

### **Product Tutorial**

# Collecting Data from Vibrating Wire Sensors



### **Before Continuing**

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

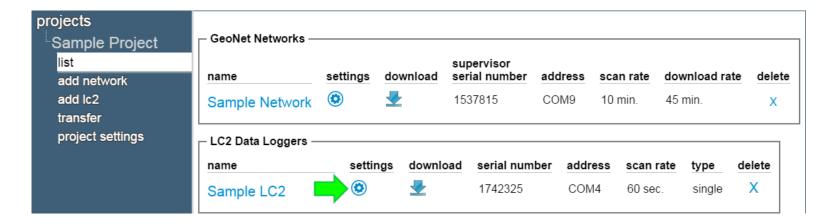
If you have not already done so, create a Project in the Agent program and add an LC-2 that is reading vibrating wire sensor(s), then perform a data download

### Adding Sensors

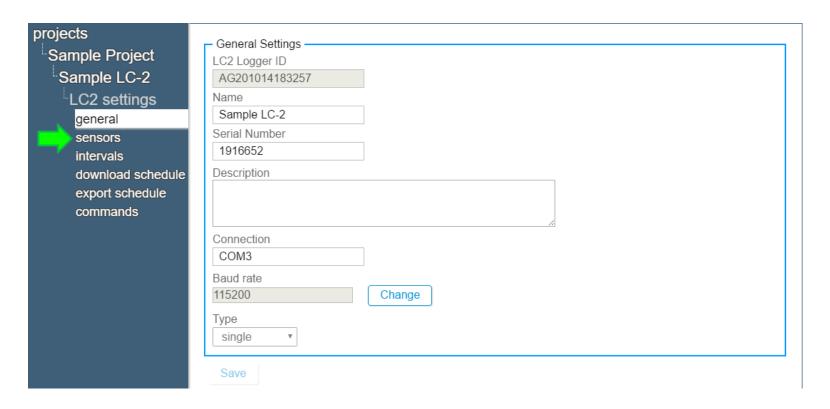


### Adding a Reading Sensor

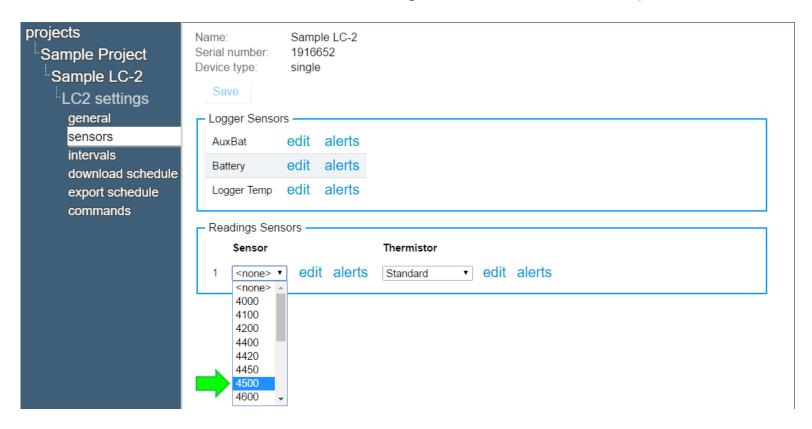
- To view the data collected from a vibrating wire sensor:
- 1. Select a Project, then click the (3) icon that corresponds with the desired LC-2



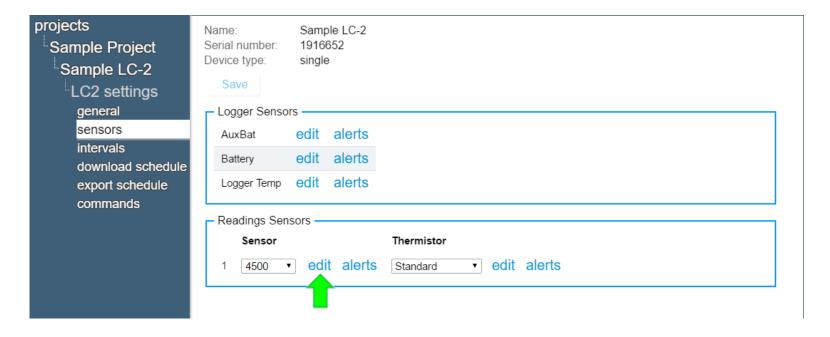
2. Agent will navigate to the "general" LC-2 settings; click "sensors" on the left side of the screen



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



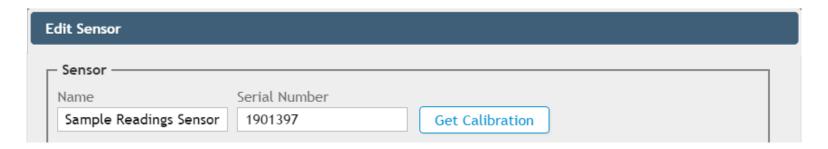
#### 4. Click "edit"



5. The edit sensor dialog box will open

projects	Edit Sensor					
Sample Project	Sensor - Carial Manufact					
LC2 settings general sensors intervals download schedule export schedule commands	Name Serial Number  Reading_1 Get Calibration					
	Type Category Calibration Units Output Units  Reading 1  Default  Digits   Multiplier Offset  1					
	Calculations (ftH2O) Calculation: [G*(R <sub>1</sub> - R <sub>0</sub> ) + K*(T <sub>1</sub> - T <sub>0</sub> )] * Multiplier + Offset					
	Output = [ 1 * (R <sub>1</sub> - 0)] * 1 + 0					
	● Linear Gage Factor(G): 1 Zero Reading(R₀): 0 Pick Zero  ○ Polynomial Factors A: 0 B: 1 C: 0 Calculate C					
	Temperature Correction  Thermal Factor(K): 0 Zero Temperature(To): 0					
	Save Cancel					

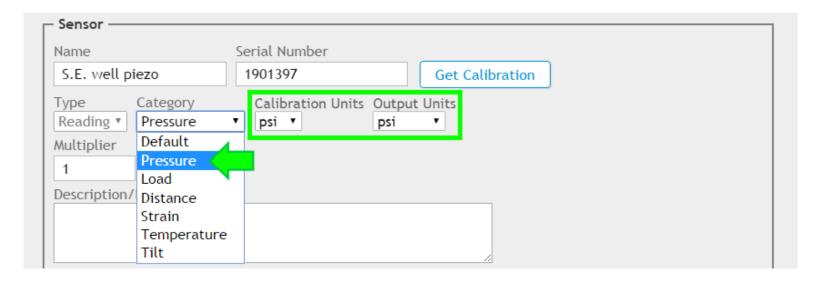
6. Enter a descriptive name for the reading sensor, and the serial number of the VW sensor attached to the LC-2



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)

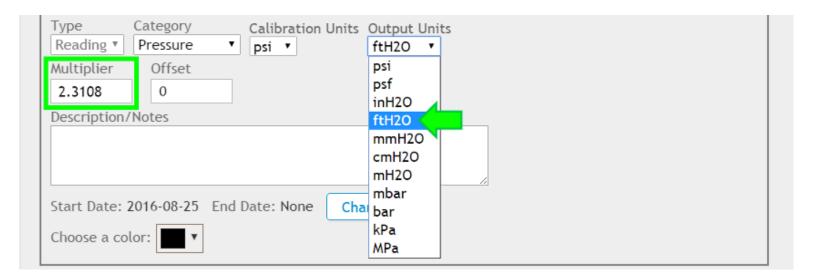
8. Select the "Category" that matches the type of VW sensor being read (Choose "Load" for load cells, "Strain" for strain gauges, "Pressure" for pressure transducers, etc.)

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



9. Click "Output Units" to select the type of engineering units the data from the VW sensor will be displayed in

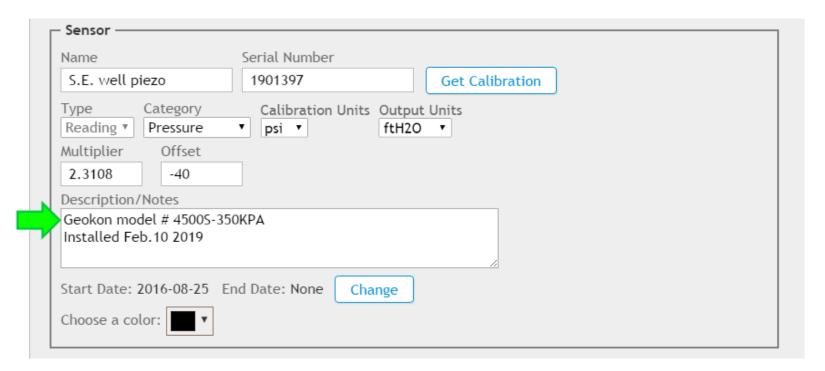
The "Multiplier" field will automatically be populated with the factor needed to convert the Calibration units to the selected Output units



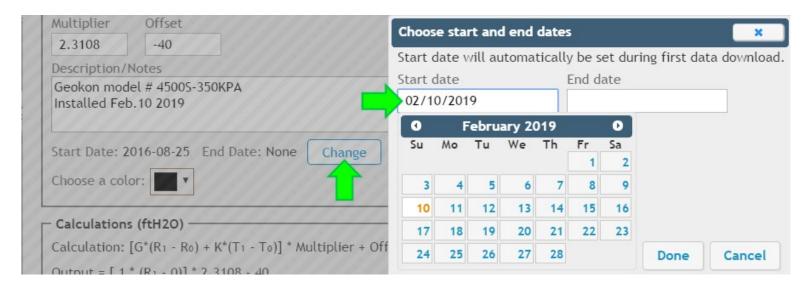
10. "Offset" is an optional constant that can be added to the sensor output to adjust the data. For example: If a piezometer installed at a site elevation of -40 feet is reading +2 feet of water, entering an offset of -40 would adjust the reading to -38 feet, the actual water elevation of the sensor

Name S.E. well piezo	Serial Number  1901397 Get Calibration
Type Category Reading Pressure  Multiplier Offset  2.3108 -40  Description/Notes	Calibration Units Output Units  psi   ftH2O
boscription/ Notes	

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



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)



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

Calculation: [G	*(R1 - R0) + K*(T1 - T0)	] * Multiplier + Offset		
Output = [ 1 * (	R1 - 0)] * 2.3108 - 40			
<ul><li>Linear</li></ul>	Gage Factor(G): 1	Zero Reading(R	0): 0	Pick Zero
O Polynomial	Factors A: 0	B: 1	C: 0	Calculate C
☐ Temperatur	e Correction			
Thermal Factor	(K): 0	Zero Temperature(T <sub>0</sub> ):	0	

# Adding a Reading Sensor: A Note on Gauge Factors

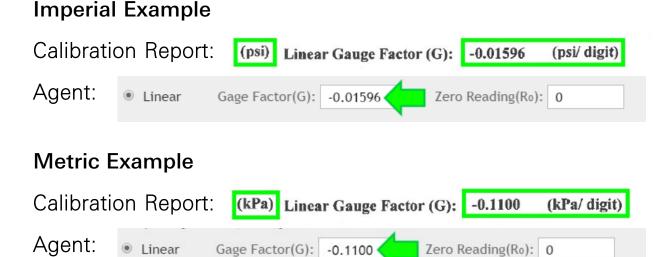
Most GEOKON calibration reports provide gauge factors in metric and imperial units. When entering gauge factors in Agent, make sure to use the factors that match the selected "Calibration Units"

#### Imperial Example

Agent:	Type Reading ▼	Category Pressure		Calibration Units psi 🔻	Output Units ftH2O ▼		
Calibratio	on Report	(psi)	Linear C	Gauge Factor (G):	-0.01596	(psi/ digit)	
		1	Polynom	ial Gauge Factors	: A: -1.366E-0	8 B:0.01577	C:
Metric E	xample						
Agent:	Type Reading ▼	Category Pressure		Calibration Units kPa ▼	Output Units ftH2O ▼		
Calibratio	on Report	(kPa)	Linear G	Gauge Factor (G):	-0.1100 (1	kPa/ digit)	
		1	Polynom	iial Gauge factors	A: -9.418E-0	8_ B:0.1087_	C:

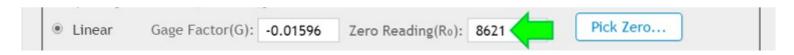
### Adding a Reading Sensor: Linear Calculations

15. Enter the Linear Gauge Factor from the calibration report

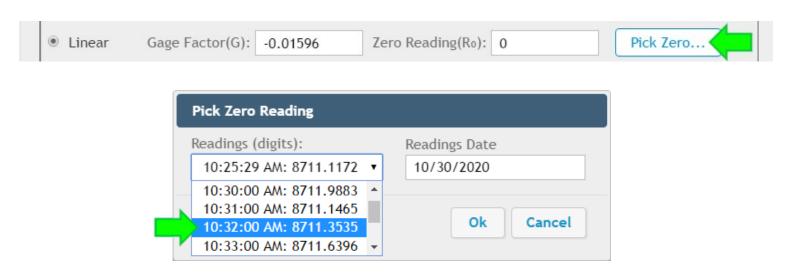


## Adding a Reading Sensor: Linear Calculations (Continued)

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



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



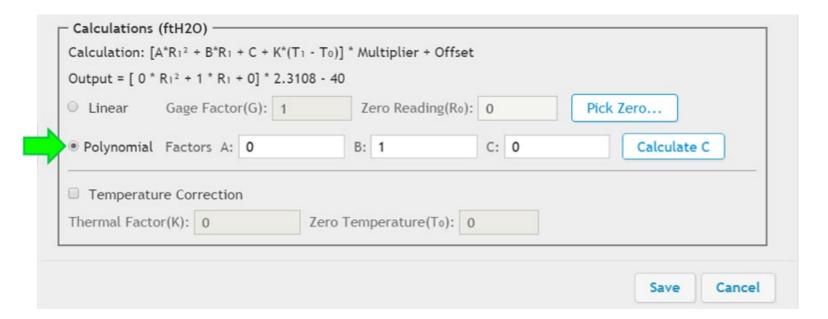
## Important Notes on Initial Zero Readings

- 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



## Adding a Reading Sensor: Polynomial Calculations (Continued)

Imperial Example

18. Enter the polynomial gauge factors from the calibration report

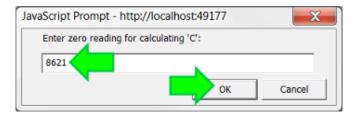
#### Calibration Report: Linear Gauge Factor (G): -0.01596 (psi/digit) Polynomial Gauge Factors: A: -1.366E-08 B: -0.01577 Agent: Polynomial Factors A: -0.0000001366 B: -0.01577 Calculate C Metric Example Calibration Report: (kPa) Linear Gauge Factor (G): -0.1100 (kPa/ digit) Polynomial Gauge factors: A: -9.418E-08 B: -0.1087 Agent: Polynomial Factors A: -0.000000019418 B: -0.1087 Calculate C

## Adding a Reading Sensor: Polynomial Calculations (Continued)

19. Click "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	Gage Factor(G):	1	Zero Reading(R	0): 0	Pick	Zero
Polynomial	Factors A: -1.3	66E-08	B: -0.01577	C: 136	6.96840361	Calculate C
			157			
Temperatu	re Correction					

### Adding a Reading Sensor: Temperature Correction (Continued)

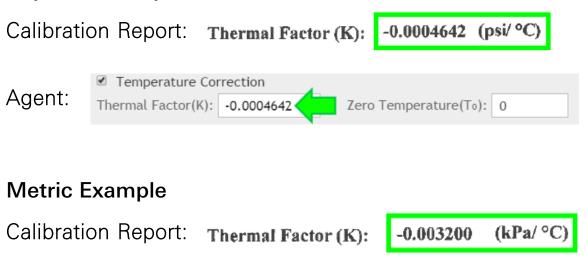
23. Enter the Thermal Factor from the calibration report

#### Imperial Example

Agent:

Temperature Correction

Thermal Factor(K): -0.003200



Zero Temperature(To): 0

### Adding a Reading Sensor: Temperature Correction (Continued)

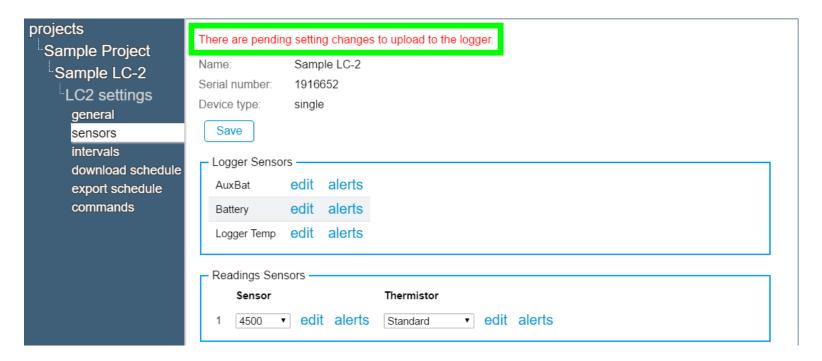
24. Enter the temperature recorded when the onsite zero reading was taken (must be entered as degrees Celsius)

Calculations (ftH2O)	
Calculation: [A*R12 + B*R1 + C + K*(T1 - T0)] * Multiplier + Offset	
Output = $[-1.366E-08*R_{1}^{2}-0.01577*R_{1}+136.96840361606+0*(T_{1}-0)]*2.3108$	40
○ Linear Gage Factor(G): 1 Zero Reading(Ro): 0	Zero
Polynomial Factors A: -1.366E-08	Calculate C
✓ Temperature Correction  Thermal Factor(K): -0.0004642 Zero Temperature(T₀): 22.5	
	Save Cance

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

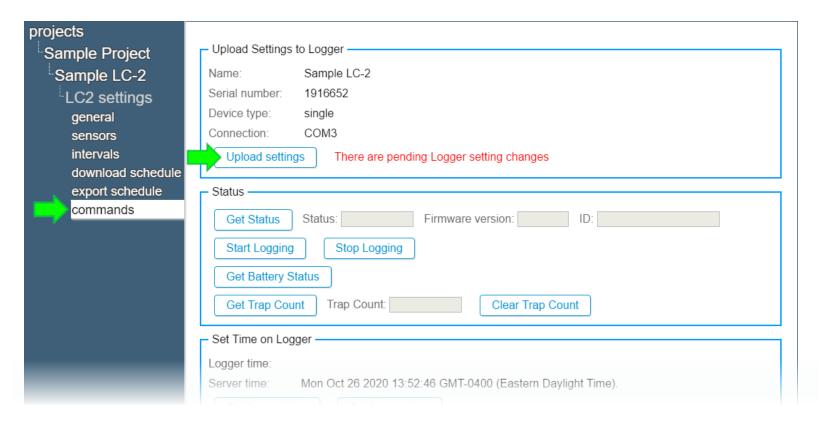
projects Sample Project	Edit Sensor
Sample Project Sample LC-2 LC2 settings general sensors intervals download schedule export schedule commands	Sensor Name  Serial Number  Sample Reading Sensor  Type  Category  Calibration Units  Reading 1  Pressure  psi  ftH20   Multiplier  Offset  2.3108  -40  Description/Notes  Geokon model # 4500S-350KPA Installed Feb. 10 2019  Start Date: 2016-08-22 End Date: None  Change
	Calculations (ftH2O)  Calculation: [A*R1² + B*R1 + C + K*(T1 - T0)] * Multiplier + Offset  Output = [-1.366E-08 * R1² - 0.01577 * R1 + 136.96840361 - 0.0004642 * (T1 - 20.8)] * 2.3108 - 40  Linear Gage Factor(G): 1 Zero Reading(R0): 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(T0): 20.8  Save Cancel

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



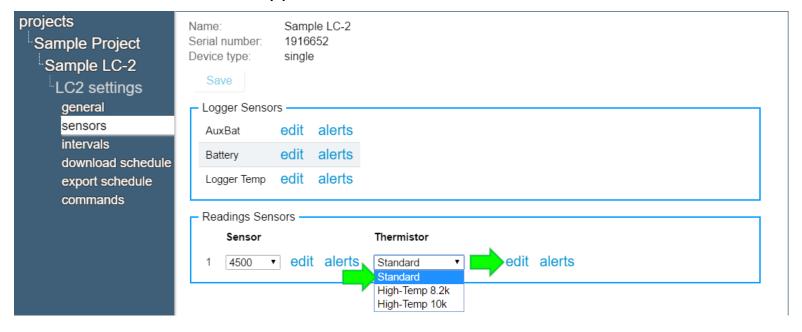
### Uploading Sensor Settings

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



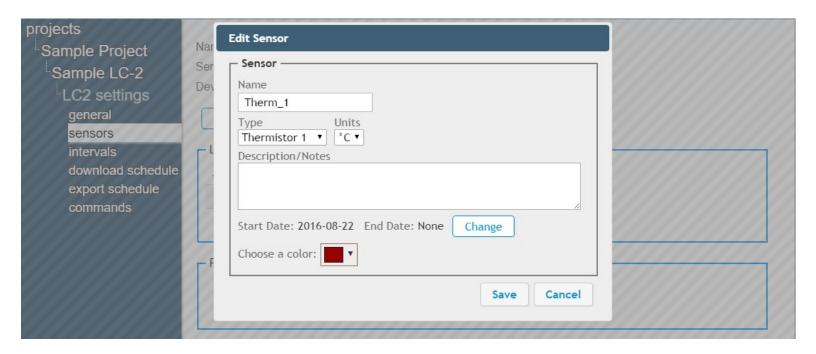
### Adding a Thermistor Sensor

- 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"



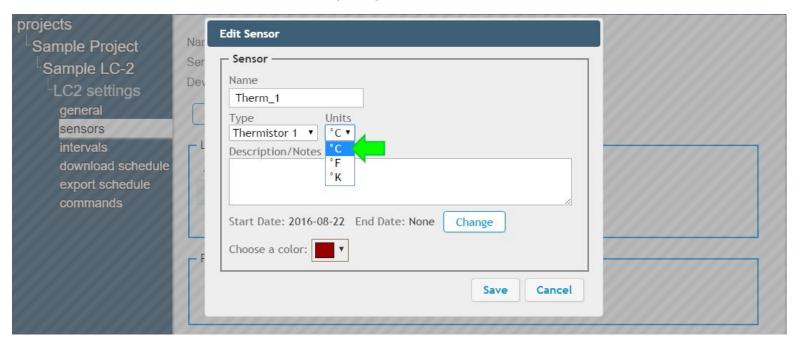
# Adding a Thermistor Sensor (Continued)

2. The edit sensor dialog box will open



# Adding a Thermistor Sensor (Continued)

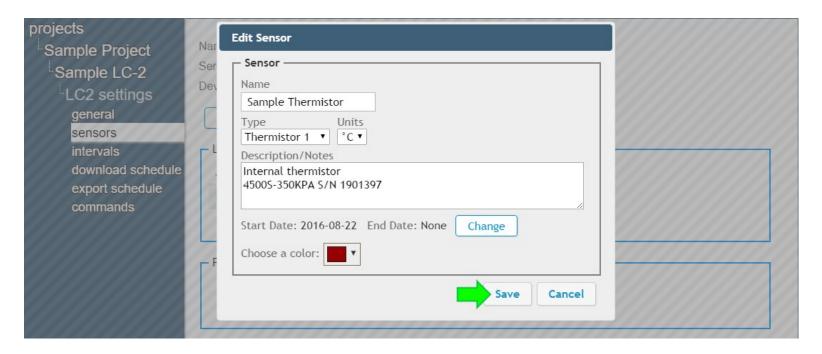
3. Click "Units" to determine the type of engineering units the thermistor data will be displayed in



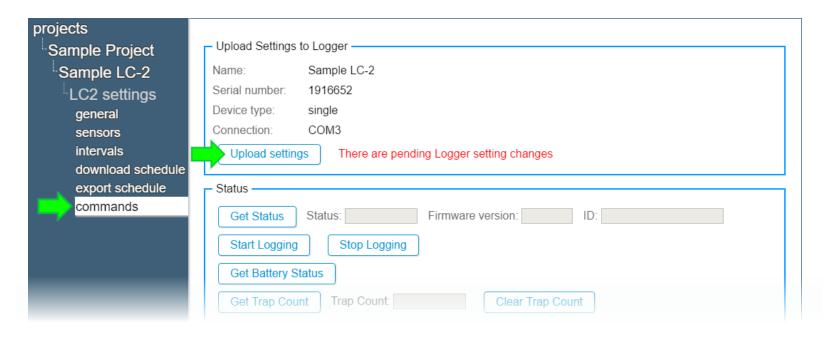
Note: The Type field should not be changed; it is used to differentiate readings in thermistor strings

## 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"



- 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



### Charts



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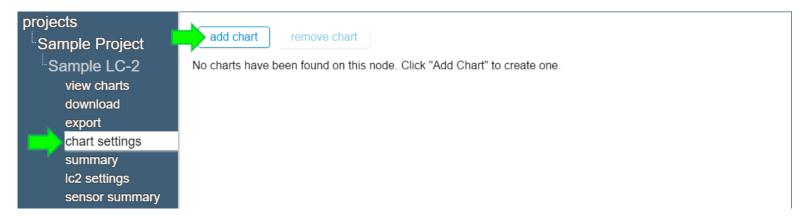
- Charts display data imported by sensors as a graph; therefore, sensors must be added to a chart before it will display any data
- Only data that has been downloaded from the LC-2 will be displayed (For information on how to download data, view the <u>Using Agent Software with LC-2 Dataloggers</u> or 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



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

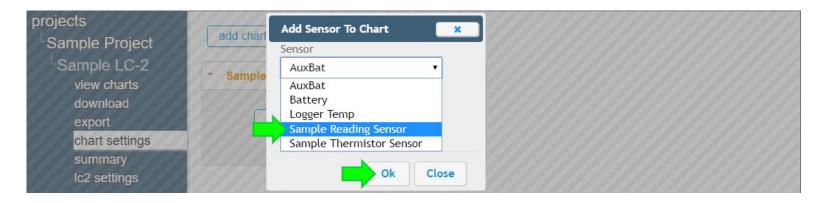


### Adding Sensors to Charts

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

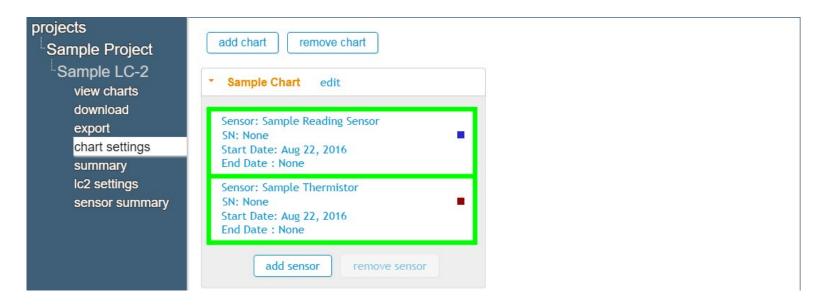


2. Select a sensor to add, and then click "Ok"



# 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



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