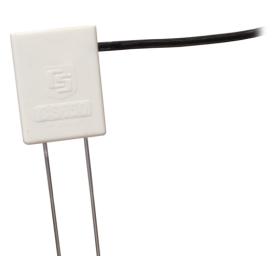


Soil Water Content Reflectometer 12 cm



## Overview

The CS655 is a multiparameter smart sensor that uses innovative techniques to monitor soil volumetric-water content, bulk electrical conductivity, and temperature. It outputs an SDI-12 signal that many of our dataloggers can measure. It has shorter rods than the CS650, for use in problem soils.

This product is supplied with a 3 m cable as standard, other lengths available to order.

## **Benefits and Features**

- **\)** Larger sample volume reduces error
- Measurement corrected for effects of soil texture and electrical conductivity
- Estimates soil-water content for a wide range of mineral
- Versatile sensor—measures dielectric permittivity, bulk electrical conductivity (EC), and soil temperature

## **Technical Description**

The CS655 consists of two 12-cm-long stainless steel rods connected to a printed circuit board. The circuit board is encapsulated in epoxy and a shielded cable is attached to the circuit board for data logger connection.

The CS655 measures propagation time, signal attenuation, and temperature. Dielectric permittivity, volumetric water content, and bulk electrical conductivity are then derived from these raw values.

Measured signal attenuation is used to correct for the loss effect on reflection detection and thus propagation time measurement. This loss-effect correction allows accurate

water content measurements in soils with bulk EC  $\leq 8$  dS m<sup>-1</sup> without performing a soil-specific calibration.

Soil bulk electrical conductivity is also calculated from the attenuation measurement. A thermistor in thermal contact with a probe rod near the epoxy surface measures temperature. Horizontal installation of the sensor provides accurate soil temperature measurement at the same depth as the water content. Temperature measurement in other orientations will be that of the region near the rod entrance into the epoxy body.



## **Specifications**

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Measurements Made	Soil electrical conductivity (EC), relative dielectric permittivity, volumetric water content (VWC), soil temperature
Required Equipment	Measurement system
Soil Suitability	Short rods are easy to install in hard soil. Suitable for soils with higher electrical conductivity.
Rods	Not replaceable
Sensors	Not interchangeable
Sensing Volume	3600 cm <sup>3</sup> (~7.5 cm radius around each probe rod and 4.5 cm beyond the end of the rods)
Electromagnetic	CE compliant (Meets EN61326 requirements for protection against electrostatic discharge and surge.)
Operating Temperature Range	-50° to +70°C
Sensor Output	SDI-12; serial RS-232
Warm-up Time	3 s
Measurement Time	3 ms to measure; 600 ms to complete SDI-12 command
Power Supply Requirements	6 to 18 Vdc (Must be able to supply 45 mA @ 12 Vdc.)
Maximum Cable Length	610 m (2000 ft) combined length for up to 25 sensors connected to the same data logger control port
Rod Spacing	32 mm (1.3 in.)
Ingress Protection Rating	IP68
Rod Diameter	3.2 mm (0.13 in.)
Rod Length	120 mm (4.7 in.)
Probe Head Dimensions	85 x 63 x 18 mm (3.3 x 2.5 x 0.7 in.)
Cable Weight	35 g per m (0.38 oz per ft)
Probe Weight	240 g (8.5 oz) without cable

<b>Current Drain</b>	
Active (3 ms)	<ul><li>80 mA (@ 6 Vdc)</li><li>45 mA typical (@ 12 Vdc)</li><li>35 mA (@ 18 Vdc)</li></ul>
Quiescent	135 μA typical (@ 12 Vdc)
<b>Electrical Conductiv</b>	vity
Range for Solution EC	0 to 8 dS/m
Range for Bulk EC	0 to 8 dS/m
Accuracy	$\pm$ (5% of reading + 0.05 dS/m)
Precision	0.5% of BEC
Relative Dielectric F	Permittivity
Range	1 to 81
Accuracy	<ul> <li>x ± (3% of reading + 0.8) from 1 to 40 for solution EC ≤ 8 dS/m</li> <li>x ± 2 (from 40 to 81 for solution EC ≤ 2.8 dS/m)</li> </ul>
Precision	< 0.02
Volumetric Water C	ontent
Range	0 to 100% (with M4 command)
Water Content Accuracy	<ul> <li>±3% (typical with factory VWC model) where solution EC &lt; 10 dS/m</li> <li>±1% (with soil-specific calibration) where solution EC &lt; 3 dS/m</li> </ul>
Precision	< 0.05%
Soil Temperature	
Range	-50° to +70°C
Resolution	0.001°C
Accuracy	<ul> <li>±0.1°C (for typical soil temperatures [0 to 40°C] wher probe body is buried in soil)</li> <li>±0.5°C (for full temperature range)</li> </ul>
Precision	±0.02°C





