

**Hydroponics Sensor Transmitter & Data Logger  
Temperature, pH, EC (+ORP/DO)**



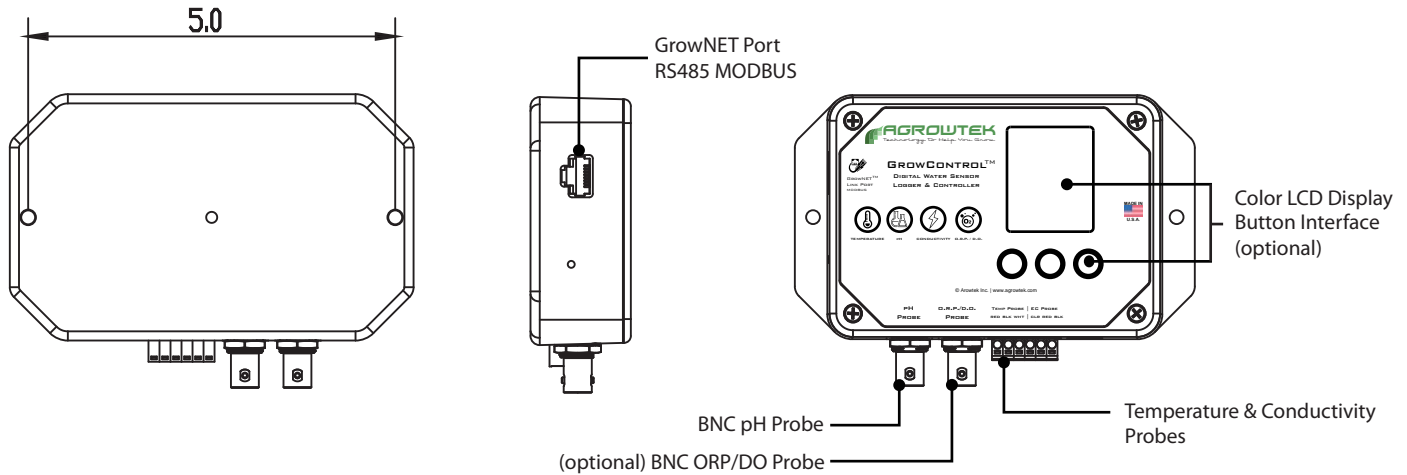
Shown with optional sensor probes



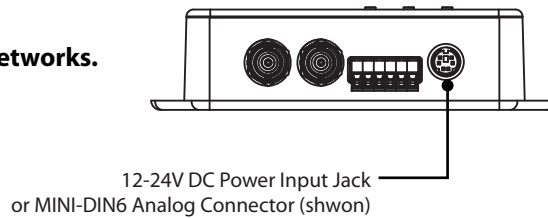
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# Dimensions



**⚠ Do NOT connect the GrowNET port to Ethernet networks.**



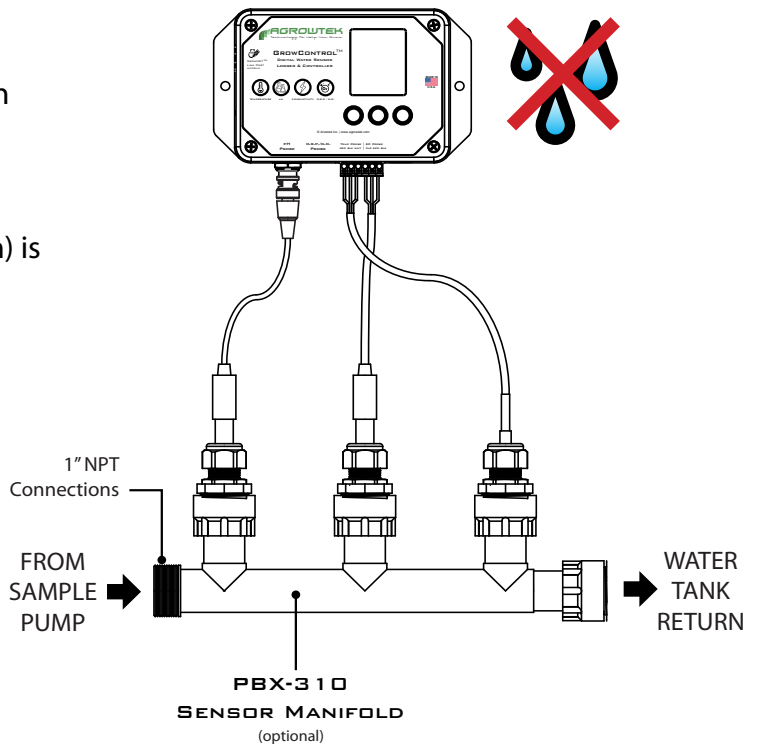
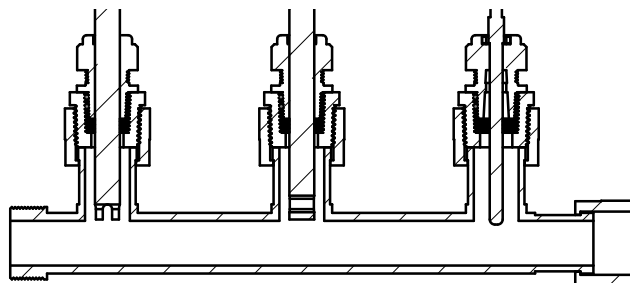
# Installation Instructions

Install with the connections facing down to reduce the risk of water permeating the enclosure.

Avoid locations with dripping water or heavy splash risk; the transmitter is best kept dry for longest life and highest accuracy.

A probe manifold with recirculating pump (3-30gpm) is recommended for best sensor accuracy.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** For flow rates above 5 gpm, ensure probe tips are raised out of the flow path to prevent turbulence altering the sensor readings.



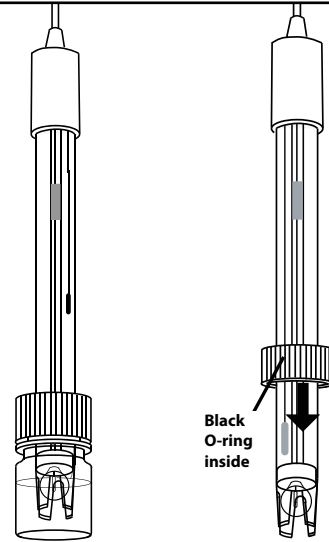
# pH & ORP Probe Preparation

## Probe Shipping & Storage

pH & ORP probes are shipped in a plastic bottle containing a solution of pH 4 buffer and potassium chloride. The electrode should remain in the bottle until it is used.

If the electrode is used infrequently, the bottle and its solution should be saved and the electrode stored in it. If the solution in the soaker bottle is missing, fill the bottle with pH 4 buffer.

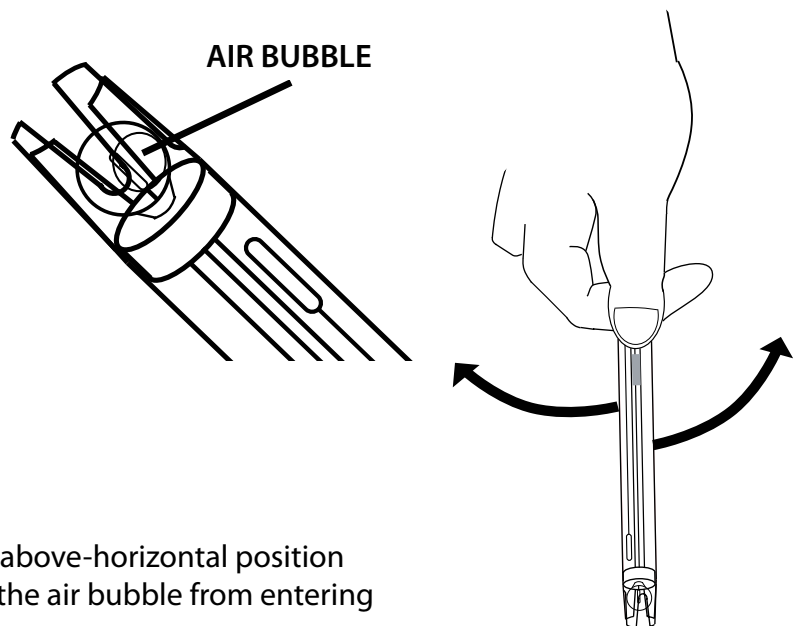
Take out electrode by loosening plastic top on bottle counter-clockwise and pulling electrode out. Slide cap and O-ring off electrode and save.



## Air Bubble

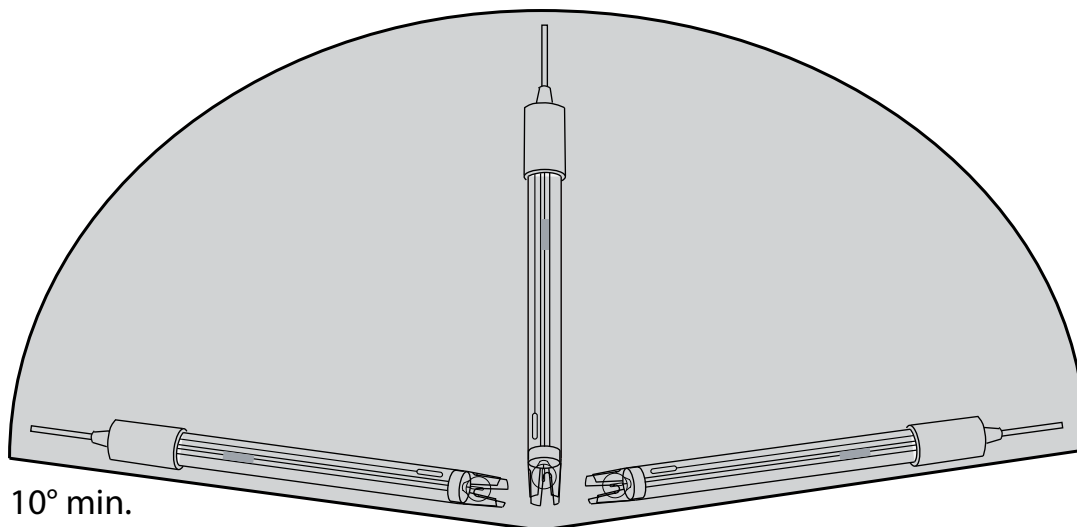
During shipment the air bubble in the electrode's stem may move into the bulb area.

If bubbles are seen in the bulb area, hold the electrode by its top cap and shake while pointed downward.



## ⚠ Installation/Operation Angle

pH & ORP sensor probes must be installed in an above-horizontal position with the probe tip facing downward to prevent the air bubble from entering the the bulb area.



## Mounting the Transmitter

Wall mounting tabs are provided for installing against a vertical wall surface.

1. Measure out the hole locations per the dimensions, or mark the holes using the transmitter as a template.
2. Drill holes and install anchors (if required, not included.) Keep the transmitter away from dust during work.
3. Install the transmitter to the wall surface using appropriate screws.

## DIN Rail Mounting Kit

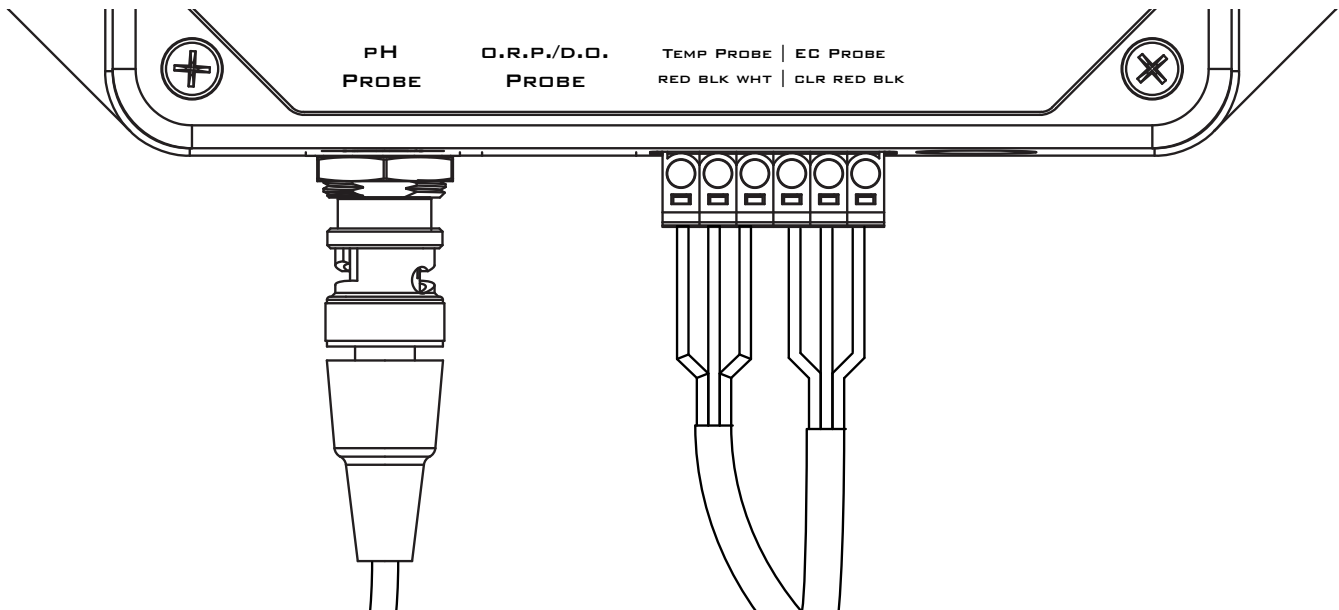
A DIN rail mounting kit installs onto the mounting flanges with the provided hardware for mounting the device on a standard DIN rail.

1. Screw the DIN rail brackets onto the flanges using the provided screws.
2. Snap the transmitter into place on a DIN rail.
3. Use the latches on the DIN brackets to release the transmitter from the DIN rail.



## Connecting Sensor Probes

pH and ORP or DO sensors are equipped with "BNC" style connectors which push on and then turn 1/4 rotation CW to lock them in place. Temperature and EC probes have a screw terminal block; make the connections according to the label on the transmitter. The terminal block may be removed for easier wire installation or for service.

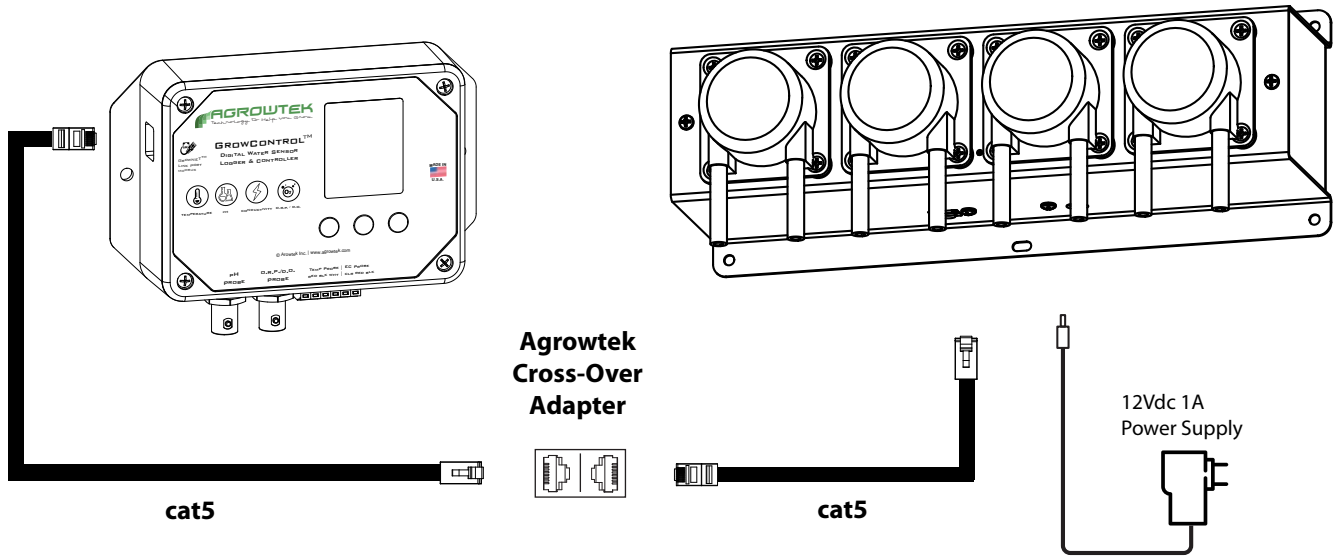


**pH & ORP probes must remain wet to avoid damage. Do not allow probe tips to dry.**

# Connection to ADi Pump

A direct-link connection between a SXHM sensor and ADi pump requires Agrowtek's cross-over adapter.

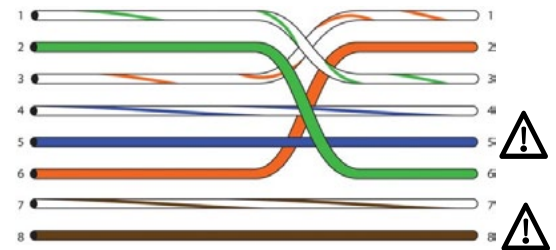
**⚠ IMPORTANT! ONLY use cross-over adapters provided by Agrowtek.** Do not use other cross-over adapters or cross-over cables unless they are constructed exactly as diagramed on the cross-over diagram. Incorrect cross-over adapters or cables can cause damage to the equipment.



## Cross-Over Cable

A custom cross-over cable can be constructed as an *alternative* to using the cross-over adapter and two standard, straight Ethernet cables as shown in the diagram above.

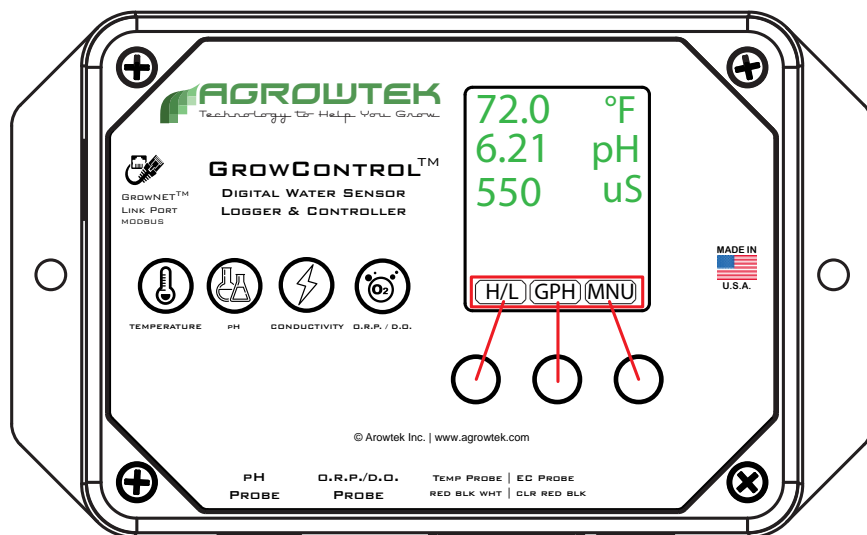
The cross-over wiring **MUST** match the diagram. Pins 7 & 8 carry 24Vdc power and must be straight through or damage may result to the equipment.



# LCD Menu Operation Instructions

SXHM models with the optional 3-button/LCD display interface may be used for stand-alone monitoring applications or as part of a control solution.

Connect to Agrowtek's GrowControl facility control systems, or directly to Agrowtek's AgrowDose pumps for automatic nutrient and pH control.



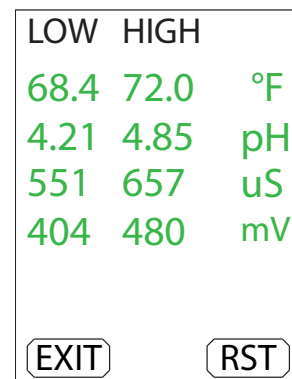
The main screen displays the real-time sensor readings from the attached sensors. Each button is labeled at the bottom of the display to describe its function on the current screen or menu.

## High / Low History

**H/L**

Simple minimum and maximum recorded values are stored until the user resets the values to the current readings. To view the minimum and maximum values since the last reset, press the button labeled **H/L**.

To clear the min/max history, press the **RST** button to reset. The min and max values will all be set to the current readings and will update with higher or lower readings as they occur.

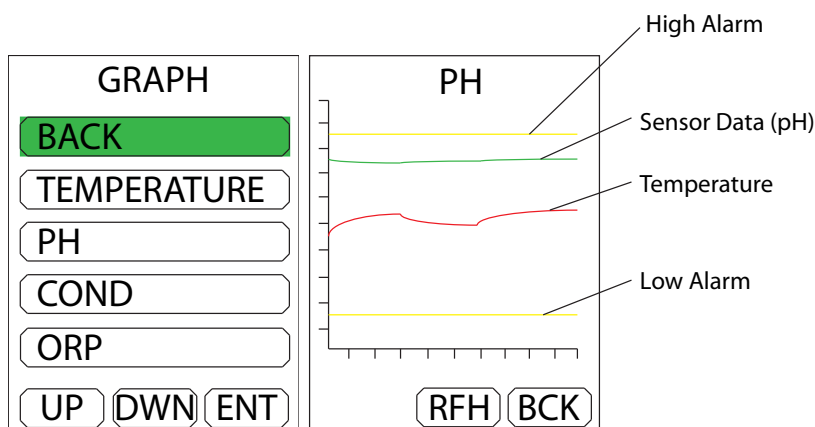


## Graphing

**GPH**

The display can graph the most recent 120 data points from the sensor's internal data point memory. With the default logging interval of 60 seconds, the graph displays the last two hours of data.

The sensor value is plotted in green. Temperature, if overlaid on the plot, is red. Alarm levels as set by the user are plotted in yellow. Pressing the **RFH** button refreshes the data and replots the graph.



# Main Menu

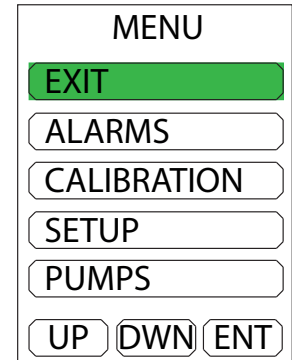
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The main menu is how the alarms are set, sensors are calibrated and general settings such as time, date and units are configured.

If a dosing pump is directly connected to the SXHM GrowNET port, the pump settings are also accessed by the main menu.

Use the **UP** or **DWN** buttons to navigate the menu.

Use the **ENT** button to enter a selection.



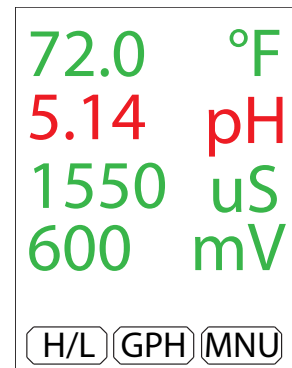
# Alarms Menu

MNU ► ALARMS

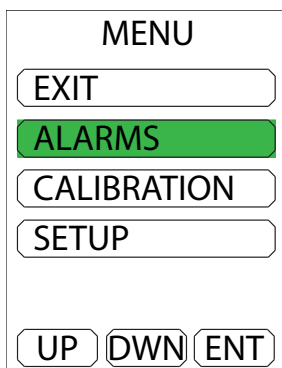
High and low alarm set points may be configured for each sensor value to activate an internal buzzer or send alerts with the optional wifi module.

The out-of-range value will be displayed in **red** to indicate the cause for the alarm.

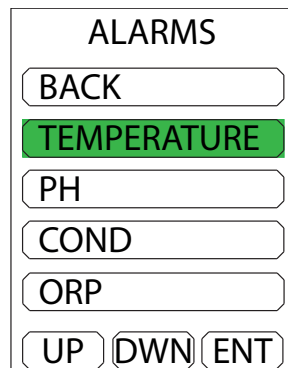
Additionally, alarm limits are plotted on the graphs to indicate values are within the desired range.



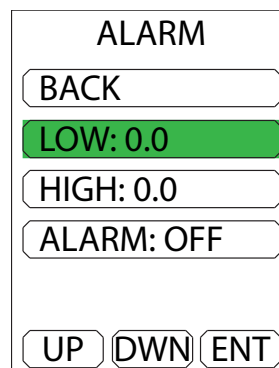
# Alarms Configuration



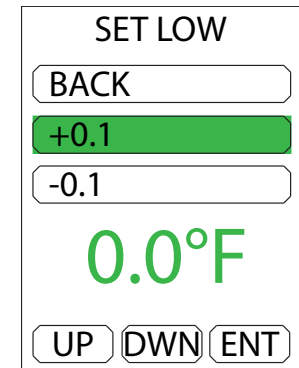
1. Select **ALARMS** from the main menu.



2. Select a sensor to configure set points.



3. Select the setting to adjust.



4. Adjust to the desired value. Hold **UP** or **DWN** to jog the value.

## Alarm Buzzer

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ALARM

BACK

LOW: 0.0

HIGH: 0.0

ALARM: OFF

UP DWN ENT

1. Select **ALARM: OFF**

SET ALARM

BACK

SET ON

SET OFF

OFF

UP DWN ENT

2. Select **SET ON** then press **BACK** to exit.

To disable the alarm buzzer, set the alarm to OFF.

## Calibration Menu

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MNU ► CALIBRATION

Calibration can be performed for each sensor with the LCD interface using either standard calibration wizards, or advanced manual calibration methods for non-standard calibration solutions.

The date of the last calibration for each sensor is stored in memory and displayed at the start of each calibration wizard.

MENU

EXIT

ALARMS

CALIBRATION

SETUP

UP DWN ENT

CALIBRATION

BACK

TEMPERATURE

PH

COND

CLEAR ALL

UP DWN ENT

## Clear Calibration

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MNU ► CALIBRATION ► NEXT

Calibration can be restored to factory defaults by selecting **CLEAR ALL**.

CALIBRATION

BACK

TEMPERATURE

PH

COND

CLEAR ALL

UP DWN ENT

1. Select **CLEAR ALL** from the calibration menu.

RESTORE TO  
FACTORY  
CALIBRATION?

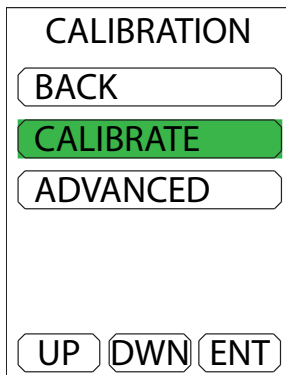
YES NO

2. Press **YES** to restore factory calibration.

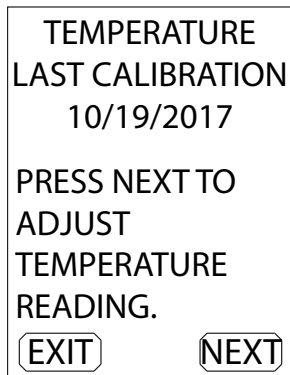


# Temperature Calibration

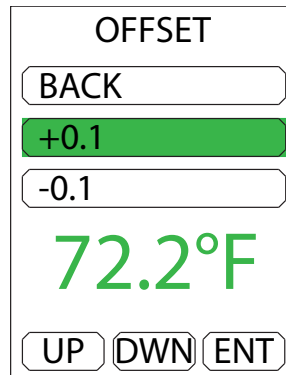
MNU ► CALIBRATION ► TEMPERATURE



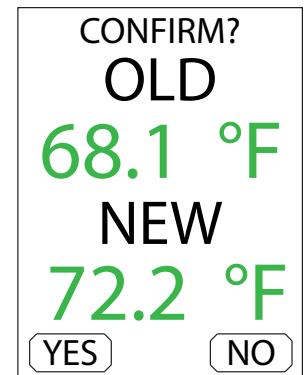
1. Select **CALIBRATE** from calibration menu.



2. Press **NEXT** to continue.



3. Adjust to the desired value. Hold **ENT** to jog the value by 10x.

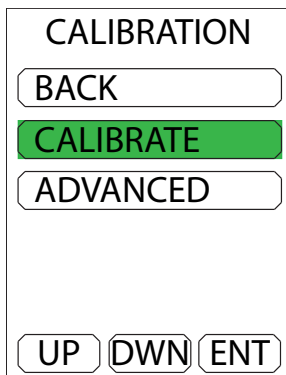


4. Confirm the new reading or press **NO**.

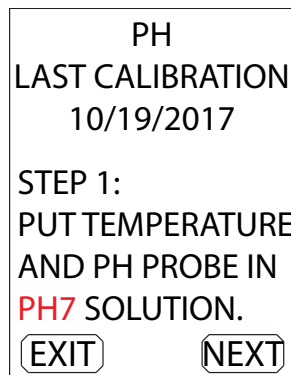
# pH Calibration

MNU ► CALIBRATION ► PH

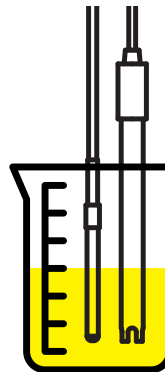
pH calibration is a two-point process requiring both pH 7 and pH 4.01 calibration solutions. The temperature probe must be inserted into the calibration solution at the same time as the pH probe.



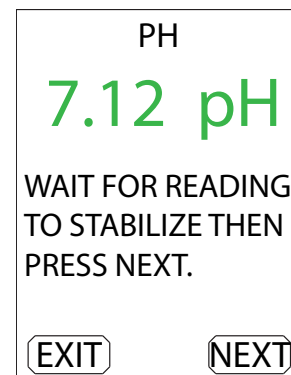
1. Select **CALIBRATE** from calibration menu.



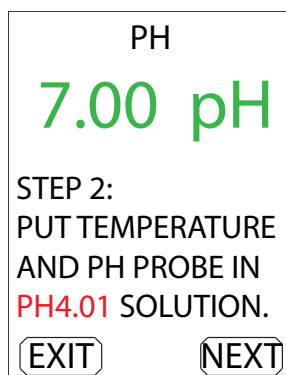
2. Follow the instructions then press **NEXT**.



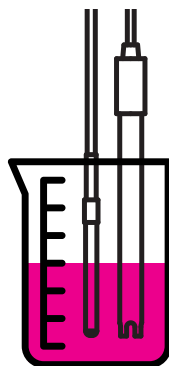
pH 7 Calibration Solution



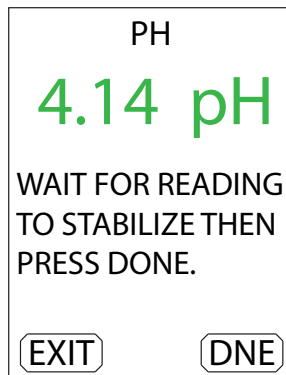
3. When the reading is stable, press **NEXT**.



4. Clean the probes with DI/RO and change calibration solution.



pH 4.01 Calibration Solution

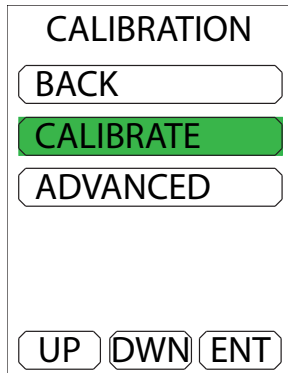


5. When the reading is stable, press **DONE** to calibrate pH 4.01 and finish calibration.

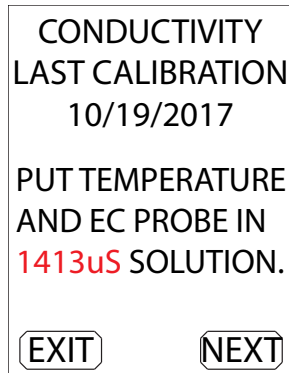
# Conductivity Calibration

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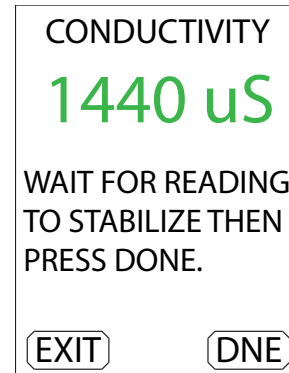
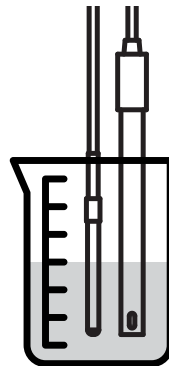
Conductivity calibration is a single point process requiring 1413 uS calibration solution. The temperature probe must be inserted into the calibration solution at the same time as the conductivity probe.



1. Select **CALIBRATE** from the conductivity calibration menu.



2. Follow the instructions then press **NEXT** to continue.

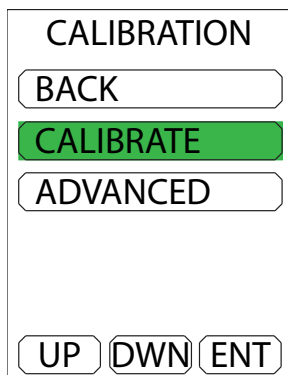


3. When the reading is stable, press **DONE** to complete the calibration.

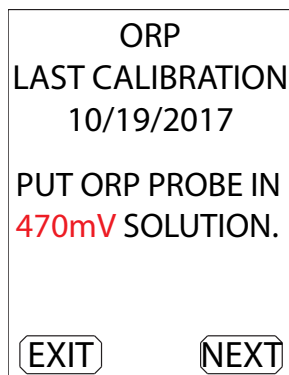
# O.R.P. Calibration

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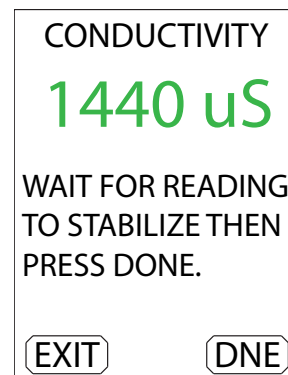
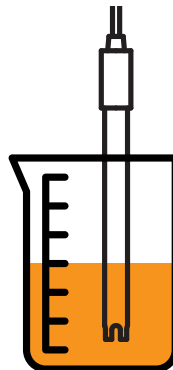
ORP (optional) calibration is a single point process requiring 470 mV calibration solution.



1. Select **CALIBRATE** from the conductivity calibration menu.



2. Follow the instructions then press **NEXT** to continue.



3. When the reading is stable, press **DONE** to complete the calibration.

## D.O. Calibration

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MNU ► CALIBRATION ► NEXT ► DO

DO Calibration is a two-point process requiring zero-oxygen solution and either air or saturated solution.

CALIBRATION  
BACK  
CALIBRATE  
ADVANCED  
UP DWN ENT

1. Select **CALIBRATE** from the conductivity calibration menu.

DO  
LAST CALIBRATION  
10/19/2017  
PUT DO PROBE IN  
ZERO OXYGEN  
SOLUTION.  
EXIT NEXT

2. Follow the instructions then press **NEXT** to continue.

DO  
1.2 mg/L  
WAIT FOR READING  
TO STABILIZE THEN  
PRESS NEXT.  
EXIT NXT

3. When the reading is stable, press **DONE** to complete the calibration.

DO  
PUT DO PROBE IN  
AIR.  
EXIT NEXT

4. Follow the instructions then press **NEXT** to continue.

DO  
12.7 mg/L  
WAIT FOR READING  
TO STABILIZE THEN  
PRESS NEXT.  
EXIT NXT

5. When the reading is stable, press **NEXT** to adjust the saturation calibration.

DO  
DONE  
+0.1  
-0.1  
11.5 mg/L  
UP DWN ENT

6. Adjust the saturation value according to the chart on the following page.

## D.O. Saturation Chart

The saturation concentration must be calculated manually using the standard reference chart below. Use the reference value from the chart to determine the calibration for the probe at 100% saturation.

<b>Oxygen Saturation Table (in mg/l or ppm)</b>																		
<b>(assume elevation at sea level and 100% water saturation of air above sample)</b>																		
<b>Temp</b>	<b>Salinity (ppt) ppm/1000</b>																	
<b>(°C)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>34</b>
0	14.6	14.4	14.2	14.0	13.8	13.6	13.4	13.3	13.1	12.9	12.7	12.6	12.4	12.2	12.0	11.9	11.7	11.6
1	14.2	14.0	13.8	13.6	13.4	13.3	13.1	12.9	12.7	12.6	12.4	12.2	12.1	11.9	11.7	11.6	11.4	11.3
2	13.8	13.6	13.4	13.3	13.1	12.9	12.7	12.6	12.4	12.2	12.1	11.9	11.7	11.6	11.4	11.3	11.1	11.0
3	13.4	13.3	13.1	12.9	12.7	12.6	12.4	12.2	12.1	11.9	11.8	11.6	11.4	11.3	11.1	11.0	10.8	10.7
4	13.1	12.9	12.7	12.6	12.4	12.2	12.1	11.9	11.8	11.6	11.5	11.3	11.2	11.0	10.9	10.7	10.6	10.4
5	12.7	12.6	12.4	12.3	12.1	11.9	11.8	11.6	11.5	11.3	11.2	11.0	10.9	10.7	10.6	10.5	10.3	10.2
6	12.4	12.3	12.1	11.9	11.8	11.6	11.5	11.3	11.2	11.0	10.9	10.8	10.6	10.5	10.3	10.2	10.1	9.9
7	12.1	12.0	11.8	11.7	11.5	11.4	11.2	11.1	10.9	10.8	10.6	10.5	10.4	10.2	10.1	10.0	9.8	9.7
8	11.8	11.7	11.5	11.4	11.2	11.1	10.9	10.8	10.7	10.5	10.4	10.3	10.1	10.0	9.9	9.7	9.6	9.5
9	11.5	11.4	11.2	11.1	11.0	10.8	10.7	10.5	10.4	10.3	10.2	10.0	9.9	9.8	9.6	9.5	9.4	9.3
10	11.3	11.1	11.0	10.8	10.7	10.6	10.4	10.3	10.2	10.0	9.9	9.8	9.7	9.6	9.4	9.3	9.2	9.1
11	11.0	10.9	10.7	10.6	10.5	10.3	10.2	10.1	9.9	9.8	9.7	9.6	9.5	9.3	9.2	9.1	9.0	8.9
12	10.8	10.6	10.5	10.4	10.2	10.1	10.0	9.9	9.7	9.6	9.5	9.4	9.3	9.1	9.0	8.9	8.8	8.7
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14	10.3	10.2	10.0	9.9	9.8	9.7	9.6	9.4	9.3	9.2	9.1	9.0	8.9	8.8	8.7	8.5	8.4	8.3
15	10.1	9.9	9.8	9.7	9.6	9.5	9.3	9.2	9.1	9.0	8.9	8.8	8.7	8.6	8.5	8.4	8.3	8.2
16	9.8	9.7	9.6	9.5	9.4	9.3	9.2	9.0	8.9	8.8	8.7	8.6	8.5	8.4	8.3	8.2	8.1	8.0
17	9.6	9.5	9.4	9.3	9.2	9.1	9.0	8.9	8.8	8.6	8.5	8.4	8.3	8.2	8.1	8.0	7.9	7.9
18	9.4	9.3	9.2	9.1	9.0	8.9	8.8	8.7	8.6	8.5	8.4	8.3	8.2	8.1	8.0	7.9	7.8	7.7
19	9.3	9.1	9.0	8.9	8.8	8.7	8.6	8.5	8.4	8.3	8.2	8.1	8.0	7.9	7.8	7.7	7.6	7.6
20	9.1	9.0	8.9	8.8	8.6	8.5	8.4	8.3	8.2	8.2	8.1	8.0	7.9	7.8	7.7	7.6	7.5	7.4
21	8.9	8.8	8.7	8.6	8.5	8.4	8.3	8.2	8.1	8.0	7.9	7.8	7.7	7.6	7.5	7.5	7.4	7.3
22	8.7	8.6	8.5	8.4	8.3	8.2	8.1	8.0	7.9	7.9	7.8	7.7	7.6	7.5	7.4	7.3	7.2	7.2
23	8.6	8.5	8.4	8.3	8.2	8.1	8.0	7.9	7.8	7.7	7.6	7.5	7.4	7.4	7.3	7.2	7.1	7.0
24	8.4	8.3	8.2	8.1	8.0	7.9	7.8	7.7	7.7	7.6	7.5	7.4	7.3	7.2	7.1	7.1	7.0	6.9
25	8.2	8.1	8.1	8.0	7.9	7.8	7.7	7.6	7.5	7.4	7.3	7.3	7.2	7.1	7.0	6.9	6.9	6.8
26	8.1	8.0	7.9	7.8	7.7	7.6	7.6	7.5	7.4	7.3	7.2	7.1	7.1	7.0	6.9	6.8	6.7	6.7
27	7.9	7.9	7.8	7.7	7.6	7.5	7.4	7.3	7.3	7.2	7.1	7.0	6.9	6.9	6.8	6.7	6.6	6.6
28	7.8	7.7	7.6	7.5	7.5	7.4	7.3	7.2	7.1	7.1	7.0	6.9	6.8	6.7	6.7	6.6	6.5	6.5
29	7.7	7.6	7.5	7.4	7.3	7.3	7.2	7.1	7.0	6.9	6.9	6.8	6.7	6.6	6.6	6.5	6.4	6.3
30	7.5	7.4	7.4	7.3	7.2	7.1	7.1	7.0	6.9	6.8	6.7	6.7	6.6	6.5	6.5	6.4	6.3	6.2

This table uses the formula % saturation =

$$= \text{EXP}(-173.4292+249.6339*100/T+143.3483*\text{LN}(+T/100)-21.8492*T/100+S*(-0.033096+0.014259*T/100-0.0017*(T/100)^2))*1.4276$$

where S is salinity in ppt and T is degrees Kelvin (=C+273.15)

Formula from Grasshoff, K., et al. (1999), and is generally accurate to 0.1 ppm to empirical studies.

Saturation values are for 760 mm mercury (29.92"). During a high pressure system, saturation values may be 0.4 ppm higher.

During a low pressure system, saturation may be 0.5 ppm lower.

## Advanced Calibration

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Sensors values may be manually calibrated to alternate standards using the advance calibration features.

OFFSET calibration applies a linear offset adjustment to the value.  
SPAN calibration applies an adjustment to the slope of the sensor value.

**Note: pH and conductivity are temperature compensated (ATC) sensors. For accurate calibration, the temperature probe must be in the pH and conductivity calibration standards. Allow all readings to stabilize before performing an offset or span calibration operation.**

CALIBRATION  
BACK  
CALIBRATE  
ADVANCED  
UP DWN ENT

### PH

CAL 7 sets the pH 7 calibration (offset.) Cal 7 automatically clears span calibration point prior performing pH 7 calibration.

SPAN calibration is performed typically at pH 4.01 or 10.0 (*Always perform pH 7 calibration first.*)

### CONDUCTIVITY

SET CAL 0 calibrates a dry EC probe if required. (not recommended)

SPAN calibration is recommended at 1413uS. If using ppm standards, ensure the display is in the correct units.

### DISSOLVED OXYGEN (D.O.)

OFFSET calibration is recommended in zero oxygen solution.

SPAN calibration is recommended at a known DO level or in air.

### OXIDATION REDUCTION POTENTIAL (O.R.P.)

OFFSET is recommended at 270mV

SPAN is recommended at 470mV

## Analog Output Calibration

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4-20mA analog outputs may also be calibrated with a positive or negative offset to compensate for variation in DAC's/ADC's. The sensors' current output may be incrementally increased or decreased in steps of 0.005mA over a range of +/-2mA.

1 Offset bit = 0.005mA, Range = +/-400 bits (+/-2mA)

This calibration procedure is optional and only for use with custom PLC applications.

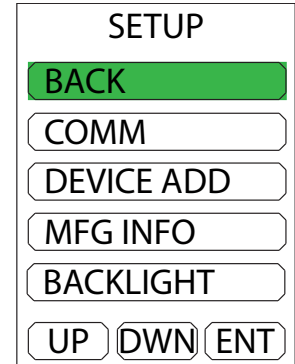
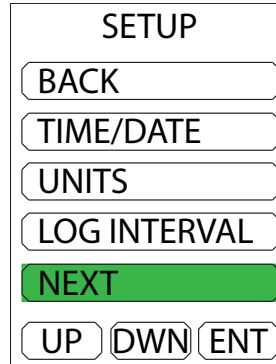
1. Observe the PLC's input or data readings.
2. Increase or decrease the offset value to incrementally adjust the current output until the values match.

ANALOG  
BACK  
+1  
-1  
-5  
UP DWN ENT

## Setup Menu

MNU ► SETUP

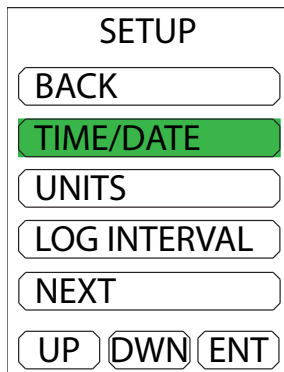
The setup menu is where the time and date are set, the units are configured, logging interval is adjusted and advanced communications settings are available.



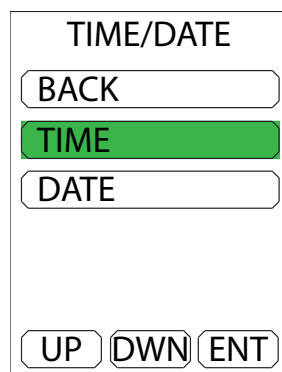
## Time / Date

MNU ► SETUP ► TIME/DATE

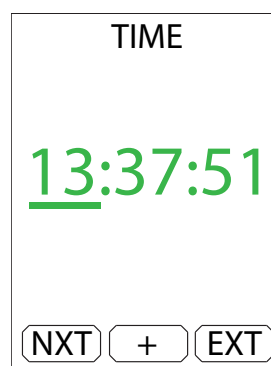
Sensors include a precision real-time clock with battery back-up for time-stamping the data log information with the time and date. The last calibration for each sensor is also time stamped.



1. Select **TIME/DATE** from the setup menu.



2. Select **TIME** or **DATE** to adjust.



3. Use **NXT** to select the value to adjust. Use **+** to increment the value.



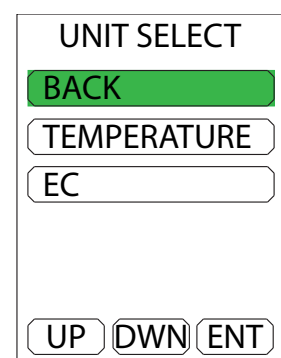
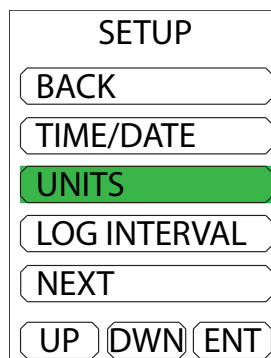
4. Use **EXT** to exit the menu.

## Units

MNU ► SETUP ► UNITS

Temperature and Conductivity may be displayed in alternate units.

Select a sensor value to change the default display and working units.



## Configure temperature units:

Temperature may be displayed in °F or °C.

Note: Check alarm settings when converting temperature units.

UNIT SELECT

BACK

TEMPERATURE

EC

UP DWN ENT

1. Select **TEMPERATURE** from the units menu.

UNIT SELECT

BACK

°C

°F

68.0°F

UP DWN ENT

2. Select the desired units and press **ENT**.

## Configure conductivity units:

Conductivity may be displayed in default units of microSiemens (uS) or total dissolved solids in parts per million (ppm.)

The TDS conversion factor used by this meter is 500.

$$\text{TDSppm} = \text{uS} \times 0.5$$

UNIT SELECT

BACK

TEMPERATURE

EC

UP DWN ENT

1. Select **EC** from the units menu.

UNIT SELECT

BACK

US

TDS

654 ppm

UP DWN ENT

2. Select the desired units and press **ENT**.

## Logging Interval

MNU ► SETUP ► LOG INTERVAL

Adjust the interval for recording data points in the on-board memort. Acceptable values are from 1 - 65535 seconds.

21,600 data points can be stored for each sensor value. The most recent 120 data points are shown on the graphical history.

The entire data history may be downloaded from the sensor to a .csv file with the LX1 USB AgrowLINK and free software.

Note: 60 second intervals = 15 days of data storage.

SETUP

BACK

TIME/DATE

UNITS

LOG INTERVAL

NEXT

UP DWN ENT

1. Select **LOG INTERVAL** from the setup menu.

LOGGIN INTERVAL

BACK

+1

-1

60 SEC

UP DWN ENT

2. Adjust the value then select **BACK**.

## COMM Mode

MNU ► SETUP ► NEXT ► COMM

COMM mode specifies whether the sensor is a normal passive device or “mini-master” device.

**NORMAL** Use with GrowControl master controller systems or stand-alone and data logging applications.

**MINI-MASTER** Use with MDX mini-dosing system. (GrowNET cross-over adapter required.)

SETUP

BACK

COMM

DEVICE ADD

MFG INFO

UP DWN ENT

1. Select **COMM** from the setup menu.

COM MODE

NORMAL

MINI MASTER

UP DWN ENT

2. Select a mode and press **ENT**.

## Device Address

MNU ► SETUP ► NEXT ► DEVICE ADD

Sensors are digitally addressable from 1-249 and will be assigned an address automatically by Agrowtek’s control systems, or can be configured manually for MODBUS applications via the menu.

NOTE: All of Agrowtek’s devices use address 254 as a broadcast address.

SETUP

BACK

COMM

DEVICE ADD

MFG INFO

BACKLIGHT

UP DWN ENT

1. Select **DEVICE ADD** from the setup menu.

DEVICE ADDRESS

BACK

+1

-1

0 Addr

UP DWN ENT

2. Adjust the value then select **BACK**.

## Manufacturing Info

MNU ► SETUP ► NEXT ► MFG INFO

Manufacturer information such as serial number, date of manufacture, hardware and firmware versions can be read from the MFG INFO page.

SETUP

BACK

COMM

DEVICE ADD

MFG INFO

BACKLIGHT

UP DWN ENT

1. Select **MFG INFO** from the setup menu.

SERIAL NUMBER:  
17090554  
DATE OF MFG:  
09/15/17  
HW VERSION:  
C  
FW VERSION:  
02.03.84

EXIT

2. Press **EXIT** to return.

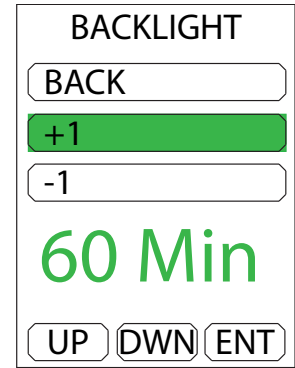
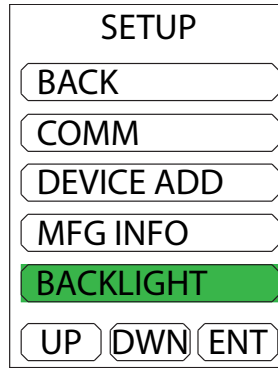


# Display Back Light Timer



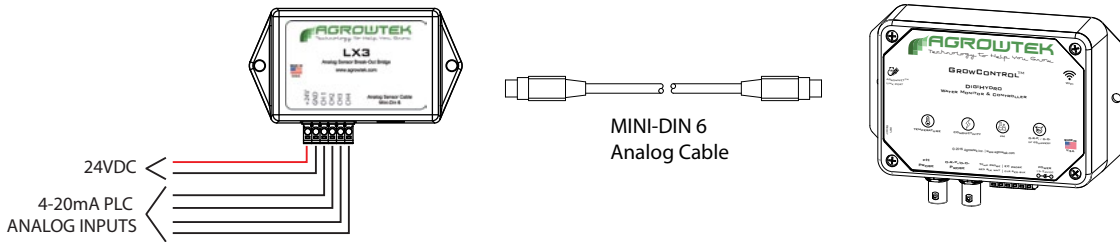
The display back light can be programmed to turn off after a specified time of inactivity from the last time a button is pressed.

The delay can be set from 1-255 minutes, or set to 0 to disable the back light timer and keep the display on continuously.



# Connection to 4-20mA Outputs

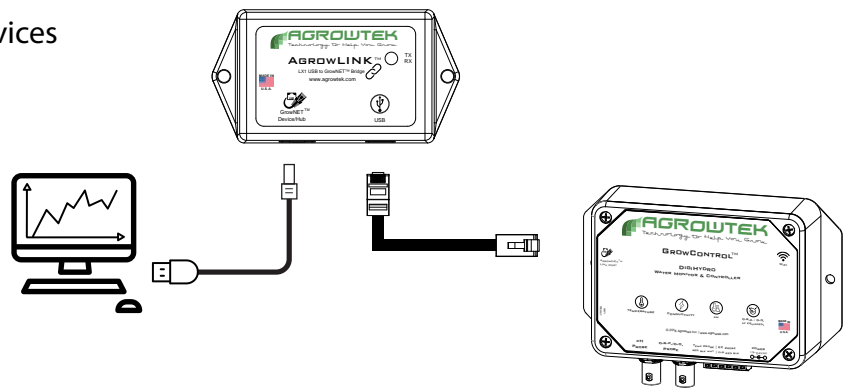
Sensors are available with optional 4-20mA analog outputs. Use the LX3 DinLINK for wire connections. A mini-din 6 connector is included on units with 4-20mA outputs for power and analog connections. LX3 connects the mini-din 6 cable to a terminal block break-out with terminals for 24V power the four analog channels. 4-20mA linear outputs correspond to the ranges in the sensor specifications table.



# Connection to USB AgrowLINK

LX1 USB AgrowLINK connects Agrowtek's devices to a computer's USB port for:

- Firmware Updates
- Calibration
- Configuration
- Data Logging Download
- Live Graphing
- Email Alerts
- More



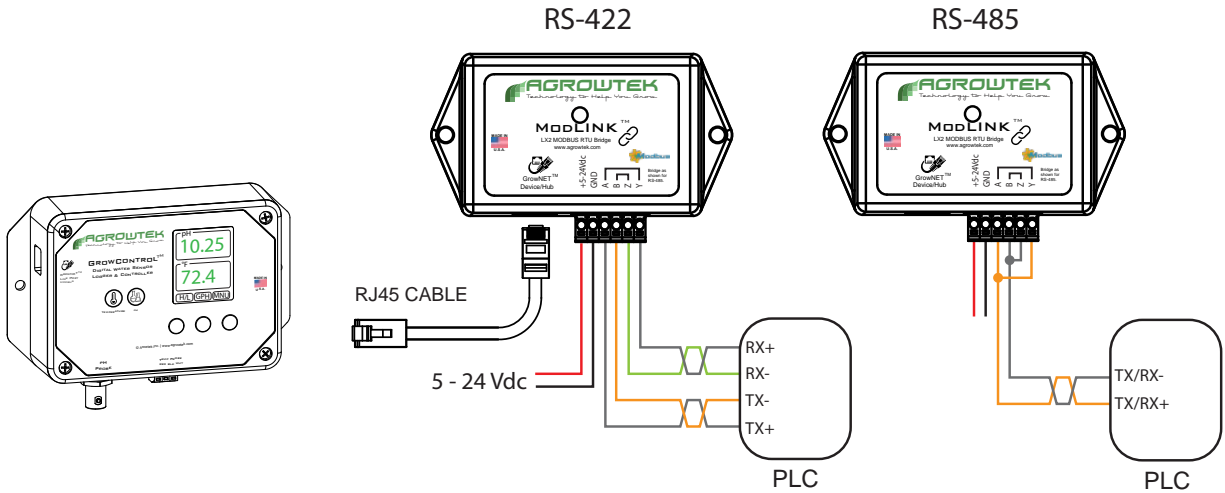
LX1 provides power from USB to operate SXH/SXH+

Standard FTDI drivers automatically install in Windows. GrowNET protocol available for custom software applications; sample C# code available. See software manual for more information.

# Connection to MODBUS RTU

RS-485 / RS-422

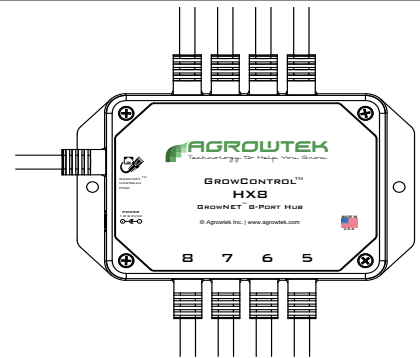
Use the LX2 ModLINK to connect MODBUS devices to the GrowNET™ port.



## HX8 8-Port Hubs

HX8 GrowNET™ Hubs allow multiple GrowNET™ sensors, relays and dosing pumps to be connected to a single LX1 or LX2 interface. Individually buffered, full-duplex ports for signal integrity. Hubs can be daisy chained to form a network of up to 247 devices.

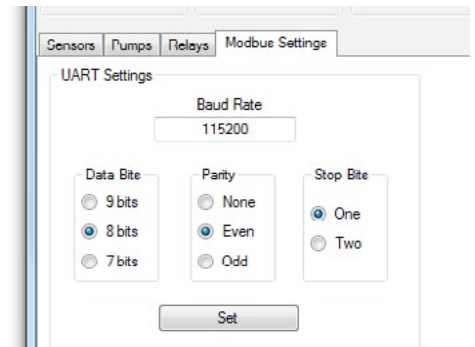
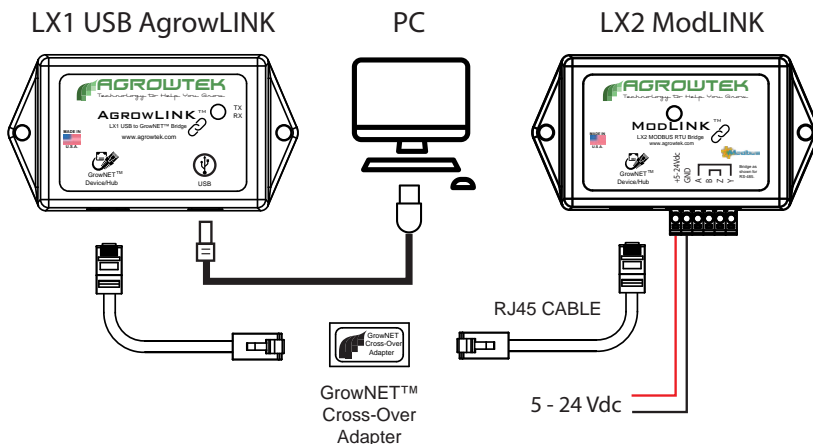
Hubs provide up to 1A of power for operating sensors and some relays directly over the GrowNET cable. A DC jack on the hub provides 24Vdc power to the ports from the included 120V wall power supply.



## Serial Speed & Format

The default serial data format for the LX2 ModLINK interface is: **19,200 baud, 8-N-1**.

Alternate speeds and formats between 9,600 - 115,200 baud may be configured with the free AgrowLINK PC utility using a LX1 USB AgrowLINK and the cross-over adapter supplied with the LX2 ModLINK.



See MODBUS manual for more information.



## Supported Commands

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0x03 Read Multiple Registers  
0x06 Write Single Register  
0x10 Write Multiple Register

## Register Types

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All registers are 16 bits wide with addresses using the standard MODICON protocol. Floating point values use the standard IEEE 32-bit format occupying two contiguous 16 bit registers. ASCII values are stored with two characters (bytes) per register in hexadecimal format.

## Sensor Value Registers

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Sensor values are available in integer or floating point formats depending on the register requested (see map.)

Sensor #	Type	Integer Scale	Range
1	Temperature	x100	-2000 - 6000 (-20 - 60°C)
2	pH	x100	0 - 1400 (0 - 14.00pH)
3	Conductivity	x1	0 - 5000 microSiemens
4	O.R.P.	x1	-1000 - +1000 mV
	D.O.	x100	0 - 4000 (0 - 40.00 mg/L max, per cal)

For example: an integer temperature value of 2417 is equal to a temperature reading of 24.17°C.

## Calibration Registers

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Calibration registers are 16-bit signed integers for the purpose of calibrating the sensor values or analog output channels. Calibration may be achieved by writing the desired calibrated value to the associated register. Writing to the calibration registers automatically invokes the calibration routine for that register.

### Offset Calibration

Offset, or zero calibration, is an arithmetic positive or negative correction to the sensor reading. Operations performed using the offset register are:

- Temperature calibration
- pH 7 calibration
- Conductivity, ORP or DO zero calibration

To perform a sensor offset calibration, simply write the corrected sensor value to the offset calibration register (taking into account the integer scale as shown above.)

To set the temperature to a calibrated value of 25°C, write the value "2500."

To set the pH 7 calibration, write the value "700."

To set the conductivity zero calibration, write the value "0."

### Span Calibration

Span, or slope calibration, corrects the slope of the sensor reading at a second point, away from the zero calibration. Operations performed using the span register are:

- pH 4.01 or 10.0 calibration
- Conductivity, ORP or DO calibration to solution standard

To set the pH 4.01 calibration, write the value "401."

To set the conductivity to a calibrated value of 1413uS, write the value "1413."

**Note: perform any "offset" calibrations prior span calibrations.**

### Analog Calibration

Analog output calibration sends a positive or negative offset to the respective output channel's digital to analog converter (DAC.) The DAC has a resolution of 0.005mA/bit.

±1 calibration bit = ±0.005mA adjustment

For example: to shift the analog output up by 0.1 mA, set the analog offset value to +20. ( 0.1 / 0.005 = 20)

## MODBUS Register Map

Parameter	Function	Type	Scale	Access	Address
Device Address	Slave Address	Value, 1-247	8 bit	R/W	40001
Baud Rate	Comm baud rate	Value	16 bit	R	40002
Data Format	Comm data format	Value	16 bit	R	40003
Serial#	Serial Number	ASCII	8 Char	R	40004
DOM	Date of Manufacture	ASCII	8 Char	R	40008
HW Version	Hardware Version	ASCII	8 Char	R	40012
FW Version	Firmware Version	ASCII	8 Char	R	40016
Sensor 1 Value	Sensor output	Signed Int	16 bit	R	40101
Sensor 2 Value	Sensor output	Signed Int	16 bit	R	40102
Sensor 3 Value	Sensor output	Signed Int	16 bit	R	40103
Sensor 4 Value	Sensor output	Signed Int	16 bit	R	40104
Sensor 1 Value	Sensor output	Float	32-bit	R	40201
Sensor 2 Value	Sensor output	Float	32-bit	R	40203
Sensor 3 Value	Sensor output	Float	32-bit	R	40205
Sensor 4 Value	Sensor output	Float	32-bit	R	40207
Sensor 1 Offset Cal	Calibration Input	Signed Int	16 bit	W	41101
Sensor 2 Offset Cal	Calibration Input	Signed Int	16 bit	W	41102
Sensor 3 Offset Cal	Calibration Input	Signed Int	16 bit	W	41103
Sensor 4 Offset Cal	Calibration Input	Signed Int	16 bit	W	41104
Sensor 1 Span Cal	Calibration Input	Signed Int	16 bit	W	41201
Sensor 2 Span Cal	Calibration Input	Signed Int	16 bit	W	41202
Sensor 3 Span Cal	Calibration Input	Signed Int	16 bit	W	41203
Sensor 4 Span Cal	Calibration Input	Signed Int	16 bit	W	41204
Sensor 1 Analog Cal	Calibration Input	Signed Int	16 bit	W	41301
Sensor 2 Analog Cal	Calibration Input	Signed Int	16 bit	W	41302
Sensor 3 Analog Cal	Calibration Input	Signed Int	16 bit	W	41303
Sensor 4 Analog Cal	Calibration Input	Signed Int	16 bit	W	41304

# Maintenance

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Sensor probes require periodic cleaning, reconditioning and calibration for reliable service. See calibration section for details on performing calibration service after cleaning.

## Probe Cleaning

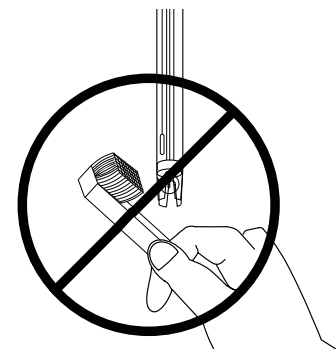
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Coating of the pH or ORP bulbs can lead to erroneous readings including shortened span (slope). Coatings and blockages in the EC sensor can cause incorrect readings. The type of coating will determine the cleaning technique.

Soft coatings can be removed by vigorous stirring or by the use of a squirt bottle.

Organic chemical or hard coatings should be chemically removed. 5-10% hydrochloric acid (HCl) soak for a few minutes and often removes many coatings.

If cleaning does not restore pH sensor performance, reconditioning may be tried.



**Do not use a brush or abrasive on pH or EC probes.**

## pH Probe Reconditioning

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When reconditioning is required due to electrode aging the following chemical treatments can be tried. They are presented in the order of the severity of attack on the pH glass and may not improve (and in some cases actually further deteriorate) electrode performance.

**⚠ DANGER:** Use proper precautions when handling these hazardous chemicals. Ammonium bifluoride and HF (hydrofluoric acid) are extremely hazardous and should only be used by qualified personnel.

### Reconditioning Method 1

Immerse the electrode tip in 0.1 N HCl for 15 seconds, rinse in tap water and then immerse tip in 0.1 M NaOH for 15 seconds and rinse in tap water. Repeat this sequence three times and then recheck the electrode's performance. If performance has not been restored, try method two.

### Reconditioning Method 2

Immerse the tip in a 20% solution of NH<sub>4</sub>F-HF (ammonium bifluoride) for two to three minutes, rinse in tap water and recheck performance. If performance has not been restored, try method three.

### Reconditioning Method 3

Immerse electrode tip in 5% HF for 10-15 seconds, rinse well in tap water, quickly rinse in 5N HCl, rinse well in tap water and recheck performance. If performance has not been restored, it is time to get a new probe.

# Technical Information

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## Specifications

Power	5-24Vdc, ~2W (5W w/LCD)
Max Cable Distance	1000ft
Optional Interface	LCD w/3 Buttons
Temperature Range	-20 - 60°C
Temperature Accuracy	±2°C, 0.01° resolution
pH Range	0-14pH
pH Accuracy	±0.02pH, 0.01pH resolution
Conductivity Range	0 - 5000 uS (0-2500ppm)
Conductivity Accuracy	±20uS, 2uS resolution
+ORP (DO) Range	-1000 - +1000mV (0-40mg/L)
+ORP (DO) Accuracy	±10mV, 1mV resolution (±0.1mg/L, 0.1 resolution)
4-20mA Output Resolution	12 bit , 0.005mA
Interface	GrowNET, MODBUS or WiFi

## Storage and Disposal

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### Storage

Store equipment in a clean, dry environment with ambient temperature between 10-50°C.

### Disposal

This industrial control equipment may contain traces of lead or other metals and environmental contaminants and must not be discarded as unsorted municipal waste, but must be collected separately for the purpose of treatment, recovery and environmentally sound disposal. Wash hands after handling internal components or PCB's.

## Warranty

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