



# CMP21

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## Pyranometer



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# 1. Introduction

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The CMP21 is designed for continuous outdoor monitoring of solar radiation intensity. A flat spectral sensitivity from 285 to 2800 nm enables accurate measurements in natural sunlight, under plant canopies, and in green houses or buildings. When inverted, the pyranometer can measure reflected solar radiation. Applications include monitoring global horizontal irradiance (GHI) and plane-of-array irradiance (POA). Diffuse sky radiation can also be measured with the use of a shade mechanism.

**NOTE:**

This manual provides information only for CRBasic data loggers. For Edlog data logger support, see a retired manual at [www.campbellsci.com/old-manuals](http://www.campbellsci.com/old-manuals) .

## 2. Precautions

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- READ AND UNDERSTAND the [Safety](#) section at the back of this manual.
- Although the CMP21 is rugged, it should be handled as a precision scientific instrument.
- Care should be taken when opening the shipping package to not damage or cut the cable jacket. If damage to the cable is suspected, contact Campbell Scientific.
- Pyranometers purchased from Campbell Scientific have different wiring than pyranometers purchased directly from Kipp & Zonen.

## 3. Initial inspection

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- Upon receipt of the CMP21, inspect the packaging and contents for damage. File damage claims with the shipping company.
- The model number and cable length are printed on a label at the connection end of the cable. Check this information against the shipping documents to ensure the correct product and cable length are received.

## 3.1 Calibration certificate

The pyranometer is shipped with an instruction manual provided by Kipp & Zonen that contains information concerning its construction, spectral sensitivity, cosine response, and a simple sensor check out procedure. Included with the sensor and manual is a calibration certificate with the sensor sensitivity value and serial number.

**NOTE:**

Cross check this serial number against the serial number on your pyranometer to ensure that the given sensitivity value corresponds to your sensor.

# 4. Overview

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The pyranometer consists of a thermopile sensor, housing, two glass domes, and cable. The thermopile is coated with a black absorbent coating. The paint absorbs the radiation and converts it to heat. The resultant temperature difference is converted to a voltage by the copper-constantan thermopile. The thermopile is encapsulated in the housing in such a way that it has a field of view of 180 degrees and the angular characteristics needed to fulfill the cosine response requirements.

The pyranometer is compatible with the optional CVF4 Heater/Ventilator Unit, which can keep their dome free from ice and dew (see [CVF4 ventilation unit](#) [p. 19]). In some applications, the CVF4 may also reduce the deposition of dust on the dome, and therefore reduce the cleaning interval frequency.

**Features:**

- Double glass dome
- Integrated bubble level is visible without removing sun shield
- Measures reflected solar radiation when inverted
- Desiccant-filled drying cartridge prevents dew from forming on the inner sides of the domes
- Provides measurements in direct sunlight, under plant canopies, when the sky is cloudy, and in artificial light
- Compatible with Campbell Scientific CRBasic data loggers: CR6 series, CR1000X series, CR800 series, CR350 series, CR300 series, CR3000, and CR1000

# 5. Specifications

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## 5.1 Pyranometer

Dimensions are shown in [Figure 5-1](#) (p. 3).

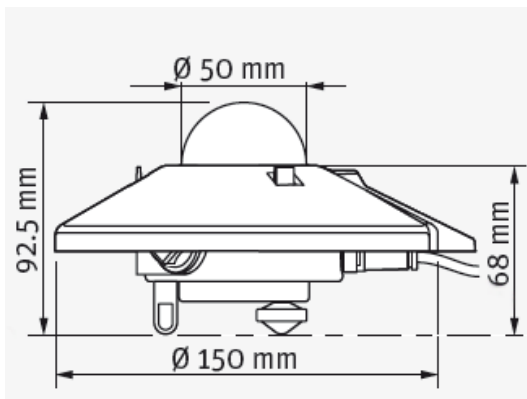



Figure 5-1. Dimensions

ISO classification:	Secondary Standard
Maximum irradiance:	4000 W/m <sup>2</sup>
Spectral range (50% points):	285 to 2800 nm
Response time (95 %):	<5 s
Expected daily uncertainty:	<2%
Zero offset due to thermal radiation (200 W/m <sup>2</sup> ):	<7 W/m <sup>2</sup>
Zero offset due to temperature change (5 K/hr):	<2 W/m <sup>2</sup>
Non-stability (change/year):	<0.5%
Non-linearity (0 to 1000 W/m <sup>2</sup> ):	<0.2%
Directional error (up to 80° with 1000 W/m <sup>2</sup> beam):	<10 W/m <sup>2</sup>
Tilt error (at 1000 W/m <sup>2</sup> ):	<0.2%

Level accuracy:	0.1°
Operating temperature:	−40 to 80 °C
Temperature dependence of sensitivity:	<1% (−20 to 50 °C)
Sensitivity:	7 to 14 μV / W/m <sup>2</sup>
Typical signal output for atmospheric applications:	0 to 15 mV
Weight:	0.6 kg (1.3 lb) without cable; 0.9 kg (2 lb) with 10 m (33 ft) cable
Impedance <sup>1</sup> :	10 to 100 Ω

<sup>1</sup> Impedance is defined as the total electrical impedance at the radiometer output connector fitted to the housing. It arises from the electrical resistance in the thermal junctions, wires, and passive electronics within the radiometer.

## 5.2 CVF4 ventilation unit

Power supply:	12 VDC, 0.9 A (with 5.5 W heater)
Operating temperature range:	−40 to 70 °C
Ventilation power:	5 W continuously
Heating power:	5.5 W
Weight without cable:	1.6 kg (3.5 lb)
Height:	12.95 cm (5.1 in)
Length:	35.5 cm (14.0 in)
Width:	23.0 cm (9.1 in)
EU Declaration of Conformity:	View at: <a href="http://www.campbellsci.com/cvf4-l">www.campbellsci.com/cvf4-l</a> 



# 6. Installation

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## 6.1 Wiring

**NOTE:**

Pyranometers purchased from Campbell Scientific have different wiring than pyranometers purchased directly from Kipp & Zonen.

Figure 6-1 (p. 5) provides a schematic of the thermopile contained in the pyranometer.

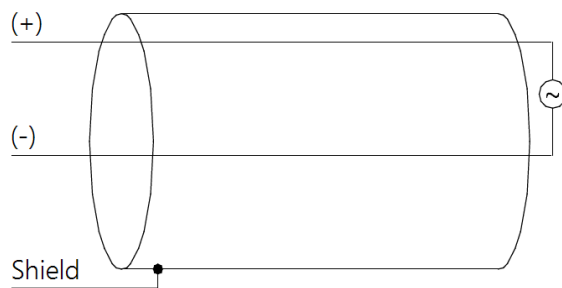


Figure 6-1. Thermopile detector schematic

Connections to Campbell Scientific data loggers are given in [Table 6-1](#) (p. 6). Solar radiation can be measured by using either differential or single-ended analog terminals. The differential measurement has better noise rejection and is therefore recommended. For differential measurements, a user-supplied jumper wire needs to be connected between the low side of the differential input and ground to keep the signal in common mode range. Single-ended and voltage excitation terminals are used to measure the CMP21 internal thermistor.

**Table 6-1: CMP21 wire color, function, and data logger connection**

Wire color	Wire function	Differential data logger connection terminal	Single-ended data logger connection terminal
White	Pyranometer signal high	<b>U</b> configured for differential input <sup>1</sup> , <b>DIFF H</b> (differential high, analog-voltage input)	<b>U</b> configured for single-ended analog input <sup>1</sup> , <b>SE</b> (single-ended, analog-voltage input)
Blue	Pyranometer signal reference	<b>U</b> configured for differential input <sup>1, 2</sup> , <b>DIFF L</b> (differential low, analog-voltage input) <sup>2</sup>	⏏ (analog ground)
Yellow	Thermistor voltage excitation	<b>U</b> configured for voltage excitation <sup>1</sup> , <b>EX, VX</b> (voltage excitation)	<b>U</b> configured for voltage excitation <sup>1</sup> , <b>EX, VX</b> (voltage excitation)
Black	Thermistor signal	<b>U</b> configured for single-ended analog input <sup>1</sup> , <b>SE</b> (single-ended, analog-voltage input)	<b>U</b> configured for single-ended analog input <sup>1</sup> , <b>SE</b> (single-ended, analog-voltage input)
Brown	Thermistor reference	⏏ (analog ground)	⏏ (analog ground)
Clear	Shield	⏏ (analog ground)	⏏ (analog ground)

<sup>1</sup> **U** terminals are automatically configured by the measurement instruction.

<sup>2</sup> Jumper to ⏏ with a user-supplied wire.

## 6.2 Programming

Programming basics for CRBasic data loggers are provided in the following sections. A complete program example for a select CRBasic data logger can be found in [Example program for measuring a CMP21](#) (p. 17).

### 6.2.1 Solar radiation measurements

Solar radiation can be reported as an average flux density ( $W/m^2$ ) or daily total flux density ( $MJ/m^2$ ). The appropriate multipliers are listed in [Table 6-2](#) (p. 8). Programming examples are given for both average and daily total solar radiation.

The pyranometer outputs a low-level voltage ranging from 0 to a maximum of up to 20 mV, in natural light, depending on the calibration factor and radiation level.

This voltage output is measured by using either the [VoltDiff\(\)](#) CRBasic instruction or [VoltSE\(\)](#) CRBasic instruction.

**CAUTION:**

Nearby AC power lines, electric pumps, or motors can be a source of electrical noise. If the sensor or data logger is located in an electrically noisy environment, the measurement should be made with the 60 or 50 Hz rejection integration option as shown in the example programs.

## 6.2.1.1 Input range

The output voltage is usually between 5 and 20 mV per 1000 W/m<sup>2</sup>. When estimating the maximum likely value of sensor output, a maximum value of solar radiation of 1100 W/m<sup>2</sup> can be used for field measurements on a horizontal surface. Plane-of-array irradiances can exceed 1500 W/m<sup>2</sup>.

Select the input range as follows:

1. Estimate the maximum expected input voltage by multiplying the maximum expected irradiance (in W/m<sup>2</sup>) by the calibration factor (in  $\mu\text{V} / \text{W}/\text{m}^2$ ). Divide the answer by 1000 to give the maximum in millivolt units.
2. Select the smallest input range that is greater than the maximum expected input voltage. The exact range will depend on the sensitivity of your individual sensor and the maximum expected reading. With some data loggers, an autorange option can be used if measurement time is not critical.

## 6.2.1.2 Multiplier

The multiplier converts the millivolt reading to engineering units. The sensitivity value supplied by the manufacturer gives the output of the sensor as  $\mu\text{V}$  (micro-volts) / W/m<sup>2</sup>. As the data logger voltage measurement instructions give a default output in mV, the following equation should be used to calculate the multiplier to give the readings in W/m<sup>2</sup>:

$$M = 1000/c$$

Where,

M = multiplier

c = sensor output in  $\mu\text{V} / \text{W}/\text{m}^2$

Other units can be used by adjusting the multiplier as shown in [Table 6-2](#) (p. 8).

Units	Multiplier	Output processing
W/m <sup>2</sup>	M	Average
MJ/m <sup>2</sup>	M • t • 0.000001	Totalize
kJ/m <sup>2</sup>	M • t • 0.001	Totalize
cal/cm <sup>2</sup>	M • t • 0.0239 • 0.001	Totalize
cal/cm <sup>2</sup> /min	M • 1.434 • 0.001	Average
W • hr/m <sup>2</sup>	M • t / 3600	Totalize

M = calibration factor with units of W/m<sup>2</sup> / mV  
t = data logger program execution interval in seconds

### 6.2.1.3 Offset

The offset will normally be fixed at zero as the sensor should output no significant signal in dark conditions. In practice, because of the nature of thermopile detector sensors, there will be some offset in dark conditions; sometimes this offset can give negative light readings. This offset varies with factors, such as rate of change of sensor temperature, so it cannot be removed with a fixed offset. Some users remove small negative readings by including code after the measurement instructions that sets negative readings to zero.

### 6.2.1.4 Output format considerations

Over-ranging may be an issue if the measurement values are totalized. Over-ranging can be prevented by storing the data in the IEEE4 format.

## 6.2.2 Internal thermistor measurement

The thermistor is measured by using the [BrHalf\(\)](#) CRBasic instruction. The value provided by the half bridge instruction needs to be converted to resistance and then converted to temperature.

The following equation is used to convert to resistance:

$$Res. = 1000 \left( \frac{V_x}{1-V_x} \right)$$

Where,

V<sub>x</sub> = the value provided by the half bridge instruction

The conversion to resistance is entered as a mathematical expression.

The following Steinhart-Hart equation converts resistance to temperature in degree Celsius:

$$\text{Temperature} = 1/[A + B \cdot \ln(\text{resistance}) + C \cdot (\ln(\text{resistance}))^3] - 273.15$$

Where A, B, and C are coefficients for the Steinhart-Hart equation.

The coefficients for the Steinhart-Hart equation are specific to the thermistor contained in your CMP21. A calibration certificate that lists these coefficients is shipped with each CMP21 pyranometer.

## 6.3 Siting

The pyranometer is usually installed horizontally for global horizontal measurements. However, the pyranometer can be installed at any angle for POA measurements and in the inverted position for reflected measurements. In all cases it will measure the solar flux incident on the sensor surface.

Site the pyranometer to allow easy access for maintenance while ideally avoiding any obstructions or reflections above the plane of the sensing element. It is important to mount the pyranometer such that a shadow or reflection will not be cast on it at any time.

If this is not possible, try to choose a site where any obstruction over the azimuth range between earliest sunrise and latest sunset has an elevation not exceeding 5°. Diffuse solar radiation is less influenced by obstructions near the horizon. For instance, an obstruction with an elevation of 5° over the whole azimuth range of 360° decreases the downward diffuse solar radiation by only 0.8%.

The sensor should be mounted with the cable pointing towards the nearest magnetic pole. For example, in the Northern Hemisphere, point the cable toward the North Pole ([Figure 6-2](#) [p. 10] through [Figure 6-5](#) [p. 11]).

### NOTE:

[CVF4 ventilation unit](#) (p. 19) provides the mounting information for the CVF4 ventilation unit.

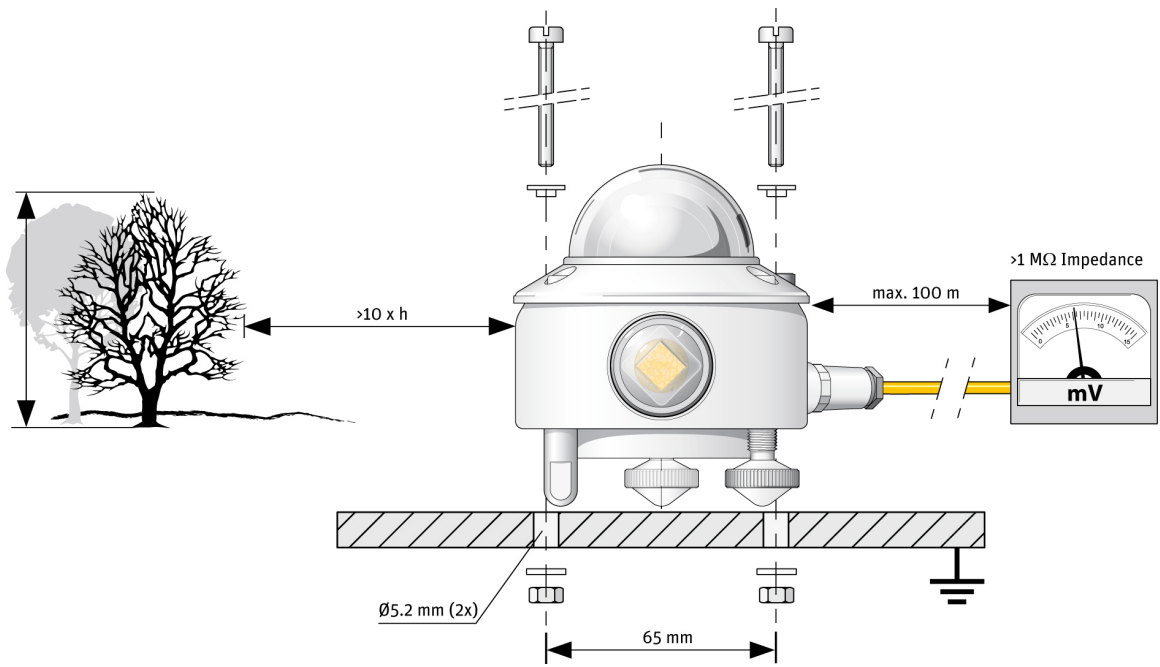


Figure 6-2. Pyranometer installation

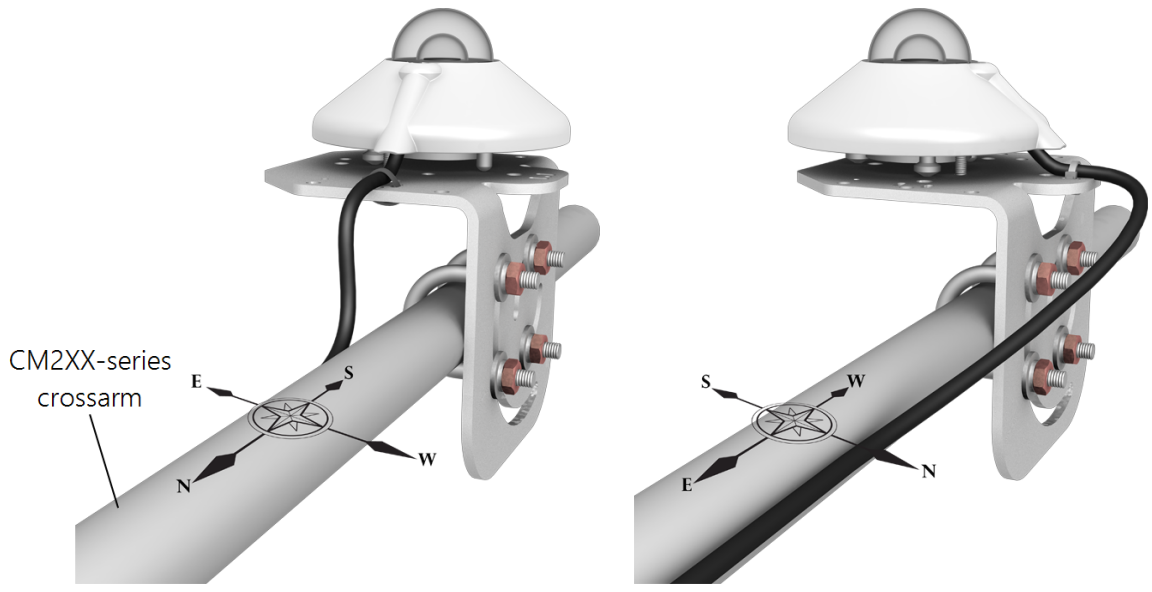


Figure 6-3. Pyranometer mounted horizontally for the Northern Hemisphere (left) and Southern Hemisphere (right)



Figure 6-4. Two views of a pyranometer mounted at an angle for the Northern Hemisphere

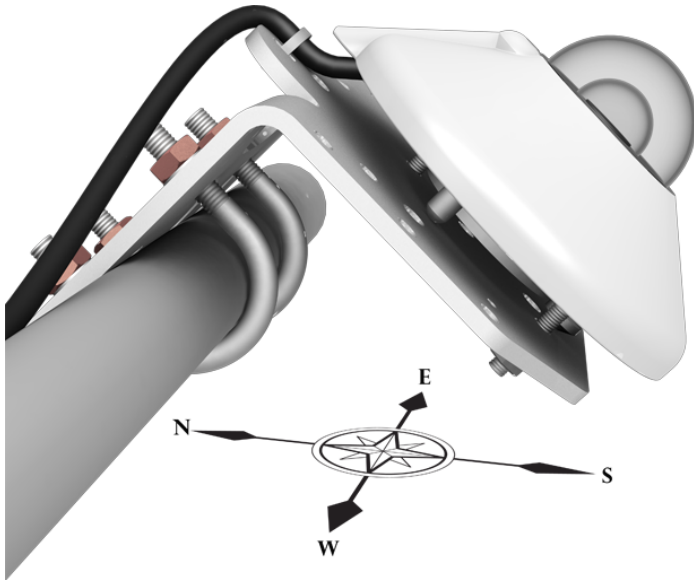


Figure 6-5. Pyranometer mounted at an angle for the Southern Hemisphere

## 6.4 Mounting to a tripod or tower

Tools required for installation on a tripod or tower:


- 4 mm (5/32-inch) Allen wrench
- 8 mm (5/16-inch) open-end wrench for U-bolt nuts
- Tape measure

- UV-resistant wire ties
- Side-cut pliers
- Compass
- Step ladder

The pyranometer includes a bubble level and two leveling screws, which allows it to be leveled horizontally without using a leveling base. It typically mounts to a crossarm via the CM255 or CM255LS Mounting Stand.

**NOTE:**

The CM255 and CM255LS are not compatible with a pyranometer housed in a CVF4 Ventilation Unit. The CVF4 mounts to a tripod or tower by using the CVF4 Mounting Stand and either the CM220 Right-Angle Mount or the 1-inch-by-1-inch Nu-Rail Crossover Fitting. Refer to [CVF4 ventilation unit](#) (p. 19) for more information.

The CM255 and CM255LS can be adjusted to any angle from horizontal to vertical. If mounting the pyranometer at an angle, ensure that the crossarm is leveled horizontally before placing the bracket at its proper angle. Refer to the [Solar Radiation Sensor Mounts](#)  manual for more information.

Do the following to level the pyranometer horizontally ([Figure 6-6](#) [p. 13]):

1. Attach the mounting stand to the crossarm.
2. Loosely mount the pyranometer on the mounting stand. Do not fully tighten the two mounting screws.
3. Turn the leveling screws as required to bring the bubble of the level within the ring.
4. Use the Allen wrench to tighten the mounting screws and secure the assembly in its final position. Check that the pyranometer is still correctly leveled and adjust as necessary.
5. Attach the white plastic sun screen to the pyranometer.
6. Route the sensor cable along the underside of the crossarm to the tower/tripod mast, and to the instrument enclosure.
7. Secure the sensor cable to the crossarm and mast by using cable ties.



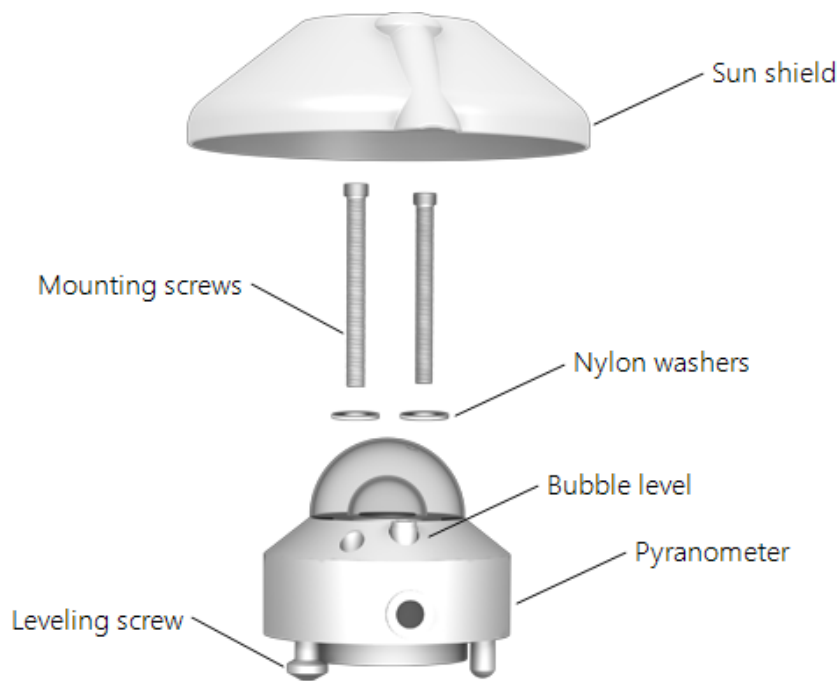


Figure 6-6. Exploded view of the pyranometer

# 7. Maintenance and troubleshooting

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## 7.1 Maintenance

Every week, physically inspect the pyranometer to ensure that:

- Dome is free of dirt, condensation, and ice. Remove accumulated dust, condensation, or ice from the dome and pyranometer body by using a soft cloth dampened with water or alcohol ([Figure 7-1](#) [p. 14]).
- The drying cartridge in the CMP21 has orange and opaque desiccant granules ([Changing the desiccant](#) [p. 14]).
- Mounting is secure.
- Pyranometer is level or is at the correct angle.
- Cables are in good condition.



Figure 7-1. Reading is reduced if dome is not dry or clean

## 7.1.1 Changing the desiccant

The drying cartridge of the CMP21 uses desiccant that needs to be periodically replaced. The silica gel desiccant granules in the drying cartridge should be orange and opaque. Replace the desiccant granules when they become translucent (normally after several months). Refill packs of desiccant are shipped with the pyranometer and can be purchased from Campbell Scientific. The drying cartridge uses the content of one refill pack. [Figure 7-2](#) (p. 14) shows the replacement process.

When changing the desiccant, ensure that:

- Surfaces touching the rubber O-ring are clean. Dirt, in combination with water, can cause corrosion, harming it.
- Rubber O-ring is coated with silicon grease or petroleum jelly. The grease coating improves the O-ring seal.
- Drying cartridge is tightly threaded into the pyranometer body.

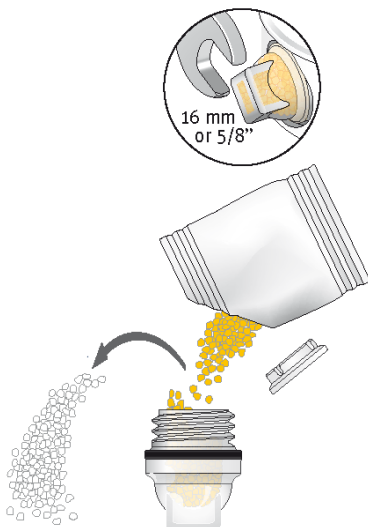


Figure 7-2. Changing the desiccant

## 7.1.2 Check sensor output

Check the data returned from the sensor as it will show the first indication of a fault. However, several expected phenomena can cause strange measurements. In particular, on clear, windless nights the outer dome temperature of horizontally placed pyranometers can fall as low as the dew point temperature of the air, due to infrared radiation exchange with the cold sky. (The effective sky temperature can be 30 °C lower than the ground temperature, which results in an infrared emission of  $-150 \text{ W/m}^2$ ). If this happens, dew, glazed frost or hoar frost can form on the top of the outer dome and can stay there for several hours in the morning. An ice cap on the dome is a strong diffuser and can increase the pyranometer signal by up to 50% in the first hours after sunrise.

## 7.2 Recalibration

The calibration of the pyranometer may drift with time and exposure to radiation. Campbell Scientific recommends recalibrating every two years. The sensor should be returned to Campbell Scientific for recalibration. Refer to the [Assistance](#) page for information on returning the pyranometer to Campbell Scientific for recalibration.

## 7.3 Troubleshooting

Symptom: NAN, -9999, or radiation values around 0

1. Check that the sensor is wired to the differential terminal specified by the measurement instruction.
2. Verify that the range code is correct for the data logger type.
3. Measure the impedance across the white and black sensor wires. This should be around 100 ohms plus the cable resistance (typically  $0.1 \text{ ohm}\cdot\text{m}^{-1}$ ). If the resistance is low, there may be a short circuit (check the wiring). Resistances somewhat lower than expected could be due to water ingress into the sensor or enclosure connectors. If the resistance is infinite, there is a broken connection (check the wiring).
4. Disconnect the sensor cable and check the voltage output from the sensor. With the sensor located 8 inches below a 60 W incandescent light bulb the voltage should be approximately 2.5 mV. No voltage indicates a problem with the sensor.

Symptom: sensor signal is unrealistically high or low

1. Check that the right calibration factor has been properly entered into the data logger program. Please note that each sensor has its own individual calibration factor.

2. Check the condition of the sensor cable.


Symptom: sensor signal shows unexpected variations

1. Check for the presence of strong sources of electromagnetic radiation, such as radar or radio interference.
2. Check the condition and the connection of the sensor shield wire.
3. Check the condition of the sensor cable.

# Appendix A. Example program for measuring a CMP21

Although this example is for the CR1000X, other CRBasic data loggers are programmed similarly. The following program measures the CMP21 every second. It converts the pyranometer millivolt output to  $W/m^2$ . A pyranometer calibration of  $8.65 \mu V / W/m^2$  is used for the example program. The resistance of the internal thermistor is converted to degree Celsius and then to Kelvin. Every 10 minutes, the program outputs the average and standard deviation of the flux ( $W/m^2$ ) measurements and temperature measurements.

Wiring for this example is given in [Table A-1](#) (p. 17).

Wire color	Description	CR1000X	Jumper <sup>1</sup>
White	Solar signal (+)	3H	
Blue	Solar signal (-)	3L	
		⏚	
Yellow	Voltage excitation	VX1	
Black	Temp signal	15 SE	
Brown	Signal reference	⏚	
Clear	Shield	⏚	

<sup>1</sup> Jumper 3L to ⏚ with user-supplied 26 AWG or larger wire.

## CRBasic Example 1: CR1000X example program for measuring a CMP21

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'CR1000X Series Data Logger

Public PTemp
Public Batt_Volt
Public CMP21_Irr
Public CMP21_T_C
Public CMP21_T_K
Dim Rs,Vs_Vx

Units CMP21_Irr = W/m2
Units CMP21_T_C = Degrees C
Units CMP21_T_K = Degrees K

DataTable (TenMin,1,-1)
  DataInterval (0,10,Min,10)
  Minimum (1,Batt_Volt,FP2,0,False)
  Sample (1,PTemp,FP2)
  Average (1,CMP21_Irr,IIEEE4,False)
  StdDev (1,CMP21_Irr,IIEEE4,False)
  Average (1,CMP21_T_C,IIEEE4,False)
  StdDev (1,CMP21_T_C,IIEEE4,False)
  Average (1,CMP21_T_K,IIEEE4,False)
  StdDev (1,CMP21_T_K,IIEEE4,False)
EndTable

BeginProg
  Scan (1,Sec,0,0)

  'Measure the Battery Voltage and Panel Temperature
  PanelTemp (PTemp,60)
  Battery (Batt_Volt)

  'Measure the CMP21 pyranometer. Multiplier (M) = 1000/c where c = 8.65.
  VoltDiff (CMP21_Irr,1,mV200C,3,True,10000,60,1000/8.65,0)

  'CMP21 Thermistor Measurement
  BrHalf (Vs_Vx,1,mV5000,15,Vx1,1,2500,True ,0,250,1.0,0)
  Rs = 1000*(Vs_Vx/(1-Vs_Vx))
  CMP21_T_C = 1/(1.0295e-3+2.391e-4*LN(Rs)+1.568e-7*(LN(Rs))^3)-273.15

  'Convert CMP21 temp to Kelvin.
  CMP21_T_K = CMP21_T_C+273.15

  CallTable TenMin

NextScan
EndProg

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# Appendix B. CVF4 ventilation unit

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Ventilation of radiometers improves the reliability and accuracy of the measurement by reducing dust, raindrops and dew on the dome. With thermopile-based instruments ventilation stabilizes the temperature of the radiometer and suppresses thermal offsets. The integrated heater can be used to disperse precipitation and melt frost, or even melt snow and ice in cold climates.

CVF4 is a low power, low maintenance ventilation unit. The only part that needs maintenance is the removable air inlet filter, which should be checked at regular intervals and cleaned or replaced when necessary.

The flow that the CVF4 creates is unique. At the top of the pyranometer dome the flow is high and it swirls to improve the air distribution over the dome. The position of the heaters and the cover material ensure only half the heating power is needed to melt frost and snow compared to older ventilation units.

CVF4 is designed to be used with Kipp & Zonen:

- CMP / SMP pyranometers
- CGR 4 pyrgeometer
- CUV 5 total UV radiometer

CVF4 can be mounted on the 2AP and SOLYS 2 sun trackers.

CVF4 replaces the successful and widely used CVF3 ventilation unit.

The CVF4 is meant to run continuously. The heater can either be powered on continuously for cold regions or be switched on by a Campbell Scientific data logger to remove dew in the morning and be switched off afterwards. In that case, the heater could operate for a period of time before and after sunrise. This saves power in situations where power is limited, such as PV operated systems.

## **NOTE:**

The CVF4 is manufactured by Kipp & Zonen and cabled by Campbell Scientific. The wiring of a CVF4 purchased from Campbell Scientific is different than the wiring of a CVF4 purchased directly from Kipp & Zonen.

## B.1 CVF4 components

Figure B-1 (p. 20) and [CVF4 components \(bottom view\)](#) (p. 21) show the components of the CVF4. It is shipped with a cover, power cable, eight washers, four screws, Allen wrench, and five spare filters ([Figure B-3](#) [p. 21]).

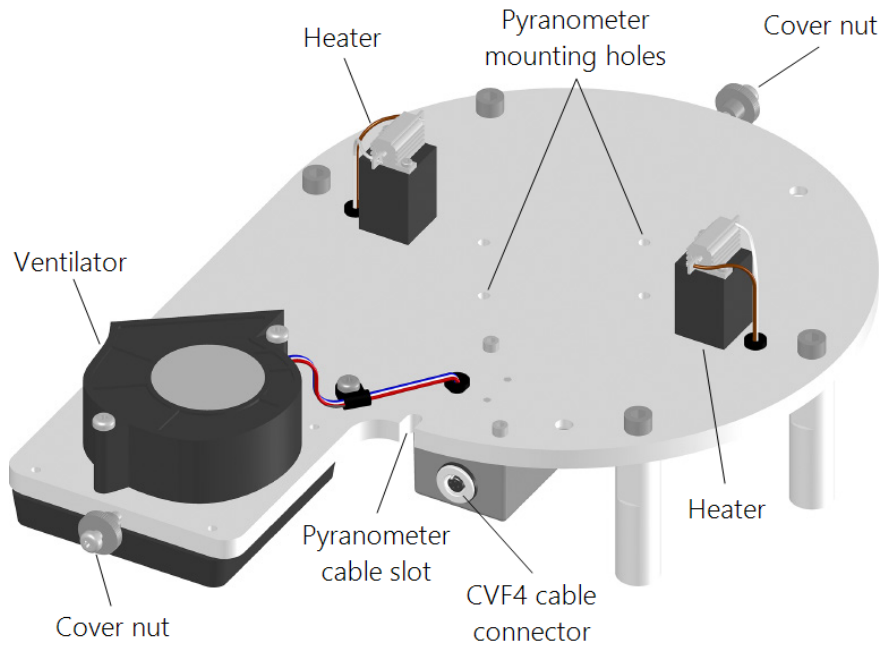


Figure B-1. CVF4 components (top view, no cover)



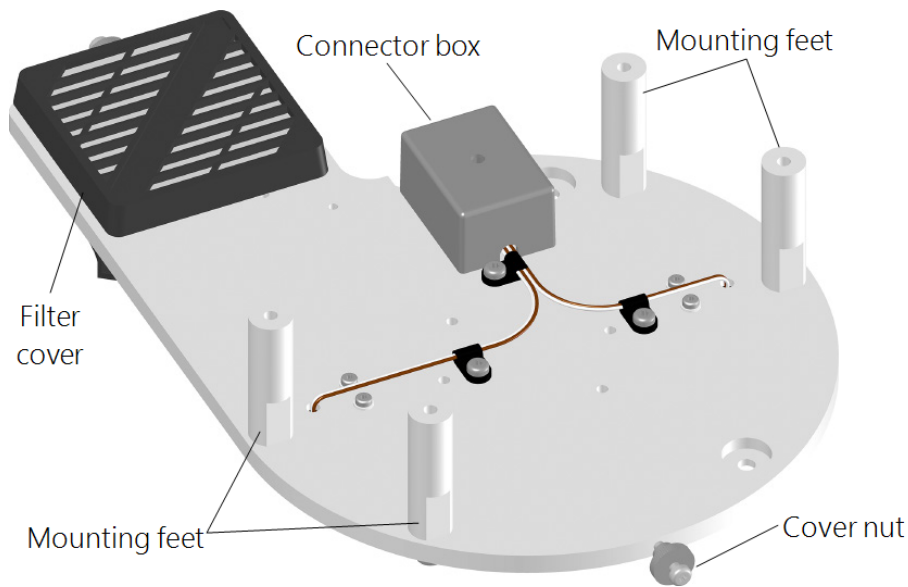


Figure B-2. CVF4 components (bottom view)



Figure B-3. CVF4 ventilation unit and ships with kit

## B.2 CVF4 installation

Siting information provided in [Siting](#) (p. 9) is pertinent when using the CVF4 heater/ventilation.

CVF4 heater/ventilator unit includes the heater/ventilator unit, white cover, cable, and mounting hardware. The CVF4 is mounted to a crossarm by using the CVF4 Mounting Stand and either the CM220 Right-Angle Mounting Bracket or the 1-inch-by-1-inch Nu-Rail Crossover Fitting.

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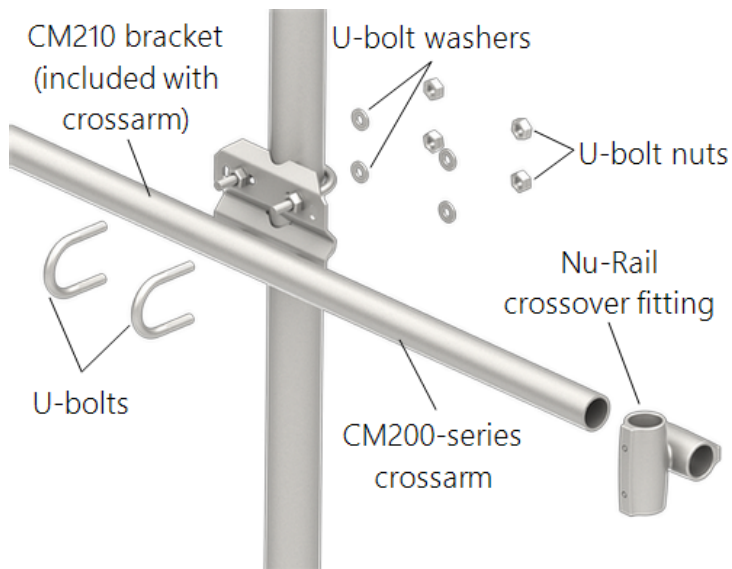
Refer to the Kipp & Zonen Instruction Manual if mounting the CVF4 to a SOLYS 2 Solar Tracker or to a CM 121C Shadow Ring.

Tools required for mounting to a tripod or tower are:

- Allen wrench supplied with the CVF4
- 8 mm (5/16-inch) open-end wrench for U-bolt nuts
- Tape measure
- UV-resistant wire ties
- Side-cut pliers
- Stepladder

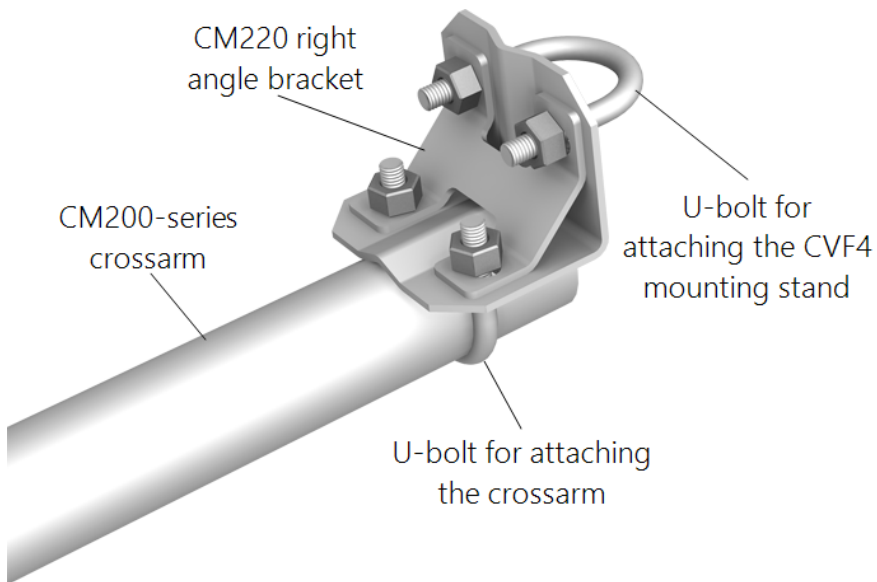
To install, do the following:

1. Mount the crossarm to the tripod or tower ([Figure B-4](#) [p. 22]).



*Figure B-4. Crossarm and Nu-Rail crossover fitting mounted to mast (exploded view)*

2. Attach the CM220 Right-Angle Mounting Bracket (Figure B-5 [p. 23]) or a 1 inch-by-1-inch Nu-Rail Crossover Fitting (Figure B-4 [p. 22]) to the crossarm.



*Figure B-5. CM220 right-angle mounting bracket attached to CM200-series crossarm*

3. Place the CVF4 (without the white plastic cover) on the CVF4 Mounting Stand with the fan hanging over the edge of the plate and with the mounting feet lined up with the mounting holes.

4. Fasten the CVF4 feet to the mounting stand by using the supplied washers and screws (Figure B-6 [p. 24]).

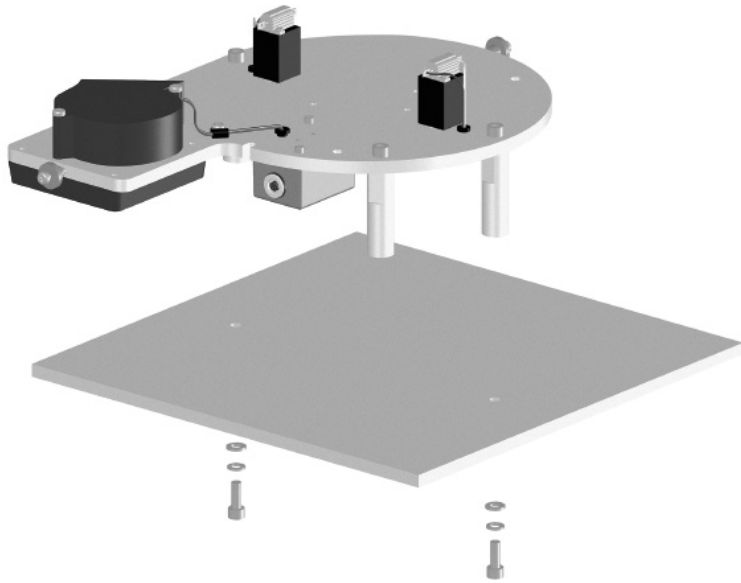


Figure B-6. Mounting CVF4 feet to a mounting stand

5. Loosely mount the pyranometer on the CVF4 by using the mounting screws and washers. Do not fully tighten the pyranometer two mounting screws (Figure B-7 [p. 24]).

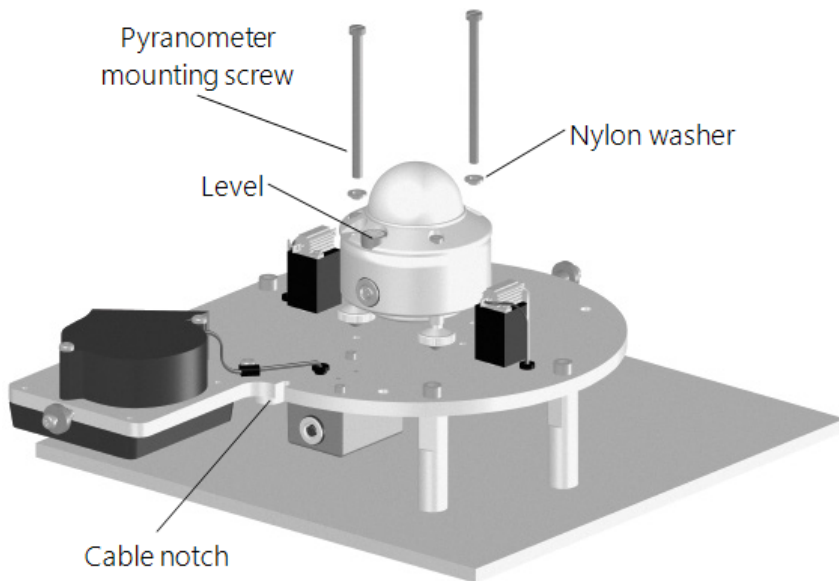
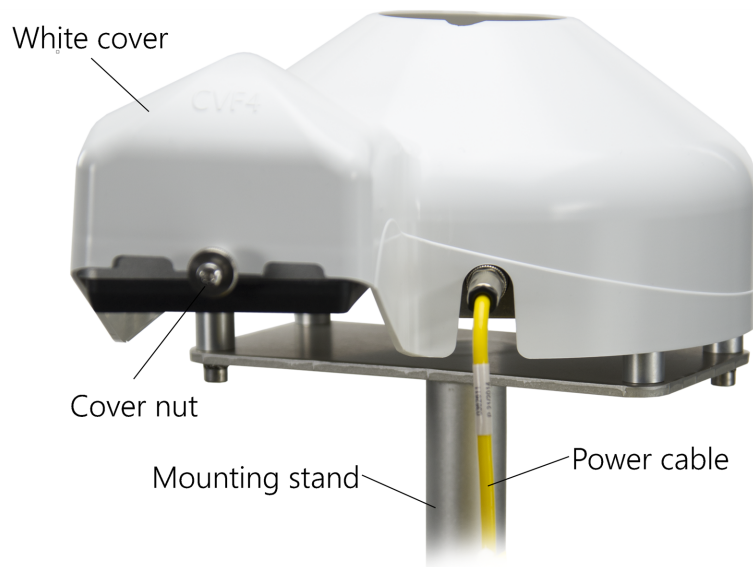


Figure B-7. Mounting the pyranometer to the CVF4

6. Turn the pyranometer leveling screws as required to bring the bubble of the level within the ring.
7. Tighten the pyranometer mounting screws to secure the assembly in its final position. Check that the pyranometer is still correctly leveled and adjust as necessary.
8. Route the pyranometer cable through the cable notch.
9. Fit the white cover onto the CVF4 and secure it with the cover nuts (see [Figure B-8](#) [p. 25]).



*Figure B-8. CVF4 mounted to CVF4 mounting stand (pyranometer not shown)*

10. Attach the power cable to the CVF4 connector.
11. Route the cables along the underside of the crossarm to the tower/tripod mast, and to the instrument enclosure.
12. Secure the cables to the crossarm and mast by using cable ties.

## **B.3 Wiring**

Wiring of the CVF4 is shown in [Table B-1](#) (p. 26) and [Table B-2](#) (p. 26). Refer to [Wiring](#) (p. 5) for information about wiring the pyranometer.

Table B-1: CVF4 8-pin wiring			
Wire color	Description	Power supply connection	Data logger connection
Brown	Ventilator power	+12V	--
Blue	Heater power	+12V	--
Black	Power ground	G	--
White	Tachometer signal	--	U configured for pulse input <sup>1</sup> , P (pulse input), C (control port) or P_SW (pulse, switch closure input)
Clear	Shield	--	⏏ (analog ground)

<sup>1</sup>U and C terminals are automatically configured by the measurement instruction.

Table B-2: CVF4 4-pin wiring			
Wire color	Description	Power supply connection	Data logger connection
Red	Ventilator power	+12V	--
White	Heater power	+12V	--
Black	Power ground	G	--
Green	Tachometer signal	--	U configured for pulse input <sup>1</sup> , P (pulse input), C (control port) or P_SW (pulse, switch closure input)
Clear	Shield	--	⏏ (analog ground)

<sup>1</sup>U and C terminals are automatically configured by the measurement instruction.

## B.3.1 Schematics

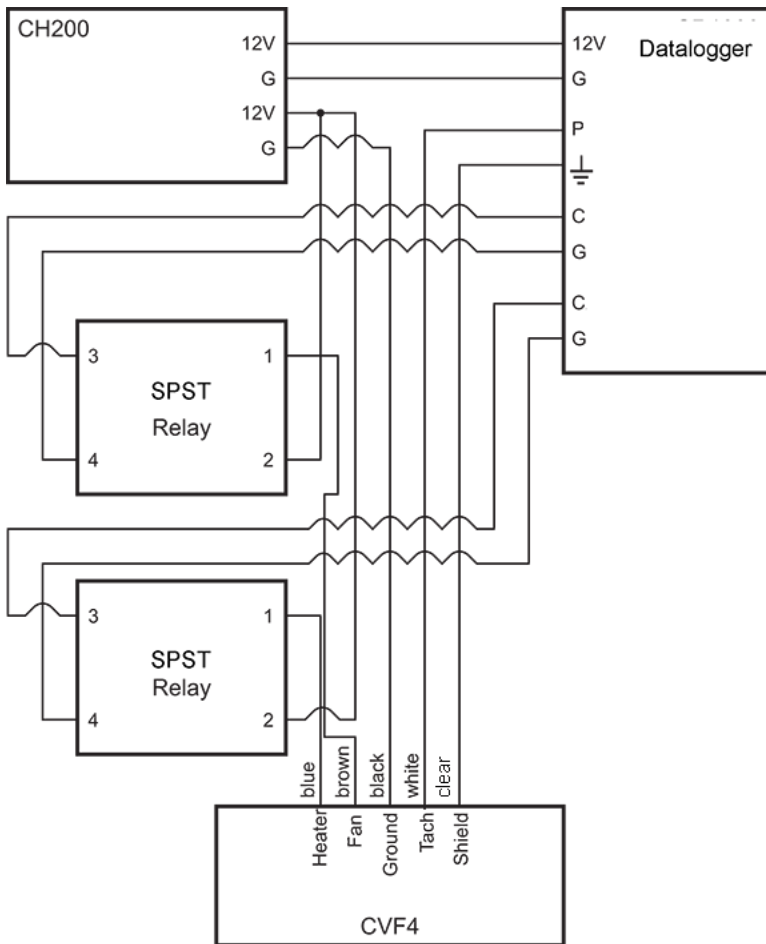


Figure B-9. 8-pin schematic

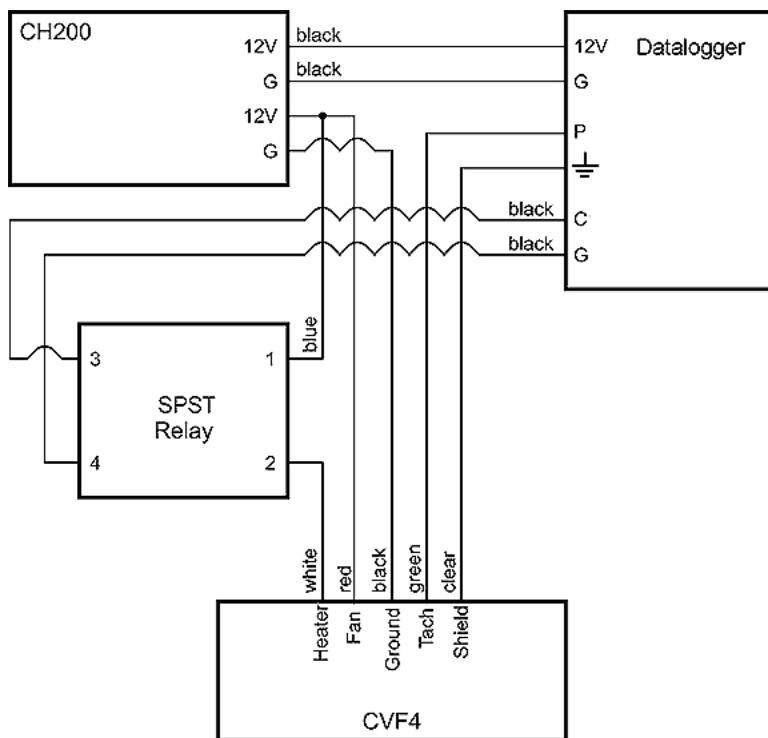


Figure B-10. 4-pin schematic

## B.4 CVF4 heater/ventilator maintenance

1. Refer to [Maintenance](#) (p. 13) for the pyranometer maintenance.
2. Inspect the area directly under the fan to ensure that it is free from leaves, snow, or other obstructions that can inhibit air flow.
3. Regularly inspect the fan inlet by unclipping the cover. For optimal air flow, make sure the diagonal line on the filter cover is in line with the diagonal line on the ventilator ([Figure B-11](#) [p. 29]). The filter cover clicks back on the ventilator.
4. Clean or replace filters typically every 6 months.

**NOTE:**

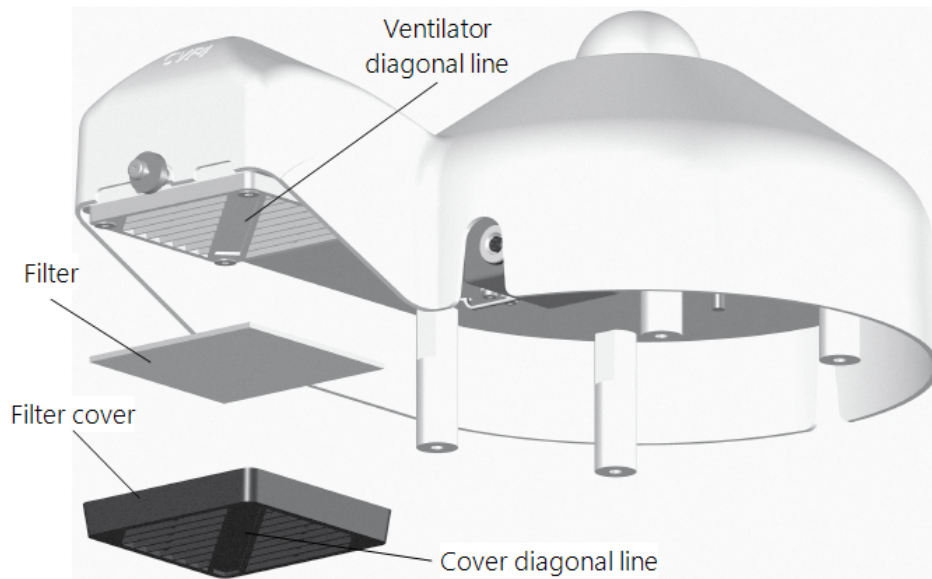
The filters may need to be cleaned or replaced more frequently depending on the site and air pollution.



5. If desired, clean the plastic cover by using water and a brush or cloth.

**NOTE:**

Discoloration of the plastic cover does not affect the operation of the CVF4. The cover only needs to be cleaned for aesthetic reasons.



*Figure B-11. CVF4 filter replacement*

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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.

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- 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.
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- Only use power sources approved for use in the country of installation to power Campbell Scientific devices.

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- 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

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- 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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