Overview

The CRVW3 is a self-contained, low-cost, three-channel vibrating wire datalogger. It is designed to be an independent datalogger, or a component of a larger radio-linked data acquisition network when configured with available wireless communication options.

The CRVW3 can be purchased factory integrated with a power supply and a weatherproof enclosure, or purchased as a stand-alone datalogger for situations where a custom enclosure and/or battery combination is desired.

Benefits and Features

- Reads and stores data from one to three vibrating wire sensors
- Charge regulator included for solar panel connection
- Enclosure rated to IP66
- Simple configuration interface
- Integrated rechargeable or alkaline battery options
- Compatible with many existing Campbell Scientific data acquisition networks
- PakBus router/radio repeater capabilities

*The VSPECT technology is protected under U.S. Patent No. 7,779,690.
Technical Details

To provide better vibrating wire measurements, Campbell Scientific developed the vibrating wire spectral-analysis technology (VSPECT). This innovative, patented technology delivers the most accurate measurement for vibrating wire sensors. VSPECT observes the incoming sensor signal, performs a Fourier transform and a spectral analysis (transforming the time series into individual sinusoidal components in the frequency spectrum), and determines the sensor frequency by identifying the largest signal in the acceptable range and disregarding noise.

Specifications

**Datatalogger**

- Processor: ST ARM CORTEX-M4 (32-bit with hardware FPU, running at 144 MHz)
- Data Storage: 16 MB serial flash, up to 420,000 records (single channel), up to 160,000 records (3 channels)
- Clock Accuracy: ±3 minutes per year
- Measurement Interval Range: 1 s to 1 day
- USB Micro B: Direct connect to PC (supplies power for configuration and data collection), 2.0 full speed, 12 Mbps
- Configuration: software configurable, no programming required

**Measurements**

- Channel Count: 3 vibrating wire (VW) and 3 thermistor/RTD (temperature) measurements
- Measurement Speed: 1 s per sensor (VW and temperature)

**Vibrating Wire**

- Measurement Method: VSPECT (Spectral Analysis), U.S. Patent No. 7,779,690, includes diagnostic data
- Measurement Excitation Options: 2 V (±1 V), 5 V (±2.5 V), 12 V (±6 V)
- Resolution: 0.001 Hz RMS (-40° to +70°C)
- Accuracy: ±0.006% of reading (-20° to +70°C)
- Time-series Basic Resolution: 24-bit ADC

**Temperature (Resistance)**

- Measurement Method: half-bridge ratiometric, 24-bit ADC, built-in completion resistor 4.99 kΩ 0.1%
- Thermistor Precision: 0.020 Ω RMS @ 3000 Ω (~0.00015 °C RMS for most vibrating wire thermistors)
- Accuracy: ±0.15% of reading (-40° to +70°C)

**Power**

- Charge Terminal: 16 to 28 Vdc from solar panel or dc power converter
- Battery Options: rechargeable 7 Ah or 8 D-cell alkaline

**Physical**

- Operating Temperature Range: -40° to +70°C
- Compliance: RoHS (CE for non-radio model and CRVW3-RF422)

**CRVW3 Option (with enclosure)**

- Weight: 4.2 kg (9.2 lb) with rechargeable battery, 3.0 kg (6.6 lb) with alkaline batteries
- Enclosure Dimensions: 24.1 x 22.9 x 14.0 cm (9.5 x 9.0 x 5.5 in)
- Weather-Proof Enclosure Rating: NEMA 4X (IP66) with proper use of cable entry points
- Enclosure Mounting: Stainless-steel universal mount for pole/wall mount (optional) or plastic mounting tabs (included)
- IP66 enclosure

**CRVW3-NE Option (no enclosure)**

- Weight: 0.36 kg (0.8 lb)
- CRVW3-NE Dimensions: 18.4 x 12.7 x 4.5 cm (7.25 x 5.0 x 1.75 in)
- Mounting holes for easy mounting and installation in a Campbell Scientific enclosure

**Warranty**

- One year against defects in materials and workmanship

**Wireless Communications**

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cRF427 radio option to be released at a future date.

bThermistor or RTD resistance can be scaled to temperature (°C) per manufacturer procedure. The resulting temperature can be used as a correction factor for the sensor's output.