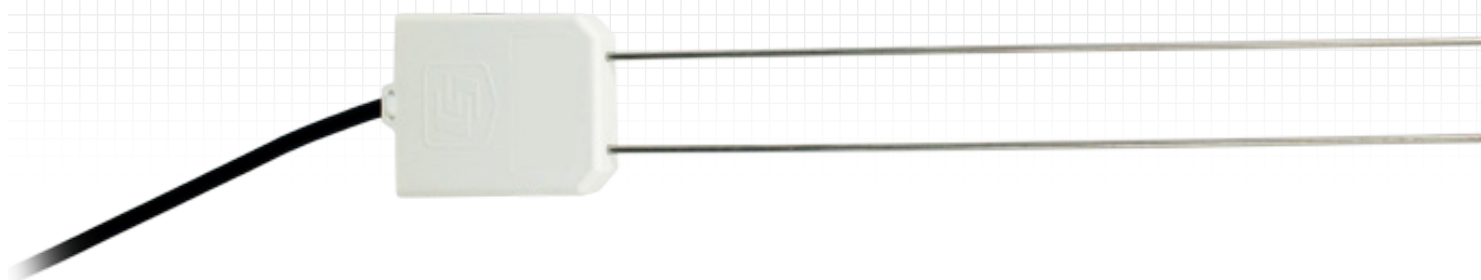


High Accuracy and Precision

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Overview

The CS625* measures the volumetric water content (VWC) of porous media (such as soil) from 0% to saturation. The probe was developed specifically for the CR200(X)-series dataloggers, and has a 0 to 3.3 V square wave frequency output that our CR200(X)-

series dataloggers can measure. A maximum of four CS625 probes can be measured by one CR200(X) datalogger. Valid channel options are analog channels 1 through 4.

Benefits and Features

- › High accuracy and high precision
- › Fast response time
- › Designed for long-term unattended water content monitoring
- › Probe rods can be inserted from the surface or buried at any orientation to the surface

Technical Description

The CS625 consists of two 30-cm-long stainless steel rods connected to a printed circuit board. The circuit board is encapsulated in epoxy, and a shielded four-conductor cable is connected to the circuit board to supply power, enable probe, and monitor the output.

The CS625 uses the time-domain measurement method to measure VWC; a reflectometer (cable tester) such as the TDR100 is not required. This method consists of the CS625 generating an electromagnetic pulse. The elapsed travel time and pulse reflection are then measured and used to calculate soil volumetric water content.

Response Characteristics

The signal propagating along the parallel rods of the CS625 is attenuated by free ions in the soil solution and conductive constituents of the soil mineral fraction. In most applications, the attenuation is not enough to affect the CS625 response to changing water content, and the response is well described by

the standard calibration. However, in soil with relatively high soil electrical conductivity levels, compacted soils, or soils with high clay content, the calibration should be adjusted for the specific medium. Guidance for making these adjustments is provided in the operating manual.

**The CS625 is only compatible with our CR200(X)-series dataloggers. Another reflectometer, the CS616, can be used with a CR800, CR850, CR1000, CR3000, CR10X, CR510, or CR5000 datalogger.*



RF Considerations

The RF emissions are below FCC and EU limits as specified in EN61326 if the CS625 is enabled less than 0.6 ms, and measurements are made less frequently than once a second. External RF

sources can also affect the CS625 operation. Consequently, the CS625 should be located away from significant sources of RF such as ac power lines and motors.

Ordering Information

Water Content Reflectometer

CS625 Water Content Reflectometer for CR200(X)-Series Dataloggers. Must choose a cable length option and a cable termination option (see below).

Cable Length Options (choose one)

- 10 10 ft (3 m) cable length
- 17 17 ft (5 m) cable length
- 33 33 ft (10 m) cable length
- 50 50 ft (15 m) cable length
- U-L User-defined cable length. Enter length, in ft, after the -L.

Cable Termination Options (choose one)

- PT Cable terminates in stripped and tinned leads for direct connection to the datalogger's terminals.
- PW Cable terminates in a connector for attachment to a prewired enclosure.

Installation Tool

CS650G Rod Insertion Guide Tool with Pilot Rod



The CS650G makes inserting CS625 easier in dense or rocky soils. This tool can be hammered into the soil with force that might damage the sensor if the CS650G were not used. It makes pilot holes into which the rods of the sensors can then be inserted.

Specifications

- › Probe-to-Probe Variability: $\pm 0.5\%$ VWC in dry soil, $\pm 1.5\%$ VWC in typical saturated soil
- › Accuracy: $\pm 2.5\%$ VWC using standard calibration with bulk electrical conductivity of $\leq 0.5 \text{ dS m}^{-1}$, bulk density of $\leq 1.55 \text{ g cm}^{-3}$, and measurement range of 0% VWC to 50% VWC
- › Precision: better than 0.1% VWC
- › Resolution: 0.1% VWC
- › Output: 0 to 3.3 V square wave with frequency dependent on water content
- › Current Drain: 65 mA at 12 Vdc (when enabled); 45 μA (quiescent typical)
- › Power Supply Voltage: 5 Vdc minimum; 18 Vdc maximum
- › Enable Voltage: 4 Vdc minimum; 18 Vdc maximum
- › Electromagnetic: CE compliant; meets EN61326 requirements for protection against electrostatic discharge
- › Rod Dimensions
 - Length: 300 mm (11.8 in)
 - Diameter: 3.2 mm (0.13 in)
 - Spacing: 32 mm (1.3 in)
- › Probe Head Dimensions
 - Height: 85 mm (3.3 in)
 - Width: 63 mm (2.5 in)
 - Depth: 18 mm (0.7 in)
- › Weight
 - Probe without cable: 280 g (9.9 oz)
 - Cable: 35 g per m (0.38 oz per ft)