

# INSTRUCTION MANUAL



## Using CSIM11 pH and ORP Probes with Campbell Scientific Dataloggers

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## 1. Overview

Innovative Sensors, Inc., manufactures the CSIM11 pH and ORP probes. These probes are especially appropriate for field and industrial use because they are built to be rugged and they include a built-in preamplifier. The preamplifier practically eliminates the hypersensitive characteristic of ion specific probes.

The CSIM11 Oxidation-Reduction Potential (ORP) probe is identical to the CSIM11 pH probe except that there is a 0.2-inch platinum band placed around the glass electrode, making the probe responsive to the electron density in the fluid. The platinum band virtually eliminates offset drift, a common source of error in many types of sensors. The practical range of the probe is -700 to +1100 mV, which is also the approximate range of ORP in natural and runoff waters.



Threading at either end of probe is 3/4" NPT male

## 2. Sensor Specifications

Body Material	PPS (Ryton <sup>®</sup> )
pH Range	0 to 14 pH
Temperature Range	0°C to 80°C (Standard version) 0°C to +110°C (High Temperature version)
Pressure Range	30 psig (submerged). Mounting to pressurized pipes or tanks requires a non-refillable variation of the sensor. See CSI for details.
Accuracy	±0.1% over full range

Sodium Error	Less than 0.05 pH in 0.1 Molar Na <sup>+</sup> ion @ 12.8 pH
Impedance	150 Mohm @ 25°C
Reference Cell	Double Junction KNO <sub>3</sub> and KCl/AgCl
Zero Potential	7.0 pH ± 0.2 pH
Wetted Materials	PPS (Ryton <sup>®</sup> ), Teflon <sup>®</sup> , Viton <sup>®</sup> , Glass
Response Time	95% of reading in 10 seconds
Drift	Less than 2 mV per week
Mounting	Threading at either end of probe is 3/4" NPT male

### 3. Connections

**NOTE** If you use Short Cut to generate your datalogger program and wiring diagrams, follow the directions provided by Short Cut. The information in this application note is background information for Short Cut users.

See detailed unpacking and preparation instructions in Appendix A.

To connect the sensor to a CR10(X), CR500, CR510, or 21X, wire as follows:

Wire	Datalogger Connection	Comments
Red -----	IH-----	positive signal
Green-----	IL-----	negative signal
Brown-----	G-----	solution ground

### 4. Measurements

#### 4.1 Direct Measurement, Not Temperature Compensated

Make the measurement using the differential voltage instruction 2 (P2). The following is an example. For ORP, the multiplier would be one and the offset would be zero.

01: Volt (Diff) (P2)		
01: 1	Reps	
02: 5	2500 mV slow Range	;Use 4 for 21X
03: 1	IN Chan	
04: 1	Loc [ pH ]	
05: -.01695	Mult	;Each pH unit = ±59 mV @ 25°C (1 for ORP)
06: 7	Offset	;0 mV at 7 pH (0 for ORP)

## 4.2. Temperature Compensation of pH Measurement

**NOTE** ORP measurements are usually NOT temperature compensated, although it makes sense to record the temperature at which the ORP measurement was made. The rest of this section (4.2) pertains to pH probes only.

The CSIM11 pH probe does not automatically correct temperature effects. To compensate for temperature variations, install a submersible temperature probe (such as Campbell Scientific's 107 probe) next to the pH probe. Temperature compensation can be calculated after the data has been retrieved from the field datalogger, or immediately using datalogger processing instructions. The first method requires storing the raw pH measurement and the temperature measurement in datalogger final storage. After retrieving data, raw values are processed to obtain compensated values. The second method is to program the datalogger to process the raw data after each measurement sequence. Both the raw data and the temperature corrected pH can be saved at the user's discretion. The program below is an example using Edlog's Expression Editor and the datalogger processing capabilities:

```
;Measure Water Temperature
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```
1: Temp (107) (P11)
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```
  1: 1      Reps
  2: 1      SE Channel
  3: 1      Excite all reps w/E1
  4: 1      Loc [ TempC  ]
  5: 1.0    Mult
  6: 0.0    Offset
```

```
;Calculate the Multiplier for Temperature Correction  
;using an 'Expression'
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```
pHMult=-1/(((TempC+273)/298)*59)
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;Note: When a datalogger program that contains an expression is compiled,  
;the appropriate instructions are automatically incorporated into the .DLD file.  
;See Appendix B for a program not using the Expression Editor
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```
;Measure pH
```

```
2: Volt (Diff) (P2)
```

```
  1: 1      Reps
  2: 5      2500 mV Slow Range
  3: 1      DIFF Channel
  4: 2      Loc [ pH    ]
  5: 1.0    Mult
  6: 0.0    Offset
```

```
;Apply the Temperature Correction Multiplier to the Measured pH  
  
pH=pH*pHMult  
  
;The following instruction applies an Offset to the pH. Use an Offset of 7  
;initially as shown below. Adjust the Offset if necessary during probe calibration.  
  
3: Z=X+F (P34)  
1: 2          X Loc [ pH  ]  
2: 7          F  
3: 2          Z Loc [ pH  ]  
  
;Example (One Minute) Output Processing Instructions  
  
4: If time is (P92)  
1: 0          Minutes (Seconds --) into a  
2: 1          Interval (same units as above)  
3: 10         Set Output Flag High (Flag 0)  
  
5: Real Time (P77)  
1: 0110       Day,Hour/Minute (midnight = 0000)  
  
6: Sample (P70)  
1: 1          Reps  
2: 2          Loc [ pH  ]  
  
*Table 2 Program  
02: 0.0000    Execution Interval (seconds)  
  
*Table 3 Subroutines  
  
End Program
```

## 5. Calibration

See Appendix A for information on calibration.

## 6. Maintenance

Any ion-strength sensor requires more maintenance than many other types of sensors. The platinum band will foul with algae and other biological sources. Cleaning will be required approximately every 1 to 2 weeks. Fouling can be minimized by locating the probe in a very dark place.

### Refill Procedure:

**NOTE**

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Stray sources of ions, such as tap water, soil, etc., can contaminate the reference solution. Maintain good laboratory cleanliness at all times during this procedure.

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1. Clean the probe tip as discussed in the maintenance procedures provided with the probe.
2. Take note of how far the red refill plug is screwed in to the probe body. Remove the plug. Place it where it will stay clean.
3. Rinse the reservoir with deionized water repeatedly to remove the old solution. Drain out all remaining water.
4. Completely fill the reservoir with the new reference solution. It does not take very much. Make sure you keep the bottle tip clean, and replace the bottle cap immediately after using the bottle.

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**NOTE**

The bottle of refill solution should contain undissolved salts; this is to ensure the solution remains saturated.

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5. Replace the red plug applying new pipe tape. Make sure the plug is screwed back in as far as it was originally.

Because the new reference solution is viscous, you may need to invert the probe and wait for the reference solution to fill the glass bulb. If necessary, take the probe in hand and GENTLY swing it in a downward arc to speed the flow of solution to completely fill the bulb.



# **Appendix A. pH and ORP Electrode Care and Maintenance Instructions**

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*This appendix contains detailed pH and ORP electrode care and maintenance instructions from Innovative Sensors, Inc.*

## **A.1 Care and Maintenance**

### **A.1.1 Important**

Good laboratory practices should be used and protective gloves and safety glasses should be worn while handling any solvents or chemicals. If you are unsure of the proper technique for handling a chemical or of its hazardous properties it is best to discard the electrode eliminating the risk of danger.

### **A.1.2 Unpacking**

Remove the electrode from its package and check that it is undamaged. If damaged contact your supplier for replacement. Most electrodes are rugged in design but some are fragile. Care should be taken when unpacking and handling all electrodes.

### **A.1.3 Preparation for Use**

All electrodes are shipped with a wetting cap covering the measuring end. This cap contains a solution of pH 4 buffer saturated with potassium chloride for single junction combination electrodes and a solution of potassium nitrate in pH 4 buffer for double junction electrodes.

Gently remove the wetting cap from the electrode by unscrewing the bottle from the cap and then sliding the cap and o-ring off of the electrode body. Save the cap for future long term storage. Some electrodes are shipped with slide-on caps sealed with Teflon tape: these caps are simply pulled off.

During shipping some air from inside the pH glass internal may have moved into the bulb. Grasp the electrode near the cable end and gently swing it through an arc to force the internal electrolyte into the pH bulb.

Rinse the electrode with distilled water and it is ready for use.

### **A.1.4 Tips and Techniques**

Stirring the buffers and samples improves the stability and speed of response of the measurement.

Rinse the electrode with distilled water between samples and lightly blot the water on a paper towel before immersing it in the next sample. Never wipe the pH bulb since dust may scratch the delicate gel layer impairing response.

Rinsing the electrode with a small amount of the sample before immersing it will eliminate any contamination of the sample.

The simplest form of temperature compensation compensates for the change in the electrode's slope due to temperature, in accordance with the Nernst factor. It does not compensate for changes in the actual pH of the sample that occurs with a change in temperature. The pH of a sample at 25 C is most likely different than the pH of that same sample at 75 C.

The temperature of the electrode, the sample and the calibration buffers should be the same. Allow the electrode to come to temperature equilibrium with the sample before recording the measurement value. Measurements made more than 20 C from the calibration temperature should include a one point calibration at that temperature for maximum accuracy.

Low ionic strength samples, highly viscous samples, and salt brines slow the speed of response of the electrode. While the electrode will be stable to a change in pH buffers after 10-15 seconds it may take up to five minutes for the electrode to stabilize in a difficult sample.

### **A.1.5 Calibration**

Calibration should be carried out according to the detailed procedure later in this document. The following paragraphs give some general information.

The calibration should use two or more pH standards. It is recommended that pH 7 buffer be used to check the zero point and at least an acid or alkaline buffer, that brackets the sample's pH value, be used to set the slope.

An electrode measuring many samples a day should be calibrated at least once a day. The frequency of calibration will depend on the level of accuracy required and the coating/fouling nature of the samples being measured.

Electrodes that are continuously monitoring a sample should be checked at least once a week or whatever period experience dictates.

Grab Sample calibration is a technique where the process electrode has been calibrated and placed on line for some period of time. Its output is then verified by measuring the pH of a sample with another electrode. The grab sample should be measured as soon as possible to avoid errors caused by changes in the sample's temperature or changes in the samples pH due to exposure to the atmosphere

Redox electrodes are generally not calibrated. However, ORP standards are available with mV values of 230 mV, 470 mV, and 640 mV.

### A.1.6 Electrode Cleaning

Slow response and large offsets may indicate the electrode has become coated. The nature of the coating will dictate the type of cleaning technique that should be used.

Soft coatings, like foodstuffs or bacterial films are best removed using a squirt bottle or the water jet from a faucet. If this is not successful then wiping with a soft wet cloth is the best choice.

Hard coatings, like calcium or lime scale are best removed with a solvent appropriate for the particular coating. A 5 percent solution of HCl would be a good choice for the calcium scale. If unsure of the proper solvent to remove a hard mineral coating alternate between 5 percent HCl and 4 percent NaOH for 10 minutes each. After treating the electrode with these strong acids or bases rinse the electrode with water and soak it in pH 4 buffer for at least 1/2 hour.

Greasy and oily coatings are best removed with a detergent solution or a solvent that will not attack the electrodes body. Methanol and isopropyl alcohol are good choices for solvents. Acetone, MEK, THF or trichloroethane will irreparably harm the electrode. A soft toothbrush can be used with the detergent to remove stubborn coatings.

The pores of the reference junction may become clogged and surface cleaning may not restore proper function. The electrode should then be heated to 60 C in 3 molar KCl and allowed to cool in the same solution. Rinse it with distilled water and soak in pH 4 buffer for ½ hour before testing. If the reference cell is refillable, the electrolyte should be removed and replaced with fresh electrolyte before treating as above.

Electrodes age with time and eventually become desensitized. Extended periods of service at temperatures greater than 80 C or exposure to de-ionized water accelerate this phenomena. As a last resort dip the electrode in a 10 percent ammonium bifluoride solution for 10-20 seconds, then rinse it with tap water and soak it in 5-6 molar HCl for 30 seconds. Rinse it with tap water and soak it in pH 4 buffer for 1/2 hour before testing.

The platinum or gold sensing tip of an ORP electrode should be cleaned just like a pH electrode. The surface can also be cleaned with an abrasive as a last resort. Gently scour the platinum with a 600 grit wet emery cloth or preferably 1-3 micron alumina polishing powder.

## A.2 Electrode Troubleshooting Guide

### I. SYMPTOM: Probe pegs at 14 pH or drifts off scale high.

POSSIBLE REASON: Open circuit in either glass electrode or reference electrode.

CHECK:

1. Visually inspect cable and connector looking for a crushed or broken cable jacket or a brittle cable jacket due to exposure to solar radiation. Discard electrode if damage is present.
2. Move wires at datalogger to test for intermittent connection. Tighten connectors if necessary.
3. Inspect bulb making sure it is filled with solution. If not, holding electrode in hand, swing in a downward arc to displace air in pH bulb; retest.
4. Visually inspect bulb for a coating. If coated use an appropriate solvent or a high quality detergent with a Q-tip to wipe bulb clean. Rinse well with distilled water; retest. If electrode now responds, but erratically, soak in 10 percent HCl solution for five (5) minutes, rinse well with distilled water; retest.
5. Visually inspect reference junction (inside probe). If clogged, clean by rinsing well; retest. If electrode still reads open, place glass electrode in 3.5 molar KCl, or water if KCl is not available, and heat to approximately 80 C for 15 minutes; retest.

### II. SYMPTOM: Slow response and/or noisy, erratic readings

POSSIBLE REASON: Slow response is caused by a very high impedance in either glass or reference electrode.

CHECK:

1. Visually inspect pH bulb and reference junction for coating or clogging. If coated, clean as listed above (I. 5)
2. Allowing a pH electrode to dry out raises the impedance dramatically. Soaking the electrode in 0.1 normal HCl for one-half hour and rinsing with distilled water should speed response (always keep electrodes wet).
3. Chemical degradation of pH glass can occur rapidly in a high temperature or high pH environment. This also increases impedance yielding sluggish response.
4. Low temperature environments also increase impedance, with impedance doubling every 8°C temperature drop from 25°C.

Test wiring for intermittent connections by moving wires at the connector on the datalogger wiring panel. Tighten as necessary. This is a common source of erratic signals.

### III. SYMPTOM: No response to pH change

POSSIBLE REASON: A cracked glass bulb

CHECK

If electrode reads between 5.8 and 6.2 pH in all solutions, visually inspect glass bulb for cracks. Discard probe if it is cracked.

POSSIBLE REASON: Short circuit

CHECK:

If electrode reads 7.0 pH or 0.0 mV when connected to the datalogger, visually inspect cable for damage. If there is no visible damage, test electrode.

## A.3 Procedure for Calibrating pH Electrodes

### MATERIALS

Buffers

- a) 4.01 pH (potassium biphthalate)
- b) 7.00 pH (potassium phosphate)
- c) 10.00 pH (sodium borate and carbonate)

Thermometer

Beakers

Datalogger programmed to read the pH probe.

### PROCEDURE

1. Fill beakers with appropriate buffers and continuously measure the temperature of the buffer in use. If possible, temperature should be at equilibrium (probe and buffers) before continuing with calibration.
2. Calculate the Nernst temperature compensation for the probe's current temperature and adjust the multiplier in the datalogger measurement instruction 2 (P2) to the appropriate value. The slope change is usually taken to be -0.2 pH/mV/deg C. Examples of adjusted multipliers would be the multiplicative inverse of the following slopes: -58 mV/pH at 20 C, -59 mV/pH at 25 C, and -60 mV/pH at 30 C.
3. Zero the pH probe (pH 7 corresponds to 0.0 mV at 25 C) by placing the electrode in a 7.0 buffer with the probe connected to the datalogger. Place the datalogger in real time monitor mode. Electrode should read 7.0 (or whatever the solution pH should be at the present temperature)  $\pm$  0.2 pH.

4. Using the offset in the measurement instruction (P2), adjust the datalogger to read 7.0 pH, or whatever the solution pH should be at the present temperature.
5. Remove the probe from the pH buffer, rinse the electrode with distilled water, and place in 4.01 buffer.
6. Place datalogger in real time monitoring mode. The electrode should read  $4.01 \pm 0.2$ , depending on temperature.
7. Remove and rinse the electrode, then place it in the 10.00 buffer.
8. In the datalogger real time monitor mode, the electrode should read 10.00 pH,  $\pm 0.2$ , depending on temperature.
9. If the readings in Steps 6 and 8 show a slope error (error proportional to the difference between the buffer pH and 7), then the probe has a slight slope error, which should be easy to correct by adjusting the multiplier in Instruction 2.

## ***Appendix B. Datalogger Program Not Using Edlog's Expression Editor***

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*;Measure Water Temperature*

1: Temp (107) (P11)

1: 1           Reps  
2: 1           SE Channel  
3: 1           Excite all reps w/E1  
4: 1           Loc [ TempC    ]  
5: 1.0         Mult  
6: 0.0         Offset

*;Calculate the Multiplier for Temperature Correction*

*;Note: See Section 4.2 for a program using Edlog's Expression Editor*

2: Z=F (P30)

1: 298         F  
2: 0           Exponent of 10  
3: 4           Z Loc [ K\_25C    ]

3: Z=X+F (P34)

1: 1           X Loc [ TempC    ]  
2: 273         F  
3: 3           Z Loc [ pHMult    ]

4: Z=X/Y (P38)

1: 3           X Loc [ pHMult    ]  
2: 4           Y Loc [ K\_25C    ]  
3: 3           Z Loc [ pHMult    ]

5: Z=X\*F (P37)

1: 3           X Loc [ pHMult    ]  
2: 59          F  
3: 3           Z Loc [ pHMult    ]

6: Z=1/X (P42)

1: 3           X Loc [ pHMult    ]  
2: 3           Z Loc [ pHMult    ]

7: Z=X\*F (P37)

1: 3           X Loc [ pHMult    ]  
2: -1.0        F  
3: 3           Z Loc [ pHMult    ]

*;Measure pH*

8: Volt (Diff) (P2)

1: 1           Reps  
2: 5           2500 mV Slow Range  
3: 1           DIFF Channel  
4: 2           Loc [ pH        ]  
5: 1.0         Mult  
6: 0.0         Offset

*;Apply the Temperature Correction Multiplier to the Measured pH*

9: Z=X\*Y (P36)

1: 2            X Loc [ pH    ]  
2: 3            Y Loc [ pHMult ]  
3: 2            Z Loc [ pH    ]

*;The following instruction applies an Offset to the pH. Use an Offset of 7  
;initially as shown below. Adjust the Offset if necessary during probe calibration.*

10: Z=X+F (P34)

1: 2            X Loc [ pH    ]  
2: 7            F  
3: 2            Z Loc [ pH    ]

*;Example (One Minute) Output Processing Instructions*

11: If time is (P92)

1: 0            Minutes (Seconds --) into a  
2: 1            Interval (same units as above)  
3: 10           Set Output Flag High (Flag 0)

12: Real Time (P77)

1: 0110        Day,Hour/Minute (midnight = 0000)

13: Sample (P70)

1: 1            Reps  
2: 2            Loc [ pH    ]

\*Table 2 Program

02: 0.0000    Execution Interval (seconds)

\*Table 3 Subroutines

End Program



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