA) and completion of the “Declaration of Hazardous Material and Decontamination” form. Refer to the [Assistance](#) page at the beginning of this manual for more information.

9.1 Troubleshooting

Symptom: No Precipitation Measurement

1. Check that the sensor is wired to the pulse or control terminal specified by the pulse count instruction.
2. Verify that the **PConfig**, and **Multiplier** and **Offset** parameters for the **PulseCount()** instruction are correct for the data logger type.
3. Disconnect the sensor from the data logger and use an ohm meter to do a continuity check of the switch. The resistance measured at the terminal block on the inside of the bucket between the black and white

wires should vary from infinite (switch open) when the bucket is tipped, to less than an ohm when the bucket is balanced.

Symptom: CS700H not communicating over SDI-12

1. Ensure that both the sensor and power cables are properly connected (TABLE 7-2 and TABLE 7-3).

9.2 Maintenance

During each site visit, remove any debris, such as insects or sediment from the collection funnel, debris screen, siphoning mechanism, or tipping bucket assembly.

Verify the tipping bucket assembly moves freely, and that the data logger records each bucket tip.

9.2.1 Dismantling for Cleaning

Regularly check the following items for cleanliness:

- Catch filter
- Siphon
- Interior of bucket
- Top surface of adjusting screws
- Housing locking screws; lightly lubricate after cleaning
- Insect screens

To access them, dismantle the rain gage using the following procedure:

1. Remove the housing assembly from the base by loosening the three housing screws and lifting the housing upward (FIGURE 9-1, FIGURE 9-2).

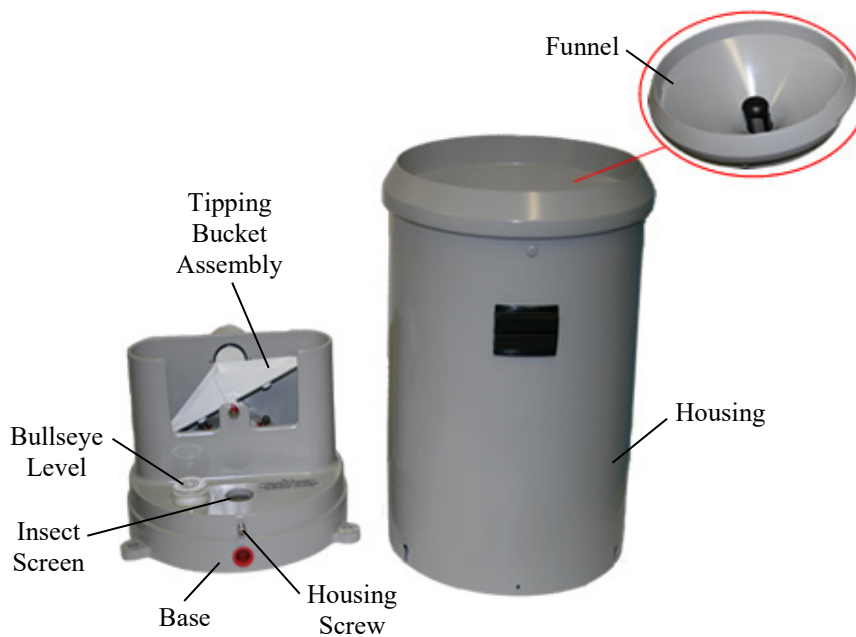


FIGURE 9-1. Main Components of the CS700

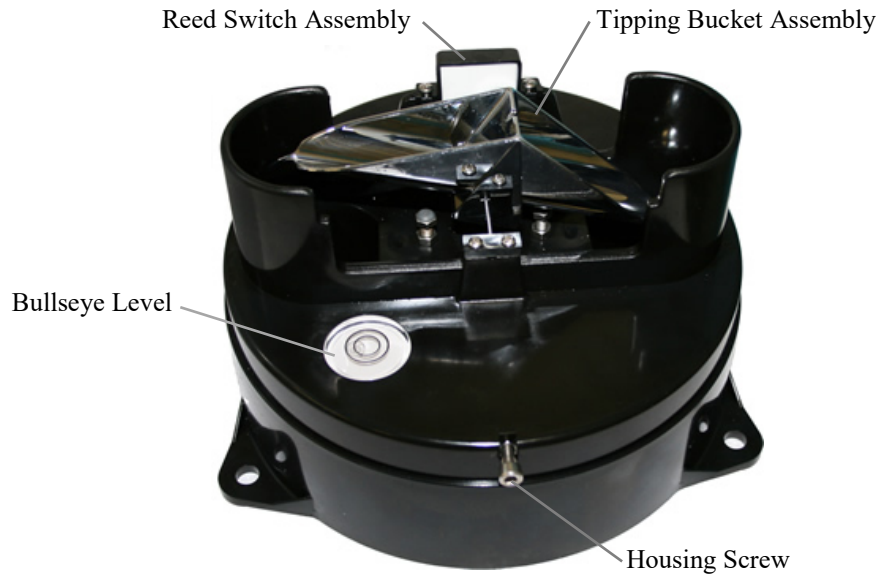


FIGURE 9-2. TB4 Base

2. Separate the filter/siphon assembly from the funnel by pushing the filter while pulling the siphon (FIGURE 9-3).

CAUTION

Do not twist the filter/siphon assembly while pushing and pulling.

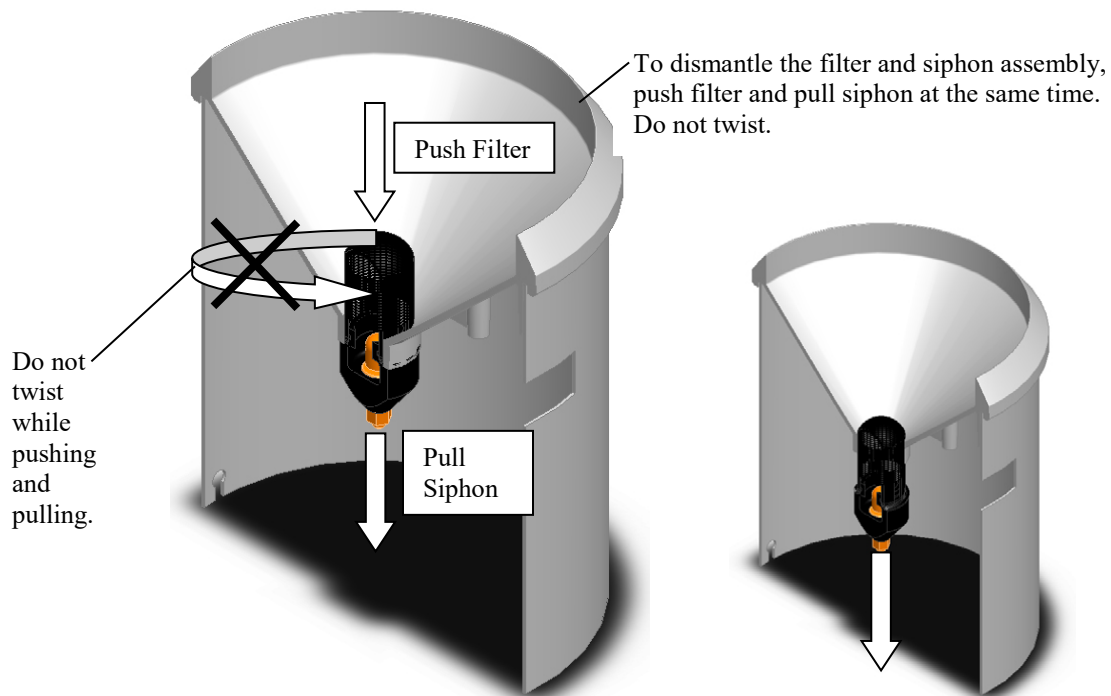


FIGURE 9-3. Dismantling the Filter/Siphon Assembly

3. Disassemble the filter/siphon assembly by doing the following (FIGURE 9-4):
 - (a) Unscrew nut
 - (b) Lightly press stem down on surface until stem pops out of siphon body.
 - (c) Remove stem from siphon body.
 - (d) Unscrew cap
 - (e) Clean all items

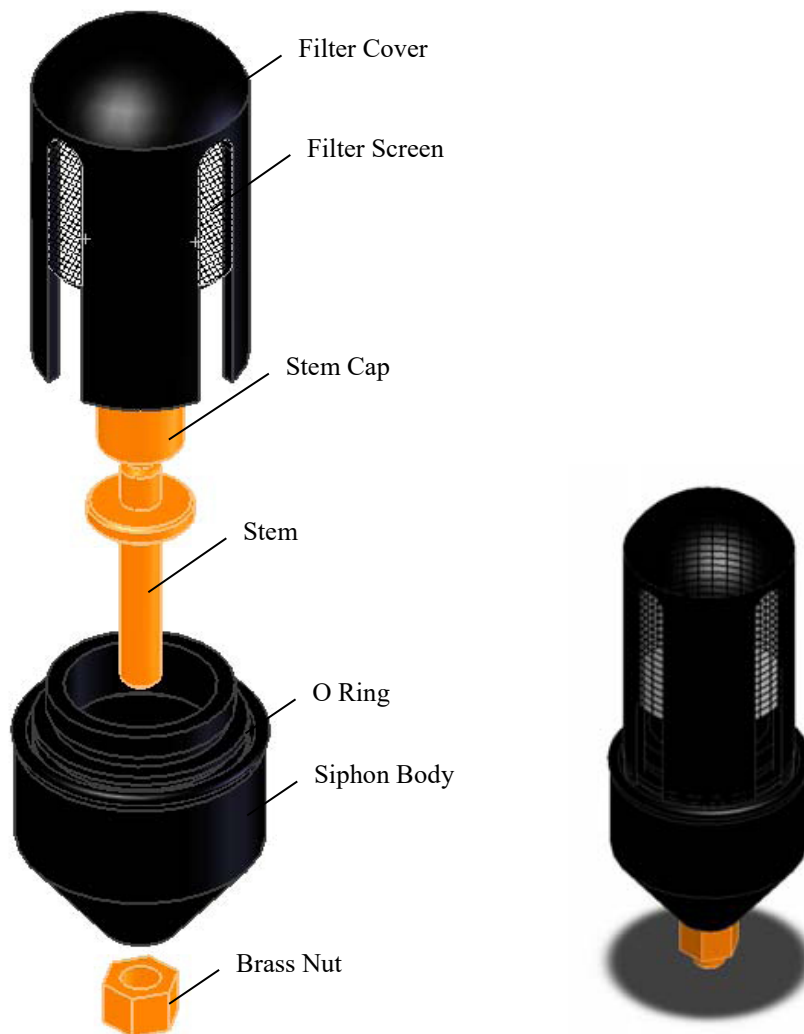


FIGURE 9-4. Filter/Siphon Assembly

9.2.2 Reassembling the Rain Bucket

1. Screw cap on stem; finger tighten only (FIGURE 9-4).
2. Push stem into siphon body (FIGURE 9-4).
3. Replace nut and tighten (FIGURE 9-4).

CAUTION

Do not over tighten.

4. Push filter/siphon assembly back into place (FIGURE 9-5).

CAUTION

Do not twist the filter/siphon assembly while putting it back into place.

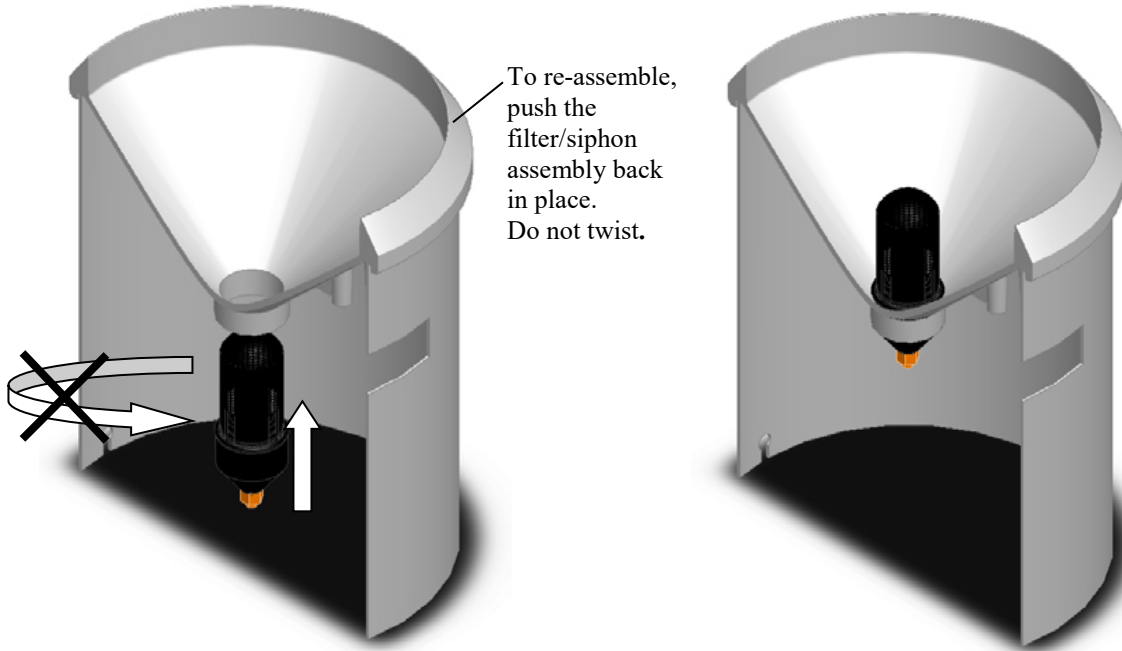


FIGURE 9-5. Reassembling the CS700

5. Place the housing assembly back onto the base and tighten the three screws that secure the housing onto the base.

9.3 Calibration Check

The sensor is factory calibrated; recalibration is not required unless damage has occurred or the adjustment screws have loosened.

Nevertheless, the following calibration check is recommended once every 12 months:

1. Remove the housing assembly from the base by removing the three screws and lifting upward on the housing.
2. Check the bubble level to verify the rain gage is level.
3. Pour water through the inner funnel to wet the two bucket surfaces. Using a graduated cylinder, slowly pour 314 cc (19.16 in³) of water, over a 15-minute period, into the collection funnel. This volume of water is equal to 0.39 in of rainfall (10 mm).
4. After the water has passed through the rain gage, the tipping bucket should have tipped 39 times.
5. If the rain gage fails to record the correct number of tips, return the unit to Campbell Scientific for recalibration (see *Assistance* in the front of the manual).

Appendix A. Importing Short Cut Code Into CRBasic Editor


Short Cut creates a .DEF file that contains wiring information and a program file that can be imported into the *CRBasic Editor*. By default, these files reside in the C:\campbellsci\SCWin folder.

Import *Short Cut* program file and wiring information into *CRBasic Editor*:

1. Create the *Short Cut* program following the procedure in Section 4, *QuickStart* (p. 2). After saving the *Short Cut* program, click the **Advanced** tab then the **CRBasic Editor** button. A program file with a generic name will open in CRBasic. Provide a meaningful name and save the CRBasic program. This program can now be edited for additional refinement.

NOTE

Once the file is edited with *CRBasic Editor*, *Short Cut* can no longer be used to edit the program it created.

2. To add the *Short Cut* wiring information into the new CRBasic program, open the .DEF file located in the C:\campbellsci\SCWin folder, and copy the wiring information, which is at the beginning of the .DEF file.
3. Go into the CRBasic program and paste the wiring information into it.
4. In the CRBasic program, highlight the wiring information, right-click, and select **Comment Block**. This adds an apostrophe (') to the beginning of each of the highlighted lines, which instructs the data logger compiler to ignore those lines when compiling. The **Comment Block** feature is demonstrated at about 5:10 in the [CRBasic | Features](#) video .

Appendix B. Example Programs

B.1 TB4 or CS700 Example Programs

B.1.1 CR6 Program for the TB4 or CS700

In the following CR6 program, the TB4 or CS700 is connected to U1, and the rain measurements are reported in inches. Battery voltage and panel temperature are also measured.

CRBasic Example B-1. CR6 Program Measuring the TB4 or CS700

```
'Program measures one TB4 or CS700

'Wiring Diagram
'=====
'Wire
'Color   Function                Terminal
'-----
'Black   Rain signal              U1
'White   Rain signal ground      Ground Symbol
'Clear   Shield                  Ground Symbol

'Declare Variables and Units
Public BattV
Public PTemp_C
Public Rain_in

Units BattV = Volts
Units PTemp_C = Deg C
Units Rain_in = inch

'Define Data Tables
DataTable(OneMin,True,-1)
  DataInterval(0,1,Min,10)
  Totalize(1,Rain_in,FP2,False)
EndTable

DataTable(OneDay,True,-1)
  DataInterval(0,1440,Min,10)
  Minimum(1,BattV,FP2,False,False)
  Totalize(1,Rain_in,FP2,False)
EndTable

'Main Program
BeginProg
  Scan(5,Sec,1,0)
  'Default Data Logger Battery Voltage measurement BattV
  Battery(BattV)
  'Default Data Logger Wiring Panel Temperature measurement 'PTemp_C'
  PanelTemp(PTemp_C,60)
  'Rain Gage measurement Rain_in
  PulseCount(Rain_in,1,U1,1,0,0.01,0)
  'Call Data Tables and Store Data
  CallTable OneMin
  CallTable OneDay
NextScan
EndProg
```

B.1.2 CR100X Programs for the TB4 or CS700

This section includes two CR1000X programs. In the first program, the rain gage is connected to **P1**, and the rain measurements are reported in inches. Battery voltage and panel temperature are also measured. In the second program, the rain gage is connected to **C1**, and the rain measurements are reported in millimeters.

CRBasic Example B-2. CR1000X Program Using a Pulse Terminal to Measure the TB4 or CS700

```
'Program measures one TB4 or CS700

'Wiring Diagram
'=====
'Wire
'Color      Function                Terminal
'-----
'Black      Rain signal                    P1
'White      Rain signal ground            Ground Symbol
'Clear      Shield                      Ground Symbol

'Declare Variables and Units
Public BattV
Public PTemp_C
Public Rain_in

Units BattV = Volts
Units PTemp_C = Deg C
Units Rain_in = inch

'Define Data Tables
DataTable(OneMin,True,-1)
  DataInterval(0,1,Min,10)
  Totalize(1,Rain_in,FP2,False)
EndTable

DataTable(OneDay,True,-1)
  DataInterval(0,1440,Min,10)
  Minimum(1,BattV,FP2,False,False)
  Totalize(1,Rain_in,FP2,False)
EndTable

'Main Program
BeginProg
Scan(5,Sec,1,0)
  'Default Data Logger Battery Voltage measurement BattV
  Battery(BattV)
  'Default CR1000X Data Logger Wiring Panel Temperature measurement 'PTemp_C'
  PanelTemp(PTemp_C,60)
  'CS700 Rain Gage measurement Rain_in
  PulseCount(Rain_in,1,P1,1,0,0.01,0)
  'Call Data Tables and Store Data
  CallTable OneMin
  CallTable OneDay
NextScan
EndProg
```

CRBasic Example B-3. CR1000X Program Using a Control Terminal to Measure the TB4 or CS700

```

'CR1000X
'Program measures one rain gage using control terminal

'Wiring Diagram
'=====
'Wire
'Color  Function           Terminal
'-----
'Black  Rain signal         C1
'White  Rain signal ground  5V
'Clear  Shield             Ground Symbol

'Declare Public Variables and Units
Public Rain_mm
Units Rain_mm=mm

DataTable (Rain,True,-1)
  DataInterval (0,60,Min,0)
  Totalize (1,Rain_mm,FP2,0)
EndTable

'Main Program
BeginProg
  Scan (1,Sec,1,0)
  PulseCount (Rain_mm,1,C1,2,0,.254,0)
  CallTable (Rain)
  NextScan
EndProg

```

B.2 CS700H Example Programs

B.2.1 CR6 Program for the CS700H

In the following CR6 program, the CS700H is connected to U1, and the rain measurements are reported in inches. This program does not retrieve real-time status information using the SDI-12 protocol. An example program that retrieves status information is provided in Appendix B.2.2, *CR1000X Programs for CS700H (p. B-5)*.

CRBasic Example B-4. CR6 Program Measuring the CS700H

```
'Program measures one CS700H

'Wiring Diagram
'=====
'CS700H
'Wire
'Color   Function           Terminal
'-----
'Black   Rain signal         U1
'White   Rain signal ground  Ground Symbol
'Clear   Shield              Ground Symbol

'Declare Variables and Units
Public BattV
Public PTemp_C
Public Rain_in

Units BattV = Volts
Units PTemp_C = Deg C
Units Rain_in = inch

'Define Data Tables
DataTable(OneMin,True,-1)
  DataInterval(0,1,Min,10)
  Totalize(1,Rain_in,FP2,False)
EndTable

DataTable(OneDay,True,-1)
  DataInterval(0,1440,Min,10)
  Minimum(1,BattV,FP2,False,False)
  Totalize(1,Rain_in,FP2,False)
EndTable

'Main Program
BeginProg
  Scan(5,Sec,1,0)
  'Default Data Logger Battery Voltage measurement BattV
  Battery(BattV)
  'Default Data Logger Wiring Panel Temperature measurement 'PTemp_C'
  PanelTemp(PTemp_C,60)
  'CS700H Rain Gage measurement Rain_in
  PulseCount(Rain_in,1,U1,1,0,0.01,0)
  'Call Data Tables and Store Data
  CallTable OneMin
  CallTable OneDay
NextScan
EndProg
```

B.2.2 CR1000X Programs for CS700H

This section includes two CR1000X programs that measure the CS700H heated tipping bucket rain gage. Both programs measure precipitation (mm), battery voltage, and panel temperature. The second program also retrieves real time status information by using SDI-12 protocol.

CRBasic Example B-5. CR1000X Program Measuring the CS700H

```
'Program measures one CS700H

'Wiring Diagram
'=====
'CS700H
'Wire
'Color   Function           Terminal
'-----
'Black   Rain signal          P1
'White   Rain signal ground  Ground Symbol
'Clear   Shield              Ground Symbol

'Declare Variables and Units
Public BattV
Public PTemp_C
Public Rain_in

Units BattV = Volts
Units PTemp_C = Deg C
Units Rain_in = inch

'Define Data Tables
DataTable(OneMin,True,-1)
  DataInterval(0,1,Min,10)
  Totalize(1,Rain_in,FP2,False)
EndTable

DataTable(OneDay,True,-1)
  DataInterval(0,1440,Min,10)
  Minimum(1,BattV,FP2,False,False)
  Totalize(1,Rain_in,FP2,False)
EndTable

'Main Program
BeginProg
  Scan(5,Sec,1,0)
  'Default Data Logger Battery Voltage measurement BattV
  Battery(BattV)
  'Default CR1000 Data Logger Wiring Panel Temperature measurement 'PTemp_C'
  PanelTemp(PTemp_C,_60Hz)
  'CS700H Rain Gage measurement Rain_in
  PulseCount(Rain_in,1,P1,1,0,0.01,0)
  'Call Data Tables and Store Data
  CallTable OneMin
  CallTable OneDay
NextScan
EndProg
```

CAUTION

The CS700H will only communicate over SDI-12 when both its sensor cable and power cable are connected (TABLE 7-2 and TABLE 7-3).

CRBasic Example B-6. CR1000X Program Measuring the CS700H and Monitoring Heater

```

'Program measures one CS700H and monitors heater via SDI-12

'Wiring Diagram
'=====
'CS700H
'Wire
'Color  Function                Terminal
'-----
'Black  Rain signal                P1
'White  Rain signal ground        Ground Symbol
'Clear  Shield Ground            Symbol
'Green  SDI-12 signal            C1
'Red    SDI-12 power             12V
'Blue   SDI-12 ground            G

'Declare Variables and Units
Public BattV
Public PTemp_C
Public Rain_in
Public Info(9)
Alias Info(1)=CS700H_AirTemp      'CS700H air temperature measurement
Alias Info(2)=CS700H_BlockTemp    'Heater block temperature
Alias Info(3)=CS700H_CO_F1        'Temperature units: 0 = deg C, 1 = deg F
Alias Info(4)=CS700H_NoSnow0_Snow1 'Snow detection
Alias Info(5)=CS700H_SnwSnsrActv  'Snow sensor on or off
Alias Info(6)=CS700H_Htr_On_off   'Heater on or off
Alias Info(7)=CS700H_Control_Auto_Man 'Automatic or Manual heater control
Alias Info(8)=CS700H_Cycle_Dis_Ena 'Heater cycle disabled or enabled
Alias Info(9)=CS700H_HTimeLeft    'Heater cycle time left in minutes

Units BattV = Volts
Units PTemp_C = Deg C
Units Rain_in = inch

'Define Data Tables
DataTable(OneMin,True,-1)
  DataInterval(0,1,Min,10)
  Totalize(1,Rain_in,FP2,False)
  Sample(1,CS700H_AirTemp,FP2)
  Sample(1,CS700H_BlockTemp,FP2)
  Sample(1,CS700H_CO_F1,FP2)
  Sample(1,CS700H_NoSnow0_Snow1,FP2)
  Sample(1,CS700H_SnwSnsrActv,FP2)
  Sample(1,CS700H_Htr_On_off,FP2)
  Sample(1,CS700H_Control_Auto_Man,FP2)
  Sample(1,CS700H_Cycle_Dis_Ena,FP2)
  Sample(1,CS700H_HTimeLeft,FP2)
EndTable

DataTable(OneDay,True,-1)
  DataInterval(0,1440,Min,10)
  Minimum(1,BattV,FP2,False,False)
  Totalize(1,Rain_in,FP2,False)
EndTable

'Main Program
BeginProg
  Scan(10,Sec,1,0)
    'Default Data Logger Battery Voltage measurement BattV
    Battery(BattV)
    'Default Data Logger Wiring Panel Temperature measurement 'PTemp_C'
    PanelTemp(PTemp_C,_60Hz)
    'CS700H Rain Gage measurement Rain_in
    PulseCount(Rain_in,1,P1,1,0,0.01,0)
    'SDI-12 Sensor measurements
    SDI12Recorder(Info(),C1,0,"M!",1,0)

```

```
'Call Data Tables and Store Data  
CallTable OneMin  
CallTable OneDay  
NextScan  
EndProg
```

Appendix C. CS700H Operation Details

CAUTION

Factory settings have been set to adequately measure precipitation during cold precipitation events. Changing these settings is not recommended, and doing so may change the data outcome or render the sensor inoperable.

TABLE C-1 shows the CS700H factory default settings for adequately measuring precipitation during cold precipitation. Additionally, the default setting for the SDI-12 address is zero.

| TABLE C-1. CS700H Default Values | |
|----------------------------------|--|
| External Control Off (=> Auto) | (aX20! Command) = 0 |
| Snow Sensor Enabled | (aX22! Command) = 1 |
| Active On Temperature 4 °C | (aX23! Command) |
| Active Off Temperature 5 °C | (aX24! Command) |
| Low Off Temperature -20 °C | (aX25! Command) |
| Funnel Set Point Temp 10°C | (aX26! Command) |
| Snow Run-On Time 18 mins | (aX27! Command) |
| Units °C | (aX28! Command) = 0 |
| SDI-12 Address 0 | (aAb! Command to change address; ?! Command to query address) |

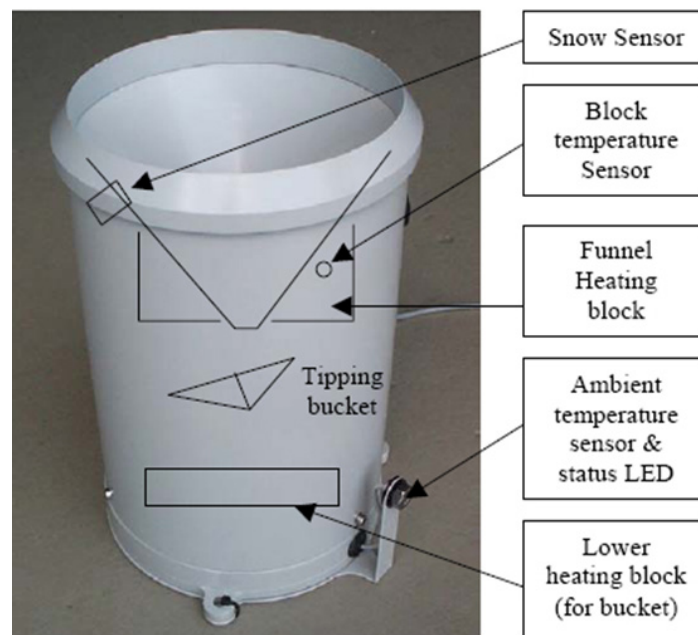


FIGURE C-1. Locations of the CS700H Heater Components

When the CS700H is not active, the status LED flashes every 1.5 s.

When the ambient temperature sensor detects the temperature falling below the **Active On temperature (4 °C)** then the system becomes active and the snow sensor is enabled (FIGURE C-2). The status LED flashes slightly faster at 2 flashes per second—indicating the system is active.

When the proximity sensor detects snow (for 5 s continuously), the heater elements are turned on and the block temperature sensor is monitored. The heaters are controlled so that the temperature inside the funnel reaches the **Set Point temperature (10 °C)**.

NOTE The actual block temperature will be higher than the set point as substantial heat is dissipated.

The lower heating block keeps the tipping bucket and the drain tubes from freezing up. While the heater elements are turned on, the status LED flashes even faster at eight flashes per second.

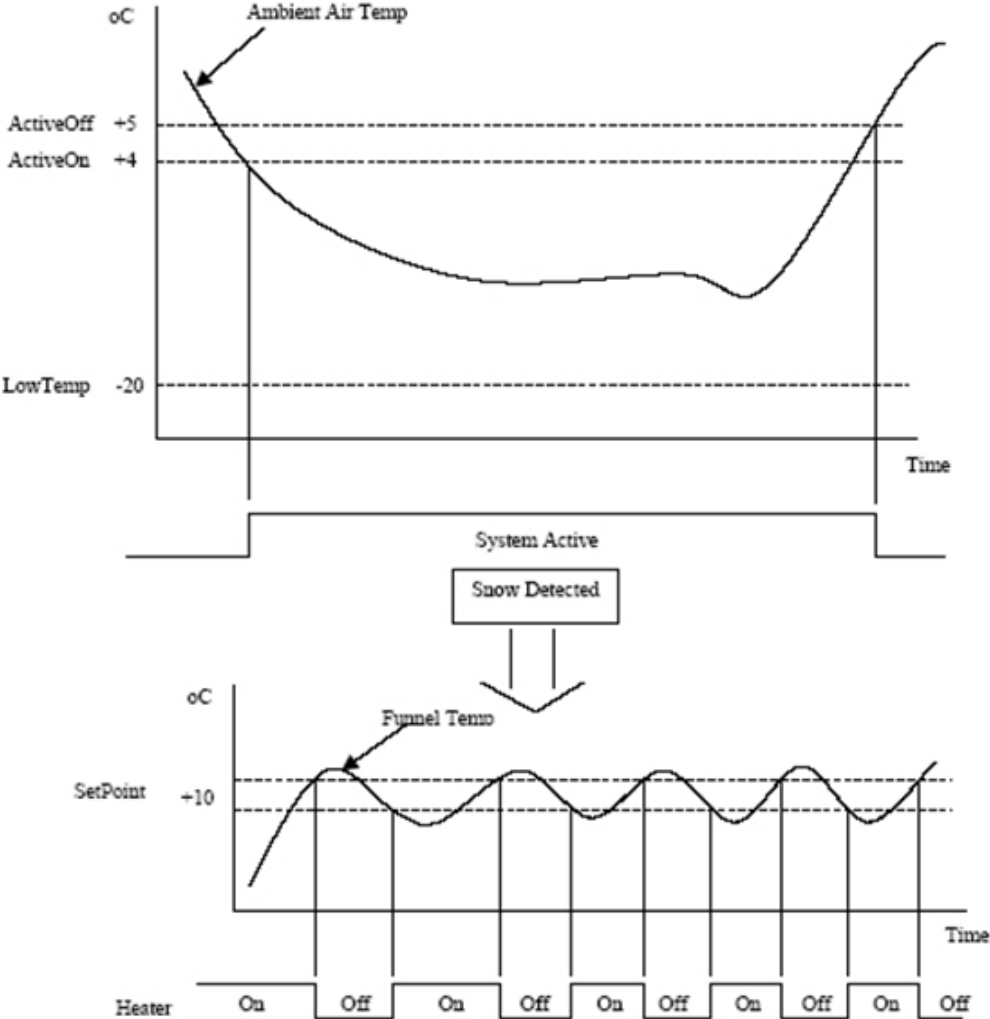


FIGURE C-2. Diagram Depicting Overall Operation

When snow is last detected, a timer is left running to keep the heater cycling so that any snow built up on the funnel will be melted. The **Snow Run-on** timer is factory preset to 18 minutes but may be extended as required.

The heater will cycle on and off for the **Run-on** time or while ever snow is detected (see FIGURE C-3).

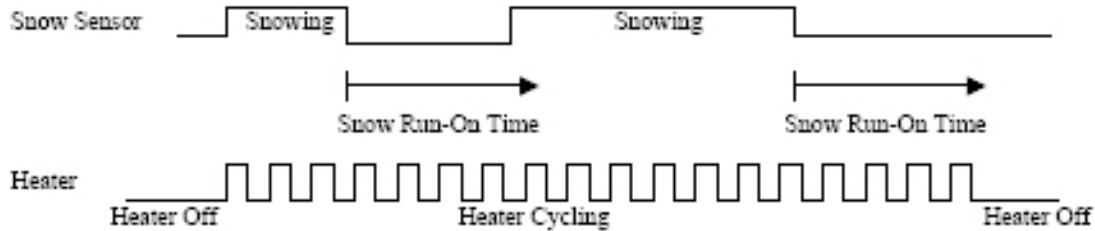


FIGURE C-3. Diagram showing how the “Snow Run-On” timer controls the heater.

C.1 High Power Operation

If the snow sensor is disabled (*aX22!* command set to 0), the heater will cycle continually when the ambient temperature falls below the **Active On** temperature (*aX23!* command) and is above the **Low Off Temperature** (*aX25!* command). This assumes the system is active. Because this mode consumes more power, high power operation is only recommended when the CS700H uses AC power.

C.2 External Control

The CS700H is set to by default to **Automatic control** – where the CS700H monitors the ambient temperature and the snow sensor and operates the heater automatically. Data loggers in weather stations that monitor the ambient temperature and the snowfall can control the tipping bucket heaters directly. Set the *aX20!* command to 1 for **External Control**, and then use the *aX29!* command to enable the heaters to cycle on/off (=1) or disable the cycling (=0). The ambient temperature, block temperature, snow sensor and state of the heaters can be measured using the *aM!*, *aR!*, or *aC!* command, as normal.

NOTE

The **Setpoint Temperature** is the required temperature of the funnel – and not the block temperature read from *aM!* and *aR!* commands. The relationship between the funnel temperature, block temperature and ambient temperature has been determined through extensive testing.

There is an alternate external control mode, whereby the controlling system can actually turn the heating elements on and off. This is done using the *aX21!* command, with heater on (=1) and heater off (=0).

CAUTION If the heating elements are left turned on, the funnel temperature may reach a point where the snow evaporates before it hits the funnel!

C.3 Status LED

The Status LED, within the ambient temperature sensor probe, flashes to indicate the mode that the CS700H is in (see TABLE C-2).

| Mode | Flash Rate | Description |
|--------------|----------------------|---|
| Long Flash | LED on for 0.5 s | Controller powering up. |
| Slow Flash | 1 flash every 1.5 s | In standby mode waiting for a heating cycle. |
| Medium Flash | 2 flashes per second | Within a heating cycle and the heating elements are presently turned off. Waiting for snow to be present before turning on heaters. |
| Fast Flash | 8 flashes per second | Within a heating cycle and the heating elements are presently turned on. |

C.4 Snow Sensor

The snow sensor is actually a capacitive proximity sensor that registers any material object within a few mm range. The sensor power is turned on and off to conserve power. TABLE C-3 lists the conditions that power is applied.

The state of the snow sensor (snow detected) is read using the measure (*aM!*) and data (*aD0!*) commands (fourth value).

NOTE The snow sensor must detect snow continuously for 5 s before the detected flag is set to *1*. And conversely, snow must be absent for 5 s continuously before the detected flag is reset to *0*. This process prevents a premature heating cycle when in the automatic mode.

| TABLE C-3. Snow Sensor Power Options | | |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|---|
| Mode (aX20! command) | Snow Enabled aX22! command | Description |
| Auto | 0 | Snow sensor isn't powered. Cannot detect real snow, instead it indicates snow is always present. |
| | 1 | Snow sensor only is powered only when the ambient temperature is below the Active On temperature. Only detects snow when the temperature is in this range. |
| Manual | 0 | Snow sensor isn't powered. Cannot detect real snow, instead it indicates snow is always present. |
| | 1 | Snow sensor always is powered, and can detect snow at any time. |

C.5 Operating Modes

The CS700H can be put into automatic or manual operation modes. TABLE C-4 describes how the modes are entered and the operation of the modes.

| TABLE C-4. Operating Modes | | | | | |
|----------------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------|---|
| Auto/Manual X20 | Cycle Enable X29 | Heater On/Off X21 | Snow Enabled X22 | Snow | Description |
| 0 | X | X | 1 | 0 / 1 | Auto Mode: When the Ambient temperature falls below the Active On temperature X23, and Snow is detected, then a Heating Cycle is started. (That is, the heater elements are switched on and off to keep inside the funnel at the SetPoint temperature X26.) This is a low power mode, as the heater cycle only begins when snow is detected! |
| 0 | X | X | 0 | 1 | Auto Mode: Same as the previous, but because the snow sensor is disabled the snow detected flag is always set. The Heating Cycle is started when the Ambient temperature fall below the Active On temperature X23. This mode uses more power and should only be used when the system is supplied by mains power. |

| Auto/ Manual X20 | Cycle Enable X29 | Heater On/Off X21 | Snow Enabled X22 | Snow | Description |
|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|------|--|
| 1 | 0 / 1 | 0 | X | X | Manual Mode: The Cycle Enable flag X29 is used to force a Heating Cycle. This is set or cleared by another system at the site – as it determines whether heating is required. When the Cycle Enable flag is “0” the heaters are off. When the Cycle Enable flag is “1” then the Heating Cycle is started. (That is, the heater elements are switched on and off to keep inside the funnel at the SetPoint temperature X26.) The snow sensor state can be read using the measure/data commands, but its state is ignored when controlling the heaters. |
| 1 | 0 | 0 / 1 | X | X | Manual Mode: The heater elements can be controlled directly with the Heater On/Off flag X21. When the flag is “0” the heaters are off, and when the flag is “1” the heaters are on. Note that the heaters must be cycled by the controlling system in order to control the funnel temperature. This mode must be used with caution! |

(X = Don't Care)

C.6 SDI-12 Sensor Support

NOTE The CS700H will only communicate over SDI-12 when both its sensor cable and power cable are connected (TABLE 7-2 and TABLE 7-3).

C.6.1 Introduction

SDI-12, Serial Data Interface at 1200 baud, is a protocol developed to simplify sensor and data logger compatibility. Only three wires are necessary — serial data, ground, and 12 V. With unique addresses, multiple SDI-12 sensors can connect to a single SDI-12 terminal on a Campbell Scientific data logger.

This appendix discusses the structure of SDI-12 commands and the process of querying SDI-12 sensors. For more detailed information, refer to version 1.4 of the SDI-12 protocol, available at www.sdi-12.org.

For additional information, refer to the [SDI-12 Sensors | Transparent Mode](#) and [SDI-12 Sensors | Watch or Sniffer Mode](#) videos.

C.6.2 SDI-12 Command Basics

SDI-12 commands have three components:

Sensor address (a) – a single character and the first character of the command. Use the default address of zero (0) unless multiple sensors are connected to the same port.

Command body – an upper case letter (the “command”), optionally followed by one or more alphanumeric qualifiers.

Command termination (!) – an exclamation mark.

An active sensor responds to each command. Responses have several standard forms and always terminate with <CR><LF> (carriage return and line feed). Standard SDI-12 commands are listed in TABLE C-5.

| TABLE C-5. Campbell Scientific Sensor SDI-12 Command and Response Set | | |
|--|-------------------------------------|---|
| Name | Command | Response¹ |
| Acknowledge Active | a! | a<CR><LF> |
| Send Identification | aI! | allccccccmmmmmmvvvxxx...xx <CR><LF> |
| Start Verification | aV! | atttn <CR><LF> |
| Address Query | ?! | a<CR><LF> |
| Change Address | aAb! | b<CR><LF> |
| Start Measurement | aM! aM1!...aM9! | atttn<CR><LF> |
| Start Measurement and Request CRC | aMC! aMC1!...aMC9! | atttn <CR><LF> |
| Start Concurrent Measurement | aC! aC1!...aC9! | atttn<CR><LF> |
| Start Concurrent Measurement and Request CRC | aCC! aCC1!...aCC9! | atttn<CR><LF> |
| Send Data | aD0!...aD9! | a<values><CR><LF> or a<values><CRC><CR><LF> |
| Continuous Measurement | aR0!...aR9! | a<values><CR><LF> |
| Continuous Measurement and Request CRC | aRC0!...aRC9! | a<values><CRC><CR><LF> |
| Extended Commands | aXNNN! | a<values><CR><LF> |
| ¹ Information on each of these commands is given in following sections. | | |

C.6.2.1 Acknowledge Active Command (a!)

The Acknowledge Active command (**a!**) is used to test a sensor on the SDI-12 bus. An active sensor responds with its address.

C.6.2.2 Send Identification Command (a!)

Sensor identifiers are requested by issuing command **a!**. The reply is defined by the sensor manufacturer but usually includes the sensor address, SDI-12 version, manufacturer's name, and sensor model information. Serial number or other sensor specific information may also be included.

| | |
|--|--|
| a! | alccccccmmmmmmvvvxxx...xx<CR><LF> |
| a | Sensor SDI-12 address |
| ll | SDI-12 version number (indicates compatibility) |
| ccccccc | 8-character vendor identification |
| mmmmmm | 6 characters specifying the sensor model |
| vvv | 3 characters specifying the sensor version (operating system) |
| xxx...xx | Up to 13 optional characters used for a serial number or other specific sensor information that is not relevant for operation of the data logger |
| <CR><LF> | Terminates the response |
| Source: <i>SDI-12: A Serial-Digital Interface Standard for Microprocessor-Based Sensors</i> (see Appendix C.6.4, <i>References</i> (p. C-13)). | |

C.6.2.3 Start Verification Command (aV!)

The response to a Start Verification command can include hardware diagnostics, but like the **a!** command, the response is not standardized.

Command: **aV!**

Response: *attn*<CR><LF>

a = sensor address

ttn = time, in seconds, until verification information is available

n = the number of values to be returned when one or more subsequent **D!** commands are issued

C.6.2.4 Address Query Command (?!)

Command **?!** requests the address of the connected sensor. The sensor replies to the query with the address, *a*. This command should only be used with one sensor on the SDI-12 bus at a time.

C.6.2.5 Change Address Command (aAb!)

Multiple SDI-12 sensors can connect to a single SDI-12 terminal on a data logger. Each device on a single terminal must have a unique address.

A sensor address is changed with command **aAb!**, where *a* is the current address and *b* is the new address. For example, to change an address from 0 to 2, the command is **0A2!**. The sensor responds with the new address *b*, which in this case is 2.

NOTE Only one sensor should be connected to a particular terminal at a time when changing addresses.

C.6.2.6 Start Measurement Commands (aM!)

A measurement is initiated with the **M!** command. The response to each command has the form *attn*<CR><LF>, where

a = sensor address

ttt = time, in seconds, until measurement data is available. When the data is ready, the sensor notifies the data logger, and the data logger begins issuing **D** commands.

n = the number of values returned when one or more subsequent **D** commands are issued. For the **aM!** command, *n* is an integer from 0 to 9.

When the aM! is issued, the data logger pauses its operation and waits until either it receives the data from the sensor or the time, ttt, expires.

Depending on the scan interval of the data logger program and the response time of the sensor, this may cause skipped scans to occur. In this case make sure your scan interval is longer than the longest measurement time (*ttt*).

| | |
|---------------------|--|
| 0M! | The data logger makes a request to sensor 0 to start a measurement. |
| 00352<CR><LF> | Sensor 0 immediately indicates that it will return two values within the next 35 seconds. |
| 0<CR><LF> | Within 35 seconds, sensor 0 indicates that it has completed the measurement by sending a service request to the data logger. |
| 0D0! | The data logger immediately issues the first D command to collect data from the sensor. |
| 0+.859+3.54<CR><LF> | The sensor immediately responds with the sensor address and the two values. |

C.6.2.7 Start Concurrent Measurement Commands (aC!)

A concurrent measurement (**aC!**) command follows the same pattern as the **aM!** command with the exception that it does not require the data logger to pause its operation, and other SDI-12 sensors may take measurements at the same time. The sensor will not issue a service request to notify the data logger that the measurement is complete. The data logger will issue the **aD0!** command during the next scan after the measurement time reported by the sensor has expired. To use this command, the scan interval should be 10

seconds or less. The response to each command has the form *atttn*<CR><LF>, where

a = the sensor address

ttt = time, in seconds, until the measurement data is available

nn = the number of values to be returned when one or more subsequent **D** commands are issued.

See the following example. A data logger has three sensors wired into terminal **C1**. The sensors are addresses X, Y, and Z. The data logger will issue the following commands and receive the following responses:

| TABLE C-7. Example aC! Sequence | |
|---------------------------------|--|
| XC! | The data logger makes a request to sensor X to start a concurrent measurement. |
| X03005<CR><LF> | Sensor X immediately indicates that it will have 5 (05) values ready for collection within the next 30 (030) seconds. |
| YC! | The data logger makes a request to sensor Y to start a concurrent measurement. |
| Y04006<CR><LF> | Sensor Y immediately indicates that it will have 6 (06) values ready for collection within the next 40 (040) seconds. |
| ZC! | The data logger makes a request to sensor Z to start a concurrent measurement. |
| Z02010<CR><LF> | Sensor Z immediately indicates that it will have 10 values ready for collection within the next 20 (020) seconds. |
| ZD0! | After 20 seconds have passed, the data logger starts the process of collecting the data by issuing the first D command to sensor Z. |
| Z+1+2+3+4+5+6+7+8+9+10<CR><LF> | Sensor Z immediately responds with the sensor address and the 10 values. |
| XD0! | 10 seconds later, after a total of 30 seconds have passed, the data logger starts the process of data from sensor X by issuing the first D command. |
| X+1+2+3+4+5<CR><LF> | The sensor immediately responds with the sensor address and the 5 values. |

| | |
|-----------------------|---|
| YD0! | Ten seconds later, after a total of 40 seconds have passed, the data logger starts the process of data from sensor Y by issuing the first D command. |
| Y+1+2+3+4+5+6<CR><LF> | The sensor immediately responds with the sensor address and the 6 values. |

C.6.28 Start Measurement Commands with Cyclic Redundancy Check (aMC! and aCC!)

Error checking is done by using measurement commands with cyclic redundancy checks (**aMC!** or **aCC!**). This is most commonly implemented when long cable lengths or electronic noise may impact measurement transmission to the data logger. When these commands are used, the data returned in response to **D** or **R** commands must have a cyclic redundancy check (CRC) code appended to it. The CRC code is a 16-bit value encoded within 3 characters appended before the <CR><LF>. This code is not returned in the data table but checked by the data logger as it comes. The code returned is based on the SDI-12 protocol. See the SDI-12 communication specification for version 1.3 available at www.sdi-12.org to learn more about how the CRC code is developed.

C.6.2.9 Stopping a Measurement Command

A measurement command (**M!**) is stopped if it detects a break signal. A break signal is sent by the data logger before most commands.

A concurrent measurement command (**C!**) is aborted when another valid command is sent to the sensor before the measurement time has elapsed.

C.6.2.10 Send Data Command (aD0! ... aD9!)

The Send Data command requests data from the sensor. It is issued automatically with every type of measurement command (**aM!**, **aMC!**, **aC!**, **aCC!**). When the measurement command is **aM!** or **aMC!**, the data logger issues the **aD0!** command once a service request has been received from the sensor. When the data logger is issuing concurrent commands (**aC!** or **aCC!**), the Send Data command is issued after the required time has elapsed (no service request will be sent by the sensor). In transparent mode (Appendix C.6.3, *SDI-12 Transparent Mode* (p. c-12)), the user asserts this command to obtain data.

Depending on the type of data returned and the number of values a sensor returns, the data logger may need to issue **aD0!** up to **aD9!** to retrieve all data. A sensor may return up to 35 characters of data in response to a **D** command that follows an **M!** or **MC!** command. A sensor may return up to 75 characters of data in response to a **D** command that follows a **C!** or **CC!** command.

Command: **aD0!** (**aD1! ... aD9!**)

Response: *a*<values><CR><LF> or
a<values><CRC><CR><LF>

where:

a = the sensor address

$\langle values \rangle$ = values returned with a polarity sign (+ or -)

$\langle CR \rangle \langle LF \rangle$ = terminates the response

$\langle CRC \rangle$ = 16-bit CRC code appended if data was requested with **aMC!** or **aCC!**.

C.6.2.11 Continuous Measurement Command (**aR0!** ... **aR9!**)

Sensors that are able to continuously monitor the phenomena to be measured can be read directly with the **R** commands (**R0!**...**R9!**). The response to the **R** commands mirrors the Send Data command (**aD0!**). A maximum of 75 characters can be returned in the $\langle values \rangle$ part of the response to the **R** command.

C.6.2.12 Extended Commands

Many sensors support extended SDI-12 commands. An extended command is specific to a make of sensor and tells the sensor to perform a specific task. They have the following structure. Responses vary from unit to unit. See the sensor manual for specifics.

Command: **aXNNNN!**

The command will start with the sensor address (**a**), followed by an **X**, then a set of optional letters, and terminate with an exclamation point.

Response: $a\langle optional\ values \rangle \langle CR \rangle \langle LF \rangle$

The response will start with the sensor address and end with a carriage return/line feed.

C.6.3 SDI-12 Transparent Mode

System operators can manually interrogate and enter settings in probes using transparent mode. Transparent mode is useful in troubleshooting SDI-12 systems because it allows direct communication with probes. Data logger security may need to be unlocked before activating the transparent mode.

Transparent mode is entered while the computer is communicating with the data logger through a terminal emulator program. It is accessed through Campbell Scientific data logger support software or other terminal emulator programs. Data logger keyboards and displays cannot be used.

The terminal emulator is accessed by navigating to the **Datalogger** list in *PC200W*, the **Tools** list in *PC400*, or the **Datalogger** list in the *Connect* screen of *LoggerNet*.



Watch the video: [SDI-12 Sensors | Transparent Mode](#).

The following examples show how to enter transparent mode and change the SDI-12 address of an SDI-12 sensor. The steps shown in Appendix C.6.3.1, *Changing an SDI-12 Address* (p. C-13), are used with most Campbell Scientific data loggers.

C.6.3.1 Changing an SDI-12 Address

The following example was done with a CR1000, but the steps are only slightly different for CR1000X-series, CR300-series, CR6-series, CR800-series, and CR3000 data loggers.

1. Connect an SDI-12 sensor to the CR1000.
2. In *LoggerNet Connect*, under **Datalogger**, click **Terminal Emulator**. The terminal emulator window opens.
3. Under **Select Device**, located in the lower left side of the window, select the **CR1000** station.
4. Click **Open Terminal**.
5. Select **All Caps Mode**.
6. Press Enter until the data logger responds with the *CR1000*> prompt.
7. Type **SDI12** and press Enter.
8. At the *Select SDI12 Port* prompt, type the number corresponding to the control port where the sensor is connected and press Enter. The response *Entering SDI12 Terminal* indicates that the sensor is ready to accept SDI-12 commands.
9. To query the sensor for its current SDI-12 address, type **?!** and press Enter. The sensor responds with its SDI-12 address. If no characters are typed within 60 seconds, the mode is exited. In that case, simply type **SDI12** again, press Enter, and type the correct control port number when prompted.
10. To change the SDI-12 address, type **aAb!**, where *a* is the current address from the previous step and *b* is the new address. Press Enter. The sensor changes its address and responds with the new address.
11. To exit SDI-12 transparent mode, click **Close Terminal**.

C.6.4 References

SDI-12 Support Group. *SDI-12: A Serial-Digital Interface Standard for Microprocessor-Based Sensors – Version 1.4*. River Heights, UT: SDI-12 Support Group, 2017. http://www.sdi-12.org/current_specification/SDI-12_version-1_4-Dec-1-2017.pdf.

Appendix D. Phoenix Contact Power Supply Specifications

The Phoenix Contact power supply is used for the –AC option for the CS700H only.

| | |
|--|---|
| Model Name: | Quint-PS/1AC/24DC/10 |
| Input data | |
| Nominal input voltage: | 100 VAC to 240 VAC |
| AC input voltage range: | 85 VAC to 264 VAC |
| Short-term input voltage: | 300 VAC |
| AC frequency range: | 45 Hz to 65 Hz |
| Name of protection: | Transient surge protection |
| Protective circuit/component: | Varistor |
| Output data | |
| Nominal output voltage: | 24 VDC \pm 1% |
| Setting range of the output voltage: | 18 VDC to 29.5 VDC ($>$ 24 V constant capacity) |
| Output current: | 10 A (-25 to 60 °C, $U_{OUT} = 24$ VDC) 15 A (with POWER BOOST, -25 to 40 °C permanently, $U_{OUT} =$ 24 VDC) |
| Derating: | From 60 to 70 °C: 2.5% per Kelvin |
| Connection in parallel: | Yes, for redundancy and increased capacity |
| Connection in series: | Yes |
| Maximum power dissipation idling: | 7 W |
| Power loss nominal load max.: | 18 W |
| General data | |
| Width: | 60 mm (2.4 in) |
| Height: | 130 mm (5.1 in) |
| Depth: | 125 mm (4.9 in) |
| Weight: | 1.1 kg (2.4 lb) |
| Efficiency: | $>$ 92.5% (for 230 VAC and nominal values) |
| Ambient temperature (operation): | -25 to 70 °C ($>$ 60 °C derating) |
| Ambient temperature (storage/transport): | -40 to 85 °C |
| Max. permissible relative humidity (operation): | 95% (at 25 °C, no condensation) |

NOTE

Additional specifications are provided in Phoenix Contact's manual for the Quint-PS/1AC/24DC/10.



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