

# 1210 - Wireless Humidity Sensor

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#### Introduction

Thank you for purchasing the Smart Wireless Humidity Sensor. We pride ourselves on producing high quality products that meet with the demands of the busy classroom environment. If you have any problems using this sensor, please read this documentation in full before contacting the Data Harvest support team.



#### **Overview**

The Wireless Humidity Sensor is designed for monitoring relative humidity.

The slots in the end cap allow for circulation of air. The response times of this Sensor will vary considerably with the amount of air circulation i.e. it will respond more quickly with an increase in movement of air, for example by waving the sensor around between readings.

The Wireless Humidity Sensor is equipped with a micro controller that greatly improves the accuracy, precision, and consistency of readings.

It is supplied calibrated, and the stored calibration (in %RH) is automatically loaded when the Humidity Sensor is connected.

#### Sensor Ranges:

- Relative humidity (RH)
- Absolute Humidity (AH)
- Temperature
- Dew point
- Pressure



## **Pack Contents**

This product is supplied with the following items:

- <u>1 x Wireless Humidity Sensor</u>
- 1 x USB Connecting Lead

## **Operational Overview**

The diagram below shows the specific parts of the sensor. Read further to explore the functionality of each part of the sensor.



Sensor End Cap
Status Indicator
On/Off Switch
USB Port
Unique ID Number

# Sensor End Cap (1)

Most Smart Wireless Sensors feature an end cap that is specific to the requirements of the device's internal sensor. The sensor's end cap is the direct interface between the device's internal sensor and your experiment.

## The Status Indicators (2)

The sensor features a single status indicator that changes colour and flashes. See the table below for further information.

Status Light	Indicates
No light	Sensor is Off. Short press the On/Off switch
Blue flashing	Sensor On and Bluetooth advertising
White flashing	Charging via USB mains charger or USB port
Green flashing	Communication with the EasySense2 app (via USB or Bluetooth) has been established
Orange flashing	Recording data

Red flashing

Battery is low

## On/Off Switch (3)

The sensor's on/off switch allows you to turn the sensor on, off or perform a hard reset.

#### To switch the sensor off

- Press and hold down the On/Off switch until the white light shows, then release.
- If not communicating with the EasySense2 app, the sensor will turn off after a period of one hour of inactivity.

#### Hard resetting the sensor

- If necessary, attach the sensor to power.
- Press and hold down the On/Off button for at least 8 seconds until the status LED gives a flash of blue light, then release.
- If the sensor fails to respond, contact Product Support at Data Harvest. Please provide details of:
- The computer platform it is being used with and the EasySense2 app's version number.
- o A description of the problem being encountered.

## USB Port (4)

Use to connect to a computer or a charging unit.

For specific USB or Bluetooth connectivity instructions, please see the 'Connectivity' section of this documentation.

For instructions on charging your device, see the section on 'Charging the Sensor'.

## **Unique ID Number (5)**

All Smart Wireless Sensors are labelled with a unique ID number. This number is used in the EasySense2 app, so that you can identify each sensor when making a connection wirelessly.

#### Connectivity

The sensor is both USB and Bluetooth compatible. Install the EasySense2 app, if it is not already on your device. For details of how to operate the EasySense2 app, please refer to the EasySense2 documentation.

#### **USB Connectivity**

#### **Quick Steps**

1.Connect the sensor to the computer's USB port using the USB cable supplied.

- The computer will automatically detect a new device and depending on your operating system, will install any applicable device drivers.
- 3.Start EasySense 2 app.
- 4. Within the EasySense2 app, the Devices icon will change to green to show that the sensor is connected, and the status light on the sensor will also turn green.
- 5. Begin your practical investigations.

#### **Bluetooth Connectivity**

Using Bluetooth, the sensor can wirelessly connect to mobile devices such tablets and mobile phones, as well as desktop or laptop computers, giving students the ability to run experiments independently without being tethered to a device.

See the EasySense2 app user manual system requirements for further details.

#### **Quick Notes on Bluetooth Connectivity**

Only use with the EasySense2 app, you do not need to pair the device. If paired, the sensor will not be available to the EasySense2 app.

Computers or devices will need to support Bluetooth Low Energy (BLE). For further information refer to the instructions provided for the EasySense2 app.

#### **Quick Steps**

- 1. Short press the on/off switch to turn the sensor on, blue LED will flash.
- 2.Open the EasySense2 app.
- 3. Select the Devices icon.
- 4. Select your sensor from the list of available sensors to connect to the device. Your sensor is identified by its unique ID in the list.
- 5. Click on connect at the side of your sensor in the list.
- 6. The Devices icon will change to green and the status light on the sensor will flash green to indicate a connection has been established.
- 7. Begin your practical investigations.

## **Charging the Sensor**

The Smart Wireless sensors are fitted with a rechargeable lithium-ion battery and can be charged via the USB port. Use the supplied USB lead to connect the sensor either directly to a USB port on your computer, a powered USB hub or a USB mains charger that outputs 5 V at 500 mA or more.

A full charge can take up to 4 hours.

#### **Additional Information**

Whenever the sensor is connected to the USB port on the computer or to a USB mains charger (output 5 V at 500 mA or more), it will automatically recharge the battery (LED status flashing white).

When connected to a computer, the computer should be turned on and not in sleep or standby mode, as the battery may drain instead of charge.

The sensor will stay awake for 60 mins when Bluetooth advertising (LED status flashing blue).

Lithium-ion batteries are 'memory-free' and prefer a partial rather than a full discharge. Constant partial discharges with frequent recharges will not cause any harm. Frequent full discharges should be avoided whenever possible. Ideally the sensor should be stored at about 40% or more charge.

The speed at which a lithium-ion battery will age is governed by both its storage temperature (preferably less than 40 C) and state-of-charge.

## **Firmware Updates**

Occasionally Data Harvest may release updated firmware which will contain improvements or new features.

Updates will take place when you connect your sensor to the EasySense2 app. You will be given the option to decline an update.

Updates can be performed over USB or Bluetooth and will typically take less than one minute. Updating firmware over USB will be quicker than Bluetooth.

Do not disconnect the sensor, or power off during the update.

If you have a wireless connection to the EasySense2 app, the sensor will have to be reconnected after performing the update.

## **Usage Information**

The Humidity Sensor will not be damaged by incidental condensation but should not be immersed in liquid. If condensation has formed, the Humidity Sensor will not be able to give a reliable measurement until all the droplets have evaporated. Evaporation may be speeded up by movement of the Sensor through the air or by using a fan.

The electronic circuit inside the Sensor itself cannot be completely sealed from the atmosphere. If the Sensor is to be used in an environment where there is a risk of condensation, precautions must be taken to ensure that liquid cannot enter this part of the Sensor.

The response time of this Sensor will vary considerably with air circulation i.e. it will respond more quickly in a moving current of air.

If used in a dirty environment, protect the Sensor from dirt using a piece of nylon stocking mesh.

Do not expose to chemical vapours such as acetone, organic solvents, or chlorine, which are harmful to the Sensor.

#### Theory

The warmer the air is, the more water vapour it can "hold". Humidity is an expression used to describe the amount of water vapour in the air.

Relative Humidity (RH) is the term used most often in weather information meant for the public.

Relative Humidity is the amount of water vapour actually in the air compared with the amount of vapour needed to make the air saturated at the air's current temperature. It is expressed as a percentage and can be computed in a variety of ways.

e.g. %RH = 100 x Pw / Ps (t)

Where Pw = partial water pressure Ps = water vapour's saturation pressure t = ambient temperature in C

#### Example

- The air temperature is 30 degrees and the air has 9 grams of water vapour per cubic meter of air.
- Divide 9 by 30 and multiply by 100 to get a relative humidity of 30% the air has 30% of the water vapour it could hold at its current temperature.
- The air temperature drops to 20 degrees. Divide 9, the vapour actually in the air, by 17, the vapour it could hold at its new temperature, and multiply by 100 to get a relative humidity of 53%.
- The air cools down to 10 degrees, divide 9 by 9 and multiply by 100 to get a relative humidity of 100% the air now has all the vapour it can hold at its new temperature.

#### **Useful Definitions**

- Absolute humidity: The mass of water vapour in a given volume of air.
- Actual vapour pressure: The partial pressure exerted by the water vapour present.
- Dewpoint: The temperature air would have to be cooled to in order for saturation to occur.
- Mixing Ratio: The mass of water vapour divide by the mass of the dry air.
- **Saturation of air:** The condition under which the amount of water vapour in the air is the maximum possible at the existing temperature and pressure.
- Saturation vapour pressure: The maximum partial pressure that water vapour molecules would

exert if the air were saturated with vapour at a given temperature.

• Specific humidity: The mass of water vapour divided by the total mass of the air.

## **Practical Investigations**

The Smart Wireless Humidity Sensor can be used to investigate a number of scientific experiments such as:

- Transpiration of plants
- Greenhouse or Terrarium studies
- Homeostasis (sweating, control of body temperature)
- Investigate changes between inhaled and exhaled air
- Air around a burning candle / spirit lamp
- Two-sided transpiration investigation
- Room environment
- Weather studies
- Examining different habitats
- Humidity's effect on static electricity
- Perspiration of skin

#### **Online Videos**

Learn how to use data logging in the classroom with our Secondary Science Academy demonstration videos, which will walk you through using the new EasySense2 app and show you how to get hands-on with the latest Bluetooth wireless sensors. The video experiments will show you how to get the best out of your science lessons.

New online content is being continuously uploaded onto our YouTube channel, including practical worksheets as well as videos.

See our website for further information and links.



#### **Explore Bluetooth Sensors**

Are you looking to make the jump to our smart wireless sensors? Or have you recently purchased them and want to know more about how they work?

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#### Explore EasySense2

The core of our science platform is our EasySense2 software. In these videos you will learn everything from the basics of our software to the most in-depth features.

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# **Explore Science Practicals**

See our Smart Wireless Sensors in action with a range of practical experiments. This is the best way to get started with the new Bluetooth sensors!

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# **Sensor Specifications**

Please read the following table for sensor specifications.

Feature	Detail
Measurement Ranges	Relative Humidity: 0 to 100 %RH Pressure: 30 to 110 kPa Temperature: -40 to 85 °C Dew Point: -55 to 85 °C Absolute Humidity: 0 to 130 g/m <sup>3</sup>
Resolution	Relative Humidity: 0.01%RH Pressure: 0.01 kPa Temperature: 0.1 °C Dew Point: 0.1 °C Absolute Humidity: 0.01 g/m <sup>3</sup>
Fastest logging speed	100ms
Connectivity	Wired via USB Wireless via Bluetooth
Bluetooth Specifications	Bluetooth 4.2 low energy radio, single mode compliant Transmit (TX) power: 0 dBm Receiver (RX) sensitivity: - 90 dBm Usable transmission range: up to 10 m in open air Frequency Range: 2.402 to 2.480 GHz operation
Internal Battery	Rechargeable internal lithium-ion 3.7 V Power specification: 5 V at 500 mA
Storage/Operating Temperature	0 - 40 C
Humidity	0 to 95% RH (non-condensing)
Physical Specifications	Weight: approx. 77 g External dimensions: approx. height 50 mm x width 35 mm x length 102 mm

## **Limited Warranty**

For information about the terms of the product warranty, see the Data Harvest website at: <u>https://data-harvest.co.uk/warranty</u>

#### **Product Repairs**

When returning goods to Data Harvest, please download and complete the repair return <u>form</u> to ensure you have sent us all the information we require, and send it to us alongside the item to be repaired. The second page of this form includes a return address label.

If you have purchased a Data Harvest manufactured product via a different company, please also supply proof of purchase.

#### **Postage Charges**

- In the event of a fault developing, the product must be returned in suitable packaging to Data Harvest for repair or replacement at no expense to the user other than postal charges.
- There will be no postal charge for the return of repaired goods to any mainland UK address (for other areas, additional shipping charges may apply).

#### **Out of Warranty Repairs**

Please visit https://data-harvest.co.uk/repairs for the most up to date charges for out of warranty repairs.

#### Warranty on Repaired Items

Once an item has been serviced and repaired, the product will have 1 year warranty against further failure of the component repaired.

#### **International Returns**

Please contact the authorised Data Harvest representative in your country for assistance in returning equipment for repair.

## Compliance

This product complies to the following standards

## Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment Legislation

Data Harvest Group Ltd is fully compliant with WEEE legislation and is pleased to provide a disposal service for any of our products when their life expires. Simply return them to us clearly identified as 'life expired' and we will dispose of them for you.

#### **FCC Details**

This device complies with Part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) this device may not cause harmful interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

#### CE

This product conforms to the CE specification. It has been assessed and deemed to meet EU safety, health and environmental protection requirements as required for products manufactured anywhere in the world that are then marketed within the EU.

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# Troubleshooting

If you experience any problems with your product, please try the following troubleshooting tips before contacting the Data Harvest support team.

Feature	Detail
Loss of Bluetooth Connectivity	If the sensor loses Bluetooth connection and will not reconnect try: Closing and reopening the EasySense 2 app.Switching the sensor Off and then On again.If you are using a Bluetooth Smart USB Adaptor on your computer, unplug the adaptor, plug back in again and try to reconnect.Hard reset the sensor and then try to reconnect.

#### Notices

Please read the following notices with regards to using your sensor

- 1. The sensor is much smarter than traditional Bluetooth sensors and you are not required to pair the device. If paired, the sensor will not be available to the EasySense 2 app.
- 2. When the sensor is connected to a computer, the computer should be turned on and not in sleep or standby mode or the battery may drain instead of charge.
- 3. Data Harvest products are designed for educational use and are not intended for use in industrial, medical or commercial applications.
- 4. The sensor is not waterproof.
- 5. Plastic parts may fade or discolour over time if exposed to UV light. This is normal and will not affect the operation of the sensor.

## **Contact Information**

To contact Data Harvest directly, please use any of the following channels

## **Traditional Communications**

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## **Online Communications**

We have active social media support channels using the following platforms

- Facebook
- <u>Twitter</u>
- YouTube

## **Office Opening Hours**

Monday to Thursday - 08:30 to 16:45 Friday - 08:30 to 13:30 Saturday & Sunday & UK Bank Holidays - Closed



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We have for your convenience included a webpage translation feature to the online documentation which will allow you to translate and print individual pages of this documentation.