

[1]Scope

This document explains Soil sensor which can measure EC (Electrical conductivity), Moisture (Volumetric water content; VWC) and Temperature simultaneously in soil and water.

1-1 Specific applications

- Long term monitoring of temperature, moisture, fertilizer in the soil for agriculture.
- Agriculture irrigation system control
- Long term river and pond water condition monitoring
- Aquaculture pond water condition control
- Soil and water environment research

1-2 Unsuitable Application

Applications listed in "Limitation of Applications." in this document.

[2] Part number

2-1	Part Description	Soil sensor
2-2	MURATA Part No.	SLT5007
	Customer Part No.	Please fill in your part number.

[3]Feature

- Simple user interface : three sensors in one package.
- High accuracy moisture sensor : eliminate the effect of saline(ions).
- High performance EC sensor : high accuracy with multi electrodes. it is possible to measure EC of pore water.
- 3D environment measurement : Gathering 3D information with multi placement.
- Rugged and water proof structure : IP68 equivalent. Sensors in strong package.
- Corresponding for wireless system : Low voltage and Low power consumption.
- Variety of interface : UART, RS232, RS485, RS485(MODBUS), SDI-12

[4]Sensing target

①EC sensor

Electrical conductivity depends on contained anion/ cation amount.
(NO₃,NH₄,H₂PO₄,K,Ca,Mg,NaCl etc..)

②Moisture sensor

Measure the electric permittivity, translate to VWC.

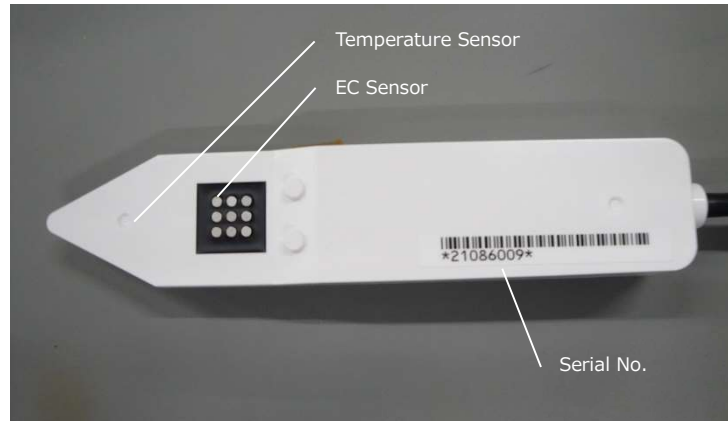
③Temperature sensor

Temperature in the soil and water environment.

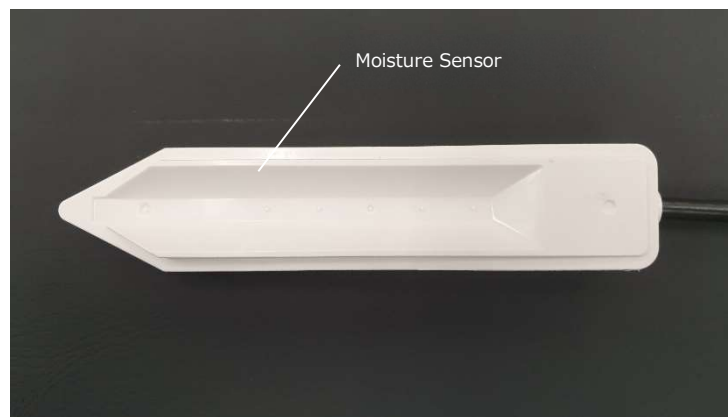
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[5]Sensor Figure

Sensor size: 132.5 x 27 x 16.2 mm \pm 0.2mm



Top side view



Back side view

[6]Specification

EC		Comments
Range[dS/m]	0—5	
Resolution[dS/m]	0.001	
Accuracy[%]	±3	FS
Temperature		
Range[°C]	-20 – 60	
Resolution[°C]	0.0625	
Accuracy[°C]	± 1.0±1digit	r.d.g
Moisture		
Range[%]	0—60	
Resolution[%]	0.1	
Accuracy[%]	±3	FS

Items	minimum	typical	maximum	Remark
Power Supply[V]	3.0	-	6.0	
Active Current[mA]	25	30	50	@Read/Write cycle
Operating Temperature[°C]	-20	-	60	
Measurement Cycle [ms]	Free			
Enclosure Class	IP68			equivalent
Interface	RS485			
Cable length[m]	3			Standard

※Remark: In case of freezing condition, moisture sensor value and EC sensor value may vary drastically since the relative dielectric constant changes drastically.

[7]Weathering performance、Mechanical performance

	item	Method of test	Method of judgement
7-1	High Temperature bias test	Temperature $70\pm 2^{\circ}\text{C}$ with 3.0V powersupply during 250 hours	Satisfy table1
7-2	Low Temperature bias test	Temperatue $-20\pm 2^{\circ}\text{C}$ with 3.0V powersupply During 250 hours	Satisfy table1
7-3	High Moisture bias test	Temperature $60\pm 2^{\circ}\text{C}$, Humidity 90~95% with 3.0V powersupply during 250 hours	Satisfy table1
7-4	Temperature cycling test	Temperature $-20\pm 2^{\circ}\text{C}$ during 30minites Temperature $60\pm 2^{\circ}\text{C}$ during 30minites 400 cycles	Satisfy table1
7-5	Salt spray test	Temperature $35\pm 2^{\circ}\text{C}$ salt concentration $5\pm 1\%$ during 96 hours	Satisfy table1
7-6	Vibration test	10~55Hz/10G max stroke1.5mm 1octave/min 24times/1direction · 3direction sweeptime 5min sweepmethod log	Satisfy table1
7-7	Electrostatic Breakdown test	Fig.1 $\pm 2\text{kV}$ $C1=100\text{pF}$, $R1=1.5\text{k}\Omega$	Satisfy table1
7-8	Water proof test	① Firstly, 8-4 Temperature cycling test, next, underwater with underwater pressure of 1.0m equivalent during 30minites ② Firstly, 8-3 High moisture bias test, next, underwater with underwater pressure of 1.0m equivalent during 30minites	
7-9	Dust proof test	Field test in the soil grain size under 20um over one year (ref : normal IP6 test, grain size is 75um)	

Table1. Method of judgement for weathering and mechanical performance

item	Method of judgement
EC, VWC	Change amount within $\pm 3\%$ for initial value

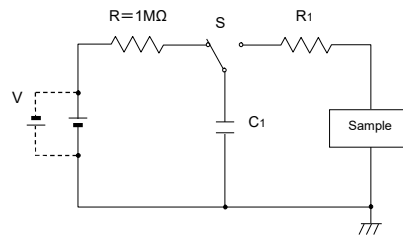


Fig.1

[8]Sensor operation

① EC sensor

EC sensor can measure electrical conductivity of surrounding environments. The basic method is the resistance measurement between two electrodes using alternating voltage. The electrodes need to be protected from corrosion. Therefore, it is important to use the low voltage and the high corrosive-resistant materials.

Normally EC sensor measures the bulk EC(total resistance of soil material, pore water and air). Bulk EC is influenced by water and ions in the soil. Now to know the Pore EC(resistance only in pore water) is important as an indicator of the concentration of fertilizer in the soil. Pore EC is not influenced by volume of water, it is a measurement value which reacts for only volume of ions in the soil.

- Bulk EC is a value suitable for measurement of ions in the water.

- Pore EC is a value suitable for measurement of ions in the soil.

Murata sensor extracts pore EC value by murata original algorithm.

All sensors have the high accuracy by calibration compensated the temperature dependence also before shipment.

Furthermore, EC sensor outputs the raw A-D converter values also, the customer can examine the essential quality for the environments.

② Moisture sensor

Moisture sensor can measure VWC(volumetric water content) of surrounding environments. The basic method is the electric permittivity measurement between two electrodes using alternating voltage with 200MHz. The electric permittivity bears a proportionate to VWC. The electric permittivity at air(no water) becomes close to 1. On the other hand, the electric permittivity at water(100%) becomes close to 80.

High frequency of 200MHz can eliminate the error effect by the content of ions.

All sensors have the high accuracy for the temperature compensation.

Furthermore, moisture sensor outputs the raw A-D converter values also, the customer can examine the essential quality for the environments.

③ Temperature sensor

Temperature sensor utilizes application of diode K factor. It realizes to measure with a high speed and a high accuracy.

[9]How to use

This soil sensor conforms RS485 interface, and can connect up to 32 units.

It needs to set a unique number if you want to communicate with multiple sensors.

As the initial value is 0, at first please write a unique number to SENSOR NUMBER register one by one.

And this soil sensor does not have a terminal register. Please connect 120Ω terminal register if you need.

[10]Communication specification

Applicable Model

SLT5007

Interface

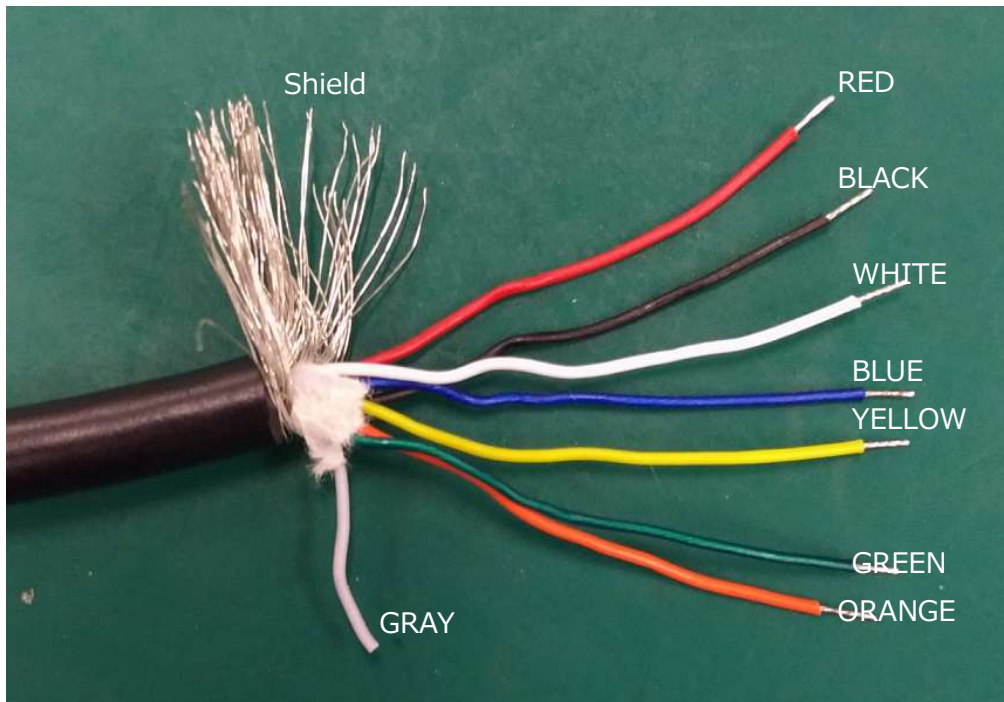
Connection Type	RS485(half duplex)
Signal	Data+, Data-, GND
Baud rate	9600
Data	8bit
Parity	None
Stop	1 bit
Flow Control	None
Data Format	Binary
Note:	If you want to connect your PC and a soil sensor with a USB port, you may use a USB-Serial Converter cable(UTS-485TB-V2 etc.)

Cable

No.	Color	Input/output						Remark
		Name	Symbol	IO		Min	Max	
1	RED	Supply Voltage	VDD	-		3.0	6.0	
2	BLACK	Ground	VSS	-		0.0	0.0	
3	WHITE	Enable the device	EN	IN	VIH	0.8 x VDD	VDD	H: Active
					VIL	VSS	0.2 x VDD	L: Standby
4	BLUE	Inverting Data	Data-	INOUT	VCM	-7	12	※1
5	YELLOW	Noninverting Data	Data+	INOUT	VTH	-0.2	-0.05	
					VOD	1.5	VINT	
6	GREEN	No connected	NC	-		-	-	※2
7	ORANGE	No connected	NC	-		-	-	※2
8	GRAY	-	-	-		-	-	※3
-	-	Internal Voltage	VINT	-		3.3		

Remarks:

- ※1 : VCM is common-mode input voltage range. VTH is receiver differential threshold voltage. VOD is differential driver output.
- ※2 : GREEN and ORANGE cables must be floating. Because they are pulled up to VINT(Internal voltage) internally.
- ※3 : **GRAY cable and Shield line** are connected to GND(VSS) is recommended for the stability of communication.



Communication Format

Name	Size	Description
Function Code	1 byte	Specify "read" or "write"
Start Address	1 byte	Indicate the start address of data for read or write
Byte Size	1 byte	Specify the Byte size of data for read or write
Data	Up to 26 bytes	Read data or write data
Error Check	2 bytes	Error Check field based on CRC-16.

Function Code

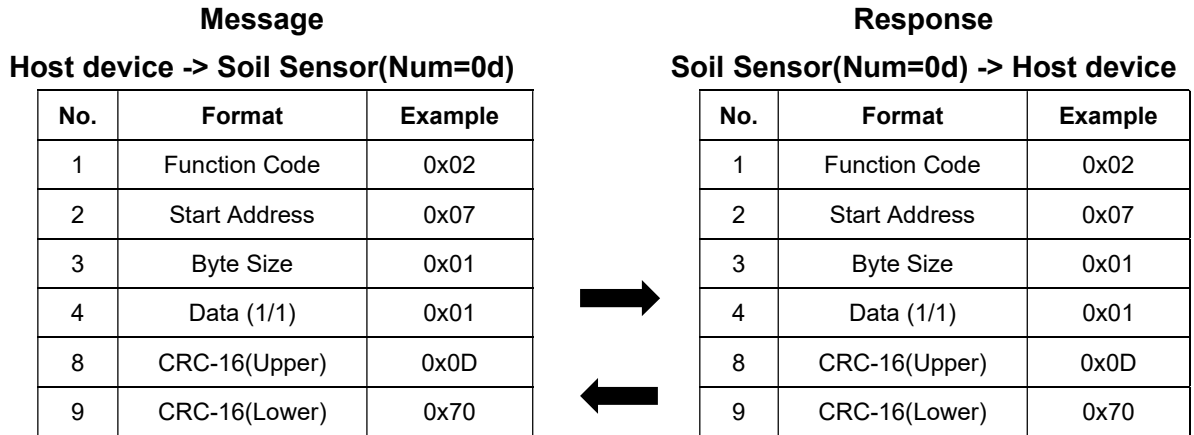
Function Code	Action
0AAA_AA00b	Read from a sensor number of AAAAA.
0AAA_AA10b	Write to a sensor number of AAAAA.

Operation Method

- ① Start to measure: write "0x01" to SNSR_CTRL register(0x07).
↓
- ② Monitor the state of sensor : read the state("0x00" or "0x01") in SNSR_STATE register(0x08).
0x00 : Still under measuring or not start to measure.
0x01 : finish to measure.
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- ③ Read the measurement data : read the data in each registers.
(After finishing the measurement (SNSR_STATE register value="0x01"))

Write(0AAA_AA10b)

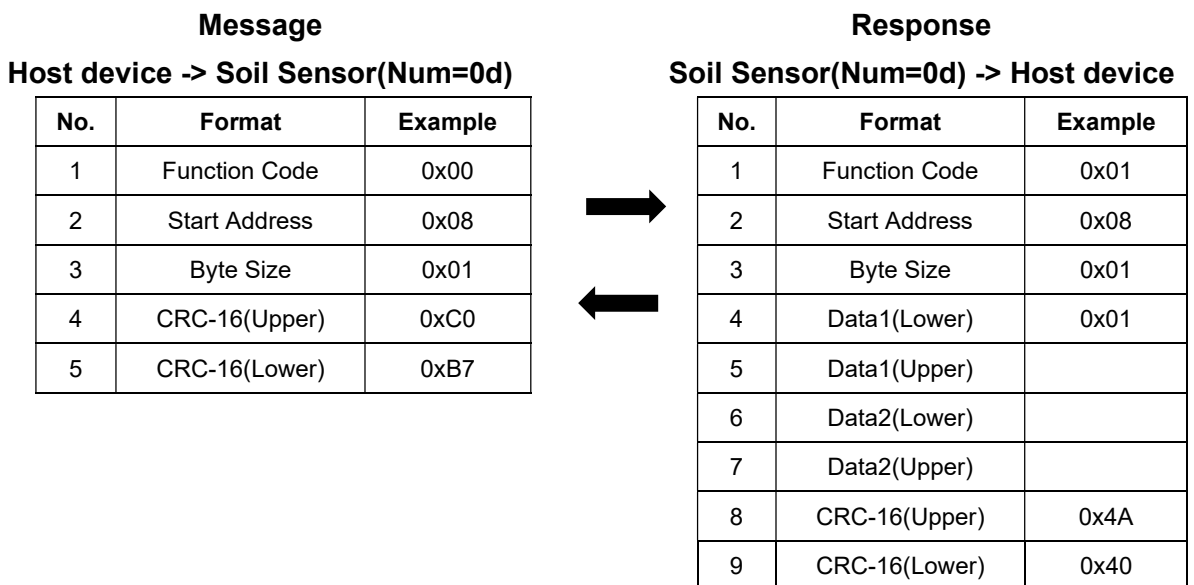
Following shows an example of start of measurement



Read (0AAA_AA00b)

Following shows an example of confirmation of measurement finish or not.

A function code from a host device is “0AAA AA00b”, but the response from the sensor is “0AAA AA01b” that LSB is inverted.



Error Message

If a host device sends an inappropriate message, it will receive an error message.

Format	Size
Function Code 0x80 [1]	1 byte
Error Code	1 byte
Error Check (CRC-16)	2 bytes

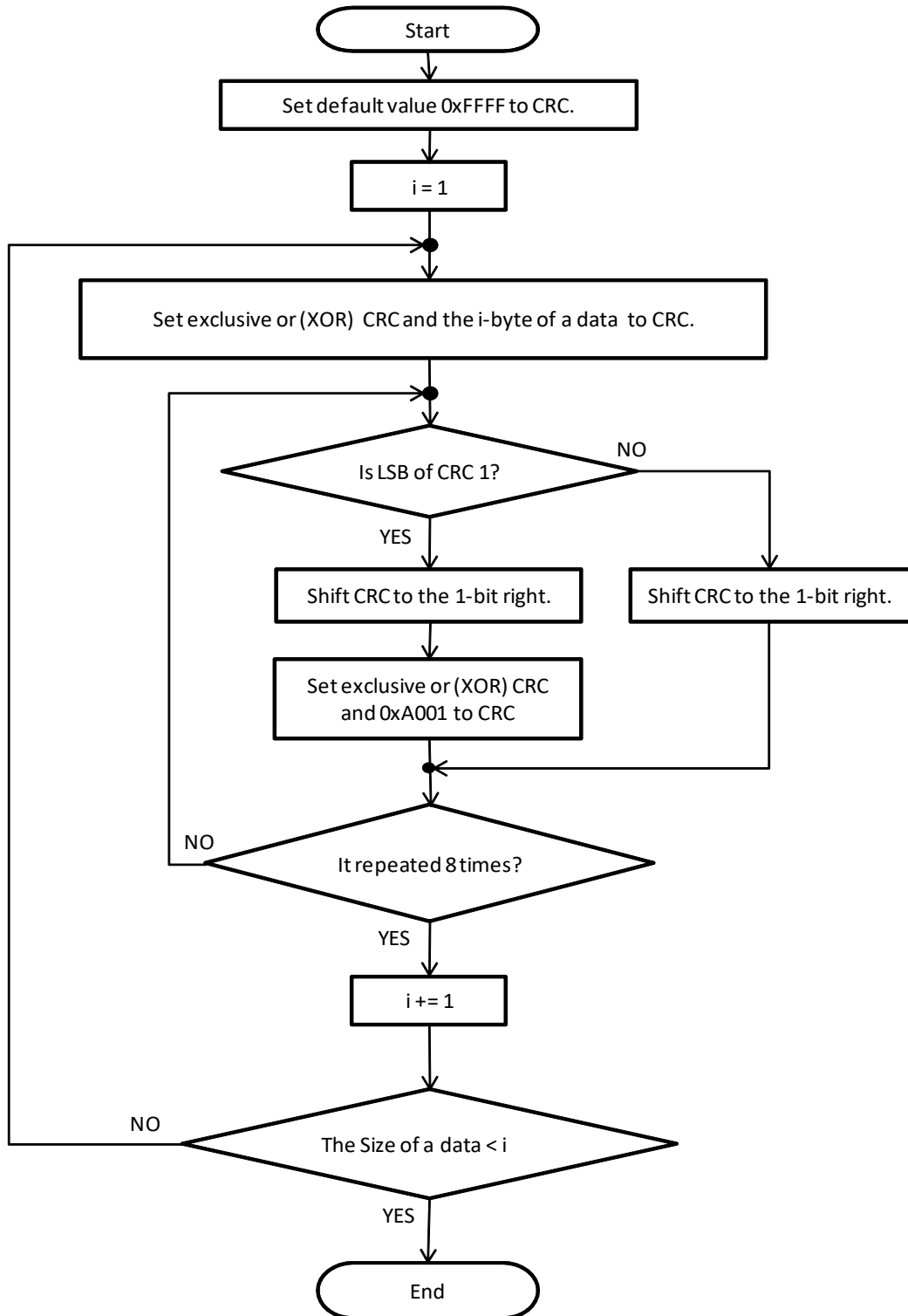
[1] MSB of a received function code is set to 1.

Error Code	Description
0x01	Illegal Function Code
0x02	Illegal Start Address
0x03	Illegal Byte Size
0x04	Receive buffer overflow
0x05	CRC-16 error
0x06	Sensor is measuring
0x10	Failed to write register
0x20	Internal I2C communication error

Parameter description

Name	Description	Range																																
FW Version	Firmware version. Firmware version consists of major version, minor version and revision.	-																																
UID	Unique ID.	-																																
SNSR_CTRL	Start bit for measuring. Writing 0x01 starts the measurement.	-																																
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DDS	Output of 12-bit Analog-to-Digital (AD) converter : reference clock for EC sensor	0 ~ 4095																																
ADC_EC	Output of 12-bit Analog-to-Digital converter : EC sensor output.	0 ~ 4095																																
ADC_BATTERY	Output of 12-bit Analog-to-Digital converter : half of power-supply voltage.	0 ~ 4095																																
ADC_PERMITTIVITY	Output of 12-bit Analog-to-Digital converter : moisture sensor output.	0 ~ 4095																																
TEMP	<p>Temperature value: It becomes the output value of [°C] unit by multiplying 0.0625. Data is represented in 2's complement.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Temperature table</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="2">TEMP[11:0]</th> <th rowspan="2">Temperature [°C]</th> </tr> <tr> <th>Binary</th> <th>He</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>0100 0110 0</td> <td>46</td> <td>70</td> </tr> <tr> <td>0100 0101 1</td> <td>45</td> <td>69.9375</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">:</td> <td style="text-align: center;">:</td> <td style="text-align: center;">:</td> </tr> <tr> <td>0000 0000 0</td> <td>00</td> <td>0.0625</td> </tr> <tr> <td>0000 0000 0</td> <td>00</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1111 1111 1</td> <td>FF</td> <td>-0.0625</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">:</td> <td style="text-align: center;">:</td> <td style="text-align: center;">:</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1110 1100 0</td> <td>EC</td> <td>-19.9475</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1110 1100 0</td> <td>EC</td> <td>-20</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	TEMP[11:0]		Temperature [°C]	Binary	He	0100 0110 0	46	70	0100 0101 1	45	69.9375	:	:	:	0000 0000 0	00	0.0625	0000 0000 0	00	0	1111 1111 1	FF	-0.0625	:	:	:	1110 1100 0	EC	-19.9475	1110 1100 0	EC	-20	-2048 ~ 2047 (-128 ~ 127.9375°C)
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EC_BULK	<p>Bulk EC value: It is a value suitable for measurement of ions in the water. It becomes the output value of [dS/m] unit by multiplying 0.001.</p>	0 ~ 65535 (0 ~ 65.535 dS/m)																																
VWC	<p>VWC (Volumetric Water Content) value: It becomes the output value of [%] unit by multiplying 0.1.</p>	0 ~ 1000 (0 ~ 100.0 %)																																
EC_PORE	<p>Pore EC value: It is a value suitable for measurement of ions in the soil. It becomes the output value of [dS/m] unit by multiplying 0.001.</p>	0 ~ 65535 (0 ~ 65.535 dS/m)																																
SENSOR NUMBER	Sensor number. The initial value is 0. Set a unique number if you want to communicate with multiple sensors.	0~31																																
CLEAR NUMBER	Clear a sensor number. When you write 1 to a "CLEAR" bit, a sensor number is set to 0. When you write to this register, a sensor address of a function code is ignored and a sensor does not send a response.																																	

CRC-16



CRC-16 (Program)

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USHORT CRC16(int size, BYTE* data)
{
    USHORT cr = 0xFFFF;

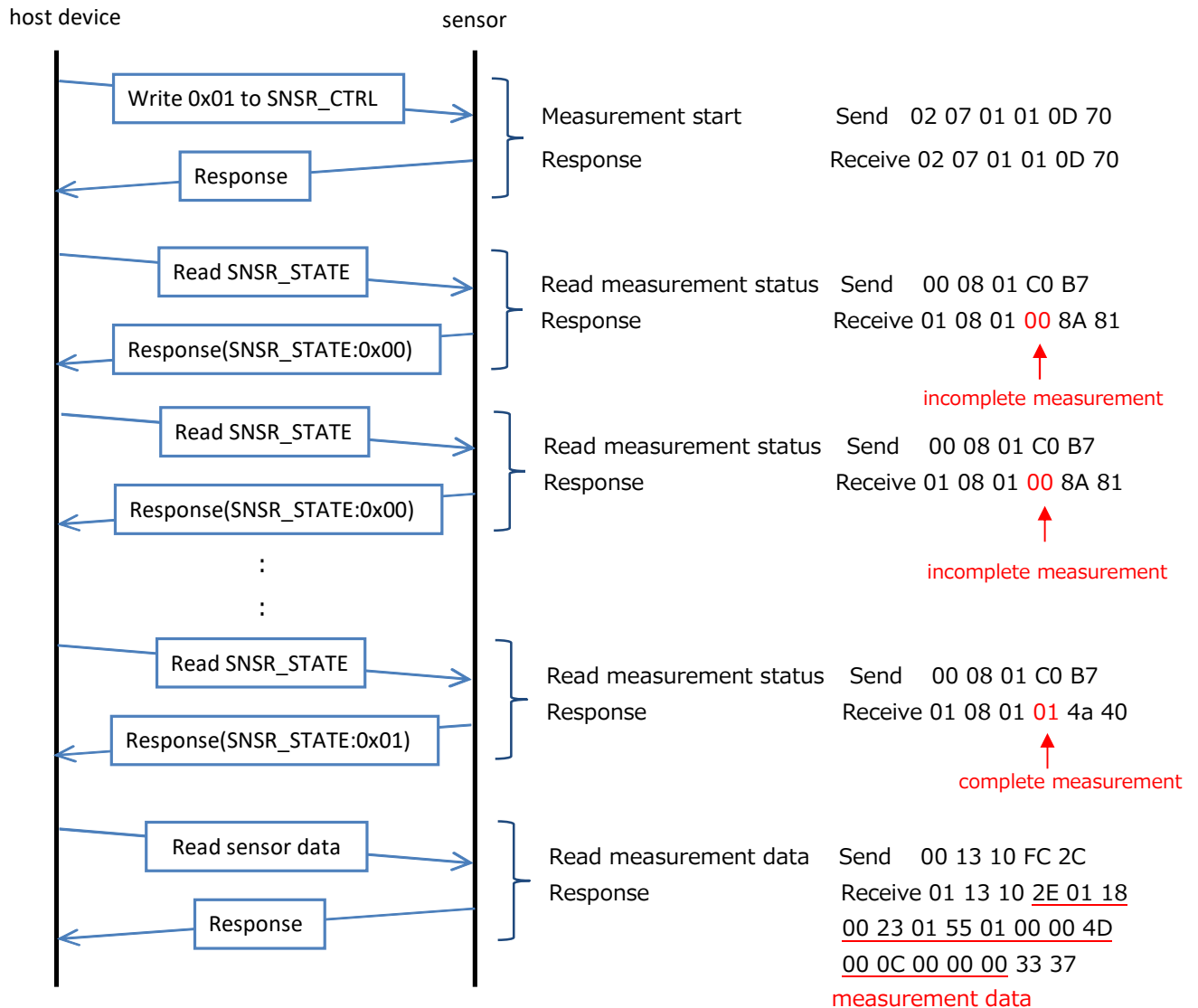
    for(int i = 0; i < size; i++)
    {
        cr = cr ^ data[i];

        for(int j = 0; j < 8; j++)
        {
            if((cr & 0x0001) == 0x0001)
            {
                cr >>= 1;
                cr ^= 0xA001;
            }
            else
            {
                cr >>= 1;
            }
        }
    }

    return cr;
}
```

Sample code, Timing chart

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- ② Monitor the state of sensor : read the state("0x00" or "0x01") in SNSR_STATE register(0x08).
 0x00 : Still under measuring or not start to measure.
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- ③ Read the measurement data : read the data in each registers.
 (After finishing the measurement (SNSR_STATE register value="0x01"))



- Command to read measurement data of ①~⑧

Send 00 13 10 FC 2C
 Receive 01 13 10 2E 01 18 00 23 01 55 01 00 00 4D 00 0C 00 00 00 33 37

① ② ③ ④ ⑤ ⑥ ⑦ ⑧

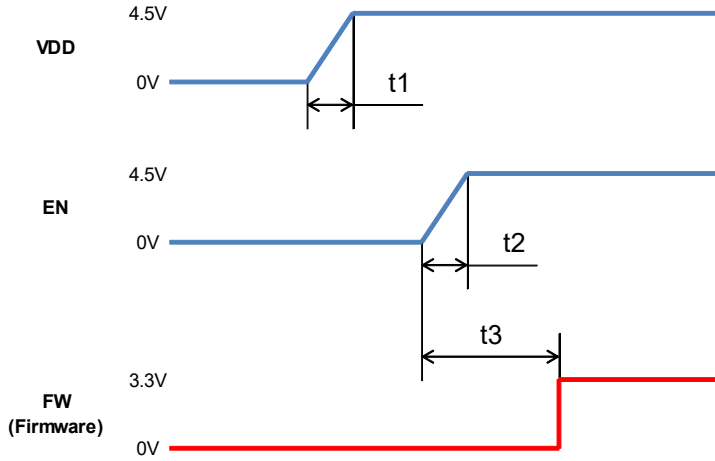
- How to read the measurement data

①	TEMP	:	2E 01	⇒	0x012E	⇒	302d	x0.0625	⇒	18.875[°C]
②	EC_BULK	:	18 00	⇒	0x0018	⇒	24d	x0.001	⇒	0.024[dS/m]
③	DummyData	:	23 01							
④	VWC	:	55 01	⇒	0x0155	⇒	341d	x0.1	⇒	34.1[%]
⑤	DummyData	:	00 00							
⑥	DummyData	:	4D 00							
⑦	EC_PORE	:	0C 00	⇒	0x000C	⇒	12d	x0.001	⇒	0.012[dS/m]
⑧	DummyData	:	00 00							

Power ON timing

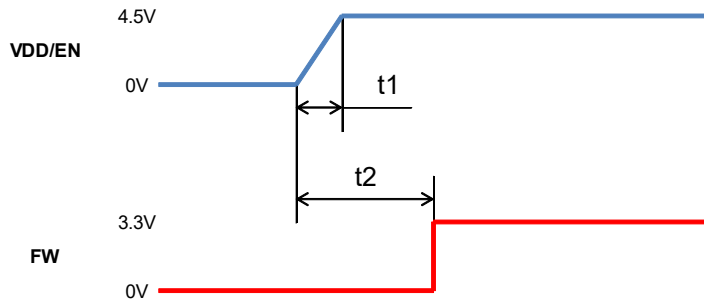
* Cable length 3m

Timing case 1: VDD "High" -> EN "High"



items	symbol	Typ	unit
VDD rise time	t1	3	ms
EN rise time	t2	2.2	ms
EN "start" ~ FW "start" time	t3	11	ms

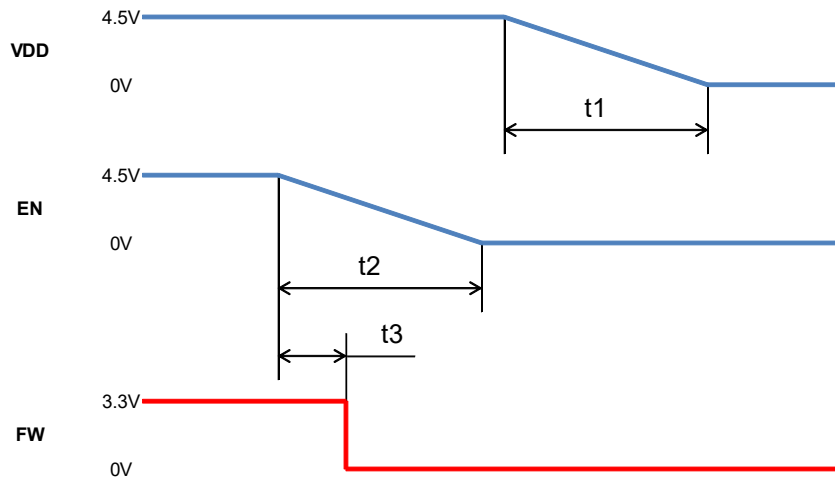
Timing case 2: VDD and EN "High" at same time



items	symbol	Typ	unit
VDD/EN rise time at same time	t1	3	ms
VDD/EN "start" ~ FW "start" time	t2	11	ms

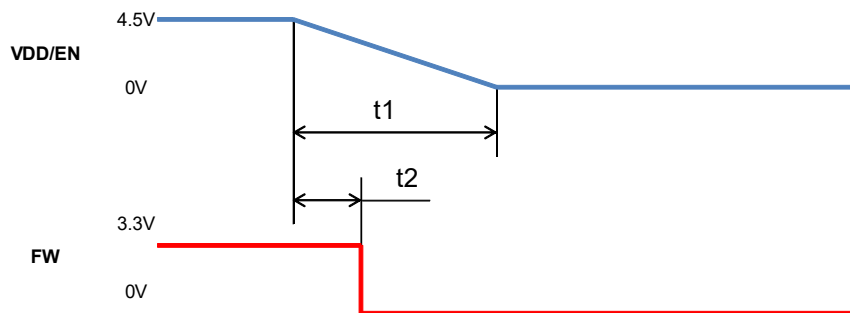
Power off timing

Timing case 1: EN "Low" -> VDD "Low"



items	symbol	Typ	unit
VDD fall time	t1	110	ms
EN fall time	t2	103	ms
EN "fall start" ~FW "stop" time	t3	69	ms

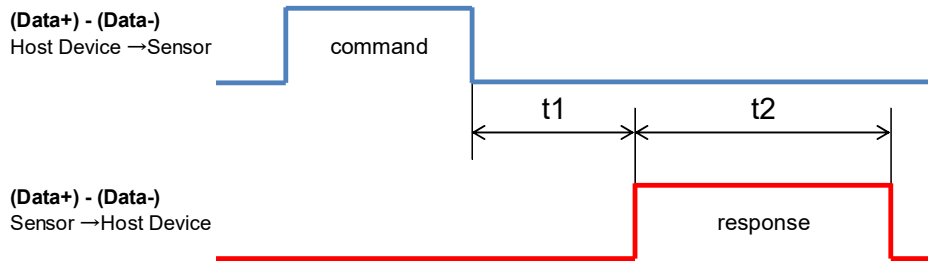
Timing case 2: VDD and EN "Low" at same time



items	symbol	Typ	unit
VDD/EN fall time at same time	t1	70	ms
VDD/EN "fall start" ~FW "stop" time	t2	52	ms

RS485 communication

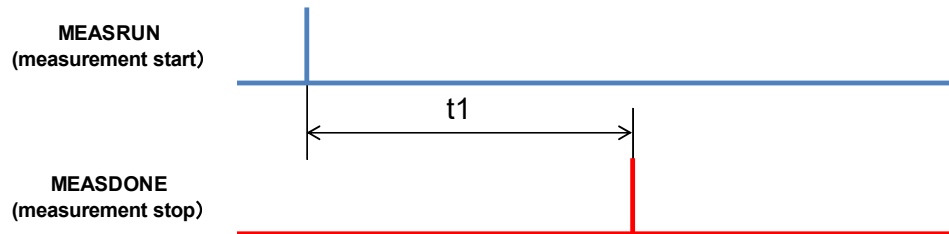
RS485 communication specification	Baud rate	9600bps
	Data size	8bit
	Parity	none
	Stop bit	1bit
	Flow control	none



items	symbol	MAX	unit
response wait time	t1	5	ms
response time	t2	33	ms

※Response as 24 data were read from DDS to EC_PORE

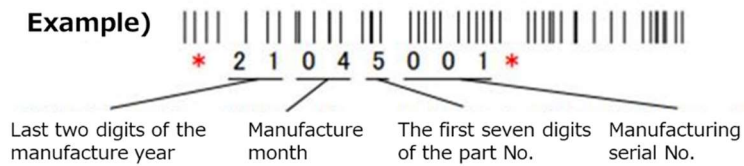
Measurement time



items	symbol	MAX	unit
measurement time	t1	4	s

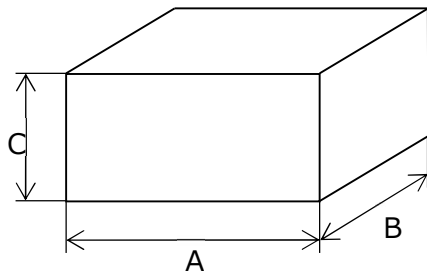
[11] Product label

The serial number is printed on the surface of the product body.



[12] Packing

After packing the products one by one with package cushioning, put them in a bag. Furthermore, it is packed in one of three types of boxes according to the quantity as follows.



Box type	Size(Typical mm)			Maximum quantity
	A	B	C	
40 号	336	263	227	15 pcs.
10 号	267	170	120	5 pcs.

[13] Warranty

13-1. Warranty period

The warranty period is one year after delivery.

13-2. Warranty details

The sensor will be exchanged free of charge in case of a malfunction occurred under the normal use that has followed the specifications and cautions of this document.

※The warranty is only covered by the contents in the specification that meet our measurement standard.

13-3. Disclaimer

Murata shall be under no liability in respect of any fault and damage as follows.

- (1) Misuse, improper handling, improper repair, and improper alteration.
(Including failure to use normally in accordance with handling method and caution described in this document.)
- (2) Improper handling such as dropping or impact on transportation or moving.
- (3) Fire, earthquake, lightning surge, or other natural disaster.
- (4) Gas damage (hydrogen sulfide gas, etc.).
- (5) Non-specified power connection and erroneous connection.
- (6) Cause from any other devices which is connected to the system.
- (7) Excessive stress, dent, scratch
- (8) Chemicals, organic solvents
- (9) Biological factors

[14] ⚠Caution

14-1. Limitation of Applications

The products listed in the document (hereinafter the product(s) is called as the “Product(s)”) are designed and manufactured for applications specified in the document. (hereinafter called as the “Specific Application”).

We shall not warrant anything in connection with the Products including fitness, performance, adequateness, safety, or quality, in the case of applications listed in from (1) to (11) written at the end of this precautions, which may generally require high performance, function, quality, management of production or safety. Therefore, the Product shall be applied in compliance with the specific application. WE DISCLAIM ANY LOSS AND DAMAGES ARISING FROM OR IN CONNECTION WITH THE PRODUCTS INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE CASE SUCH LOSS AND DAMAGES CAUSED BY THE UNEXPECTED ACCIDENT, IN EVENT THAT (i) THE PRODUCT IS APPLIED FOR THE PURPOSE WHICH IS NOT SPECIFIED AS THE SPECIFIC APPLICATION FOR THE PRODUCT, AND/OR (ii) THE PRODUCT IS APPLIED FOR ANY FOLLOWING APPLICATION PURPOSES FROM (1) TO (11) (EXCEPT THAT SUCH APPLICATION PURPOSE IS UNAMBIGUOUSLY SPECIFIED AS SPECIFIC APPLICATION FOR THE PRODUCT IN OUR CATALOG SPECIFICATION FORMS, DATASHEETS, OR OTHER DOCUMENTS OFFICIALLY ISSUED BY US*).

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- (2) Aerospace equipment
- (3) Undersea equipment
- (4) Power plant control equipment
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- (6) Transportation equipment
- (7) Traffic control equipment
- (8) Disaster prevention/security equipment
- (9) Industrial data-processing equipment
- (10) Combustion/explosion control equipment
- (11) Equipment with complexity and/or required reliability equivalent to the applications listed in the above.

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14-2. Addition of fail-safe function

To avoid of unprecedented failure caused by this product, please include appropriate fail-safe protection function to the overall system.

[15] Caution of storage

15-1. Temperature -20~+60°C.

Please store it in the room without the sudden temperature change.

15-2. A deterioration in the quality of product is caused when kept of chemical atmospheres such as acid, alkali, salt, organic gas, sulfur.

Please store it avoiding the chemical atmosphere.

15-3. Please store it avoiding direct sunlight, heat, vibration.

15-4. A failure is caused by the dropping of product.

Please handle and store it with the state not to drop easily.

[16] Request

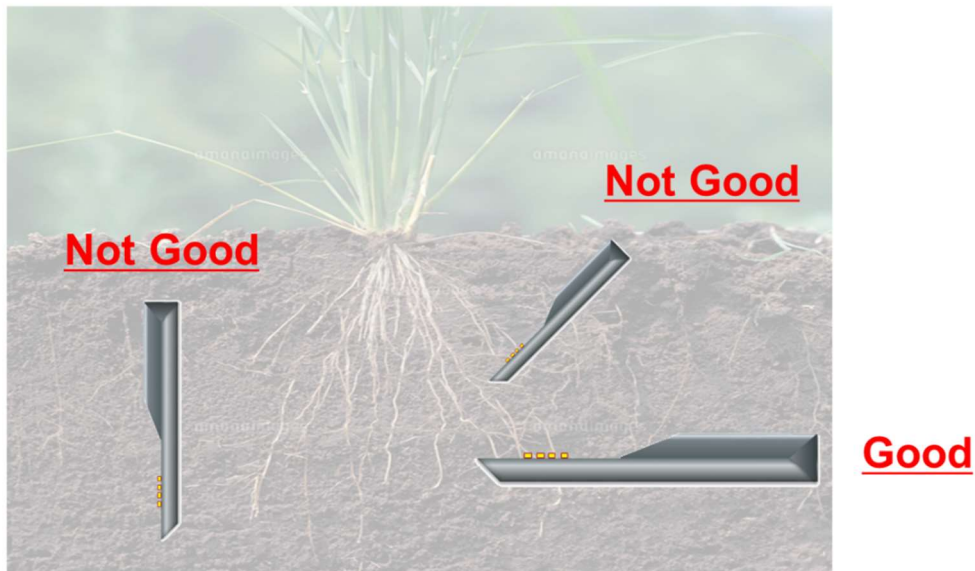
1. When using the product, please be sure to evaluate it in the condition of being mounted on your product.

2. Please do not use this product deviating from the description in this delivery specification.

(Appendix)

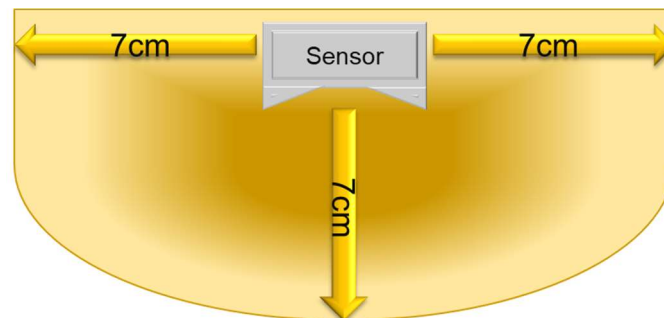
Handling method

Recommended way of setting up



Sensing/detecting area

The effective sensing area is 7cm from the bottom, left and right of the sensor for VWC and EC_pore measurement.



Recommended way of setting up ①

- ✓ Set EC sensor side (the side you can see 9 electrodes) upward.
- ✓ Put the sensor in the target ground depth (from the ground level to EC sensor surface)



① Dig a hole in the ground



② put fine soil through a sieve



③ Put sensor with sticking to soil, then move right/left for more close sticking

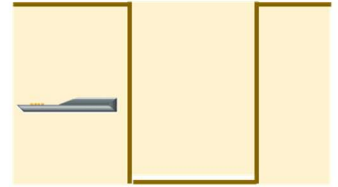
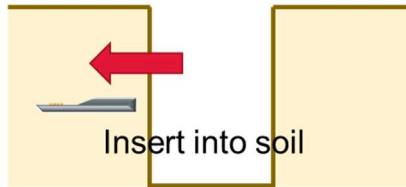


④ By fixing sensor, put more fine soil



⑤ After soil covering the whole sensor, add more soil with surroundings

Recommended way of setting up ②



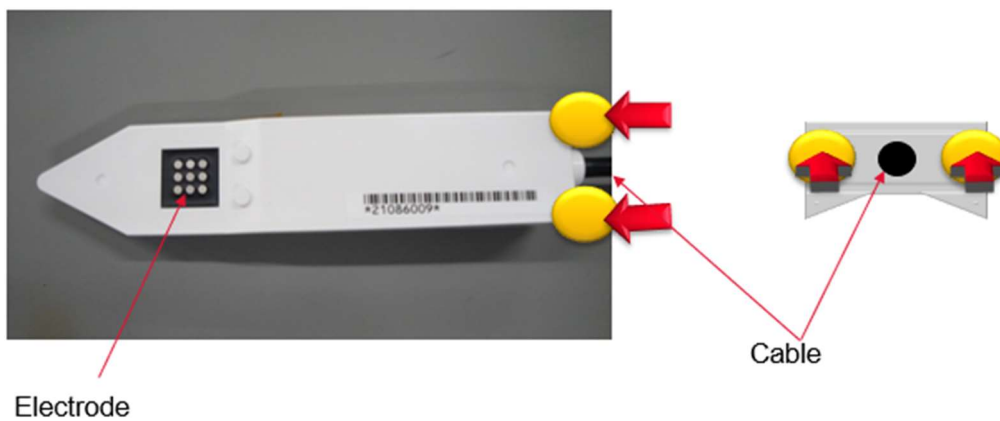
① Dig a hole in the ground

② Insert into soil from hole section
Please insert the whole sensor in the soil

③ Bury the hole

Handling of setting and removal

When you set it up in the soil, please push it from the two yellow mark positions. Please do not apply force to the electrical cable, and please do not touch the electrode directly. When you remove it from the soil, please do not pull the electrical cable.



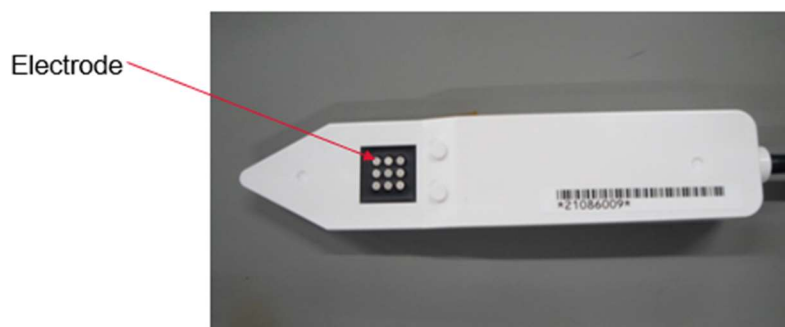
Storage method after removal

Please store it after washing with water.

If needed, please use a neutral detergent for tableware.

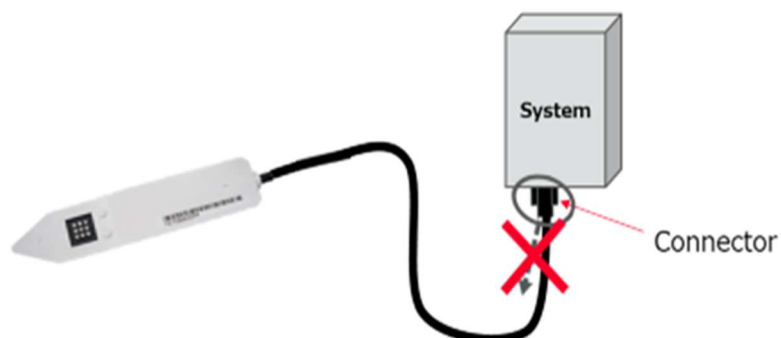
Please wash it with soft cloth, do not use any hard metal on electrodes.

After that, please dry the sensor completely before storage, and store it avoiding direct sunlight.



Precaution for use

Please do not pull out the connector with the sensor power on.



Revision history

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