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Product Tutorial

Using Agent Software with Vibrating Wire Sensors



Before Continuing

Prior to viewing this tutorial, please watch the Using Agent Software with LC-2 Dataloggers tutorial and familiarize yourself with the basics of how to use the Agent program

If you have not already done so, create a Project in the Agent program and add an LC-2 that is reading vibrating wire sensor(s), then perform a data download

Adding Sensors



Adding a Reading Sensor

- To view the data collected from a vibrating wire sensor:
- 1. Select a Project, then click the 💿 icon that corresponds with the desired LC-2

projects Sample Project	– GeoNet Networks –							
list add network	name	settings	download	supervisor serial number	address	scan rate	download ra	te delete
add Ic2 transfer	Sample Network	٢	₩	1537815	COM9	10 min.	45 min.	x
project settings	LC2 Data Loggers –							
	name	settir	ngs downlo	oad serial num	ber addr	ess scan	rate type	delete
	Sample LC2		₹	1742325	CON	14 60 se	ec. single	X

2. Agent will navigate to the "general" LC-2 settings; click "sensors" on the left side of the screen

projects	- General Settings
Sample Project	LC2 Logger ID
Sample LC-2	AG201014183257
LC2 settings	Name
general	Sample LC-2
sensors	Serial Number
intervals	1916652
download schedule	Description
export schedule	
commands	
	Connection
	COM3
	Baud rate
	115200 Change
	Туре
	single •
	Save

3. Select the model of sensor being read from the drop-down list

projects Sample Project Sample LC-2	Name: Serial number: Device type:	Sample LC-2 1916652 single	
LC2 settings	Save		
general	- Logger Senso	rs —	
sensors	AuxBat	edit alerts	
intervals download schedule	Battery	edit alerts	
export schedule	Logger Temp	edit alerts	
commands	Readings Sen Sensor 1 < <u>none></u> 4000 4100 4200 4400 4420 4450 4500 4600] edit alerts	Thermistor Standard • edit alerts

4. Click "edit"

projects Sample Project Sample LC-2 LC2 settings	Name: Serial number: Device type: Save	Sample LC-2 1916652 single	
general sensors intervals download schedule export schedule	Battery	edit alerts edit alerts edit alerts edit alerts	
commands	– Readings Sensor Sensor 1 4500 ▼	edit alerts	Thermistor Standard •

5. The edit sensor dialog box will open

projects	Edit Sensor
Sample Project	Sensor
Sample LC-2	Name Serial Number
LC2 settings	Reading_1 Get Calibration
general	Type Category Calibration Units Output Units
sensors	Reading 1 Default Image: Constraint of the second
intervals	
download schedule	Description/Notes
export schedule	
commands	Start Date: 2016-08-22 End Date: None Change
	Choose a color:
000000000000	
	Calculations (ftH2O)
000000000000	Calculation: $[G^*(R_1 - R_0) + K^*(T_1 - T_0)]^*$ Multiplier + Offset
	Output = $[1 * (R_1 - 0)] * 1 + 0$
00000000000	Linear Gage Factor(G): 1 Zero Reading(Ro): 0 Pick Zero
000000000000	O Polynomial Factors A: 0 B: 1 C: 0 Calculate C
	Temperature Correction
0000000000000	Thermal Factor(K): 0 Zero Temperature(To): 0
	Save Cancel

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6. Enter a descriptive name for the reading sensor, and the serial number of the VW sensor attached to the LC-2

Edit Sensor		
_ Sensor		
Name	Serial Number	
Sample Readings Sensor	1901397 Get Calibration	

7. Clicking "Get Calibration" will retrieve the calibration factors for the specified serial number from the GEOKON calibration database and populate them into the Edit Sensor dialog (Only available for VW sensors manufactured after 2016)

8. Select the "Category" that matches the type of VW sensor being read (Choose "Load" for load cells, "Strain" for strain gauges, "Pressure" for pressure transducers, etc.)

The types of "Calibration Units" and "Output Units" available are determined by the category that is chosen

lame	Serial Number
S.E. well piezo	1901397 Get Calibration
Type Category Reading ▼ Pressure Aultiplier Default 1 Pressure ↓ Load Description/ Distance Strain Temperature	Calibration Units Output Units psi psi

- 9. Click "Output Units" to select the type of engineering units the data from the VW sensor will be displayed in
 - The "Multiplier" field will automatically be populated with the factor needed to convert the Calibration units to the selected Output units

TypeCategoryCalibration UnitsReading •Pressure •psi •	Output Units ftH2O
Multiplier Offset 2.3108 0	psi psf
Description/Notes	inH2O ftH2O mmH2O
	cmH2O mH2O
Start Date: 2016-08-25 End Date: None Cha	mbar bar
Choose a color:	kPa MPa

10. "Offset" is an optional constant that can be added to the sensor output to adjust the data. For example: If a piezometer installed at a site elevation of -40 feet is reading +2 feet of water, entering an offset of -40 would adjust the reading to -38 feet, the actual water elevation of the sensor

- Sensor	
Name	Serial Number
S.E. well piezo	1901397 Get Calibration
Type Category Reading * Pressure	Calibration Units Output Units Image: Second state Image: Second state Image: Second state Image: Second state </td
Multiplier Offset	
	\$
Description/Notes	
Start Date: 2016-08-25 E	Ind Date: None Change

11. The Description/Notes field is provided for the user to record any additional information about the VW sensor

Name S.E. well piezo	Serial Number 1901397 Get Calibration
Type Category Reading Pressure	Calibration Units Output Units Image: style="text-align: center;">T Image: style="text-align: center;">Calibration Units Image: style="text-align: center;">Output Units Image: style="text-align: center;">Image: style="text-align: center;">Image: style="text-align: center;">Image: style="text-align: center;">Image: style="text-align: center;">T Image: style="text-align: center;">Image: style="t
Multiplier Offset	
2.3108 -40	
Description/Notes	
Geokon model # 4500S-3 Installed Feb.10 2019	50KPA
Start Date: 2016-08-25	End Date: None Change
Start Date: 2016-08-25	End Date: None Change

12. The Start/End dates determine the range of data that will be displayed on charts. To change the dates, click, "Change" (The Start Date should be set to the day the VW sensor was installed. The End Date should only be entered if the VW sensor is removed from the LC-2)

Multiplier Offset	Choos	ie sta	rt an	d end	date	5			×
Description/Notes	Start (Start (02/1	date		utoma		y be s End d		ing first da	ta download
Start Date: 2016-08-25 End Date: None Change	0 Su			ary 20 We		Fr	0 Sa		
						1	2		
Choose a color:	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16		
Calculations (ftH2O)	17	18	19	20	21	22	23		
Calculation: $[G^*(R_1 - R_0) + K^*(T_1 - T_0)]^*$ Multiplier + Off Output = $[1^*(R_1 - 0)]^* 2 3108 - 40$	24	25	26	27	28			Done	Cancel

13. Click "Choose Color" to select the color that will represent the VW sensor data on charts. Select a standard color from the left side of the menu, or use the color palette on the right to create a custom color



14. The default gauge factor of 1 can be used to output the data from the vibrating wire sensor as digits. To output the data in other engineering units, the gauge factors found on the GEOKON Calibration Report provided with the vibrating wire sensor must be entered

Calculations (ftH20) ————————————————————————————————————
Calculation: [G*(R1 - R0) + K*(T1 - T0)] * Multiplier + Offset
Output = [1 * (R ₁ - 0)] * 2.3108 - 40
Linear Gage Factor(G): 1 Zero Reading(Ro): 0 Pick Zero
O Polynomial Factors A: 0 B: 1 C: 0 Calculate C
Temperature Correction
Thermal Factor(K): 0 Zero Temperature(To): 0

Adding a Reading Sensor: A Note on Gauge Factors

Most GEOKON calibration reports provide gauge factors in metric and imperial units. When entering gauge factors in Agent, make sure to use the factors that match the selected "Calibration Units"

Imperial Example



Adding a Reading Sensor: Linear Calculations

15. Enter the Linear Gauge Factor from the calibration report

Imperial Example



Metric Example



Adding a Reading Sensor: Linear Calculations (Continued)

16. Enter the initial zero reading taken onsite with the VW sensor

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Linear	Gage Factor(G):	-0.01596	Zero Reading(Ro):	8621 <		Pick Zero	

16a. If using the LC-2 to take the initial zero, click "Pick Zero..." then select the relevant reading

Iinear	Gage F	Factor(G): -0.01596	Zero	Reading(Ro): 0	Pi	ck Zero
		Pick Zero Reading				
		Readings (digits):		Readings Date		
		10:25:29 AM: 8711.1172	•	10/30/2020		
		10:30:00 AM: 8711.9883	*			
		10:31:00 AM: 8711.1465				
		> 10:32:00 AM: 8711.3535		Ok Cancel		
		10:33:00 AM: 8711.6396	•			

Important Notes on Initial Zero Readings

- It is essential that an accurate onsite zero reading is entered; it will be used for all subsequent data reduction
- Prior to taking the reading, make sure the sensor is prepared as described in the sensor manual
- Consult the sensor manual for more information

Adding a Reading Sensor: Polynomial Calculations

17. The polynomial equation can be used for greater accuracy. To utilize the polynomial equation, click the corresponding button

🔍 Linear	Gage Factor(G): 1	Zero Reading	(Ro): 0	Pick Zero
Polynomial	Factors A: 0	B: 1	C: 0	Calculate C
Temperatu Thermal Facto	re Correction or(K): 0	Zero Temperature(To): 0	

Adding a Reading Sensor: Polynomial Calculations (Continued)

18. Enter the polynomial gauge factors from the calibration report

Imperial Example



Adding a Reading Sensor: Polynomial Calculations (Continued)

19. Click "Calculate C"

Polynomial	Factors A:	-0.0000001366	В:	-0.01577	C:	0	Calculate C

20. Enter the initial zero reading taken onsite with the VW sensor then click "OK"



21. Agent will calculate and display the value of Factor "C" based on the information entered



Adding a Reading Sensor: Temperature Correction

22. For optimum accuracy, or if ambient temperature changes are large, a temperature correction can be applied. To factor changes in temperature into the selected equation, check the "Temperature Correction" box

Linear Ga	ge Factor(G):	1	Zero Reading(Ro): 0	Pick	Zero
Polynomial Fa	ctors A: -1.36	6E-08	B: -0.01577	C: 13	6.96840361	Calculate C
Temperature (
nermal Factor(K): 0	Zero	Temperature(To)): 0		

Adding a Reading Sensor: Temperature Correction (Continued)

23. Enter the Thermal Factor from the calibration report

Adding a Reading Sensor: Temperature Correction (Continued)

24. Enter the temperature recorded when the onsite zero reading was taken (must be entered as degrees Celsius)

Calculations (ftH2O)
Calculation: [A*R1 ² + B*R1 + C + K*(T1 - T0)] * Multiplier + Offset
Output = [-1.366E-08 * R1 ² - 0.01577 * R1 + 136.96840361606 + 0 * (T1 - 0)] * 2.3108 - 40
Linear Gage Factor(G): 1 Zero Reading(Ro): 0 Pick Zero
Polynomial Factors A: -1.366E-08 B: -0.01577 C: 136.96840361 Calculate C
Temperature Correction
Thermal Factor(K): -0.0004642 Zero Temperature(To): 22.5
Save Cancel

25. Once all pertinent information had been entered, click "Save"

projects	Edit Sensor
Sample Project	Sensor
Sample LC-2	Name Serial Number
LC2 settings	Sample Reading Sensor 1901397 Get Calibration
general	Type Category Calibration Units Output Units
sensors	Reading 1 V Pressure V psi V ftH20 V
intervals	Multiplier Offset 2.3108 -40
download schedule	Description/Notes
export schedule	Geokon model # 4500S-350KPA Installed Feb. 10 2019
commands	Start Date: 2016-08-22 End Date: None Change Choose a color:
000000000000	Calculations (ftH2O)
	Calculation: $[A^*R_{1^2} + B^*R_1 + C + K^*(T_1 - T_0)]^*$ Multiplier + Offset
	Output = [-1.366E-08 * R1 ² - 0.01577 * R1 + 136.96840361 - 0.0004642 * (T1 - 20.8)] * 2.3108 - 40
	C Linear Gage Factor(G): 1 Zero Reading(Ro): 0 Pick Zero
	Polynomial Factors A: -1.366E-08 B: -0.01577 C: 136.96840361 Calculate C
00000000000	Temperature Correction
	Thermal Factor(K):-0.0004642Zero Temperature(To):20.8
	Save Cancel

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26. The edit sensor dialog box will close, and a message will appear at the top of the screen. Changes made in the sensor screen will not take effect until they are uploaded to the LC-2

projects Sample Project	There are pending	g setting changes to upload to the logger.
Sample LC-2 LC2 settings general sensors intervals download schedule export schedule		edit alerts
commands		Thermistor

Uploading Sensor Settings

1. Click "commands" on the left side of the screen, then click "upload settings"

Upload Settings to Logger
Name: Sample LC-2
Serial number: 1916652
Device type: single
Connection: COM3
Upload settings There are pending Logger setting changes
- Status
Get Status Status: Firmware version: ID:
Start Logging Stop Logging
Get Battery Status
Get Trap Count Trap Count: Clear Trap Count
- Set Time on Logger
Logger time:
Server time: Mon Oct 26 2020 13:52:46 GMT-0400 (Eastern Daylight Time).

Adding a Thermistor Sensor

- Most GEOKON vibrating wire sensors include a built-in thermistor
- The thermistor settings can be edited in a similar manner to those of the VW sensor
- 1. Select a thermistor type, then click "edit"

projects	Name: Sample LC-2 Serial number: 1916652	
Sample Project	Device type: single	
Sample LC-2		
LC2 settings	Save	
general	- Logger Sensors	
sensors	AuxBat edit alerts	
intervals	Battery edit alerts	
download schedule		
export schedule	Logger Temp edit alerts	
commands	Deadings Capacity	
	Readings Sensors	
	Sensor Thermistor	
	1 4500 • edit alerts Standard	• edit alerts
	High-Temp 8.2 High-Temp 10	

Adding a Thermistor Sensor (Continued)

2. The edit sensor dialog box will open

projects Sample Project	Nar Edit Sensor	
Sample Froject Sample LC-2 LC2 settings general sensors intervals download schedule export schedule	Ser Sensor Dev Name Therm_1 Type Units Thermistor 1 • °C • Description/Notes	
commands	Start Date: 2016-08-22 End Date: None Change Choose a color: • Save Cancel	

Adding a Thermistor Sensor (Continued)

3. Click "Units" to determine the type of engineering units the thermistor data will be displayed in

Sample Floed	projects Sample Project	Nar Edit Sensor	
Sample LC-2 LC2 settings general sensors intervals download schedule export schedule commands Ser Sensor Name Therm_1 Type Units Thermistor 1 C C Ser C Start Date: 2016-08-22 End Date: None Change Choose a color:	Sample LC-2 LC2 settings general sensors intervals download schedule export schedule	Ser Sensor Name Therm_1 Type Units Thermistor 1 V °C V Description/Notes °C °F °K Start Date: 2016-08-22 End Date: None Change	

Note: The Type field should not be changed; it is used to differentiate readings in thermistor strings

Adding a Thermistor Sensor (Continued)

4. The remainder of the fields function as previously described; edit them as desired. Once all pertinent information has been entered, click "Save"

projects Sample Project	Nar	Edit Sensor	
Sample LC-2	Ser	Sensor	
LC2 settings	Dev	Name Sample Thermistor	
general	[Type Units	
sensors	-	Thermistor 1 C	
intervals	L,	Description/Notes	
download schedule export schedule	12	Internal thermistor 4500S-350KPA S/N 1901397	
commands	04		
		Start Date: 2016-08-22 End Date: None Change	
	L F	Choose a color:	
		Save Cancel	

- 5. The edit sensor dialog box will close and the "Pending setting changes" message will appear at the top of the screen
- 6. Upload the settings to the LC-2 in the same manner as for the VW sensor

projects					
Sample Project	Upload Settings to Logger				
Sample LC-2	Name: Sample LC-2				
LC2 settings	Serial number: 1916652				
general	Device type: single				
sensors	Connection: COM3				
intervals	Upload settings There are pending Logger setting changes				
download schedule					
export schedule	- Status				
commands	Get Status Status: Firmware version: ID:				
	Start Logging Stop Logging				
	Start Logging Stop Logging				
	Get Battery Status				
_	Get Trap Count: Clear Trap Count				

Charts





- Charts display data imported by sensors as a graph; therefore, sensors must be added to a chart before it will display any data
- Only data that has been downloaded from the LC-2 will be displayed (For information on how to download data, view the <u>Using Agent Software with LC-2 Dataloggers</u> or refer to the product manual)
- If automatic download is enabled, new data will be added to charts automatically each time data is downloaded from the datalogger
- If automatic download is disabled, charts will not update until a manual download is performed

Creating Charts

1. Select a project, and then the LC-2 the chart will be added to

projects	LC2 Data Loggers ——							
list	name	settings	download	serial number	address	scan rate	type	delete
add network	Sample LC2	۲	₩	1742325	COM4	60 sec.	single	x
add Ic2								
transfer								
project settings								

2. Click "chart settings" then "add chart"



Creating Charts (Continued)

3. Give the chart a name, and then click "Ok"



4. Charts that have been added to the LC-2 will be shown in the "chart settings" screen

view charts download export	projects Sample Project	add chart remove chart	
export		Sample Chart	

Adding Sensors to Charts

1. Click on a chart name, and then click "add sensor"



2. Select a sensor to add, and then click "Ok"



Adding Sensors to Charts (Continued)

- 3. Repeat steps one and two until all desired sensors have been added to the chart
- 4. Sensors that have been added to a chart will be shown below the chart name



Viewing Charts

1. Click "view charts" to display all charts on the device



For more information...

 The LC-2 instruction manuals, which can be accessed at any time by clicking on the question mark at the top of the screen

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projects Sample Project Sample LC-2	Show tooltips on charts	*
Sample LC-2 view charts download	Sample Chart	=

- Instruction manuals are available for download at: <u>www.geokon.com/Manuals</u>
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