



# A151

Single Sensor Terminal Case with M12  
Connector, Vented with Desiccant



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# 1. Introduction

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The A151 is a vented junction box with terminal blocks to connect sensors to the M12 8-pin connector. It has accessories to allow for various lengths of cable and termination options.



*Figure 1-1. A151*

The A151 allows sensors such as pressure transducers to be used without the need to run a ventilation tube all the way to a data logger enclosure. The sensor cable with a ventilation tube terminates at the A151, which contains a small vent and desiccant, while a second cable without a ventilation tube completes the connection to the Aspen™10 or other data logger depending on the cable options chosen.

## 2. Compatibility

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### 2.1 Data loggers

The A151 is compatible with the Aspen 10. However, even though the A151 comes with the 8-pin M12 connector compatible with Aspen 10, accessories can be purchased so that the end of the cable is terminated in pig tails for use with other data loggers.

## 2.2 Sensors

The A151 is compatible with most sensors using 8 pins or less. The A151 is often used with pressure transducers. If the sensor is to be used with the Aspen 10, refer to the Aspen 10 documentation at [www.campbellsci.com/aspens10](http://www.campbellsci.com/aspens10) for compatibility.

# 3. Physical description

The A151 has an 8.0 x 8.2 x 5.5 cm (3.15 x 3.228 x 2.171 in) enclosure. Four screws secure the lid to the rest of the unit. A terminal block is mounted inside the enclosure. A small vent is located on the bottom of the enclosure. The vent is protected by a water-resistant filter, which prevents moisture and contaminants from entering the unit while equalizing the interior air pressure to the current atmospheric pressure. Connected to the enclosure is 3 feet of cable with a male A-coded M12 connector.

A mounting bracket is attached to the bottom of the chassis. The bracket is used to fasten the A151 inside an enclosure or, with the included zip ties, to another location of the user's choosing.

# 4. Specifications

Maximum voltage	30 V (AC or DC)
Dimensions:	8.0 x 8.2 x 5.5 cm (3.15 x 3.228 x 2.171 in)
Terminal block wire gauges:	28 to 12 AWG
Compression fitting:	Fits sensor cables with 4.6 to 7.9 mm (0.181 to 0.312 in) diameters
Internal protection rating:	IP66
For use with Extra Low Voltage (ELV) / NEC Class 2 or Class 3 Conductors only	

# 5. Installation

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## 5.1 Mounting

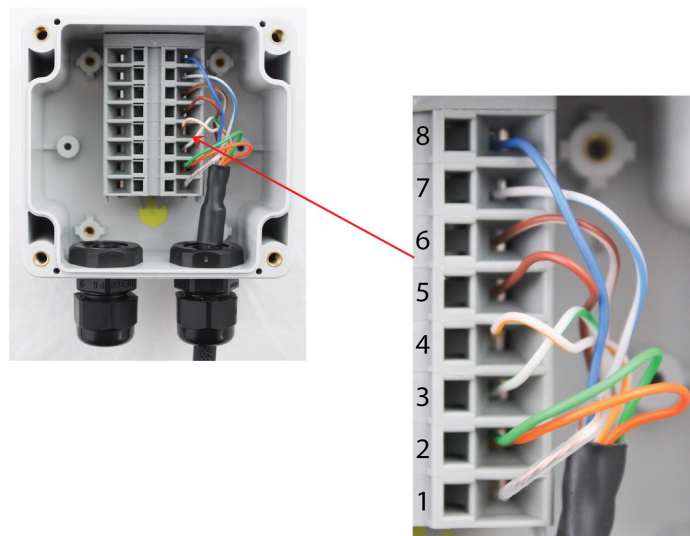
The A151 provides two options for mounting. The first is to use the 18-inch long zip ties included with the A151. This allows the A151 to be secured to a small mast, fencepost, or other location where it is not possible to use mounting screws.

The second option is to use the mounting bracket on the back of the A151. This bracket allows the A151 to be mounted inside an enclosure or to another flat surface, using two screws through the bracket to secure the A151.

## 5.2 Wiring

To wire a sensor to the A151, thread the sensor cable through the entry seal and connect to the terminal block as shown in [Figure 5-1](#) (p. 3). Use a small, flat-head screwdriver to open the wire terminal. Consult the documentation included with the sensor, or contact Campbell Scientific technical support, for the correct placement of each wire.

Once all wires are attached, tighten the wire gland to prevent water or contaminants from entering the A151. Place a desiccant pack, included with the A151, inside the chassis. Also place the humidity indicator card inside the A151, and then secure the lid in place with the four captured screws.



*Figure 5-1. Terminal block wiring*

Table 5-1 (p. 4) shows the pin-out, wire function, and suggested wire color for the terminal block.

Table 5-1: Terminal block wiring			
Terminal block position	Wire function	Wire color	M12 connector pin
8	M1	Blue	7
7	M2	White/Blue	1
6	M3	White/Brown	2
5	M4	Brown	3
4	Identify (1-Wire or SDI-12)	White/Orange	6
3	Power	White/Green	5
2	Detect & Ground	Green and Orange	8 (Green) and Orange (4)
1	Shield		

The M12 8-pin A-coded connector is shown in Figure 5-2 (p. 4).

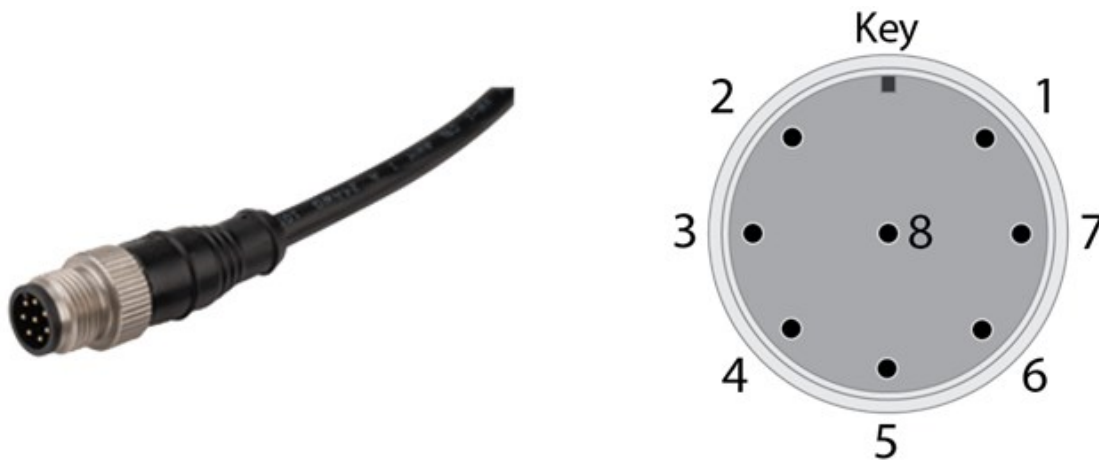


Figure 5-2. M12 Connector

Table 5-2 (p. 5) shows the wiring for some sensors commonly used with the A151 to connect them to an Aspen 10.

Table 5-2: Example sensors	
Terminal block position	CS451/CS456
8	N/C
7	N/C
6	N/C
5	N/C
4	SDI-12
3	Power
2	Ground
1	Shield



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## General

- Protect from over-voltage.
- Protect electrical equipment from water.
- Protect from electrostatic discharge (ESD).
- Protect from lightning.
- Prior to performing site or installation work, obtain required approvals and permits. Comply with all governing structure-height regulations, such as those of the FAA in the USA.
- Use only qualified personnel for installation, use, and maintenance of tripods and towers, and any attachments to tripods and towers. The use of licensed and qualified contractors is highly recommended.
- Read all applicable instructions carefully and understand procedures thoroughly before beginning work.
- Wear a hardhat and eye protection, and take other appropriate safety precautions while working on or around tripods and towers.
- Do not climb tripods or towers at any time, and prohibit climbing by other persons. Take reasonable precautions to secure tripod and tower sites from trespassers.
- Use only manufacturer recommended parts, materials, and tools.

## Utility and Electrical

- You can be killed or sustain serious bodily injury if the tripod, tower, or attachments you are installing, constructing, using, or maintaining, or a tool, stake, or anchor, come in contact with overhead or underground utility lines.
- Maintain a distance of at least one-and-one-half times structure height, 6 meters (20 feet), or the distance required by applicable law, whichever is greater, between overhead utility lines and the structure (tripod, tower, attachments, or tools).
- Prior to performing site or installation work, inform all utility companies and have all underground utilities marked.
- Comply with all electrical codes. Electrical equipment and related grounding devices should be installed by a licensed and qualified electrician.
- Only use power sources approved for use in the country of installation to power Campbell Scientific devices.

## Elevated Work and Weather

- Exercise extreme caution when performing elevated work.
- Use appropriate equipment and safety practices.
- During installation and maintenance, keep tower and tripod sites clear of un-trained or non-essential personnel. Take precautions to prevent elevated tools and objects from dropping.
- Do not perform any work in inclement weather, including wind, rain, snow, lightning, etc.

## Internal Battery

- Be aware of fire, explosion, and severe-burn hazards.
- Misuse or improper installation of the internal lithium battery can cause severe injury.

- Do not recharge, disassemble, heat above 100 °C (212 °F), solder directly to the cell, incinerate, or expose contents to water. Dispose of spent batteries properly.

#### Use and disposal of batteries

- Where batteries need to be transported to the installation site, ensure they are packed to prevent the battery terminals shorting which could cause a fire or explosion. Especially in the case of lithium batteries, ensure they are packed and transported in a way that complies with local shipping regulations and the safety requirements of the carriers involved.
- When installing the batteries follow the installation instructions very carefully. This is to avoid risk of damage to the equipment caused by installing the wrong type of battery or reverse connections.
- When disposing of used batteries, it is still important to avoid the risk of shorting. Do not dispose of the batteries in a fire as there is risk of explosion and leakage of harmful chemicals into the environment. Batteries should be disposed of at registered recycling facilities.

#### Avoiding unnecessary exposure to radio transmitter radiation

- Where the equipment includes a radio transmitter, precautions should be taken to avoid unnecessary exposure to radiation from the antenna. The degree of caution required varies with the power of the transmitter, but as a rule it is best to avoid getting closer to the antenna than 20 cm (8 inches) when the antenna is active. In particular keep your head away from the antenna. For higher power radios (in excess of 1 W ERP) turn the radio off when servicing the system, unless the antenna is installed away from the station, e.g. it is mounted above the system on an arm or pole.

#### Maintenance

- Periodically (at least yearly) check for wear and damage, including corrosion, stress cracks, frayed cables, loose cable clamps, cable tightness, etc. and take necessary corrective actions.
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