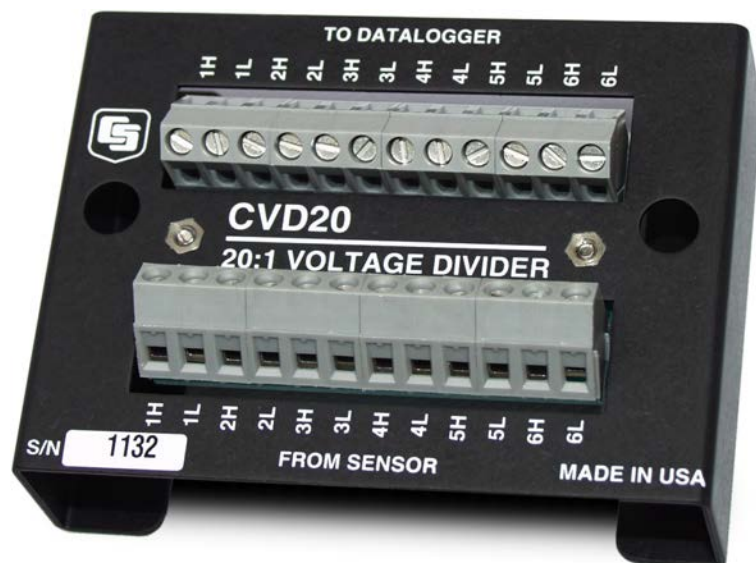


# INSTRUCTION MANUAL



## **CVD20 20:1 Voltage Divider**

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Some useful conversion factors:

**Area:** 1 in<sup>2</sup> (square inch) = 645 mm<sup>2</sup>

**Length:** 1 in. (inch) = 25.4 mm  
1 ft (foot) = 304.8 mm  
1 yard = 0.914 m  
1 mile = 1.609 km

**Mass:** 1 oz. (ounce) = 28.35 g  
1 lb (pound weight) = 0.454 kg

**Pressure:** 1 psi (lb/in<sup>2</sup>) = 68.95 mb

**Volume:** 1 US gallon = 3.785 litres

In addition, part ordering numbers may vary. For example, the CABLE5CBL is a CSI part number and known as a FIN5COND at Campbell Scientific Canada (CSC). CSC Technical Support will be pleased to assist with any questions.



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# ***CVD20 20:1 Voltage Divider***

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## **1. Introduction**

The CVD20 provides six single-ended or six differential channels for connecting sensors that have a higher voltage output than what a datalogger can measure. Resistors in the CVD20 divide the sensor's signal voltage by a factor of 20.

## **2. Cautionary Statements**

The CVD20 is rugged, but it should be handled as a precision scientific instrument.

## **3. Initial Inspection**

Upon receipt of the CVD20, inspect the packaging and contents for damage. File damage claims with the shipping company.

## **4. Specifications**

<b>Compatibility:</b>	CR800, CR850, CR1000, CR3000, CR5000, CR9000(X), CR7, CR10(X), CR23X, 21X.
<b>Number of Channels:</b>	6 single-ended or 6 differential
<b>Division Ratio:</b>	20:1
<b>Resistors:</b>	1 kohm and 19 kohm
<b>Ratio Tolerance (@ 25°C):</b>	±0.1%
<b>Weight:</b>	91 g (3 oz)
<b>Dimensions:</b>	9.4 x 6.9 x 3.8 cm (3.7 x 2.7 x 1.5 in.)
<b>Temperature Coefficient:</b>	10 ppm/°C from -20° to +85°C

## **5. Installation**

### **5.1 Mounting**

The base of the voltage divider has keyed slots for two screws. The slots are spaced for mounting the prepunched holes on the back plate of a Campbell Scientific enclosure.

### **5.2 Wiring**

Figures 1 and 2 show the wiring for single-ended and differential measurements, respectively. The CVD20 connects to the sensor via the sensor's cable. The cable used to connect the CVD20 to the datalogger depends on the number of single-ended or differential channels used (see Table

1). A two-foot length should be sufficient if the datalogger and CVD20 are housed in the same enclosure.

TABLE 1. Recommended Cables for Datalogger Connection	
Number of Single-ended or Differential Channels Connected	Recommended Cable(s)
1	(1) CABLE2CBL-L
2	(1) CABLE4CBL-L
3	(1) CABLE2CBL-L and (1) CABLE4CBL-L
4	(2) CABLE4CBL-L
5	(1) CABLE2CBL-L and (2) CABLE4CBL-L
6	(3) CABLE4CBL-L

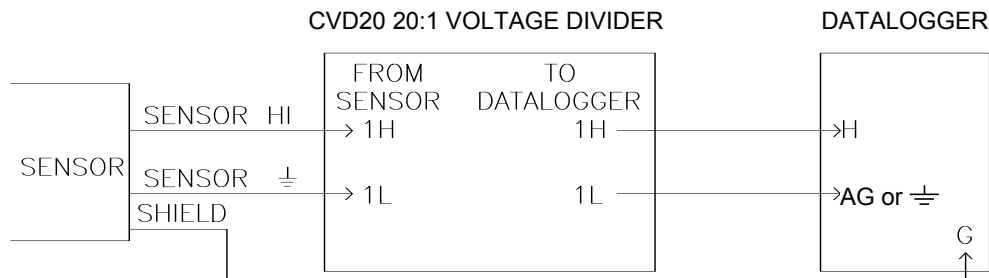


FIGURE 1. Single-ended measurement

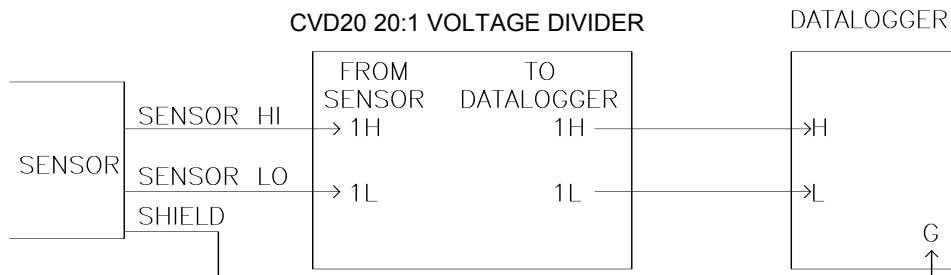


FIGURE 2. Differential measurement

## 6. Programming

The output of the voltage divider can be measured with a differential voltage instruction (**VoltDiff**) in CRBasic or Instruction 2 (P2) in Edlog) or a single-ended voltage instruction (**VoltSe**) in CRBasic or Instruction 1 (P1) in Edlog). Select the smallest input voltage range that will accommodate the maximum expected output. The smallest possible range will provide the best resolution.



The multiplier to use with the voltage measurement must take into account the divisor, the calibration of the sensor, and the units desired for the result.

## 6.1 Examples

Suppose the user wants to measure a sensor with a 0 to 5 V output. Using the CVD20 20:1 voltage divider, the 5 volt output will be divided to  $5/20 = 0.25$  V or 250 mV. Thus the voltage range on which to make the measurement is the  $\pm 250$  mV range for the CR800, CR850, CR1000, and CR10(X) and the  $\pm 1000$  mV range on the CR3000 and CR5000.

The CVD20 divides the voltage by 20 and the datalogger reads it as millivolts (i.e.,  $(V/20) \times 10^3 = V \times 50$ ). Therefore, to output directly in volts, use a multiplier of 1/50 or 0.02.

The following examples show the measurement instruction for each of the different dataloggers to measure the sensor described above.

### 6.1.1 CR1000, CR800, CR850

```
Public SensVolt
VoltDiff (SensVolt,1,mV250,1,True,0,250,0.02,0)
```

### 6.1.2 CR3000, CR5000

```
Public SensVolt
VoltDiff (SensVolt,1,mV1000,1,True,0,250,0.02,0)
```

### 6.1.3 CR10(X)

```
1: Volt (Diff) (P2)
1: 1          Reps
2: 24          $\pm 250$  mV 60 Hz Rejection Range
3: 1          DIFF Channel
4: 1          Loc [SensVolt]
5: 0.02       Mult
6: 0          Offset
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