

User Guide

Levelogger Series - Software Version 4.3.2

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NOTE

This version of software is not compatible with older models of the Levellogger (Made before Dec. 2005). To program and use the old versions, Levellogger 3.1.1 Software and User Guides can still be accessed at: www.solinst.com/downloads/ For Software version 2.0.3, contact Solinst.

NOTE

Let Solinst keep you up-to-date with each new software and firmware release. Register your software at: www.solinst.com/Registration/ to receive these updates automatically.

NOTE

To use the new compression algorithm, which enables up to 120,000 data points, the Levellogger Edge or Barologger Edge must be in linear sampling mode and slate memory mode.

1 Introduction

This User Guide focuses on the current Levellogger Series, which includes:

- Levellogger Edge
- Barologger Edge
- Levellogger Junior Edge
- LTC Levellogger Edge
- Rainlogger Edge

Software Version 4.3.2 is also compatible with Levellogger Gold, Barologger Gold, Levellogger Junior, LTC Levellogger Junior and Rainlogger dataloggers. For details on setting up Gold Series dataloggers, see Section 5.9. Software Version 4.3.2 is compatible with the AquaVent and Leveloader Gold, which have separate User Guides.

This Windows based software provides many convenient features. You can view and program datalogger settings, begin logging sessions, monitor real-time readings, download data, manage data files, perform data compensations, and save and export data files. Depending on the type of datalogger, there will be differences in programming options. See below for a summary of the differences:

Datalogger Programming Options			
Datalogger Type	Sampling Options	Memory Capacity	Battery Life
Levellogger Edge (Barologger Edge) 	Linear (0.125 second to 99 hours), Compressed Linear, Event Based, Schedule, Repeat Schedule, Real Time View, Future Start/Stop	40,000 sets of readings or up to 120,000 Compressed. Slate or Continuous Mode (see note)	10 years based on 1 reading per minute
Levellogger Junior Edge 	Linear (0.5 second to 99 hours), Real Time View, Future Start	40,000 sets of readings in Slate or Continuous Mode	5 years based on 1 reading per minute
LTC Levellogger Edge 	Linear (2 seconds to 99 hours), Event Based, Schedule, Repeat Schedule, Real Time View, Future Start/Stop	27,000 sets of readings in Slate or Continuous Mode	8 years based on 1 reading every 5 minute
Rainlogger Edge & Rainlogger 	Event Based (records tips from tipping-bucket rain gauge), Real Time View, Future Start	Up to 60,000 tip time logs in Slate or Continuous Mode (Rainlogger in Slate Mode only)	10 years based on 2 parameters logged every 10 minutes
Levellogger Gold 	Linear (0.5 second to 99 hours), Event Based, Schedule, Real Time View, Future Start/Stop	40,000 sets of readings, Slate or Continuous Mode	10 years based on 1 reading per minute
Barologger Gold 	Linear (0.5 second to 99 hours), Event Based, Schedule, Real Time View, Future Start/Stop	40,000 sets of readings, Slate or Continuous Mode	10 years based on 1 reading per minute
Levellogger Junior 	Linear (0.5 second to 99 hours), Real Time View, Future Start	32,000 sets of readings in Slate Mode	5 years based on 1 reading per minute
LTC Levellogger Junior 	Linear (5 seconds to 99 hours), Real Time View, Future Start	16,000 sets of readings in Slate Mode	5 years based on 1 reading every 5 minutes



! NOTE

Solinst recommends using the most recent firmware, Version 3.003 and up, when using a Levellogger Edge with Software Version 4.3.2.

! NOTE

The Model number refers to the depth of submergence below water level that the pressure sensor can withstand. i.e.: The Levellogger Edge, which is available in M5, M10, M20, M30, M100, and M200 ranges has actual water level ranges of 5 m (16.40 ft), 10 m (32.80 ft), 20 m (65.60 ft), 30 m (98.40 ft), 100 m (328.0 ft), and 200 m (656.2 ft), respectively.

1.1 Levellogger Series

1.1.1 Levellogger Edge

The Levellogger Edge is an absolute (non-vented) datalogger, which measures groundwater and surface water levels and temperature. Water levels are displayed as temperature compensated pressure readings, and can be barometrically compensated with the aid of a Barologger Edge.

Levellogger Edge Technical Specifications	
Level Sensor:	Piezoresistive Silicon with Hastelloy Sensor
Ranges:	5, 10, 20, 30, 100, 200 m
Accuracy	± 0.05% FS
Normalization:	Automatic Temperature Compensation
Temp. Comp. Range:	0°C to 50°C
Temperature Sensor:	Platinum Resistance Temperature Detector (RTD)
Temp. Sensor Accuracy:	± 0.05°C
Temp. Sensor Resolution:	0.003°C
Battery Life:	10 years (based on 1 reading/minute)
Clock Accuracy:	± 1 minute/year (-20°C to 80°C)
Operating Temperature:	-20°C to 80°C
Maximum # Readings:	40,000 (up to 120,000 using data compression)
Memory:	FRAM, Continuous or Slate mode
Communication Speed:	9600 bps, 38,400 bps with USB optical reader
Com Interface:	Optical Infra-red: USB, RS-232, SDI-12
Size:	7/8" x 6.25" (22 mm x 159 mm)
Weight:	129 grams (4.5 oz.)
Corrosion Resistance:	Titanium based PVD coated body and superior corrosion resistant Hastelloy sensor
Other Wetted Materials:	Delrin®, Viton®, 316L Stainless Steel
Sampling Modes:	Linear, Event & User-Selectable Schedule with Repeat Mode, Future Start, Future Stop, Real Time View
Measurement Rates:	0.125 second to 99 hours
Barometric Compensation:	High accuracy, air-only, Barologger Edge

LT Edge Models	Full Scale	Accuracy
M5	5 m (16.4 ft.)	± 0.3 cm (0.010 ft.)
M10	10 m (32.8 ft.)	± 0.5 cm (0.016 ft.)
M20	20 m (65.6 ft.)	± 1 cm (0.032 ft.)
M30	30 m (98.4 ft.)	± 1.5 cm (0.064 ft.)
M100	100 m (328.1 ft.)	± 5 cm (0.164 ft.)
M200	200 m (656.2 ft.)	± 10 cm (0.328 ft.)



! NOTE

Solinst recommends using the most recent firmware, Version 3.003 and up, when using a Barologger Edge with Software Version 4.3.2.

1.1.2 Barologger Edge

The Barologger Edge uses algorithms based on air pressure only. It measures and logs changes in atmospheric pressure, which are then used to compensate water level readings recorded by a Levellogger Edge, Levellogger Junior Edge, or LTC Levellogger Edge.

Barologger Edge Technical Specifications	
Level Sensor:	Piezoresistive Silicon with Hastelloy Sensor
Accuracy	± 0.05 kPa
Normalization:	Automatic Temperature Compensation
Temp. Comp. Range:	-10°C to 50°C
Temperature Sensor:	Platinum Resistance Temperature Detector (RTD)
Temp. Sensor Accuracy:	± 0.05°C
Temp. Sensor Resolution:	0.003°C
Battery Life:	10 years (based on 1 reading/minute)
Clock Accuracy:	±1 minute/year (-20°C to 80°C)
Operating Temperature:	-20°C to 80°C
Maximum # Readings:	40,000 (120,000 using data compression)
Memory:	FRAM, Continuous or Slate mode
Communication Speed:	9600 bps, 38,400 bps with USB optical reader
Com Interface:	Optical Infra-red: USB, RS-232, SDI-12
Size:	7/8" x 6.25" (22 mm x 159 mm)
Weight:	129 grams (4.5 oz.)
Corrosion Resistance:	Titanium based PVD coated body and superior corrosion resistant Hastelloy sensor
Other Wetted Materials:	Delrin®, Viton®, 316L Stainless Steel
Sampling Modes:	Linear, Event & User-Selectable Schedule with Repeat Mode, Future Start, Future Stop, Real Time View
Measurement Rates:	0.125 second to 99 hours

LT Edge Models	Full Scale (FS)	Accuracy
Barologger	Air Only	±0.05 kPa



1.1.3 Levellogger Junior Edge

The Levellogger Junior Edge provides an inexpensive alternative for measuring groundwater and surface water levels and temperature.

Levellogger Junior Edge Technical Specifications

Level Sensor:	Piezoresistive Silicon with Hastelloy Sensor
Ranges:	5, 10 m
Accuracy	± 0.1% FS
Normalization:	Automatic Temperature Compensation
Temp Comp. Range:	0°C to 40°C
Temperature Sensor:	Platinum Resistance Temperature Detector (RTD)
Accuracy:	± 0.1°C
Resolution:	0.1°C
Battery life:	5 years (based on 1 reading/minute)
Clock Accuracy:	± 1 minute / year (-20°C to 80°C)
Operating Temperature:	-20°C to 80°C
Memory:	FRAM, Continuous or Slate mode
Maximum # Readings	40,000 (no data compression)
Com Interface:	Optical Infra-red: USB, RS-232, SDI-12
Communication Speed:	9600 bps
Size:	7/8" x 5.6" (22 mm x 142 mm)
Weight:	4.2 oz (119 grams)
Wetted Materials:	Delrin®, Viton®, 316L Stainless Steel, Hastelloy
Sampling Mode:	Linear, Future Start, Real Time View
Measurement Rates:	0.5 seconds to 99 hours
Barometric Compensation:	High accuracy, air-only, Barologger Edge

! NOTE

Solinst recommends using the most recent firmware, Version 3.003 and up, when using a Levellogger Junior Edge with Software Version 4.3.2.

! NOTE

The Levellogger Junior Edge looks very similar to the previous Levellogger Junior. To determine the difference, look at the serial number on the body of the Levellogger. If the fourth number in the serial number is 1, it is a Levellogger Junior. If the fourth number is a 2, it is a Levellogger Junior Edge.

LT Models	Full Scale (FS)	Accuracy
M5	5 m (16.4 ft.)	± 0.6 cm (0.020 ft.)
M10	10 m (32.8 ft.)	± 1.0 cm (0.032 ft.)



NOTE

Solinst recommends using the most recent firmware, Version 1.000, when using a LTC Levellogger Edge with Software Version 4.3.2.

1.1.4 LTC Levellogger Edge

The LTC Levellogger Edge provides an accurate and convenient method to measure level, temperature and conductivity all in one probe.

LTC Levellogger Edge Technical Specifications	
Level Sensor:	Piezoresistive Silicon with Hastelloy Sensor
Ranges:	15, 10, 20, 30, 100, and 200 m
Accuracy	± 0.05% FS
Normalization:	Automatic Temperature Compensation
Temp Comp. Range:	0°C to 50°C
Temperature Sensor:	Platinum Resistance Temperature Detector (RTD)
Accuracy:	± 0.05°C
Resolution:	0.003°C
Conductivity Sensor:	4-Electrode Platinum
Full Range:	0 to 100,000 µS/cm
Calibrated Range:	50 to 80,000 µS/cm
Accuracy:	±1% > 30,000 µS/cm; ±2% 500 - 30,000 µS/cm; ±30 µS < 500 µS/cm
Resolution:	± 0.1 µS/cm
Normalization:	Specific Conductance normalized to 25°C for full range
User Calibration Points:	1413, 5000, 12,880, 80,000 µS
Battery Life:	8 years (based on 1 reading every 5 minutes)
Clock Accuracy:	± 1 minute / year
Operating Temperature:	-20°C to 80°C
Memory:	FRAM, Continuous or Slate Mode
Maximum Readings:	27,000
Communication Speed:	9600 bps, 38,400 bps with USB optical reader
Com Interface:	Optical Infrared: USB, RS-232, SDI-12
Size:	7/8" x 7.5" (22 mm x 190 mm)
Weight:	200 g (7.05 oz.)
Corrosion Resistance:	Titanium ceramic PVD coated body and superior corrosion resistant Hastelloy pressure sensor
Other Wetted Materials:	Hastelloy, Delrin®, Viton®, Platinum
Sampling Mode:	Linear, Event & User-Selectable Schedule with Repeat Mode, Future Start, Future Stop, Real Time View
Measurement Rates:	2 seconds to 99 hours
Barometric Compensation:	High accuracy, air-only, Barologger

LTC Edge Models	Full Scale	Accuracy
M5 C80	5 m (16.4 ft.)	± 0.3 cm (0.010 ft.)
M10 C80	10 m (32.8 ft.)	± 0.5 cm (0.016 ft.)
M20 C80	20 m (65.6 ft.)	± 1 cm (0.032 ft.)
M30 C80	30 m (98.4 ft.)	± 1.5 cm (0.064 ft.)
M100 C80	100 m (328.1 ft.)	± 5 cm (0.164 ft.)
M200 C80	200 m (656.2 ft.)	± 10 cm (0.328 ft.)



1.1.5 Rainlogger Edge

The Rainlogger Edge is designed for use with most standard tipping-bucket rain gauges with a normally-open style reed switch output. It records each tip time from the tipping-bucket, and outputs the amount of rainfall per programmed time period (based on rainfall calibration constant).

Rainlogger Edge Technical Specifications	
Battery Life:	10 years (logging 2 parameters/10 minutes)
Clock Accuracy:	± 1 minute/year
Operating Temperature:	-20°C to 80°C
Maximum # Readings:	Up to 60,000 tip times
Memory:	FRAM, Continuous or Slate mode
Communication:	Optical infra-red: USB, RS-232, SDI-12
Measurement:	Records each tip by the tipping-bucket rain gauge and outputs the amount of rainfall
Sampling Mode:	Event Based, Future Start, Real Time View
Size:	7/8" x 5.5" (22 mm x 140 mm)
Weight:	1.6 oz (44 grams)
Materials:	ABS, Delrin®, Viton®

! NOTE

Solinst recommends using the most recent firmware, Version 3.001, when using a Rainlogger Edge with Software Version 4.3.2.



1.1.6 Leveloader Gold

The Leveloader Gold is a data transfer device for use with all versions of Levelloggers. It can be used to download, store, and transfer data from Levellogger to PC, as well as, save settings files for transfer to a Levellogger. Also allows real time viewing of Levellogger readings. The Leveloader is used with Levellogger Software, see separate Leveloader Gold User Guide.

! NOTE

Solinst recommends using the most recent firmware, Version 2.002, when using a Leveloader Gold with Software Version 4.3.2.



NOTE

To use the Levellogger Gold with Software Version 4.3.2, ensure you are using version 2.007 firmware.

Contact Solinst if you need to upgrade your firmware from version 1.016 or lower.

1.1.7 Levellogger Gold

The Levellogger Gold is an absolute (non-vented) datalogger, which measures groundwater and surface water levels and temperature. Water levels are displayed as temperature compensated pressure readings, and can be barometrically compensated with the aid of a Barologger.

Levellogger Gold Technical Specifications	
Level Sensor:	Piezoresistive Silicon in 316L Stainless Steel
Ranges:	15, 30, 65, 100, 300 ft. (5, 10, 20, 30, 100 m)
Accuracy	0.05% FS
Normalization:	Automatic Temperature Compensation
Temp. Comp. Range:	10°C to 40°C
Temperature Sensor:	Platinum Resistance Temperature Detector (RTD)
Temp. Sensor Accuracy:	± 0.05°C
Temp. Sensor Resolution:	0.003°C
Battery Life:	10 Years - based on one reading/min
Clock Accuracy:	± 1 minute/year
Operating Temperature:	-20°C to 80°C
Maximum # Readings:	40,000 of level and temperature
Memory:	EEPROM Slate, Continuous, and redundant backup of last 1200 readings
Communication:	Optical Infra-red: USB, RS-232, SDI-12
Communication Speed:	9600 bps
Size:	7/8" x 6" (22 mm x 154 mm)
Weight:	6.3 oz (179 grams)
Corrosion Resistance:	Zirconium Nitride (ZrN) Coating
Other Wetted Materials:	316L Stainless Steel, Delrin®, Viton®
Sampling Modes:	Linear, Event & User-Selectable with 30 separate line items, Future Start, Future Stop, Real Time View
Measurement Rates:	0.5 sec to 99 hrs
Barometric Compensation:	High accuracy, air-only, Barologger Gold

LT Models	Full Scale (FS)	Accuracy
F15, M5	16.4 ft., 5 m	± 0.010 ft., 0.3 cm
F30, M10	32.8 ft., 10 m	± 0.016 ft., 0.5 cm
F65, M20	65.6 ft., 20 m	± 0.032 ft., 1 cm
F100, M30	98.4 ft., 30 m	± 0.064 ft., 1.5 cm
F300, M100	328.1 ft., 100 m	± 0.164 ft., 5 cm



NOTE

To use the Barologger Gold with Software Version 4.3.2, ensure you are using version 2.007 firmware.

1.1.8 Barologger Gold

The Barologger Gold uses algorithms based on air pressure only. It measures and logs changes in atmospheric pressure, which are then used to compensate water level readings recorded by a Levellogger.

Barologger Gold Technical Specifications	
Level Sensor:	Piezoresistive Silicon in 316L Stainless Steel
Accuracy	0.05% FS
Normalization:	Automatic Temperature Compensation
Temp. Comp. Range:	0°C to 40°C
Temperature Sensor:	Platinum Resistance Temperature Detector (RTD)
Temp. Sensor Accuracy:	± 0.05°C
Temp. Sensor Resolution:	0.003°C
Battery Life:	10 Years - based on one reading/min
Clock Accuracy:	± 1 minute/year
Operating Temperature:	-20°C to 80°C
Maximum # Readings:	40,000 of pressure and temperature
Memory:	EEPROM Slate, Continuous, and redundant backup of last 1200 readings
Communication:	Optical Infra-red: USB, RS-232, SDI-12
Communication Speed:	9600 bps
Size:	7/8" x 6" (22 mm x 154 mm)
Weight:	6.3 oz (179 grams)
Corrosion Resistance:	Zirconium Nitride (ZrN) Coating
Other Wetted Materials:	316L Stainless Steel, Delrin®, Viton®
Sampling Modes:	Linear, Event & User-Selectable with 30 separate line items, Future Start, Future Stop, Real Time View
Measurement Rates:	0.5 sec to 99 hrs

LT Models	Full Scale (FS)	Accuracy
Barologger	Air Only	± 0.003 ft., 0.1 cm



! NOTE

To use the Levellogger Junior with Software Version 4.3.2, ensure you are using version 2.007 firmware.

! NOTE

The Levellogger Junior looks very similar to the newer Levellogger Junior Edge. To determine the difference, look at the serial number on the body of the Levellogger. If the fourth number in the serial number is 1, it is a Levellogger Junior. If the fourth number is a 2, it is a Levellogger Junior Edge.

1.1.9 Levellogger Junior

The Levellogger Junior functions like the Levellogger Gold; provides an inexpensive alternative for measuring groundwater and surface water levels and temperature.

Levellogger Junior Technical Specifications	
Level Sensor:	Piezoresistive Silicon in 316L Stainless Steel
Ranges:	15, 30 ft. (5, 10 m)
Accuracy	± 0.1% FS
Normalization:	Automatic Temperature Compensation
Temp Comp. Range:	10°C to 40°C
Temperature Sensor:	Platinum Resistance Temperature Detector (RTD)
Accuracy:	± 0.1°C
Resolution:	0.1°C
Battery life:	5 years (based on 1 reading/minute)
Clock Accuracy:	± 1 minute / year
Operating Temperature:	-20°C to 80°C
Memory:	Non-volatile EEPROM, FRAM back-up, Slate mode
Maximum # Readings	32,000 (no data compression)
Com Interface:	Optical Infra-red: USB, RS-232, SDI-12
Communication Speed:	9600 bps
Size:	7/8" x 5.5" (22 mm x 140 mm)
Weight:	154 g (5.4 oz)
Wetted Materials:	Delrin®, Viton®, 316L Stainless Steel
Sampling Mode:	Linear, Future Start, Real Time View
Measurement Rates:	0.5 seconds to 99 hours
Altitude Input:	-980 to 16,400 ft. (-300 to 5,000 m)
Barometric Compensation:	High accuracy, air-only, Barologger Gold

LT Models	Full Scale (FS)	Accuracy
F15, M5	16.4 ft., 5 m	± 0.020 ft., 0.6 cm
F30, M10	32.8 ft., 10 m	± 0.032 ft., 1.0 cm



NOTE

Solinst recommends using the most recent firmware, Version 2.005, when using a LTC Levellogger Junior with Software Version 4.3.2.

1.1.10 LTC Levellogger Junior

The LTC Levellogger Junior provides an inexpensive and convenient method to measure level, temperature and conductivity all in one probe.

LTC Levellogger Junior Technical Specifications	
Level Sensor:	Piezoresistive Silicon with Hastelloy Sensor
Ranges:	30, 100 ft. (10, 30 m)
Accuracy	± 0.1% FS
Normalization:	Automatic Temperature Compensation
Temp Comp. Range:	10°C to 40°C
Temperature Sensor:	Platinum Resistance Temperature Detector (RTD)
Accuracy:	± 0.1°C
Resolution:	0.1°C
Conductivity Sensor:	4-Electrode Platinum
Full Range:	0 to 80,000 µS/cm
Calibrated Range:	500 to 50,000 µS/cm
Accuracy:	± 2% of reading or 20 µS/cm
Resolution:	1 µS
Normalization:	Specific Conductance normalized to 25°C for full range
User Calibration Points:	1413, 5000, 12,880 µS
Battery Life:	5 years (based on 1 reading/ 5 minutes)
Clock Accuracy:	± 1 minute / year
Operating Temperature:	-20°C to 80°C
Memory:	Non-volatile EEPROM, FRAM back-up, Slate mode
Maximum Readings:	16,000
Communication Speed:	9600 bps
Com Interface:	Optical Infrared: USB, RS-232, SDI-12
Size:	7/8" x 7.5" (22 mm x 190 mm)
Weight:	200 g (7.05 oz.)
Wetted Materials:	Hastelloy, Delrin®, Viton®, 316L Stainless Steel, Platinum
Sampling Mode:	Linear, Future Start, Real Time View
Measurement Rates:	5 seconds to 99 hours
Altitude Input:	-980 to 16,400 ft. (-300 to 5,000 m)
Barometric Compensation:	High accuracy, air-only, Barologger

LTC Models	Full Scale (FS)	Accuracy
F30, M10 C50	32.8 ft., 10 m	± 0.032 ft., 1.0 cm
F100, M30 C50	98.4 ft., 30 m	± 0.098 ft., 3 cm



! NOTE

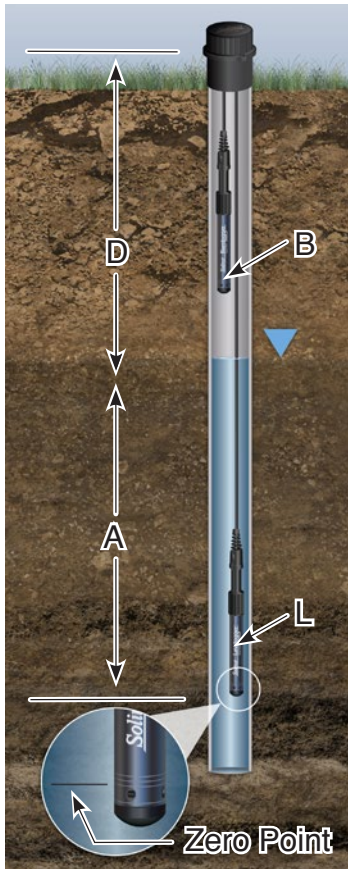
Solinst recommends using the most recent firmware, Version 2.000, when using a Rainlogger with Software Version 4.3.2.

If using a firmware version prior to version 2.000, the Rainlogger will function differently (See previous Levelogger User Guide).

1.1.11 Rainlogger

The Rainlogger is designed for use with most standard tipping-bucket rain gauges with a reed switch output. It records each tip time from the tipping-bucket, and outputs the amount of rainfall per programmed time period (based on rainfall calibration constant).

Rainlogger Technical Specifications	
Battery Life:	10 years (logging 2 parameters/10 minutes)
Clock Accuracy:	± 1 minute/year
Operating Temperature:	-20°C to 80°C
Maximum # Readings:	Up to 60,000 tip times
Memory:	Non-volatile EEPROM, Slate mode
Communication:	Optical infra-red: USB, RS-232, SDI-12
Measurement:	Records each tip by the tipping-bucket rain gauge and outputs the amount of rainfall
Sampling Mode:	Event Based, Future Start, Real Time View
Size:	7/8" x 7" (22 mm x 175 m)
Weight:	4.8 oz (135 grams)
Materials:	316L Stainless Steel, Delrin®, Viton®



$$A = L - B$$

Figure 1-1

Levellogger Measurement Fundamentals

! NOTE

Levelloggers measure the pressure of air plus water column above their sensor (zero point). To adjust the level readings after data collection, for example to water level depths below top of casing (**D**), refer to the Advanced options within the software Data Wizard.

! NOTE

The Levellogger Gold, Levellogger Junior and LTC Levellogger Junior models convert pressure readings to the water level equivalent above the datalogger's pressure zero point of 950 cm (31.17 ft). The Levellogger Edge, Levellogger Junior Edge and LTC Levellogger Edge have no zero point offset. As such, water level data will appear different, although measuring the same amount of pressure. Barometric Compensation using the Data Wizard, automatically considers this zero point offset difference when compensating a mix of Models.

1.2 Measurement Parameters

1.2.1 Level

All Levelloggers measure total (absolute) pressure. When submerged, the Levellogger is recording the combination of barometric pressure and water pressure. The actual pressure of just water (**A**) above the sensor is obtained by subtracting barometric pressure (**B**) from the total pressure (**L**) (see Figure 1-1).

The best method to compensate for barometric pressure is to employ a Barologger above the water level, to obtain records of barometric pressure. The Levellogger Software includes a Data Wizard, which guides you through the automated process of barometric compensation. Manual methods can be employed to determine the absolute water level using barometric records collected on-site or available from a local weather station (i.e. airport). Water level readings from Levelloggers are automatically temperature-compensated.

A = Actual water column height

B = Barometric pressure

L = Levellogger total pressure readings

D = Depth to water level, below reference datum

Note: the Levellogger Gold, Levellogger Junior and LTC Levellogger Junior models convert pressure readings to the water level equivalent above the datalogger's pressure zero point of 950 cm (31.17 ft). The Levellogger Edge, Levellogger Junior Edge and LTC Levellogger Edge have no zero point offset. As such, water level data will appear different, although measuring the same amount of pressure (i.e. Levellogger Edge data will appear to be reading 950 cm (31.17 ft) higher than a Levellogger Gold. Barometric Compensation using the Data Wizard, automatically considers this zero point offset difference when compensating a mix of Models.

1.2.1.1 Pressure Calibration

The Levellogger Edge is calibrated against a range of set reference points to an accuracy of 3 decimal places. During the calibration procedure, the Levellogger is fully submerged in a highly accurate water bath. The bath is allowed to stabilize. The pressure is then calibrated to six separate pressure points covering the entire range of pressure to check for any non-linearity. The process is repeated again at two different temperatures to check for temperature effects. Once done, the Levellogger is approved after all specifications for accuracy, precision, stability and hysteresis have been met. The Levellogger should be calibrated for the lifetime of the instrument, as long as it is used within its specified range.

1.2.2 Barometric Pressure

The Barologger is designed for use in air only. It has a specific range and firmware algorithms based on air pressure rather than water pressure. This makes the Barologger less accurate if used in water, but more accurate if used as intended in air. Using a Barologger is the most accurate and convenient method of obtaining atmospheric pressure and air temperature measurements, which are then synchronized to the Levellogger. The Data Wizard in the Levellogger Software simplifies the adjustment of the level measurements for barometric pressure changes, by using the synchronized data from all Levelloggers on site and the site Barologger.

1.2.3 Temperature

Levelloggers record temperature compensated water levels. Groundwater and surface water temperature measurements are particularly important in situations where temperatures may fluctuate significantly, and when temperature is used in determining liquid level, viscosity and hydraulic conductivity. Temperature monitoring is vital in the calculation of certain temperature dependent contaminant reaction rates. A Platinum Resistance Temperature Detector is used to accurately compensate for temperature changes within the range of 0 to +50°C for the Levellogger Edge and LTC Levellogger Edge, -10°C to +50°C for the Barologger Edge, and 0 to +40°C for the Levellogger Junior Edge. The Levellogger will record temperature in its thermal range of -20 to +80°C, but outside the range, compensation will be less accurate.

1.2.4 Conductivity

The LTC Levellogger Edge and Junior models provide the added feature of electrical conductivity measurement; they measure the actual conductivity at the current temperature. Conductivity measurement is particularly useful in monitoring saltwater intrusion, surface water infiltration and mixing, as well as the monitoring of certain pollutants and contaminant parameters. Conductivity is measured via a platinum 4-electrode sensor, which produces highly stable and consistent readings. Conductivity calibration is performed by using a liquid solution, with a known conductivity value, and the Calibration Wizard in the Levellogger Windows Software. The Data Wizard allows you to convert conductivity readings to Specific Conductance (at 25°C), Salinity expressed in Practical Salinity Units (PSU), or TDS. A Practical Salinity Unit (PSU) is a dimensionless descriptor for the Practical Salinity Scale (PSS). The PSS defines salinity as the ratio of a water sample's conductivity to that of a standard KCL solution. The Data Wizard uses the equation given in the UNESCO Technical Paper "Algorithms for computation of fundamental properties of seawater", to convert Conductivity readings to Salinity. For more information, see: Fofonoff, N. P. and R.C. Millard, Jr. Algorithms for computation of fundamental properties of seawater, UNESCO, Tech. Pap. Mar. Sci.,44. The Data Wizard uses the known equation "TDS=keEC" to convert Conductivity readings to TDS, where TDS is expressed in mg/L or ppm and EC is the electrical conductivity in µS/cm at 25°C. Correlation factor ke is between 0.55 - 0.8. For more information, see: Al Dahan, S.A.M., Al-Ansari, N. and Knutsson, S. (2016) Influence of Groundwater Hypothetical Salts on Electrical Conductivity Total Dissolved Solids. Engineering, 8, 823-830. <http://dx.doi.org/10.4236/eng.2016.811074>

1.2.4.1 Calibration of the Conductivity Sensor

The conductivity sensor of an LTC Levellogger is a highly sensitive device requiring regular calibration by the user. The conductivity calibration frequency is dependent on the water quality of the Levellogger's monitoring environment. To determine whether an LTC Levellogger should be re-calibrated, test the unit in a solution with a known electrical conductivity value at a reference temperature. In Real Time View, observe current readings by using the Read Now function. If this reading varies from the known Specific Conductance of the solution by greater than the stated accuracy of the conductivity measurement, the unit should be re-calibrated using the Conductivity Calibration Wizard procedure outlined in Section 6. As a minimum, calibrate your LTC Levellogger at least twice a year. Ensure that a conductivity calibration is performed when the LTC Levellogger is being set up for its initial use and after long periods of dry storage.

1.2.5 Total Rainfall

Solinst Rainloggers are designed to record the number of tips of an external tipping-bucket rain gauge, and output the amount of rainfall per tip.

NOTE

For every degree change in temperature, there is approximately a 2% change in conductivity. To convert raw conductivity measurements to Specific Conductance measurements, you can use the following equation:

$$\text{Specific Conductance} = \text{Conductivity} / (1 + 0.02 * (\text{temp}(C) - 25))$$

You can also perform this calculation automatically using the Data Wizard.

NOTE

For software installation instructions, see Section 3.

1.3 Software Communication

Levellogger Software is Windows based, and is therefore used with a desktop or laptop PC. Dataloggers connect to a laptop or desktop PC with an Optical Reader cable. The Optical Reader cable uses an infrared data reader/port connected to the datalogger and a USB or RS-232 (Serial) Com Port to transfer information between the datalogger and computer.

If you are programming dataloggers in the office, or have deployed your datalogger using a wireline or cord, an Optical Reader is most commonly used for communication with a PC (see Figure 1-2).

If a datalogger is deployed in the field using a Direct Read Cable, a PC Interface Cable is used for communication with the PC, without removing it from the well (see Figure 1-3).



Figure 1-2 Levellogger Connected to a PC Using an Optical Reader

NOTE

Always plug in the USB device before starting the Software.

When you plug in a USB device for the first time, you will need to install the USB Driver on the PC. (See Section 4.1.3).



Figure 1-3 Levellogger and Direct Read Cable Connected to PC Using a PC Interface Cable

! NOTE

It is always recommended to use the most recent version of software and firmware.

! NOTE

For more information, visit www.solinst.com to view the 3001 Levellogger Series: Hardware Compatibility, which is located on the Downloads page.

1.3.1 Backwards Compatibility

The Levellogger Edge is not backwards compatible with previous versions of Levellogger Software. Only Levellogger Software Version 4 and up can be used to program the Levellogger Edge and Barologger Edge. The Levellogger Junior Edge is only compatible with Levellogger Software Version 4.0.2 and up. The Rainlogger Edge is only compatible with Software Version 4.1.0 and up. The LTC Levellogger Edge is only compatible with 4.3.0 and up.

The Levellogger Junior, LTC Levellogger Junior, Rainlogger, and Leveloader are compatible with Levellogger Software Version 4.3.2. If used with previous software versions, they will not have some of the features gained with the release of Version 4.3.2 Software. The Levellogger Gold and Barologger Gold are also compatible with Version 4.3.2 Software, and previous versions.

To use your Levelloggers with Version 4.3.2 Software, ensure your firmware is upgraded to the following versions:

Datalogger	Firmware Version
Levellogger Edge	3.003
Barologger Edge	3.003
Levellogger Junior Edge	3.003
LTC Levellogger Edge	1.000
Rainlogger Edge	3.001
Leveloader Gold	2.002
Levellogger Gold	2.007
Barologger Gold	2.007
Levellogger Junior	2.007
LTC Levellogger Junior	2.005
Rainlogger	2.000

For more information on previous software and firmware versions, visit www.solinst.com to view **3001 Levellogger Series: Hardware Compatibility**, located on the Downloads page.

2 System Requirements

The minimal hardware and software requirements for software installation and operation are:

Hardware	Software
Memory: 32 MB or more	OS: Windows 7, 8 or 10
Display: VGA: 800 x 600 pixels, 256 colour	
Ports: USB or RS-232 Serial Port	

Communication Port Setting for Levellogger Communications:

Bits per second	9600
Data bits	8
Stop bits	1
Flow control	None

3 Software Installation

Web Download

Download the newest version of Levellogger Software by visiting www.solinst.com/downloads/

CD Installation

- 1) Insert the software CD provided.
- 2) If the installer does not automatically start, to activate the software install click on the 'setup.exe' file located on the software CD.
- 3) The Software Installation Wizard will guide you through the remaining installation process. Figure 3-1 shows the Levellogger Installation Wizard.
- 4) Restart the computer after installation is completed. Default Directory is C:\Program Files\Solinst\Levellogger4_3

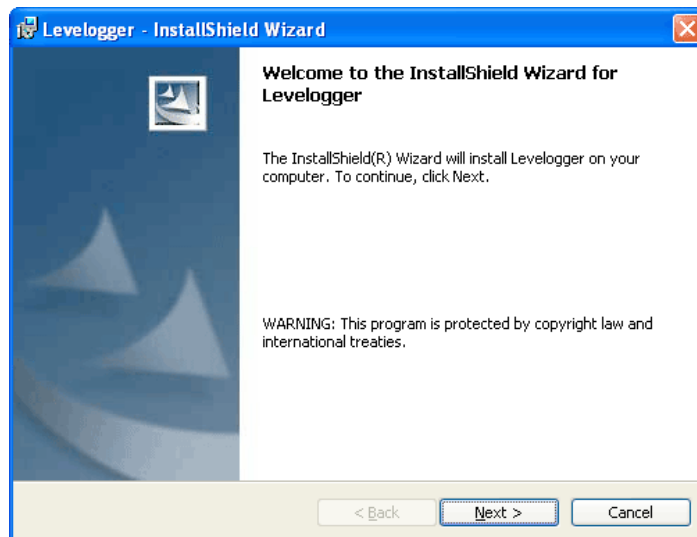


Figure 3-1 Software Installation Wizard

4 Startup, Configurations and Settings

4.1 Startup

If using a USB port, plug in the USB cable before starting the Levellogger Software. If plugging in the USB device for the first time, the driver for the device will have to be installed, see Section 4.1.3 for USB driver installation instructions.

To start the Levellogger Software, click  , or click the Start button and select:

Programs > Solinst > Levellogger 4 > Levellogger 4.3.2

Once the program is started, you can set up the parameters for the Software.

4.1.1 Software/Firmware Update Checks

Each time the software is opened, it automatically checks for software updates. If there is an update, "[Software Update Available](#)" will appear in the top right of the menu bar. When you click the message, it will open a web page where you can download the software update.

The Software also checks for firmware updates once you have retrieved settings from a connected Levellogger (see Section 5). "[Firmware Update Available](#)" will appear in the top right menu bar. Clicking the message will open a web page where you can download the firmware update. See Section 12 for firmware update instructions.

4.1.2 Communicating with a USB Port

USB port communication requires the installation of USB driver software and the setting up of a virtual com port. The user will either:

- 1) Connect a Levellogger Optical Reader or PC Interface Cable to the USB port
- 2) Use a USB to RS-232 Adapter

If 1, during the installation of Levellogger Software, the **Virtual Com Port Driver** will be installed automatically. The Levellogger Software Installation Wizard also copies a folder to the Levellogger folder containing all the Solinst USB drivers. When you plug in the Solinst USB device, check the com port designation after installing the device (see Section 4.2.1).

If 2, Solinst strongly recommends the use of either Keyspan™ or IO Gear™ USB to RS-232 Serial Adapters. These adapters have a sufficiently large buffer to accommodate the size of data bundle and bit transfer rate of the Levellogger. Follow the manufacturer's USB Driver and Com port setup installations found on the CD accompanying the adapter.

If you have installed another brand-name adapter, but cannot communicate with the Levellogger, in most cases the problem is that the adapter does not have a large enough internal memory buffer. The minimum buffer size should be 96 bytes.

! NOTE

Your PC must have an internet connection to check for software and firmware updates.

You can also check for updates using the Help menu.

! NOTES

To check the Com port assigned to a USB device after installation, open the Device Manager. Expand "Ports (COM & LPT)" to show the Com Port that has been assigned. To change the assigned Port, see Section 4.2.1.

You may have to restart your computer after adding a new USB device, before that port will be detected by the Levellogger Software

! NOTE

Do not install generic drivers that Windows will locate. Generic drivers are completely incompatible with Solinst USB devices.

! NOTE

USB driver installation should be automatic when connecting a PC Interface Cable or Optical Reader.

! NOTE

The 'Found New Hardware Wizard' may start automatically, beginning at step 6.

! NOTE

If the USB driver does not install the first time, repeat the steps a second time. It often takes more than once to install the driver for Windows 7 systems.

4.1.3 Installing USB Drivers for Levellogger 4 Software

Levellogger Software Version 4.3.2, for use with Solinst USB Optical Reader, PC Interface Cable and Levellogger, comes equipped with USB drivers for: Windows 7 and 10.

Windows 8 can also be used, see Section 4.1.3.2 for instructions to enable Windows 8 USB installation.

4.1.3.1 USB Installation for Windows 7

Plug the USB Device into the PC. The system will automatically detect the connected unit. Windows 7 should automatically install the driver for the device.

If no driver is automatically found, and the 'Found New Hardware Wizard' fails to start, the following steps should be taken:

- 1) Go to the Windows start button to bring up the Start Menu and select "Restart".
- 2) While your PC is rebooting, press the F8 function key a few times until you see the Advanced Boot Options window.

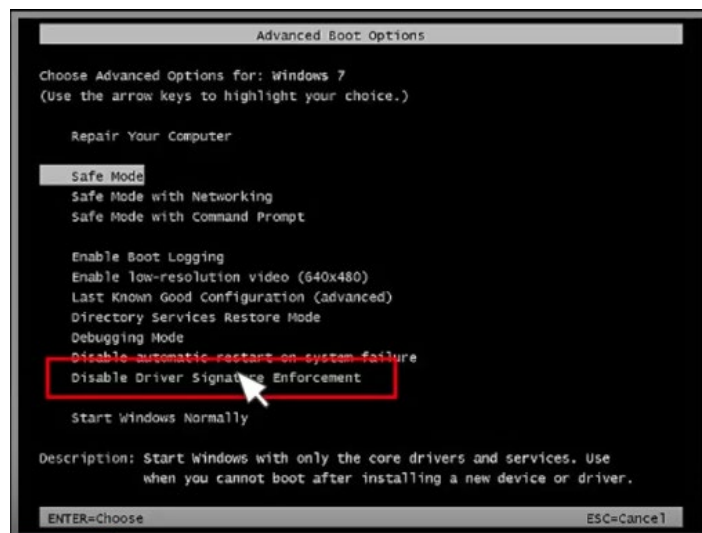


Figure 4-1 Advanced Boot Options

- 3) Select "Disable Driver Signature Enforcement" and press Enter.
- 4) Once rebooted, press the Windows start button to bring up the Start Menu, select 'Control Panel', then 'Hardware and Sound', then 'Device Manager'.
- 5) Under 'Other Devices' there will be a Solinst device shown with a yellow warning symbol. Right click on this device, and select 'Update Driver Software...'

NOTE

If you are unsure which is the correct device in the list, with the screen visible, safely remove the device and then reconnect it. The list should automatically refresh accordingly.

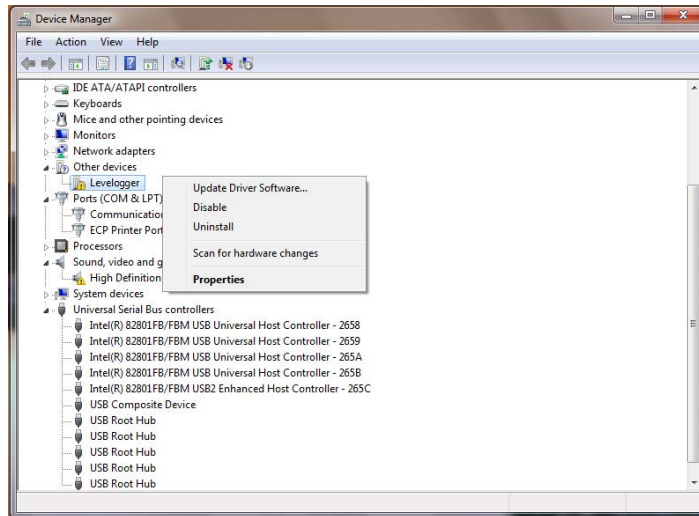


Figure 4-2 Windows 7 Device Manager

- 6) Select 'Browse my computer for driver software'.

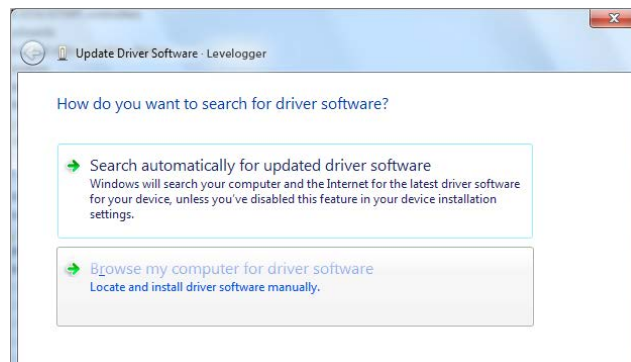


Figure 4-3 Update Driver Software

- 7) Click the Browse button and point the navigation window to the provided USB drivers located within the Levellogger4_3 folder. Default destination is: C:\Program Files\Solinst\Levellogger4_3\USB Drivers
Select the actual USB Drivers folder, not a sub file from the folder.

NOTE

Make sure you only select the USB Drivers folder when browsing for the driver location. Do not choose a sub file from the folder.

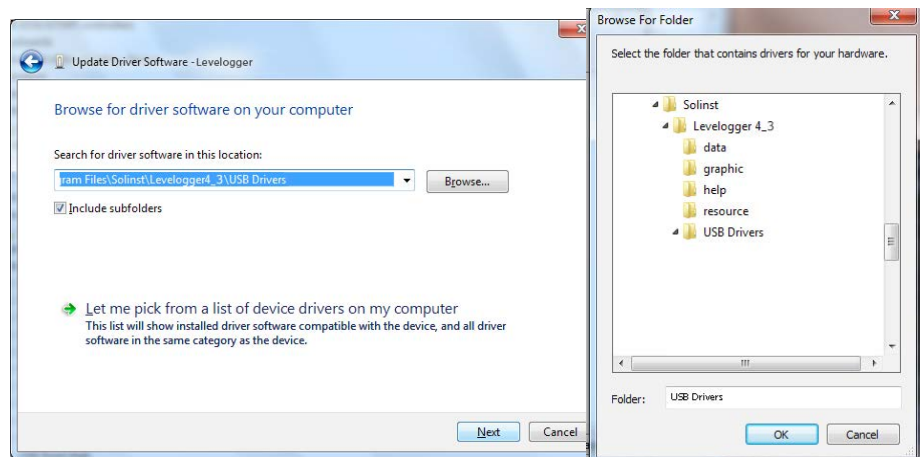


Figure 4-4 Browse for Driver Software

- 8) Select Next. A window may appear stating 'Windows can't verify the publisher of this driver software', select 'Install this driver software anyway'.

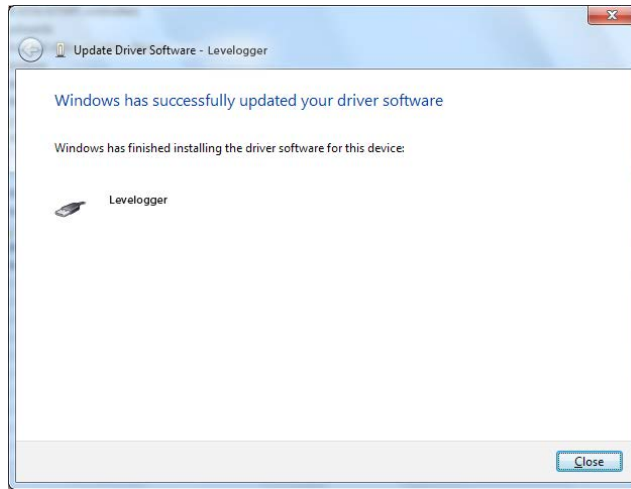


Figure 4-5 Update Complete

- 9) Windows will confirm when the installation is complete. Press Close to close the window, then go back to the 'Device Manager'.

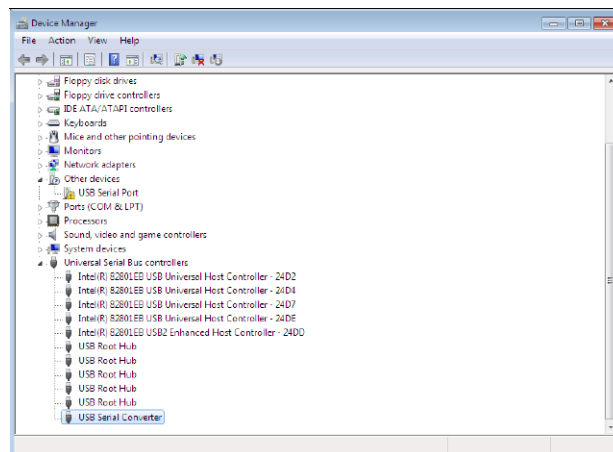


Figure 4-6 Update Serial Port

NOTE

If you are unsure which is the correct device in the list, with the screen visible, safely remove the device and then reconnect it. The list should automatically refresh accordingly.

- 10) You may have to repeat steps 5-9 to update the USB Serial Port. This would be shown under 'Other Devices' with a yellow warning symbol.
- 11) Once installation is complete, a window will confirm the COM port assigned to the device.

4.1.3.2 Enabling USB Installation for Windows 8

- 1) Press Win + C on your keyboard to bring up the Charms Bar. Click on “Settings”.
- 2) Click on “Change PC settings” to open the Modern Control Panel.

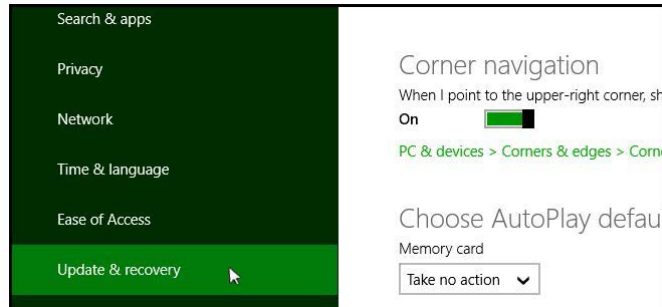


Figure 4-7 Windows 8 Control Panel

- 3) In the Control Panel, switch over to the “Update & recovery” section.
- 4) Click on the “Recovery” option.



Figure 4-8 Restart Windows 8 PC

- 5) In the Advanced startup section, click the “Restart now” button. This will restart your PC.

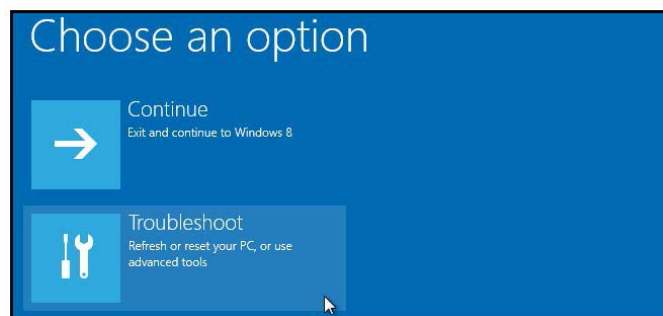


Figure 4-9 Troubleshoot Windows 8 PC

- 6) Once your PC has rebooted, select the “Troubleshoot” option.
- 7) Select “Advanced options”.
- 8) Select “Startup Settings”.
- 9) Select “Restart” to reboot your PC once more. This will allow modification to the boot time configuration settings.

Startup Settings

Press a number to choose from the options below:

Use number keys or functions keys F1-F9.

- 1) Enable debugging
- 2) Enable boot logging
- 3) Enable low-resolution video
- 4) Enable Safe Mode
- 5) Enable Safe Mode with Networking
- 6) Enable Safe Mode with Command Prompt
- 7) Disable driver signature enforcement
- 8) Disable early launch anti-malware protection
- 9) Disable automatic restart after failure

Press F10 for more options

Press Enter to return to your operating system

Figure 4-10 Windows 8 Startup Settings

- 10) A list of settings that can be changed will be shown. The setting you are looking for is "Disable driver signature enforcement". To choose this setting, press the F7 key.
- 11) After the PC automatically restarts, you will be able to install the USB drivers, as described in Section 4.1.3.1 (steps 4-11).

NOTE

USB driver installation should be automatic when connecting a PC Interface Cable.

NOTE

The 'Found New Hardware Wizard' may start automatically, beginning at step 14.

4.1.3.3 USB Installation for Windows 10

Plug the USB device into the PC. The system will automatically detect the connected unit. Windows 10 should automatically install the driver for the device.

If no driver is automatically found, and the 'Found New Hardware Wizard' fails to start, the following steps should be taken:

1. Open the Windows Start Menu and click on "Settings".
2. In Settings, click on "Update & security".

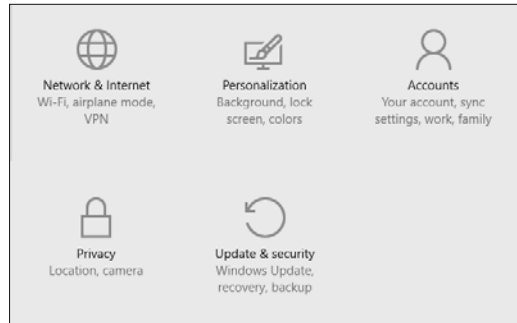


Figure 4-11 Windows 10 Settings

3. Then click on the Recovery option on the left hand side.
4. Once selected, you will see an Advanced startup section appear on the right hand side. Click on the "Restart now" button.

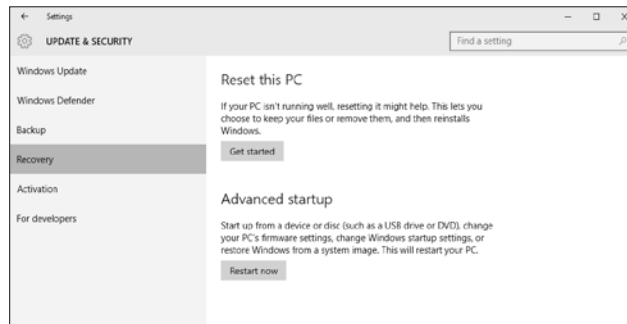


Figure 4-12 Windows 10 Advanced Startup

5. Once your Computer has rebooted, choose the "Troubleshoot" option.

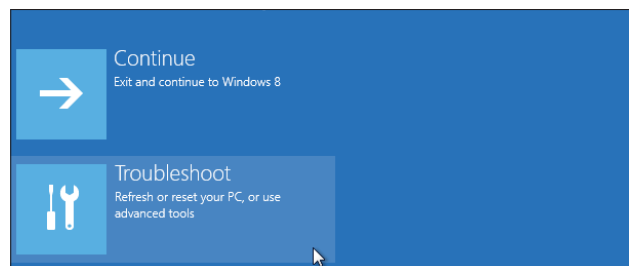


Figure 4-13 Windows 10 Troubleshoot

6. Select “Advanced options”.
7. Select “Startup Settings”.

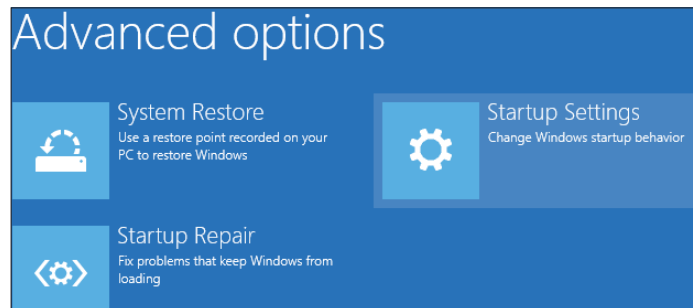


Figure 4-14 Windows 10 Advanced Options

8. Select “Restart” to reboot your PC once more. This will allow modification to the boot time configuration settings.
9. A list of settings that can be changed will be shown. The setting you are looking for is “Disable driver signature enforcement”. To choose this setting, press the F7 key.

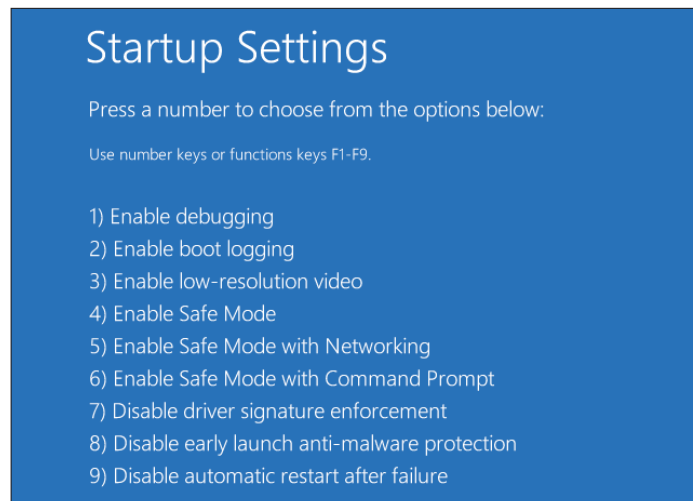


Figure 4-15 Windows 10 Startup Settings

10. After the PC automatically restarts, open the Windows Start Menu and click on “Settings”. Click on “Devices”.
11. In Devices, click on “Connected Devices”. You should see your connected Solinst USB device listed under Other Devices. It should indicate that the device’s setup is incomplete.

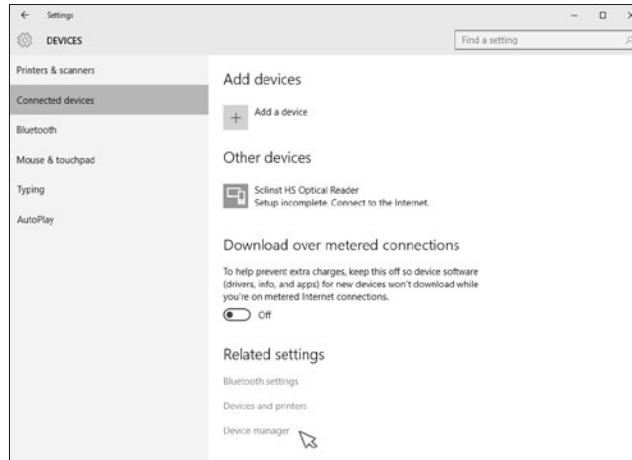


Figure 4-16 Windows 16 Connected Devices

12. Under Related settings, click on “Device Manager”.

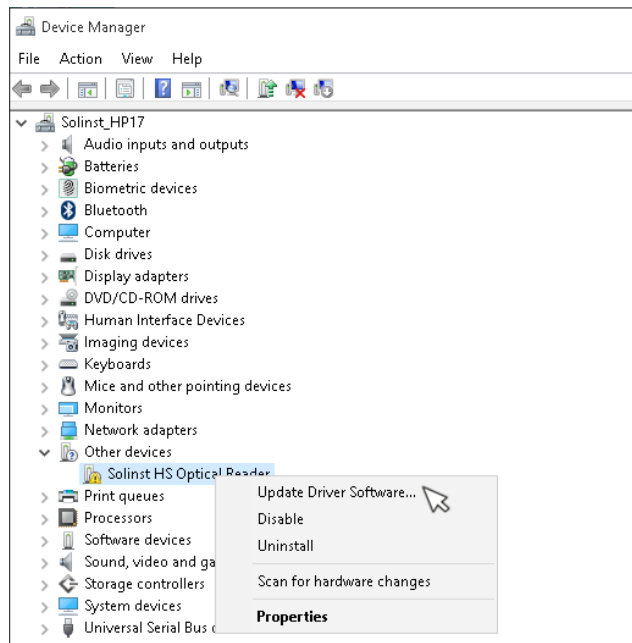


Figure 4-17 Windows 10 Device Manager

NOTE

If you are unsure which is the correct device in the list, with the screen visible, safely remove the device and then reconnect it. The list should automatically refresh accordingly.

13. Under Other devices, there will be a Solinst device shown with a yellow warning symbol. Right click on this device, and select “Update Driver Software...”.

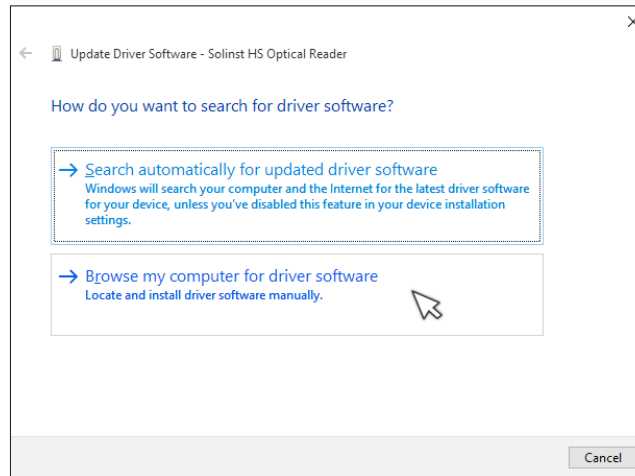


Figure 4-18 Update Driver Software

14. Select “Browse my computer for driver software”.
15. Click the Browse button and point the navigation window to the provided USB drivers located within the Levellogger4_3 folder. Default destination is:
 C:\Program Files\Solinst\Levellogger4_3\USB Drivers
 Select the actual USB Drivers folder, not a sub file from the folder.

NOTE

Make sure you only select the USB Drivers folder when browsing for the driver location. Do not choose a sub file from the folder.

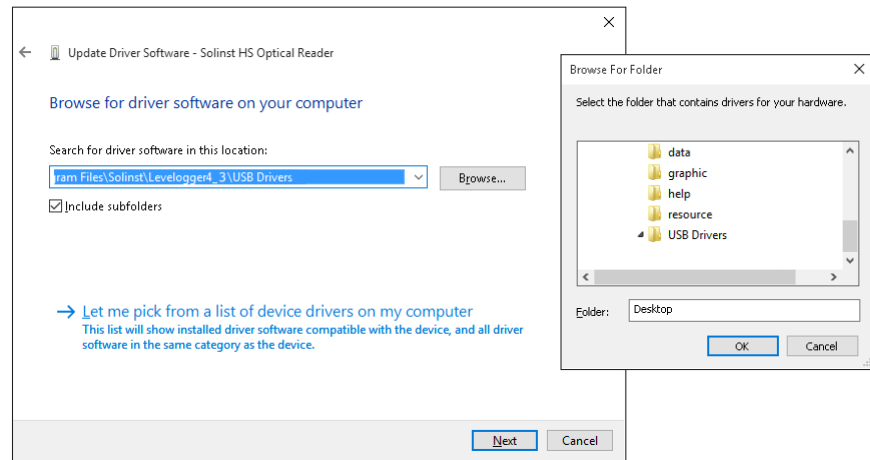


Figure 4-19 Browse for Driver Software

16. Select Next. A Window may appear stating “Windows can’t verify the publisher of this driver software”, select “Install this driver software anyway”.

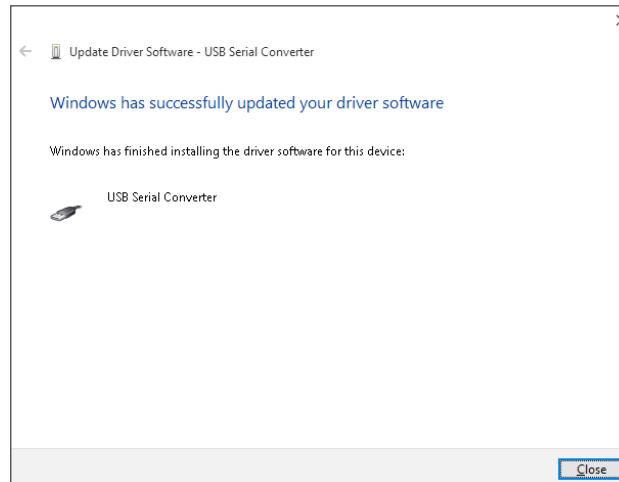


Figure 4-20 Update Complete

- Windows will confirm when the installation is complete. Press Close, then go back to the Device Manager.

NOTE

If you are unsure which is the correct device in the list, with the screen visible, safely remove the device and then reconnect it. The list should automatically refresh accordingly.

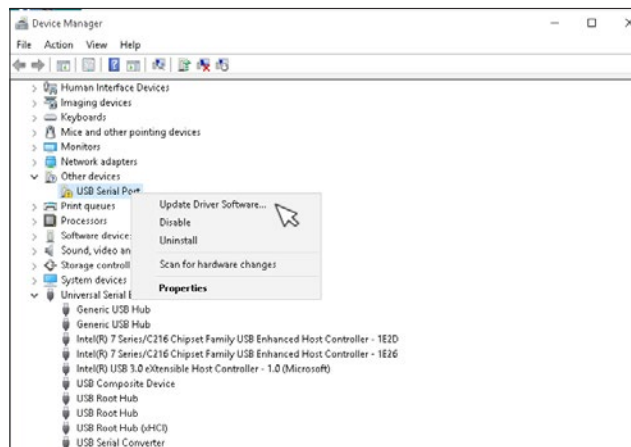


Figure 4-21 Update USB Serial Port

- Follow Steps 13-17 to update the USB Serial Port, shown under Other devices with a yellow warning symbol.

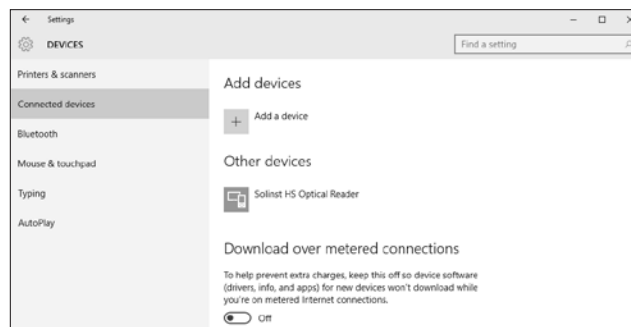


Figure 4-22 Installed Solinst USB Device

- Once the installation is complete, this will be shown in the Devices > Connected devices Window. See Figure 4-22.

NOTES

To check the Com port assigned to a USB device after installation, open the Device Manager. Expand 'Ports (COM & LPT)' to show the Com Port that has been assigned.

You may have to restart your computer after adding a new USB device, before that port will be detected by the Levelogger Software

4.2 Configuration and Settings

4.2.1 Com Port Designation Set Up

After installing a USB device, should the Com Port number assigned to the device conflict with your existing devices, it is possible to change the Com Port designation number:

- 1) Click Start > Settings > Control Panel
- 2) Click Systems to open the System Properties
- 3) Click the Hardware tab and click 'Device Manager'
- 4) Double Click the Ports Icon and select the 'USB Serial Port'
- 5) Right click and select Properties
- 6) Click the 'Port Settings' tab and click 'Advanced'
- 7) Select the Com Port Number and click 'OK'

Note: the path to the 'Port Settings' tab may be different for each Windows operating system. The above is just a guideline.

4.2.2 Data Directory

The program will save data downloaded to the following default directory: <C:\Program Files\Solinst\Levelogger4_3\Data> unless otherwise specified in the Default Directory field of the Application Settings window (Figure 4-23).

Click the Configuration menu at the top of the program window, select Application Settings and input or navigate to a different folder destination. After completing the Application Settings, click the OK button to confirm and save the settings.

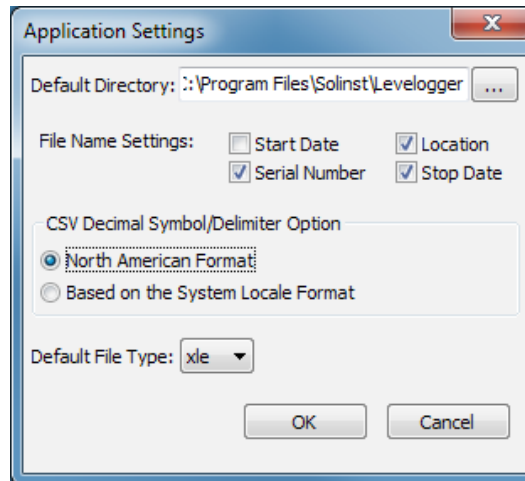


Figure 4-23 Application Setting Window

4.2.3 File Name Settings

From the Application Settings window in the Configuration menu, you can set what information will be included in your default file names of downloaded data (see Figure 4-23). You can include Start Date, Stop Date, Serial Number, and Location. Check-off the information you would like included.

After completing the Application Settings, click the OK button to confirm and save the settings.

4.2.4 Default File Type

From the Application Settings window in the Configuration menu, you can set what default file type you would like to use for downloaded, saved and exported data files. You can select between either *.xle (default) or *.lev file types (see Figure 4-23). For more information about the two file types, see Section 7.1.1.

You also have the option to choose between North American Format for decimal separators (period symbol) or based on the System Locale Format, for exported *.csv files.

After completing the Application Settings, click the OK button to confirm and save the settings.

NOTE

Depending on your Levellogger type, there will be different programming options. See Table 1-1 for the major differences. See Section 5.9 for programming the Levellogger Gold, Barologger Gold, and Levellogger Junior.

NOTE

Click on icons to get an explanation of that software feature.

NOTE

When first setting up a Barologger and Levellogger(s) that will be used for the same project, it is suggested to set them at the same sampling interval, and to use the Future Start and Stop options where possible. When the data sets have the same time stamps, and start and stop times, barometric compensation of the data will be most accurate. It is also useful to synchronize the clocks of the dataloggers. See Section 5.4.

NOTE

The Levellogger Edge, which is available in M5, M10, M20, M30, M100, and M200 ranges has actual water level ranges of 5 m (16.40 ft), 10 m (32.80 ft), 20 m (65.60 ft), 30 m (98.40 ft), 100 m (328.0 ft), and 200 m (656.2 ft), respectively.

5 Levellogger Edge Series Setup

After you start the Levellogger Software, the main Levellogger Software window will appear, with the Datalogger Settings tab open.

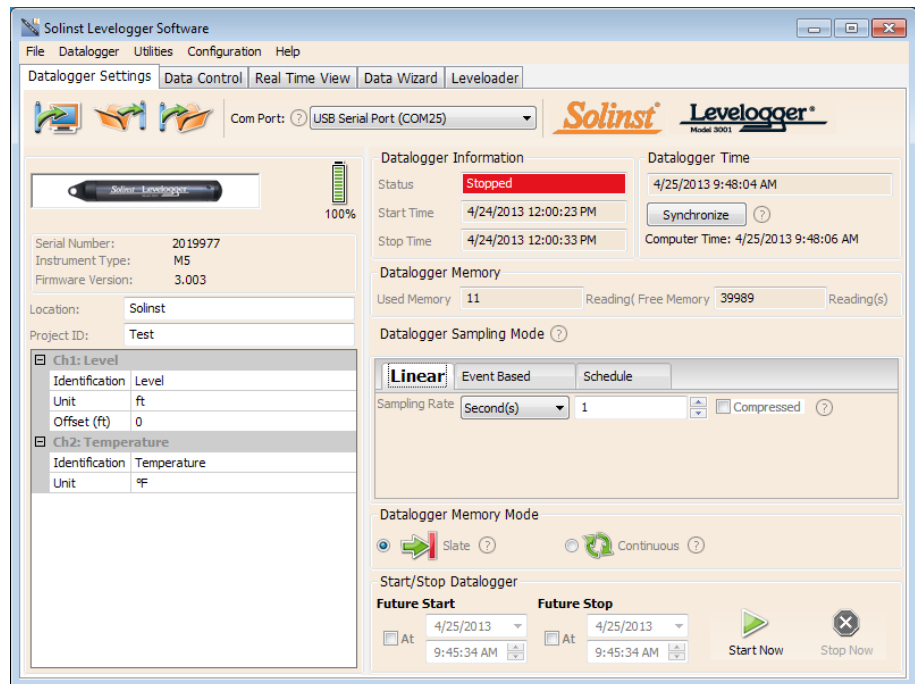


Figure 5-1 Datalogger Settings Tab

Select the appropriate COM or USB Port for the connected communications device from the centre drop-down menu.

Click to retrieve the current settings from the connected datalogger.

5.1 Datalogger Settings

After you have retrieved the settings of the connected datalogger, the Datalogger Settings tab will identify the Instrument Type, Serial Number, Firmware Version, Project ID, Location, and the Channel Settings.

- **Instrument Type:** will display the model of the attached datalogger, i.e.: M30, Barologger, Rainlogger.
- **Serial Number:** the unique serial number of the attached datalogger will be displayed.
- **Firmware Version:** shows the firmware version of the attached datalogger.
- **Project ID:** input your own identification system. The Project ID is limited to 32 characters.
- **Location:** input specific site / location information. The location is limited to 32 characters.

NOTE

Readings can be converted to other units using the Data Wizard.

Readings can be corrected or offset with respect to a specific reference elevation or datum for a much wider spectrum of numeric offsets as part of the Data Wizard.

NOTE

If you set your Levellogger to record in pressure units (kPa, bar, psi), you can not change the offset or enter an elevation value (in the Data Wizard). Only raw pressure readings will be provided.

NOTE

There is no Offset input option for the Barologger Edge.

NOTE

Levellogger and Barologger Edge data can be adjusted for altitude and density post data collection using the Data Wizard.

NOTE

The LTC Levellogger Junior only measures in °C

5.1.1 Setting Up Channel Information

In the lower left portion of the Datalogger Settings tab is the area for setting channel parameters (level, temperature, conductivity, rainfall). The software will detect the available channels when the datalogger settings are retrieved.

5.1.1.1 Level Channel (Ch1)

- **Identification** describes the measurement parameter of the channel and has already been configured as 'LEVEL'. The channel can be re-named to suit each project. The channel monitors water column equivalent pressure. The Identification field will be the channel heading, data column heading and graph line name when viewing the data. Identification is limited to 32 characters.
- **Unit** refers to the channel's unit of measurement. There are six options when using a Levellogger: m (default), cm, ft, kPa, bar, and psi. When using a Barologger Edge, the options are kPa (default), mbar, and psi.
- **Offset** refers to an adjustment, such as the distance between the tip of the Levellogger and the monitoring well cap or static water level. It is recommended that the value of 0.00 be used, as this keeps all subsequent readings relative to the tip of the Levellogger. The reference range is -1000 to 16,400 ft or -300 m to 5000 m.

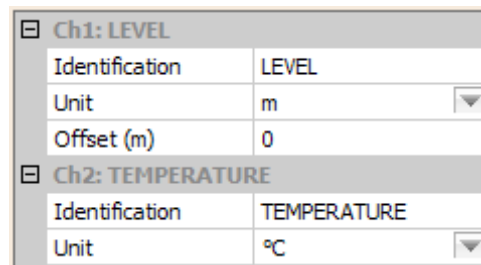


Figure 5-2 Levellogger Edge Channel Setup

The LTC Levellogger Junior also has inputs for:

- **Altitude** in feet or meters above sea level, at which the logger is actually deployed, is input in the altitude field. You can enter an elevation between -1000 ft below sea level and 16,400 ft (or -300 m and 5000 m) above sea level. The readings will then be automatically compensated for elevation.
- **Density** is used to adjust the range of the Levellogger based on the sample fluid density. The range for the density adjustment is from 0.9 kg/L to 1.1 kg/L.

5.1.1.2 Temperature Channel (Ch2)

- **Identification** describes the measurement parameter of the channel and has already been configured as 'TEMPERATURE'. The channel can be re-named to suit each project. The Identification field will be the channel heading, data column heading and graph line name when viewing the data. Identification is limited to 32 characters.
- **Unit** refers to the channel's unit of measurement. For the Levellogger and Barologger, the temperature channel can be set to °C (default) or °F.

NOTE

For every degree change in temperature, there is approximately a 2% change in conductivity. To convert raw conductivity measurements to Specific Conductance measurements, you can use the following equation:

$$\text{Specific Conductance} = \text{Conductivity} / (1 + 0.02 * (\text{temp}(C) - 25))$$

You can also perform this calculation automatically using the Data Wizard.

You can also convert Conductivity readings to Salinity (expressed in Practical Salinity Units (PSU)) using the Data Wizard.

5.1.1.3 Conductivity Channel (Ch3)

- **Identification** describes the measurement parameter of the channel and has already been configured as 'CONDUCTIVITY'. The channel can be re-named to suit each project. The Identification field will be the channel heading, data column heading and graph line name when viewing the data. Identification is limited to 32 characters.
- **Unit** refers to the channel's unit of measurement. There are two units of measure available for the user to select: mS/cm or $\mu\text{S/cm}$.

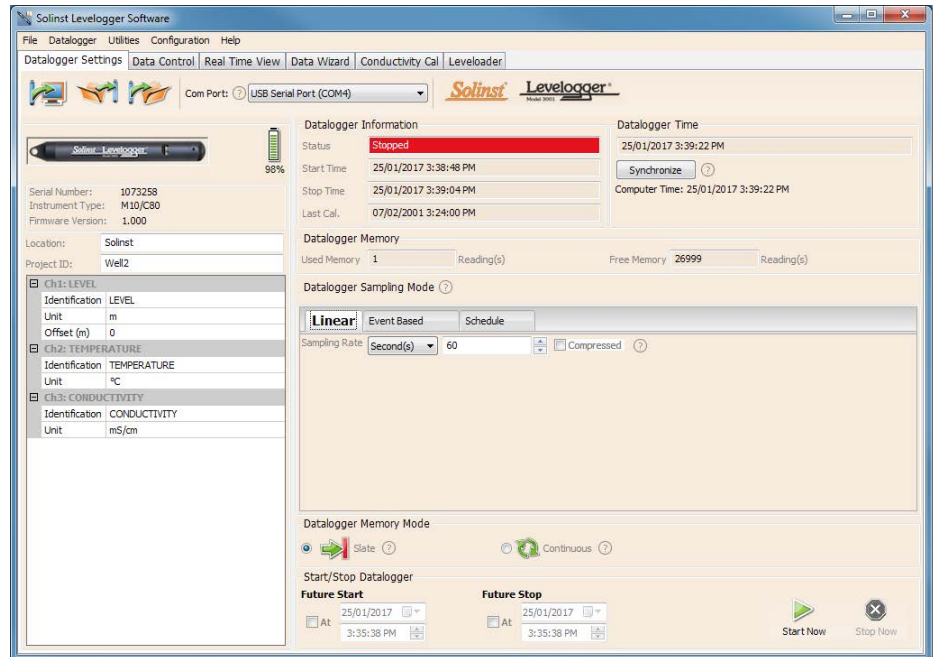


Figure 5-3 Conductivity Channel Setup

5.1.1.4 Rainloggers

There is one channel of measurement for the Rainlogger Edge and Rainlogger. The **RainFall** Channel records each tip time by the connected tipping-bucket and outputs the amount of rainfall per tip (input Rainfall Cal Constant).

- **Identification** describes the measurement parameter of the channel and has already been configured as 'RainFall'. The channel can be re-named to suit each project. The Identification field will be the channel heading, data column heading and graph line name when viewing the data. Identification is limited to 32 characters.
- **Units** refers to the channel's unit of measurement. There are two units of measure available for the user to select: mm or in.
- **The Rainfall Cal Constant** field allows you to enter the calibration factor for the tipping-bucket you will be using. The calibration factor is the amount of rainfall depth (mm, in) per tip. The calibration factor should be indicated on a label on the tipping-bucket device or in the manufacturer's documentation. Input the calibration factor in mm or inches.

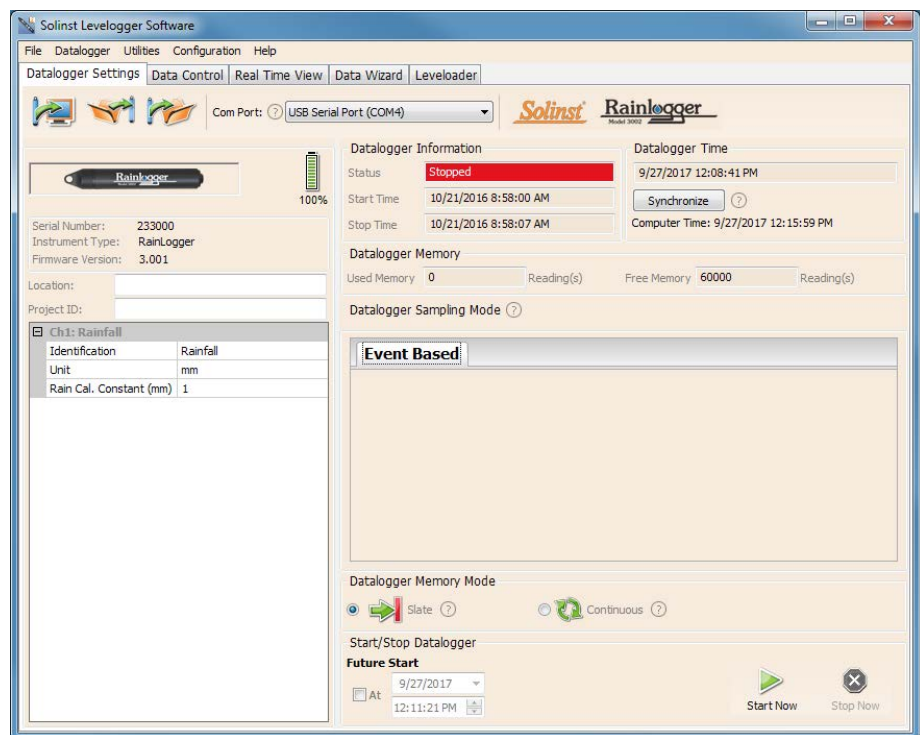


Figure 5-4 Rainlogger Channel Setup

5.2 Datalogger Information

The Datalogger Information section shows the Status of the attached datalogger (i.e.: Started, Stopped, Future Start) and the Start Time and Stop Time of the datalogger. When a Future Start and/or Stop time is set (see Section 5.8), the Start Time and Stop Time fields will fill in. The fields will update each time the datalogger is stopped and started.

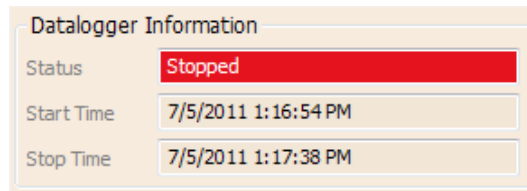


Figure 5-5 Datalogger Information

5.3 Datalogger Memory

The Datalogger Memory section shows the amount of memory used, and the amount of memory remaining (number of readings).

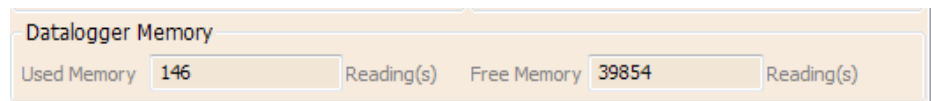


Figure 5-6 Datalogger Memory Remaining

If the Data Compression option is selected (see Section 5.5), the amount of free memory shown is approximated as a visual status bar.

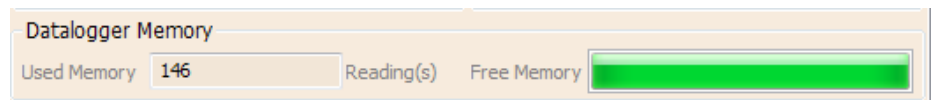


Figure 5-7 Datalogger Compressed Memory

5.4 Datalogger Time

The Datalogger Time section provides the controls for setting the datalogger clock. If you want to synchronize the datalogger's clock to the computer clock, click Synchronize to set the time in the datalogger.

If you start the datalogger without synchronizing the clock and the time difference between the datalogger and the PC is more than 3 seconds, the software will give you a message asking 'Do you want to synchronize the logger time to system time?'. Click Yes to synchronize the clock.

It can be very useful to synchronize the clocks of all the Levelloggers and Barologgers when it comes to Barometric Compensation.

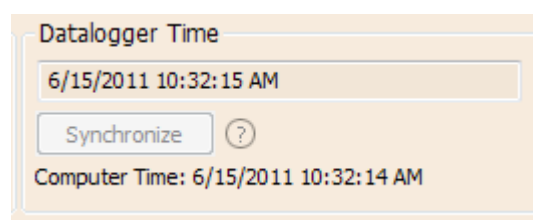


Figure 5-8 Datalogger Time

! NOTE

It is very useful to synchronize the clocks of all the Levelloggers and Barologgers for use on the same project.

! NOTE

To synchronize to a different time/ time zone you first must adjust the computer time using the Windows Operating System Date and Time Settings menu. Then re-start the Solinst Levellogger Software and synchronize your Dataloggers to the new time.

! NOTES

The battery life of the Levelogger Edge is 10 Years, based on 1 reading per minute. More rapid readings will reduce the battery life. For example, if a Levelogger Edge is setup in Continuous Mode at a sampling rate of 1 second, the battery will be depleted in approximately 4 months.

If a Levelogger Junior Edge or LTC Levelogger Edge is used at a sampling rate of 5 seconds, the battery will be depleted in approximately 2.4 months.

! NOTE

The Levelogger Junior Edge and LTC Levelogger Junior record using Linear sampling mode only.

The Levelogger Junior Edge has a sample rate of 0.5 seconds to 99 hours. The LTC Levelogger Junior has a sample rate of 5 seconds to 99 hours.

! NOTES

In Event Based sampling mode, the Levelogger Edge has a total memory of 25,000 sets of readings and the LTC Levelogger Edge has a total memory of 18,650 sets of readings.

In Event Based sampling mode, battery consumption is mainly a function of sampling rate. Therefore, with a smaller sampling interval, battery power will be used up quickly whether readings are stored or not.

! NOTE

Rainloggers record in Event Based mode only. They record the tip times of a connected tipping-bucket.

5.5 Datalogger Sampling Mode

The Datalogger Sampling Mode section allows you to choose the sampling measurement type. Options for the Levelogger Edge, Barologger Edge and LTC Levelogger Edge are Linear, Event Based and Schedule.

Linear refers to a set time interval between collection of readings. Sample Rate can be any number from 0.125 seconds to 99 hours for the Levelogger Edge and 2 seconds to 99 hours for the LTC Levelogger Edge.

There is a data compression option available for the Levelogger Edge. This increases the memory capacity of the Levelogger Edge from 40,000 readings to up to a maximum of 120,000. Check the Data Compression box to allow data compression.

Data Compression works by only saving data changes in memory. For example, if you have linear sampling set to record each second, and your water level varies a little for 60 seconds, the memory will only record incremental values for the 60 seconds. When your data is exported, it will display all 60 intervals with the corresponding level data.

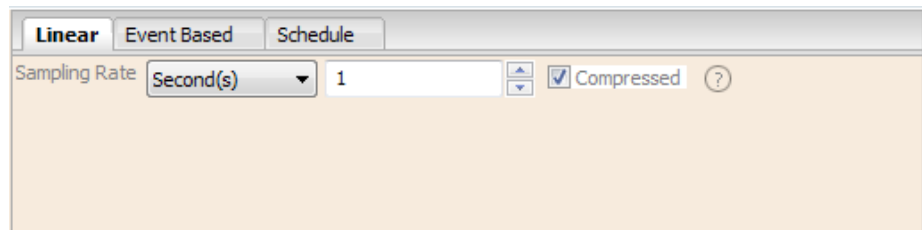


Figure 5-9 Linear Sampling Setup

Event Based sample collection is the most memory efficient means of data collection. In Event mode, the Levelogger will be activated at every defined 'Sample Rate' to check if readings have changed by the selected 'Change' from the last recorded reading.

For the Levelogger Edge, 'LEVEL' or 'TEMPERATURE' is the selected parameter where change is monitored. You can also select 'CONDUCTIVITY' for the LTC Levelogger Edge. The Levelogger will record a new reading only if the specified change in the parameter has occurred, at the specific point in time, as defined by the 'Sample Rate'.

A default reading will also be stored in the datalogger memory, every 24 hours from the last recording, if no 'Change' occurs.



Figure 5-10 Event Based Sampling Setup

NOTE

A schedule can be saved and applied to other Levelloggers, or a Leveloader, by saving the Levellogger Settings file (see Section 5.7).

Schedule Sampling allows you to select a logarithmic style sampling schedule adapted to the needs of each application.

Schedule Sampling is set by using the plus and minus buttons to add or subtract line items in the Schedule window. The maximum number of line items in a schedule is 30, each with its own sampling interval of seconds, minutes or hours and duration of seconds, minutes, hours, days or weeks. A 'Pause' interval can also be selected, which stops the Levellogger from recording for the specified duration.

Running totals of the number of readings still available, from the total possible 40,000 (27,000 readings for the LTC Levellogger Edge), and the run time to date are shown. If the number of readings selected exceeds the Levelloggers memory capacity an error message appears.

By checking Repeat, the Levellogger will continue to run through the schedule until its memory is full, or it is stopped.

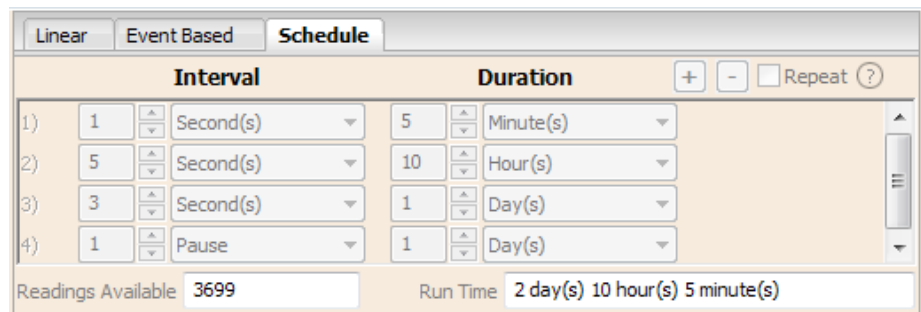


Figure 5-11 Schedule Sampling Setup

NOTE

Datalogger Memory Mode is only available when using Linear Mode.

5.6 Datalogger Memory Mode

Datalogger Memory Mode selection will only appear when **Linear** sampling mode is selected. When in Linear Mode, there is a choice of **Continuous** Logging (wrap around) or **Slate** Logging .

Compressed Linear, Event Based and Schedule sampling modes can only use the Slate Mode option.

In Continuous Logging, the new log is started at the end of any previous log and continues logging, eventually recording over the first logged data. As one of the download options is to 'Append Data', Continuous Logging can be a preferred choice when logging long-term (see Section 7.1.2).

In Slate Logging, the new log is also started at the end of any previous log, but will stop recording after 40,000 readings (or up to 120,000 readings), so that the beginning of the current log will not be written over.

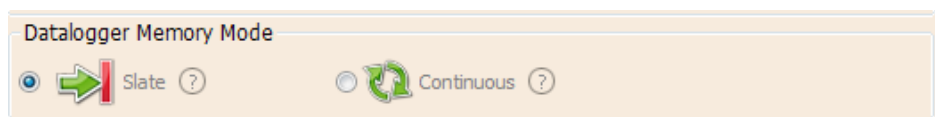


Figure 5-12 Datalogger Memory Mode

NOTE

The Levellogger Junior Edge has memory for 40,000 readings, the LTC Levellogger Edge has memory for 27,000 readings, and the LTC Levellogger Junior has memory for 16,000 readings.

NOTE

Settings files created in Levellogger Software Version 3 or earlier (.lls or .sci files) can not be opened by Software Version 4. These settings files will need to be re-created and saved in Levellogger Software Version 4.

NOTE

Remember to download any data on the datalogger before starting a new session. When starting a new logging session, any data from previous recording sessions will be erased.

NOTES

If a setting has been changed, it will be highlighted in yellow as a reminder before the datalogger is started.

If a setting has been entered incorrectly, it will be highlighted in red.

Changed settings are applied to the datalogger automatically when the Start icon is selected.

NOTE

Retrieve the Levellogger settings in order to refresh the status (i.e. when the status changes from Future Start to Started).

5.7 Saving and Retrieving Levellogger Settings Files

To store settings as defaults, click . It will store the settings of the Levellogger into an *.dtf file as a series of defaults. The *.dtf file will save the Project ID, Location, Sample Mode, Sample Rate, Channel ID, Unit, and Offset.

To retrieve settings from defaults, click from a selected *.dtf file. This is particularly useful if programming several Levelloggers with similar identical settings. Keep in mind that Project ID and Location identification information will be identical and should be distinguished from logger to logger or monitoring point to point.

5.8 Starting and Stopping the Datalogger

Starting the Datalogger

There are two ways to start logging: **Start Now** or by programming a **Future Start** time.

To start logging immediately, do not fill in a Future Start time and click, . It should say Start Now below the icon to indicate an immediate start. Any changed settings will automatically be applied to the datalogger, and it will start logging. Datalogger Status will change from Stopped to Started.

After the datalogger is started, and begins collecting readings, the Start icon will be greyed out, and only the Stop icon and Future Stop settings will be active.

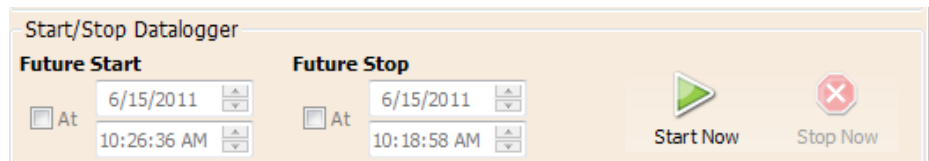


Figure 5-13 Starting the Datalogger Immediately

Check **Future Start 'At'** to set logging to start at a later date and/or time. This Start mode is referred to as Future Start in the Status field. Click to apply the Future Start time and any changes to the datalogger settings.

When the Future Start time is reached, the datalogger will start logging and the Status will change from Future Start to Started.

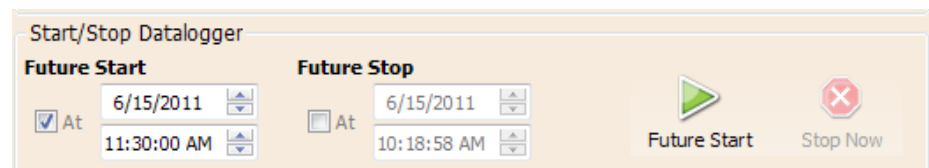



Figure 5-14 Future Start Setting

Stopping the Datalogger

There are two ways to stop logging: Stop Now or at a programmed Future Stop time for the Levellogger Edge and Barologger Edge.

To stop the datalogger immediately when it is logging, click  , (it should say Stop Now below the icon).

The Levellogger can be stopped at any time before it reaches the maximum reading capacity. **Starting again begins a new recording session and clears previously stored data readings.**

NOTE

You can not set a Future Stop time for the Levellogger Junior Edge, LTC Levellogger Junior, or Rainlogger.

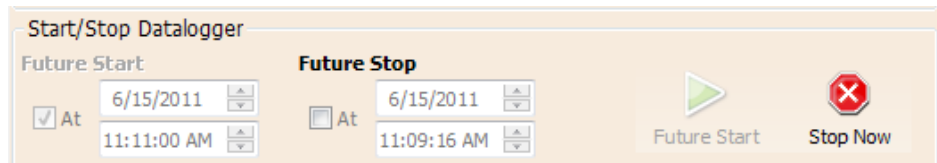




Figure 5-15 Stopping the Datalogger Immediately

To program a **Future Stop** time for your datalogger, check Future Stop 'At' and fill in the desired stop time. The Future Stop time will be applied to the datalogger once  is selected for an immediate or future start.

You can also program a Future Stop time after you have started the datalogger, by checking Future Stop 'At' and filling in the desired stop time. Select  to apply the Future Stop time (it should say Future Stop below the icon). The Stop Time should be shown in the Datalogger Status section.

NOTE

If you have set a Future Stop time, but wish to stop the datalogger immediately, uncheck the Future Stop 'At' box, and the Stop icon should say Stop Now. Click the icon to stop logging.

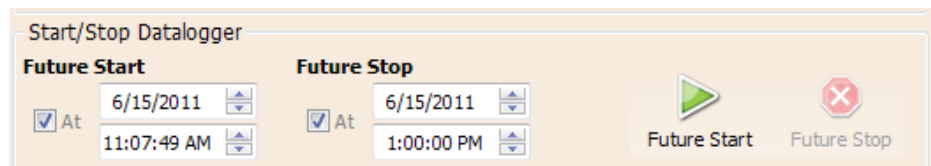


Figure 5-16 Future Stop Setting

It is critical to note that when Levelloggers log data in Slate mode, it means they will record data until stopped or their memory is full. When the memory fills, the datalogger will stop recording. For this reason, it is important to determine, based on your start time and sampling rate, the date and time at which the memory will be full and the datalogger will stop recording. Levellogger Edge units record in Slate mode if Event, Schedule, or Compressed logging, but in standard Linear mode they can be set to Slate or to Continuous logging.

5.9 Levellogger Gold Series Setup

This section briefly describes the Levellogger Gold, Barologger Gold and Levellogger Junior setup.

NOTE

Click on icons to get an explanation of that software feature.

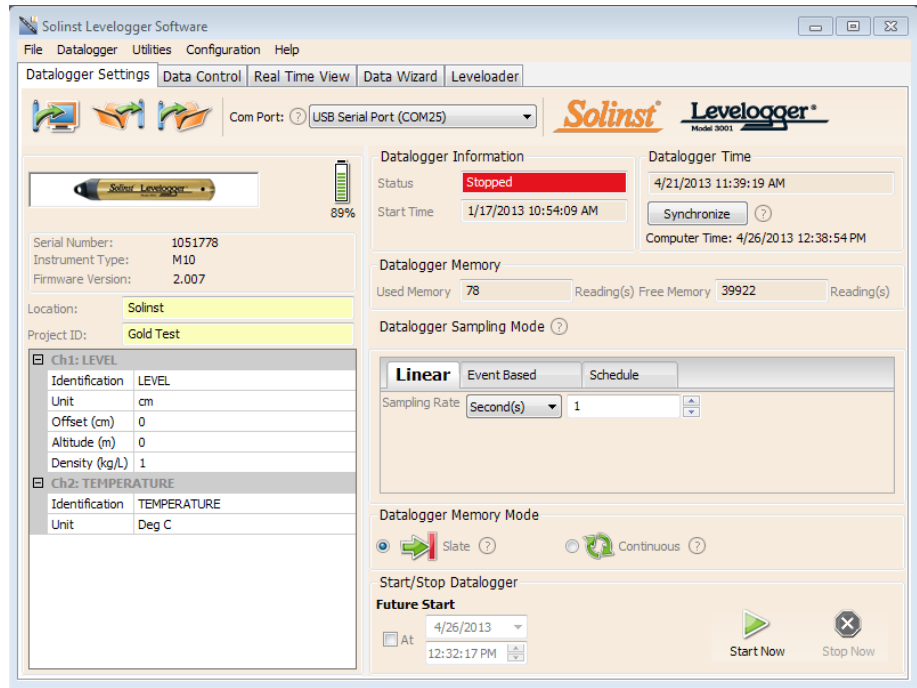


Figure 5-17 Levellogger Gold Settings

Select the appropriate COM or USB Port for the connected communications device from the centre drop-down menu.

Click to retrieve the current settings from the connected datalogger.

Channel Information

Level Channel (Ch1)

- **Identification** describes the measurement parameter of the channel and has already been configured as 'LEVEL'. The channel can be renamed to suit each project. The channel monitors water column equivalent pressure. The Identification field will be the channel heading, data column heading and graph line name when viewing the data. The Identification is limited to 32 characters.
- **Units** refers to the channel's units of measurement. There are three units of measure available for the user to select: cm, m or ft. When the user changes the unit, the value of the range and altitude will change according to the Unit Conversion formula. Note that when a metric unit is used, the unit of altitude is meters. When feet are the level channel units, feet are the units of altitude.

- **Offset** refers to an offset correction, such as the distance between the tip of the Levellogger and the monitoring well cap or static water level. It is recommended that the value of 0.00 be used for offset as this keeps all subsequent readings relative to the tip of the Levellogger. The offset range for Levellogger Gold and Barologger Gold units is -1000 to 16400 ft or -300 m to 5000 m.
- **Altitude** in feet or meters above sea level, at which the logger is actually deployed, is input in the altitude field. Water column equivalent pressure decreases with altitude at a rate of approximately 1.2:1000 in the lower atmosphere below 5000 m. You can compensate for this by entering an elevation between -1000 ft below sea level and 16,400 ft (or -300 m and 5000 m) above sea level. The readings will then be automatically compensated for elevation.
- **Density Adjustment** is used to adjust the range of the Levellogger based on the sample fluid density. The range for the density adjustment is from 0.9 kg/L to 1.1 kg/L.

Temperature Channel (Ch2)

- **Identification** describes the measurement parameter of the channel and has already been configured as 'TEMPERATURE'. The channel can be re-named to suit each project. The Identification field will be the channel heading, data column heading and graph line name when viewing the data. Identification is limited to 32 characters.
- **Unit** refers to the channel's unit of measurement. The Levellogger Gold and Barologger Gold measure in °C only.

Sample and Memory Modes

Sample Mode, allows you to choose the sampling measurement type. Options are Linear, Event Based and Schedule.

- **Linear** refers to a set time interval between collection of readings. Sample Rate can be any number from 0.5 seconds to 99 hours. The Levellogger Gold and Barologger Gold can store 40,000 readings of level and temperature.
- **Event Based** sample collection is the most memory efficient means of data collection. In Event mode, the Levellogger will activate every sampling interval defined and check if readings have changed by the selected threshold (Change) from the last recorded reading. For the Levellogger Gold, 'LEVEL' or 'TEMPERATURE' is the selected parameter where change is monitored. The Levellogger will record a new reading only if the specified change in the parameter has occurred.
- **Schedule Sampling** allows you to select a logarithmic style sampling schedule adapted to the needs of each application. Schedule Sampling is set by using the plus and minus buttons to add or subtract line items in the Schedule window. The maximum number of line items in a schedule is 30, each with its own sampling interval of seconds, minutes or hours and duration of seconds, minutes, hours, days or weeks.

! NOTE

The Levellogger Junior records using Linear sampling mode only.

! NOTE

In Event Based sampling mode, the Levellogger Gold has a total memory of 25,000 readings of level and temperature

! NOTE

An important reminder for Event Based sampling is that, although actual memory usage in stable water level conditions may be relatively small, battery power consumption is partially a function of the sample reading rate. Therefore, a small sample reading interval will consume battery power at a higher rate whether readings are stored or not.


NOTE

The Levellogger Junior has memory for 32,000 readings.


Memory Mode selection will be grayed-out if not in Linear Mode sampling. When using a Levellogger Gold in Linear Mode, there is a choice of **Continuous** logging (wrap around) or **Slate** logging. In Continuous logging the new log is started at the end of any previous log and continues logging, eventually recording over the first logged data. As one of the download options is to 'Append Data', Continuous logging can be a preferred choice when logging long-term. In Slate logging the new log is also started at the end of any previous log, but will stop recording after 40,000 readings, so that the beginning of the current log will not be written over.

Starting and Stopping the Levellogger


There are two ways to start logging: **Start Now** or by programming a **Future Start** time.

To start logging immediately, do not fill in a Future Start time and click, . It should say Start Now below the icon to indicate an immediate start. Any changed settings will automatically be applied to the datalogger, and it will start logging. Datalogger Status will change from Stopped to Started.

After the datalogger is started, and begins collecting readings, the Start icon will be greyed out, and only the Stop icon and Future Stop settings will be active.

Check **Future Start 'At'** to set logging to start at a later date and/or time. This Start mode is referred to as Future Start in the Status field. Click  to apply the Future Start time and any changes to the datalogger settings.

When the Future Start time is reached, the datalogger will start logging and the Status will change from Future Start to Started.

To stop the datalogger immediately when it is logging, click , (it should say Stop Now below the icon).

The Levellogger can be stopped at any time before it reaches the maximum reading capacity. **Starting again begins a new recording session and clears previously stored data readings.**

It is critical to note that when Levelloggers log data in Slate mode, it means they will record data until stopped or their memory is full. When the memory fills, the datalogger will stop recording. For this reason, it is important to determine, based on your start time and sampling rate, the date and time at which the memory will be full and the datalogger will stop recording. Levellogger Gold units record in Slate mode if using Event, or Schedule sampling mode, but in standard Linear mode they can be set to Slate or to Continuous logging.



Figure 6-1
LTC Levellogger Edge and Junior

NOTE

If you know the approximate conductivity range of the water that you will be measuring, best accuracy when calibrating your unit is to select two calibration points - one above, and one below that range. If you are measuring in water less than 1,413 $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$ or above 12,880 $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$ or 80,000 $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$, use just one calibration solution.

6 Conductivity Calibration

The LTC Levellogger Edge and LTC Levellogger Junior conductivity sensors must be calibrated for reliable conductivity measurements. Calibrate for conductivity at the start of each new monitoring project or at a minimum each new monitoring season (twice a year).

Calibrating the LTC Levellogger directly after the monitoring project or season will provide information on the degree of conductivity deviation during the project or season. If necessary, readings can be corrected for any conductivity deviation in a spreadsheet program after the data has been exported.

The process of conductivity calibration is performed automatically by use of the Calibration Wizard. You place the LTC Levellogger in a specified calibration solution and follow the steps provided by the wizard. Conductivity calibration solutions are available from Solinst or any laboratory supply outlet.

The LTC Levellogger Edge has an 100,000 $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$ conductivity range and a calibrated range from 50 to 80,000 $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$. It can be calibrated to 4 calibration standard points:

- 1,413 $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$
- 5,000 $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$
- 12,880 $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$
- 80,000 $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$

The LTC Levellogger Junior has an 80,000 $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$ conductivity range and a calibrated range from 500 to 50,000 $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$. It can be calibrated to 3 calibration standard points:

- 1,413 $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$
- 5,000 $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$
- 12,880 $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$

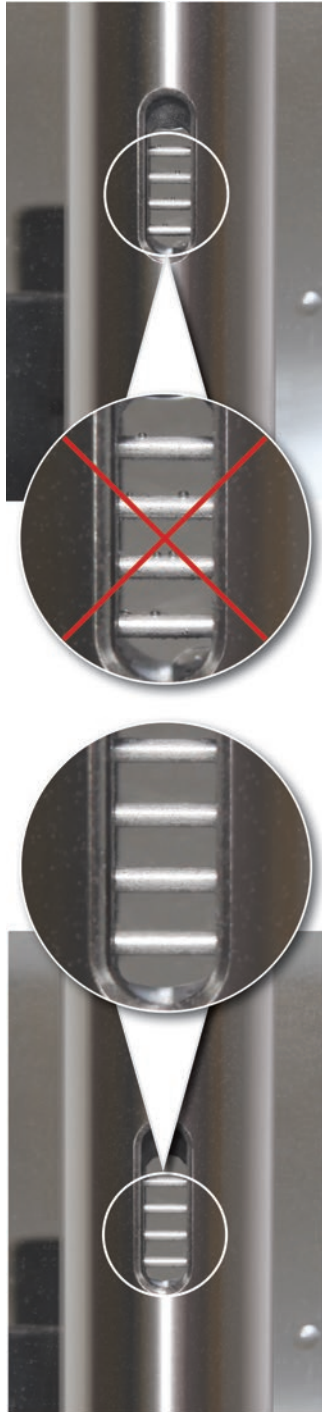
If you know the approximate conductivity range of the water that you will be measuring, best accuracy when calibrating your unit is to select two calibration points - one above, and one below that range. If you are measuring in water less than 1,413 $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$ or above 12,880 $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$ or 80,000 $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$, use just one calibration solution.

The solution(s) must be between 10°C and 30°C during actual calibration. Temperature should remain stable during the 10 - 20 seconds it takes to perform each calibration.

For best accuracy, it is recommended you use calibration solutions that have a temperature error of $\pm 2\%$ or better. You should also keep the solution as close to the stated temperature on the bottle as possible (i.e. 25°C). The closer you get to the temperature extremes of 10°C and 30°C, the less accurate your calibrations may be.

NOTE

Ensure that the calibration solution covers the entire sensor cell and the logger is agitated to release entrapped air bubbles.

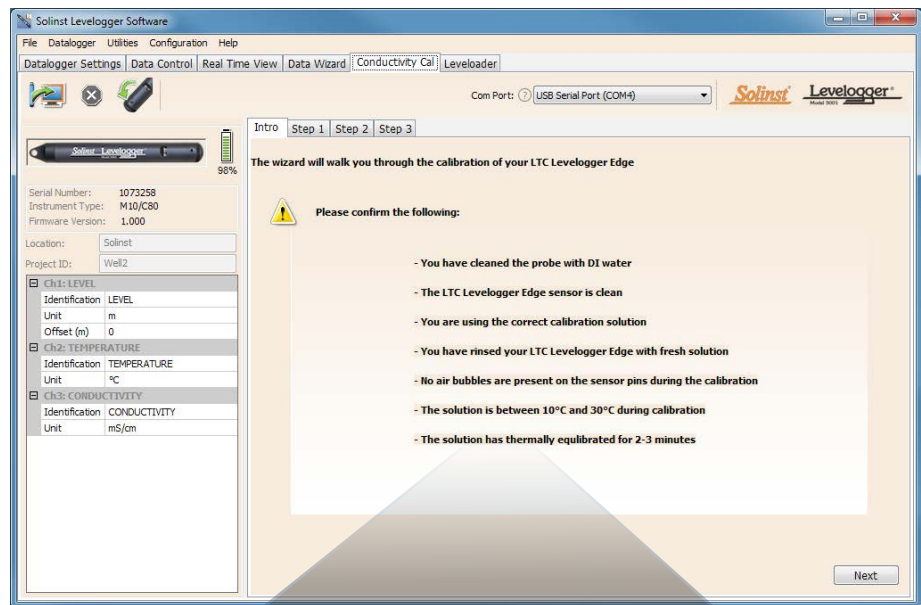


Retrieve the settings from the attached LTC Levellogger by clicking

Stop the LTC Levellogger by clicking

Start the Calibration Wizard by clicking the Conductivity Cal tab. The wizard will guide you through the calibration process. You can exit the wizard after any step to cancel the calibration session.

Introduction: The LTC Levellogger must be connected to the computer with an Optical Reader during the entire calibration process and **must be in the stopped mode**. Ensure you use fresh calibration solution and allow thermal equilibration of the solution during the process. Also ensure no air bubbles are present on the sensor and that the pins are clean. See Section 10.2 for recommended methods to clean the sensor pins. See Section 10.1.5.3 for protection against biofouling conditions.



- You have cleaned the probe with DI water
- The LTC Levellogger Edge sensor is clean
- You are using the correct calibration solution
- You have rinsed your LTC Levellogger Edge with fresh solution
- No air bubbles are present on the sensor pins during the calibration
- The solution is between 10°C and 30°C during calibration
- The solution has thermally equilibrated for 2-3 minutes

Figure 6-2 LTC Levellogger Calibration Wizard Introduction

- 1) **Setting the Temperature Coefficient:** The default setting for the Temperature Coefficient is 2.00. If the conductivity solution you are using to calibrate the LTC Levelogger states a different temperature coefficient on the label, please input that number into the Temperature Coefficient field.

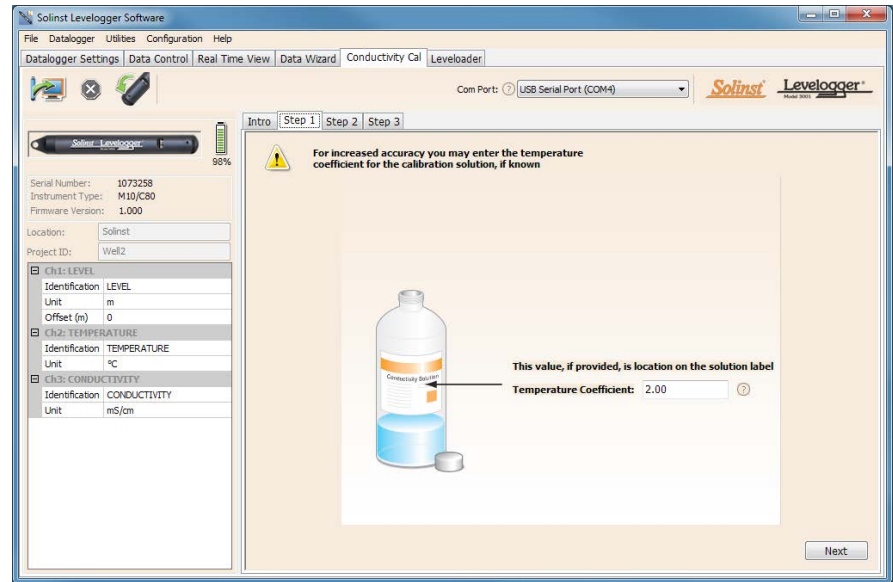


Figure 6-3 LTC Levelogger Calibration Wizard Step 1

- 2) **Setup:** The Levelogger Software requires the user to choose the calibration solutions. You can choose up to four (three for the LTC Levelogger Junior) solutions for a multipoint calibration of the LTC Levelogger. Ensure the solutions are ready in the calibration beaker or container. Start the calibration by selecting Next.

NOTE

To obtain the highest accuracy, choose the calibration solution(s) closest to your expected conductivity.

Use a two point calibration for waters between 1,413 $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$ and 12,880 $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$.

Use a one point 1,413 $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$ calibration for waters less than 1,413 $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$.

Use a one point 12,880 $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$ /80,000 $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$ calibration for waters greater than 12,880 $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$ /80,000 $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$.

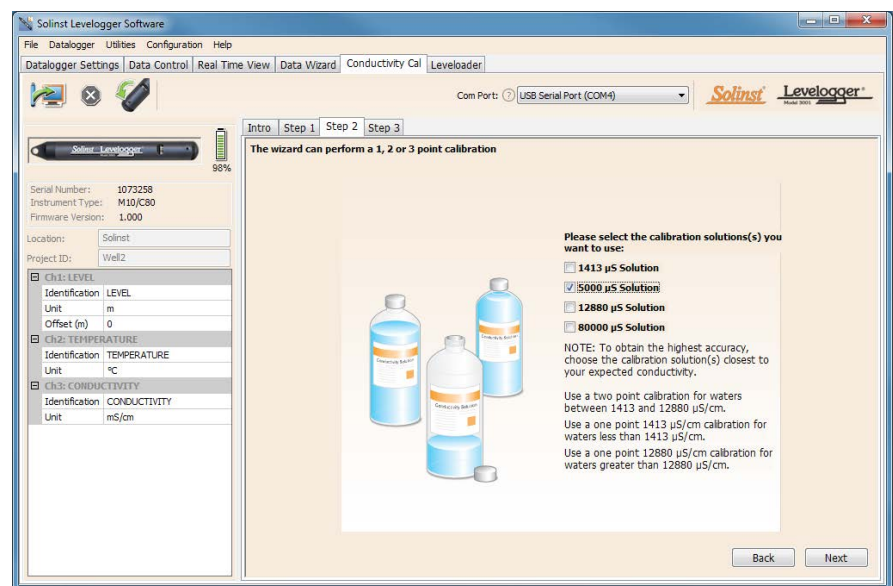


Figure 6-4 LTC Levelogger Calibration Wizard Step 2

- 3) **LTC Levelogger Rinsing Process:** Use DI water to rinse the LTC Levelogger first and then rinse the LTC Levelogger with the displayed calibration solution. Use fresh solution for calibration, and immerse the LTC Levelogger. Lightly tap the Levelogger to remove any bubbles from the sensor. Allow 2-3 minutes to stabilize, then select next to calibrate.

NOTE

Always remember to use fresh solution, remove all bubbles from the sensor pins, and allow for thermal equilibration of the sensor before proceeding.

NOTE

Once the calibration is complete for the first solution of a multipoint calibration, the Calibration Wizard will then go back to the beginning of Step 3 to start the rinsing process for the next solution selected.

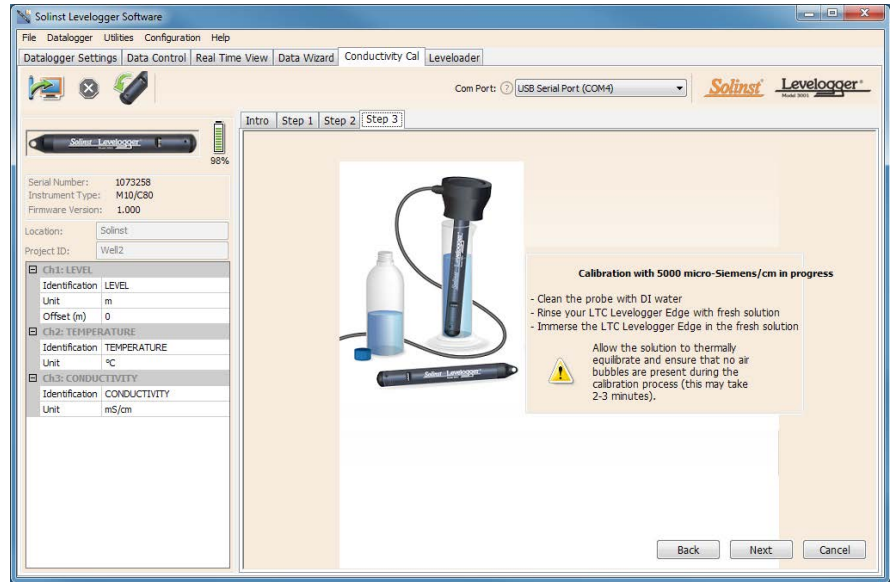


Figure 6-5 LTC Levelogger Calibration Wizard Step 3 (example of window calibrating with 5,000 $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$ solution)

Calibration: Since most standard calibration solutions state conductivity at a standard temperature of 25°C, the LTC Levelogger an account for temperature differences between 10 to 30°C when you calibrate the unit. The LTC Levelogger will compare the current temperature and conductivity readings against the temperature corrected standard solution.

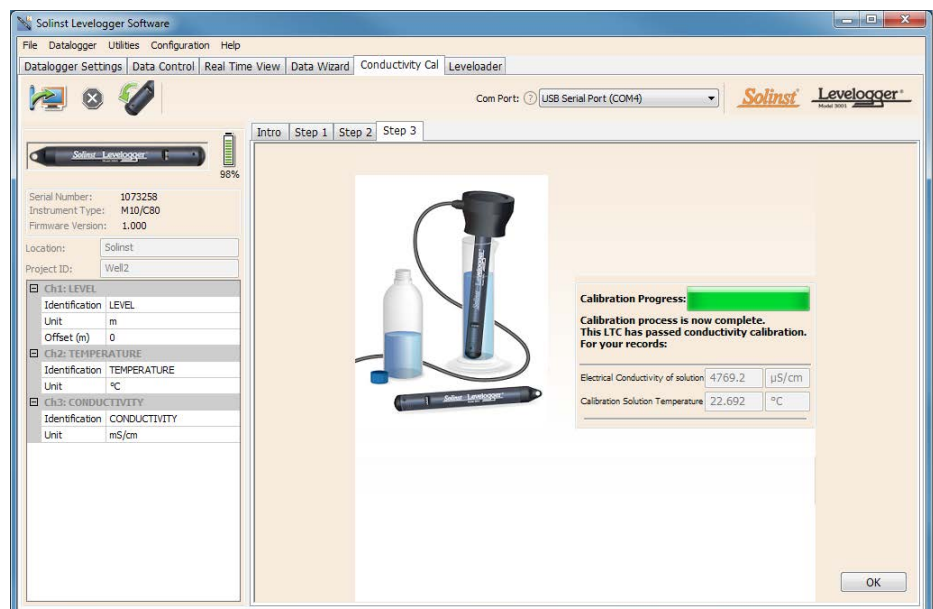


Figure 6-6 LTC Levelogger Calibration Successful

When a single-point calibration is successful, the process is complete. Once the calibration is complete for the first solution of a multipoint calibration, a message will appear stating that the calibration was successful. When you select 'Okay', the Calibration Wizard will go back to the beginning of Step 3 to start the rinsing process for the next solution selected. The calibration process will proceed automatically until completed for all solutions.

If a failure occurs at any point during calibration, a message will appear asking you to clean and check your probe, then start the calibration process over for that current solution by selecting 'Yes' (Figure 6-7). If performing a multipoint calibration, any previous successful calibration points will remain.

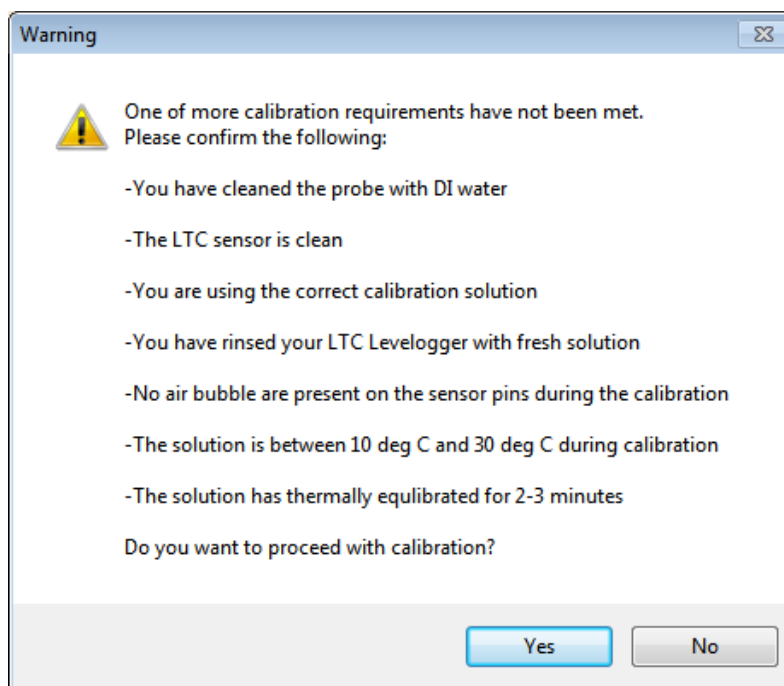


Figure 6-7 LTC Levellogger Calibration Warning 1

If a second failure occurs during calibration, a warning message will appear indicating that your probe may still be dirty, or damaged. This may occur if your LTC Levellogger conductivity sensor has been affected by dirt, mineral build-up, etc., so it no longer responds like it did when it was first factory calibrated. This step allows your sensor to be calibrated within a wider range of the standard solution value.

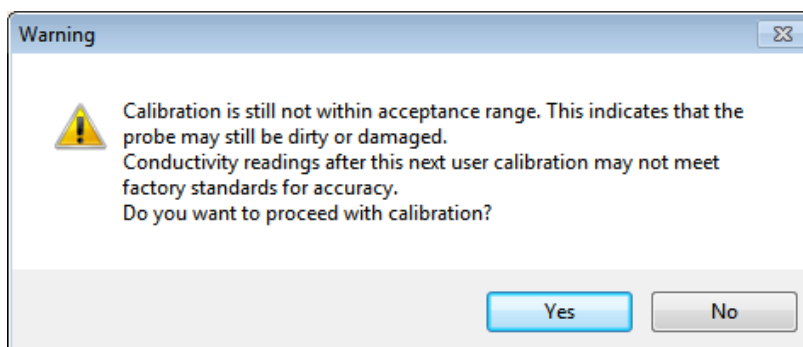


Figure 6-8 LTC Levellogger Calibration Warning 2

If you select 'Yes' to accept the larger tolerance, the calibration process will start over for that current solution (Figure 6-8). If performing a multipoint calibration, any previous successful calibration points will still remain. If you select 'No', the LTC Levellogger will default back to the last pre-calibrated state. You can retry the calibration using the normal tolerance range.

If a third calibration error occurs, or the results of the calibration are outside the error tolerance range, a warning message will appear asking you to contact Solinst for more options (Figure 6-9).

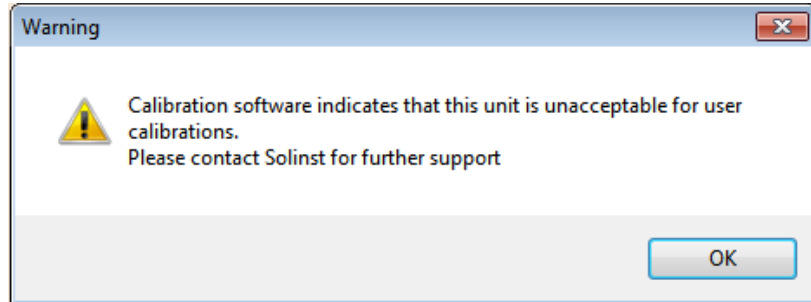


Figure 6-9 LTC Levellogger Calibration Warning 3

6.1 Restore Factory LTC Levellogger Calibration

An LTC Levellogger can be set back to original factory calibration settings for conductivity at any time, using this function. If you suspect that user calibrations are not working properly, you can restore the LTC Levellogger to its original factory settings and then perform a "first-time" conductivity user calibration to maximize accuracy.

To execute this function, simply click the Restore Factory LTC Calibration button,



with the LTC Levellogger connected to the PC.

7 Data Control (Downloading and Viewing Data)

Click the Data Control tab on the Main window. From the Data Control tab you can download data from a Levelogger, display data in tabular or graphic format, and save and export data files.

NOTE

When you click on a data point in the graph, the corresponding data point will be highlighted in the table. You can also highlight a section of data in the graph.

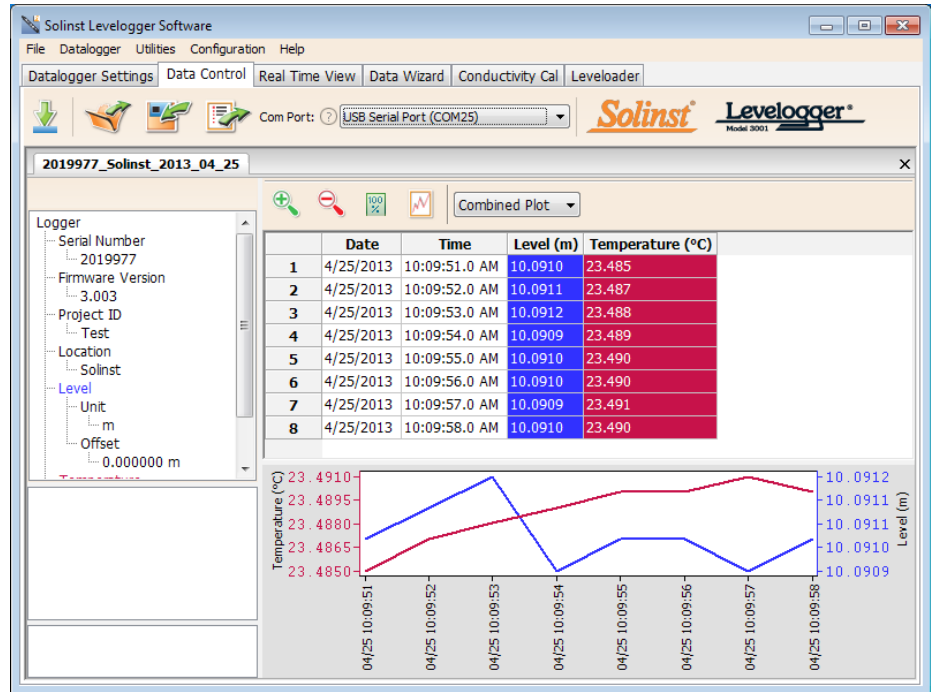



Figure 7-1 Data Control Tab

Click  to open a *.xle or *.lev file. Multiple files can be opened at the same time and are available for viewing by clicking the File Name Tab on top of the data table.

All the Levelogger settings and the channel information effective during data collection are shown on the top left of the window.

The bottom left sections of the window are used to display information after a data compensation has been performed. The middle section displays information from a Barologger, if a barometric compensation is performed, and the bottom section includes information from other conversions, such as offsets or conductivity conversions (see Section 8).

NOTE

As there is only one channel of data for Rainloggers, there are no graphing options.

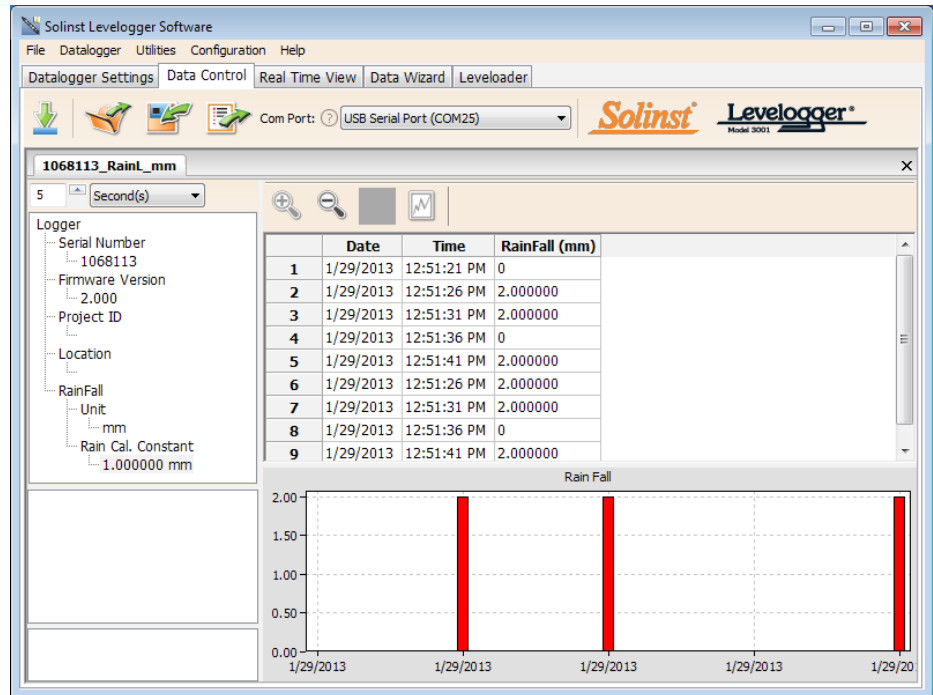


Figure 7-2 Rainlogger Data

When you view data downloaded from a Rainlogger, the RainFall data will be shown in a table and in a bar graph. A drop-down menu appears that allows you to select the time interval at which you would like the data shown, from 1 to 99 seconds, minutes, hours, days, or weeks (this acts like a zoom function). Figure 7-2 shows the data every 5 seconds from the start date and time.

7.1 Downloading Options and Saving Data Files

7.1.1 Default File Format


NOTE

The default file type is *.xle, unless changed in the Application Settings (see Section 4.2.4).


The default file type for Levelogger Software Version 4 and up is *.xle, unless changed to *.lev in the Application Settings (see Section 4.2.4). Previous Levelogger Software used *.lev files as the default. The *.xle file type is a *.xml format, which allows for enhanced functionality. The *.xle files can be exported as *.xml files, which can be integrated into external database programs.

The *.lev files of previous Levelogger downloads are compatible with Levelogger Software Version 4 and up, however, *.xle files are not compatible with previous software versions. To ensure compatibility, all Levelogger Software versions allow data to be exported as *.csv files for use in external spreadsheet programs. See Section 7.3 for Export options.

NOTE

Before downloading data you must select the COM Port that the datalogger is connected to and retrieve the settings from the attached datalogger by clicking  in Datalogger Settings tab.

7.1.2 Downloading Data

Click  from the Data Control tab to download data from a connected datalogger. There are four options for downloading data. They are: **All Data**, **Append Download**, **Partial Download** and **Recover Previous Log**.

If you select **All Data**, the program will download all the data from the current logging session of a datalogger into a *.xle file.

The default directory for saved data is in the 'Data' folder:
<C:\Program\Files\Solinst\Levellogger4_3\Data>.

If you select **Append Download**, the program will append the data in an opened *.xle file from the datalogger. The opened *.xle file and the attached datalogger should have the same serial number and start time, otherwise an error will occur.

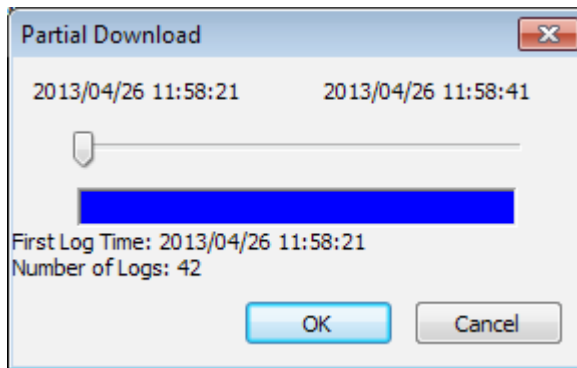



Figure 7-3 Partial Download Window

If you select **Partial Download**, a Partial Download Selection Window will open. The window shows the time stamp of the first and last reading in the logging session. Use the slider to select the time interval you would like data from. Once you click OK, all the data within that time will be downloaded to a *.xle file.

If you select **Recover Previous Log**, the software will try to recover the data from the previous log session and download the data to a *.xle file.

Once the data is downloaded from a Levellogger, it is automatically saved in a temporary file.

7.1.3 Saving Data

Click  to save the data in a specific *.xle file.

The default directory for saved data is in the 'Data' folder:
<C:\Program\Files\Solinst\Levellogger4_3\Data>.

However, the default directory for saved files can be changed by clicking the Configuration menu at the top of the program window, selecting 'Application Settings' and inputting or navigating to a different folder destination. If an error is experienced in saving your first data file such as depicted in Figure 7-4, you may not have file writing privileges to the default directory. In this case, create and set as the default file save folder, a new Levellogger data folder within the My Documents folder and attempt the file save procedure again.

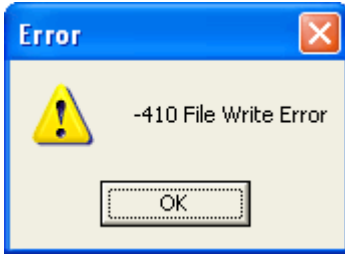


Figure 7-4 File Write Error Message

NOTE



As there is only one channel of data for Rainloggers, there are no graphing options.

NOTE

Right click, and drag the mouse to scan the data graph.

7.2 Graph Manipulation and Zoom Function

To perform the Zoom In function on the graph, click .

To perform a Zoom Out function on the graph click . Click  to undo all the zoom functions.

The Zoom functions can also be used for data selections in the graph.

Click  to open the Graph Option Dialog. The Graph Dialog is shown in Figure 7-5.

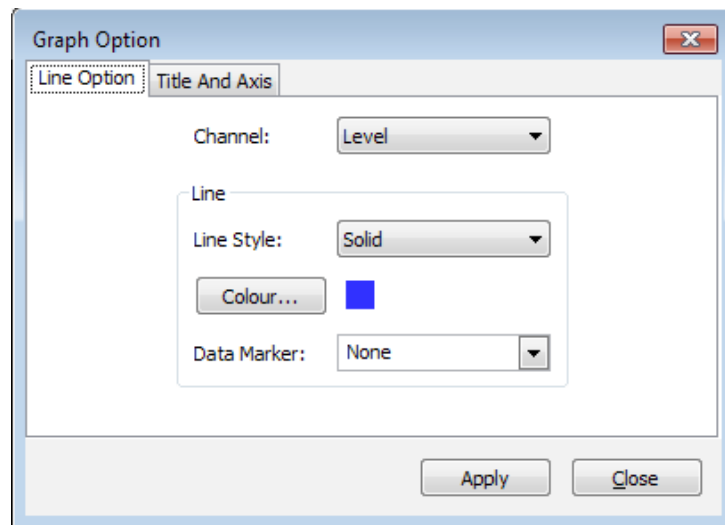


Figure 7-5 Line Option Window

The Line Option is used to adjust the style and colour of the line in the graph for each channel. The user can also select the shape of the data marker or remove the data marker.

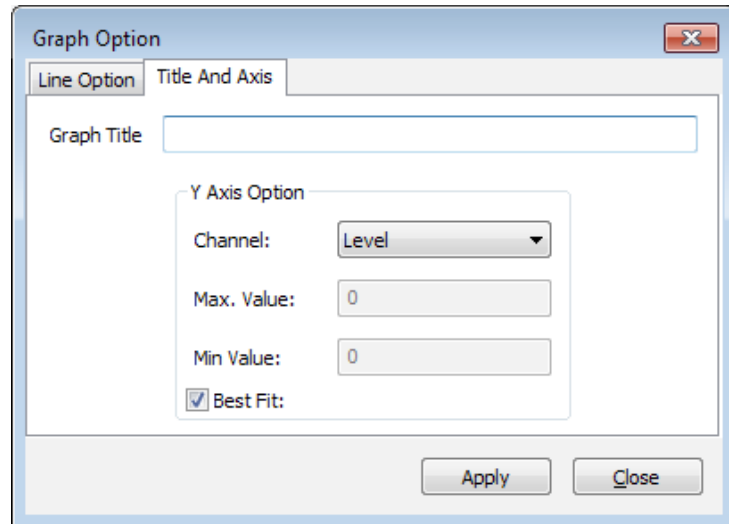


Figure 7-6 Title and Axis Option Window

The Title and Axis Option is used to enter the title of the graph and change the Y axis label or user selected scale. Check the Best Fit box to enable the software to determine the best fit scale. If the Best Fit box is not checked, the user has to enter a maximum and minimum value of the selected channel. The X axis is logging time.

There is the option to show Combined Plot graphs or Separated Plot graphs of the data. Choosing a Combined Plot will show the data from each of the channels in one graph. The Separated Plot option will show a separate graph for each data channel.

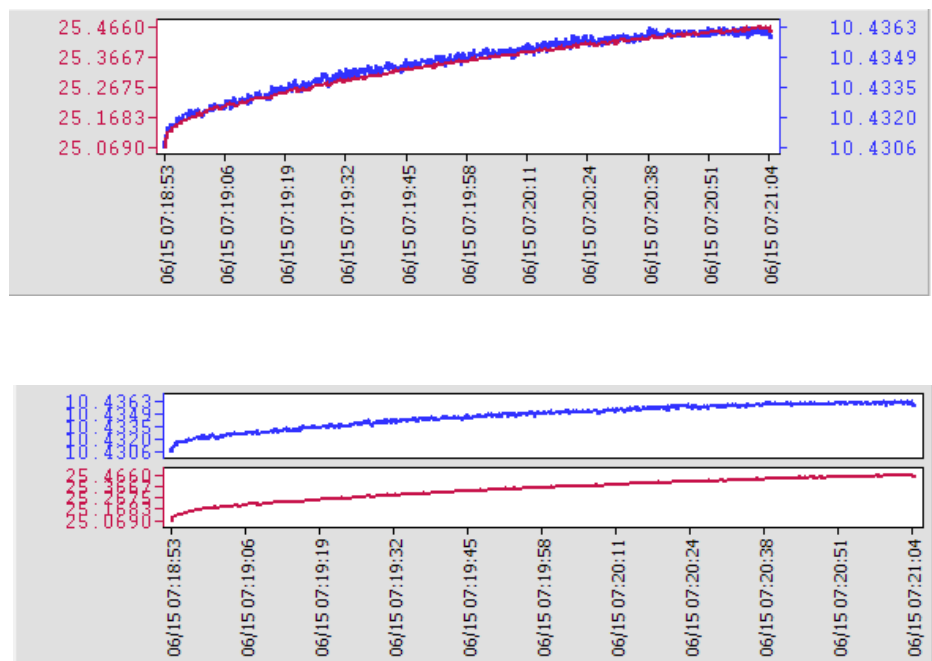


Figure 7-7 Combined and Separated Plot Graphs

There is also the option to view more than one graph at a time. Click and drag a File Name Tab and drop it when you see a shaded area on the window to open a separate graph of that data file. You can view any number of graphs at one time by re-sizing your window as required.

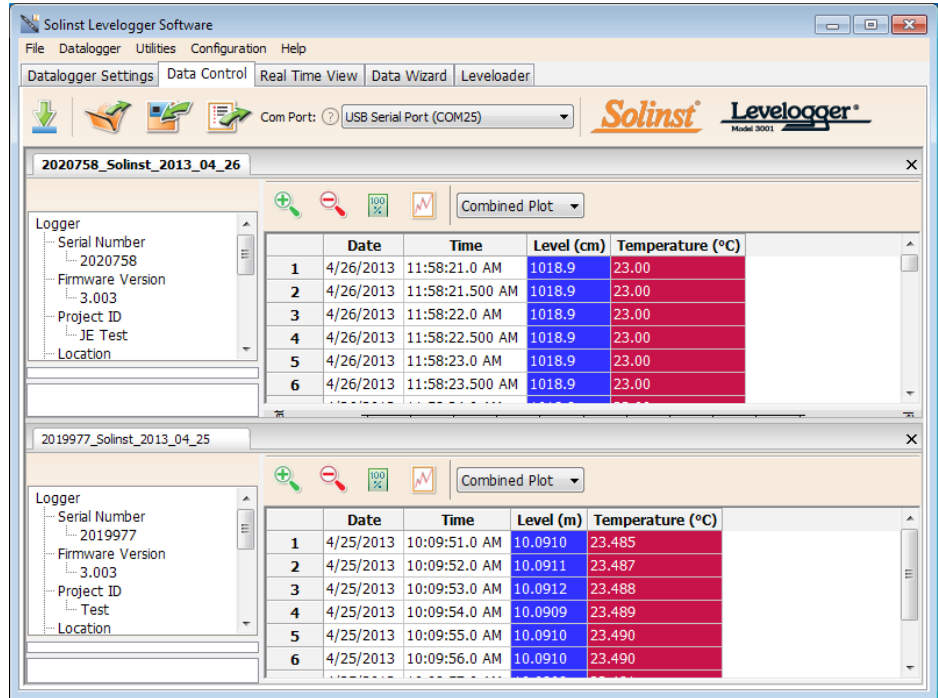


Figure 7-8 Viewing Two Graphs

NOTE

You have the option to choose between North American Format for decimal separators (period symbol) or based on the System Locale Format, for exported *.csv files. See Section 4.2.4.

7.3 File Export and Print Function

Data can be exported in *.csv (comma separated value) file format or *.xml (extensible markup language) file format by clicking File > Export > Data or

The *.csv and *.xml file formats are supported and can be imported by most spreadsheet and database programs.

Also, the data graph can be exported to a *.bmp file or a *.png file by clicking File > Export > Graph.

The Datalogger Settings, data table and data graph can be printed. Click File > Print Preview, to open the Print Preview window. Figure 7-9 shows the print preview of the Datalogger Settings. The Datalogger Settings are always on the first page of the document. The data graph is on the second page of the document and the rest of the document is the data table.

Click Print..., to open the print dialog. You can choose to print the entire document or just a selection. You can also click File > Print, to open the print dialog.

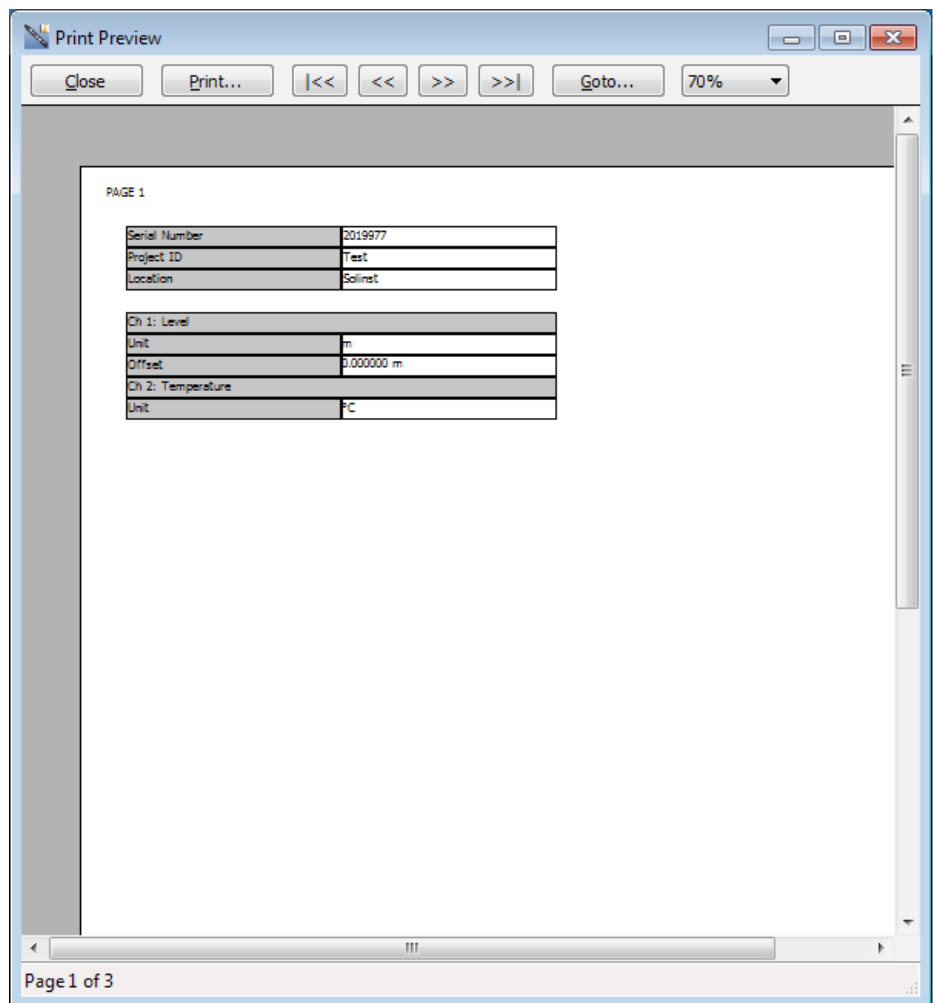


Figure 7-9 Print Preview Window

8 Data Compensation

Data Compensations, such as Barometric Compensation, Manual Data Adjustments and Parameter Adjustments can be performed automatically using the Levelogger Software Data Wizard, or manually, by exporting data to an external spreadsheet program.

8.1 Data Wizard

Open the Data Wizard tab. The first step is to select your Data Compensation Path. The choices for Leveloggers are **Basic** or **Advanced**.

Choosing **Basic** allows you to do a simple Barometric Compensation of Levelogger data only.

The **Advanced** option allows you to perform Barometric Compensation, Manual Data Adjustments and Parameter Adjustments, including adjustments to Rainlogger data.

NOTE

Multiple datalogger files can be compensated at once.

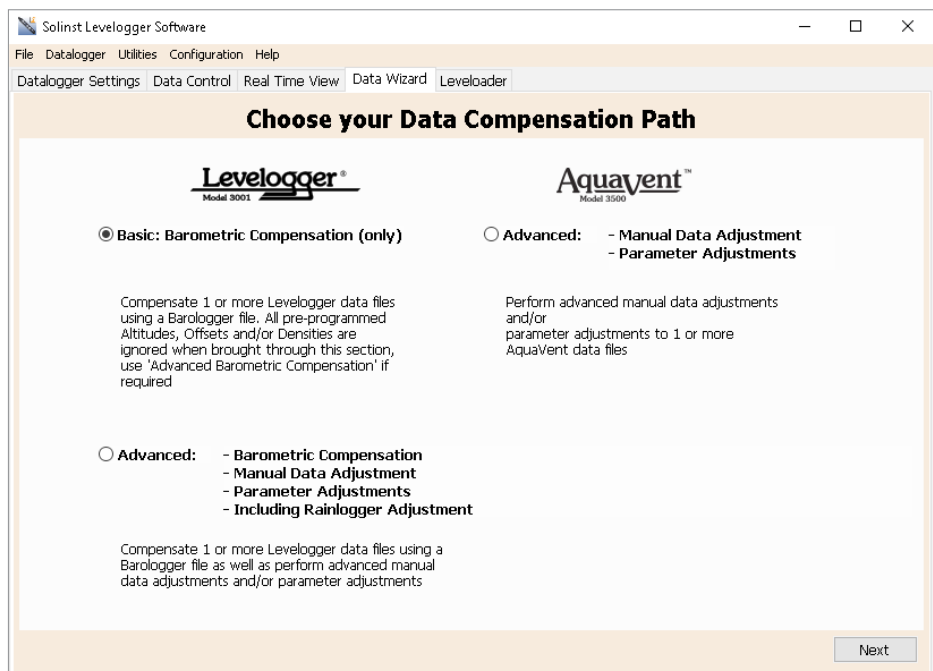


Figure 8-1 Data Wizard

! NOTE

Advanced compensation provides the option of performing one, two, or all three data compensation types, in any combination.

! NOTE

Manual Data Adjustment, and Parameter Adjustments are useful for correcting Levellogger data files to make data consistent across a project.

! NOTE

Parameter Adjustments is the only option for compensating Rainlogger data.

! NOTE

If you set your Levellogger to record in pressure units (kPa, bar, psi), you can not change the offset or enter an elevation value (in the Data Wizard). Only raw pressure readings will be provided.

! NOTE

Additional Adjustments appear when ">>" is selected. These are application specific, for advanced users.

Barometric Compensation simply subtracts the barometric reading from the corresponding Levellogger reading(s), to give true water level measurements.

Manual Data Adjustment allows you to enter a manual water level measurement or reference point as a field zero, which all Levellogger water level readings can then be adjusted to. There is the option to convert readings to Depth to Water Level measurements (e.g. from the top of a well casing to water level), or Elevation of Water Level measurements (e.g. above sea level).

Parameter Adjustments allow you to change Levellogger, Barologger or Rainlogger data to different units of measurements, add an offset, correct data for elevation differences, convert conductivity to Salinity or Specific Conductance, adjust density, or adjust barometric efficiency. Only the options available for your opened datalogger file types will be active (e.g. Conductivity Conversion is only available for LTC Levellogger Edge and LTC Levellogger Junior data files).

Standard Adjustments:

- **Unit** conversion allows you to convert level readings in a Levellogger file to different units (m, cm, ft, kPa, bar or psi), a Barologger file to kPa, mbar, or psi, temperature readings to °C or °F, conductivity readings to µS/cm or mS/cm, or rainfall values to mm or inches.
- **Offset** allows you to enter any value, positive or negative, which will be added to each reading in the selected Levellogger file to be offset by that amount. It is recommended to stay with the default zero value, unless a known offset has been determined (e.g. to correct for pressure sensor drift. See Solinst Technical Bulletin: Understanding Pressure Sensor Drift).
- **Elevation** is used to correct for altitude differences between Levellogger or Barologger locations. Water column equivalent pressure decreases with altitude at a ratio of approximately 1.21/1000 in the lower atmosphere below 5000 m. You can compensate for this by entering an elevation between -1000 ft below sea level and 16,400 ft (or -300 m and 5000 m) above sea level.
- **Conductivity Conversion** allows you to convert raw Conductivity readings from an LTC Levellogger Edge or Junior, to Specific Conductivity (conductivity that is temperature compensated to the standard of 25°C). The Temperature Coefficient default for Specific Conductivity is 2.00. The Temperature Coefficient should not be adjusted, unless you know the value specific to the solution you are measuring. You can also convert Conductivity readings to Salinity expressed in Practical Salinity Units (PSU), or TDS (See Section 1.2.4).
- **Rainfall Cal. Constant** allows you to enter a different rainfall calibration constant for a Rainlogger Edge or Rainlogger data file (amount of rainfall per tip of the tipping-bucket rain gauge).

Additional Adjustments:

- **Density Adjustment** corrects the range of the level channel in the Levellogger data file based on a user input adjustment of fluid density. The range of the density adjustment is from 0.9 kg/L to 1.1 kg/L.
- **Barometric Efficiency** adjustment is used to proportionally adjust Barologger data in relation to a particular Levellogger. Barometric efficiency is often expressed as a percentage or proportion. The input field is proportional and has a default value of 1.00. For more information about Barometric Efficiency, see Section 10.1.3.1. The barometric efficiency can be set from 0.01 to 3.00.

NOTE

One Barologger can be used to compensate all Levelloggers in a 20 mile (30 km) radius and/or with every 1000 ft. (300 m) change in elevation.

8.1.1 Basic Compensation

When you choose **Basic** compensation, the next step is to select the Barologger file you want to use for compensation, then select the Levellogger file(s) you want to compensate. You can only select one Barologger file to compensate multiple Levellogger files.

For best accuracy, the Levellogger file(s) and Barologger file should have the same start time and logging interval. (The Future Start option in the Datalogger Settings tab is a convenient way to start all of your loggers at the same time.) If there is an inconsistency of the time stamp between the Barometric file and the Levellogger file(s), a linear approximation on the barometric data will be performed.

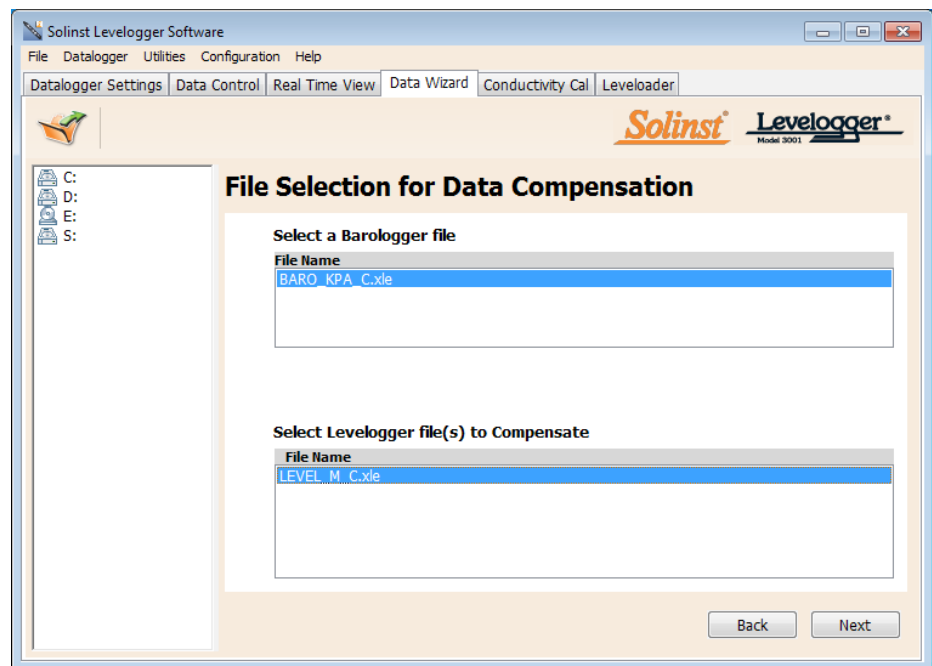


Figure 8-2 Selecting Files for Barometric Compensation

NOTE

Both a Barologger file and a Levellogger file must be selected to complete a Barometric Compensation.

NOTE

All data files are saved to the default location: <C:\Program Files\Solinst\Levellogger4_3\Data>. However, the default directory for saved files can be changed by clicking the Configuration menu at the top of the program window, selecting 'Application Settings' and inputting or navigating to a different folder destination.

Any files you have open in the Data Control tab will be listed.

Use the directory on the left of the window or click to open any other Levellogger data files you would like to compensate. Ensure the files you want to compensate are highlighted in the list. **Both the Barologger file and Levellogger file(s) must be highlighted.** Do this by clicking the file name. To de-select a file, click it again. Multiple Levellogger files can be selected at once.

Select Next to complete the compensation.

The compensated data will automatically be saved in a new *.xle file. The default file name will be the <original Levellogger file name> with the word <compensated> added to the file name prefix. Alternatively, the user can rename the compensated file by saving it in the Data Control tab. Do not change or delete the file extension. All data files are saved to the default location: <C:\Program Files\Solinst\Levellogger4_3\Data>.

The next window will show the results of the compensation. If the compensation was unsuccessful, there will be an explanation in the Reason column (e.g. time stamp of Levellogger and Barologger files were not close enough to perform an accurate compensation). You can still view the compensated file in the Data Control tab by clicking 'Open' in the Action column. If the compensation is successful, select 'Open' to view the compensated file in the Data Control tab.

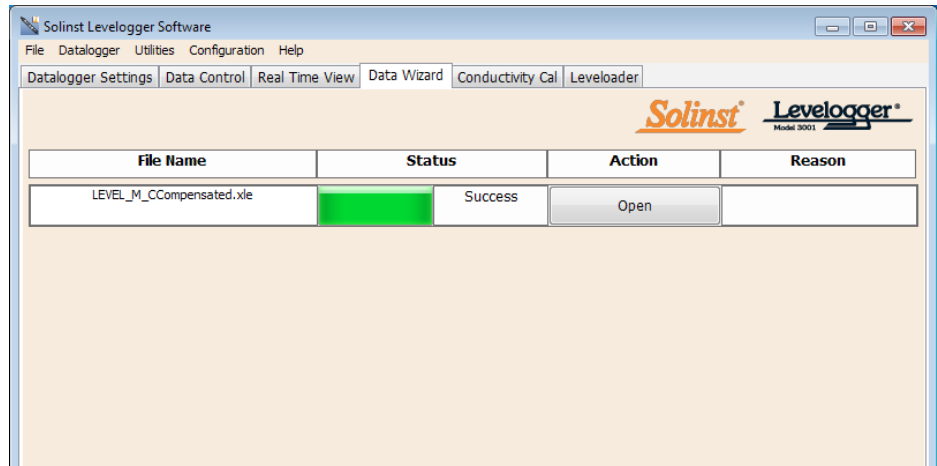


Figure 8-3 Barometric Compensation Results

From the Data Control tab, you can view the data, save the compensated file with a new filename and/or export the data (see Section 7).

All the original Levellogger settings and the channel information effective during data collection are shown on the top left of the window. The bottom left sections of the window are used to display the compensation information. The middle section displays information from the Barologger.

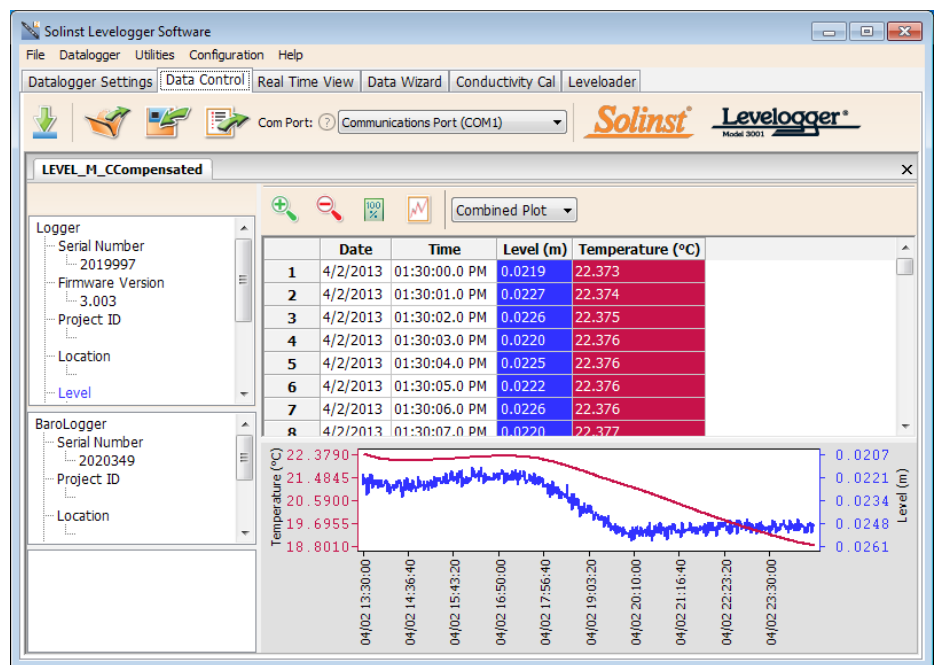


Figure 8-4 Viewing Compensated Files in the Data Control Tab

8.1.2 Advanced Compensation

When you select **Advanced** compensation, the Data Compensation Options window will open.

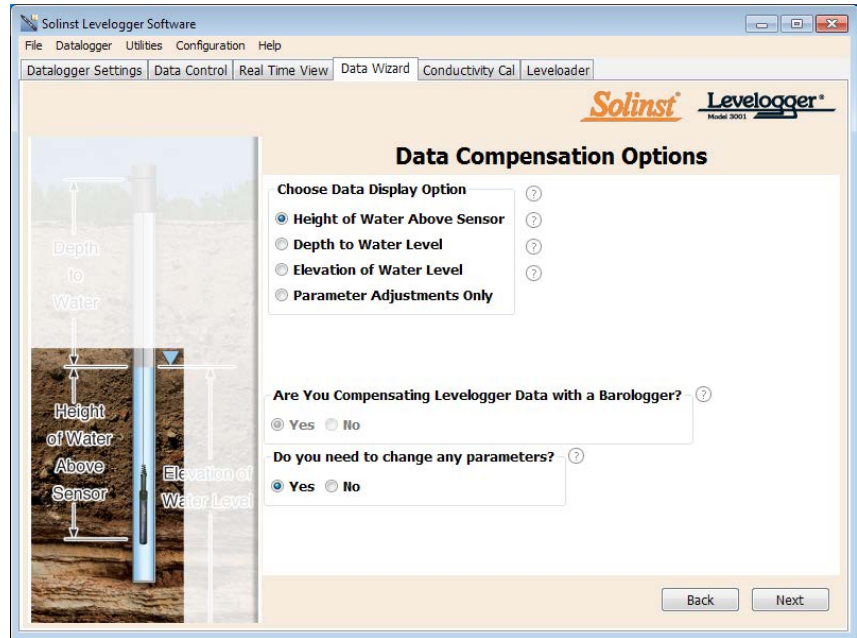


Figure 8-5 Advanced Data Compensation Options

First, you will select how you want your data displayed (Manual Data Adjustment):

- **Height of Water Above Sensor** is the default display option. Select this option to perform a Barometric Compensation and/or Parameter Adjustments to one or more data files, while keeping the sensor diaphragm (zero point) as the reference point.
- **Depth to Water Level** adjusts water level data to represent depth to water level readings (from the top of a well casing or other reference point) by entering a field zero, such as a manual depth to water level measurement. Adjustments can be made to one or more data files.
- **Elevation of Water Level** adjusts water level data to represent elevation of water level readings (above sea level or other reference point) by entering a measuring point elevation, and a field zero, such as a staff gauge measurement from that point. Adjustments can be made to one or more data files.
- **Parameter Adjustments Only** allows you to adjust one or more data files to different units, elevation, etc., while keeping the sensor diaphragm (zero point) as the reference point for Levelloggers. It also allows you to change Rainlogger data file parameters.

NOTE

Parameter Adjustments Only, is the only option for compensating Rainlogger data.

Next, you will select Yes or No to **Barometrically Compensating** the data (will not be active if you selected Parameter Adjustments Only).

Next, you will select Yes or No to performing any **Parameter Adjustments** on the data files (will not be active if you selected Parameter Adjustments Only).

Click Next, after you have selected all of your Data Compensation options.

NOTE

See Section 8.1.1 for more information on selecting files for Barometric compensation.

In the next window, you will choose the Levelogger file(s), Rainlogger file(s), and Barologger file(s) you would like to use in the compensation. Any files you have open in the Data Control tab will be listed.

Use the directory on the left of the window or click to open any other data files you would like to compensate. Ensure the files you want to compensate are highlighted in the list. **If doing a Barometric Compensation, ensure the Barologger file is highlighted.** Do this by clicking the file name. To de-select a file, click again. Select Next to continue.

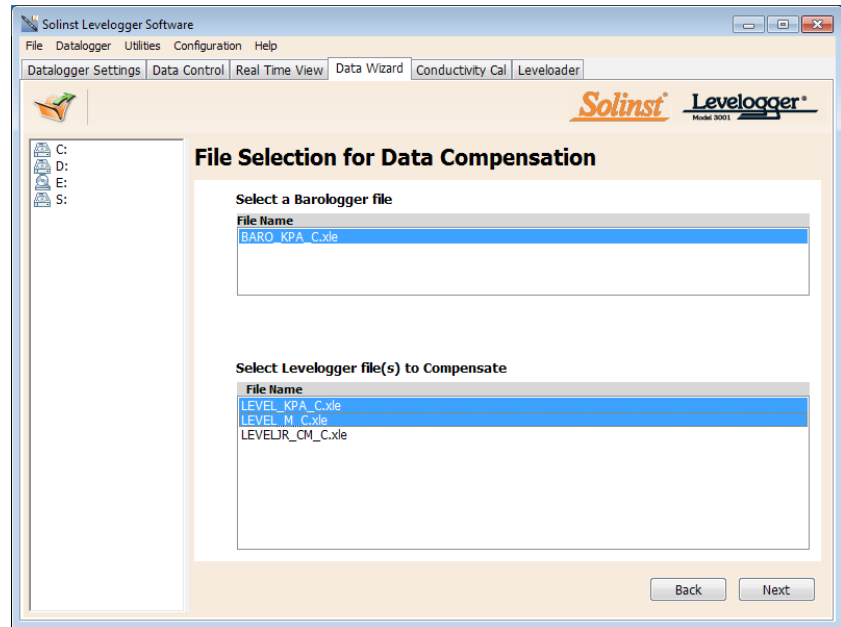


Figure 8-6 Selecting Files for Compensation

NOTE

When adjusting Units for Levelogger files or Rainlogger files, If you select apply to all, the same unit change will be applied to all of the files being compensated at that time.

If you have selected yes to **Parameter Adjustments**, or selected the **Parameter Adjustments Only** option, in the next window you will enter these. You can expand the window by clicking “>>” to show additional adjustment options. If you did not select to change any parameters, this window will not be shown.

NOTE

To show Additional Parameters that can be adjusted, click on the “>>” icon.

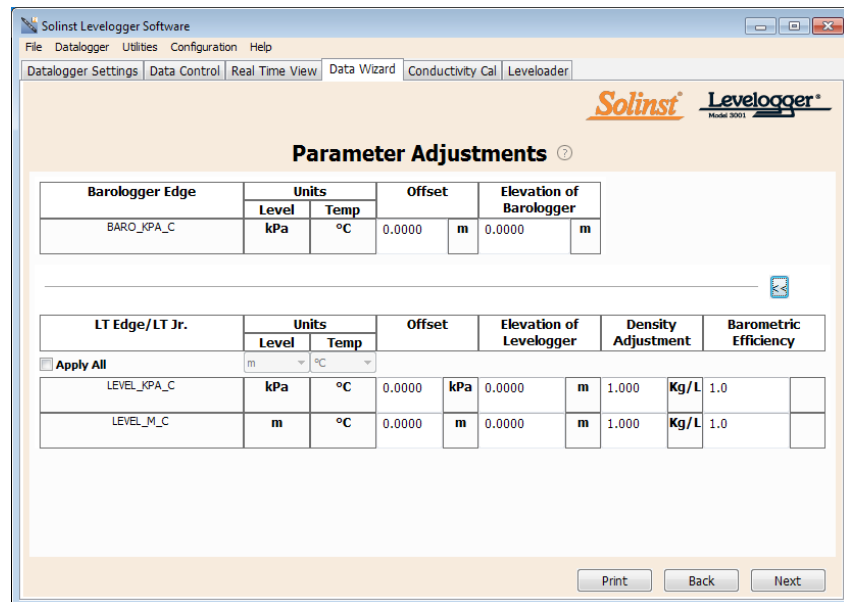


Figure 8-7 Parameter Adjustments

NOTE

The date and time of measurement of the Field Zero must be recorded to complete the adjustment. The Field Zero must replace an actual reading the Levellogger file. I.e. take a manual measurement immediately after starting the Levellogger, and note that time.

Next, for each selected Levellogger file, you will enter the Field Zero(s) you would like to use to manually adjust your Levellogger data. (If you have selected **Height of Water Above the Sensor or Parameter Adjustments Only**, this window will not be shown.)

For **Depth to Water Level** adjustments, enter a **Field Zero (A)**. If the static water level is below your Field Zero measurement, the Field Zero is input as a positive value (e.g. a manual water level meter measurement taken from the top of a well casing. See Example 8.1). If the static water level is above your Field Zero, the Field Zero is input as a negative value (such as in an artesian condition).

The Time the Field Zero measurement was taken must replace an actual reading in the Levellogger file. This is selected from the drop-down menu showing all time stamps in the Levellogger file. Click 'Add' to apply the adjustment. If you need to change a Field Zero, click 'Update' after any edits.

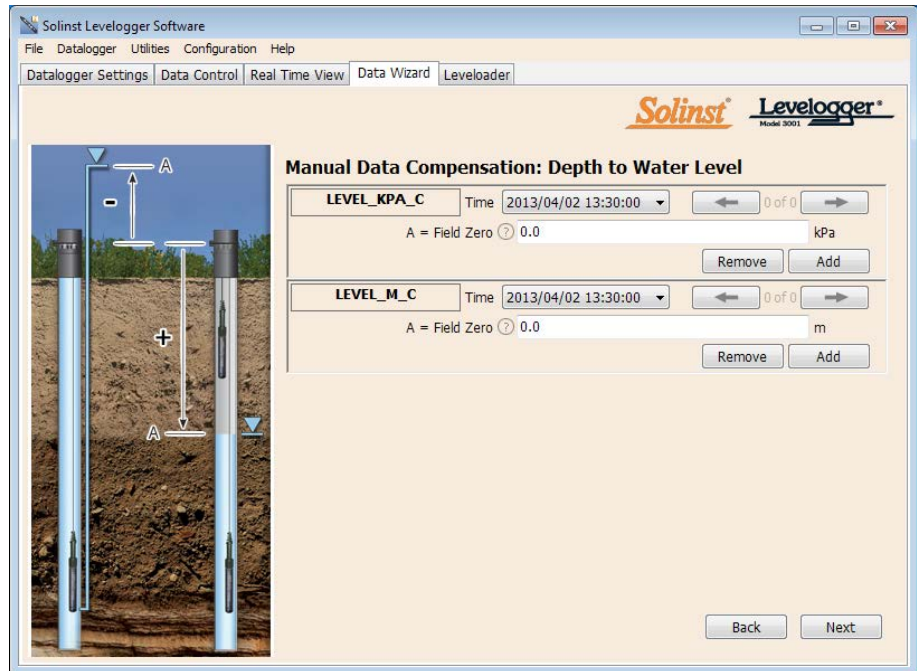
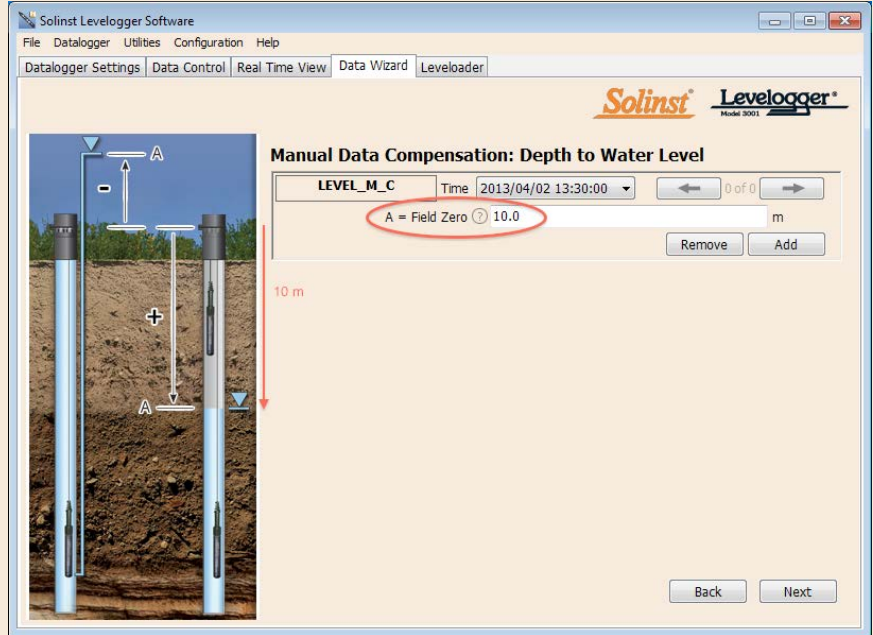


Figure 8-8 Manual Data Adjustment - Depth to Water Level



Example 8.1 Depth to Water Level Adjustment

When using a manual depth to water measurement taken from the top of a well casing as a Field Zero, enter it as a positive value (e.g. 10 m).

In your adjusted data file, your readings will increase in value as the water level decreases. This is because the depth to static water level from the top of the well casing is increasing. The adjusted readings will decrease in value as the static water level rises.

Original Levelogger Data (barometrically compensated height of water above sensor)	8.75 m	8.50 m	8.75 m	9.0 m	9.25 m
Adjusted Levelogger Data (depth to water)	(A) 10.0 m	10.25 m	10.0 m	9.75 m	9.50 m

For **Elevation of Water Level** adjustments, enter a **Measuring Point Elevation (A)** and a **Field Zero (B)** from that Measuring Point.

If the static water level is below your Measuring Point, the Field Zero is input as a positive value (e.g. if you are using a manual depth to water measurement as a Field Zero, from the top of a well casing as the Measuring Point).

If the static water level is above your Measuring Point, the Field Zero is input as a negative value (such as an artesian condition). The Measuring Point elevation may also be entered as a negative value.

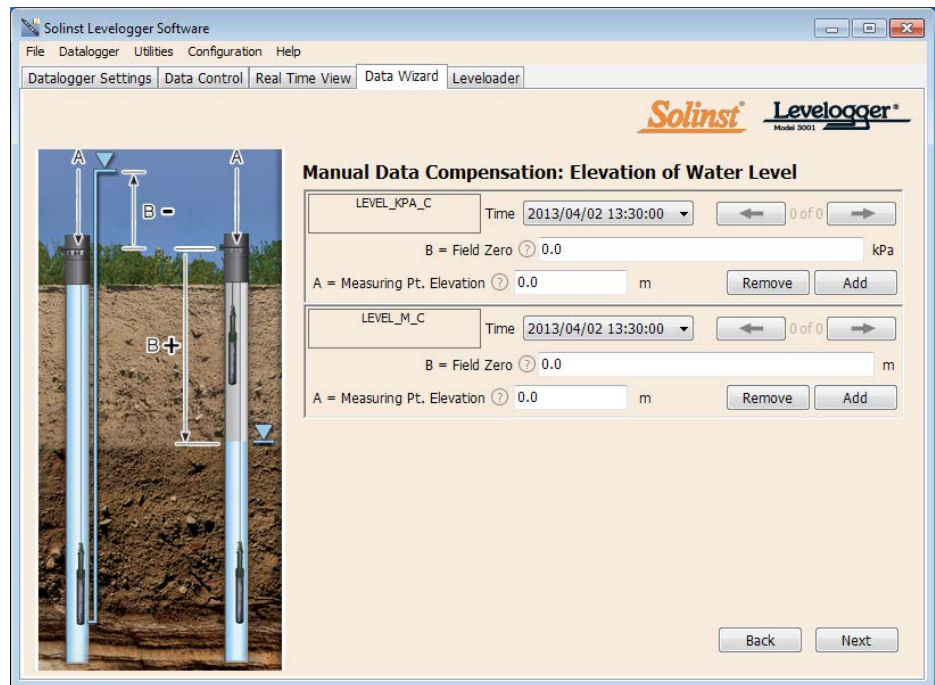


Figure 8-9 Manual Data Adjustment - Elevation of Water Level

! NOTE

The date and time of measurement of the Field Zero must be recorded to complete the adjustment. The Field Zero must replace an actual reading the Levelogger file. I.e. take a manual measurement immediately after starting the Levelogger, and note that time.

The Time the Field Zero measurement was taken, must replace an actual reading in the Levelogger file, and is selected from the drop-down menu showing all time stamps in the Levelogger file. Click 'Add' to apply the adjustment. If you need to change a Field Zero, click 'Update' after any edits.

You can make multiple adjustments to one data file by selecting 'Add' again to enter another Field Zero. All readings after this Time, will be adjusted to this second measurement. You can add as many adjustments to one Levelogger data file as you would like (as long as it doesn't exceed the total number of readings in that file).

Select Next to complete the compensation.

NOTE

All data files are saved to the default location: <C:\Program Files\Solinst\Levellogger4_3\Data>. However, the default directory for saved files can be changed by clicking the Configuration menu at the top of the program window, selecting 'Application Settings' and inputting or navigating to a different folder destination.

The compensated data will automatically be saved in a new *.xle file. The default file name will be the <original Levellogger file name> with the word <compensated> added to the file name prefix. Alternatively, the user can rename the compensated file by saving it in the Data Control tab. Do not change or delete the file extension. All data files are saved to the default location: <C:\Program Files\Solinst\Levellogger4_3\Data>.

The next window will show the results of the compensation. If the compensation was unsuccessful, there will be an explanation in the Reason column (e.g. time stamp of Levellogger and Barologger files were not close enough to perform an accurate compensation). You can still view the compensated file in the Data Control tab, by clicking 'Open' in the Action column. If the compensation is successful, select 'Open', to view the compensated data file in the Data Control tab.

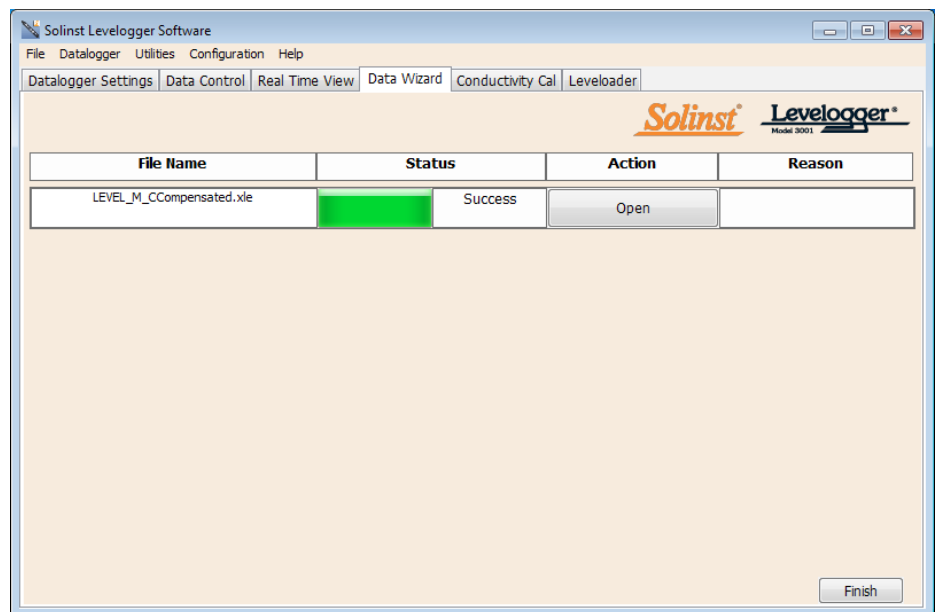


Figure 8-10 Advanced Data Compensation Results

From the Data Control tab, you can view the data, save the compensated file with a new filename and/or export the data (see Section 7).

All the original Levellogger settings and the channel information effective during data collection are shown on the top left of the window. The bottom left sections of the window are used to display the compensation information. The middle section displays information from the Barologger, and the bottom section includes information about manual data and parameter adjustments.

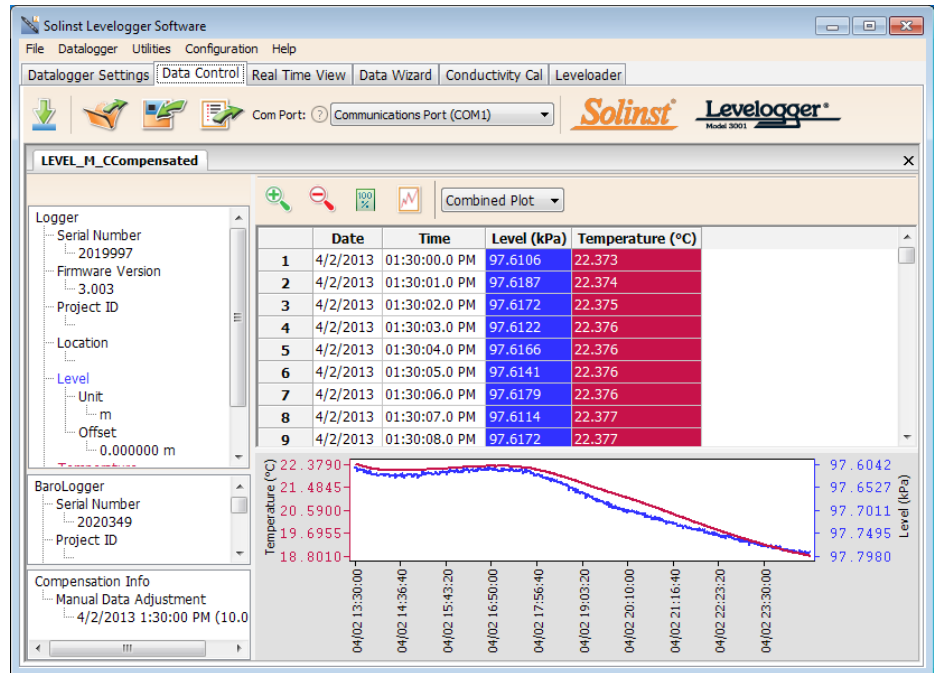


Figure 8-11 Viewing Compensated Files in the Data Control Tab

NOTE

When analyzing barometric data it is important to keep in mind that storm events commonly reduce total atmospheric pressure by about 1.7% from pre-existing high pressure conditions. 1.7% converts to approximately 0.6 ft or 0.2 m of water level equivalent barometric fluctuation.

NOTE

For Manual Barometric Compensation instructions for the Levellogger Gold and Levellogger Junior, visit: www.solinst.com and see the Levellogger Software Version 3.4.1 User Guide in the Downloads Section.
Or view "Automatic or Manual Barometric Compensation of Your Levellogger Data" in the Technical Bulletin Section at: <http://www.solinst.com/Prod/3001/Datalogger-Technical-Bulletins.html>

NOTE

You can also convert the Levellogger Edge data units to match the Barometric units using the Data Wizard.

NOTE

It is important to remember that weather station barometric data will often contain an offset or normalization (i.e. normalization to sea level). Manual data conversion and barometric compensation should account for any variation of the normalization or offset used between the barometric data sourced and Solinst Levelloggers.

8.2 Manual Barometric Compensation

This section describes how to perform manual barometric compensation on Levellogger Edge, Levellogger Junior Edge, and LTC Levellogger Edge data files when a Barologger was not dedicated as a barometric recorder.

For short term tests during which the barometric pressure varies insignificantly, the collection of continuous barometric data may be unnecessary. In this event, take a reading from an open air exposed Levellogger prior to running the short term test and record this level. This level represents the barometric pressure. Similarly, at the end of your test, take another barometric reading and record this measurement. After the submerged Levellogger data has been exported to a spreadsheet program, compensate your submerged Levellogger data files for barometric pressure. If no appreciable change in barometric reading occurred, you may write in the first cell of a new column, a simple calculation that subtracts your barometric reading from the submerged data file, then copy and paste this calculation to all the cells in that new column. The new column will represent the barometrically compensated liquid level.

Barometric data can be collected on site using a recording barometer or from a local weather station. To accomplish an accurate manual barometric compensation, the atmospheric pressure station should not be greater than 20 miles (30 km) away and within an elevation change of 1000 ft (300 m). In addition, the date and time of the barometric data should cover the range of data collected by the Levellogger. If setting up the barometer, set the recording interval to that of the Levellogger sampling interval or some multiple of the Levellogger interval. To compensate submerged Levellogger data using barometric data collected from an on site barometric datalogger or a nearby weather station, these steps must be taken:

- 1) Export both the Levellogger data file and the barometric file to a spreadsheet.
- 2) In the spreadsheet, ensure both files are using the same units. If your Levellogger data was recorded in m, cm, or ft, convert the barometric data column from its barometric measurement units (typically atm, mm Hg, psi, mbar or kPa) to feet or meters of water column equivalent using the conversion factors in Table 8-1. (There is also the option to initially set up your Levellogger to record in psi, kPa, or bar. This makes compensation using other atmospheric pressure devices easier.)

Barometric unit	Water column equivalent (ft)	Water column equivalent (m)
1 psi	2.30666	0.703070
1 kPa	0.334553	0.101972
1 mbar	0.0334553	0.0101972

Table 8-1 Common Barometric Units to Water column Equivalent Conversions

- 3) Once the units for each column are the same, subtract the barometric column from the Levellogger data to get the true net water level recorded by the Levellogger Edge.

NOTE

Datalogger settings can not be changed in the Real Time tab. Changes must be made in the Datalogger Settings tab. The changes are applied when the Real Time readings are started.





NOTE


You can also view Real Time readings from a Rainlogger Edge or Rainlogger using firmware version 2.000 or higher.

9 Real Time View



Click the Real Time View tab from the main software window (Figure 9-1). The purpose of this tab is to provide on-screen measurement as data is being recorded by the connected datalogger. The data is displayed in tabular and graphical format. All the channel information and Levellogger settings are displayed on the left of the window.

First, select a non-logged view rate  . This rate can be set independently of the logging period of the Levellogger and does not interfere with any logging taking place in the Levellogger itself.

Checking, **Enable Manual Data Adjustment**, allows you to enter a datum/ field zero (e.g. depth to water level) to which the change in Real Time View level measurements are then adjusted against. This is only available when you are taking readings in m, cm, or ft.

Real Time View readings can be displayed as a graph or in tabular format. The same graphing options as the Data Control tab are available for Real Time View readings. Real Time View readings are being recorded within the Levellogger Software and prior to closing the window, they can be saved by exporting the data into a *.csv file, by choosing the file export option .

To start the current readings, click . Immediately the readings will be displayed.

To take a reading at any specific time, click the  button and that reading will be added to the displayed data. To turn the Real Time View monitoring off, decide if you want to save the data as described above, and simply click .

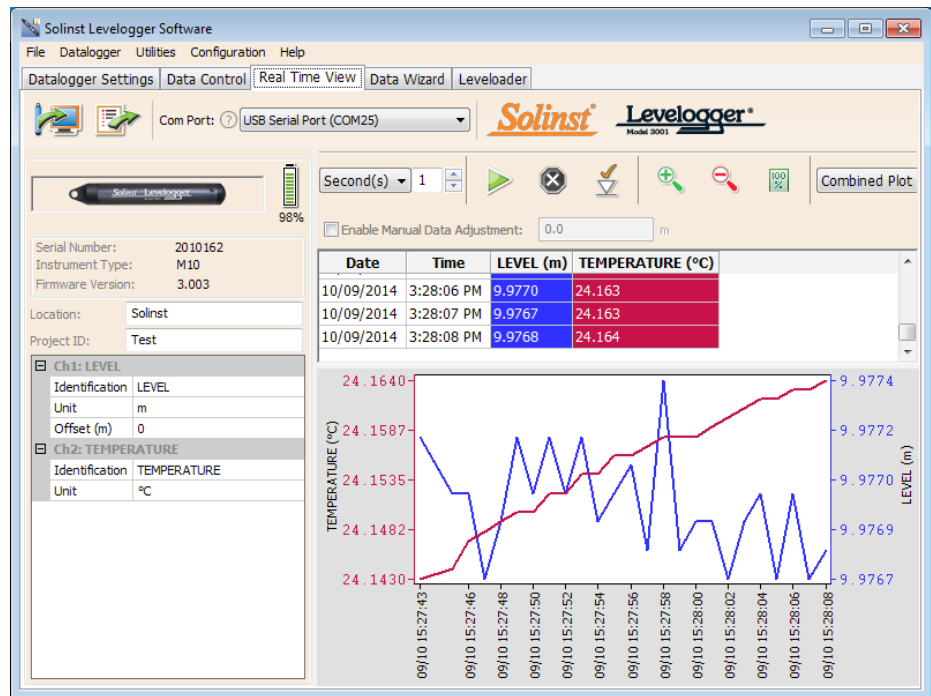


Figure 9-1 Real Time View Window

10 Installation and Maintenance of Levelloggers

10.1 Installation

Many options exist for installation of the Levellogger, but essentially these installation methods can be classified into two broad categories: free suspended or fixed installations.

- 1) In free suspended installations, the Levellogger is hung via suspension wire or Direct Read Cable from a well cap, or some fixed tie-off location, at the well head.
- 2) In fixed installations the Levellogger is fixed in place by a compression fitting, a clamping mechanism or simple metal straps.

It is recommended that the Levellogger be installed in a vertical orientation. However, inclined or horizontal installation is acceptable. The level sensor in the Levellogger is indicated by the machined line about the body of the logger just above the pressure access holes. The pressure transducer is oriented in a plane normal to the long axis of the body and detects pressure directed along the plane of the long axis (Figure 10-1). In vertical orientations, the sensor detects pressure above the pressure transducer line, whereas in non-vertical orientations, the pressure zero point is proportional to the angle of inclination.

Care should be taken to avoid dropping the Levellogger against a hard surface. Levelloggers should always be installed with the installation cap on (if not using a Direct Read Cable), whether it is being suspended by it or not. This prevents unnecessary battery drainage and protects the optical eyes.

Make sure you properly estimate the maximum and minimum expected water levels during the monitoring period. You need to install your Levellogger so it remains submerged at all times, and ensure that its maximum submergence depth throughout the monitoring period remains within its specified range. The pressure transducer can be damaged if the datalogger is over-pressurized by submergence greater than its level range. The Levellogger Edge, Levellogger Junior Edge, and LTC Levellogger Edge are warranted to pressures up to 200% of their full scale level range (150% for the Levellogger Gold, Levellogger Junior and LTC Levellogger Junior Models), however accuracy can not be guaranteed beyond its full scale.

Other important considerations when installing the Levellogger in pressurized or intermittently pressurized locations such as pressure vessels, pressurized pipes, pulse flow conditions, drop structures or near hydraulics works, is to keep in mind the potential effect of water or steam hammer and hydraulic jump. Water hammer is caused by an abrupt alteration of flow direction resulting in pressure surges. Steam hammer occurs when steam enters a cold pipe partially filled with water. The hammer effect has the potential to significantly increase hydraulic pressure possibly exposing the pressure sensor to pressures beyond its maximum rating. Hydraulic jump is a phenomenon that occurs when water is 'lifted' or 'ramped' by velocity or flow obstructions. Hydraulic jump causes turbulence and creates non-representative head conditions in the water column. Care should be taken to avoid logger installation at points susceptible to hydraulic jump.

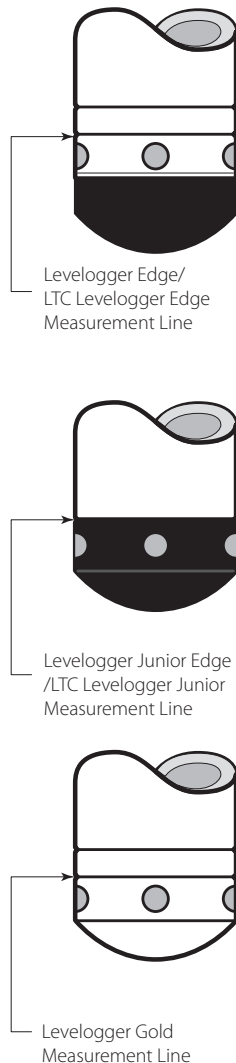


Figure 10-1



Figure 10-2
Solinst 2" Locking Well Cap
for Wireline or Kevlar Cord

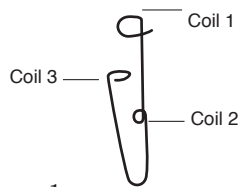


Diagram 1

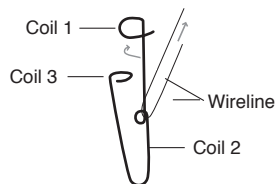


Diagram 2

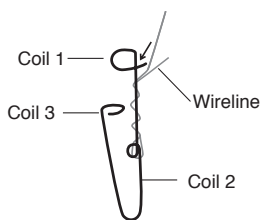


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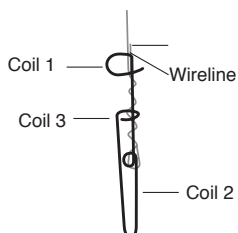


Diagram 4

Figure 10-3 Wireline Hook Installation

10.1.1 Free Suspended Installations

10.1.1.1 Suspension Wire/Cord Installation

When installing on a suspension wire or cord, the Levelogger is pre-programmed and started using the software. It is then deployed with the suspension wire or cord connected to the installation cap of the Levelogger to the underside of a well cap. The data is retrieved manually, by withdrawing the Levelogger, removing the installation cap and attaching an Optical Reader (or Direct Read to Optical Adaptor) directly to the datalogger. Data is downloaded to a desktop or laptop PC, or by using a DataGrabber, Levelogger App & Interface, or Leveloader (see separate instructions). This type of installation is applicable to both submerged and barometric record applications.

Solinst supplies stainless steel suspension wire assemblies including SS stranded wire and hooks available in a variety of lengths from 50 ft (15 m) to 500 ft (150 m), and Kevlar cord assemblies to 500 ft (150 m). Solinst also supplies the Model 3001 2" Well Cap Assembly from which the Levelogger can be suspended. An Adaptor for 4" wells also available (see Section 10.1.1.3).

Follow these steps to install the Levelogger using **stainless steel wire and hooks**:

- 1) Loop the cable through the coil 2 of the hook assembly, then wind the looped strands several times around the hook shaft and pass through coil 1.
- 2) Pass coil 3 through the Well Cap eyelet or Levelogger/Barologger eyelet and snap coil 3 to the hook shaft.
- 3) If the Well Cap is not used then some secure tie-off point should be used or installed.
- 4) If installing a Barologger, ensure the suspension level is above the highest expected water level.
- 5) When retrieving data and/or reprogramming the Levelogger, extract it from the monitoring location, un-thread the installation cap, interrogate and re-suspend the unit rechecking the security of the wireline clamps each time.



Figure 10-4 Kevlar Cord

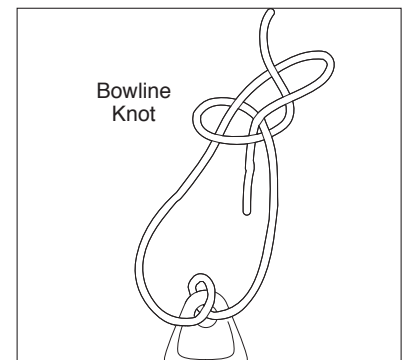


Figure 10-5 Bowline Knot Used to Connect
Kevlar Cord to the Levelogger

It is recommended that the **Kevlar cord** be connected to the Levelogger and well cap using a bowline knot (see Figure 10-5). The Kevlar cord is comprised of multiple Kevlar strands braided with black polyester, and has break strength of 150 lbs. Kevlar is very suitable for underwater applications in freshwater and marine environments, as the material resists rusting.



Single Well Cap Option



Dual Well Cap Option

Figure 10-6
Solinst 2" Locking Well Caps for
Direct Read Cable Installation



Figure 10-7
Direct Read Cable Dimensions

10.1.1.2 Direct Read Cable Assembly Installation

When installing using a Direct Read Cable Assembly, the Levellogger can be deployed before it is programmed and started with the software. The Levellogger is installed using a Direct Read Cable to a Direct Read Wellhead, where a PC Interface Cable is connected allowing the Levellogger to communicate with a desktop or laptop PC. Alternatively, you can connect a Levellogger App Interface, DataGrabber, or Leveloader for communication (see separate instructions).

The Direct Read Cable system is composed of the ordered length of Direct Read Cable, the Model 3001 Well Cap Assembly (see Section 10.1.1.3) and the PC Interface Cable. The Direct Read cable threads to the Levellogger, while the socket at the opposite end of the Direct Read Cable fits into the specially designed Well Cap insert. The PC Interface Cable connects to the Direct Read socket at surface and to either a USB or RS-232 port on the PC. While use of the Model 3001 Well Cap is recommended and convenient, it is optional as long as a satisfactorily secure alternative tie-off point is found for the Direct Read Cable. Follow these steps to install a Direct Read Cable Assembly to the Levellogger:

- 1) Remove the installation cap from the Levellogger, align and connect the optical socket (two glass 'eyes' using the alignment pin) of the Direct Read cable to the Levellogger by threading the coupling onto the Levellogger tightly.
- 2) The Levellogger and optical socket will fit through the hole in the Well Cap insert.
- 3) Remove the protective cap from the non-optical socket at the wellhead end of the Direct Read Cable, seat the socket in the Well Cap Insert and align and thread it to the round socket of the PC Interface Cable.
- 4) Connect the USB or RS-232 socket of the PC Interface Cable to the USB or RS-232 Com Port on your PC.
- 5) The two plugged holes in the Well Cap can be opened to provide an access port for a Barologger, as well as a water level meter probe.

When removing a Direct Read Cable from a Levellogger, ensure you only twist the coupling. To avoid possible damage, do not twist the strain relief on the Direct Read Cable.



Figure 10-8 Proper way to remove a Direct Read Cable from a Levellogger

10.1.1.3 Model 3001 Well Cap Assembly

The Model 3001 Well Cap Assembly is designed to fit 2" wells, and provides options for installing Levelloggers with wireline, Kevlar cord, or using a Direct Read Cable.

The well cap base provides a tight friction fit onto the well casing. The cap is secured to the base with a twist lock. For further security, a 3/8" (9.5 mm) shackle diameter lock can be used. The Well Cap is vented to allow for the equalization of barometric pressure in the well. Users can choose to permanently secure the PVC Well Cap to the well casing, using three screw points on the inner shoulder of the Well Cap Base.

For wireline or Kevlar cord suspension, simply use the suspension hook on the underside of the insert to secure the Levellogger to the Well Cap (see Section 10.1.1.1). To install using a Direct Read Cable, lower the Levellogger with the Direct Read Cable through one opening in the insert (see Section 10.1.1.2).

NOTE

The insert has openings to hold two Direct Read Cables in the same well. If only one Direct Read Cable is used, the other hole (0.89" ID) provides access for Solinst Water Level Meters.



Figure 10-9 Model 3001 Well Cap Assembly (#110099).
If installing Levelloggers in a 4" well, a reducer adaptor is available. (#110235)

NOTE

There are three holes in the top of the Support Hanger Bracket that can be used to secure it in the well cap base with screws.

A Support Hanger Bracket is available for use with the Well Cap Assembly. When installed, it provides an option for supporting and organizing down well cables or cords, or for coiling extra Direct Read Cable if the full length is not required. It is inserted through the top of the well cap base and hangs from the shoulder.



Figure 10-10 Support Hanger Bracket (#112764)



Figure 10-11
Artesian Well Fitting Assembly

NOTE

The Artesian Well Fitting Assembly is not recommended for pressures in excess of 30 psi (66 ft (20 m) of water column).

10.1.2 Fixed Installations

10.1.2.1 Flowing Artesian Monitoring

Monitoring of flowing artesian conditions using Levelloggers can be quite straight forward. Continuous artesian conditions infer that the piezometric surface never drops below the level of the ground surface, or particularly the top of casing elevation, and the casing is sealed with a wellhead. In this case, where freezing is not a concern, the Levellogger need only be installed on the wellhead itself by means of an Artesian Well Fitting Assembly, as illustrated in Figure 10-11. This same fitting allows the use of a Direct Read Cable to install the Levellogger at depth in a well, for cases when the piezometric surface falls below top of casing. See separate installation instructions.

When conducting artesian monitoring with Levelloggers, a number of issues should be considered. First, ensure that the maximum hydraulic pressure the datalogger will encounter at its installation point, will not exceed the specified range of the datalogger. Second, artesian conditions do not preclude the necessity for barometric compensation of Levellogger data. Artesian conditions are caused by aquacludes forming confined aquifers. Confined aquifers, while not acted on by barometric pressure to the same extent as unconfined aquifers, are typically subject to barometric pressure at some barometric efficiency (See Section 10.1.3.1). Finally, bear in mind that the total pressure and subsequent water column equivalent depth measured by the Levellogger after barometric compensation may not represent the actual water level within the artesian well. Sealed intermittent artesian wells can be pressurized when artesian, but can also be de-pressurized when non artesian. The Levellogger's reading after barometric compensation represent the height of the piezometric surface.

10.1.2.2 Vacuum Monitoring

Vacuum monitoring is usually conducted by first installing pressure transducers such as the Levellogger in monitoring wells and then shutting-in or sealing those wells to the atmosphere with pressure sealed wellheads. Air is pumped out from an extraction well amongst the cluster or matrix of monitoring wells, theoretically dropping air pressure in the vicinity of the extraction well. For short-term tests in which data is not required during the extraction event, the Levelloggers can be programmed and simply suspended from hooks or eyelets on the underside of the sealed wellheads, the test run and the data collected at the end of the test by extraction and downloading of the loggers. However, if ongoing data from the Levelloggers is required during the extraction event, the loggers must be installed in a manner similar to the artesian monitoring scenarios described previously in this section. Levelloggers or Barologgers can be used to monitor the drop in pressure.



Figure 10-12 Levellogger and Barologger in Well

NOTE

The Barologger Edge should not be used to monitor water, as the internal mathematics for temperature compensation are based on air rather than water.

10.1.3 Barologger Installation

The Barologger is a Levellogger with a small range adequate to monitor the fluctuations that occur in barometric pressure. The Barologger's readings are used to barometrically compensate Levellogger readings. As a rule of thumb, a Barologger can be used to compensate all the Levelloggers in a 20 mile (30 km) radius and/or with every 1000 ft. (300 m) change in elevation.

To monitor barometric pressure correctly, the Barologger should never be submerged. In well installations, it is recommended that the Barologger be suspended in one of the monitored wells above the high water point (the well must be vented). For best reading accuracy, the Barologger should be installed in a similar thermal environment to that of the Levellogger. In groundwater wells, the Barologger should be suspended beyond the frost line and deep enough to avoid large temperature fluctuations. In surface water applications, the Barologger is best deployed in a dry well – a well embedded in the bottom of the water body, but sealed at the base from water entry and vented to the atmosphere. If a dry well cannot be installed, the Barologger can be installed on a float in the stilling well. Further information on the Barologger and barometric pressure can be found in Section 8.2.

10.1.3.1 Barometric Efficiency

The influence of barometric pressure on a groundwater surface can follow three scenarios. In confined aquifers with capillary or vadose head space, increased atmospheric pressure can tighten the pore spaces in the overlying soil and produce a capillary effect as the water level rises in response to having nowhere else to go but up. Second, some deeper aquifer systems can be quite barometrically isolated from the relatively small change in level that barometric influences can produce. The third scenario occurs in an unconfined aquifer, with high barometric efficiency, in which a barometric pressure change results in an equivalent or highly proportional drop or rise in groundwater pressure. In essence, depending on the aquifer type and depth, increased barometric pressure can result in either increased, static or decreased water levels. Barometric efficiency, the relationship of a barometric change on groundwater pressure, in confined aquifers generally ranges from 20 to 75%, whereas in unconfined aquifers the efficiency can range from 80 - 100%.

A second important element of Barometric efficiency is time lag – the time differential between a unit change in barometric at the surface to the time of transmission of that change to the aquifer. Calculating general barometric efficiency should not be done on a single barometric event, but rather on a statistically significant number of events. As a result, it may take a month or more of submerged Levellogger and Barologger data to determine barometric efficiency and time lag. As Barometric pressure fluctuates over time in excess of 60 cm water column equivalent pressure and as barometric efficiency can be such an important factor in accurately monitoring groundwater levels, it is vital that barometric compensation of the Levellogger data be performed.

The absolute pressure method used in the Levellogger and Barologger provide the user with the data necessary to determine barometric efficiency and time lag. If a barometric efficiency value has been determined from the Levellogger and Barologger data, that value can be applied to Barologger data in the Data Wizard.

Wells puncturing an aquifer have a negligible to non-existent effect on directly transmitting barometric changes to the larger aquifer. Barometric pressure is transmitted through overlying layers. To obtain the best and most accurate long term water level readings from Levelloggers, the user must first understand how the Levellogger calculates a depth of water above the transducer and second whether barometric efficiency should be considered in barometric compensation.



Figure 10-13 Solinst Rainloggers



Rain Gauge
Connector

Figure 10-14
The Tipping-bucket Rain Gauge Connector
of the Rainlogger Edge

! NOTE

The Rainlogger Edge and Rainlogger are supplied with different connector cables, which can not be interchanged.

10.1.4 Rainlogger Installation

Solinst Rainloggers (Figure 10-13) are designed to log the tip times of an external tipping-bucket rain gauge, and output the amount of rainfall per tip.

The Rainlogger Edge housing is made of ABS, while the Rainlogger housing is made of stainless steel. Direct exposure to rainfall should be avoided, and Rainloggers should not be submerged. The Rainlogger Edge ABS housing provides extra electrostatic discharge (ESD) protection.

The rain gauge connected to the Rainlogger is supplied by the customer and is a normally-open style reed-switch type gauge most commonly known as a tipping-bucket rain gauge. The Rainlogger rain gauge connector (Figure 10-14) connects to the 2 m (6.5 ft.) cable supplied with the Rainlogger. The Rainlogger Edge and Rainlogger are supplied with different connector cables, which can not be interchanged. The connector cables have two wires, which are connected to the tipping-bucket by splicing to the tipping-bucket cable. As the tipping-bucket is just an electrical switch, for most models, the wires can be connected to either cable wire. Refer to the manufacturer's operating instructions. Longer, exposed cables should be protected from rodents and vandalism by cable armoring or installation within electrical conduit.



Figure 10-15 Rainlogger Edge Connected to Tipping-bucket

10.1.5 Installation in Extreme Environments

10.1.5.1 Freezing or High Temperature Conditions

Levellogger installation at submerged depths that may be at risk of freezing during the monitoring session is not recommended without taking adequate precautions to avoid transducer damage. When water freezes it expands approximately 9% by volume. A 9% expansion can equate to extreme pressure as demonstrated in Example 10.1. Therefore, solid freezing has the potential to damage the pressure transducer, which is rated to withstand up to 200% (150% for the Levellogger Gold and Junior Models) of its depth fluctuation range. Pressures beyond this threshold may damage the transducer. As such, care should be taken when choosing the appropriate pressure transducer range for your application.

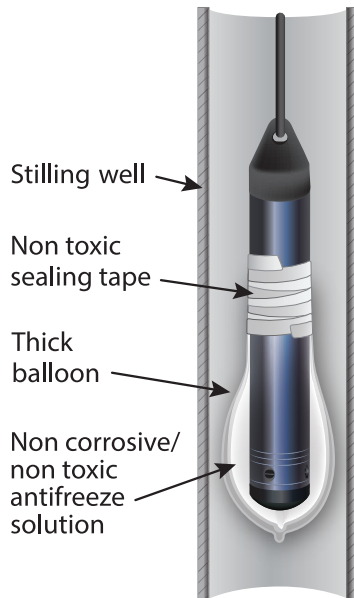


Figure 10-16
Installation in Freezing Liquid

Example 10.1 Solid Freezing Effects

The pressure exerted by the physical expansion or ice crystallization process on a retaining or enclosing contact surface is related to the temperature gradient over which the process occurs, i.e. the speed at which freezing occurs. For example, liquid freezing at -22°C , can create expansion pressures of 22 kg/cm^2 or 313 psi or the equivalent of 721 ft or 220 m water column depth.

With precautions, the Levellogger can be used in freezing liquid environments. If monitoring shallow water bodies or groundwater zones susceptible to freezing, the easiest way to avoid transducer damage is to lower the transducer to a point in the water column below the frost line or ice formation depth. In water bodies such as shallow streams, wetlands or ponds where freezing may penetrate to the bottom, install the Levellogger in a vented stilling well imbedded into the bottom of the water body beyond the frost line.

In cases where the above noted precautions cannot be taken and the Levellogger must be installed in the freezing zone, it is recommended that the logger be placed inside two elongated silicon, rubber or latex balloons, the balloons can be filled with a non-toxic, non-corrosive anti-freeze solution and sealed (Figure 10-16). Place the balloons in a section of perforated, 1.25" (30 mm) ID pipe and install the logger in the monitored water. The antifreeze solution will protect the Levellogger from ice expansion at the pressure transducer, yet transmit any pressure fluctuations that occur. However, it should be noted that even if these precautions are taken, there is still the risk that placing a Levellogger in a situation where the water may freeze solid can permanently damage the sensor (see Example 10.1).

Please note that a similar installation protection can be used when the Levellogger is monitoring liquids which are incompatible with its wetted materials.

The operating temperature range for Levelloggers is -20° to 80°C (-4° to 180°F). At the opposite end of the thermal scale, exposing the Levellogger to temperatures beyond 80°C may damage the thermistor and otherwise affect the Levellogger.

NOTE

Although precautions can be taken, placing a Levellogger in a situation where the water may freeze solid can permanently damage the sensor.

10.1.5.2 Marine or Brackish Installations

When installing the Levellogger in salt or brackish water or in a liquid having a specific gravity (density) different than fresh water, the density difference is compensated for by inputting the density of the monitored fluid in the Datalogger Settings window for the LTC Levellogger Junior and the Levellogger Gold Series (see Section 5.1). Also, see Section 8 for details in compensating the Levellogger Edge, Levellogger Junior Edge, and LTC Levellogger Edge for fluid density differences.

The Levellogger Edge and LTC Levellogger Edge can be used for monitoring in salt or brackish water. However, long term use of the stainless steel body Levellogger Junior Edge, LTC Levellogger Junior, Levellogger Junior and first generation LTC and LT Levelloggers in salt or brackish water is not recommended, as the salt or other pollutants may cause pitting which can lead to perforation of the Levellogger's casing. To minimize this effect, regularly lift the Levellogger from the liquid; within seconds a thin protective layer will be formed by oxidation. Again, this precaution applies to the Levellogger Junior Edge, LTC Levellogger Junior, Levellogger Junior, and first generation LTC and LT Levelloggers.

If using these dataloggers in a continuous salt/brackish monitoring scenario, the stainless steel body of the datalogger can be protected in a manner similar to the freezing protection method described in Section 10.1.5.1. The Levellogger can be placed in balloons and the balloons filled with non-corrosive/ non-toxic fluid. As pressure changes, the fluid encasing the loggers will transmit the pressure differential to the datalogger's pressure transducer. Care must be taken in the selection of the balloon material or filling fluid such that the balloon material prevents diffusion of salts across the concentration gradient or that the filling fluid is comprised of polymeric molecules too large to diffuse out of the balloon material.

10.1.5.3 Biofouling Conditions

Biofouling is the unwanted buildup of microorganisms, plants, algae, or organisms such as barnacles and muscles on a wetted surface. When a Levellogger is deployed for an extended period of time, especially in a saltwater environment, there is the risk of biofouling. Biofouling on the pressure sensor and conductivity cell can compromise the accuracy of the measurements.

A Solinst Biofoul Screen can be used to protect the Levellogger from biofouling. The copper-coiled Delrin screen naturally reduces biofouling, and lengthens the time a Levellogger can be deployed before maintenance is required. The Biofoul Screen simply slips onto the sensor end of the Levellogger where it is held in place with its compression fitting. It adds about 3/4" (19 mm) to the length of the Levellogger. It allows water to freely enter the conductivity cell, as well as the pressure transducer inlets. It is replaced as required.



Figure 10-17 Biofoul Screen Dimensions



Figure 10-18 Solinst Biofoul Screen for the Levellogger

! NOTE

It is important to ensure the installation cap or a Direct Read Cable is attached to the Levellogger during storage to prevent unnecessary battery drain and to protect the optical eyes.

! NOTE

To clean the optical infrared eyes on a Levellogger, use a clean, soft cloth or cotton swab to gently wipe away any debris and dry the eyes. Avoid soap or cleaners, as it may leave a residue. Compressed air may also be used to clear away any debris.

! NOTE

The Levellogger installation cap should be left on when you are soaking a Levellogger.

10.2 Levellogger Maintenance

Levellogger maintenance consists of cleaning the outside casing, the circulation holes and the optical infrared eyes. The required frequency of cleaning is dependent on several aspects of the monitored water quality. In freshwater with good to excellent water quality, the Levellogger cleaning requirements will be very minimal; amounting to a seasonal or even annual maintenance inspection.

In most cases cleaning can be accomplished by rinsing the Levellogger and using mild, non-residual, non-abrasive household cleaners using a very soft-plastic, bristled, pipe-cleaner type brush. Do not insert any object through the circulation holes at the sensor end of the Levellogger.

In some cases simple cleaners are insufficient to properly clean the Levellogger. Several commonly occurring water conditions require specific maintenance methods, these include hard water, high suspended solids loading, biological or chemical fouling and salt or brackish water conditions.

Hard water monitoring can result in the precipitation of calcium and magnesium deposits on the pressure transducer as well as other components of the Levellogger. These deposits can be safely dissolved using a diluted solution (typically $\leq 10\%$ strength) of acetic or phosphoric acid. Commercially available products for dissolving hard water scaling are also available and can be used if designed for household use. Some industrial strength hard water scaling removers are much higher strength and are not recommended for cleaning the Levellogger.

High suspended solids load may block the circulation ports or clog the internal pressure cell of the Levellogger. The potential clogging effect of solids deposition can be minimized by placing the Levellogger in zones of flow. To remove solids build up, rinse the Levellogger under a low flow of tap water until particles have been washed away.

Bacteriological or chemical fouling can be an important consideration in many ground and surface water monitoring projects. Sessile bacteria will often utilize installed instrumentation as an attachment substrate. Chemical deposit can be the result of electrical charge differential between the instrumentation of the monitored liquid or the result of biological or algal activity. Both forms of fouling can result in difficult to remove deposits on the Levellogger transducer, the conductivity wires and the Levellogger casing. To remove fouling use a diluted ($\leq 10\%$) solution of sulfuric acid. Persistent material may require soaking for several hours.

Cleaning LTC Levellogger sensor pins is recommended before calibrating the unit prior to starting a project. The pins of the LTC Levellogger sensor are platinum-coated, therefore they should not be roughly cleaned or touched with any metal. They can be cleaned with a soft bristle brush, Q-tip, or cloth. Almost any acid solution can be selected to clean the sensor, provided it is highly diluted (generally less than 10% acid). The "soaking" time should be monitored and kept to a minimum.

11 Diagnostics Utility

The Levellogger Diagnostics Utility can be used for troubleshooting Levelloggers and obtaining information about that Levellogger that can assist the Solinst Technical Support representative to identify and fix any problems you may encounter with your Levellogger. The Diagnostics Utility can be launched from the Utilities menu at the top of the software. The utility can be used to run a self-test, do a Memory Dump and create and email reports.

11.1 Run Diagnostics

The Run Diagnostics function reads the following information from the Levellogger:

- 1) Serial Number
- 2) Model Number
- 3) Firmware Version
- 4) Battery Voltage
- 5) Charge Level
- 6) Current Level Reading
- 7) Current Temperature Reading
- 8) Max/Min Pressure Reading
- 9) Max/Min Temperature Reading
- 10) Max/Min Conductivity Reading
- 11) Total Number of Logs

This information can be used to identify firmware, battery and/or temperature/pressure/conductivity sensor problems. This function also performs a series of self-tests on the Levellogger to check for problems with the battery, memory, pressure/temperature/conductivity sensors. If an LTC Levellogger fails the Conductivity Sensor Test, this could mean that you have not calibrated your LTC in a while (~1 year). It is recommended that you perform a conductivity calibration, then 'Run Diagnostics' again. If any of these tests fail then a report should be created and emailed to Solinst Technical Support. To execute this function simply click the 'Run Diagnostics' button.

NOTE

If an LTC Levellogger fails the Conductivity Sensor Test, this could mean that you have not calibrated your LTC in a while (~1 year). It is recommended that you perform a conductivity calibration, then 'Run Diagnostics' again.

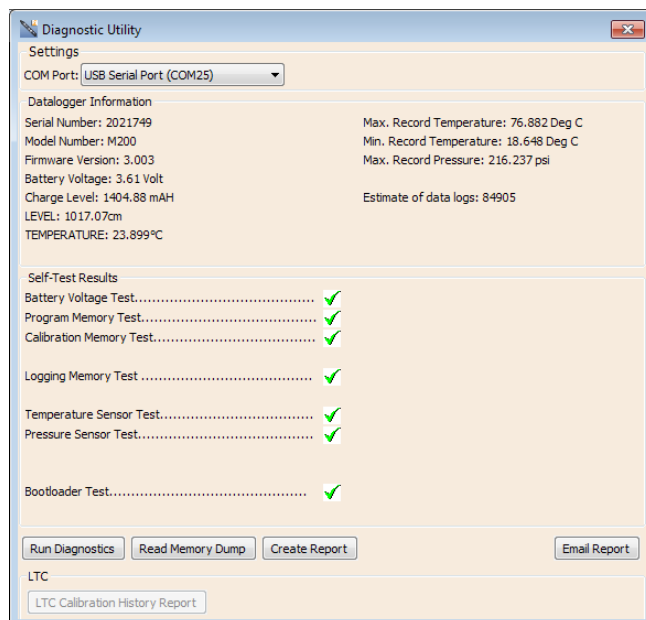


Figure 11-1 Run Diagnostics

NOTE

It is recommended that, before attempting to use this function, you use the 'Create Report' function to send a report to the Solinst Technical Support.

11.2 Read Memory Dump

This function creates a complete dump of the Levellogger's memory, which can then be sent to Solinst Technical Support for analyzing.

To execute this function simply click the Read Memory Dump button. Performing a memory dump will create a *.xle file of the data to save.

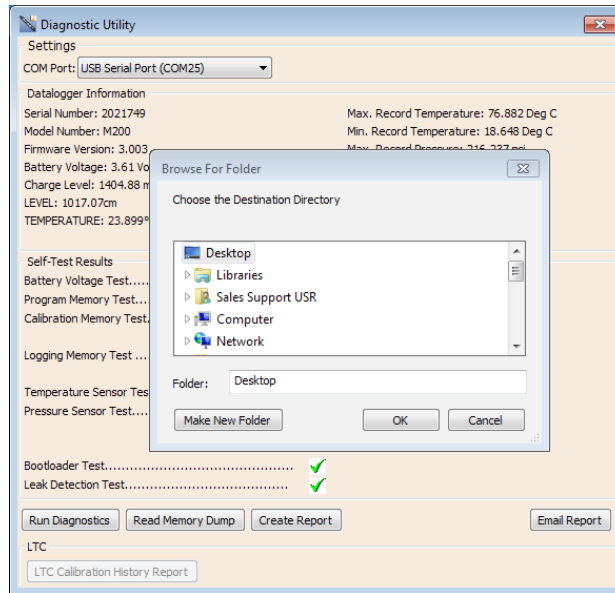


Figure 11-2 Read Memory Dump

11.3 Create Report

This function simply creates a text file containing the information obtained from the Run Diagnostics function. When you click the Create Report button, a window will pop up asking you to fill out your company information. Simply fill this out and the resulting report can be saved or sent to Solinst Technical Support for troubleshooting. If creating a report for an LTC Levellogger, the LTC Calibration History Report will be included.

NOTE

The 'Email Report' option automatically creates a report and attaches it to an email to send to Solinst - all in one step.

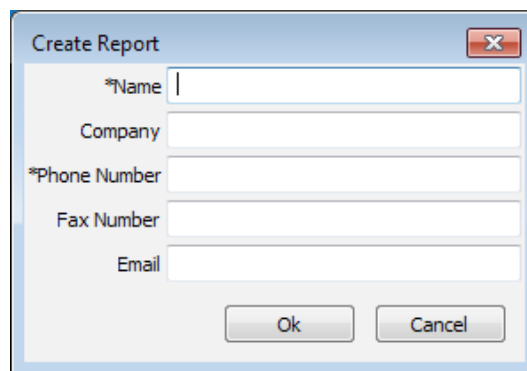


Figure 11-3 Customer Info Input Window

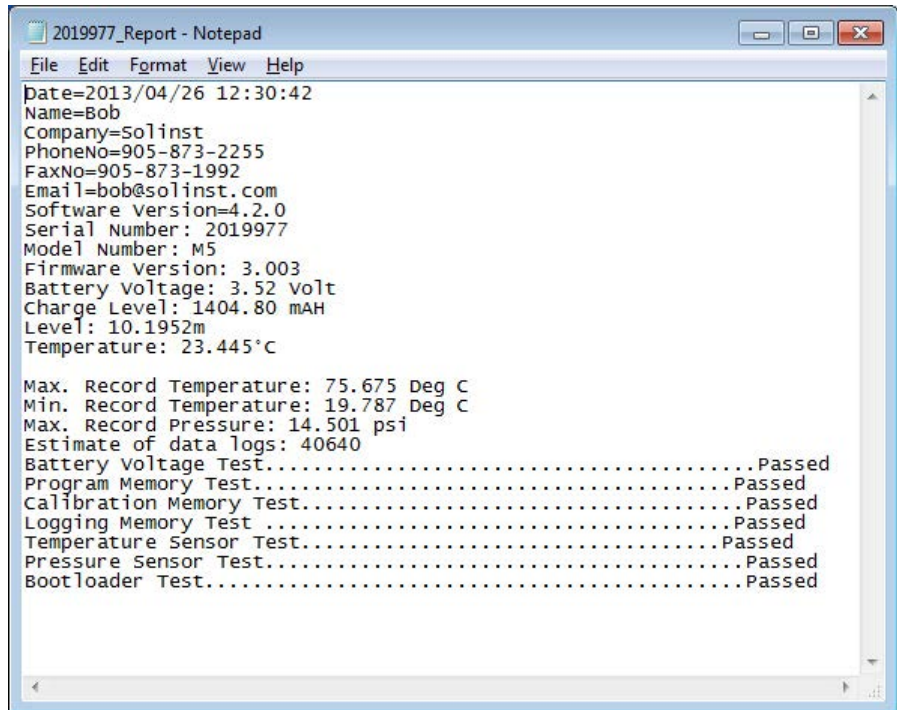


Figure 11-4 Report Example

11.4 Email Report

Clicking Email Report will guide you through the process of creating a Diagnostics Report, and it will automatically attach the report to an email to send to Solinst Technical Staff for troubleshooting. If you are emailing a report for an LTC Levellogger, the LTC Calibration History Report will be included.

11.5 LTC Calibration History Report

This function creates a report of all previous user calibrations performed on the LTC Levelogger. Use it to send a history report to Solinst for analysis if the LTC Levelogger readings are irregular and/or the unit does not maintain its calibration. To execute this function simply click the LTC Calibration History Report button. This creates a text file that can be sent to Solinst Technical Support.

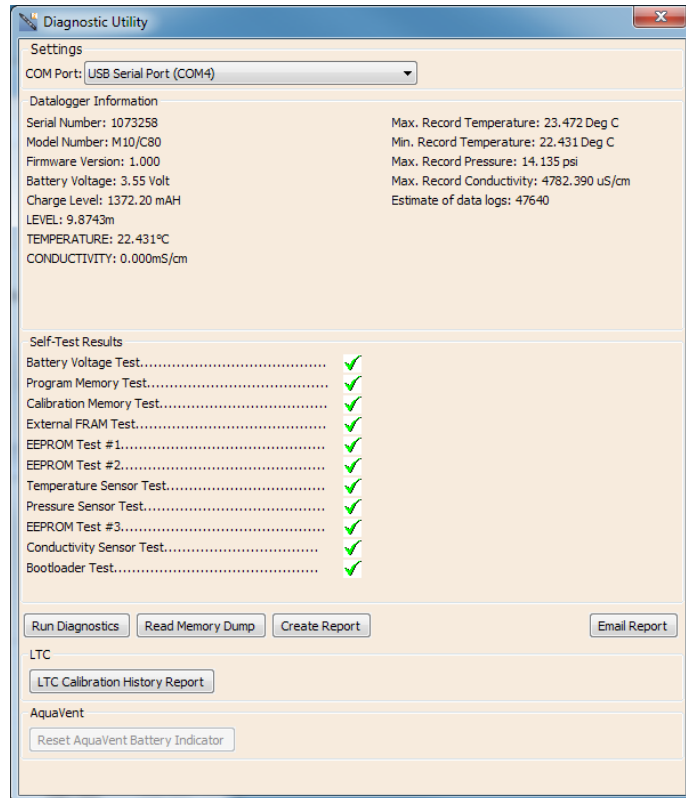


Figure 11-5 LTC Calibration History Report

11.6 Software/Firmware Updates

Each time the Diagnostic Utility is opened, it automatically checks for software updates. If there is an update, "[Software Update Available](#)" will appear in the top right of the window. When you click the message, a web page will open, allowing you to download the software update.

The Utility also checks for firmware updates. "[Firmware Update Available](#)" will appear in the top right of the window. Clicking the message will open a web page where you can download the firmware update. See Section 12 for firmware update instructions.

NOTE

Your Computer must have an Internet connection to check for software and firmware updates.

You can also check for updates using the Help menu.

NOTE

To check for firmware updates using Levellogger Software, retrieve settings from the connected datalogger (see Section 5). "Firmware Update Available" will appear in the top right menu bar if there is an update available. Clicking the message will open a web page where you can download the firmware update. You can also use the Software's Help menu.

NOTE

It is important that the communication between the PC and the Levellogger is not interrupted during a firmware/calibration upload so please make sure to close any other running programs, including screen savers, and do not disconnect the Levellogger before the upload is finished.

NOTE



Solinst recommends using an Optical Reader to connect your Levellogger to the PC during a firmware upgrade to avoid any interruptions during the extended communication period.

12 Firmware Upgrade Utility

The Firmware Upgrade Utility is used to upload new firmware files to a Levellogger. The zipped firmware file can be obtained from: <http://www.solinst.com/downloads/>

Make sure to unzip the firmware file after you have downloaded it, so you can access the *.ssf file.

To upload new firmware to a Levellogger, follow these steps:

- 1) Open the Solinst Firmware Upgrade Utility from the Utilities menu in the main Levellogger Software. Pick the Com Port to which the Levellogger is connected and make sure the Baud Rate is set to 9600.
- 2) Click the 'Open' button , which should open a file dialog asking for the firmware file (*.ssf) to upload. Navigate to the directory where the firmware file was saved on your PC, then click on the file and click 'Open'.
- 3) Check the 'Firmware File Information' box to make sure that the opened file is the right one.
- 4) Click the 'Upload Firmware' button , to start the firmware upload process.
- 5) If a communication error occurs and is indicated in the Levellogger Information Window (Figure 12-1) either before the 'Verified Program Checksum' message or after the 'Program Information Section', then restart the upgrade process.
- 6) If, however, a communication error occurs between the 'Verified Program Checksum' and the 'Program Information Section' messages, then please contact Solinst. You will need to give the Levellogger Serial Number and explain the exact positioning of the error message.

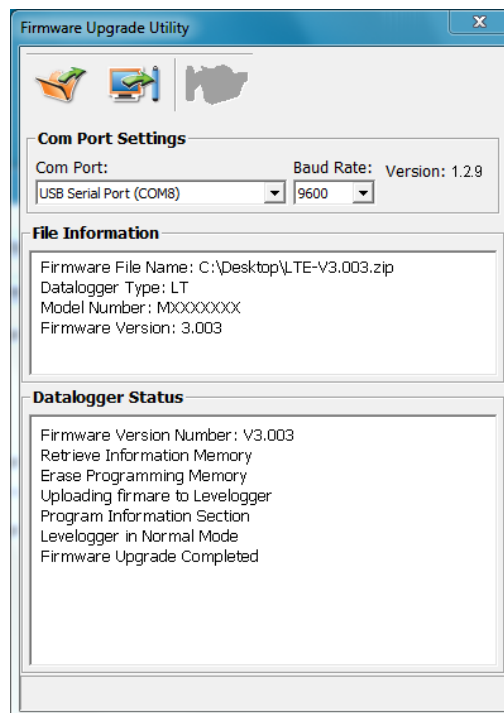


Figure 12-1
Firmware Upgrade Utility Window

13 Trouble Shooting

13.1 Problems During Installation of Levellogger Software

'Class not Registered' or 'DLL not found' or 'Access violation'

- 1) You may not have Administrator Rights to install the software in the Windows 7/8/10 environment.
 - Ask your System Administrator for assistance.
- 2) Some files got corrupted during installation of the Levellogger software. Use 'Add/Remove Programs' to uninstall then re-install Levellogger software.

13.2 Error During Software Uninstall Process

The 'Add/Remove Program' cannot locate the Levellogger <setup.exe> file of the software or the link between the software and the 'Add/Remove Program' is damaged.

The record in the Registry Table must be removed:

- 1) Ask your System Administrator to remove this.
- 2) Refer to the following link from Microsoft Website for instructions:
<http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb;en-us;247501>

13.3 Problems During Installation of RS-232 to USB Converter

Unable to install the RS-232/USB converter from Keyspan or IO Gear

- 1) After plugging in the RS-232/USB Converter, a Hardware Installation Wizard will open. Follow the instruction from the Wizard and make sure to select the RS-232/USB Converter Driver from the Keyspan or IO Gear Installation CD.
- 2) If the Hardware Installation Wizard does not open after plugging in the RS-232/USB Converter, follow the steps below to open the Hardware Installation Wizard:
 - a. Select Control Panels
 - b. Double click on System
 - c. Select the Device Manager Tab
 - d. Double click on Other devices
 - e. Right click on USB Serial Converter
 - f. Select Update Driver...

13.4 Data Has Been Erased Accidentally

If Levellogger has been restarted and old data has not been saved, go to Download Options and choose Data Recovery. It downloads the immediately previous log.

! NOTE

Solinst recommends Keyspan or IO Gear. For problems with converters from other manufacturers, please contact the manufacturer.

13.5 Error Messages During Use of Software

'Communication Time Out' or 'Communication Error' or 'The Command that is sent to the Levellogger Edge is not defined'

- 1) Try communicating with another Levellogger, Optical Reader or Direct Read Cable. The communication cable, Optical Reader or Levellogger may be damaged.
- 2) Clean the optical 'eyes' on the Levellogger and the cable, with a soft cloth.
- 3) Check that the communication cable is connected to the same Com Port that is chosen in the upper middle of the Main Window of the Levellogger software.
- 4) Check the Com port settings. They should be as follows:
 - Bits per second: 9600
 - Data bits: 8
 - Parity: None
 - Stop bits: 1
 - Flow control: None
(This may have been set to Xon/Xoff – change it to None, Select [OK] and back out of this pathway.)

The route to view your Com port settings is as follows:

- a. Select Control Panels
 - b. Double click on System
 - c. Select the Device Manager Tab
 - d. Double click on Ports
 - e. Double click on Communications Port(s)
 - f. Choose the Port Settings Tab
- 5) Try using a different computer, to see if this is the cause of the problem.
 - 6) If using a laptop (especially in conjunction with a Direct Read Cable) your Com Port may not be powered adequately to receive/transmit data. Try using a desktop computer to test this, or contact Solinst to obtain a PC Interface Booster Cable.
 - 7) If problem persists, contact Solinst.

'Port Cannot Open'

- 1) If using a USB device, ensure you plugged it in before starting the Levellogger Software.
- 2) Ensure the correct Com Port is selected in the upper middle of the Main Window of the Levellogger software.
- 3) If the correct Com Port is not available, a USB Driver installation or update may be required.
- 4) Check if some other software is using the same Com Port in the background. Shut that software down or choose another Com Port if available. Such background software may be anti-virus software or PDA software.

- 5) Make sure your Com Port has been enabled:
 - a. Select Control Panel
 - b. Double click on System
 - c. Select the Device Manager Tab
 - d. Double click on Ports
 - e. Double click on Communications Port(s)
 - f. Choose General
 - g. Uncheck 'Disable in this hardware profile box'
- 6) If you are using a virtual Com Port, like a USB optical reader or USB/RS-232 converter, refer to the 'Problems During Installation of RS-232 to USB Converter' section to make sure they are installed properly.

'File Create Error' and 'File Write Error'

- 1) If you do not have file-writing privileges to the Levellogger default data folder, change the folder as follows: in the Levellogger software, click 'Configuration' then 'Application Settings'. Under 'Default Directory', enter a new destination folder, to which you have file writing privileges, e.g. 'My Documents'. Follow the same procedure if you have the same problem when you export the data file in csv format.
- 2) Ask your System Administrator for assistance.

'File Open Error' and 'File Read Error'

- 1) Shut down or disable any other software that is active and using the same file.
- 2) In Notepad or Wordpad, open the <*.xle> or <*.lls> file to check for corruptions in the file. How are the Levellogger files ended?
- 3) If problems persist contact Solinst for assistance.

'Time Span Error, some data cannot be compensated'

- 1) Find another barometric data file that has the same time stamp as the Levellogger.
- 2) Perform the compensation (a simple subtraction) in a spreadsheet program for any missing time stamps.

'A different type of Levellogger is detected'

Try clicking the Retrieve Settings icon again, or replace the Levellogger currently in the Optical Reader with the one that was previously being worked on, and complete the operation.

'The selected file is not a barometer'

Select a Barologger for the compensation process.

'Data Corrupted'

Contact Solinst for assistance. Use Levellogger Diagnostic Utility to do a memory dump and sent the dump file to Solinst for further analysis.

'Internal Error'

Contact Solinst for assistance.

'Fail to append data - A different Levellogger has been detected!' or 'Fail to append data - A different start time has been detected!' or 'Fail to append data - New data is not available in the Levellogger!'

The Levellogger software can only append data to a file that has the same serial number and start time as the connected Levellogger. Find the correct file, or use 'All Data' to download the complete file.

'Only Levellogger Gold/Edge supports this function'

The 'Append Data', 'Partial Download' and 'Data Recovery' functions are only supported by the Levellogger Gold/Edge loggers, not previous version Levelloggers.

'Schedule cannot be empty'

When using the 'Schedule' sampling option in a Levellogger Gold/Edge, the schedule must contain at least one item.

'Readings in schedule exceed the maximum'

The number of readings in a schedule should not result in more than 40,000 individual readings.



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