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User Guide: IDT (app for mobile devices)  
- Logger User Interface.



**HWM** IDT

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Where a logger is for use in a potentially explosive atmosphere, also refer to the relevant additional safety (Ex) documents for the equipment.

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# 1 INTRODUCTION

## 1.1 DOCUMENTATION AND SUPPORT

IDT is available in two versions: IDT (PC version) and IDT (app for mobile devices). This user guide covers the latter. Any subsequent reference to “IDT” within this manual will refer only to the mobile app version.

IDT is currently available on mobile devices employing the Android and also iOS operating systems (from the Google and Apple corporations respectively).

Where the manual uses the phrase “mobile phone”, it implies the use of any mobile / cellular device with suitable functionality.

This manual uses screenshots from an Android-based device. Some small differences in appearance or operation may exist between Android and iOS devices. The user interface uses controls that are widely used on each device; the user should find familiar.

**Note:** The system periodically has new features and changes released, thus you may observe slight changes in pictures from those shown in this manual.

Most users will be able to automatically download updates of the app from the usual app download servers.

**Note:** Your chosen tablet or mobile phone device may present the information slightly differently in layout or appearance. When your device is being used in landscape mode, information may be shown using additional columns.

HWM provides support by means of our customer support webpages:

<https://www.hwmglobal.com/help-and-downloads/>

Should you have any questions that are not covered by this manual or the system’s online help, please contact the HWM Technical Support team on +44 (0) 1633 489479, or email: [cservice@hwm-water.com](mailto:cservice@hwm-water.com)

**Note:** This user-guide will use the term ‘logger’ to refer to either a logger device or a unit designed for another purpose but also includes built-in logger facilities.

Most HWM logger devices supported by the app will have some similarities in the setup process. For the purpose of providing an explanation to accompany a description of IDT settings, the document will refer to a generic logger device, but some distinction between the logger groups may be included to help the user to determine whether the text is relevant (or non-applicable) to their logger.

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## 1.2 LOGGER DEVICES SUPPORTED BY THE IDT APP

The IDT tool is designed to support a variety of HWM products. This user guide covers its use with logger products. However, not all sections will apply to every logger, as the functionality

will vary from one logger family to another. The loggers can be loosely classed into three different groups:

**Group 1:** Basic loggers. These are designed to be left on site for basic logging operation. When the task is complete, the user returns to extract the data from the logger using the IDT tool.

**Group 2:** Loggers that include a modem that can be used communicate to a remote sever. These loggers have the ability to periodically call into the server to automatically deliver their data. The loggers can also be programmed to monitor logger input channels for specific conditions, and (when met) trigger an event. The event can be used to start-up other activities within the logger.

**Group 3:** Loggers that also include a modem but offer some alternative features to the 'Group 2' loggers. The alternative features sometimes require different setup steps.

Note: The grouping of loggers is for the purpose of this user-guide only and has no other significance.

The IDT app can be used with the following logger families (**Group 1**):

- LoLog 450, 500, Vista

The IDT app can be used with the following logger families (**Group 2**):

- Multilog-LX2, (partial support; refer to the logger user-guide).
- Multilog2 (partial support; refer to the logger user-guide).
- Pegasus2
- Sentinel2

(Note: Where IDT (mobile) app does not currently support setup of a Group 2 logger feature or sensor, the IDT (PC / Windows) setup tool can be used).

The IDT app can be used with the following logger families (**Group 3**):

- COMLog2-IS
- ISLog
- Multilog-IS
- Permanet-SU
- StopwatchGSM

### **1.3 SYSTEM OVERVIEW**

The IDT app (Installation Diagnostic Tool) is installed onto a mobile phone, or similar device. It uses a Bluetooth radio link to communicate with compatible HWM logger devices (Group 3 loggers), but for other loggers a communications cable will be required. The app provides a graphical user interface for the purpose of Setup, Installation, Diagnostics, and Testing of a HWM logger.

HWM logger devices produce data. The data needs to be obtained from the logger in order to be viewed. For 'group 1' loggers, the data is obtained manually. For the other logger groups, the logger is usually deployed to a site with the intention of it interoperating with a central server for the purpose of storing data centrally; the server acts as a data receiver and data warehouse.

HWM provides software for this purpose, for example the DataGate server software. Other servers can be set up using HWM software as the front-end to act as the receiver and decoder of logger messages.

If logger data is stored on a central server, it can be integrated with other server software that provides the ability to view the data. This provides the ability for the viewing platform to present the data to the user in various formats, some more meaningful way than just tables of raw data.

e.g., HWM provides the following web-based viewing platforms:

- DataView (includes a General-purpose graphical data view)
- PermaNETWeb (monitoring for potential water pipe leaks)
- PressView (water Pressure Reducing Valve performance viewing website)
- SpillGuard (monitoring system for potential water spills / floods)

A server usually has to be prepared to receive data from the logger device and can make the received data available to other users who are authorized to use the system. The central server can similarly provide an authentication service to the IDT app in order to verify that a user is registered on the system and has suitable permissions to access the settings of a logger.

Alternatively, the user can view logger data locally using the app and the mobile phone display, but features are limited in comparison to use of a logger device with a server.

Logger devices are normally partially pre-configured for use within the factory, with the user occasionally having to make limited on-site adjustments. (Discuss any requirements with your HWM representative prior to ordering). IDT can provide access to many, but not all, device settings. Some settings are exclusively factory set.

The data-warehouse often operates on the principle of a logger being installed for a time period onto an installation site. i.e., It is site-based.

The links that bind a logger to a site can be manually configured (by an administrator) or partially automated by the use of another app by the installer (e.g., the HWM deployment app).

## **1.4 LOGGER – TYPICAL OPERATION**

A typical logger device will behave as follows:

The logger's main task is to make periodic measurements and store the results. In addition, the logger may have daily tasks at set times, such as uploading its un-sent data over the internet. When sending data, the logger waits to receive confirmation from the server that the data was received without error; If confirmation is not received, it will re-send the data at the next call-in time. The task of logging does not stop during any communications.

Some loggers include an interface (referred to as a modem) that provides access to the internet via the cellular mobile communications network. A SIM card is used to give access of the network. Setup of the logger for use with the cellular network and SIM card network provider is required, as is the availability of a suitable signal from the network.



The loggers are powered by a non-rechargeable battery, which implies their service life is limited before the battery must be replaced. The installer should bear this in mind when making any changes to settings; keep tasks to the minimum required in order to give best battery life.

Most logger devices are shipped from the factory in an inactive state to preserve the life of the battery and will require activation during installation. Once activated, the logger will go into the state of “Recording” and begin repetitive logging of the various sensors fitted to the unit, according to its configuration and settings.

A typical logger can operate using two periods, known as the “sample period” and also the “log period”. It will periodically sample the sensors at the *sample rate* to create temporary measurement samples. After taking several measurement samples, some statistical functions can be optionally applied to produce a *datapoint* that is logged (saved) at the *log rate*; these form the recorded (logged) measurements. The log period is always a multiple of the sample period.

The datapoints are stored in the memory of the unit. For loggers with a modem, at a set time, the unit calls into the cellular data network in order to contact the server; the data is then uploaded.

The logger makes measurements (as described above) which are saved into an area of memory which is referred to as the “primary recording”. In addition, if the logger has the feature enabled, it can also be set to occasionally save data into a “secondary recording” memory area (e.g., data sampled at a higher frequency). This is additional data.

(Note: This is not available on all supplied units and must be arranged through your sales representative before placing an order; it also has implications concerning expected battery life of the unit. The feature is not supported by ‘group 1’ loggers).

The loggers (except those in ‘group 1’) can be programmed to monitor data for certain patterns or conditions and can send a message to the server if it should detect a match. Commonly, this is used for setting a condition that can be an indication of an “alarm”. Alarms can be sent to a limited set of users, but a better way of handling (and preserving battery power) is to send the message to the server, which often has the facility to fork the message and send it to multiple users.

## **1.5 LOGGER SECURITY: SECURE AND UNPROTECTED MODES**

(Note: This feature is not applicable to ‘group 1’ loggers or ‘group 2’ loggers).

At the time of leaving the factory, the loggers will be pre-configured to the requirements of the customer, including any *security settings*. The logger can include a setting that determines whether it operates as either a “Secure” or “Unprotected” device. The loggers can communicate their security requirements to the IDT app. The setting will influence the cooperation of the device with the HWM IDT App tool.

When required, this manual will refer to a logger as being either a “secure” or “unprotected” logger.

The “Secure” mode restricts unauthorized users from making changes to the logger settings and or accessing logged data.

Secure loggers:

- Must be correctly registered on the Datagate server with appropriate ownership settings.
- Require the IDT user to successfully authenticate with the Datagate server (periodically).
- Block connections from unauthorized IDT users.

Unprotected loggers:

- Do not require registration on the DataGate server to be used with IDT.
- Can be connected to and have settings modified by anyone with the IDT app. (The user can implement a measure of security by programming the device with a user-defined PIN number; Factory default units need no PIN to gain access).

Loggers set as “secure” therefore require DataGate (or a compatible server) for IDT to operate with them.

## **1.6 ACTIVATING THE COMMUNICATIONS LINK**

Group 1 loggers:

These loggers have a communications interface that will require a cable. The communications link is automatically activated when both ends of the cable are attached and IDT is used (and permission to use the cable is granted).

Group 2 loggers:

These loggers have a communications interface that will require a cable. The communications link is automatically activated when both ends of the cable are attached and IDT is used (and permission to use the cable is granted).

Group 3 loggers:

The logger will include a Bluetooth radio interface, used for short-range communication. The IDT app similarly utilizes the Bluetooth radio interface of a mobile phone for communications. No communications cable is required.

For the IDT app to communicate with logger devices, both ends of the Bluetooth communications link must be active.

Refer to section 2.4 for details regarding activating the mobile phone side of the link.

Since the radio interface uses power but is infrequently needed (it is only required when someone is attending to the logger on-site) it is normally on standby and has to be activated for temporary use. Refer your logger user-guide for specific details.

If communication is lost during the use of IDT, it may be due to the logger deciding the radio link is no longer being used and putting it back into standby; Re-activate the link if required. Another explanation is that the mobile phone is out of range of the logger, and the installer should keep the two devices closer together.

Where several loggers are within radio range, the user will need to select one using IDT.

## 1.7 PREPARING A MOBILE PHONE (OR SIMILAR DEVICE) FOR USE WITH IDT

The HWM IDT app is available for both Android and iOS-based mobile devices.

The examples used in this guide will show an Android device, but similar methods, views and behavior will exist using an iOS (Apple) device.

The mobile phone must have Bluetooth-Low-Energy (BLE) compatibility, GPS, and Internet capability.

### 1.7.1 Installing the HWM software (IDT App and HWM Deployment App)

The mobile device (for 'group 3' loggers) or tablet device (for 'group 1' loggers) must be prepared by installing the HWM "IDT" app.

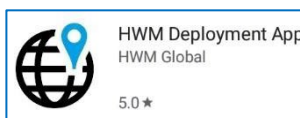
On an Android device, scan the QR code (shown opposite) or search for "HWM global" using the "Play-Store" application. Select the "IDT" app and install it.



"IDT" is the "Installation and Diagnostic Tool" for various HWM loggers.

Note: The IDT app can employ the use of the "HWM Deployment App" for collecting and uploading details of logger deployment to the DataGate server, so this may also be installed.

On an Android device, scan the QR code (shown opposite) or search for "HWM global" using the "Play-Store" application. Select "HWM Deployment App" and install it.



For iOS-based devices, the Apple App store can be used to obtain the above two apps, or scan the QR codes shown below:

**Note: For Apple / iOS, the IDT App can only be used with loggers from 'group 3'.**



IDT  
App



Deployment  
App

## 1.8 LOGGER CHANNEL TYPES AND DATA INTERPRETATION

The IDT app has an *adaptive user interface*. For example, although it can be used with several types of logger, it recognizes the logger type that it is communicating with and adapts the content of its screens so that it presents only the options relevant to the logger model in use. Similarly, it presents only options that make sense based on any previous setup selections.

A typical logger model family may have many possible configuration options, but only certain options will be fitted for a customer order. These will have the appropriate electronic interfaces, including any connector options, built into the unit during its manufacture.

Some interfaces are single purpose, and both their functionality and channel allocation are fixed. These will have only a few setup steps. ('Group 1' logger input interfaces all behave like this).

The installer (as part of channel setup) also has to set the logger to interpret the data into its real significance (i.e., what each measurement represents).

Other electronic interfaces are multi-purpose in nature. For these, the logger has to use an appropriate software driver to make an interface work. The combination of both an electrical interface and a software driver put together form a "channel type". During manufacture, the logger will include (factory-only) settings that define what channel-types are built into the unit. IDT uses this information to adapt its display to show only relevant and sensible options to the user.

Sometimes an electronics interface can support several alternative types of channel (each requiring a different driver). The user can make just one selection from the set. IDT will subsequently exclude the other options from being available; the interface use has been already committed.

When the logger makes readings from an interface, it obtains data. Data is simply a numeric value. IDT provides a means to identify a specific stream of measurement data; this is done by assigning an outgoing "channel number" to each data stream.

Steps for channel setup to measure from an interface and save data will include:  
(IDT can be used to make or check the required settings).

- Assigning a channel number and channel type for an interface.
- Setup the logger to be able to interpret raw data from a channel into its real-world significance (including any calibration requirements).
- Determining how often to make the measurement, and if any mathematical operations should be applied to the raw measurement data (e.g., averaging several samples).  
This will create "data-points" (the values saved as logged data).

**Note:** The logger will usually have settings pre-programmed by the factory prior to shipping. However, the installer has responsibility for confirming the settings are appropriate for use at the installed site.

If you have specific requirements this can be discussed with your HWM sales representative at the time of ordering the loggers.

## **1.9 USE OF CELLULAR NETWORKS – IMPORTANT NOTES**

### **Availability of SMS**

Most logger models include the ability to communicate to a server via use of the cellular data network (as used by mobile phones). Loggers can communicate via the regular data network (which gives internet access). Alternatively, SMS (Short Message Service) messaging can be used by some loggers; in most cases this will be as a fallback if the logger is temporarily unable to access the regular data network. If configured for SMS use, the logger uses the available **2G network**.

**Important:** 2G (GPRS) services, which carry the SMS messaging system, are slowly being turned off around the globe. Once 2G is switched off, the SMS services available within the logger will no longer be able to function.

Unless deactivated in the logger settings, the logger will continue to try, wasting battery. Therefore, check with your cellular network operator for their switch off date before setting the logger to use the SMS backup service or any other feature requiring SMS use.

To deactivate the use of the SMS system, any related SMS settings should be removed (switched off or deleted). Any modified settings must be saved to the logger.

Note: For use of SMS services, both the logger and the cellular network provider must support SMS.

In addition, the SIM card fitted inside the logger must support SMS use. (Check with your SIM supplier if required).

Most 'Group 3' loggers do not support the use of SMS, except for PermaNET SU, which can offer SMS call-in as a fallback option.

### **Logger identity when using SMS**

When using the cellular data network, the logger identity is included with the data within the message. However, when using the SMS system, the identity is the calling number (from the SIM card). Thus, when using any SMS services, these two numbers (IDT setting of logger telephone number and SIM telephone number) must match.

## **1.10 LOGGER SETUP REQUIREMENTS FOR USE WITH A DATAGATE SERVER**

When a logger is set up for use in conjunction with the DataGate server, there are certain requirements for inter-operability between them. These include:

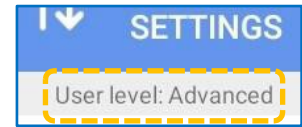
- All loggers must be previously entered into the DataGate system (registered using their Telephone / SMS number and linked to a dummy site) by an 'Admin' user.
- Loggers that are listed within 'group 1' have additional administrative requirements for identifying them; refer to the logger user-guide for further details.
- Loggers having modems (i.e., those from 'group 2' and 'group 3') must be set up to be able to communicate with the DataGate server, using appropriate credentials.
- DataGate and the logger must agree on the way data is presented to the server.
  - Channel numbers in use and the channel content from the logger must agree with the expectations of the server, in order to correctly receive and process the data.
  - Number formats and the units of measure in use must match between logger and server.

## 2 USING THE IDT APP / MODES OF USE

### 2.1 IDT – USER-LEVELS

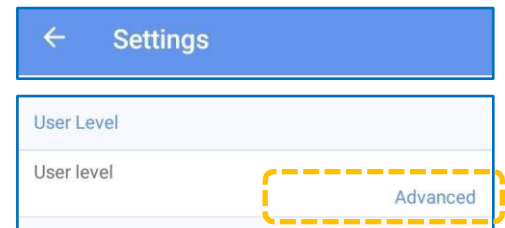
IDT can be set to various user-level “views” including:

- “Basic” (no user-level is shown on the display).  
... This gives basic details and is sufficient for most uses.
- “Advanced” (“User level: Advanced” appears on the display).  
... Additional options are available for advanced users.



Both user-levels are available and can be selected within the app from the Settings screen.

To change, navigate to the settings screen and tap the ‘User level’ line.



### 2.2 IDT - MODES OF USE

IDT may be used in two modes of operation:

- Operated *with* the use of the DataGate server.  
IDT refers to this as the option to “Log in”.
- Operated *without* the use of the DataGate server.  
IDT refers to this as the option to “Log in without DataGate”.

Using IDT *without the DataGate server* removes access to some of the capabilities of IDT:

- The user is not required to authenticate themselves with a username and password.
- A regular internet connection is not needed since there is no communications from IDT to any server during use. (IDT requires occasional internet connection for obtaining any updates, including obtaining updates for the logger firmware).
- The user will be unable to manage or access the data of secure loggers (applies to ‘Group 3’ loggers only).
- The user will be unable to store the logger data on the server for future reference (applies to ‘Group 1’ loggers only), although the user can share data via the clipboard or e-mail.
- The user will be unable to upload logger data into IDT for sending to the server (applies to ‘Group 2’ and ‘Group 3’ loggers only), although the logger itself may be able to send.

Using IDT *in conjunction with the DataGate server* adds certain requirements for use and gives the user access to the comprehensive functionality of IDT, including:

- An internet connection is required initially for the authentication process and also at other times for communication to the server.
- The user is required to authenticate themselves with a username and password.
- Logging in gives the app a token which enables IDT to be used for up to 48 hours, after which the user is required to log in again.
- The User and loggers are required to have been setup on DataGate correctly to give the required permissions, such as logger ownership.
- The user is given the ability to manage secure loggers (as well as unprotected loggers). (Applies to ‘Group 3’ loggers only).

- IDT can retrieve data from loggers and upload it to a server for storage.

A list of the loggers you have permission to access to is also transferred at login time; this is also required for the HWM Deployment app, in order for it to record changes in the logger location into the DataGate database.

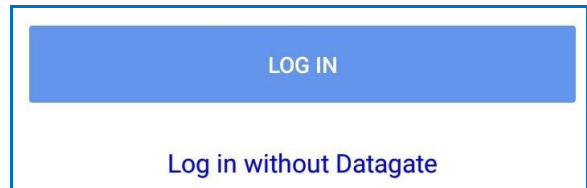
### 2.2.1 Use of IDT without Logging in

It is possible to use IDT without going through the login process, but restrictions will exist, (see also section 2.2).

(‘Group 3’ loggers only): It will not be possible to see any secure logger, only unprotected ones.

Note: It will not be possible to go through the deployment process (using an app to record site installation details) *without* logging into DataGate.

After the initial splash-screen (which shows the IDT logo), the user will have the option to either log in or select to use the app without DataGate. If the user chooses to “Log in without DataGate”, the app will, in future, bypass the “Log In” page.



Note: Bypassing the log-in page still allows app communication with unprotected loggers. These can be set to communicate with DataGate if so desired. It is simply *the app* that does not communicate with DataGate.

If you have selected the “Log in without DataGate” option, skip to section 2.3.

### 2.2.2 Logging in and initial actions

Locate the IDT icon and launch the app.

The initial screen is shown.



After several seconds, the “Log In” screen appears.



After launching the app for the first time, the Log In screen has to be configured to point to the correct server.

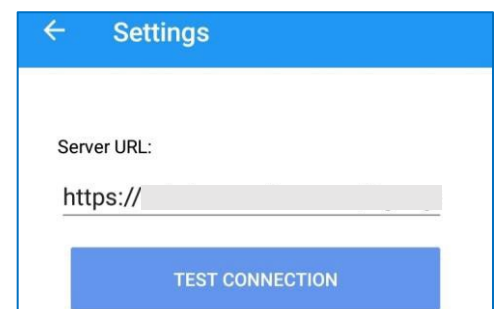
Tap the settings control.



Type the URL of the DataGate server being used. (This will be provided by your system administrator).

To verify the server details are valid, tap on “TEST CONNECTION”.

This tests the URL, to verify it is valid and that a server is reachable using the entered details. It does not authenticate the app or its user for using the system.



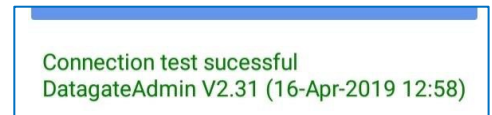
Ensure the “Connection test successful” appears.

Tap the back-arrow to return to the Log In window.

Enter your DataGate username and password for your mobile phone app. (The Username is case-sensitive.)

Tap the “LOG IN” button, and the app will attempt to log into DataGate as an authenticated user.

Following a successful login, DataGate downloads some information to the IDT app.



### 2.3 DEVICES (INITIAL SELECTION SCREEN)

If login and authentication was successful, the app will show the “Devices” window.

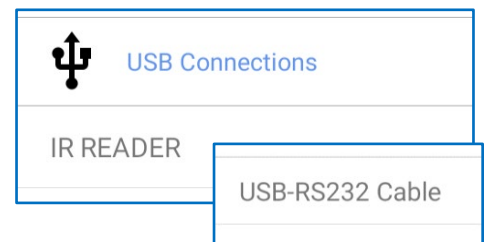
(This will also be shown if you have previously selected to use the app without DataGate, as in section 2.2.1).



(‘Group 1’ loggers and ‘Group 2’ loggers only).

When a tablet is directly connected to a cabled connection, the initial Devices selection screen will also show a “USB Connections” area. This will list any attached cable or interface, such as:

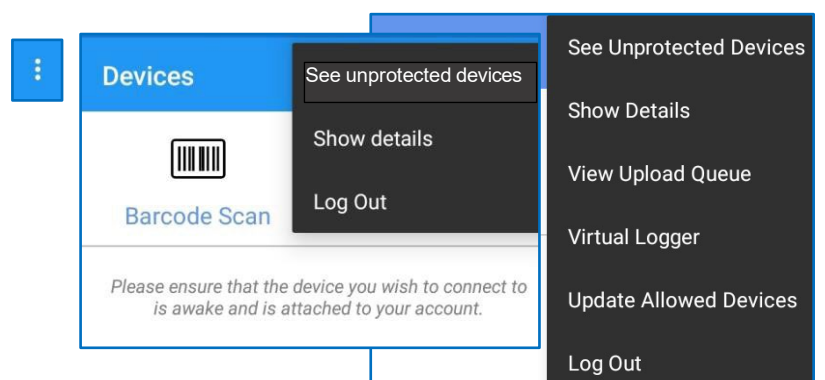
- IR Reader.
- USB-RS232 cable.



Note: Some loggers may support two types of HWM communications cables, USB (direct) and USB (converted to RS232). The tablet (and hence IDT app) requires a USB (converted to RS232) type. If the incorrect cable type is used, it will not be recognized and the ‘USB Connections’ lines will not be displayed.

Note: Tap on the options control to access an options menu.

(The menu can vary).





## 2.4 SELECTING A LOGGER DEVICE & CONNECTING WITH IDT

Four methods exist to select the logger that IDT should communicate with:

- Connection via a cabled connection (wired selection). See section 2.4.1 (This is available on 'Group 1' and 'Group 2' loggers only).
- Bar-code scan (automatic selection). See section 2.4.2. (This is available on 'Group 3' loggers only).
- Bluetooth scan (manual logger selection). See section 2.4.3. (This is available on 'Group 3' loggers only).
- Connection via a cabled connection to a Bluetooth Interface Link unit, which can be selected via a Bluetooth scan as the communications target. See section 2.4.4. (This is available on 'Group 1' and 'Group 2' loggers only).  
Note: Use of the Bluetooth Interface Link provides compatibility with a wider variety of tablets and mobile phones than the direct cabled connection method).

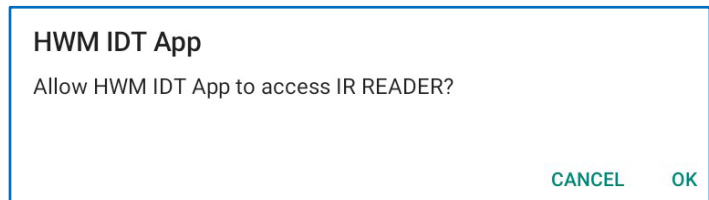
If using a logger from 'Group 3', select and un-pack the logger and ensure its communications link has been activated (see section 1.6, and the relevant section of the logger user-guide). The logger will broadcast its presence over the Bluetooth radio link.

### 2.4.1 Wired Selection

(This method can be used for a 'Group 1' logger that uses a USB port of a tablet to connect with a cabled connection to an IR Reader. Some 'Group 2' loggers also use an IR Reader, whilst others use a USB (to RS232) communications cable; Use a USB-C to USB-A adapter cable if needed).

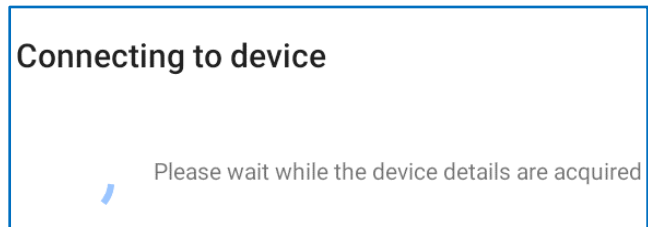
Note: The connection method is only supported by certain Android tablet devices. (Contact your HWM sales representative for further information).  
However, see section 2.4.4 for an alternative connection method.

If using the IR Reader, position it over the logger you wish to connect to. From the IDT Devices screen, tap the "IR Reader" line. Give permission for the IDT app to access the cable.



Similarly, if using a logger USB communications cable, connect both ends of the cable (to logger and tablet). Then, from the IDT Devices screen, tap the "USB-RS232" line.

Wait for a few seconds whilst the IDT app reads the logger program and status via the IR Reader (or communications cable). (If the connection to the logger is successful, the app will load the main options screen, as shown in section 3).

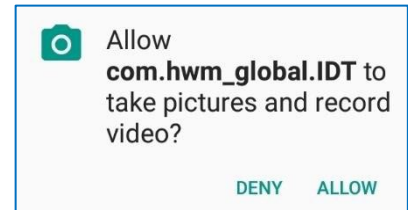


## 2.4.2 Automatic Selection using barcode scan

From the Devices window...

Tap the "Barcode Scan" icon.

The app may request permission to use the camera for photos and video. Tap on ALLOW.



The phone's camera will activate, and the phone will display what is within its view.

Locate and view the logger barcode using the camera. The red line in the displayed image should be positioned over the barcode.

The app will continuously attempt to read the barcode, changing focus settings until it comes into clear view.

When the phone reads the barcode successfully, it will check that it has permission (a serial-number match) to use the logger. If it has no permission, it will not move from the barcode scan window.



IDT next confirms the logger is physically present by trying to detect it. It therefore starts a scan and looks for Bluetooth devices in the area.

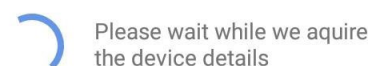
If it finds the logger signal, it connects with it.

If the logger device is not discovered, an error message is displayed. (The phrase "re-swiping device" means to re-activate the logger's communications link).

Follow the guidance message and then tap OK.

If the logger radio link disappears, you may get an error message ... re-activate the logger communications link and try again.

### Connecting to device



### Could not connect to device

Please try re-swiping device and check that you have been granted permission to use it.

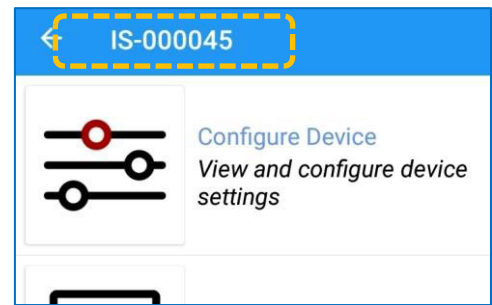
OK

Could not connect to device

When successful, the identity of the logger is shown, along with controls to access various options.

This is the main options page.

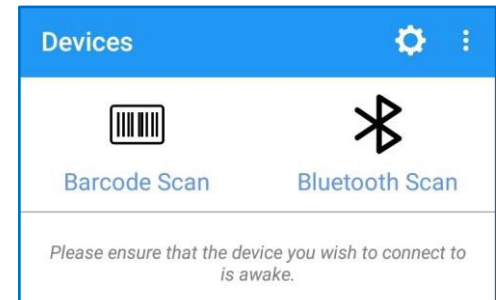
The IDT app automatically communicates with the logger and obtains its configuration and settings. (Skip to section 0.)



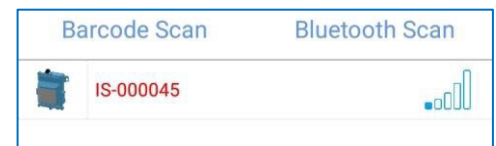
### 2.4.3 Manual Selection using Bluetooth scan

From the Devices window... Tap the “Bluetooth Scan” icon.

A scan will commence and list some of the Bluetooth-enabled logger devices found. The scan can pick up several types of logger, as long as they are within communications range.



Your logger can usually be identified by comparing with information on its label (e.g., serial number). If your logger is not listed, try re-activating the logger communications link.



If you are not using DataGate:

- All loggers you have access to appear in black text.

If you are logged into DataGate:

- Secure loggers that you own are listed with black text.
- Unprotected loggers that you “own” (on DataGate) are listed with red text (providing “show unprotected devices” is selected from the local menu).
- Loggers that you do not own are not listed.

Note: Use of the options control gives the ability to *show details*: MAC address (Android only) and dBm.

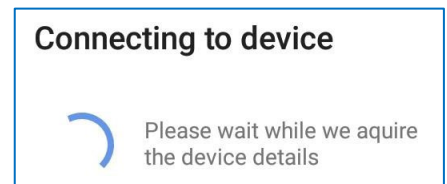


	Barcode Scan	Bluetooth Scan	
		MAC Address	Signal (dBm)
	IS-000020	00:80:25:D1:F0:FE	-92
	IS-000045	00:80:25:D1:F1:24	-88

Confirm (using the serial number) the correct logger device is listed on IDT.

Tap on the line to select it. IDT will connect with it.

The IDT app automatically communicates with the logger and obtains its configuration and settings.



## 2.4.4 Using the Bluetooth Interface Link

Note: Refer to the Bluetooth Interface Link 'Quick Start Guide' to confirm the operation of your unit, in case of any variation from the description below.

Before any other action, ensure the Bluetooth Interface Link unit is switched on (not in the Standby mode). When first switched on, the Bluetooth Interface Link unit will go into 'Pairing mode' (rapidly flashing amber LED).

Note: Whilst in 'Pairing mode' it is operationally safe to either connect or to disconnect the logger communications cable.

Connect the logger communications cable between the logger and the Bluetooth Interface Link.

From the Devices screen... Tap the "Bluetooth Scan" icon.

A scan will commence, and IDT will list various Bluetooth devices found.

The Bluetooth Interface Link can be identified as 'BIL-nnnnnn', where 'nnnnnn' is the serial number. (An example is shown opposite.)

Tap the BIL-nnnnnn line to select this communications path.

Initially, the IDT app makes a connection with the Bluetooth Interface Link unit, which will go into the 'Connected mode' (Green LEDs rapidly flashing).

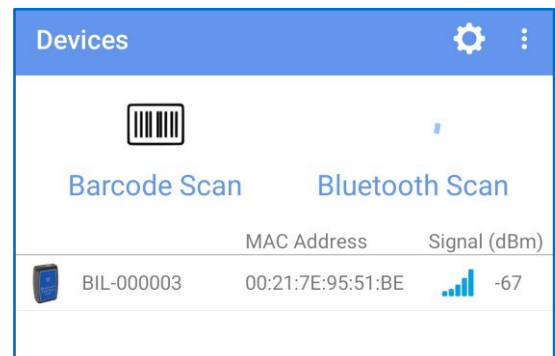
The IDT app will then try to communicate with the logger (via the Bluetooth Interface Link and attached cable), initially trying to identify what type of logger is connected. It then reads the current logger settings. During the communications, the Bluetooth Interface Link will be in 'Logger Communication mode' (indicated by LEDs flashing Red and Green).

From this point on, the IDT app functions identically to any other connection method. However, the following points should be noted:

- For correct operation, do not detach the logger cable, except for when the Bluetooth Interface Link has returned to 'Pairing mode'. This can be achieved in an orderly way by tapping the back-arrow control in IDT to navigate back to the 'Devices' screen.

The IDT app will disconnect from the logger and Bluetooth Interface Link (which enters 'Pairing mode' once more).

To connect to another logger, connect the cable, initiate a Bluetooth scan, and select 'BIL-nnnnnn' once more.



### Connecting to device



Please wait while the device details are acquired

### Connecting to device



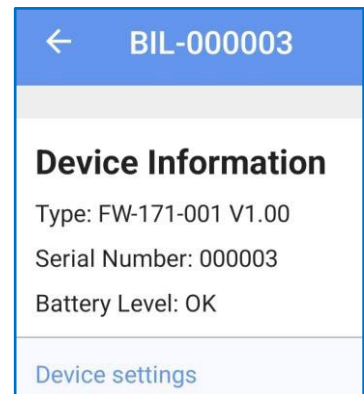
Attempting to identify a connected logger

### Disconnecting



Please wait while we disconnect from the device.

- If the Bluetooth Interface Link is selected by IDT but no cable is in use, IDT will produce a Device Information page showing various details of the Bluetooth Interface Link unit.  
(If connected to a logger, this information can also be accessed via a menu option on the logger's Device Information page).



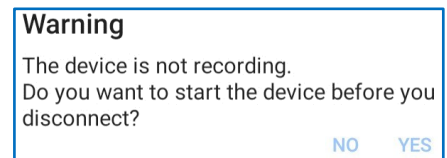
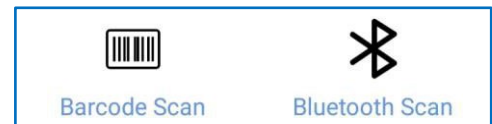
## 2.5 DISCONNECTING A LOGGER FROM IDT

Once IDT has connected to the logger, it can be used to check and re-program the logger, as required. After you have finished using IDT, do not unplug any communications cables until you have first disconnected from the logger using the IDT controls.

To disconnect IDT from the logger, use the 'back-arrow' control until you reach the initial selection screen.

During the IDT disconnection, the IDT app makes certain logger settings checks, and prompts the user to confirm or correct anything it finds unusual. Examples are:

- The logger is not currently recording (logging).
- The device has a modem, but it has not been set to call into the server.



Once you have fixed any found issues, or confirmed intentional, the IDT app will disconnect, allowing you to select a new logger. At this point you may remove any communications cables in use.

## 2.6 LOGGER FIRMWARE UPDATE

New software releases (firmware) for loggers are occasionally released from HWM.

Before reaching the main options page, IDT automatically checks the existing logger firmware version. If a newer one is available, the user will be offered the option to update the logger using the file saved in the phone. This is recommended.

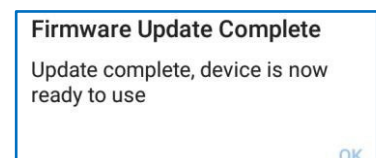
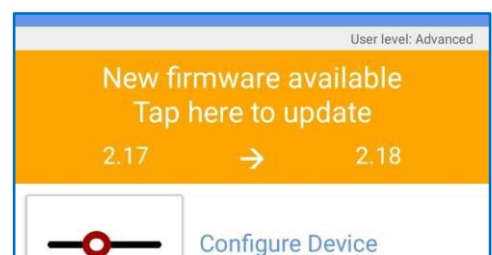
Tap the "New firmware available" line to start the upgrade, which takes approximately one minute.

(Note: The IDT App does not support this facility for 'Group 1' loggers).

Progress is shown:

(Loading → Restarting Device → Firmware Update Complete).

The main options screen is then shown.



### 3 IDT – MAIN PAGE (USE OPTIONS)

The main (use options) page is shown below. (The content will vary according to the logger type or the features available on your logger).

This page functions as a menu. Selecting an option on this page will open a new sub-page with further options.

Configure Device:

The user can use the app to check the device configuration (settings) or re-configure the device.

Test Device:

The user has access to some tests, to be able to confirm the logger device is operational within its installed environment.

Logged Data:

This shows when data is present. The user can access measurement data held within the logger device. (Access is temporary; data is not stored by the app).

Firmware Selection:

The user can modify the device firmware. (Rollback is rarely used, only if advised by HWM)

System Logs:

The user can check the history of call-attempts.

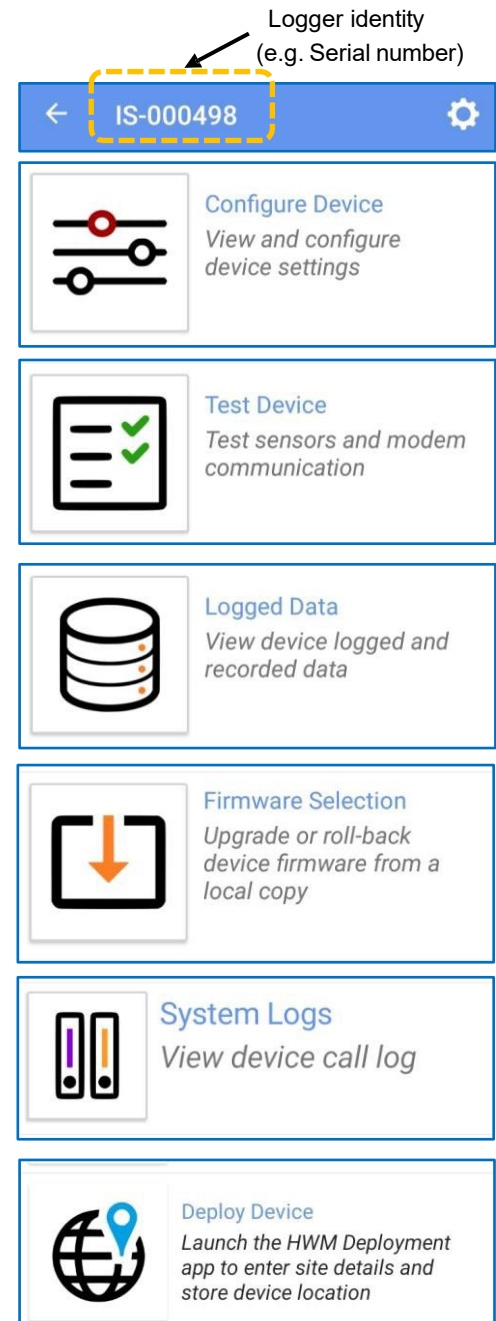
Deploy Device:

Note: This option is only available when IDT is used with DataGate.

Tapping the Deploy Device option will launch the HWM Deployment app and pass details of the logger to it.

The user is then able to record the installation location of the device.

(The HWM Deployment app is then used to complete the task of selecting the site of deployment and an administrative update of the DataGate system).



## 3.1 DISPLAYING LOGGER DEVICE INFORMATION

### 3.1.1 ID information / Telephone number

From the main page, tap on the “Configure Device” selection.

A new menu page will open with various configuration options. Select “Device Information”.

A new page will open with a read-only area showing various logger parameters, including the firmware version, serial-number, and the logger’s current time (not updated). On some logger models It also shows the logger recording status (see sections 3.1.5 and 3.1.6).

(The Logger time can be used to check the UTC offset has been set correctly; see section 3.1.2).

The user can (optionally) input a unique identifier within the ‘ID’ field.

There is a telephone number displayed. (This can also be referred to as the logger ‘SMS number’). (Modification of this field is not permitted by IDT for some loggers. For ‘Group 1’ loggers the field may even be blank).

The telephone number is usually pre-programmed into the logger by HWM prior to shipping and should remain unchanged. It usually matches the number of the SIM card, if factory fitted.

(It is not read from the SIM card but has to be independently programmed into the logger memory). It also usually matches the telephone number printed on the logger label.

Note: Where IDT does permit a user to modify the “Telephone Number” of the logger, **caution should be taken**. This number acts as an identifier of the logger within data messages to the DataGate system.

Changing the number is only required when:

- (1) Fitting a SIM card for the first time, or
- (2) When replacing the SIM card and the use of SMS services is also required.

If the number is changed, administrative updates to DataGate will also be required.

(See section 1.9 for additional information about the availability of SMS services).

### 3.1.2 Time-zone (UTC offset)

The logger communicates to DataGate using the global time reference, (called “UTC”; Coordinated Universal Time).

IDT allows the user to program loggers using local time. The logger needs to know the offset of the local time zone from UTC so it can communicate the correct timestamps for data to the server. This can be set by the user by tapping the “UTC offset” line.



E.g. If your local time is 4 hours behind UTC / GMT then set this field to “ - 04.00” from the selections listed or use the ‘Find me’ button within the selections page.

Note: For ‘group 3’ loggers, when a user adjusts the UTC offset, the setting does not *immediately* change the displayed “Logger Time”. The update only takes effect after the logger next calls into the server; the server then changes the logger’s time. This allows the server to be able to correctly interpret logger timestamps during any UTC offset change.

### 3.1.3 Automatic Time adjustment (Daylight Savings)

(This feature is available on: ‘Group 2’ loggers only.)

Some countries make seasonal adjustments to their ‘clock time’, to make the best use of the available daylight hours. Typically, clock time is advanced by 1 hour during the spring and summer months.

The logger can be set to use (or disregard) time adjustments for Daylight savings.

If required, navigate to the Device Information page and tap on “Daylight Savings” line to enable the feature and for various setting options on how it will be implemented.

### 3.1.4 Logger mode / Security PIN

(Skip this section if using a ‘Group 1’ or ‘Group 2’ logger; It is not applicable).

The “Mode Settings” area contains miscellaneous controls that affect device operation.

**Device Mode** should be “normal”; this is unavailable to edit for most users and is password protected.

**Shipping mode** is used to render the device inactive and is used for shipping the unit and for long term storage. (Refer to section 11.1). If ‘shipping mode’ is ‘off’, the logger will be in a recording state.



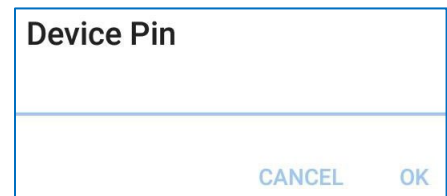
**Device PIN** gives the user the option of setting a user-defined PIN on an Unprotected device.

Tap on the line if you wish to set a PIN.

The PIN can be up to 8 characters in length.

Once set, IDT will not allow access to the device without a valid PIN being entered.

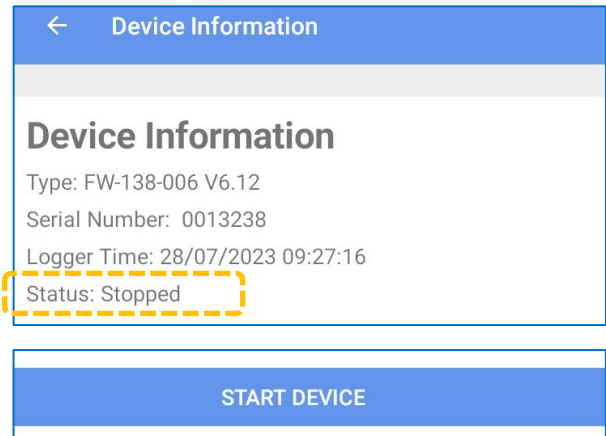
If you forget the PIN, the device can only be recovered using a HWM Master PIN; the PIN is unique to each device.



### 3.1.5 Status (Logger recording status) ('Group 1' & 'Group 2' loggers)

Within the Device Information page, IDT "Status" line indicates the current recording status of the logger.

Here, the logger is indicating that it is "stopped". (This state is often used for long-term storage and for shipping the logger in an inactive state).



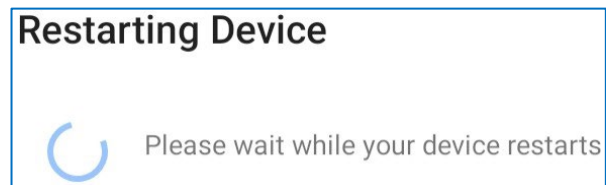
To change the current recording state of the logger, tap on the device control button, which appears at the bottom of the page.

This can either be used to start or stop the device, depending on the current state.

The logger status can be changed in the following cycle:

- Recording → Stopped. ; by tapping 'Stop Recording'.
- Stopped → Waiting → Recording. ; by tapping 'Start Recording'. The logger 'waiting' state is temporary and managed by the logger.

If changing from the 'Stopped' status, IDT will write the program settings back to the logger and then cause the logger to re-start.



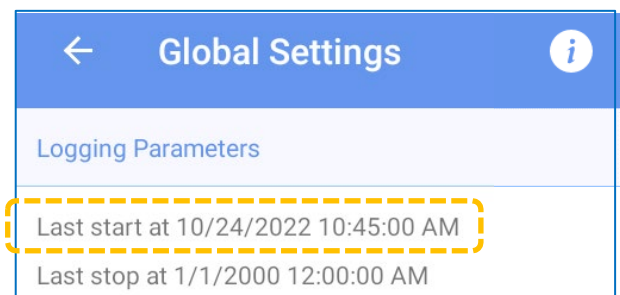
Once in the 'Waiting' state, an advisory message will appear informing you the logger is waiting to start.

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Logger waiting for start time. Please check your device's channel logging settings for more information

Standard logger behavior is to commence logging at the earliest possible time, but it must start producing data at a suitable time boundary. (E.g., If restarted at 10:26 the logger may schedule its start time at 10:30).

The expected start time can be checked on the Global Settings page (see section 3.3).



Upon reaching the start time, the logger will move into a state of 'Recording' and begin its regular repetitive program cycle of measuring from sensors and logging the results.

Build: 21/02/2018  
Serial Number: 1048575  
Logger Time: 28/07/2023 10:35:11  
Status: Recording

Note: Tapping on the Stop Device button when the logger is in a recording state will put the unit into a "stopped" state, suitable for long-term storage.

For 'Group 1' loggers, collect any required data from the unit before doing this.

For 'Group 2' loggers, IDT will provide additional warnings if there is unsent data.

(Select 'Yes' if the data is relevant and needs to be sent to the server. You will then be given the option of forcing an immediate logger call-in, during which the logger will upload any unsent data to the server).

If you are logged in, an alternative method of downloading the data to IDT for later synchronization will also be offered. (See also section 10.3).

IDT then warns that the logger will no longer call into the server to send data.

Unless cancelled, the logger will stop recording, and go into a status of 'Stopped'.

**Warning**

There is unsent logged data in the logger. Continuing will erase this data and reconfigure all the logging settings.  
Do you wish to get the data now?

NO YES

**Call in**

Force the logger to call in now and send up the data?

CANCEL CONTINUE

**Stop logger?**

Device will be stopped.  
Call outs disabled.

CANCEL OK

Every time a change is made to the logger program, it is uploaded to the logger (either immediately or upon accepting or saving the change). For changes that affect the channels, or the log period, the logger will also undergo a re-start. A re-start also occurs when the logger is activated (taken out of shipping mode).

The most common practice is for logging (data recording) to begin immediately upon a restart, although this can be deferred to a later time if required.

To defer the data recording start time, navigate to the Global Settings page.

The standard logger behavior is to commence logging at the earliest possible time, by setting the "Start Logging Immediately" slider control to 'on'.

Start logging immediately

If the logger re-start is required to be deferred to a later time, move the slider to the 'off' position and then set the required time and date for the data logging to begin.

Start logging immediately

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Start Time 10/24/2022 2:00:00 PM

When programming a logger start time, the logger may modify the entered time to adjust to the next suitable time boundary.

Note: A re-start of a 'Group 1' or 'Group 2' logger deletes any previously stored data and begins storing fresh data. It is therefore important to retrieve any data from the logger prior to either stopping the logger or making any program changes.

### 3.1.6 Logger recording status ('Group 3' loggers)

Although hidden, 'Group 3' loggers have a similar recording status as the Group 1 and Group 2 loggers: Stopped → Waiting → Recording (... and back to → Stopped).

However, the IDT app does not specify the current status, but instead shows whether the logger is in 'shipping mode' (or not).

If Shipping Mode is ON, it is equivalent to the logger being stopped.

If Shipping mode is OFF, it is equivalent to the logger being operational (Recording).

### 3.1.7 Modem Information

(Not applicable to 'Group 1' loggers.)

Additional Modem details can be shown by tapping the "... get modem info" line. These can be forwarded to expert users for assistance by tapping on the share control.



## 3.2 CALL-IN SETTINGS AND RELATED FUNCTIONS

(Not applicable to 'Group 1' loggers).

From the main options page, tap on the "Configure Device" selection.

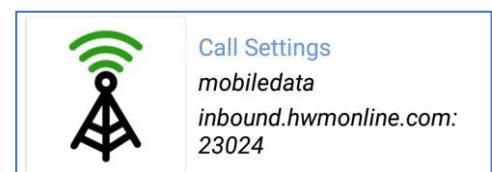
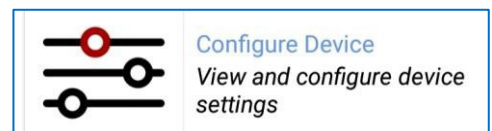
A new page will open with various configuration options. Select the "Call Settings" option.

The current call settings of the logger will be displayed.

Tap on any line to change the setting; the change is made to the logger immediately without having to confirm it.

The page is divided into 5 areas of settings (2 for IDT in "Basic mode"):

- Call-in settings. (Also in Basic mode) ; Refer to section 3.2.1.
- Data Destination settings ; Refer to section 3.2.2.
- SIM settings ; Refer to section 3.2.4.
- Modem settings ; Refer to section 8.
- Logger Settings (related to call-in). (Also in Basic mode) ; Refer to section 3.2.5.



### 3.2.1 Call-in settings

The Call-in settings for an IDT user-level of Basic are shown opposite.

The Call-in settings affect when the logger calls in with measurement data.

Additional settings can be accessed at a user-level of Advanced.

Note: These settings should be carefully chosen since every call-in uses some battery power.

*To prolong battery life, keep the number of call-ins per day minimal.*

*3 calls per day (maximum) are recommended.*

IDT provides some warnings and restrictions to limit very excessive call levels being set by a user (e.g., at hourly intervals or less).

Call mode:

- Select “Time” to have the logger call-in at fixed times.  
(Then set the required call times).
- Set to “Frequency” to have the logger call in regularly after a set period of collecting measurement data.  
(Then set the required period between calls).

Call type:

- Select “UDP” to send data using a UDP message. (Alternative options may be available. Alternatively, select ‘off’ to deactivate the call-in).

Continue to call when there is no data:

- This should usually be set to “No”; It is to save battery power. It takes effect when measurements are made infrequently; if there is no new (or unsent) data then do not call in.

(Note: The ‘Fast call rate’ option is only available on some ‘Group 3’ logger models, although a similar setting is available for ‘Group 2’ loggers whilst in alarm state; See section 6.7).

If the logger is unsuccessful at the first attempt to call-in (e.g., the network is busy), it will re-try at the next earliest call time, until it is successful. A logger can send in data from several previous days if it needs to (e.g., if the data could not be sent because the site was temporarily flooded, and the antenna signal was degraded).

← Call Settings

Call-in Settings	
Call Mode	Frequency
Call Frequency	01:00

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Call Type	UDP
Continue to call in when there is no data to send	Yes

Warning: setting too high a frequency can have a serious impact on your loggers battery life

OK

← Call Settings

User level: Advanced

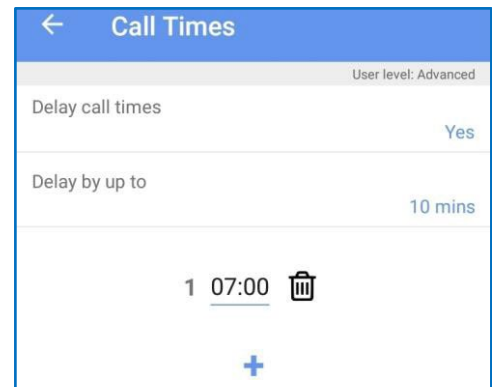
Call-in Settings	
Call Mode	Time
Call Times	07:00

Call Type	UDP
Continue to call in when there is no data to send	Yes

Continue to call in when there is no data to send	No
Fast call rate (min)	5

When the Call-mode is set to "Time":

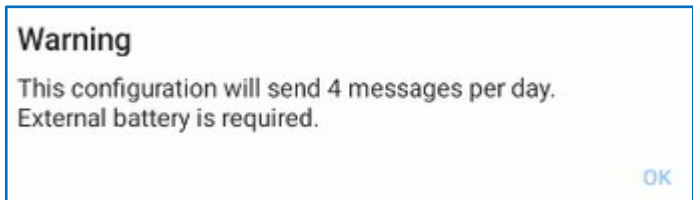
- Controls are available to delay the Fixed call-in times by a short random time; this can be used to reduce the peak load on the server.
- Fixed call-in times can be added. (Logger has a typical limit of 8).
- Fixed call-in times can be deleted.



When the Call-mode is set to "Frequency":

- The logger calls in at the chosen interval, starting at midnight.
- If less than 1 hour, the logger calls in hourly, and the minutes setting governs the time past the hour when the call-in is made.
- If a call-in via the normal data network fails, SMS messages can be sent instead.

IDT checks whether the number of call-ins per day will cause excessive power use of the internal battery and (if necessary) advises if an External Battery is needed. For maximum service life, minimize the number of call-ins.



### 3.2.2 Data Destination settings (main & fallback)

- Set the URL (server address) and port number as required for your server. (Check with your system administrator). (Settings shown are for illustration purposes only).

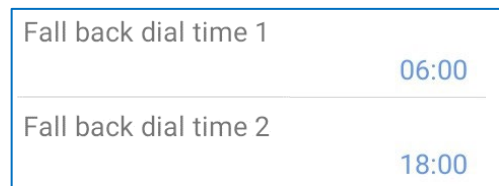
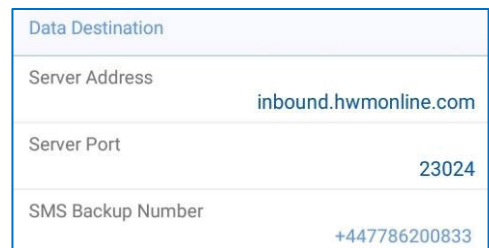
- The SMS backup number is the **destination** telephone number that the logger can use to send messages to the server. (Settings shown are for illustration purposes only).

This is a fallback connection path, only used if the internet cannot be accessed for some time.

(See important note in section 1.9 about SMS use. If SMS is not to be used, ensure the destination SMS backup number is deleted).

- All primary channel data will be sent to the server using SMS messaging (only when required, when calls were not able to be made over the cellular data network).

When in frequency mode, the fallback times for sending SMS messages can be programmed (within the Call Settings page, Data Destination section).



### 3.2.3 Test of SMS connectivity

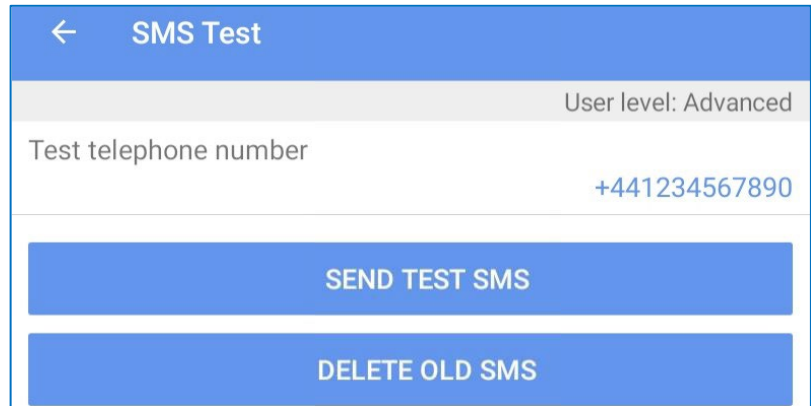
Your logger may have a facility to run a test to confirm the logger can **communicate using outgoing SMS messages** over the cellular network. Tap on the 'Send test SMS message' line to access. (Also, see important note in section 1.9 about SMS use).

Send or clear test SMS messages

Enter your mobile phone number into the 'Test Telephone number' field; The number must be in international format, as shown opposite.

Click the "Send Test SMS" button.

If your SIM and the Cellular Network supports SMS messages, this will send a text to your phone, confirming the phone number of the SIM and that SMS calls can be made from the modem.



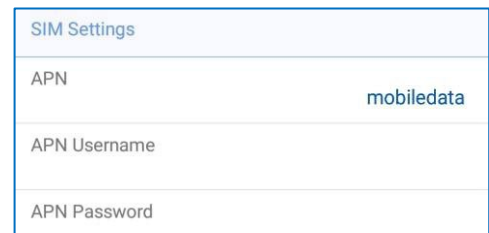
If you fail to receive a text message this could indicate a sim or modem fault, but first verify that both the SIM and Cellular Network support SMS messages.

When finished, tap on the "Delete Old SMS" button.

### 3.2.4 SIM settings

- Confirm the settings match those of your mobile-network data service provider.
- Edit any that are incorrect.

The APN (Access Point Name) is the name of the gateway being used by the mobile service provider to access the internet. If required, enter a username and password.



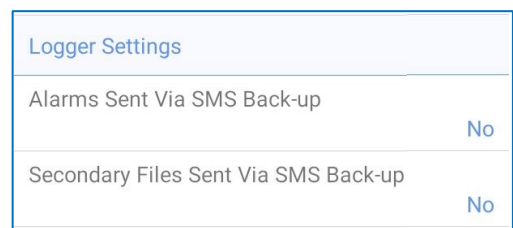
### 3.2.5 Logger settings (related to call-ins)

(These options are only available on some 'Group 2' loggers)

By default, the SMS fallback mechanism of the logger only sends primary data channels.

To send in Alarm information also, set 'Alarms Sent via SMS backup' to 'Yes'.

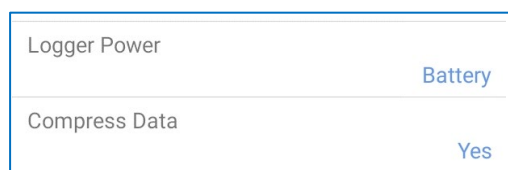
To send in secondary files also (e.g., logged data), set 'Secondary Files Sent ...' to 'Yes'.



Note: (See important note in section 1.9 about SMS use. If SMS is not to be used ensure the '... sent via SMS back-up' settings are deactivated).

Most loggers will be battery operated and therefore have limited power; the logger restricts power use wherever possible. (Set Logger Power to 'Battery').

Certain logger applications permit the use of an external power source, in which case the logger can be less restrictive in its power use. (If such a supply is in use, set Logger Power to 'Mains').

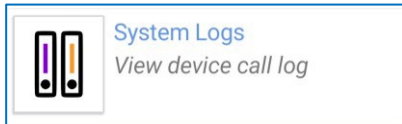


'Compress Data' can be set to minimize length of messages and hence call times.

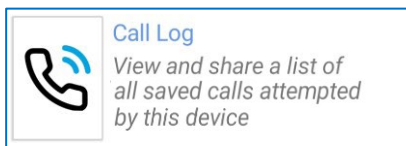
### 3.2.6 Call Log (Call history)

'Group 2' loggers keep a record of any attempted call to the server, and whether it succeeded. This can be viewed as follows:

Tap on System Logs.



Then tap on Call Log.



Each call is listed with the date and time and various parameters including CSQ and success / fail indication.

Tap on the inverted triangle for details.

Tap on '<' or '>' to navigate call log pages.

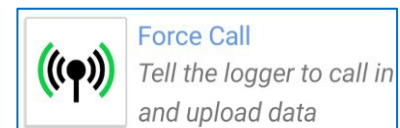
Date & Time	Result	CSQ	Network
27/06/23 14:47	Success	20	Vodafone
Server changed to: uatinbound.hwmonline.co			
REG:	Roaming	Content:	D
Network ID:	23415	Cell:	910869
LAC:	25606	FPLMN:	0x00FFFFFF
Reg Time:	1s	APN Time:	1s
Resp Time:	6s	Duration:	70s
Data Sent:	6550B	Result code:	0xFF
Server: uatinbound.hwmonline.co			
- Good			
27/06/23 14:41	Failed	0	N/A
Server changed to: RstL			
REG:	—	Content:	-
Network ID:	0	Cell:	0
LAC:	0	FPLMN:	0x00000000
Reg Time:	0s	APN Time:	0s
Resp Time:	0s	Duration:	0s
Data Sent:	0B	Result code:	0x00
Server: RstL			
- Net Reg Fail			
27/06/23 14:30	Success	18	Vodafone
27/06/23 14:16	Success	18	Vodafone
27/06/23 13:01	Success	18	Vodafone
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### 3.2.7 Forced Call-in

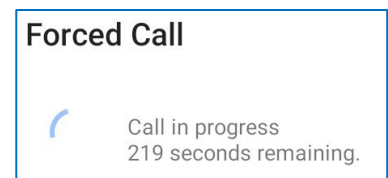
IDT can cause 'Group 2' loggers to make an immediate call-in to the server. This is useful for such occasions as when a logger is about to be removed from the installed site and an upload of final data is required. (e.g., As part of a 'lift and shift' operation).

To make the call, from the main page, tap on 'Test Device'.

Then tap on 'Force Call'.



A call is initiated. The 'Forced Call' information box will show the call progress and provide a countdown; This is the maximum length of time to wait, but usually the call finishes sooner, and the box will close. If no error is indicated, the call and data upload was successful.



## 3.3 TIMING INTERVALS FOR MAKING MEASUREMENTS

These settings determine what time periods the logger uses for its background activity of gathering data. (See also section 11.6).

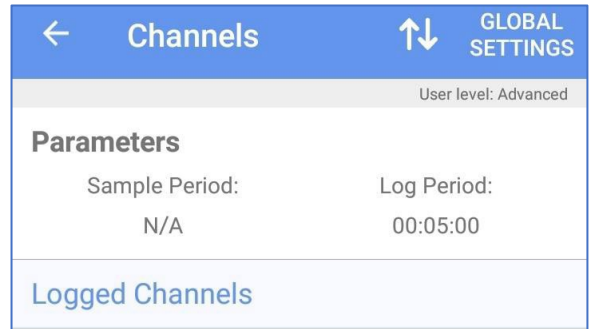
From the main options page, tap on the "Configure Device" selection.

A new page will open with various configuration options. Select the “Channels” option. (Information displayed will vary with logger model).



The “Channels” summary page is displayed.

Tap on the “Parameters” line, or the “Global Settings” link.



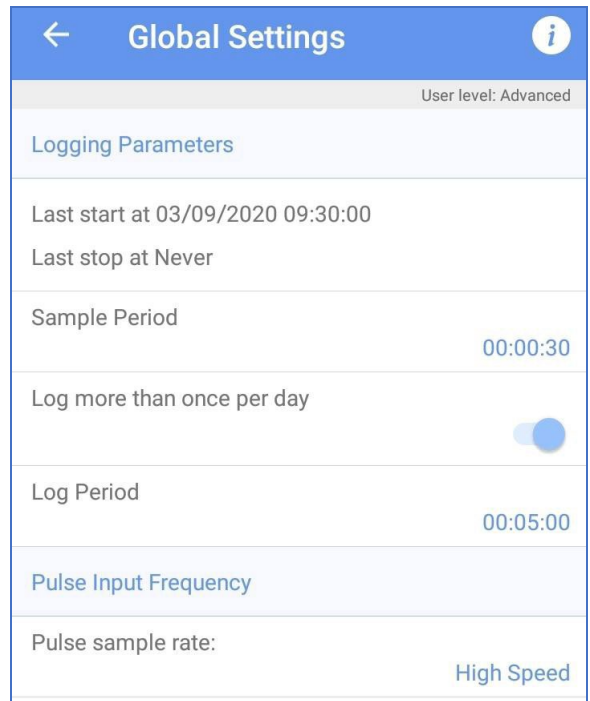
A new page is shown, called “Global settings”.

The page gives details of when logging was last started (or, if recently activated, is due to start).

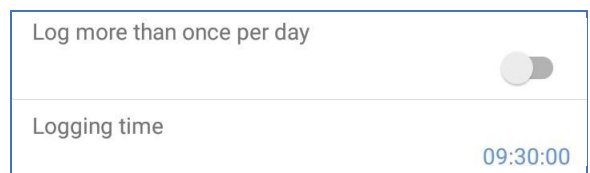
The “Last stop” time will usually be a default value (as shown) unless the logger is currently in a stopped state.

There is a slider switch which determines if the logger “logs more than once per day” or if it produces just a single log value per day.

Most general-purpose loggers should be set to log more than once a day.

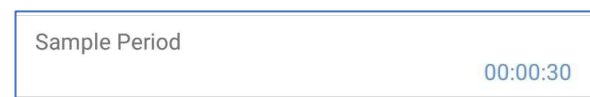


Note: When ‘once a day’ is selected, the time of measurement is additionally required. (For ‘group 1’ loggers, there is no ‘Logging time’ field, and the logger will make and log a measurement at midnight).



The “Sample period” line will not be shown when the logger model auto-configures this, based on the log-period setting.

Where shown, “Sample Period” sets the time interval between making measurements on most of the interfaces.





The value can be selected from one of the many available options.

00:00:01	06:00:00
00:00:02	08:00:00
00:00:03	12:00:00
00:00:05	1 Day

The “Log Period” sets the time interval between storing values and is set in a similar manner to that described for the sample period.

Log Period	00:05:00
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The Log period must be a multiple of the sample period. If the user does not select an appropriate value, IDT will automatically adjust the input.

The data value stored is known as a “datapoint”, normally produced at the log period rate. The value is formed by (optionally) applying some mathematical function on a set of raw data measurements (made at the sample rate); the samples obtained between the log period intervals.

Note: “Sample Periods” for ‘group 1’ loggers are displayed as “N/A” or “Never” in IDT because it is adjusted by the logger software. Background sampling of the sensors still occurs so that the logger can make an accurate assessment of the average value between producing the datapoints. (The ‘N/A’ and ‘Never’ descriptions can therefore be disregarded).

Sample Period: N/A
Sample Period: Never Log Period: 00:15:00

Loggers with a pulse collection type of interface (e.g., digital flow interfaces that detect and count pulses output from meters) have to respond rapidly to the input signals.

Pulse input interfaces are sampled at a much higher rate than regular channels and (except for ‘group 1’ loggers) have their own control for selecting timing.

Pulse Input Frequency
Pulse sample rate: High Speed

Select the most appropriate setting based on the expected maximum pulse rate and also the minimum pulse-width. (The available selections will depend on the logger supplied). Where appropriate, battery life can be extended with the “power save” setting option.

<b>Pulse sample rate:</b> Other: 256Hz (4ms min pulse) High Speed (8ms min pulse) Other: 64Hz (16ms min pulse) Other: 32Hz (32ms min pulse) ⋮ Power Save (500ms min pulse) Other: 1Hz (1000ms min pulse)
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### 4 CREATING (OR MODIFYING) A LOGGER CHANNEL

**Note:** Loggers are usually shipped from the factory pre-configured to the requirements of a customer order. The steps described here therefore only need to be followed for setup of a new channel or modifying existing settings.

As discussed in section 1.8, a channel requires:

- A way to identify the channel and its data-stream.  
(IDT gives the channel a “channel number” for this purpose).
- A “channel type” (electrical interface and software driver)  
(IDT uses “input selector” and “sensor type” for this purpose).
- A means of interpreting data obtained from the sensor.  
(IDT uses such things as “input multiplier” and “units” for this purpose).
- Settings to govern when and how datapoints are produced for storage.  
(IDT uses the “log period” and “Logging mode” for this purpose).

The actual fields that are needed are *dependent on the type of sensor* and what a measurement from it represents. There is also some variation in the fields required dependent on the model of logger; ‘group 1’ loggers are relatively basic in design and less setup steps are required than for the ‘group 2’ and ‘group 3’ loggers.

Furthermore, ‘group 2’ and ‘group 3’ loggers can also use the measurement channel datapoints to derive indirect data streams (in the form of additional channels) or other indirect information. For example, a meter pulse input can produce:

- A stream of data measured *directly from the sensor interface*.
- A stream of *indirect data* derived the direct data stream.

Here, Meter pulses indicate consumption of a volume of fluid or gas.  
Indirect data can be in the form of flow rate (when timed)  
or a calculated meter reading (if the initial meter reading is known).

Examples will be given of the considerations needed and steps taken to set up a logger channel for typical sensors. This is for introduction purposes only; many sensors will follow a similar setup procedure. However, some sensors (or logger behavior with the sensor) can be more complicated and require further discussion. (Refer to section 12 for further details of sensor setup).

The first example is based on an interface that can detect if a switch is open or closed. A typical application of this interface is for the detecting output pulses from a gas or water meter. The logger input in the example will usually be labelled as either ‘Flow’ or ‘Pulse’, and IDT will similarly refer to the input by including ‘Flow’ or ‘Pulse’ in the description.

Note: The wiring of the interface will not be considered here. However, it is important to know the characteristics of the equipment that the logger is being connected to, since flow meters can have several “flavors” of output pulse signals. e.g.:

1. Uni-directional flow is represented by a single output from a meter.

2. Bi-directional flow can be represented (in several ways) by using two outputs from the meter, and therefore requires two signals within the input to the logger.

A typical gas meter has uni-directional flow, with a single pulse output. The rate of gas flow is derived from the pulses by requiring the logger to count the number of pulses obtained during a fixed interval of time; this is to be repeatedly logged.

#### 4.1 EXAMPLE 1: FLOW CHANNEL (USING A LOGGER FROM 'GROUP 1')

(If required, from the main options page, tap on the "Configure Device" selection).

To check for the number of pre-programmed channels that the logger may have, refer to the "Channels" option line.

"No: 2", indicates that the logger has 2 channels set up.

To check what channels exist tap the "Channels" line.

The "Channels" page will open.

A summary of the channel settings is shown below the "Logged Channels" line.

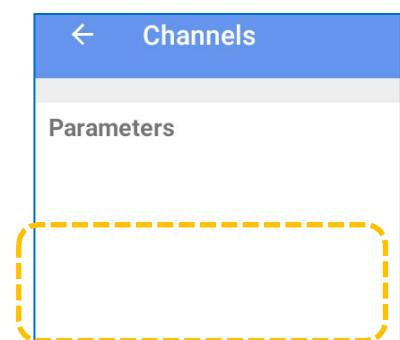
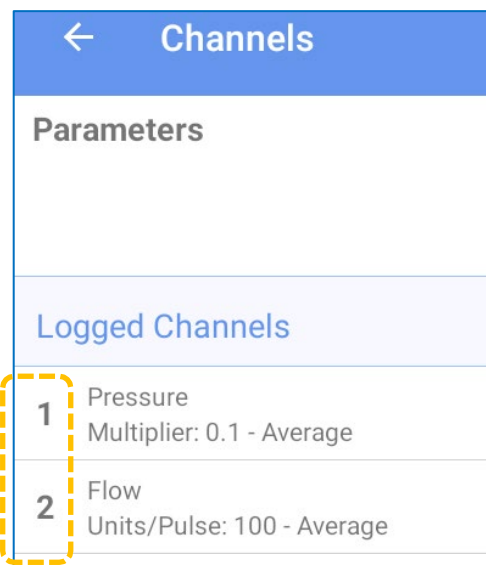
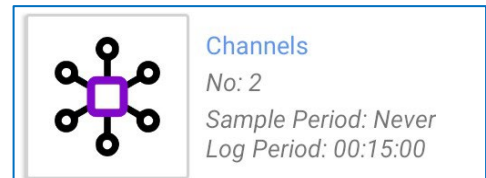
The numbers on the left are the assigned channel numbers for the data streams. (On 'group 1' loggers these cannot be changed from factory settings).

Tap a line if you wish to view more details or to edit the settings.

When a logger has no channels set up, there are none shown in the "Channels" page, nor is there a "Logged Channels" line. (See blank area in the diagram opposite).

The channels can be added, as per the instructions that follow.

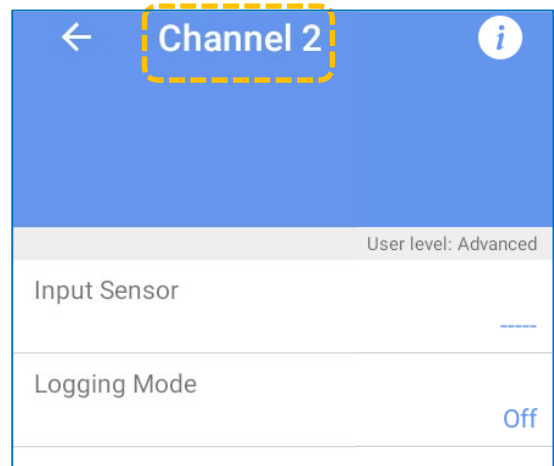
From the "Channels" page, Tap on the "+" symbol. (The symbol is blue if a channel can be added, but grey if no further channels are available).



A channel number is allocated for the data stream, and a page is loaded with the current settings.

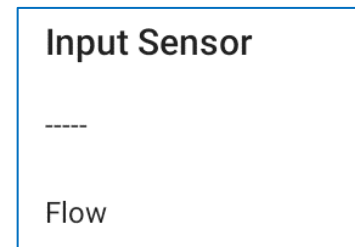
Initially there is no Input Sensor selected. (Shown here as “----”, the channel is disabled).

To select an electrical interface for an input sensor, tap on the “Input Sensor” line.



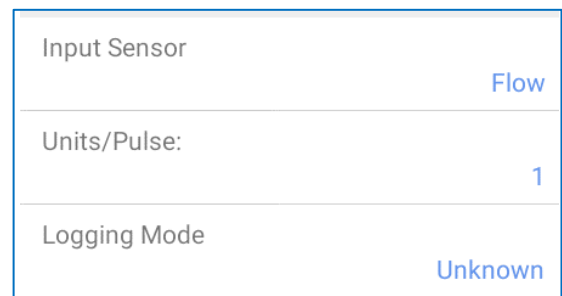
A pop-up box is shown on the screen for the user to select which input to use for this channel. (Here, the logger offers either to disable the input, or to use a “Flow” sensor input).

Tap on the Flow line to make the selection.



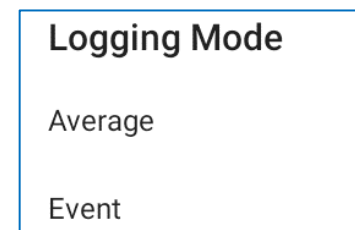
Note: Where a ‘group 1’ logger has an unused interface, the related channel can be temporarily disabled (removed) to reduce battery power consumption and the saving of zero/null or erroneous data. Select ‘-----’ to remove the channel. For ‘group 1’ loggers the channel can be easily re-enabled by adding it back, as described in this section.

The input sensor of “Flow” has now been selected. (For operational details of the interface, refer to the logger user-guide).



Now select the logging mode.

- Choose “Average” when connecting to meters that are producing frequent meter pulses.
- Choose “Event” when connecting to meters that are producing infrequent meter pulses.

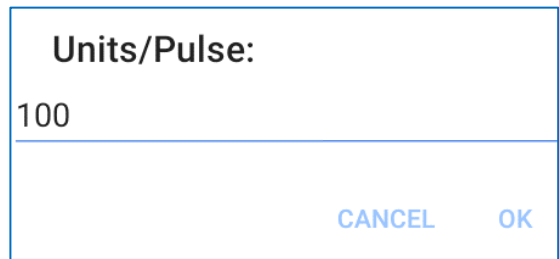


Notes: “Average” counts pulses between log periods, and from that it calculates the flow rate.

“Event” waits for the log period to pass and then waits for the next pulse. It can then calculate an average value of the flowrate and record it by backfilling any datapoints that were missed whilst waiting for the pulse to arrive.

The “Units / Pulse” field can be edited by tapping on the line and entering the appropriate value.

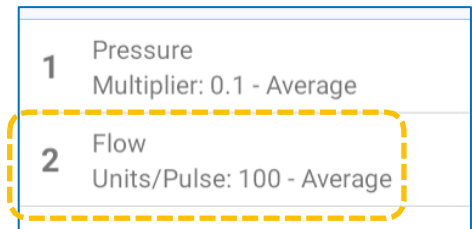
(E.g., If you wish to record consumption in liters, and the meter generates one pulse per 100 liters consumption, then set this field to “100”. Tap on OK to confirm the change).



Tap on the “accept” button to commit the changes to the logger.

IDT will take a few seconds to modify the program settings within the logger. It will then re-start the logger, so the logger will be making a new recording; This is required because the operation of the channels has been changed.

Tap the left arrow to return to the Channels screen, and check that the channel is now present and has correct settings.



For setup details of other channels, refer to the relevant sub-section within section 12.

## 4.2 EXAMPLE 2: FLOW CHANNEL (USING A LOGGER FROM ‘GROUP 2’)

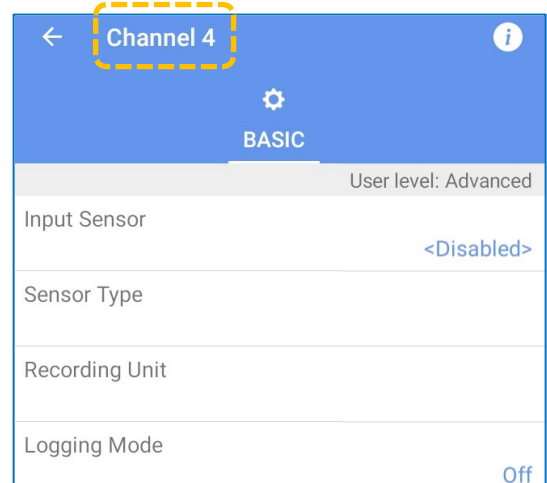
Setup of a channel using a ‘group 2’ logger is similar to the example given for a ‘group 1’ logger (see 4.1), but some additional steps will be needed; Due to the logger being more flexible, it requires the completion of additional setup options.

In the Logged Channels screen, tap on the “ + “ symbol to add a new channel.

The IDT app will assign a channel number for use. This is the datapoint output stream channel number, and (unlike ‘group 1’ loggers) is flexible as to which interface can be used to produce it.

Initially, the input sensor is shown as ‘<Disabled>’; The channel is not in use. Logging mode is ‘Off’; No data is being produced.

Tap on the ‘Input Sensor’ line.



A list of all the available input interfaces is shown.

In this example, the logger is being set up for a uni-directional water meter. This type of meter has only one meter pulse output signal. Therefore, the 'Flow-Bi' channel is disregarded; Flow Uni is required.

The Flow interfaces are presented as a pair of input signals. Flow Uni 1.1 can be selected; this will use the logger's first 'Flow' interface (1.x) and on that interface it will use the first input signal (x.1).

(This signal must be connected to the meter output.)

Tap on the 'Sensor Type' line and select what type of physical entity is being measured.

(In this example, select the material 'Water').

Flow 1 Uni 1.1
Flow 2 Uni 1.2
Flow Bi
Pressure1
Pressure2

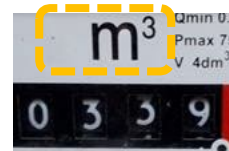
Sensor Type
Count
Electricity
Flow
Flow (US)
Gas
Other
Rainfall
Status
Time
Water

Tap on Recording Unit and make a unit of measure selection.

(The list will vary according to earlier-made selections.)

(In our example this has to match the units used by the specific meter installed.

e.g., m<sup>3</sup> for the example shown opposite).



Recording Unit
m <sup>3</sup>
l
g

Tap on 'Units / Pulse' and enter the pulse significance of the meter.

e.g., If the meter pulse represents 0.001 m<sup>3</sup> of water, the units/pulse should be set to 0.001.

Next select a logging mode. For a water flow reading, the channel can be set to "Spot". The result will be the pulse count (i.e., total flow) since the last datapoint was produced. (This is required to keep track of meter readings.)

By counting the number of pulses from the meter over a fixed period of time (the log period), the logger is able to determine the flow rate through the meter.

Select the 'Advanced' tab and check the pulse sample rate is adequate for the fastest meter pulse output rate.

Click on the 'Accept' button. (This saves the settings to the logger.)

### 4.3 EXAMPLE 3: FLOW CHANNEL (USING A LOGGER FROM 'GROUP 3')

A gas meter pulse represents a volume of gas that has travelled through the meter.

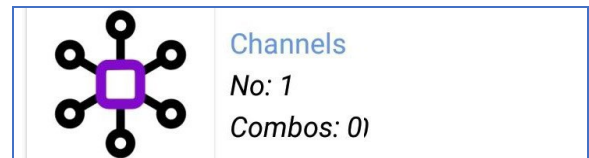
To accept the meter pulses, the logger is required to have a suitable interface. On some loggers, the interface that handles pulse inputs may be labelled as "Single Bidirectional Flow" or "Dual Unidirectional Flow" or similar. For other loggers, interfaces may be unlabeled, but their type can be found from examination of the model-number of the logger (refer to the logger user-guide if required). They are often supplied as a pair of pulse input pins on a single connector. IDT will refer to each of these as a **pulse input**.

Setup of the channel is like the method described in section 4.1, but the logger offers more flexibility with the use of the pins on the connector. The setup of the interface therefore requires more steps (see also sections 12.4 and 12.7). Once the installer has made selections from the options, the logger then uses the most relevant driver with the chosen settings.

When set as a flow channel, the logger will count the number of pulses obtained on specified pins during a fixed interval of time; this will be repeatedly logged.

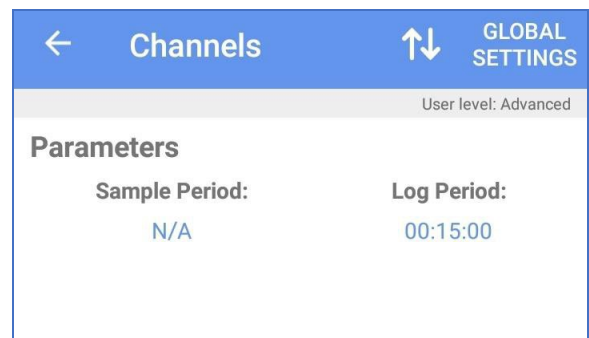
If the logger has the option enabled in the factory, an up-to-date meter reading can also be obtained (if the initial meter reading is entered) by accumulating the total number of meter pulses.

Tap the Channels icon to begin setup of a channel.  
("Combos: 0" is a summary of the total number of programmed 'combos' that exist, here '0').



A summary of any channels and trigger-action combos (discussed in section 0) that are already configured is shown on the page.

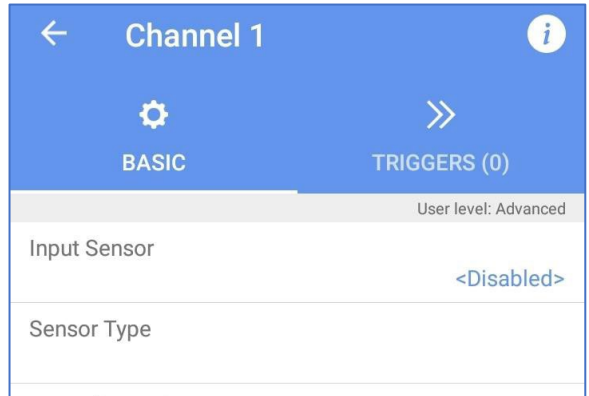
(Here, the list is empty).



Tap the "+" line to add a new channel.



The new channel is enumerated by IDT; here it is channel "1". (Outgoing channel numbers are not fixed but need to match DataGate expectations).



There are two tabs; select the "BASIC" tab.

Tap the "Input Sensor" line.  
(Currently, it shows "<Disabled>"; it is unconfigured).

A pop-up selection box appears listing all installed sensor interface options.

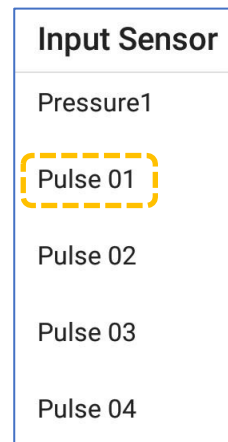
Notes:

- The list will show available interfaces.  
(It will vary according to logger model-number and also any requirements specified at the time of the logger being ordered).
- Selecting "<Disabled>" will delete any current configuration of the channel, including any calibration data.

For this example, (a uni-directional gas meter), a uni-directional flow sensor will be required; this uses only 1 pulse input pin.

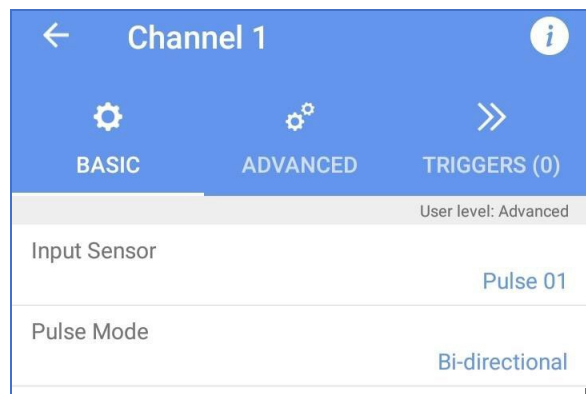
Select a Pulse pin from the selection list by tapping it. (e.g., "Pulse 01").

The selection commits the electrical interface for use by the logger.



The screen updates to show the selected interface.

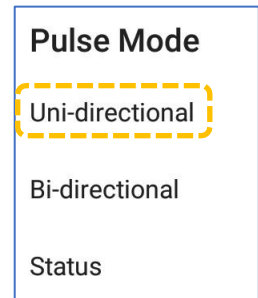
For this particular type of interface, multiple software driver options exist, and hence a new setting line is displayed, "Pulse Mode".



Tap on the Pulse mode setting and select from the available options.

For this example, a uni-directional flow sensor is required. Therefore select "Uni-directional".

This selection commits the relevant pins of the interface connector for a specific use. In this example, the software driver will count meter pulses that appear across the relevant pins of the connector.

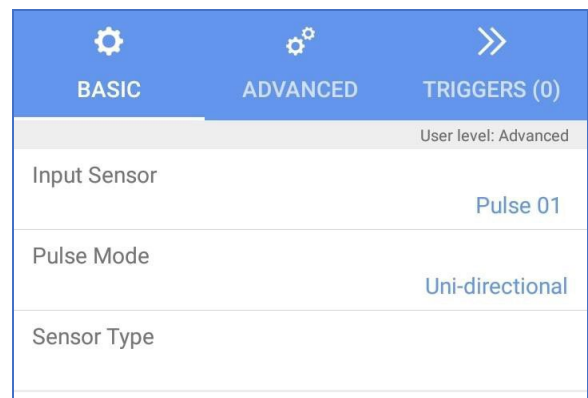


The selections made are shown in the channel configuration screen.

The software is now prepared to count pulses but has no idea of whether it is measuring the flow of electricity, water, or something else.

The next steps are to identify what the pulse count is representing.

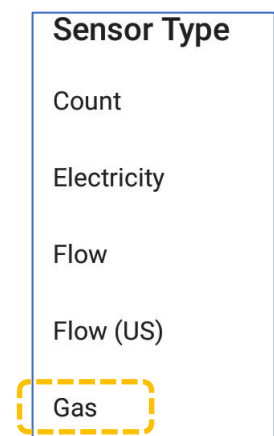
Tap on the "Sensor Type" line.



A list of options is presented.

Select the type of measurement being made.

(In our example we are measuring gas. ... Therefore, choose "Gas").

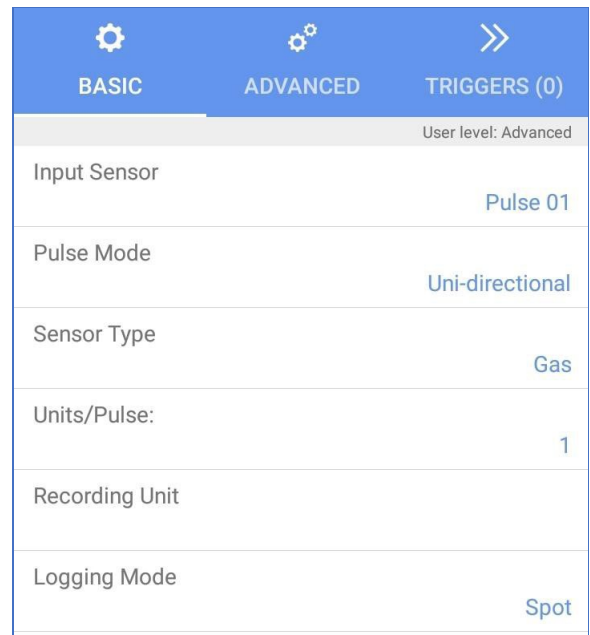
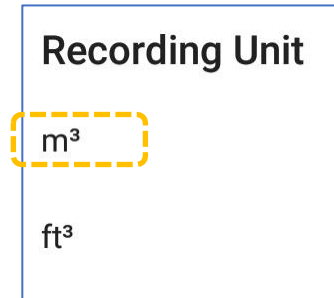




Next tap on “Recording Unit” and select a unit of measure from the list.

(Units of measurement listed will vary according to earlier-made selections).

(In our example this has to match the units used by the specific gas meter installed. e.g., m<sup>3</sup> for the meter shown opposite).



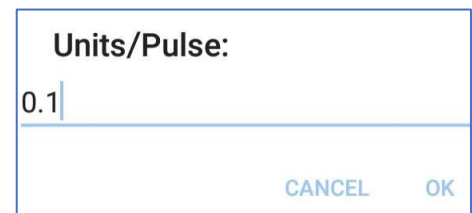
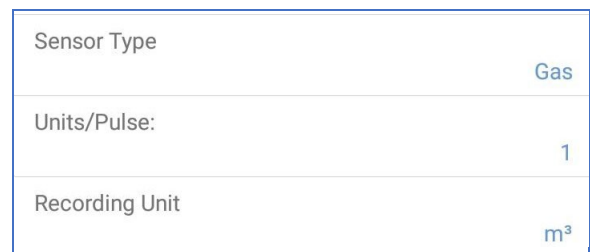
A relevant calibration factor for a gas-meter is units per meter pulse. (Other types of equipment may require a different type of calibration factor).

Tap on “Units/Pulse”.

This selects the pulse significance of the meter.

Enter the correct setting based on the equipment you have attached the sensor to.

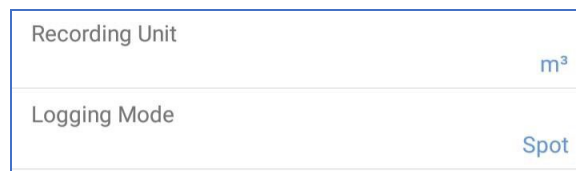
e.g. If the meter pulse represents 0.1 m<sup>3</sup> of gas, the units/pulse should be set to 0.1.



(By repeatedly counting the number of pulses from the meter over fixed time periods, the logger is able to determine the flow rate through the meter).

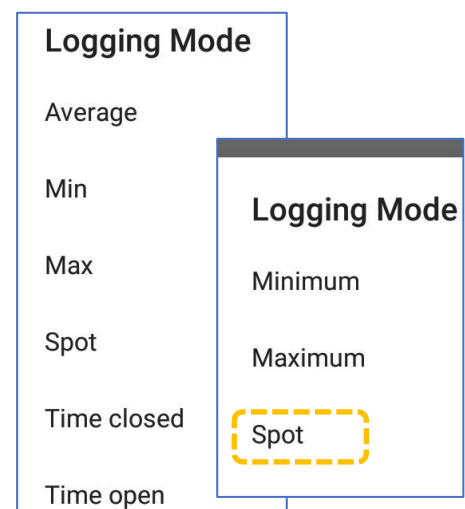
Next select the required logging mode.

The available options depend on what is being measured.



For example, “Average” will produce a datapoint (logged data) that is an average of the measurement samples it has made since it last produced a datapoint.

However, for a gas flow measurement, the shown options are less. (IDT presents only useful options based on any previous selections).



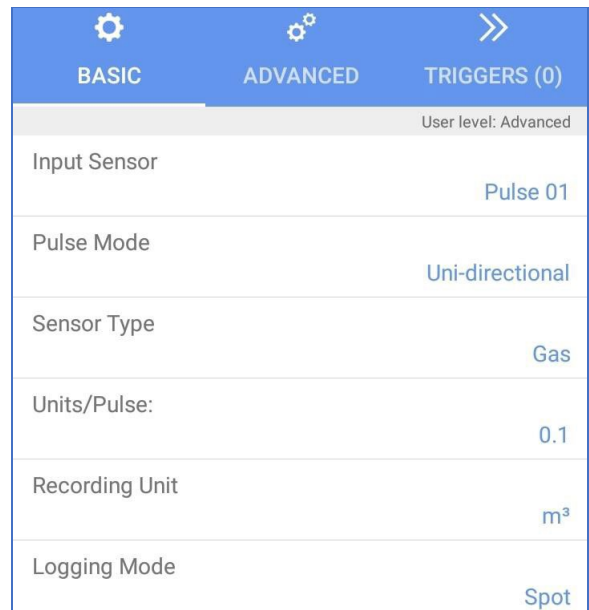
For a gas flow reading, the channel should be set to “Spot”.

The result will be the pulse count (i.e., total flow) since the last datapoint was produced.

The completed settings are now shown within IDT but have not yet been saved.

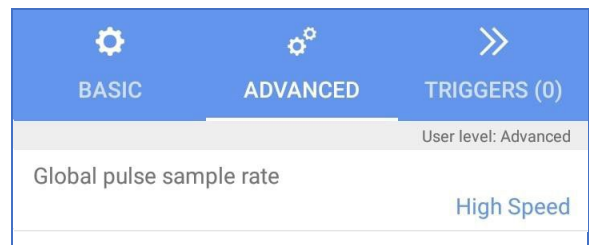
Tap the “ACCEPT” button.

IDT will save the channel settings to the logger.



Select the “Advanced” tab.

Check the selection within the “Global pulse sample rate”. (“Global”, here, means that the selection is a single setting *applicable to all pulse channels* within the logger).



Select the fastest sample rate needed by the set of pulse channels in use. (The setting may be changed here, or on the “Global Settings” screen; see section 3.3.)

Tap the “ACCEPT” button; IDT will save the channel settings to the logger.

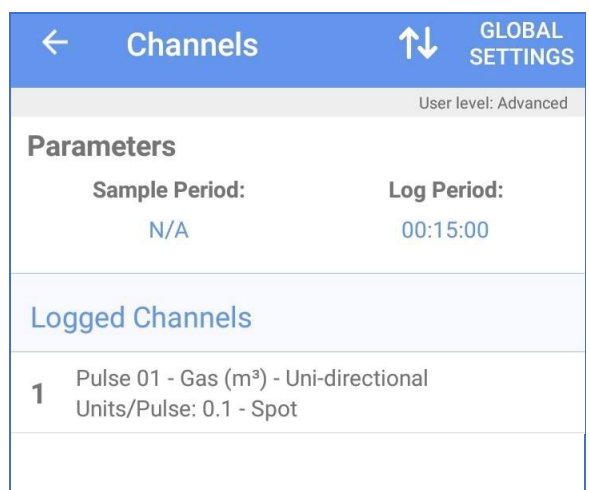
Then tap the “back” button.

The channel is now set up and will appear in the Channels list.

(“1” shown here represents channel 1. Datapoints will appear as the outgoing Channel 1” data stream sent to the server).

Where multiple channels have been set up, they will all be shown here as a summary of their settings.

(To edit settings, tap on the relevant line).



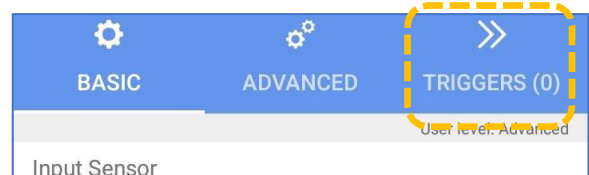
Further discussion of setup of a logger for automated gas meter readings will not be discussed here, except to summarize:

- Because the context of the channel use is connection to a gas meter, additional options become available for a logger to be used in that application...

- The current meter reading can be taken and recorded in the logger as part of the setup of “meter readings” settings within IDT. It is linked to the Uni-directional flow (Pulse input) channel.
- The logger may offer the ability to regenerate meter pulses on an output channel. This allows the pulses to be passed to other instruments using a logger output interface. Enable this feature if required.

For further information refer to section 12.7.

Note: ‘Group 3’ loggers usually have an additional tab on the channel settings page, called ‘Triggers’. This will be discussed in section 7.



## 4.4 CHANNEL SWAP UTILITY

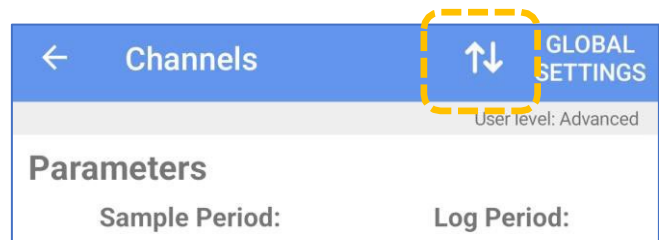
(This feature is not available on loggers from ‘group 1’ or ‘group 2’)

If a logger has several channels set up, but they are incorrectly numbered (e.g., If DataGate requires the data to be allocated to different channels), the IDT app has a utility to swap two channels over, thereby re-numbering them.

The IDT app handles all the required re-programming related to the channel swap, including any trigger-actions that may be set up. Calibration of the sensors is not affected by the channel swap.

Navigate to the Channels page.

Tap the channel swap control (up and down arrows).

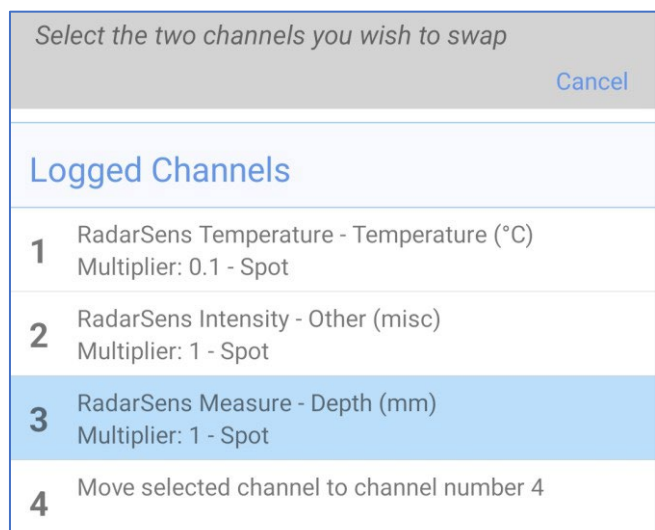


Tap on two lines to select the two channels you wish to swap over.

(The selected channel lines will be colored).

(The option to move to an unused channel is also available).

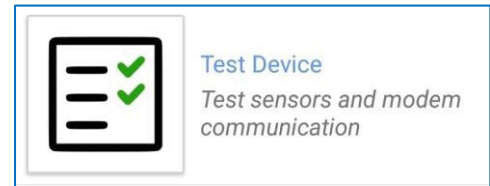
The IDT app will re-program the logger to swap the channel numbers over.



## 5 LOGGER AND SENSOR TESTS

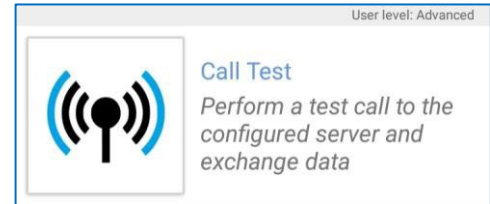
IDT provides access to be able to test some of the logger interfaces and the functioning of attached sensors.

To access the logger test menu, tap on the “Test Device” line.



A new view will open with various test options.

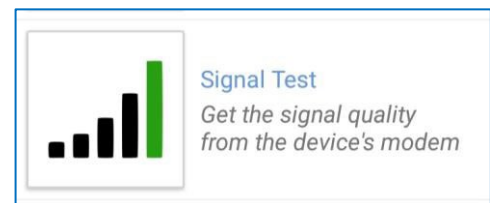
(Only Hardware Test will be shown on ‘group 1’ loggers; they have no modem to test).



(Signal Test and Call Test are tasks to be performed at the end of logger installation and are covered in section 0).

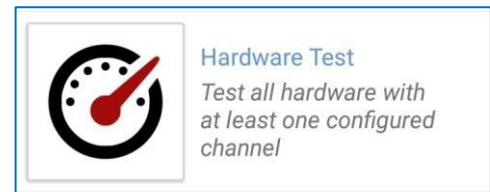
Tap on “Hardware Test”.

A “Hardware Test” page will be generated.



If there are recent changes, the logger may have to be restarted; tap the orange warning notice.

Warning: configuration changes detected, results may be inaccurate, tap here to restart device and apply changes



The test requires an interface to be configured for use before tests can be made; a channel must be configured to use the interface. Often the sensor also needs to be attached. The content of the test page will therefore depend on the logger model number (interfaces available) and configuration (settings).

Each of the interfaces that have been configured for use by a channel will be shown, along with some additional internal sensors.

e.g. The diagram opposite shows a logger with Channel1 configured to use a SpillSens sensor. The sensor is also fitted.

Hardware Test	
BAT-V	7.33 V
Temp Int	19.28 °C
1 SpillSens1	22 °
Tap to cycle through units	

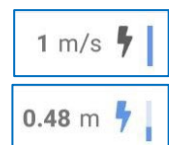
The hardware in this example can be tested by changing the position of the SpillSens digital float switch.

The example shows a sensor at 22 degrees from vertical; when the angle is changed the display will update to show a new angle; it can be proved to be functioning OK.

The display is updated at 1 second intervals (approximately).

Similar methods will exist for many other interfaces and sensors.

When powered sensors are in use, a lightning symbol is shown. Tap the symbol to power the sensor constantly (blue) for faster readings (from all channels using this sensor); other powered sensors will be disabled. This will deplete the battery, so minimize the time used. Tap to cancel.



A progress bar gives approximate timing before the start of a sensor read cycle.

## Introduction to setting Triggers, Actions, and Alarms

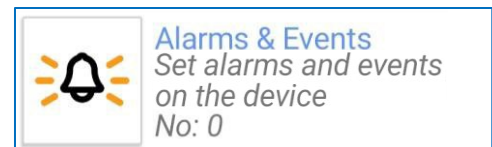
(This section is not applicable to 'Group 1' loggers; they have no means of initiating communication over a network to send alarm messages).

### 6 SETTING ALARMS ('GROUP 2' LOGGERS)

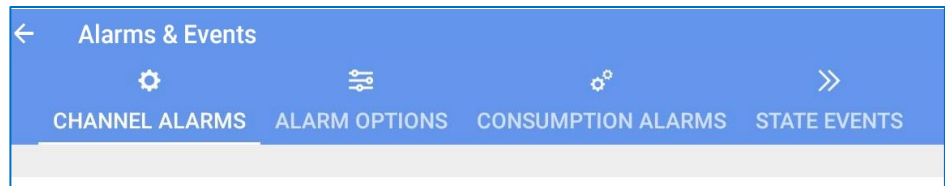
'Group 2' loggers include a cellular communications modem. This allows them to monitor channels for certain conditions, and (when met) send a message to a remote system. This ability is frequently used for sending an 'alarm' message. This can be done when entering an alarm condition and also when exiting the alarm condition.

The top-level screen for the logger alarm system settings can be reached by navigating:

(Main screen) → Configure Device → Alarms and Events.



There are several tabs available at the top of the Alarms & Events screen. Each is related to a different type of alarm.

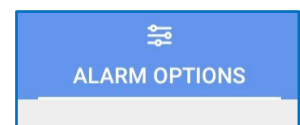


**Channel Alarms:** This can be used to set up to 8 different alarms, referred to as "Alarm 1" (through to 8). These alarms concern the monitoring of channel datapoint streams (measurements) for specific conditions.

**Consumption Alarms:** This can be used to set up to 4 different alarms, referred to as "Consumption Alarm Channel 1" (through to 4). (The reference to a channel number is unrelated to the channel numbers of datapoint streams; it is just an enumerator). These alarms concern the monitoring of Flow interfaces over a specified period of time, to check if the total consumption exceeds a certain value. (An alarm is triggered immediately the threshold is exceeded.)

**State Events:** This concerns the monitoring of 'digital inputs' for specific events (open / closed). Unlike alarms, these have no exiting condition, but just report the occurrence of an event.

The 'Alarm Options' tab, contains a selection of setting options which will be applicable to all Channel Alarms. (Refer to section 6.7.)



The Channel Alarms tab lists any existing channel alarm conditions. New alarms can be added, or the settings of existing channel alarms can be checked. (Tap a line to check / modify. Alternatively, tap ' + ' to add a new channel alarm).



An example of a channel alarm is shown opposite.

To set up, first tap on the 'Channel number' line, and enter the channel number (datapoint stream) to be monitored.

Tap on the 'Alarm conditions' line and then select the required comparison type; these are discussed in sections 6.1 through to 6.5.

Complete the Persistence and Hysteresis fields, as required. (These are covered within section 6.6, and will not be repeated here.).

When finished, tap on 'Accept' to save the settings to the logger.

Various types of alarm conditions available (shown opposite). Details of each of the alarm conditions will be discussed in the next few sections of this document.

Note: The controls allow more than one selection, but it is up to the user to check if the over-all effect makes sense.

← Alarm 1	
User level: Advanced	
Alarm conditions	Lower
Lower level	50
Hysteresis	10
Channel number	1
Persistence	3 out of 5

### Alarm conditions

- Lower
- Upper
- Minimum Night Flow
- Rate of Change
- Difference >
- Difference <
- Out of Band
- Inside Band

## 6.1 "LOWER" AND "UPPER" LIMIT TYPES

An alarm set as shown opposite will become active when the value of datapoints from the selected channel (here, channel number 1) are **below** the value shown in the "Lower level" limit.

Once activated, the alarm remains held in the active state until it is above a different limit, due to the Hysteresis field also having a value.

The release limit is: (Lower Level + Hysteresis).  
(Here, it equals  $20 + 10 = 30$ ).

Alarm conditions	Lower
Lower level	20
Hysteresis	10
Channel number	1
Persistence	1 out of 1

Similarly, an alarm set as shown opposite will become active when the value of datapoints from the selected channel (here, channel number 1) are **above** the value shown in the “Upper level” limit.

Once activated, the alarm remains held in the active state until it is below a different limit, due to the Hysteresis field also having a value.

The release limit is: (Upper Level - Hysteresis).  
(Here, it equals  $80 - 10 = 70$ ).

Refer to section 6.6 for a discussion of Persistence.

Alarm conditions	Upper
Upper level	80
Hysteresis	10
Channel number	1
Persistence	1 out of 1

## 6.2 “DIFFERENCE >” AND “DIFFERENCE <” TYPES (COMPARING TWO CHANNELS)

Channels that measure similar parameters, with the same unit of measure, can be compared. (i.e., The datapoints from each channel can be compared).

The comparisons are called “Difference > ” and “Difference < ” within IDT.

The comparisons can be more accurately described as either a “greater than” (“>”) comparison, or a “less than” (“<”) comparison.

An alarm set as shown opposite will compare the values of datapoints from the two selected channels (here, channel 1 and channel 2).

The alarm will become active if:  
(ch1 - ch2) > (Difference level). (greater than)

Once activated, the alarm remains held in the active state until the result of the above falls below a different difference limit, due to the Hysteresis field also having a value.

The release limit is: (Difference level) – (Hysteresis).  
(Here, the difference release limit equals  $20 - 10 = 10$ ).

Alarm conditions	Difference >
Differential level	20
Hysteresis	10
Channel number	1
Differential channel number	2
Persistence	1 out of 1

Similarly, an alarm set as shown opposite will compare the values of datapoints from the two selected channels (here, channel 1 and channel 2).

The alarm will become active if:  
 $(ch1 - ch2) < (\text{Difference level})$ . (less than)

Once activated, the alarm remains held in the active state until the result of the above equation falls above a different difference limit, due to the Hysteresis field also having a value.

The release limit is:  $(\text{Difference level}) + (\text{Hysteresis})$ .  
 (Here, the difference release limit equals  $20 + 10 = 30$ ).

Refer to section 6.6 for a discussion of Persistence.

Alarm conditions	Difference <
Differential level	20
Hysteresis	10
Channel number	1
Differential channel number	2
Persistence	1 out of 1

### 6.3 “RATE OF CHANGE” TYPE ALARM TRIGGER

It is possible for the logger to look at how quickly the datapoint values of a channel are changing, and if it exceeds a set limit to activate an alarm. This is known as a Rate of Change alarm trigger.

The “Rate of change level” field is the Rate of Change trigger threshold.

The logger looks at the current and previous data-point values to evaluate the rate of change. The time period involved is therefore the long period of the logger channel.

If the values differ by more than the amount in the ‘Rate of change level’, the alarm will become active.

An alarm set as shown opposite will compare the values of the current datapoint and the previous datapoint from the selected channel (here, channel 1).

The alarm will become active if:  
 $(\text{current value}) - (\text{previous value})$  is greater than the ‘Rate of change’ level.

Once activated, the alarm remains held in the active state until the result of the above calculation falls below a different limit, due to the Hysteresis field also having a value.

The release limit is:  $(\text{Rate of change level}) - (\text{Hysteresis})$ .  
 (Here, the release limit equals  $20 - 5 = 15$ ).

The Rate of Change trigger acts on datapoints which are increasing in value. (There is no equivalent trigger for datapoints that are decreasing in value).

Refer to section 6.6 for a discussion of Persistence.

Alarm conditions	Rate of Change
Rate of change level	20
Hysteresis	5
Channel number	1
Persistence	1 out of 1



## 6.4 “INSIDE BAND” AND “OUT OF BAND” TYPES OF ALARM TRIGGER

It is possible to define a band (a range with upper and lower boundaries) of values for the logger to test against. The test applied can be whether the datapoint value is within that range (called “Inside band”) or outside of that range (called “Out of band”).

An alarm set as shown opposite will become active when the value of datapoints from the selected channel (here, channel 1) are **between the values** shown in the “Lower level” limit and “Higher Level” limit.

Once activated, the alarm remains held in the active state until it is outside of different limits, due to the Hysteresis field also having a value.

The hysteresis is applied to both sides of the specified band.

The lower release limit is: (Lower Level - Hysteresis).  
(Here, it equals  $20 - 10 = 10$ ).

The upper release limit is: (Upper Level + Hysteresis).  
(Here, it equals  $80 + 10 = 90$ ).

An alarm set as shown opposite will become active when the value of datapoints from the selected channel (here, channel 1) are **outside of the values** shown in the “Lower level” limit and “Higher Level” limit.

Once activated, the alarm remains held in the active state until it is outside of different limits, due to the Hysteresis field also having a value.

The hysteresis is applied to both sides of the specified band.

The lower release limit is: (Lower Level + Hysteresis).  
(Here, it equals  $20 + 10 = 30$ ).

The upper release limit is: (Upper Level - Hysteresis).  
(Here, it equals  $80 - 10 = 70$ ).

When setting hysteresis, ensure that it is possible for the alarm to be cleared. (e.g., If the band is 10 units wide, and the hysteresis is also set to 10, the alarm will never clear).

Refer to section 6.6 for a discussion of Persistence.

Alarm conditions	Inside Band
Lower level	20
Upper level	80
Hysteresis	10
Channel number	1
Persistence	1 out of 1

Alarm conditions	Out of Band
Lower level	20
Upper level	80
Hysteresis	10
Channel number	1
Persistence	1 out of 1

## 6.5 “MINIMUM NIGHT FLOW” TYPE ALARM TRIGGER

The “Minimum Night Flow” alarm trigger is designed for a specific application (looking at data from a channel collecting flow/consumption pulses from a water meter), however it can be applied to any channel producing datapoints.

### Use Example:

The alarm is designed for use as a means of detecting potential water leaks, using a water-meter. The logger will be set up to monitor the flowrate through the meter. Typically, water use falls to a minimum level during the night.

A suitable Minimum Night Flow level is chosen (*just above the expected minimum water flow*).

The data from a flow channel should always *at some point* fall below the chosen level when a leak (down-stream from the meter) is absent.

However, if a new leak is present, there will be an increased water flow through the meter and it is likely that there will be *no datapoints below the chosen level*.

The test looks at the datapoints the channel has produced **between midnight (0:00) and a specified end time**. The time is adjustable.

To adjust the end time, navigate to the Alarms & Events screen. Then select the Alarm Options tab.

Tap on the ‘Minimum Night Flow window ...’ line and set a new end-time.

User level: Advanced
Minimum Night Flow window, from midnight until...
06:00

Specify the channel number from which the datapoint values are to be taken.

At the end time, the logger will check all datapoints to verify that one or more samples were **at or below** the value set as **the Minimum Night Flow level**.

If it finds suitably low values, raising the Minimum Night Flow alarm is evaded. However, if none are found the alarm is activated.

The alarm remains active until the following day, whereupon a new judgement is made. If the values are then suitably low, the alarm is cleared.

← Alarm 1	
User level: Advanced	
Alarm conditions	Minimum Night Flow
Minimum night flow level	30
Hysteresis	0
Channel number	2
Persistence	1 out of 1

Note: Hysteresis settings and Persistence settings have no bearing on the function of this trigger.

## 6.6 HYSTERESIS AND PERSISTENCE - EXPLANATION

### Hysteresis

Hysteresis can be used as a means to avoid excessive messages being sent to the server, which could drain the logger battery prematurely.

When an alarm is triggered, and the hysteresis value is set to zero then:

- Immediately after the threshold is re-crossed, another message (alarm clear) will be sent.
- If there is a period when the channel data is borderline with the alarm threshold, this can result in numerous messages being generated for what is effectively the same event.

By specifying a value in the Hysteresis box, you can provide a 'no reaction' window that allows the threshold to be repeatedly crossed without sending excessive messages.

e.g. With an Upper limit of 80 and a hysteresis of 10, the alarm will trigger at 80, but will not clear (and therefore no 'alarm clear' message will be sent) until the value drops to below 70.

Alarm conditions	Upper
Upper level	80
Hysteresis	10
Channel number	

### Persistence

Set the persistence settings to "1 out of 1", if an immediate response is required when the channel datapoint meets the threshold to trigger an alarm.

Persistence	1 out of 1
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However, if the data from the channel has any possibility of "blips" (spikes or other noise characteristics) the use of the **persistence** settings can be employed to ensure (add greater certainty) that the trigger threshold has been crossed. This is, however, at the expense of delaying the alarm message; it is the nature of the assessment process.

e.g.,

With an alarm set as opposite, the persistence settings require a minimum or 3 or maximum of 4 datapoints to evaluate the result.

Since data-points are produced at a rate set by the log period, 2 or 3 log periods needs to elapse before the logger has sufficient data to judge the alarm condition.

The logger requires a minimum of 3 out of the last 4 samples to activate the alarm. If it finds 3 samples in a row meet the threshold, it will activate the alarm. If there were not 3 in a row, it waits for the 4<sup>th</sup> sample to judge if the alarm should be activated.

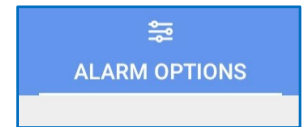
Alarm conditions	Upper
Upper level	80
Hysteresis	10
Channel number	1
Persistence	3 out of 4

## 6.7 ALARM OPTIONS

To check or adjust alarm options for 'group 2' loggers:

Navigate to the Alarms & Events screen.

Then select the Alarm Options tab.



**Note:** These settings are universal and affect the actions that will be taken whenever any of the channel alarms (Alarm 1 to 8) are activated or become cleared.

The 'Minimum Night Flow window end' control is discussed in section 6.5.

Minimum Night Flow window, from midnight until... 06:00

The 'Enable notifications when alarm condition cleared' control should normally be set to 'Yes'. This enables the generation of all "alarm cleared" messages for the server.

Enable notification when alarm condition cleared Yes

The 'Resend active alarms at midnight' control can be used to cause the logger to make an additional call to the server at around midnight, if any alarms are still active.

Resend active alarms at midnight No

This allows the logger to re-assert any alarm messages, in case a DataGate user has cleared the alarm on the server, in error.

The 'Call in when an alarm occurs' control can be used to cause the logger to make an immediate call to the server for any alarm messages (or alarm clear messages, if enabled). (When set to 'No', alarm condition changes will only be reported at the next scheduled call-in time).

Call in when alarm occurs Yes

When a Channel Alarm becomes active, it may be desirable to send in channel data more frequently. This can be set using the 'Enable alarm fast call frequency' control (set to 'Yes' to enable).

Enable alarm fast call frequency Yes

Normally, this should be set to 'No' to preserve battery life.

Then set the period between call-ins. The logger will then temporarily disregard the regular call-in schedule and replace it with a new call-in schedule.

Call frequency while in alarm 23:59

**Note:** Due to increased battery use, it is a requirement to attend the installation site and rectify the cause of any channel alarms that indicate a fault condition promptly.

The logger can detect certain hardware fault conditions. Typically, these faults will be related to a fault in communication with a sensor (e.g., A Modbus sensor) or an internal component. The data stream still has to be filled with values at the logged intervals to maintain continuity of data.

The logger supports two options:

- Use the last obtained value. (Select 'Yes'.) or
- Use some default data value. (Select 'No' and then specify the value to be used as the default. This could be chosen to be an 'obviously wrong' measurement level).

Use last value during hardware fault	Yes
Use last value during hardware fault	No
Value used during hardware fault	-1

Note: If the fault is not temporary, the DataGate server can detect that the sensor is producing 'flatline data' and raise the appropriate system alarm.

The logger (as discussed elsewhere) has the ability to send alarms and/or data via SMS messages to DataGate; this is a back-up option where UDP messages fail to be sent. The logger can also send SMS (text) messages regarding alarms to other destinations (having telephone numbers).

If this feature is not required, select 'No'.

Send alarms by SMS	No
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If required, select 'Yes'.

Then add up to 8 destination telephone numbers for the SMS alarm messages.

Send alarms by SMS	Yes
Alarm SMS Number	
Alarm SMS Number	

(See important note in section 1.9 about SMS use. If SMS is not to be used, ensure the destination SMS numbers are deleted and that the 'Send alarms by SMS' control is set to 'No').

Note: A new call is required for each destination, which leads to more power use. A more power efficient way to distribute alarm messages is by use of DataGate to forward an alarm to subscribed users; this requires only one call from the logger.

## 6.8 COMBINING ALARM CONDITIONS (TRIGGERS)

Within a single Channel Alarm (e.g., 'Alarm 1') alarm triggering conditions can be combined, provided any common fields hold a common value.

e.g.: Upper limit and lower limit types can be combined, (by selecting both options, as shown) provided the use situation allows common Hysteresis and Persistence values.

(If common values are not acceptable, then set up more than one alarm, with each acting on the same channel datapoints.)

Alarm conditions	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Lower
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Upper
<input type="checkbox"/>	Minimum Night Flow
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rate of Change
<input type="checkbox"/>	Difference >
<input type="checkbox"/>	Difference <
<input type="checkbox"/>	Out of Band
<input type="checkbox"/>	Inside Band

Alarm 1	
User level: Advanced	
Alarm conditions	Lower, Upper
Lower level	20
Upper level	80
Hysteresis	10
Channel number	1
Persistence	1 out of 1

The installer should, however, confirm that the selected combinations make sense.

e.g.: Combining "Difference >" and "Difference <" triggers will result in an almost constant alarm being active.

Combining "Inside Band" and "Out of band" triggers will also result in an almost constant alarm being active.



## 6.9 STATE EVENT ALARMS

A 'State Event' refers to the logger monitoring one of its 'digital' (i.e., can exist in one of two-states) inputs for changes. For example, the input can detect an external contact has changed from open to closed. (These are normally labelled as a Status Input or a Flow input type of logger interface. For a 'Flow-Bi' input, the first pin/signal cannot be used).

To detect a change, the logger normally checks the input circuit once per second. Changes are recorded as a series of time-stamped 'events', and not as an alarm condition. However, the logger settings can include an immediate call-in to be made to update the server, or for the logger to defer the event notification to the next scheduled call-in time.

To set up an alarm, proceed as follows:

Within the Alarms & Events screen, select the 'State Events' tab.

	
CONSUMPTION ALARMS	STATE EVENTS
User level: A	

The setup page is divided into two areas.

The top section deals with the setup of the input conditions required to be recognized as an event, and the required response (call-in urgency).

The bottom section lists all of the available interface signals that need to be monitored. (The input conditions are common; They are applied to whichever inputs are selected as 'enabled').

Tap on Trigger mode and choose which transitions will be recorded as events.

The 'bucket tip' selection is monitored more frequently and is ideal for detecting short pulses. It reacts to a Closed → Open transition.

The 'minimum event duration...' control should be read as 'minimum duration between events'; After an event has occurred, any conditions that could potentially trigger additional events will be ignored, until this time period has expired.

Tap the line and enter a time interval.

Tap on the 'Call mode' line and select when the logger should notify the server.

Where possible, select to send only during scheduled calls (to minimize battery use).

Next, tap on the input required to be monitored. (More than one input can be enabled.)

The screenshot shows a settings page with a blue header bar containing 'User level: Advanced'. Below the header, there are several sections: 'Trigger mode' with the value 'Trigger on switch open or close', 'Call mode' with the value 'Call in when event occurs', and a numeric input field for 'Minimum event duration to trigger (s)' with the value '63'. At the bottom, there are two rows for digital inputs: 'Trigger on digital input 2' and 'Trigger on digital input 3', both with a 'Disabled' status. A dashed yellow box highlights the 'Trigger mode' and 'Call mode' sections, and another dashed yellow box highlights the two digital input rows.

This close-up shows the 'Trigger mode' section. It lists four options: 'Trigger on switch open', 'Trigger on switch close', 'Trigger on switch open or close', and 'Trigger on bucket tip'. Two dashed yellow boxes are drawn around the first three options and the last option. A dashed yellow line points from the text 'Checked every 1 second' to the first three options, and another dashed yellow line points from the text 'Checked every 0.1 seconds' to the 'Trigger on bucket tip' option.

This close-up shows the 'Minimum event duration to trigger (s)' input field with the value '63'.

This close-up shows the 'Call mode' section. It lists two options: 'Call in when event occurs' and 'Send events during scheduled calls'.

This close-up shows the digital input selection section. It lists two options: 'Trigger on digital input 2' and 'Trigger on digital input 3', both with a 'Disabled' status. A dashed yellow box highlights the 'Trigger on digital input 2' option.

Choose whether the input is ignored (disabled), or whether it is enabled. There are two selections for enabled, allowing you to invert the logic of the input signal, if required.

**Trigger on digital input 2**

Disabled

Enabled

Enabled - inverted

## 6.10 CONSUMPTION ALARMS

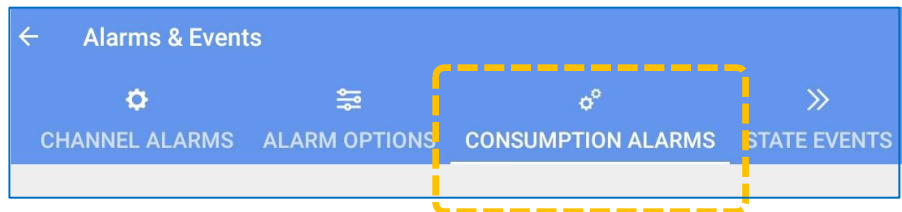
Consumption alarms look at Flow inputs over a period of up to one day and raise a 'consumption alarm' if the accumulative volume of fluid (or whatever the meter is measuring the consumption of) exceeds a certain amount.

A derived flow measurement (e.g., datapoints from an Open Channel flow, FlowOCH, where flow is derived from a depth channel input) can be substituted instead of a metered flow input, if required.

It is a pre-requisite for correct operation of the logger that the input being used for a consumption alarm is set up as a logged channel. (For Flow channels, the logger uses the first occurrence of the selected input type in the channel list as a reference for interpreting the unit of measure of the input, etc.).

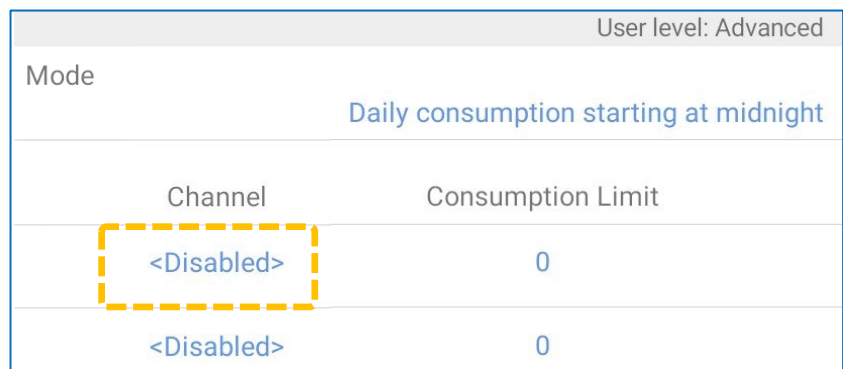
Depending on which logger is in use, up to 4 consumption alarms can be set. To set up an alarm, proceed as follows:

Within the Alarms & Events screen, select the Consumption Alarms tab.



(Up to 4 lines will be listed).

Tap on the left-most field in a line to begin setup.



"Channel", as shown in the list, should be read as "Consumption alarm". (e.g., 'Consumption Alarm: 1').

Tap on the logger input that is to be tracked for the consumption alarm. (e.g., 'Flow Bi').

**Channel: 1**

<Disabled>

Flow 1 Uni 1.1

Flow 2 Uni 1.2

Flow Bi



Tap on the right-most field to edit the value of the consumption limit.

(An alarm will be raised as soon as this limit is exceeded within the time window).

Mode	Daily consumption starting at midnight
Channel	Consumption Limit
Flow Bi	800000
<Disabled>	0

There are several 'Mode' settings for the consumption alarm.

Tap on the consumption Mode line to make a selection of the appropriate time window.

Mode	Daily consumption starting at midnight
Channel	Consumption Limit

Daily consumption modes create a 24-hour window. This either starts at midnight, or it can be set to start at an alternative time.

- Daily consumption starting at midnight
- Daily consumption starting at a custom time

A change in the start time will also change the time of day when an alarm will be indicated, since the consumption is 'reset' at the start time.

The 24-hour period is not mandatory; another mode allows the time-window to be set with start and end times.

- Daily consumption between certain times

Set any Start and End times, as appropriate.

Mode	Daily consumption between certain times
Start time	06:00
End time	20:00

There is also an option for an hourly consumption (24 x 1hour time windows each day).

- Hourly consumption

Any consumption alarm that is triggered during a time-window becomes cleared at the end time of the time-window.

## 7 SETTING TRIGGERS AND ACTIONS FOR A CHANNEL (GROUP 3 LOGGERS)

(Skip to section 5 if using a 'Group 1' logger; Triggers and Actions are not applicable. Refer to section 6 if using a 'Group 2' logger; These use an alternative system of 'Alarm' activation with set actions).

Once channels are set up, a steady stream of data is made by the logger at both the log rate and also (stored temporarily) at the sample rate. Trigger-Actions can now be created.

A "Trigger" is a monitoring function within the logger. It monitors for a single condition or combination of conditions to occur on the data produced by selected channels. If the condition(s) are met, the logger can be set to take one or more actions (e.g., inform the server of the event, thus indicating a potential alarm condition).

The conditions being monitored are referred to as a "Trigger" by IDT. Any subsequent action is referred to as an "Action" by IDT. The Trigger-Action(s) are sometimes referred to as "combos" (short for "Combination").

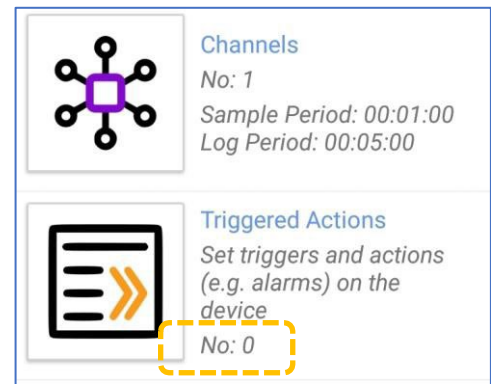
Within any trigger-action combo, either a *single condition*, or a *set of several conditions* can be used to evaluate the trigger result. Where multiple conditions are set, Boolean logic functions (AND or OR) can be applied.

This section will use an example of setting a trigger-action for a sensor.

### 7.1 EXAMPLE 4: INTRODUCTION TO TRIGGERS AND ACTIONS

A channel has been set up, with samples and datapoints being obtained as summarized in the diagram opposite.

Trigger-actions are summarized with the number currently set within the logger being shown on the bottom line. The logger has no trigger-actions set, as indicated by "No: 0".



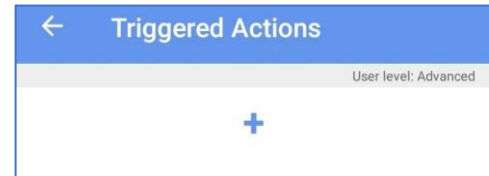
The requirement for our example is for a trigger to be setup, looking at the data from a sensor using channel 1, and used to inform the server (send an alarm message) for when the trigger condition is met. Similarly, we wish to inform the server (send an alarm clear message) when the trigger condition is no longer met. We require the trigger to be activated at a value of 50 or more and to be removed at a value of 40 or less. Both messages are required be sent immediately.

## 7.2 SETUP OF CONDITIONS FOR TRIGGER START AND END

To setup the trigger action, tap on the “Triggered Actions” line.

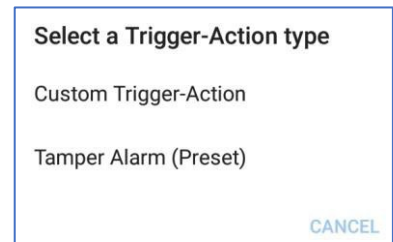


This page summarizes any existing trigger-actions. It also gives edit-access to any listed action. (Currently none are set).



To add a new Trigger-Action, tap the “+” icon.

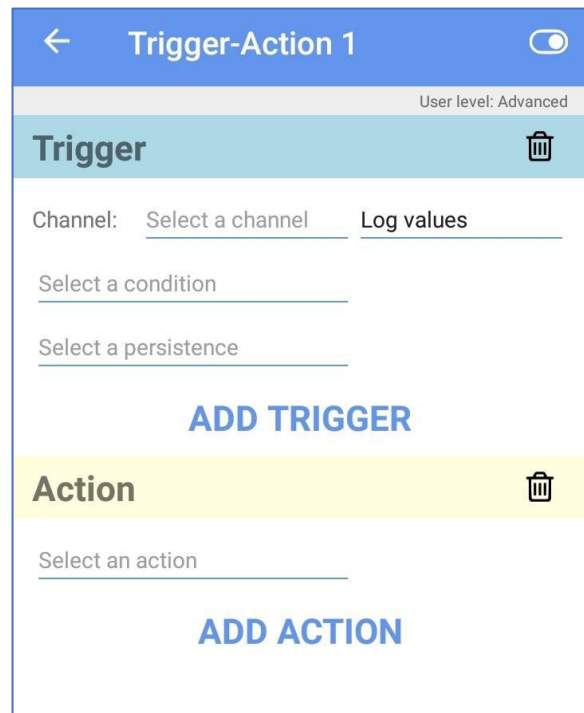
Then select a Trigger-Action type.



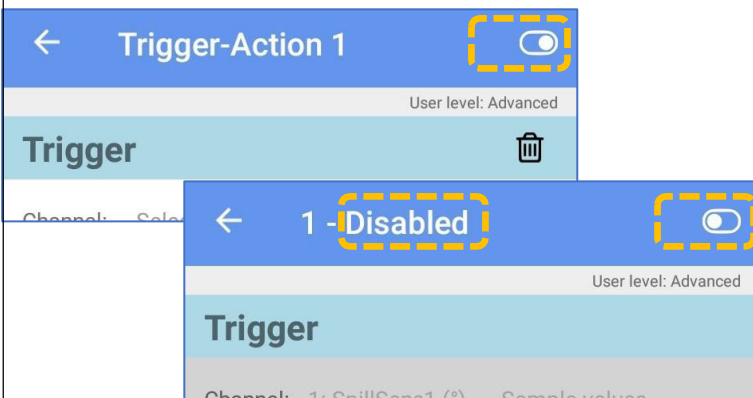
For our example, tap the “Custom Trigger-Action” line.

(Pre-set alarm types are also listed here but are not relevant to our example).

A Trigger-Action details page appears, which requires completion. Once completed, tap on “Save” to store the settings in the logger.



The slider-control at the top-right can be used to enable or disable a Trigger-Action.

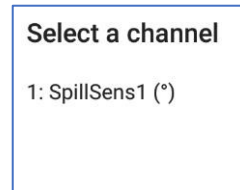


Set the triggering conditions, as follows:

Tap on the location which currently displays “Select a channel”.

A list appears showing all currently configured channels.

Tap on a line to select the required channel.

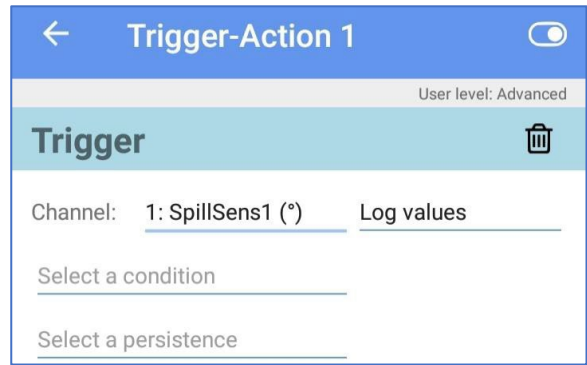


(In the logger used in this example, only one channel has been programmed; it is monitoring data from a SpillSens sensor, which produces angle measurement data).

The channel is selected.

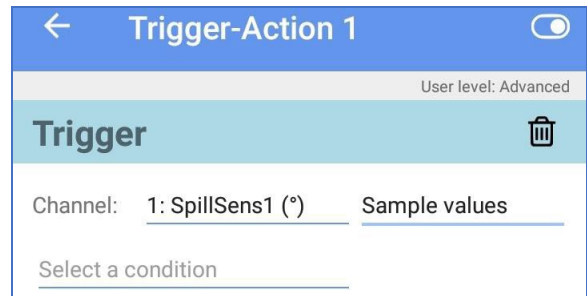
The data values being watched are, by default, the Log values; this can be changed to the sample values if required. (Tap on the value and make a new selection).

Log values  
Sample values

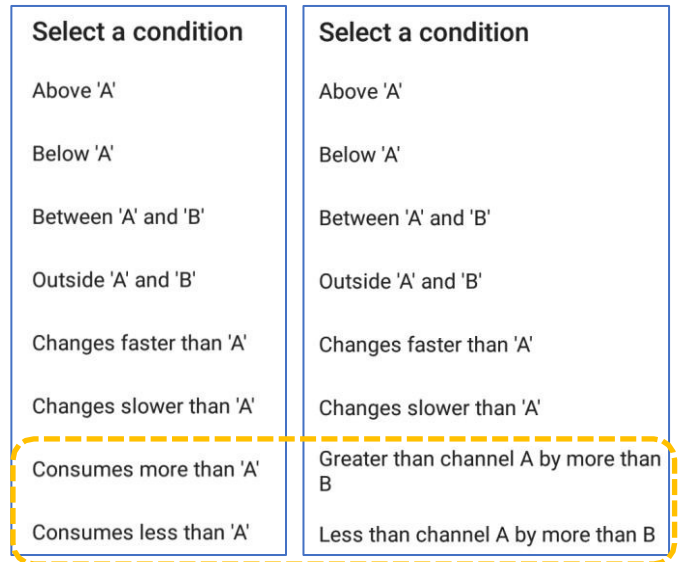


Tap on "Select a condition".

Select a condition to monitor for from the available list.



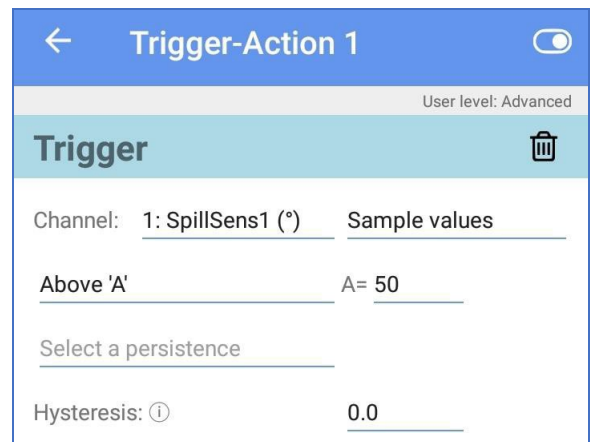
In our example, we wish to monitor for an angle exceeding 50°. The appropriate selection is ... Above 'A'.



Note: IDT display content is adaptive. The list can vary according to the type of channel or other settings.

Add the appropriate value threshold(s).

In our example, we want to trigger when the angle is above the threshold of 50°. The appropriate selection is ... 50.



Tap on “Select a persistence”.

Then select the type of persistence that is required before the trigger condition is evaluated as true.

Complete any other settings required for the persistence.

e.g. The settings shown will meet the trigger condition on first time the angle is above 50°.

If you try to set an impossible situation, IDT will highlight the error (e.g., red text).

In our example, we want to trigger when the angle is above the threshold of 50 degrees for 2 out of 4 samples.

(e.g., We may have chosen to use persistence in order to disregard any transient “glitch” measurement conditions.

There is a side-effect to this that the trigger will be slightly delayed).

When selecting some trigger conditions, an additional field (hysteresis) is added.

Hysteresis can be used to provide a different threshold for when the logger releases from a triggered state. Thus, the logger trigger will **start** (or activate) when it first meets the triggering conditions, and it will remain *held in a triggered state* until it no longer meets the second threshold (determined by the hysteresis value); then the trigger will **end** (or clear).

The example shown opposite requires a minimum of 2 of the last 4 samples to exceed the angle threshold (A) to **activate** the trigger.

This requires between 2 and 4 measurement values to evaluate.

Once triggered, it will be held in its triggered state providing the holding condition remains True.

The evaluation for **holding** the triggered state is that a minimum of 2 of the last 4 samples is required to be over the release threshold (i.e.,  $A - \text{hysteresis}$ ).

For the settings shown, this is 40; ( $A = 50$ , Hysteresis = 10 ;  $50 - 10 = 40$ ).

If the holding requirement is no longer met, the logger returns to the normal (non-triggered) state.

### Select a persistence

For  $\geq$  'C' of last 'D' samples

For greater than 'C' seconds

Between times 'C' and 'D'

Trigger-Action 1 (User level: Advanced)

Channel: 1: SpillSens1 (°) Sample values

Above 'A' A= 50

For  $\geq$  'C' of last 'D' samples C= 1 D= 1

Hysteresis: ⓘ 0.0

For  $\geq$  'C' of last 'D' samples C= 2 D= 1

Trigger-Action 1 (User level: Advanced)

Channel: 1: SpillSens1 (°) Sample values

Above 'A' A= 50

For  $\geq$  'C' of last 'D' samples C= 2 D= 4

Hysteresis: ⓘ 0.0

Trigger-Action 1 (User level: Advanced)

Channel: 1: SpillSens1 (°) Sample values

Above 'A' A= 50

For  $\geq$  'C' of last 'D' samples C= 2 D= 4

Hysteresis: ⓘ 10

### 7.3 SETUP OF ACTIONS RELATED TO A TRIGGERED CONDITION

A trigger does not do anything on its own; actions should be linked to it in order to accomplish something useful.

To set an action that should begin when the trigger activates ... tap on "ADD ACTION".

(This is not required if only one action is needed).

**ADD ACTION**

Within the action area, tap on "Select an action".

Several options may be listed, as shown opposite:

Logging a channel at a faster rate or calling into the sever more frequently will only occur whilst the in the triggered state. Normal operation resumes afterwards.

Turning a status output on or off will only occur whilst in the triggered state, and for a defined period. Normal operation resumes afterwards. (Note: Only available if a logger has outputs fitted).

Tap on the required action to select it.

In our example we want to generate messages to the server; these are also known as alarms ... so select "Generate an alarm".

Select the required condition(s) that should be reported...

**Note:**

This control determines what messages get sent *immediately*, rather than waiting until the next scheduled call-in time.

#### Select an action

Generate an alarm

Call-in at fast call rate

Log Channel 'X' at its sample period

Turn output 'X' on for 'Y' seconds

Turn output 'X' off for 'Y' seconds

The conditions are shown in the setup screen.

When “On activating and clearing” is set, the “send alarm cleared message” is also becomes selected. The server will therefore be informed of when the triggered state is activated and also when it is cleared.

Report contition	Action
On activating	
On clearing	
On activating and clearing	
Never	

(An alternative would be to report the alarm immediately “On activating”, and to use the slider control to also send an “alarm cleared” message. However, with these settings the “alarm cleared” message would not be sent until the next scheduled call-in time).

Note: The “Report as tamper alarm” slider should be deactivated (greyed out); A tamper alarm is not relevant to this type of sensor.

Tap the back-arrow and a summary of the Trigger Actions is displayed.

(Additional trigger-action combos can be added if required, using the “ + ” button).

When finished, tap the “Save” button to write the combo(s) into the logger memory.

When a channel is being monitored for a trigger-action combination, this will be shown in the channel summary page, as shown here.

## 7.4 TRIGGER-ACTION FEATURES (USING ‘GROUP 3’ LOGGERS)

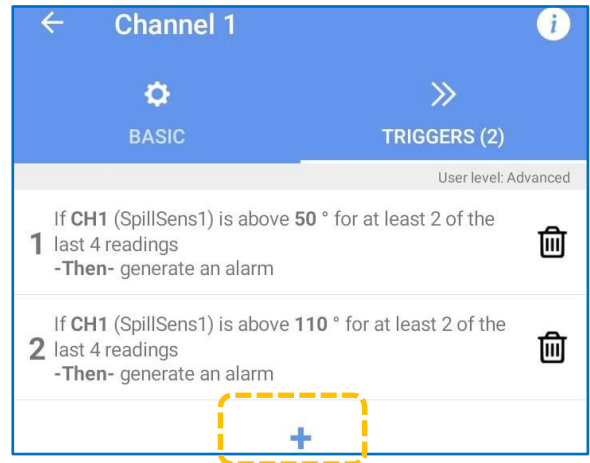
### 7.4.1 Support of multiple triggers from same sensor

Loggers can support programming of multiple trigger conditions related to the same sensor.

This can be programmed within IDT by tapping the “+” line to add additional triggers.

e.g. Refer to the diagram opposite, which shows two triggers set up for different angles of a SpillSens sensor.

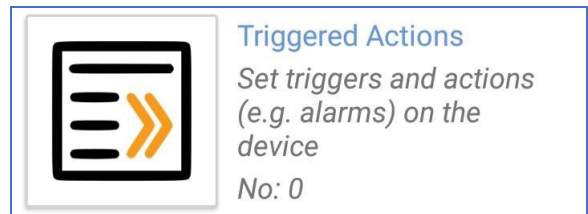
Here these are both set to generate an alarm, but alternative actions may be selected.



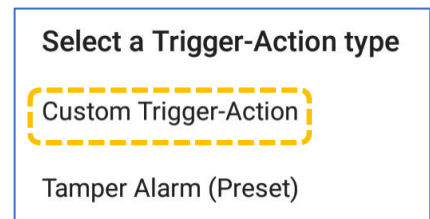
### 7.4.2 Support of multiple conditions for a single trigger

IDT supports setup of multiple-condition triggers, if supported by the logger.

From the main screen, select the Triggered Actions line.



Tap on the “+” symbol to create a new trigger action. And then select “Custom Trigger-Action”.





Tap on “Add Trigger” to allow two or more conditions that are to be considered as part of the over-all trigger result.

Select each condition.

The conditions may be connected into either an “AND” gate or an “Inclusive OR” gate; only one selection is allowed per trigger-action (although additional Trigger-Actions can be set up to cover other combinations if required).


(Tap on the “-Or-“ line to change the logic gate used).

Add trigger requirements.

Tap the back-arrow to show a summary:

If CH1 (Status1\_0) is above 0 for at least 1 of the last 1 readings

**1** -Or- if CH2 (Status2\_0) is above 0 for at least 1 of the last 1 readings

-Then- generate an alarm 

When finished, tap on the ‘save’ button.

### 7.4.3 Support of multiple actions from a single trigger

IDT can support the programming of multiple actions conditions related to the same trigger, if supported by the logger.

This can be programmed within IDT by tapping the “Add Action” line to add the first and any required additional actions.

e.g. Refer to the diagram opposite, which shows three different actions set up for a single trigger condition.

Available options will depend on the model number of your logger and the options supported / enabled.

## Cellular network setup and tests

### 8 CELLULAR NETWORK SETUP - PROTOCOLS & TESTS / ANTENNA CHECKS

(Skip this section if using a 'Group 1' logger; It is not applicable. These loggers can only utilize the IDT App and the phone facilities to transfer data to a server).

The IDT app can be used to check that the logger can connect to the cellular network and provide information to help the installer to choose the optimal position of the antenna.

- Inspect or modify modem settings (if required).
- Perform the "Signal Test" to confirm the logger connects to the mobile network and find the best location of the antenna.

Note: The process is different for 4G networks in comparison with the 2G and 3G networks.

- Perform a "Call Test" to confirm the logger can communicate with the DataGate server.

#### 8.1 MODEM SETTINGS

**CAUTION:** Most installers **should not modify** these settings (Skip to section 8.2.1 or 8.2.2); They are for expert use only.

(See section 3.2 for how to navigate to these settings).

The loggers have a built-in modem circuit for connection to the cellular network. Depending on the modem fitted, IDT can show a different content of control settings within the "Modem settings" section.

Modem Settings	
Modem Type	GE866-QUAD

e.g., No setting options (shown above). or ...

e.g., Many setting options (shown opposite).

These settings are normally best left at the factory default, unless you understand cellular mobile technologies.

For those that do understand cellular mobile technologies, the controls are available to use if you are aware of the SIM capabilities and also the radio services available local to the installation site.

Modem Settings	
Modem Type	ME310G1-WW
Network Type	2G & 4G
4G Tech Type	LTE-M → NB-IoT
4G Band Selection	B8, B20
2G Band Selection	GSM 850MHz + GSM 900MHz + DCS 1800MHz + PCS 1900MHz
Operator Lock	None
DNS Mode	Mode 1

**Network Type** setting determines which network generation should be used to establish a connection.

- 2G
- 4G
- 2G & 4G

**4G Technology Type** setting determines which network generation should be used to establish a connection.

- LTE-M
- NB-IoT
- LTE-M → NB-IoT
- NB-IoT → LTE-M

**4G Band Selection** setting determines which frequency bands can be used to establish a 4G connection.

← 4G Band Selection			
User level: Advanced			
B1	B2	B3	B4
B5	B8	B12	B13
B18	B19	B20	B25
B26	B27	B28	B66
B85			

**2G Band Selection** setting determines which frequency bands can be used to establish a 2G connection.

- GSM 900MHz + DCS 1800MHz
- GSM 900MHz + PCS 1900MHz
- GSM 850MHz + DCS 1800MHz
- GSM 850MHz + PCS 1900MHz
- GSM 900MHz + DCS 1800MHz + PCS 1900MHz
- GSM 850MHz + GSM 900MHz + DCS 1800MHz + PCS 1900MHz

**Operator Lock**

The Operator lock screen allows you to lock the logger to a specific Mobile Network Operator.

When set to “none” the logger will try an assortment of operators sequentially until it finds one that accepts the connection attempt.

Operator Lock
None

Each Mobile Network Operator can be identified by a 5-digit code – The MCC / MNC code. (MCC / MNC codes can be found from an internet search).

If the code for the operator is known, it can be set from this screen. Tap on MCCMNC line and set the code.

**Operator (MCCMNC)**

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CANCEL OK

**Note:**  
For the above setting to be functional, the SIM must also support the chosen network operator.

← **Operator Lock** User level: Advanced

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Operator (MCCMNC) All

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Network Type All

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*You can initiate a scan to see which networks are visible to the device's modem and use the results to set your chosen operator and technology lock*

**START SCAN**

If a specific type of network technology is required, it can be set from this screen. Tap on the Network Type line and select from the list.

**Note:**  
For the above setting to be functional, the SIM must also support the chosen network type.

**Network Type**

2G

LTE-M

NB-IoT

All

There is a tool to help with making the above settings:

Tap on the “Start Scan” button.

*You can initiate a scan to see which networks are visible to the device's modem and use the results to set your chosen operator and technology lock*

**START SCAN**

The logger will scan for local networks.

**Scanning For Networks**

Please wait: Reading modem

**CANCEL**

**Scan Complete** [Details](#)

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Select Operator <Select Operator>

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Select Network Type <Select Network Type>

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**SET**

When the scan is complete, tap on 'Details' to get a comprehensive list of mobile networks and services available.

**Scan Complete**  
vodafone UK (2G)  
O2 - UK (2G)  
O2 - UK (NB-IoT)  
EE (2G)

Review, and then tap on each of the settings line to make a selection from those listed. (Contents vary according to what is found to be locally available).

Operator (MCCMNC)	Network Type
vodafone UK	2G
O2 - UK	NB-IoT
EE	All
All	

CANCEL

Note:

For the above setting to be functional, both the SIM and the network operator must also support the selections.

**DNS Mode** (Domain Name System) is factory set to "Auto".

When the logger dials-in it resolves the Domain Name part of the URL by doing a DNS lookup over the network.

The network may not support all DNS protocol versions, so the logger (if set to Auto) tries several types until it finds one that works. It then uses that protocol option for future operation.

Auto  
Mode 1  
Mode 2  
Mode 3  
Mode 4

Alternatively, the user can pre-set this mode using the control.



DNS Mode Mode 1

## 8.2 CELLULAR NETWORK SIGNAL TESTS AND CALL TESTS

### 8.2.1 2G and 3G Networks: Signal Test (signal strength - CSQ)

This test measures the **signal strength** (CSQ) of the received 2G mobile network signal.

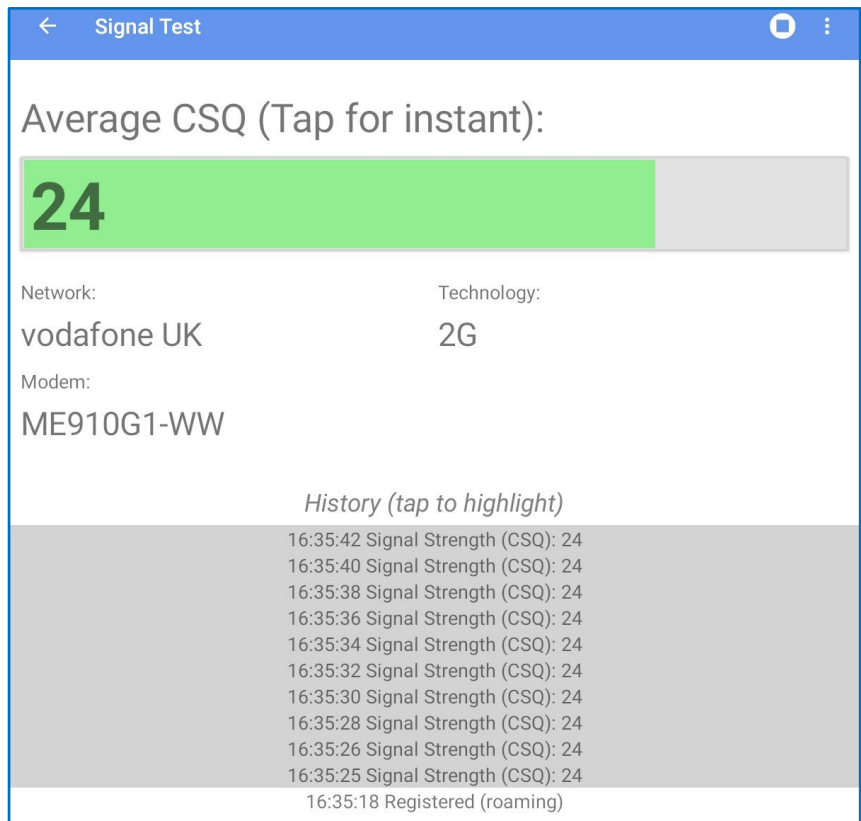
Tap on "Test Device", and then tap on "Signal Test".

 <p><b>Test Device</b> Test sensors and modem communication</p>	 <p><b>Signal Test</b> Get the signal quality from the device's modem</p>
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Once connected to the mobile network, the provider details and a color-coded signal strength indicator (CSQ) are displayed.

The default is to show the average value of the last 10 CSQ readings, but it can be changed to show the latest value (by tapping on the number). The readings used to produce the CSQ average have a grey background. Their quantity can be adjusted via the menu.

Initially, this test should be done with an open chamber. This is to verify that the connection to the mobile network works, and to determine what the local signal strength is.






Then, with the test still running, close the chamber. The CSQ will drop due to the lid of the chamber reducing the strength of the received signal.

Re-position the antenna within the chamber to find the best signal strength (CSQ). The antenna should finally be installed in the best signal-strength position.

When you have finished, tap on the stop button to end the testing.



The following guidelines are given for the cellular network signal strength (as measured by CSQ result, with the chamber closed):

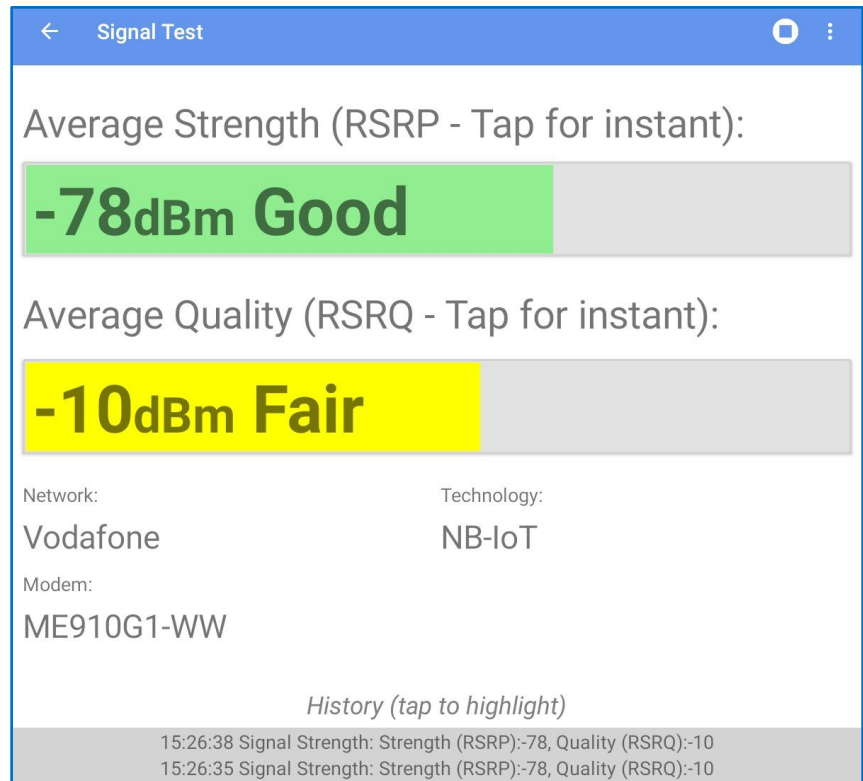
-  **15+ Good.**  
(Data transmission should be reliable).
-  **8-14 Fair.**  
(Depending upon the ambient conditions data transmission may be possible. It is important to select the correct antenna and install it in the most suitable location).
-  **0-7 Poor.**  
(The logger may be able to register with the network but will not be able to send or receive data reliably).

Note: When using a modem with 4G Network protocols (NB-IoT and LTE-M), CSQ levels are replaced with different quality parameters. (Refer to section 8 to determine what modem settings are in use for the logger. Refer to section 8.2.2 for 4G Network signal quality assessment).

## 8.2.2 4G Networks (NB-IoT, LTE-M): Signal Tests




The test method is similar to that described in section 8.2.1. However, 4G networks have a different set of parameters for determining signal suitability than 2G and 3G networks. The CSQ indication is replaced for 4G networks by:

- RSRP  
(Reference Signal Received Power; A Signal Strength indication).
- RSRQ  
(Reference Signal Received Quality; A Signal Quality indication).






These parameters may be used to assess the suitability of the logger communication with the cellular data network. The IDT app color codes the results for ease of use.

**RSRP value:** The following guidelines are given for the cellular network signal, (as measured with the chamber closed):

-   $\geq -105$  **Good.**  
(Data transmission should be reliable).
-   $-106$  to  $-120$  **Fair.**  
(Data transmission should be reasonably reliable).  
It is important to select the correct antenna and install it in the most suitable location).
-   $< -120$  **Poor.**  
(Reliable data speeds may be possible but drop-outs may occur. The logger may be able to register with network but will not be able to send or receive data reliably).

Note: The above values are negative. The higher the value (less negative) the better.

**RSRQ value:** The following guidelines are given for the cellular network signal,  
(as measured with the chamber closed):

-  > -9      **Good.**  
(Data transmission should be reliable).
-  -9 to -12      **Fair.**  
(Data transmission should be reasonably reliable).  
It is important to select the correct antenna and install it in the most suitable location).
-  < -13      **Poor.**  
(Reliable data speeds may be possible but drop-outs may occur.  
The logger may be able to register with network but will not be able to send or receive data reliably).

Note: The above values are negative. The higher the value (less negative) the better.

### 8.2.3 IDT – Call Test (logger to server)

This test confirms the logger can **communicate with the DataGate server**.

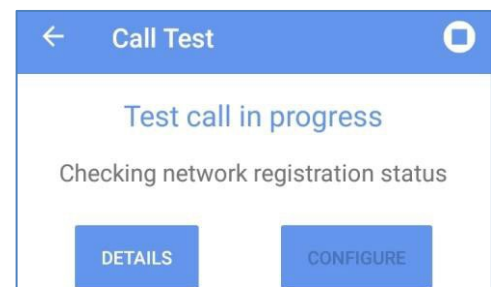
Tap on “Test Device”,  
and then tap on  
“Call Test”.



(During this test, the IDT app remains in contact with the logger and can track the progress of the call).

The call test will automatically start.  
(The top-right corner of the display has a control to start and stop the test).

The logger makes a test-call to the data-server over the mobile network.



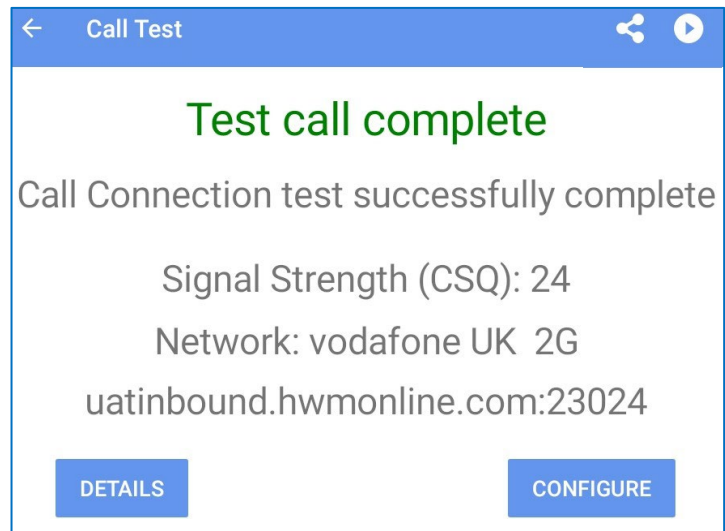


The call will progress through various stages until it is complete.

Check if it is successful.

Useful information (such as network details and signal strength) is shown as the call progresses.

If there is some problem with the test-call, some details are available to assist in finding where the problem exists. (Tap the “Details” button to show).



The details can be forwarded to expert users for assistance by tapping on the share control.



Note: When the equipment is installed below ground level, the Call Test can be made initially with the chamber lid open, to prove it is possible to communicate with DataGate using an unimpaired mobile phone signal.

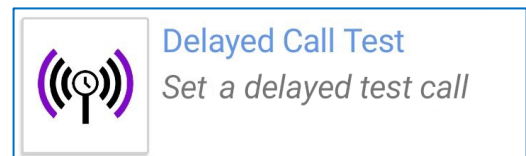
Repeat the test later with the lid closed to confirm the signal is not degraded to an unusable level by the chamber lid.

### 8.2.4 Setup of a Delayed test call

(This feature is available on 'Group 2' loggers only).

The purpose is to set up a test call from logger to server, but with a 5-minute delay. This allows the communications cable to be removed and the chamber lid to be fully closed prior to the call commencing.

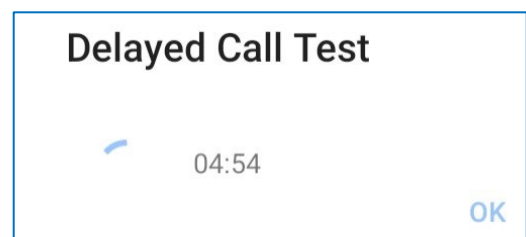
Access the “Test Device” menu and then tap “Delayed Call Test”.



The IDT app will start a 5-minute count-down timer; This is for guidance only. During the 5-minutes, the installer can detach the cable from the logger and replace the chamber lid.

After the 5 minutes, the logger should be making a call attempt. Leave it for 3-4 minutes, and then check on DataGate for the arrival of a message from the logger.

Tap the OK button to clear the dialogue box.



## 8.2.5 Troubleshooting a Call Test failure

### Possible Issues and Checks

There are a number of reasons why a Call test may fail.

IDT provides some error messages to help diagnose problems:

e.g.:

- SPC low. Please wait for charge.  
(Power boost circuit within the logger requires time to re-charge).
- SIM card error. Please check SIM fitment.  
(SIM must be clean and fitted correctly).
- No networks found. Please check antenna connection and position.  
(Check antenna is undamaged and connected).
- DNS lookup failure. Please check server address.  
(Check with your system administrator that the URL entered as the server address is correct).
- Network registration was denied. Please check that SIM is activated on network.  
(Check SIM card is able to use the selected network operator for data).

(The above list is not exhaustive).

The following points should be checked before calling HWM support for assistance: -

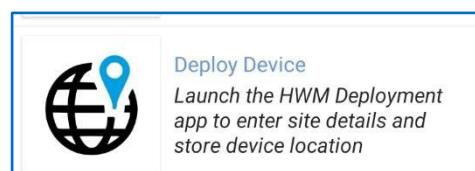
Possible Problem	Solution
Network Busy due to excessive traffic. Commonly occurs around schools and at peak travel times.	Retry the test after a few minutes.
Network signal not available at your location. Not all Cell masts carry data traffic.	Relocate the logger to an area that has a data service or change to a different network provider.
Network signal not strong enough. For 2G and 3G networks, you need a CSQ (reported by the Call test) of at least 8 for reliable communications. For 4G networks, check the RSRP and RSRQ values are suitable.	Relocate the antenna if possible or try alternative antenna configurations. Ensure antennas are vertically orientated where possible.
APN settings incorrect.	Check with your network operator that you have the correct settings for your SIM.

If you continue to experience problems with communication, you may need to check the network coverage in your location.

### 9 RECORDING INSTALLATION SITE DETAILS FOR DATAGATE SERVER

When a logger is being used in with the DataGate system, details of the site where the logger has been deployed have to be recorded and entered into the server. This is an administrative function, possibly undertaken by system administrators. However, the IDT app can be integrated with the HWM Deployment app to ease collection of the relevant data and automate many of the administrative tasks.

Tapping the Deploy Device option will launch the HWM Deployment app and pass details of the logger to it. The user is then able to record the installation location of the device.



(The HWM Deployment app is used to complete the task of recording details of the site of deployment and the administrative update of the DataGate system).

(For further guidance on the HWM Deployment app, refer to the relevant user guide, MAN-2002-0001).

The data sent by (or retrieved from) the logger will be stored on the DataGate server, linked to the site on which the logger is currently deployed.

Note: If the logger is removed from the site this should be registered with the DataGate server, as should any subsequent re-deployment of the logger to another site. This will allow the server to link subsequent data to the new deployment site.

## Retrieving, storing, sharing and viewing data

### 10 RETRIEVING, STORING, AND VIEWING DATA

Measurement data is initially stored within the logger.

For 'group 3' loggers, the device is usually set up to call into a server, where data is stored. The device keeps track of what has been already sent in order to minimize call length (to save unnecessary power consumption). Data will therefore automatically appear on the server, with site visits only needed for any maintenance tasks.

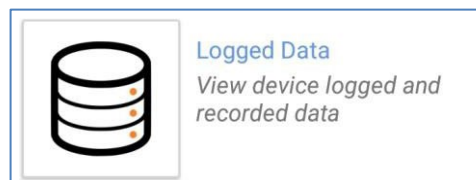
For 'group 1' loggers, the device does not call into a server, so all data is retained within the logger. To access the stored data, return to the logger after some time and re-connect to it using the IDT app. The data can be temporarily downloaded into IDT and viewed graphically (See section 10.1). However, the graph can only be viewed whilst the IDT app is connected to the logger; the IDT app does not store the data. The data may also be shared with other apps whilst connected; refer to section 10.2. For data retrieval and permanent storage, IDT is required to be used in conjunction with the DataGate server (Refer to sections 9 and 10.3); the data can be manually uploaded to the server using the data modem within the mobile phone.

Data is best viewed with a viewing tool (webpage) that can access the data stored on the server. (Refer to the appropriate manual or instructions for your viewing tool).

#### 10.1 VIEWING DATA (WITHIN IDT)

The logger data can be viewed graphically by using IDT to temporarily copy the data from the logger.

Tap on the "Logged data" line.

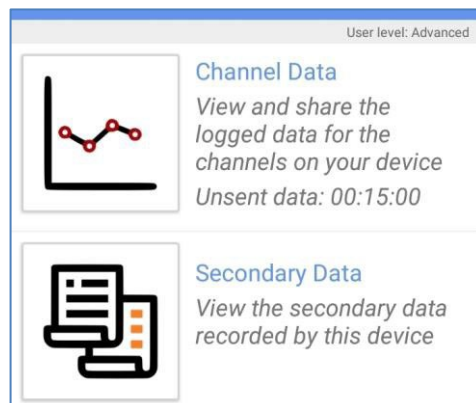


A new screen is displayed. This screen gives access to any data contained in the logger's primary data recording. It will also give access to the logger secondary data recordings if they exist.


Tap "Channel Data" for access to the primary data recordings.

(For 'group 3' loggers, this line will show the duration of any unsent data (format: d:hh:mm:ss)).


Tap "Secondary Data" for access to the secondary data recordings.



Tap to the left of the graph symbol to select a duration that you wish to see on the graph. (The 'unsent' option is not available on 'group 1' loggers).

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User level: Advanced

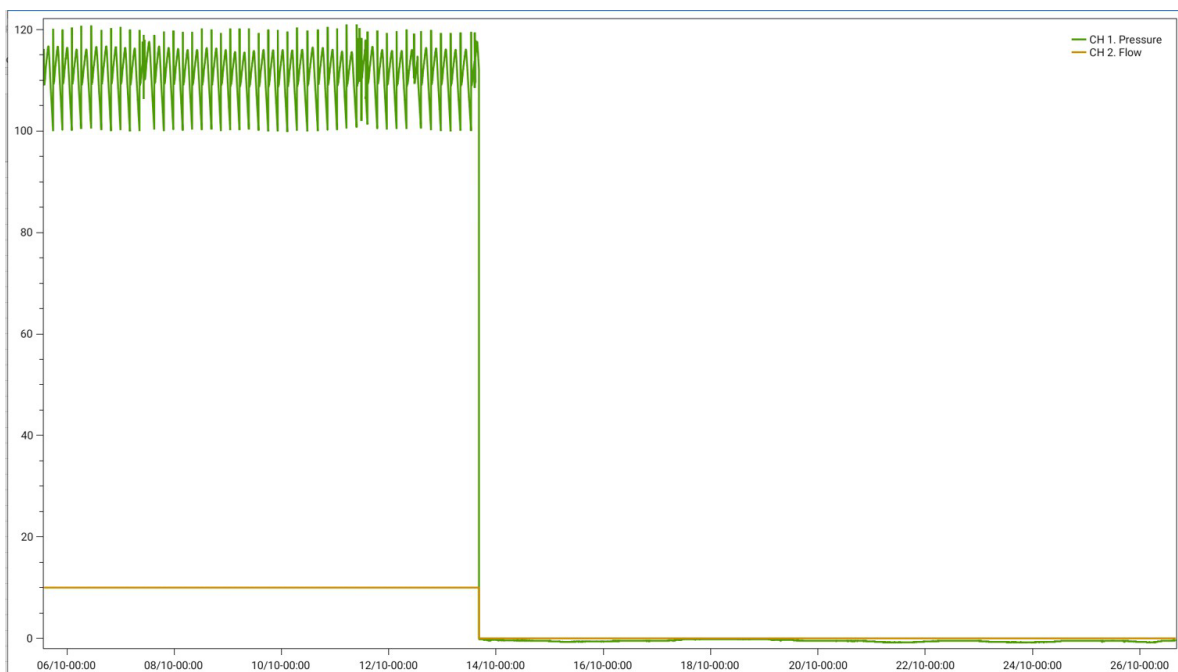
Please select how much data you would like to see 1 day 

	Sensor Type	Show
1	Pressure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2	Flow	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

- Custom
- 1 day
- 1 week
- 2 weeks
- 1 month
- 6 months
- 1 year
- Unsent

The slider controls can be used to include or exclude data from a sensor on the graph.

Tap on the graph symbol to initiate the transfer of data from the logger to a temporary data store in IDT. Once the data is available a graph will be produced.



The graph can be examined in more detail using the standard techniques available on your tablet or phone. (E.g., finger movements to zoom in or out, re-position the graph within the display, etc.).



Tap the back-arrow control to exit.

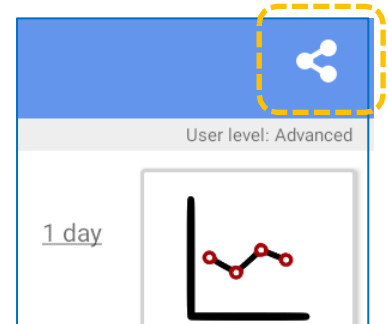
Note: The graph contents will vary according to the sensors attached to the logger, the type of data produced, how long the logger has been running and other factors.

Once the graph page has been closed, the data is deleted from IDT. However, it is still present in the logger.

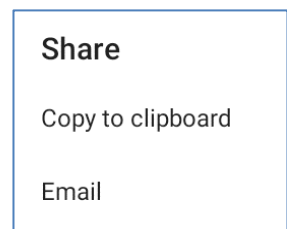
## 10.2 SHARING DATA (IN CSV FORMAT)

To share the logger data, follow the steps for viewing data in IDT (see section 10.1) up until the point where the channels and time period that are required have been selected.

Then tap on the “share” icon.



IDT offers the option of either copying the data to the clipboard (to be able to paste the data into another application), or to generate an e-mail with the data.

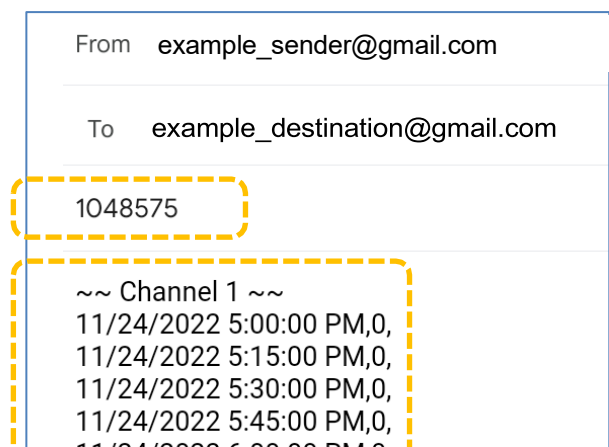


E.g., tap on “Email” and IDT will fetch the data from the logger. IDT will then select your e-mail application (or allow you to choose if more than one is installed) and compose the message part of the e-mail.

The e-mail will include the logger identity (as a serial number) for the subject.

The main body of the e-mail is in plain text which is also in a c.s.v. (comma separated values) format.

Complete the e-mail by adding e-mail addresses to the “To” field, and then send.



### 10.3 UPLOAD OF DATA TO DATAGATE SERVER.

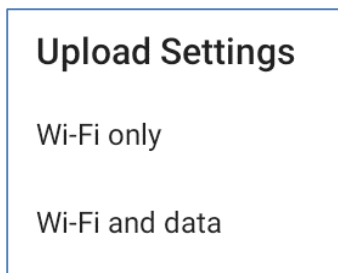
Note: In order to successfully upload data to the DataGate server, all loggers must be previously entered into the DataGate system (registered using their **telephone** number and linked to a dummy site; HWM usually does the initial logger registration. However, loggers within 'group 1' do not have a standard **telephone** number, so require some alternative way to allocate a **telephone / SMS** number for use as an identifier; refer to the logger user-guide for details.

After logging into the IDT app, the tablet receives a token allowing use with the server for up to 48 hours. The IDT app can be used to retrieve data from a logger and store it for upload to the DataGate server for permanent storage. If no internet connection exists, the data is temporarily stored in data files which go into an "upload queue". This pending data will upload later when an internet connection becomes available.

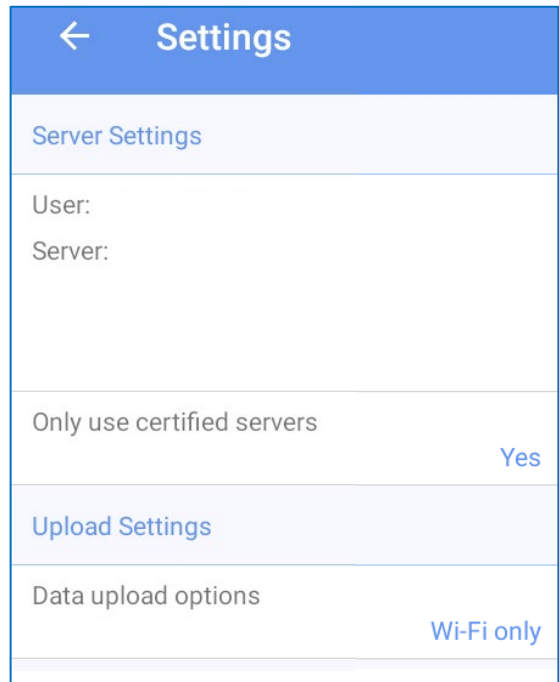
Note: This method of uploading data is normally not needed for 'group 3' loggers, since they are able to upload data regularly. It can however be used when visiting site for maintenance work. The primary use is with 'group 1' loggers, as these have no facility for automatic upload of data to the server.

Options for use of various internet connections (Wi-Fi or by use of Cellular / Mobile Data) can be set within the app Settings page.

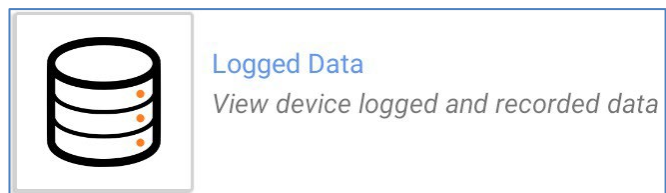
Tap on the "Data upload options" line.



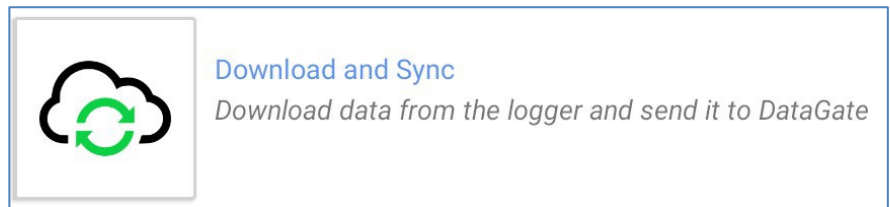
Select "Wi-Fi only" if you have a limited data package on your SIM card. This will defer data uploads to the server until a Wi-Fi connection is available.



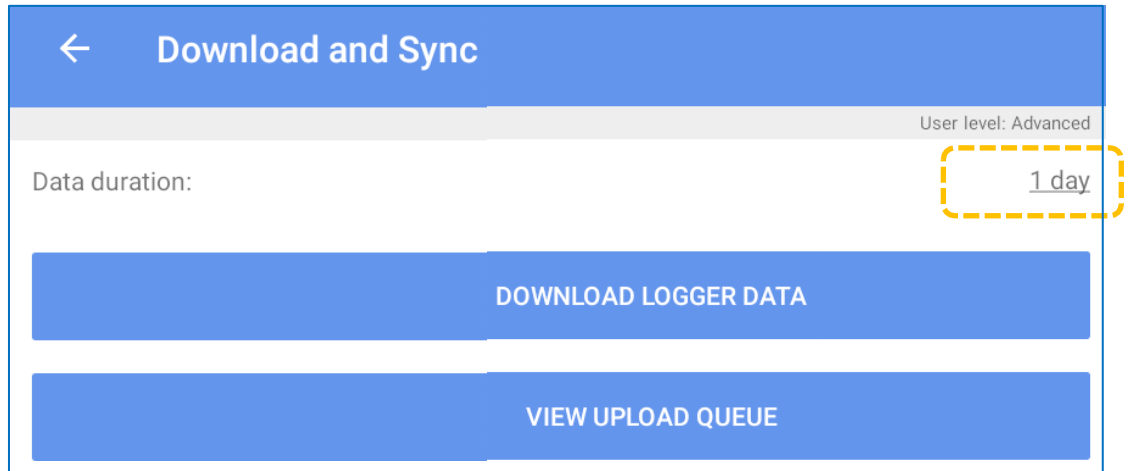
After connecting to your logger, tap on the "Logged Data" option.



Then tap on “Download and Sync”.



A new page will load.



Tap on the “Data duration” line and select the required time period of the data you wish to retrieve.

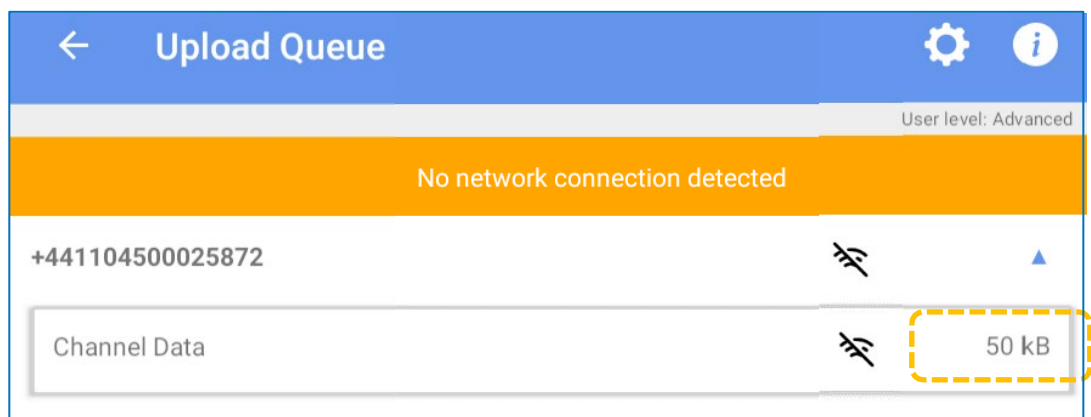
Then tap on the “Download Logger Data” button.

The IDT app will transfer the data from the logger device.

Note: IDT does not keep track of what data records (normally selected by a date range) have been uploaded to DataGate. To ensure IDT has all the available datapoints, the user should select a large enough date-range to over-lap with any previously obtained data. If there are any duplications of data sent, the system will remove them before storage on the server.

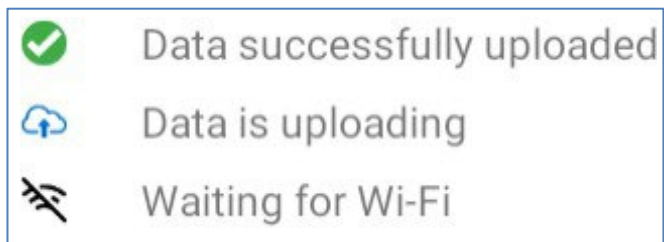
To view data that is queued for upload, tap on the “View Upload Queue” line.

A list of data that has been obtained from loggers is shown along with a status indication (icon) and number of bytes left to upload.

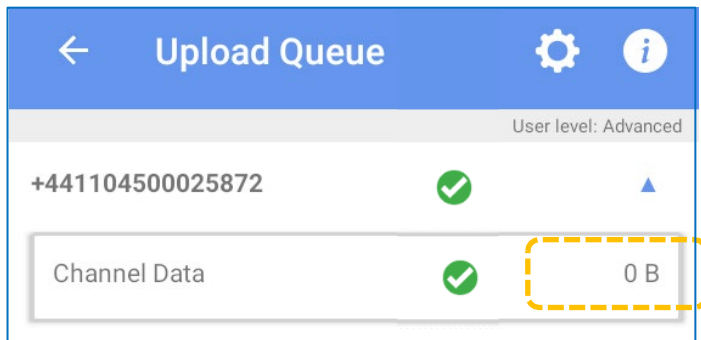




Tap the “i” button for a key with an explanation of the symbols.



When upload is finished, all logger devices should show '0 B' (0 bytes) as being left to upload, and a green circle with a tick as the status.



To clear the list, first check that all data items have been sent. Then tap on the “Clear Sent Data” button. (This does not erase any data from the logger).



## 11 TROUBLESHOOTING

The app, the logger, the user and sometimes the server interact with each other. Any issues in use of the app should consider all four parts of the system.

(Refer also to section 15, which describes a few of the differences of operation of IDT under various use circumstances).

### 11.1 PUTTING THE EQUIPMENT INTO SHIPPING MODE (DE-ACTIVATING)

Before removing HWM equipment from an installation site for storage, repair, etc., it must be put into “Shipping mode”. This will prevent invalid measurements from being recorded. In addition, some equipment includes sensors for detecting movement or changes in logger position and could send an alarm to the server.

Note: Be sure to upload any unsent data before this operation.

‘Group 3’ loggers:

To put the equipment into shipping mode:

From the main options page, tap on the “Configure Device” selection.

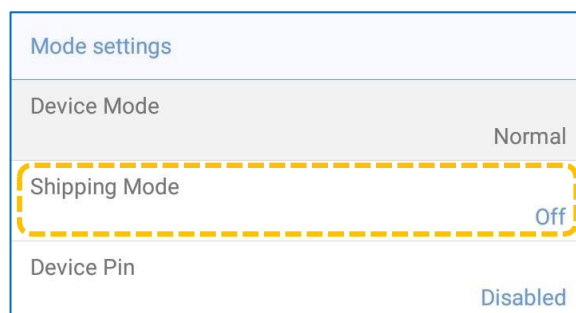
Then select the “Device Information” option.



Move the display to show the Mode Settings panel.

The “shipping mode” setting will be shown as “off” since the logger is in use.

Tap on the shipping mode line.



Read and accept the warning (by tapping on “Continue”).

#### Warning

This will disconnect you from the logger, suspend all logging functions and shut down all radio output, allowing for safe shipping. Swiping the logger with a magnet will disable this mode

CANCEL CONTINUE

IDT will update the device.

The device will go into shipping mode and drop the communications link.

(IDT will therefore begin scanning for devices).

#### Updating



Transferring data from device

### 'Group 1' loggers:

The equivalent to shipping mode is a recording state of 'stopped'. Refer to section 3.1.5 for how to do this.

## **11.2 THE USER CANNOT LOG IN USING THE APP**

- Ensure the correct server URL exists (Test connection).
- Ensure the correct username and password are being used.
- Ensure the user is correctly set-up on DataGate.

(Refer to your system administrator for assistance if required).

## **11.3 THE IDT APP DOES NOT LIST THE LOGGER**

- The logger communications link is not activated.
  - Activate the logger communication link again (see section 1.6).
- The phone may be out of the communication link range of the logger.
  - Bring them closer together.
- The logger battery may be depleted, or the logger may be defective.
- If using the Bluetooth Interface Link connection method, check the unit is charged and in pairing mode. Check the cable is properly connected.

### When used with DataGate:

- The logger is not correctly registered on DataGate.
- The user is not logged into the app, or the initial synchronization is incomplete.
- The user does not have the appropriate DataGate permissions.
- Try selecting "show unprotected devices". If the logger then appears listed in red, it is functioning correctly in "unprotected mode".
- Try re-starting the phone and the app.
  - Confirm the app Bluetooth connection is working correctly by trying with another logger.

## **11.4 THE DATA FROM THE LOGGER DOES NOT APPEAR ON THE SERVER.**

- Ensure the logger uses the correct data destination URL and port-number for your server.
- Check the logger antenna is attached and in an OK condition.
- Make a Call Test and confirm OK.
- Ensure your server is correctly configured to receive and present the data from the logger.

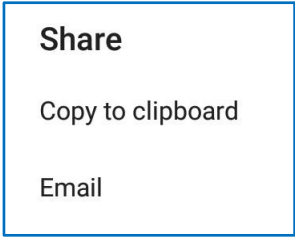
## **11.5 TRANSFER OF LOGGER SETTINGS FOR ASSISTANCE / LOAD VIRTUAL LOGGER**

If requested by HWM-water, the logger configuration settings can be saved to a file and forwarded to HWM-water for assistance.

Connect to the logger and from the main screen navigate to the Device Information screen.

Tap on the Share icon. (This feature may not be enabled for your logger, but an alternative is shown below.)

Select a method for sharing the information (a logger configuration file + recent event log messages).

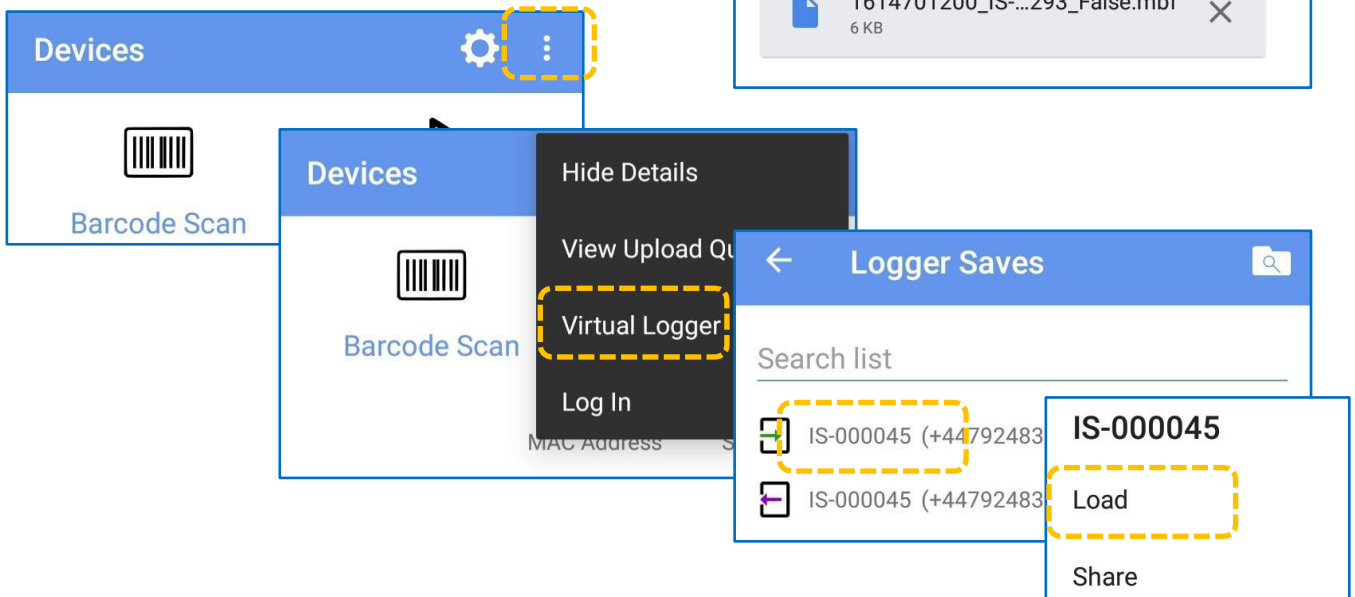
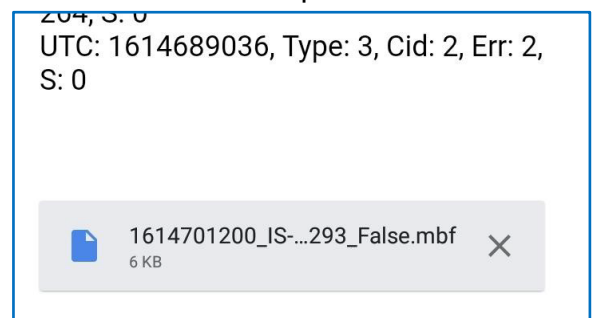
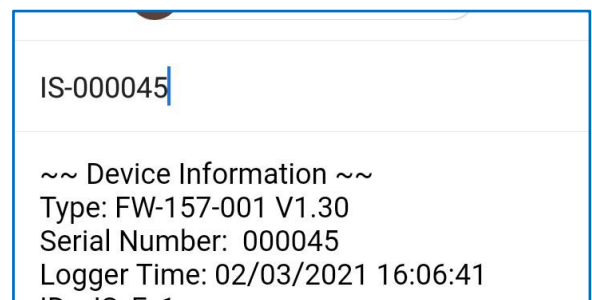
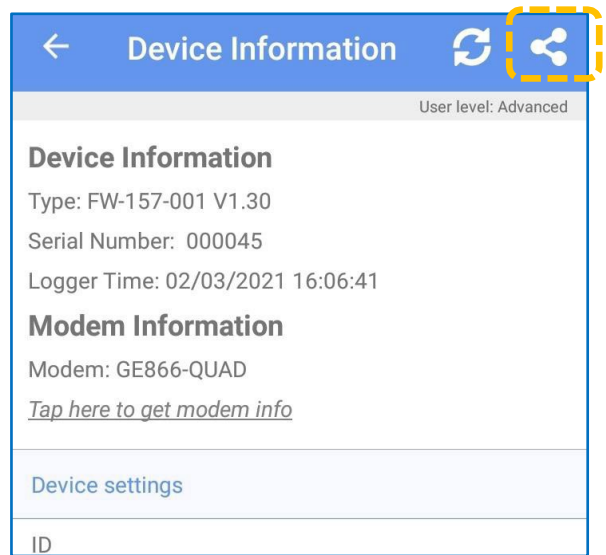


Typically, this will be via e-mail.

Select an e-mail program when the phone prompts you.

The contents of the e-mail are automatically generated. You will simply need to complete the destination e-mail address.

The logger details and a copy of its configuration file can now be sent for examination and debug.



All setting details will be available for inspection once the email recipient loads the configuration details as a "virtual device" (click as shown above, from left to right).

Note: Every time the IDT app connects to a logger and then disconnects from it, a backup file of the logger configuration is made. These can be accessed via the 'Logger Saves' page, shown in the diagram above.  
When a file is selected, it can either be loaded as a virtual logger or shared (via e-mail, etc.).

### 11.6 “ ... BLOCK THE LOGGER FROM CALLING IN” WARNING (LOGGER OVER-COMMIT)

The logger schedules its repetitive measurement tasks and also evaluates how much time is available for other tasks such as calling into the server. Whilst programming settings into the logger, it is possible for the user to over-commit the logger resources.

If some potential issue is found where the logger is likely to be over-committed and unable to fit all tasks into its schedule, it warns the user via an IDT warning message.

If IDT issues a warning during setup of the logger, similar to those shown opposite, it indicates that the logger may have insufficient time to call into the server.

Warning: high log and sample periods can block the logger from calling in

Warning: high log period can block the logger from calling in

Warning: high sample period can block the logger from calling in

The logger manages its expected power use during operation (so as to not cause an over-demand of the supply current beyond what is available). Some measurements are from sensors that use very little power and are only required to be powered for very short intervals. Other sensors may require more power or may need to be powered for several tens of seconds before a measurement can be obtained. Each measurement therefore has a power and time budget for the logger to consider when scheduling tasks, as does the operation of making a call-in to the server. The logger may manage power-use by sequencing certain measurement tasks to occur one after another rather than being done simultaneously.

The user should therefore consider a worst-case scenario in which only one sensor can be powered at any given time. Each sensor may need to be activated sequentially. Certain sensors may require a pre-power period and / or additional time for a measurement to be made and then communicated to the logger). The user should also add approximately one minute for the call-in time.

Sensor interfaces that should especially be taken into consideration are:

- 4-20mA (active) ; Pre-power time
- SDI-12 ; Pre-power time ; Measurement time varies.
- RS485 ; Pre-power time ; Measurement time varies.
- SonicSens3 ; Measurement time is approx. 10s.

The user should minimize the period of use and number of samples obtained from sensors using the above interfaces. This helps the logger to schedule tasks. It also helps towards minimizing over-all power consumption from the logger battery.

If IDT generates a warning message, the sensor pre-power timings, sample period, log period and logging mode should be re-visited and adjusted. Try:

- Use a “spot” logging mode (which samples only at the log rate) where possible; Other logging modes require more samples to obtain datapoints.
- A log period of 5 minutes or longer is recommended.

### 12 SETUP OF INTERFACES

This section describes the setup of channels in detail. However, certain sensors have their own User Guide. Follow the additional guidance where available.

Data from the logger can generally be viewed using webpages provided by HWM DataView website. Where other HWM data viewing portals (websites) exist for certain sensors, they are identified within each sensor description. Your utility company may also employ its own data viewing tool. To view data on any portal, the data must be delivered to the server.

#### 12.1 FLOW SENSOR INPUT (USING 'GROUP 1' LOGGERS)

To set up a Flow sensor input on this group of loggers, refer to section 4.1. Flow inputs have no other function on this logger group; skip to section 12.8.

#### 12.2 FLOW SENSOR INPUT (USING 'GROUP 2' LOGGERS)

For an introduction to the setup of a Flow sensor input on this group of loggers, refer to section 4.2, which discusses Flow-Uni interfaces. This section provides additional information, including the setup of other types of Flow interfaces.

Internally, 'Group 2' loggers usually handle a flow interface as a pair of signals.

- Both signals are required for some meter interfaces.  
(e.g., 'Flow-Bi' interfaces; These are for meters that can measure Bi-Directional Flow).
- Alternatively, the electrical interface is factory modified (split into two) to form two separate interfaces.  
(e.g., 'Flow-Uni' interfaces; These are for meters that measure Uni-Directional Flow).  
(See opposite for IDT identification of the pair of signals for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Flow interface split into two; 'Flow-Uni 2.1' and 'Flow Uni 2.2'.)

#### Input Sensor

<Disabled>

Flow Bi

Flow Uni 2.1

Flow Uni 2.2

#### Meter readings:

After setup of a Flow Interface to produce a logged channel, it is possible for the logger to keep track of the meter reading and for it to be uploaded to DataGate. Refer to section 12.7.5.

#### 12.2.1 Bi-directional Flow (using Direction & Pulses; producing 'net flow')

##### Channel summary:

1 channel uses 2 input signals (Flow direction, Flow Pulses) and produces 1 logical output (datapoint channel output): "net flow".

Follow the steps described in section 4.2, but select the Input Sensor as a “Flow Bi”.

(An example of the completed Channel setting, ‘Basic’ tab, is shown opposite).

Select the ‘Advanced’ tab (or Global Settings screen) and select a suitable pulse sample rate.

Input Sensor	Flow Bi
Sensor Type	Water
Units/Pulse:	1
Recording Unit	l
Logging Mode	Spot

Next, go to the Global Settings screen and ensure the ‘Net Flow’ control is set to ON (see diagram opposite).

Note: This setting affects every Flow-Bi (n) channel within the logger.

When finished, save the settings.

Pulse Input Frequency	
Pulse sample rate:	High Speed
Net flow	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

### 12.2.2 Bi-directional Flow (using Forward pulses & Reverse pulses; producing ‘net flow’)

Channel summary:

1 channel uses 2 input signals (Forward flow pulses, Reverse flow Pulses) and produces 1 logical output (datapoint channel output): “net flow”.

Follow the steps described in section 4.2, but select the Input Sensor as a “Flow Bi”.

(An example of the completed Channel setting, ‘Basic’ tab, is shown opposite).

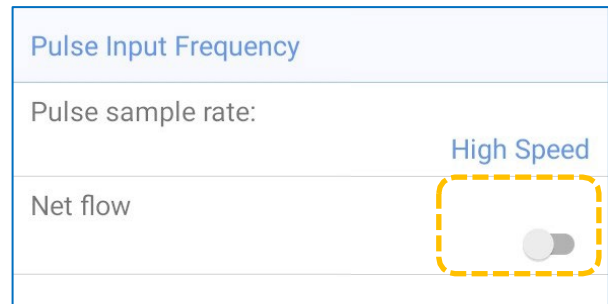
Select the ‘Advanced’ tab (or Global Settings screen) and select a suitable pulse sample rate.

Input Sensor	Flow Bi
Sensor Type	Water
Units/Pulse:	1
Recording Unit	l
Logging Mode	Spot

Next, go to the Global Settings screen and ensure the 'Net Flow' control is set to OFF (see diagram opposite).

Note: This setting affects every Flow-Bi (n) channel within the logger.

When finished, save the settings.



### 12.2.3 Logging Mode: Pulse Count or Pulse Interval Timing options

For Flow channels, additional Logging Mode selections are available on 'Group 2' loggers. These modify the logger behavior and are useful for flow inputs that sometimes have infrequent meter pulses. They are known as 'P.I.T.' (Pulse Interval Time) logging modes.

The logger samples any flow input at a high frequency. Instead of simply counting pulses between log periods, the logger can also time pulses.

When set to 'Event Pulse Interval Time':

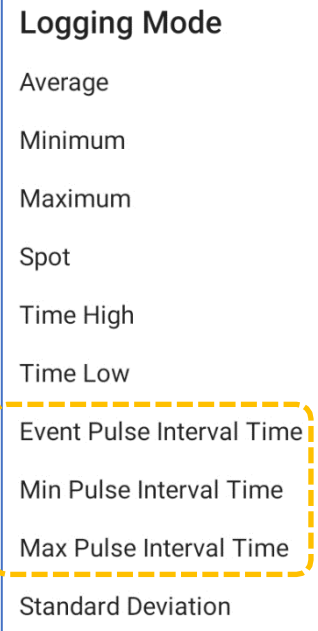
- When the pulse arrival rate is low, the logger waits for the log period to pass and then waits for the next pulse. It can then calculate *an average value* of the flowrate and record it by backfilling any datapoints that were missed whilst waiting for the pulse to arrive.
- When the pulse arrival rate speeds up, a similar process operates, but the logger takes account of the additional pulses.

When set to 'Min Pulse Interval Time' or 'Max Pulse Interval Time':

- When the pulse arrival rate is low, the logger waits for the log period to pass and then waits for the next pulse. It can then calculate *an average value* of the flowrate and record it by backfilling any datapoints that were missed whilst waiting for the pulse to arrive.  
(Minimum and Maximum are the same value).
- When the pulse arrival rate speeds up, a similar process operates, but the logger takes account of the additional pulses.

The Minimum flow rate during the log period is found from the pulse having the longest interval.

The Maximum flow rate during the log period is found from the pulse having the shortest interval.





## 12.3 STATUS INPUT ('GROUP 2' LOGGERS)

"Status Input" is a digital signal supported by some 'Group 2' logger models. Where more than one channel is available, they may be available on different connectors or as separate signals on the connector or cable. Electrically, the inputs operate in a similar manner to Flow inputs, being able to detect if a switch is open or closed.

On 'Group 2' loggers, IDT may show two versions of a Status input. e.g., In the picture opposite a single input pin is shown, but two versions exist. The difference is at the output stage (logged datapoints). Status1\_0 is standard (non-inverted) Output. Status1\_1 is non-standard (inverted) Output.

Status1_0
Status1_1

There is no difference regarding the input processing. However, the non-standard channel will have its output (logged datapoints) inverted, and setup of alarms may also be affected, as these act on the logged datapoint values.

Note: During hardware tests, the Status Input will show as either an Open or Closed condition, (indicated by O and X, respectively).

2 Status1_0	0
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Complete the settings of the status input as shown opposite. Then, to continue setup, follow the steps in sections 12.3.1 or 12.3.2.

Input Sensor	Status1_0
Sensor Type	Status
Input Multiplier	1
Recording Unit	
Logging Mode	Spot

### 12.3.1 Use as a logic-level data stream

Complete the settings as shown opposite to use the sensor as a logged digital status input.

The Recording Unit must be "Status".

<b>Recording Unit</b>
secs
status

The input will be logged as a digital status (i.e., 0 or 1).

Input Sensor	Status1_0
Sensor Type	Status
Input Multiplier	1
Recording Unit	status
Logging Mode	Spot

The logged data can participate in Channel Alarms and also in 'status' type alarms and events.

Triggers for Channel alarms can be set to match specific conditions met by the data-stream using the regular setup procedure.

e.g. The Channel Alarm settings shown opposite will trigger immediately if the input switches from 0 to 1.

The alarm will clear immediately when the input switches back from 1 to 0.

Alarm conditions	Upper
Upper level	0
Hysteresis	0
Channel number	2
Persistence	1 out of 1

### 12.3.2 Use as a Time-On data stream

An alternative use of the status input is to set the recording unit as "secs" (seconds).

<b>Recording Unit</b>
secs
status

The logger now considers the input status as a function of time; the number of seconds the input is at a logic level of "1" (closed) between each datapoint being produced. This value is recorded as a channel datapoint.

The time counter resets to 0 seconds whenever a datapoint has been created.

Input Sensor	Status1_0
Sensor Type	Status
Input Multiplier	1
Recording Unit	secs
Logging Mode	Spot

Note: Changing the input sensor to Status\_x\_1 has the effect of changing the polarity. The number of seconds the input is at logic level "0" (Open) between each datapoint is now recorded as a channel datapoint.

### 12.4 STATUS INPUT (FROM A FLOW / PULSE INTERFACE) ('GROUP 3' LOGGERS)

(This section applies to 'group 3' loggers only).

The interface known to IDT as "Pulse" may (where fitted) be labelled "Bi-Directional FLOW" or "Uni-Directional Flow" or similar. It may also be unlabeled except via inspection of the model-number of the logger (refer to the logger manual).

Note: "Pulse input" can be considered as the *general-purpose* name for the interface. It can be known by additional (more specific) names when the function has been set within the logger setup.

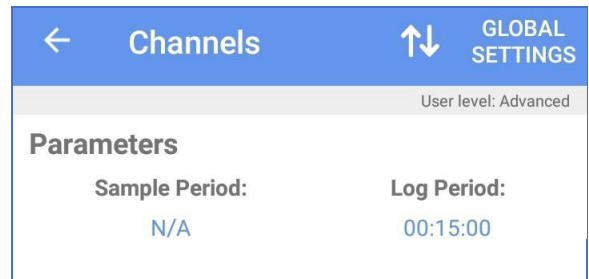
A pair of pins (i.e., 2 pulse inputs) is normally presented on a single connector. Each pin may be assigned a different use, or their use combined as a pair.

The interface is versatile and can be used for a variety of purposes. One such use is as a **Status Input**. A status input requires just one pin.

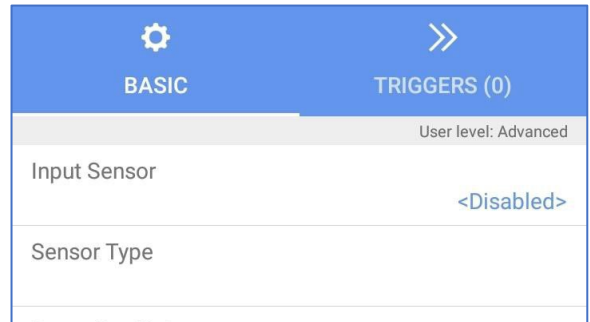
To set up a new Status Input channel:

Go to the Channels screen.

Tap the “ + ” line to add a new channel.

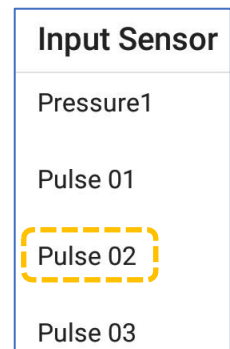


Tap the “Input Sensor” line.  
(Currently, it shows “<Disabled>”; it is unconfigured).

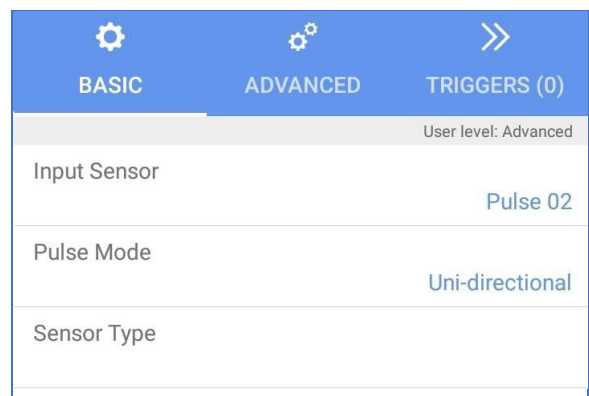


Select the required “Pulse (n)” type interface from the list of interfaces.

e.g., Tap on “Pulse 2”.



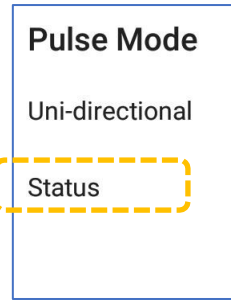
For this particular interface, multiple software driver options exist, and hence a new setting line is displayed, “Pulse Mode”.



Tap on the Pulse mode setting and select from the available options.

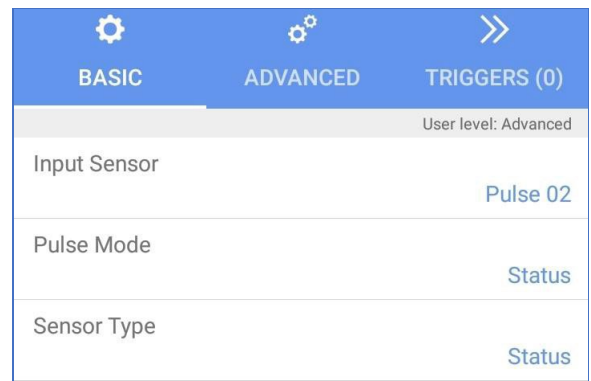
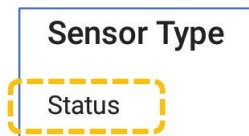
For this example, a Status sensor is required.  
Therefore select "Status".

This selection commits the relevant pin of the interface connector for a specific use). For this selection, the software driver will use the input as for sensors that give a simple status indication (typically signaled by a switch being open or closed).



Ensure the "Sensor Type" also reads "Status".

(Select if not already selected).



The selections made (so far) are shown in the channel configuration screen.

Additional settings are required, depending on what is to be measured and logged from the input ...

#### 12.4.1 Use as a logic-level data stream

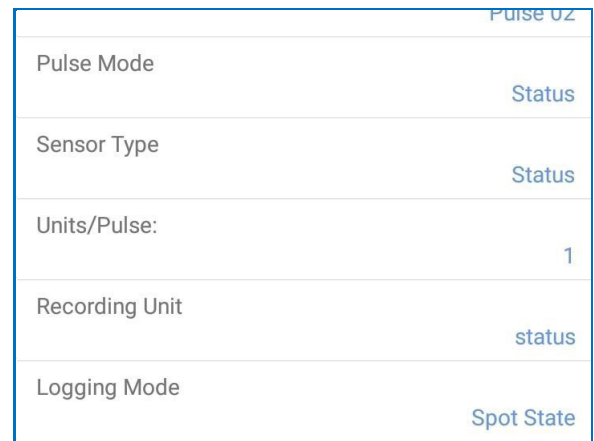
Complete the settings as shown to use the sensor as a digital status input.

(i.e., The input status can be either "1" or "0".  
Or, more precisely, either "Open" or "Closed").

Note: The IDT app sometimes shows:

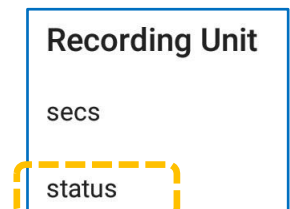
"Open" as "O".

"Closed" as "X".



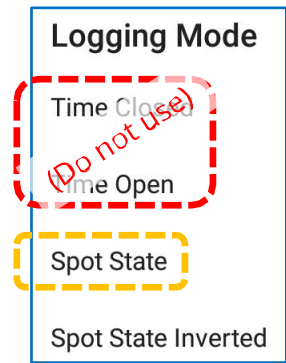
The recording unit must be set to "status".

This ensures the Pulse input is logged as a digital status (a value of either 0 or 1).



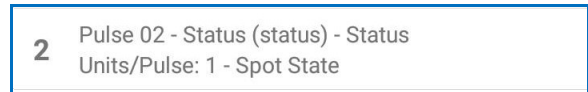
Select a logging mode of “Spot State” to record (log) the regular input status.

If you wish to change (invert) the logic of the status input, the “Spot state inverted” option may be chosen. (e.g., This may be required for a switch which has a “normally closed” rather than a “normally open” condition).



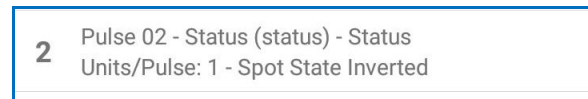
The image shows a 'Logging Mode' selection screen. It has four options: 'Time Closed', 'Time Open', 'Spot State', and 'Spot State Inverted'. 'Time Closed' and 'Time Open' are crossed out with a red dashed box and a red diagonal line with the text 'Do not use'. 'Spot State' is highlighted with a yellow dashed box. 'Spot State Inverted' is not highlighted.

The summary status is shown opposite for a channel set up to the log normal state input.



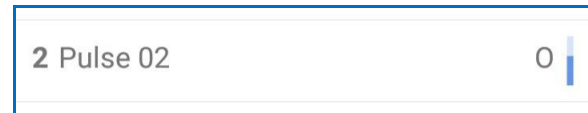
The image shows a summary status box for a channel set up to the log normal state input. It displays '2 Pulse 02 - Status (status) - Status' and 'Units/Pulse: 1 - Spot State'.

The summary status is shown opposite for a channel set up to the log inverted state input.



The image shows a summary status box for a channel set up to the log inverted state input. It displays '2 Pulse 02 - Status (status) - Status' and 'Units/Pulse: 1 - Spot State Inverted'.

Both of the above give the same result for a hardware test; it reports the raw input state (before any inversion is applied).



The image shows a raw input state for a hardware test. It displays '2 Pulse 02' and a value of '0' with a vertical bar next to it.

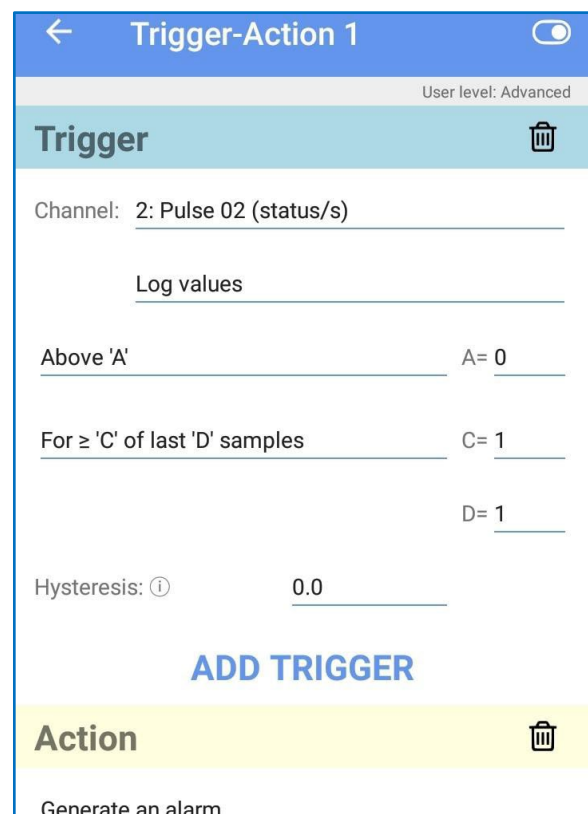
Triggers and actions can be set using the regular setup process, where triggers can be set to match specific conditions from recently logged datapoints.

(The datapoints can be either the regular or inverted status input, depending on the channel settings).

e.g. The settings shown opposite will trigger immediately (on a log boundary) if the input switches from 0 to 1.

The user should consider any threshold values carefully to ensure the logger can be triggered.

e.g. In the example, setting A to “1” will not permit the logger to trigger since the required data value would be out of range; the data range for a status type data stream cannot exceed “1”, so cannot be “Above 1”.



The image shows the 'Trigger-Action 1' configuration screen. It has a blue header with a back arrow and a toggle switch. Below the header, it says 'User level: Advanced'. The 'Trigger' section is highlighted in light blue and contains a trash icon. The 'Channel' is set to '2: Pulse 02 (status/s)'. Below that, there is a 'Log values' section with three conditions: 'Above 'A'' with a value of 'A= 0', 'For ≥ 'C' of last 'D' samples' with a value of 'C= 1', and 'D= 1'. Below these conditions, there is a 'Hysteresis' field with a value of '0.0'. At the bottom of the 'Trigger' section, there is a blue button that says 'ADD TRIGGER'. The 'Action' section is highlighted in light yellow and contains a trash icon. Below the 'Action' section, there is a text field that says 'Generate an alarm'.

### 12.4.2 Use as a Time-On data stream

The logger can measure how long a status input remains in a specific state within each log period. The results can be recorded (as datapoints) using a unit of time, namely seconds.

Pulse Mode	Status
Sensor Type	Status
Units/Pulse:	1
Recording Unit	secs
Logging Mode	Spot State

To accomplish this, select a recording unit of “secs”.

**Recording Unit**

secs

status

Set the Logging mode to be “Spot State” to consider the regular input status.

If you wish to change (invert) the logic of the status input, the “Spot state inverted” option may be chosen. (e.g., This may be required for a switch which has a “normally closed” rather than a “normally open” condition).

**Logging Mode**

Time Closed  
(Do not use)

Time Open

Spot State

Spot State Inverted

This changes the logger trigger options to consider the input status as a function of time; the number of seconds the input is at a logic level of “1” between each datapoint being produced. The time counter resets to 0 seconds whenever a new datapoint has been created.

The summary status is shown opposite for a channel set up to the log normal state input.

2	Pulse 02 - Status (secs) - Status	Units/Pulse: 1 - Spot State
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The summary status is shown opposite for a channel set up to the log inverted state input.

2	Pulse 02 - Status (secs) - Status	Units/Pulse: 1 - Spot State Inverted
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Both of the above give the same result for a hardware test; it reports only the raw input state (before any inversion is applied).

2	Pulse 02	0
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Note: The *time-on result* is not shown.

Triggers and actions can be set using the regular setup process, where triggers can be set to match specific conditions from recently logged datapoints.

(The datapoints can be either the regular or inverted status input, depending on the channel settings).

e.g. The settings shown opposite will trigger immediately (on a log boundary) if the status input is closed for a total time of between 15 to 45 seconds during the last log period.

The user should consider any threshold values carefully to ensure the logger can be triggered.

e.g. In the example, say the log period is set to be 5 minutes. (300 seconds).

Setting A above “300” will not permit the logger to trigger since the data value would be out of range; the data range for this channel data stream cannot exceed “300” (seconds) due to the log period set.

### 12.4.3 Use as a Time-On (%) data stream

The logger can measure what % of the time a status input is in a specific state within each log period. The results can be recorded (as a series of datapoints).

To accomplish this, select a recording unit of “status”.

Pulse Mode	Status
Sensor Type	Status
Units/Pulse:	1
Recording Unit	status
Logging Mode	Time Closed

Set the Logging mode to be “Time Closed”.  
 (This should be considered as “% of time closed”).

A “Time Open” option may alternatively be chosen if required.  
 (e.g., This may be required for a switch which has a “normally closed” rather than a “normally open” condition).

The logger calculates the proportion of time (relative to a log period) that the Status pin is in the chosen condition. The datapoints will be in the range of 0 to 10000.

So, if “Time Closed” is chosen, then a value of “0” would indicate permanently open, whilst a value of “10000” would indicate permanently closed.

The summary status is shown opposite for a channel set up to the log % of Time Closed.

The summary status is shown opposite for a channel set up to the log % of Time Open.

Both of the above report the raw input state (before any inversion is applied).

Note: The % *time-on result* is not shown.

Triggers and actions can be set using the regular setup process, where triggers can be set to match specific conditions from recently logged datapoints.

(The datapoints can be based on either the proportion of Time Open or proportion of Time Closed, depending on the channel settings).

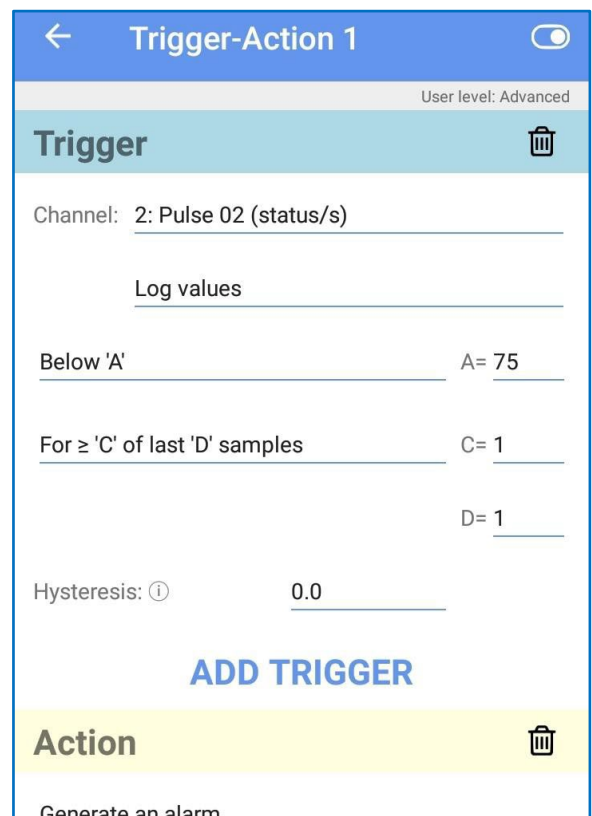
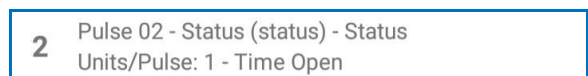
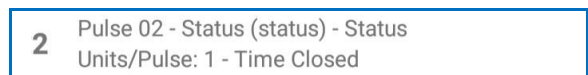
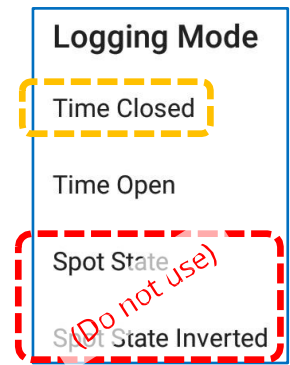
e.g. The settings shown opposite will trigger immediately (on a log boundary) if the status input is closed for a proportion of less than 75% of the time during the last log period.

The user should consider any threshold values carefully to ensure the logger can be triggered.

e.g. In the example trigger shown:

Setting A as “0” (or lower) will not permit the logger to trigger since the channel datapoint value would always exceed this; the data range for this channel data stream is always “0” (or above).

Setting A as “101” (or higher) will not permit the logger to clear from being triggered since the data value would always be below this; the data range for this channel data stream is always “100” (or below).





## 12.5 OUTPUTS (GROUP 2 LOGGERS)

(This Sub-section applies to 'group 2' loggers only).

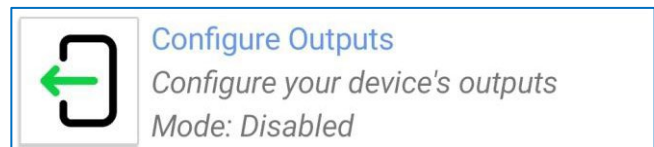
"Output" is a digital output signal (open / closed) supported by some logger models. Where more than one channel is available, they will appear as distinct outputs in IDT (e.g., Output 1, Output 2). (Refer to the logger user-guide.)

The outputs can be either de-activated or setup for use with other equipment.

Example uses are:

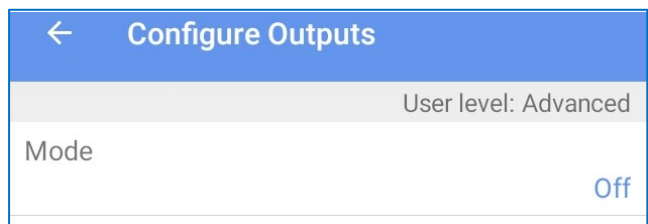
- Replication of meter pulse inputs to Flow interfaces. (Meter pulse signals are made available for use by other equipment that may also require them).
- Control of other equipment (e.g., Closing a contact to drive a relay to supply power to a device. Closing a contact to drive a digital input of other equipment).
- Other options are available, related to date and time or some logger events.

The top-level screen for setup of the logger Outputs can be reached by navigating: Configure Device → Configure Outputs.



Tap on Configure Outputs to reach the 'Configure Outputs' screen.

The screen settings must be completed, starting from the top. The screen content (available settings) will vary, according to what settings are chosen.



First set 'Mode'; this is the main selection.

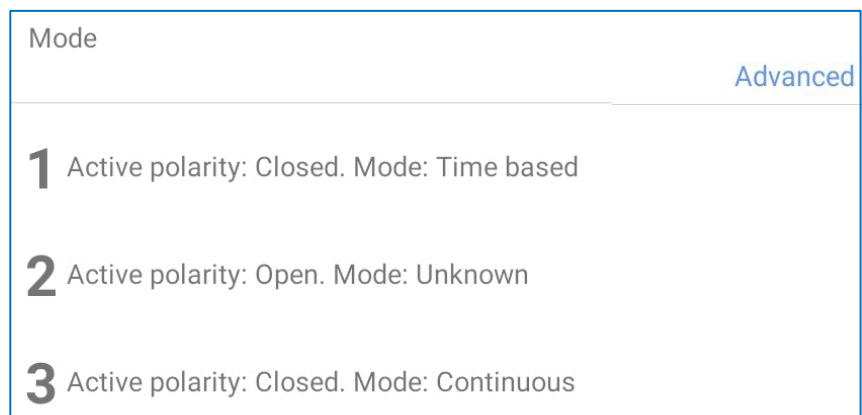
- If it is not required to use the logger outputs, set 'Mode' to 'off' (they will be disabled).
- If it is required to use logger outputs for a purpose (other than pulse replication), select 'Advanced'.
- Refer to section 12.5.1 for outputs used for pulse replication.

Off

Advanced

Selecting 'Advanced' will list (and number) the available outputs. A short summary of current settings is shown.

Setup options for each output are covered from section 12.5.2 onwards.



### 12.5.1 Outputs follow inputs (Pulse replication)

To enable meter pulse input replication (from Flow channels), select a Mode of 'Outputs follow inputs'.

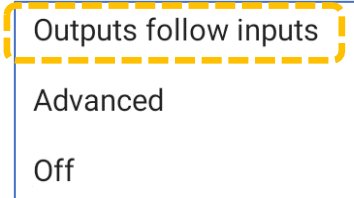
The setting applies to 'Status Input' type interfaces also.

Input 1 is replicated to Output 1

Input 2 is replicated to Output 2

Input 3 is replicated to Output 3 ... etc.

(There is usually a limitation to this pattern. For example, the logger may support more inputs than available outputs. Refer to your logger user guide).



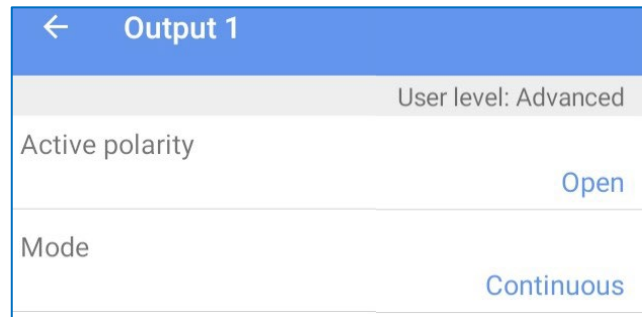
### 12.5.2 Continuous output

Navigate to the 'Configure Outputs' screen and select the Mode to be 'Advanced'.

Then tap on the Output (numbered) that is to be set up.

Tap on the (second) 'Mode' control and select 'Continuous'.

Next select the 'Active polarity' that is required ('Open' or 'Closed').



### 12.5.3 Alarm-based output

Ensure that the Channel Alarms for the logger have first been set up.

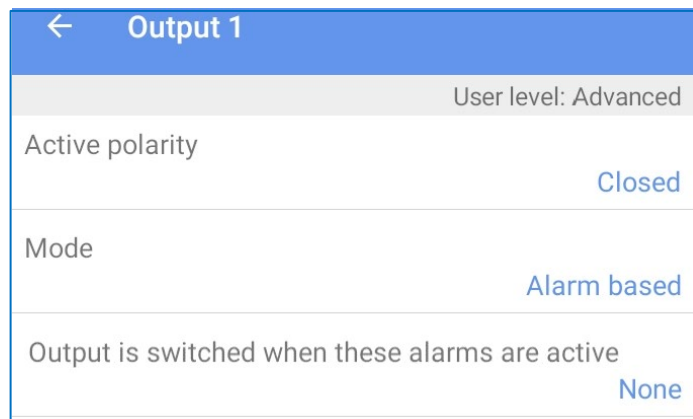
Navigate to the 'Configure Outputs' screen and select the Mode to be 'Advanced'.

Then tap on the Output (numbered) that is to be set up.

Tap on the (second) 'Mode' control and select 'Alarm based'.

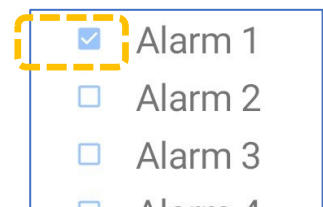
Next select the 'Active polarity' that is required ('Open' or 'Closed').

Tap on the 'Output is switched when these alarms are active' line.



Select which Channel Alarm(s) are to make this Output active, when they are in an active state.

(e.g., Alarm 1 is shown as being selected, opposite).



### 12.5.4 Time-based output (Repeat daily & Single shot)

Navigate to the 'Configure Outputs' screen and select the Mode to be 'Advanced'. Then tap on the Output (numbered) that is to be set up.

Tap on the (second) 'Mode' control and select 'Time based'.

Next select the 'Active polarity' that is required ('Open' or 'Closed').

Tap on the 'Single shot' line.

- For daily repetitive switching of the output, select 'No'.  
Just start and end times will be required.
- For a one-time occurrence of switching of the output, select 'Yes'.  
Use the 'Start time' and 'End time' lines to enter the year, date, and time of when the output is to become active (and then again for when it becomes non-active).

← Output 1	
User level: Advanced	
Active polarity	Closed
Mode	Time based
Single shot	No
Start time	00:05
End time	01:35

### 12.5.5 Time-based output (Pre and Post Measurement times)

The logger can make an Output active at sample times (or more precisely, only Log times). Since sample times are of a minimal duration, the time the Output is made active can be extended by both a 'pre-sample duration' and a 'post-sample duration' time periods.

Navigate to the 'Configure Outputs' screen and select the Mode to be 'Advanced'. Then tap on the Output (numbered) that is to be set up.

Tap on the (second) 'Mode' control and select 'Pre-sample'; This gives the greatest control over the Output activation time.

Next select the 'Active polarity' that is required ('Open' or 'Closed').

Tap on the 'Pre-sample frequency' line, and select 'Every 1' for activating the Output at around every sample (log) time.

Set the time periods required; Pre-sample and post-sample durations are available with this mode.

← Output 1	
User level: Advanced	
Active polarity	Open
Mode	Pre-sample
Pre-sample frequency	Every 1
Pre-sample switch on duration	00:01
Pre-sample switch off duration	00:09

**Note:** The times are relative to the Logging time only (the time when data-points are made). Therefore, only "Spot" measurements can be applied to any input channels dependent of Output switching.

**Example:** Logging time of 00:05:00,  
Pre-sample switch on duration set to 00:00:10,  
Post Sample set to 00:00:05.

These settings will activate the Output ten seconds before the data is logged. It would be held active until 5 seconds afterwards. Then it would return to its inactive state.

If it should be required to activate the Output less frequently, it is possible to apply a frequency divider to the Output activation cycles. (e.g., Selecting '3' will activate the output at every 3<sup>rd</sup> logging time.

Pre-sample frequency
1
2
3

A similar, but simpler, alternative is available, if a Mode of 'Serial Power' is selected.

Here, the Output is activated at every log sample. There is a pre-sample period, but not a post-sample period.

Active polarity	Closed
Mode	Serial power
Pre-sample switch on duration	00:03

## 12.6 OUTPUTS (GROUP 3 LOGGERS)

(This Sub-section applies to 'group 3' loggers only).

“Output” is a digital output signal (open / closed) supported by some logger models.

Where more than one channel is available, they will be available as separate output signals on the connector or cable.

IDT provides support for the setup of the logger for the following use of an output signal:

- Pulse replication of a digital flow meter (i.e., one which generates meter pulse outputs). (See section 12.7.2).
- General-purpose output signal that can be switched as the action part of a trigger-action logger setting. (See section 12.6.1).

### 12.6.1 Use of Status output as part of a trigger-action

A Status Output can be used to control the activity of equipment external to the logger.

An example of use would be for the logger to monitor the water level of a channel and if it goes above a certain level (possibly indicating some spillage of wastewater into a river due to drains being overloaded), the output can be used to activate some water quality measuring equipment.

The trigger is set using data from an appropriate sensor. The action is set to drive the status output signal for a set time (e.g., see opposite).

Trigger-Action 1

User level: Expert

**Trigger**

Channel: 1: SpillSens1 (\*) Log values

Above 'A' A= 90

For ≥ 'C' of last 'D' samples C= 1 D= 1

Hysteresis: 0.0

**ADD TRIGGER**

**Action**

Turn output 'X' on for 'Y' seconds X= 1 Y= 15

## 12.7 FLOW INPUT (FROM A FLOW / PULSE INTERFACE)

(This Sub-section applies to 'group 3' loggers only).

The interface known to IDT as “Pulse” may (where fitted) be labelled “Bi-Directional FLOW” or “Uni-Directional Flow” or similar. It may also be unlabeled except via inspection of the model-number of the logger (refer to the logger manual).

Note: “Pulse input” can be considered as the *general-purpose* name for the interface.

It can be known by additional (more specific) names when the function has been set within the logger setup.

A pair of pins (i.e., 2 pulse inputs) is normally presented on a single connector.

Each pin may be assigned a different use, or their use combined as a pair.

The interface is versatile and can be used for a variety of purposes. One such use is as a **Flow Input**. The interface supports a family of different types of Flow measurements, depending on the logger setup.

The interface is best considered as a pair of pulse input pins, since many Flow interface configurations require the use of two pins; others require just one pin. The two separate pins of a pulse input pair, however, are not necessarily equal in functionality. One of the pulse inputs (usually the odd numbered one, Pulse1, Pulse3 ... etc.) should be assigned a use first.

During setup of the odd-numbered pulse input, the logger determines how many pins are required to implement the chosen functionality. The even-numbered pulse input may be automatically seized by the logger for interfaces that require the two pins to be used together.

The interfaces that can be supported by **a single pulse input** (1 pin) are:

- **Uni-directional Flow:**  
Each open → closed transition of the input (from a meter) signals the flow of a set volume of a fluid. The rate of meter pulse arrival indicates the rate of fluid flow through the meter.  
The meter signaling gives no direction indication and is commonly used for uni-directional metering. For instance, uni-directional flow can indicate the consumption of a commodity (e.g., Water, Gas, or other fluids).

The interfaces that can be supported by **a pair of pulse inputs** (2 pins) are:

- **Bi-directional Flow:**  
Various systems of signaling can be used to indicate the flow of a set volume of a fluid and to specify the direction of flow (Forward or Reverse). The rate of meter pulse arrival (by various types of signaling) indicates the rate of fluid flow through the meter. The meter signaling includes direction information and is therefore used for situations that require 2-directional flow of fluid to be metered.

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Note: Update of the logger firmware to the latest version is recommended.

If the user chooses to continue to operate a logger with firmware earlier than v3.0.0, then refer to the earlier version of this user guide (i.e., MAN-2000-0001-A) for a description of setup of the flow interface and its operation. The setup method and selection choices are different, and the descriptions here do not apply.

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Note: On some logger models, Status Inputs may share the same input electronics. However, only one purpose can be assigned to a pin at any time.

Setup of a Flow interface can be summarized as follows:

- Select the relevant Pulse interface for use.  
(For bi-directional meters this will require the setup of a specific pulse input of a pulse-input pair. For uni-directional meters, any input can be selected from the pulse input pair).
- Set the mode of the input (uni-directional or bi-directional).
- For bi-directional only:
  - Set the Pin Configuration / signaling.
  - Set the method of storing Flow results.
- Continue setting the channel in a manner similar to most other channels.
- Check that the sampling rate is suitable for the meter signals; adjust if needed. Unlike most other channels, a Flow (meter pulse detection) channel requires very frequent sampling of the input pins, so have an additional setting for timing.

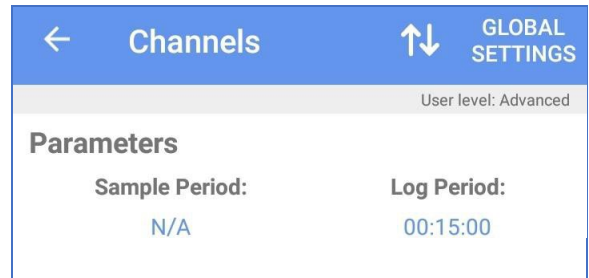
Flow was introduced during an example earlier in the user-guide (see section 4.3). Here we will consider the channel setup in more detail...

### 12.7.1 Flow input selection

To set up a new Flow (meter pulse input) channel:

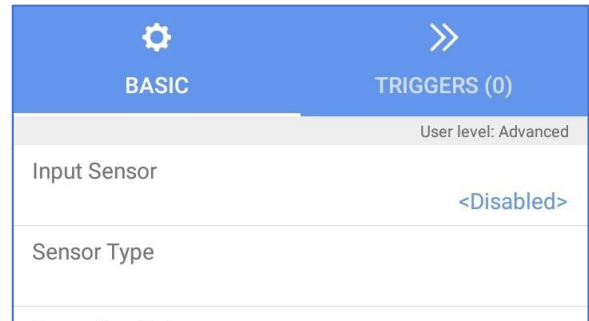
Go to the Channels screen.

Tap the “ + “ line to add a new channel.



Tap the “Input Sensor” line.

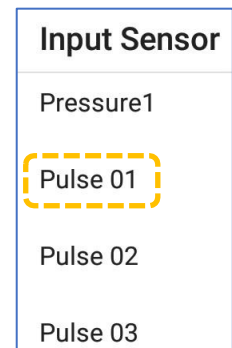
(Currently, it shows “<Disabled>”; it is unconfigured).



Select the required “Pulse (nn)” type interface from the list of interfaces.

If you are required to make an interface for a bi-directional meter, use an odd Pulse (nn) input (Pulse 01. Pulse 03, ... etc.)

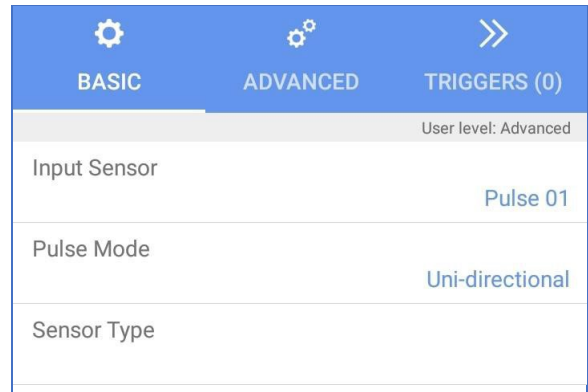
e.g., Tap on “pulse 01”.



The selection is shown on the screen.

The “Pulse-Mode” setting may have defaulted to some value, which can be changed if required.

(An “Advanced” tab also now appears).

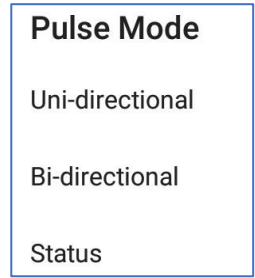


Next tap on the “Pulse Mode” line.

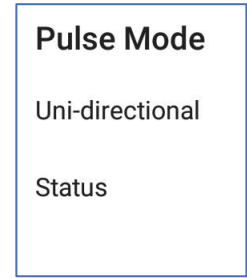
The shown options will vary according to whether an odd or even Pulse input is being set up.

Tap on the selection required.

e.g. For a uni-directional flow meter type interface, select “Uni-directional”.



Pulse nn, (for odd nn)



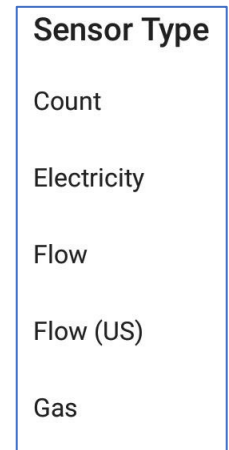
Pulse nn, (for even nn)

### For a Pulse Mode of “Uni-directional” ...

Tap on “Sensor Type” select the physical substance or characteristic which is being measured.

The selection here will determine the list of units of measure which are available to choose from later (i.e., the available recording units).

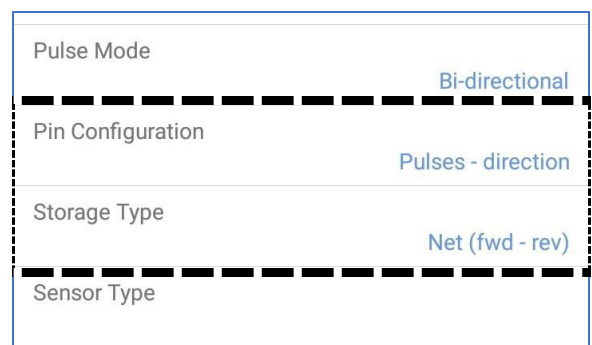
Continue setup by choosing a recording unit, etc.; follow the guidance in section 4.3 (as required).



### For a Pulse Mode of “Bi-directional” ...

Further setting stages appear...

Tap on “Pin Configuration”.





Select from the listed options.

(e.g., “Pulses – direction”).

This sets the signaling protocol for the interface, and so must be set to match the meter that is being connected to the logger.

#### Pin Configuration

Pulses - direction

Fwd pulses - rev pulses

Quadrature

- **Pulses – direction (Pulses & Direction signals)**

- The even pin (Pulse 02, Pulse 04, etc.) acts as a direction indicator.
- The odd pin (Pulse 01, Pulse 03, etc.) acts as a meter pulse to indicate a volume of the commodity has passed through the meter.

Note: The logger supports “net flow” for this type of interface signaling.

The logger can alternatively split the flow information into 2 separate datapoint streams (forward flow and reverse flow).

- **Fwd. pulses – rev pulses (Forward Pulses & Reverse Pulses)**

- The even pin (Pulse 02, Pulse 04, etc.) acts as a meter pulse to indicate a volume of the commodity has passed through the meter in the Reverse direction.
- The odd pin (Pulse 01, Pulse 03, etc.) acts as a meter pulse to indicate a volume of the commodity that has passed through the meter in the Forward direction.

Note: The logger supports “net flow” for this type of interface signaling.

If 2 separate datapoint streams (forward flow and reverse flow) are required, use 2 Uni-directional channels instead; the split into forwards and reverse flow directions is already done at the meter.

- **Quadrature**

- The signaling is encoded in grey-scale binary.
- Sequence 00 → 01 → 11 → 10 → 00 ;  
Each transition indicates forward flow through the meter.
- Sequence 00 → 10 → 11 → 01 → 00 ;  
Each transition indicates reverse flow through the meter.

Note: The logger supports only “net flow” for this type of interface signaling.

When the Pin Configuration is set to “Pulses – Direction”:

Tap on “Storage Type”.

Pin Configuration

Pulses - direction

Storage Type

Net (fwd - rev)

Then select from the listed options.

(e.g., “Net (fwd. – rev)” ).

This sets the method used to produce and store channel datapoints.

#### Storage Type

Net (fwd - rev)

Independent (fwd, rev)

- Net (fwd. – rev)
  - The logger keeps track of a forward and reverse consumption (flow pulses) using counters.
  - A single set of Flow Rate datapoints is added to the logger recording memory and is assigned to the channel number being set up.
  - The logger uses a Net Flow calculation to produce the datapoints. (Value recorded = Forward pulse count – Reverse pulse count ... for new pulses obtained between each log period).
  
- Independent (fwd. , rev)
  - The logger keeps track of a forward and reverse consumption (flow pulses) using counters.
  - Two sets of Flow Rate datapoints are added to the logger recording memory, one indicating the consumption in the forward direction and the other consumption in the reverse direction. ... for new pulses obtained between each log period.
  - The Forward set of datapoints is assigned to the (odd) channel number being set up.
  - The Reverse set of datapoints is assigned to the (even) channel number immediately above the channel being set up. (It will be shaded grey when shown in IDT; There is no direct edit availability).

Tap on “Sensor Type” select the physical substance or characteristic which is being measured.

The selection here will determine the list of units of measure which are available to choose from later (i.e., the available recording units).

Continue setup by choosing a recording unit, etc.; follow the guidance in section 4.3 (as required).

Recording Unit	Sensor Type
l	Count
m <sup>3</sup>	Electricity
gal	Flow
ML	⋮
CuFt	Rainfall
	Time
	Water

Typical Channel summary and Hardware Tests are shown below for the various options:

Formats: Flow value, unit, pulse count, pin state or  
 pulse count, pin state or  
 Flow value, unit, pulse count, pin state, pin direction or  
 Flow value, unit, pulse count, pin state, pin state.

Key: O = Open  
 X = Closed  
 << = Reverse Direction  
 >> = Forward Direction.

Pulse Mode	Uni-directional	1 Pulse 01 - Flow (I) - Uni-directional Units/Pulse: 10 - Spot
		1 Pulse 01                      0.00 l /s, 0 , 0

Pulse Mode	Bi-directional	1 Pulse 01 - Flow (I) - Bi-directional Units/Pulse: 10 - Spot
Pin Configuration	Fwd pulses - rev pulses	1 Pulse 01                      0.00 l /s, 0 , 0 0 , 0

Pulse Mode	Bi-directional	1 Pulse 01 - Flow (I) - Bi-directional Units/Pulse: 10 - Spot
Pin Configuration	Pulses - direction	1 Pulse 01                      0.00 l /s, 0 , 0 , >>
Storage Type	Net (fwd - rev)	

Pulse Mode	Bi-directional	1 Pulse 01 - Flow (I) - Bi-directional (fwd) Units/Pulse: 10 - Spot
Pin Configuration	Pulses - direction	2 Pulse 02 - Flow (I) - Bi-directional (rev) Units/Pulse: 10 - Spot
Storage Type	Independent (fwd, rev)	1 Pulse 01                      0.00 l /s, 0 , 0
		2 Pulse 02                      0.00 l /s, 0 , 0

Pulse Mode	Bi-directional	1 Pulse 01 - Flow (I) - Bi-directional Units/Pulse: 10 - Spot
Pin Configuration	Quadrature	1 Pulse 01                      0.00 l /s, 0 , 0 , 0

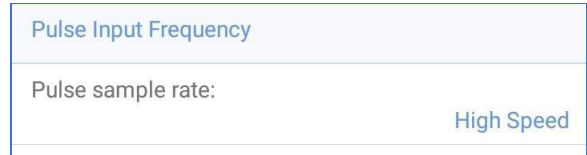
## Pulse speed / Timing

Consideration should be given to the pulse speed of the meter in order to ensure the logger is set to sample the interface signal level quick enough to catch the pulses.

Refer to section 3.3 for details of how to check or adjust this timing parameter (see opposite).

Ensure the logger can capture pulses that are generated at the *maximum* expected meter output rate.

For convenience, the same control is accessible within the “Advanced” tab of the setup of a Flow (pulse) interface. Note that the setting will be applied to all Flow (pulse) channels.



Pulse Input Frequency

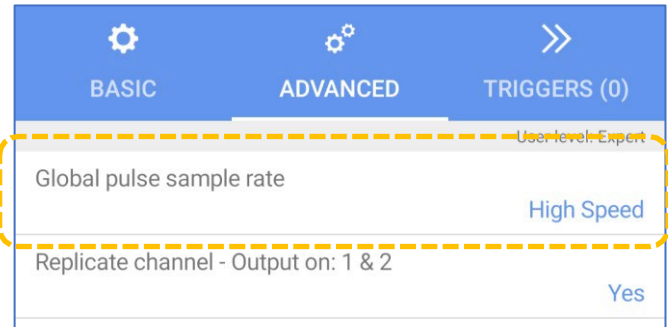
Pulse sample rate: High Speed



**Pulse sample rate:**

High Speed (16ms min pulse)

Power Save (500ms min pulse)



Global pulse sample rate High Speed

Replicate channel - Output on: 1 & 2 Yes

### 12.7.2 Pulse Replication output

Utility companies sometimes install several items of equipment that each require access to the meter output signals. One solution to this is for equipment to replicate the meter pulse signals that are input to them. The items of equipment can then be serially interconnected so that the pulse information is transferred from one unit to another.

It is possible to re-purpose a Status Output from certain loggers to replicate the meter pulse signals.

Select the logger channel that uses the meter signals.

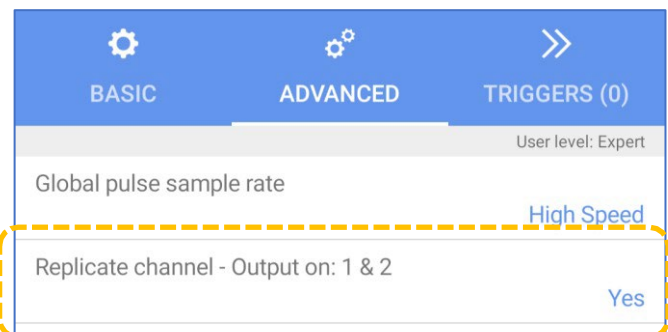
In the channel configuration screen, select the Advanced tab.

If pulse replication is required check / adjust the setting for the “Replicate Channel – Output on: ...”. Setting to “Yes” will activate the pulse replication.

The line lists the status outputs that are being used for the pulse replication. (One is required for a Uni-directional meter. Two are required for a Bi-directional meter).

Note: Not all loggers have this feature available.

Pulse replication may not be available for all pulse input channels. Check logger user-guide for any restrictions of pulse replication.



Global pulse sample rate High Speed

Replicate channel - Output on: 1 & 2 Yes

### 12.7.3 Tamper alarm sensor

Utility companies sometimes have items of equipment installed that are used for billing purposes (e.g., a gas meter). The logger may be used for automated meter reading purposes and must therefore remain connected to the utility meter at all times.

Utility companies can apply mechanical seals to bear witness to any attempt to tamper with the equipment. However, some loggers also have a facility of providing detection of a customer tamper attempt. Here, the inter-connecting cable between logger and meter is monitored electronically for any disconnection attempt (if the meter is compatible).

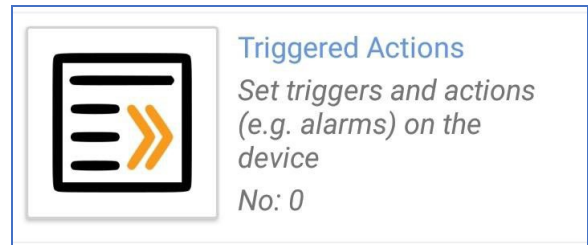
For loggers that support this facility, it is possible to use (re-purpose) a Flow (Pulse) Input to implement the tamper-detection. The pulse (tamper) input detects an electrical path (loop) is present when it is attached to the meter. If the cable is unplugged from the meter, the path no longer exists, and a tamper alarm can be indicated to the server.

**Note:** A single cable should include the meter pulse signals and the tamper detection signal, with both sharing the same connectors.

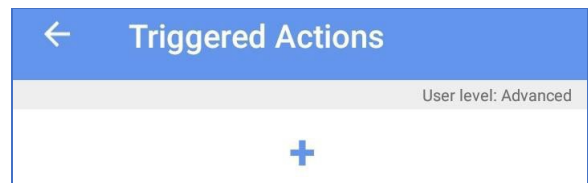
For loggers that are supplied with 2 pulse inputs per connector, the consequence is that the tamper detection feature is only available using a uni-directional flow channel (and is used at the expense of disabling the availability of the second flow channel within the interface).

To set up a sensor for Tamper alarm, first setup the Flow channel for use (see section 12.7.1) then follow the following steps:

From the main page, find the Triggered Actions control and tap on it.

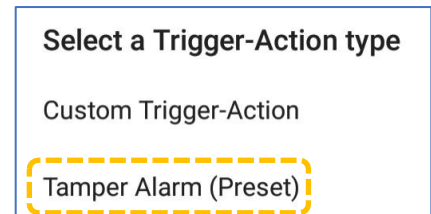


Tap on the “+” line to add a new Trigger-action combination.



IDT has a facility to use a *Tamper-Alarm pre-set* to simplify its setup. Tap on this line.

(Pre-sets can sometimes implement settings that the user may not have direct access to).



Next select the Pulse input pin that is to be used as the Tamper detection signal.

e.g., To protect a uni-directional Flow input set up using the Pulse 01 input, Pulse 02 should be chosen if it shares the same connector.

Select a hardware configuration

Pulse 02

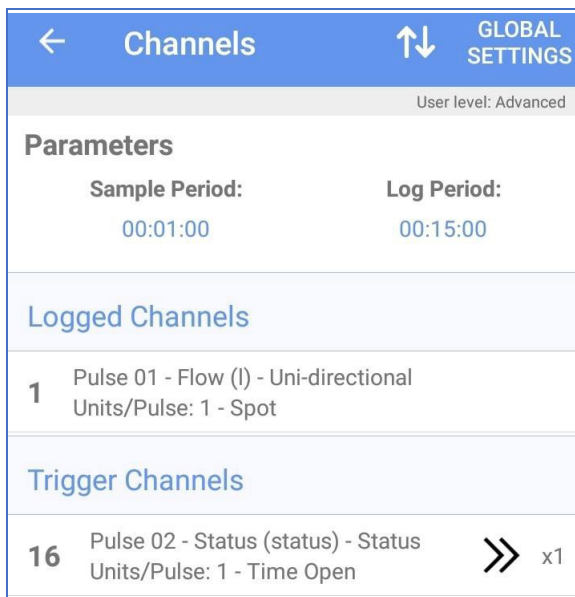
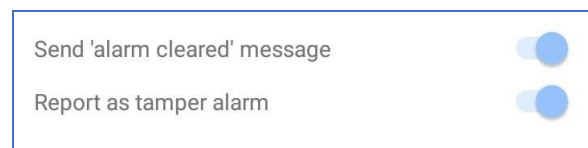
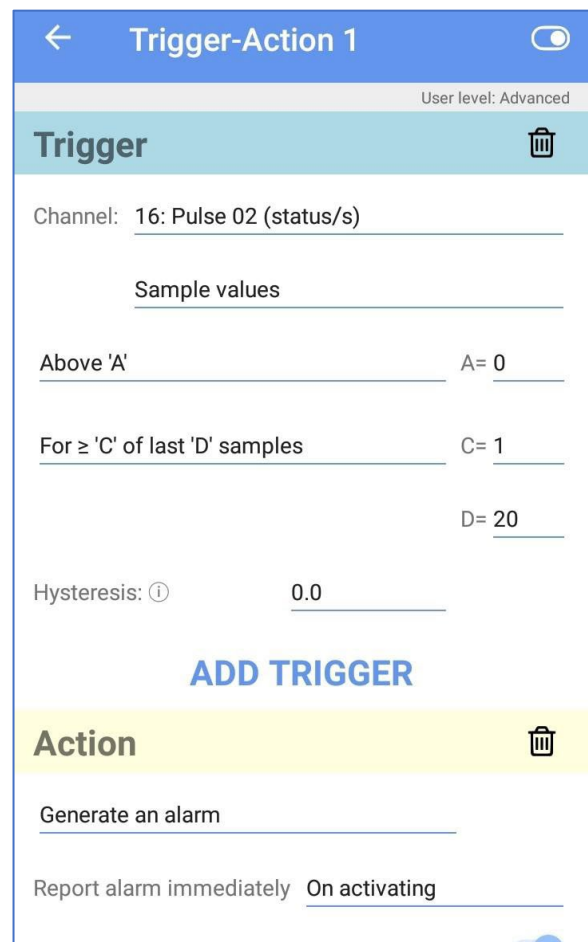
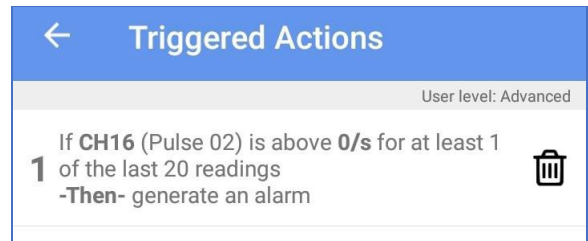
Pulse 03

Pulse 04

IDT will make several changes to logger settings to implement a tamper detection and the appropriate alarm.

(The illustrations opposite and below are for information only... The tamper detection has been implemented using the Pulse 02 input signal, monitoring time open, and triggering immediately when first seen.

It requires a compatible cable where Pulse 01 / Pulse 02 share the same connector; Pulse 02 input protects against removal of Pulse 01, which is the meter pulse input).



Note: Channel 16 is being used by the logger here. IDT chooses this “end channel number” to keep it separate from any channels that are in use for regular data-logging.

### 12.7.4 Tamper alarm (message option)

It should be noted that the tamper detect facility described in section 12.7.3 is distinct from the ability to send a “report as tamper alarm” message, although they are intended to be used together.

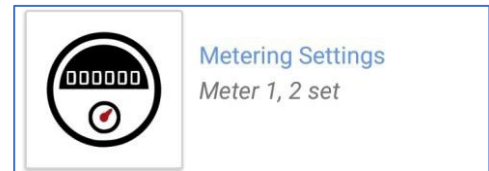
The “Report as tamper alarm” option *includes an additional message* when sending the alarm to the server. It (if the server software supports) allows regular alarm conditions to be prioritized and handled differently to customer tamper attempts.



### 12.7.5 Meter Reading(s)

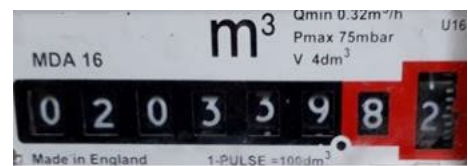
Digital Flow Interface channels are often used to track the usage of a commodity (e.g., of gas or electricity) supplied by a utility company. The commodity passes through an on-site meter, which can indicate consumption (use) by providing meter pulses. An initial meter reading has to be taken and entered into the logger to enable this feature. When the logger calls into the server with the flow measurements datapoints it can also include a calculated current meter reading.

From the main screen, locate the Metering settings control. (This includes a summary of all meter readings being monitored by the logger).



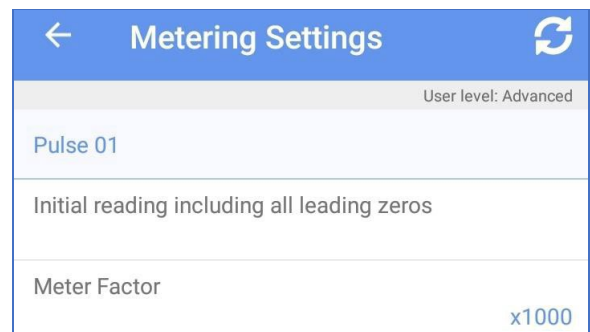
Tap on the “Metering Settings” line.

Read the main meter, noting its format.

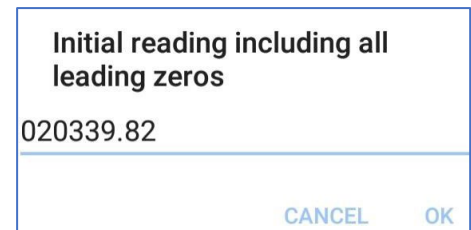


A list of the relevant interfaces is shown on the Metering Settings page. The name may vary (Pulse, Flow-Uni, Flow-Bi, etc.) according to which logger is connected to IDT.

Tap on the “Initial reading ...” line for the interface connected to the meter.



Next enter the meter reading.  
(Include any leading zeros, the decimal point, and any other displayed digits).



The screen will update to show the meter reading that was entered.

It also shows the time the initial meter reading was obtained.

The “Current Value” will show the *calculated* current meter value. This is not live but updated upon entering the “Metering Settings” screen.

Metering Settings	
User level: Advanced	
Pulse 01	
Initial reading including all leading zeros	020339.82
Meter Factor	x1000
Initial Set Time: 03/11/2021 10:15:02	
Current Value: 020339.82 [x1000]	

Calculate and enter a meter factor.

$$\text{Meter factor} = \frac{\text{Unit of volume measurement used on the Meter for each digit.}}{\text{Unit of volume measurement used on the Flow channel.}}$$

Tap the back-arrow and the entered reading for Meter 1 is now shown. (This is not a live value).



You can confirm logger is set up correctly by doing the following:

Wait for the display of the real meter to change by a few digits.

Note the meter reading and tap on the “Meter Settings” control.

Confirm the logger’s “Current value” reading matches the meter reading (noted earlier).

If the reading is not correct, re-check:

The cables go to the correct meter.

The meter factor is correct.

The channel settings (units/pulse and recording unit) are correct.

... and then repeat the test.

Metering Settings	
User level: Advanced	
Pulse 01	
Initial reading including all leading zeros	020339.82
Meter Factor	x1000
Initial Set Time: 03/11/2021 10:15:02	
Current Value: 020339.82 [x1000]	

Where more than one Pulse / Flow channel is used for metering purposes, the meter reading entry page will show a section for each one. Make the settings (as above) for each meter in the relevant section. Then confirm the operation of each metering (calculated current value) is operating as expected, using the method described earlier.



## 12.8 PRESSURE SENSOR INPUT (USING 'GROUP 1' LOGGERS)

### 12.8.1 Setup

From the "Channels" page, tap on the "+" symbol to add the channel.

A channel number is allocated for the outgoing data stream, and a page is loaded with the current settings.

Initially there is no Input Sensor selected.  
(Shown here as "----", the channel is disabled).

To select an electrical interface for an input sensor, tap on the "Input Sensor" line.

A pop-up box is shown on the screen for the user to select which input to use for this channel.  
(Here, the logger offers either to disable the input, or to use a "Pressure" sensor input).

Tap on the Pressure line to make the selection.

Continue channel set-up using the "Basic" tab.  
However, certain sensors require additional settings or controls, which may cause other tabs to appear on the page, such as the "Advanced" tab (shown opposite); check for these.

The input sensor of "Pressure" has now been selected.

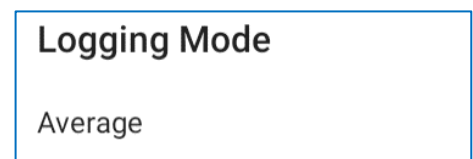
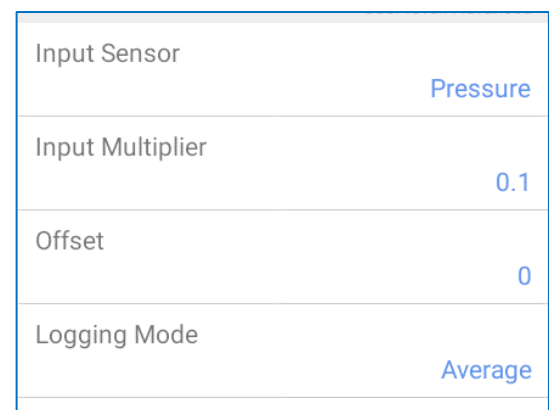
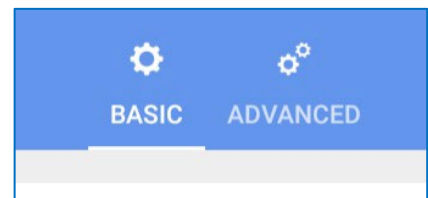
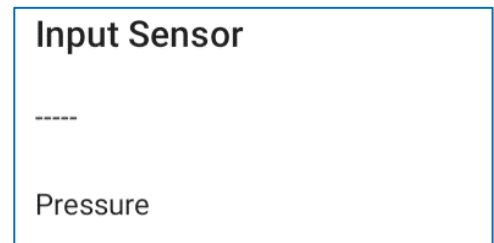
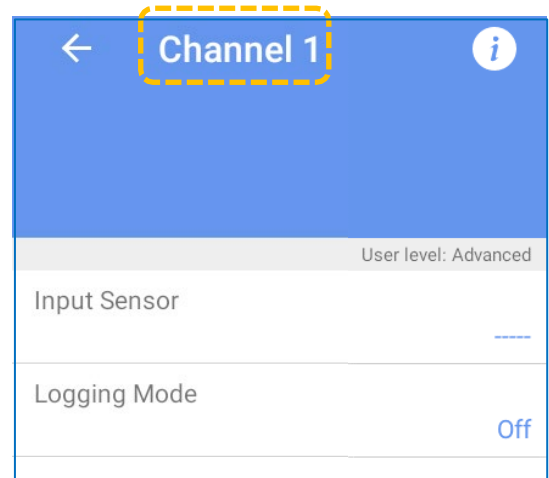
Check the other fields before accepting the change.

The input multiplier field should be set to give your required unit of measure. (Refer to the logger user-guide for further information).

The offset for a pressure channel is usually "0".

The Logging mode lists all available modes of operation on the channel for obtaining the datapoints.

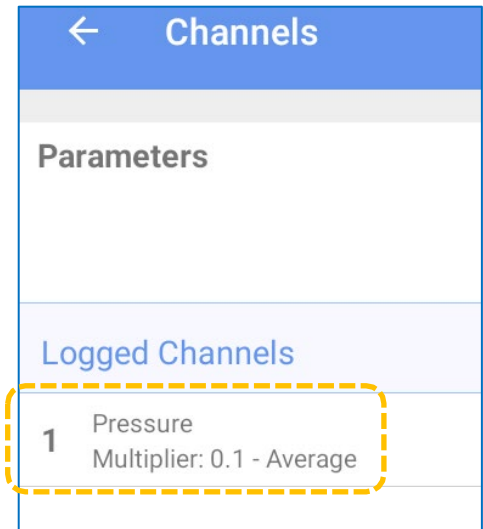
Here, an "average" value of the sensor reading is the only available option.



Once the content of all the fields is correct, tap on the “accept” button to commit the changes to the logger.

IDT will take a few seconds to modify the program settings within the logger. It will then re-start the logger, so that the logger is making a new recording (because the operation of the channels has been changed).

Tap the left arrow to return to the Channels screen, and check that the channel is now present and has correct settings.



Note: Before using a pressure channel, be sure to re-zero the sensor. Refer to section 12.8.3.

### 12.8.2 Calibration

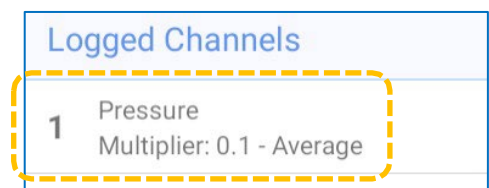
Pressure transducers supplied with loggers listed in ‘group 1’ are factory calibrated with the logger that they are supplied with. Any subsequent calibration must be made by an authorized service center.

### 12.8.3 Re-zeroing a pressure channel

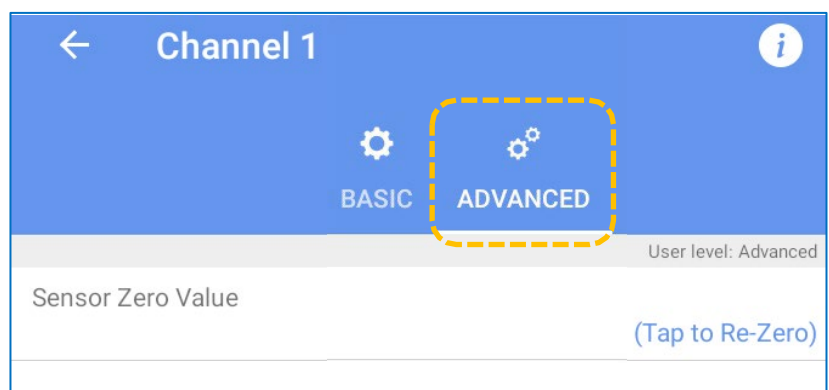
IDT allows the user to re-zero the pressure channel to local atmospheric pressure prior to being used.

Note: Before proceeding, ensure that the pressure sensor has been removed from the measurement point and exposed to the local atmosphere.

From the Channels page, tap on the Pressure channel that is to be re-zeroed.



Select the “Advanced” tab on the setup page of the channel.



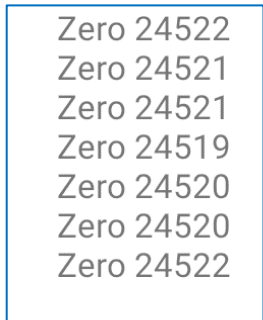
When ready, tap on the “Sensor Zero Value” line.

Then tap on the “Start” button.



The screen will start making periodic measurements and will indicate a numeric (raw data) result.

Wait for the readings to stabilize.



Then tap on the Store button.



(This saves the last result as the pressure calibration ‘zero’ reference).

## 12.9 PRESSURE SENSOR INPUT (‘GROUP 2’ & ‘GROUP 3’ LOGGERS)

Your logger may have an “Internal Pressure” sensor fitted; ‘Internal’ indicates that the sensor is built-into the logger enclosure.

Your logger may have an “External Pressure” interface fitted. ‘External’ indicates that the sensor is attached to the logger via a cable.

The electronics of an external pressure sensor interface can be employed for other purposes, such as measuring depth or temperature (when used with a compatible cabled sensor). However, an internal pressure sensor is locked down so that it is only able to measure pressure. Therefore, the list of options presented during setup of internal and external pressure sensors will vary between the two types.

Depending on the type of sensor supplied, the interface to the sensor could be analogue or digital.

### 12.9.1 Setup of a Pressure Interface (analogue)

This takes the form of an *analogue* interface which is compatible with certain analogue sensor transducers. Compatible sensors are available to measure:

- Pressure of a fluid or gas.
- Depth of a fluid.

Pressure sensors connect to pressurized fluids within a pipe, at a measurement tap / access point. Depth sensors are installed at the bottom of a vessel and measure the depth of a fluid by also measuring pressure, which is related to the height of the fluid above the sensor.

‘External’ sensors are required to be calibrated with the logger prior to use. Recalibration is required if sensors are replaced (or if swapped between logger connectors).

The IDT app gives access to the calibration settings as part of the channel setup, although the logger may optionally be set to default settings within the factory and calibrated with the sensor prior to shipping.

12.9.1.1 Channel Setup (pressure or depth measurement)

Pressure and Depth setup are very similar.

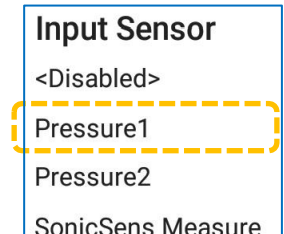
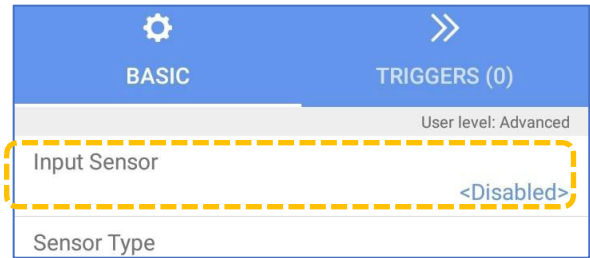
When creating a new channel for the sensor, initially there are 2 tabs displayed.

Select the “basic” tab.

Tap on the “Input Sensor” line.

Select the relevant interface by choosing “Pressure1” (or “Pressure2” if you are setting up a second interface, if fitted, ... etc.).

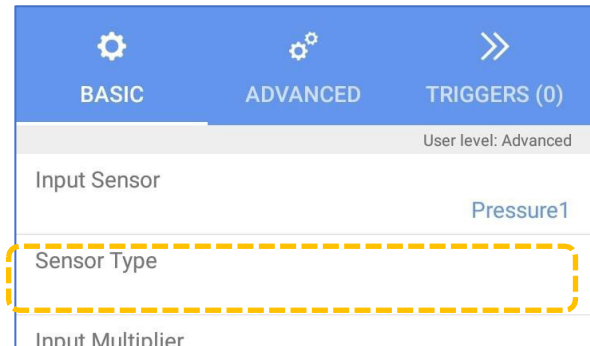
Note: This selection is also for sensors that measure fluid depth.



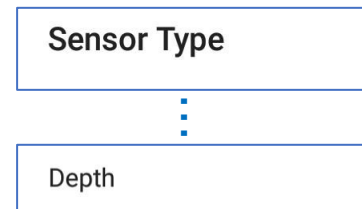
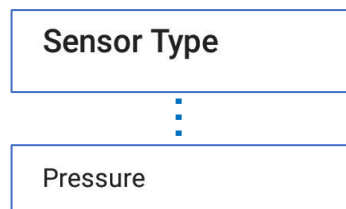
The screen shows the selected pressure channel. In addition, it will now show an “advanced” tab.

Tap on the Sensor Type line.

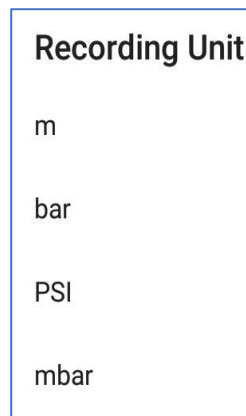
A list of physical parameters will be displayed. (Many choices may be listed, as the setup of some other sensor types follow a similar process and use the same IDT screens).



Select the physical parameter of “Pressure” or “Depth” from the displayed list.



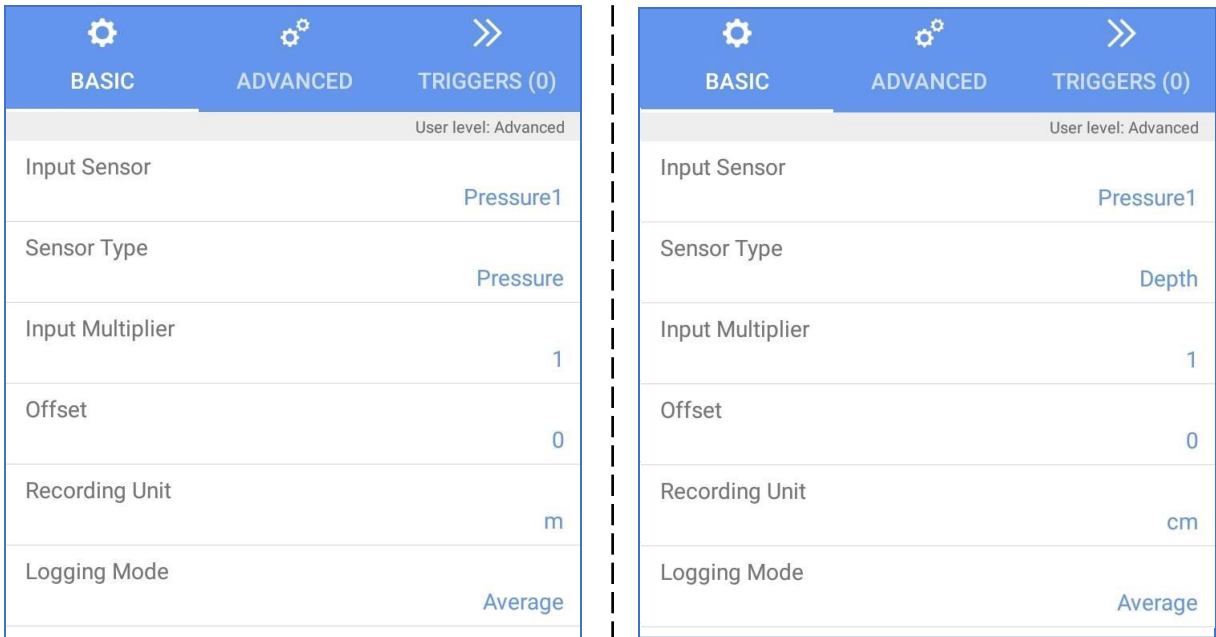
Tap on “Recording Unit” and then select the required unit of measure for the sensor data.



Tap on “Logging Mode” and then select the logging mode you require for producing the channel datapoints.

- | Logging Mode       |
|--------------------|
| Average            |
| Minimum            |
| Maximum            |
| Spot               |
| Standard Deviation |

The completed channel setup screens (for pressure and depth) are shown below.



Usually, the Offset is left at “0”, as shown. The input multiplier and offset settings can be adjusted if required.

When finished, tap the “Accept” button to save the settings to the logger.



Note: The advanced tab includes controls to re-zero the pressure reading to local atmospheric pressure. (Refer to section 12.9.2)  
It also includes access to calibration controls. (Refer to sections 14.2 and 14.3).

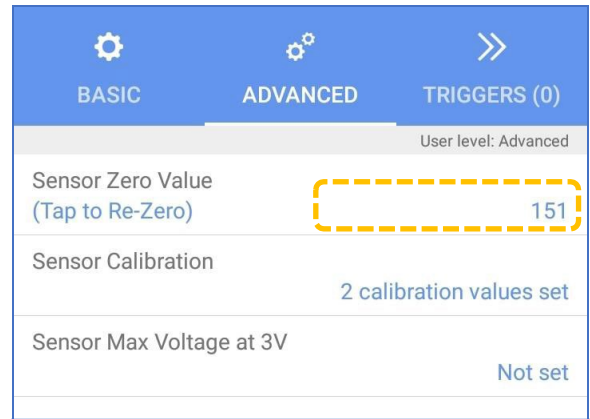
### 12.9.2 How to Re-zero a Pressure Sensor to local atmospheric pressure

Pressure sensors supplied by HWM are often required to read the pressure relative to atmospheric pressure rather than absolute pressure. However, the local atmospheric pressure can vary according to the location of the installation. The user may therefore be required to re-zero the sensor to the local atmospheric pressure.

Important: The pressure sensor must be exposed to the local atmospheric pressure whilst making this setting.

Select the “Advanced” tab of the pressure channel configuration.

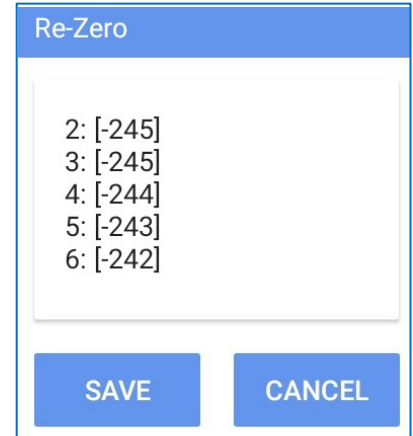
Tap on the “Sensor Zero Value” line.



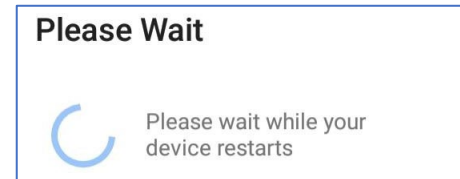
A ‘Re-Zero’ information box will be displayed, which shows a series of readings made using the sensor.

Wait until the readings stabilize, and then tap on “Save” to accept the re-zero; The last of the listed results will be used as the new (internal reference) value for a pressure of “0” (relative to atmospheric pressure).

Note: If the readings do not stabilize, but show results that are varying significantly, it may indicate an issue with the sensor.



The logger may restart.



## 12.10 RTD (TEMP) INTERFACE - TEMPERATURE (USING ‘GROUP 3’ LOGGERS)

Your logger may have an “RTD (Temp)” interface fitted. This is an interface for use with analogue temperature sensors (RTD types).

Temperature sensors supplied by HWM will come complete with an attached cable and a connector suitable for the logger. The logger will also be supplied calibrated for use with the sensor.

Note: Other temperature sensors may be listed by IDT, such as those built into the logger or built into certain sensors (temperature is not their primary purpose).

This section does not cover the setup of any such internal temperature sensors.

The interface for a temperature sensor will appear in the IDT app as a “Pressure” input sensor. (The logger interface electronics and its driver may be multi-purpose, but in this case, it is wired and configured for use as a RTD temperature input, rather than a pressure input).

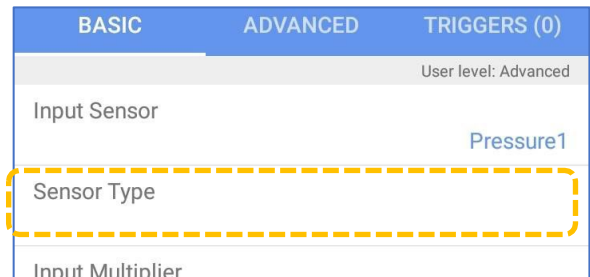
Temperature sensors must be calibrated with the logger prior to use. Recalibration is required if sensors are replaced (or if similar sensors are swapped between two similar logger connectors).

The IDT app gives access to the calibration settings as part of the channel setup (see section 14.4), although the logger may be set to default settings within the factory and calibrated with the supplied sensor prior to shipping.

For setup, proceed as follows:

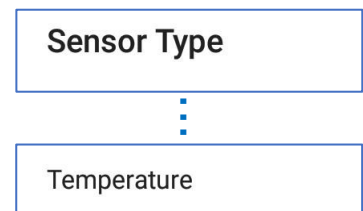
Follow the steps detailed in section 12.9.1.1, until the stage of entering a 'Sensor Type' is required.

Tap on the Sensor Type line.



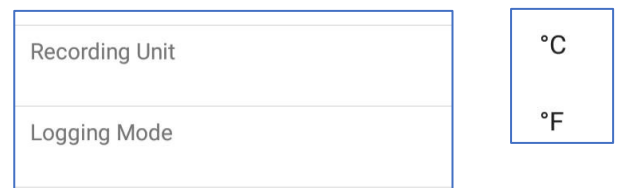
A list of physical parameters will be displayed. (Many choices are available.)

Select "Temperature" from the displayed list.

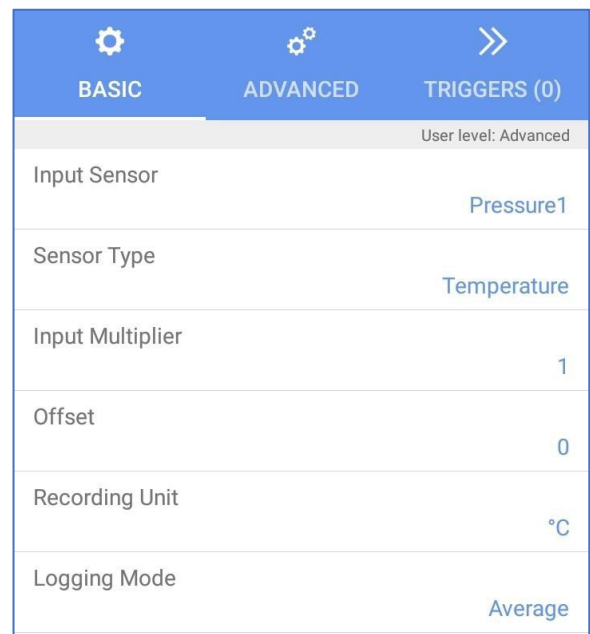


Tap on 'Recording Unit' and set to the required unit of measure. (Selections listed are now appropriate to temperature measurement).

Select the logging mode required for producing the channel datapoints.



The input multiplier and offset settings can be adjusted if required but should usually be set as shown.



Tap the "Accept" button to save the settings to the logger.

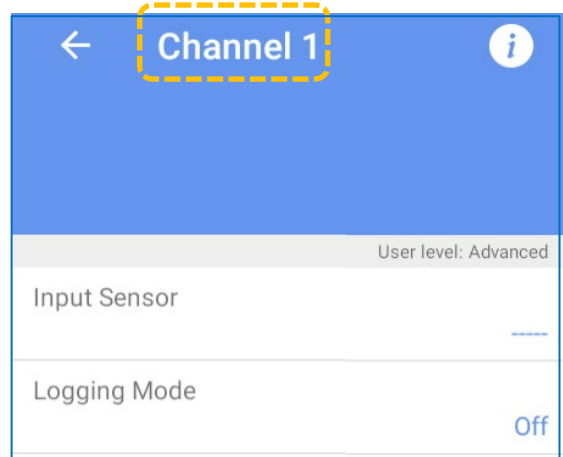
## 12.11 4 – 20mA INPUT (USING ‘GROUP 1’ LOGGERS)

From the “Channels” page, tap on the “+” symbol. (The symbol is blue if a channel can be added, but grey if no further channels are available).

A channel number is allocated for the data stream, and a page is loaded with the current settings.

Initially there is no Input Sensor selected. (Shown here as “----”, the channel is disabled).

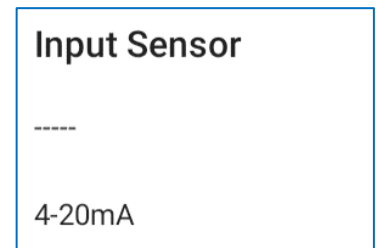
To select an electrical interface for an input sensor, tap on the “Input Sensor” line.



A pop-up box is shown on the screen for the user to select which input to use for this channel.

(Here, the logger offers either to disable the input, or to use a “4 – 20mA” sensor input).

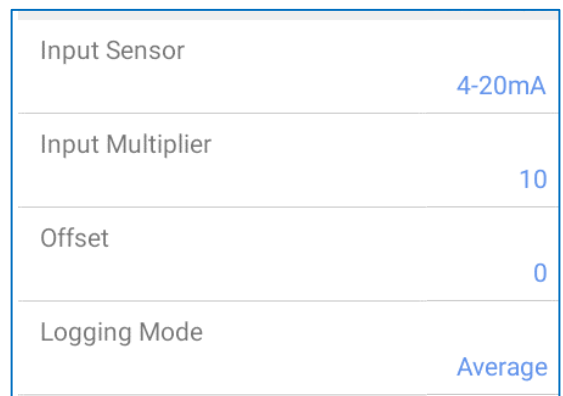
Tap on the 4 – 20mA line to make the selection.



The input sensor of “4 – 20mA” has now been selected.

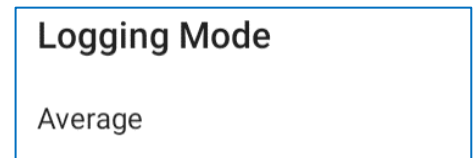
Check the other fields before accepting the change. They should usually be set as shown in the diagram opposite.

Tap on any line to edit it. Then tap on OK to confirm the change.



The Logging mode lists all available modes of operation on the channel for obtaining the datapoints.

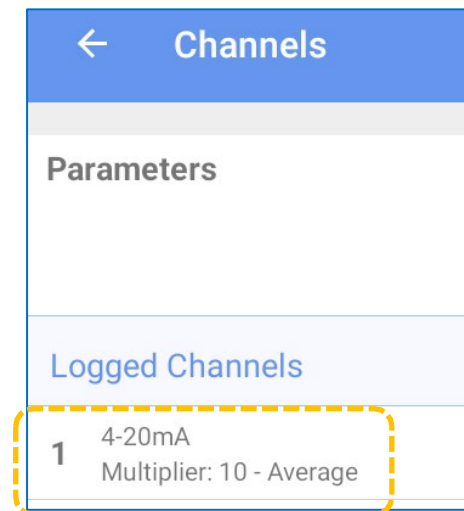
Here, an “average” value of the pressure reading is the only available option.



Once the content of all the fields is correct, the “accept” button to commit the changes to the logger. IDT will take a few seconds to modify the program settings within the logger. It will then re-start the logger, so the logger is making a new recording (because the operation of the channels has been changed).



Tap the left arrow to return to the Channels screen, and check that the channel is now present and has correct settings.



## 12.12 4 – 20mA INPUT (PASSIVE OR ACTIVE) (USING ‘GROUP 2 & 3’ LOGGERS)

Note: Setup of these interfaces for Group 3 loggers is described in this section.

Group 2 loggers have similar setup steps, but (at the time of writing) the IDT app does not fully support the setup of ‘Active’ 4-20mA interfaces on these logger types.

Your logger may have a ‘4 – 20mA’ interface fitted. This type of interface may be labelled as one of the following:

“Single Passive 4 – 20mA”, “Single Active 4 – 20mA”, “Dual Passive 4 – 20mA”,  
“4 – 20mA”, “4 – 20mA Active”, (... or similar).

Single and Dual refer to the quantity of inputs that are present in the logger connector. From an IDT perspective, one channel is required per current input. Dual inputs therefore require the setup of 2 channels.

These interfaces are used with sensors that provide an output signal using an analogue current which varies between 4mA and 20mA.

The logger is usually factory calibrated for a 0 to 20mA range. The IDT app also gives access to the calibration settings (as part of the channel setup) if re-calibration of the input should ever be required (see section 14.5).

Currents outside of the 4 - 20mA range usually indicate a fault condition (e.g., 0mA may indicate a broken sensor wire). (The logger can detect this fault condition as its current measuring range extends to below 0mA.)

“**Passive** 4 – 20mA” interfaces, are for use with sensors that do not require power from the logger.

“**Active** 4 – 20mA” interfaces are for use with sensors that require power from the logger. The logger is able to supply a limited amount of power for a short period of time (programmable) whenever a measurement is required.

Pairing of a 4-20mA sensor to the logger requires setup of the following two aspects:

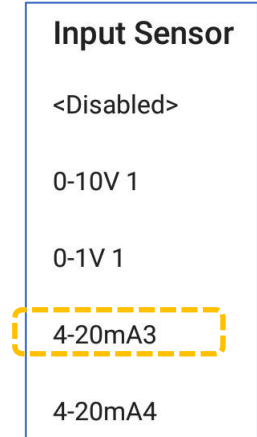
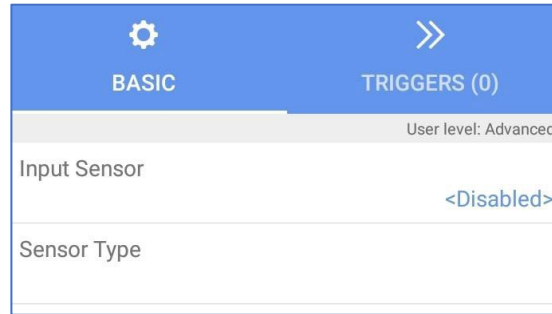
- Channel configuration for interpretation of the 4-20mA signaling.
- Consideration of the power requirements for the sensor.

## Signaling:

When creating a new channel for the sensor, first select the “basic” tab. (‘Triggers’ tab is only shown on ‘Group 3’ loggers).

Tap on “Input Sensor” and then select the relevant interface by choosing the required “4 – 20mA (n)” sensor.

(Refer to the logger user guide regarding which selections apply to passive or active interfaces).

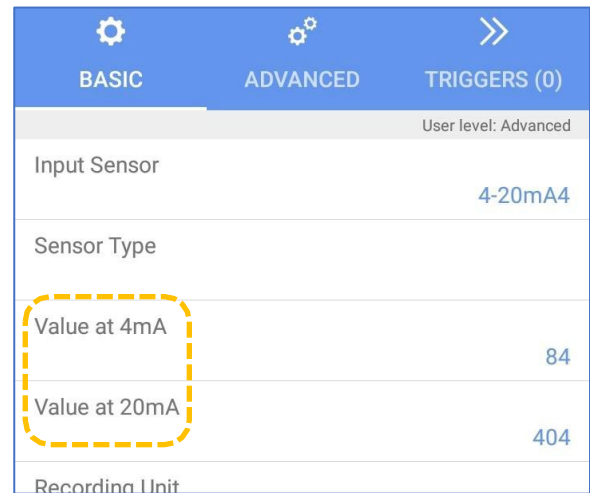


The screen shows the selected current input interface. (In addition, it will now show an “advanced” tab).

Two additional fields become visible, corresponding to the minimum and maximum valid signaling range of the sensor. (i.e., The values when output is 4mA and 20mA).

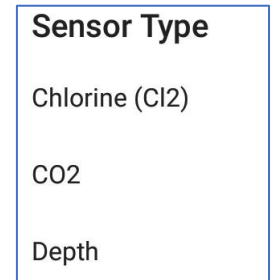
Note: These are present when the interface has been calibrated using a base unit of “mA”. (Refer to section 14.5).

Tap on the “Sensor Type” line.



Choose from the wide variety of physical parameters offered. (The choice will affect the units of measure offered later in the setup.)

e.g., For a 4 – 20mA sensor which measures depth, select “Depth”.



The screen now shows the selected physical parameter to be measured by the channel, but the 4mA and 20mA values are not yet set.

Tap on “Recording Unit”.

Select the unit of measure which is appropriate to the sensor output.

Recording Unit
m
cm
mm
inches

BASIC	ADVANCED	TRIGGERS (0)
User level: Advanced		
Input Sensor		4-20mA4
Sensor Type		Depth
Value at 4mA		84
Value at 20mA		404
Recording Unit		

Refer to the sensor documentation and enter the values which correspond to the reference currents through the logger interface.

i.e., The “value at 4mA” and the “value at 20mA” in the example opposite.

Select the desired logging mode.

When finished, tap on “Accept”.

BASIC	ADVANCED	TRIGGERS (0)
User level: Advanced		
Input Sensor		4-20mA4
Sensor Type		Depth
Value at 4mA		2000 mm
Value at 20mA		200 mm
Recording Unit		mm
Logging Mode		Spot

**Power:** (Group 3 loggers only)

A sensor may depend on the logger as its source of power. If so, an *active* interface type is required.

For the “**Active**” 4 – 20mA interface, there are settings to control the power feed to the sensor:

Select the “Advanced” tab.

If the sensor requires power from the logger, tap on “Provide sensor power” and select “Yes”.

BASIC	ADVANCED	TRIGGERS (0)
User level: Advanced		
Sensor Zero Value (Tap to Re-Zero)		0
Sensor Calibration		2 calibration values set
Provide sensor power		No

Enter the required pre-measurement power duration; This allows the sensor to power up and may include a settling time. (Refer to the sensor manual for guidance.)

Tap on the “Accept” button to save the settings.


BASIC	ADVANCED	TRIGGERS (0)
User level: Advanced		
Sensor Zero Value (Tap to Re-Zero)		0
Sensor Calibration		2 calibration values set
Provide sensor power		Yes
Pre-power duration (s)		0

When setup is complete:

The channel summary will indicate the settings (this will depend on the physical parameters the sensor measures).

8	4-20mA4 - Depth (mm) 2000mm @4mA, 200mm @20mA - Spot
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An IDT app hardware test of the 4 – 20mA sensor will indicate the sensor measurement in a similar way to that shown opposite. (i.e., IDT will show an input current, rather than the physical parameter being measured by the sensor).

8 4-20mA4	0.00 mA 
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### 12.13 VOLTAGE INPUT (0-1V AND 0-10V) (USING GROUPS ‘2’ & ‘3’ LOGGERS)

Your logger may have a ‘voltage’ interface fitted. This type of interface may be labelled as one of the following:

“Single 0-1V”, “Single 0-10V”, “Dual 0-1V”, “Dual 0-10V”,  
“0-1V Voltage”, “0-10V Voltage” (... or similar).

These interfaces are for use with sensors (not powered from the logger) that give an output signal in the form of an analogue voltage which varies in the 0-1V (or 0-10V) range.

Although the logger measures a voltage, setup steps are available to guide the logger into re-interpreting the measured voltage into its true significance (i.e., Whatever measurement parameter the sensor is designed for).

Single and Dual refer to the quantity of inputs that are present in the logger connector. From an IDT perspective, one channel is required per input voltage.

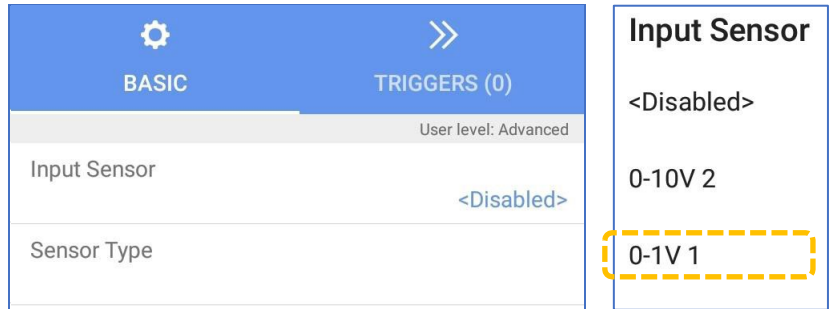
Dual inputs therefore require the setup of 2 channels.

The logger is usually factory calibrated for the indicated voltage range. The IDT app also gives access to the calibration settings (as part of the channel setup) if re-calibration of the input should ever be required (see section 14.6).

For setup, proceed as follows:

When creating a new channel for the sensor, first select the “basic” tab. (‘Triggers’ tab is only shown on ‘Group 3’ loggers).

Tap on “Input Sensor” and then select the relevant voltage interface.

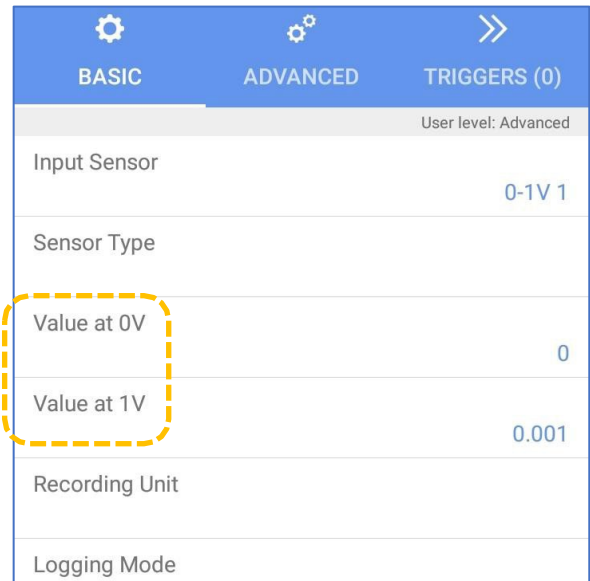


The screen shows the selected voltage input interface. In addition, it will now show an “advanced” tab.

Two additional fields become visible, corresponding to the minimum and maximum valid signaling range of the sensor. (i.e., The values when output is 0V and 1V).

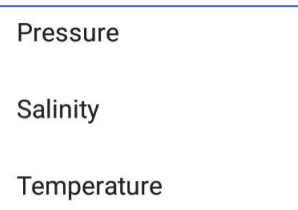
Note: These are present when the interface has been calibrated using a base unit of “volts”. (Refer to section 14.6.)

Tap on the “Sensor Type” line.



Choose from the wide variety of physical parameters offered. (The choice will affect the units of measure offered later in the setup.)

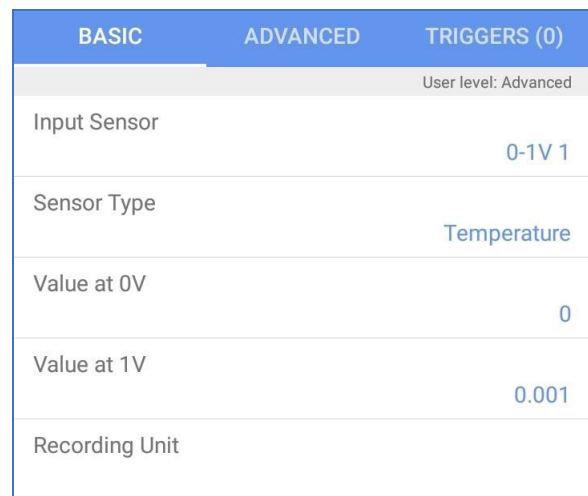
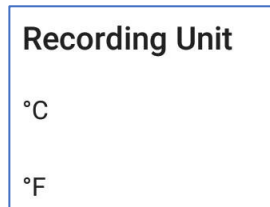
e.g., For a 0 to 1V sensor which measures temperature, select “Temperature”.



The screen now shows the selected physical parameter being measured by the channel, but the 0V and 1V values are not yet set.

Tap on “Recording Unit”.

Select the unit of measure which is appropriate to the sensor output.



Refer to the documentation of the sensor and enter the values which correspond to the minimum and maximum voltage of the interface.

i.e., The “value at 0V” and the “value at 1V” in the example opposite.

Select the desired logging mode.

When finished, tap on “Accept” to save the settings.

BASIC	ADVANCED	TRIGGERS (0)
User level: Advanced		
Input Sensor		0-1V 1
Sensor Type		Temperature
Value at 0V		-20 °C
Value at 1V		120 °C
Recording Unit		°C
Logging Mode		Average

Once the channel is saved, it is possible to select the ‘Advanced’ tab and re-zero the sensor, if it is appropriate for that sensor.

(e.g., A temperature probe measuring in degrees Centigrade can be placed in iced water, and re-zeroed. The re-zero applies to the interpretation value, not the underlying voltage measurement).

When setup of the logger voltage interface with the sensor is complete:

The channel summary will indicate the settings (this will depend on the physical parameters the sensor measures).

9 0-1V 1 - Temperature (°C)  
-20°C @0V, 120°C @1V - Average

An IDT app hardware test of the 0-1V sensor will indicate the sensor measurement in a similar way to that shown opposite.

9 0-1V 1 0.00 V

(i.e., IDT will show an input voltage, rather than the physical parameter being measured by the sensor).

## 12.14 New/UNKNOWN TYPES OF ANALOGUE SENSOR (USING GROUPS '2' & '3' LOGGERS)

The loggers and IDT app support the measurement of a wide variety of physical properties on the analogue interfaces (voltage or 4-20mA inputs).

If a sensor measures a physical parameter that is not listed, it may be possible to support it by selecting “other” during channel setup.

This is available for both 0-1V and 4-20mA inputs.

Humidity
Nitrate
Other
pH

Input Sensor	0-1V 1	Input Sensor	4-20mA4
Sensor Type	Other	Sensor Type	Other
Value at 0V	0 misc	Value at 4mA	2000 misc
Value at 1V	100 misc	Value at 20mA	200 misc
Recording Unit	misc	Recording Unit	misc

Thus, when none of the offered choices are suitable, select “Other”; this will use a unit of measure as “misc.” as the recording unit. (The user must document elsewhere what “misc.” represents, corresponding to the parameter measured by sensor).

### 12.15 SDI-12 INTERFACE (USING ‘GROUP 3’ LOGGERS)

Some loggers may be fitted with an SDI-12 interface, with the ability to power the sensor from the logger (various voltages are available).

SDI-12 is a multidrop serial communications interface that is supported by various intelligent sensors as a means of exchanging information with another device, such as the logger. The sensor equipment attached to the logger can supply a single item or multiple items of measurement data to the logger.

Some intelligent sensors have multiple connection options; Use the SDI-12 option when connecting to the logger SDI-12 interface.

**Note:** Study the manual for the sensor before proceeding to understand how it should be installed, how it presents data, and any other requirements (e.g., power).

HWM supplied sensors will be supplied with an appropriate connector for your logger and will have had interoperability testing to ensure the sensor and logger are compatible.

Where the logger is supplied without any pre-configuration for the sensor, setup proceeds as follows:

From the “Channels” page, tap on the “ + ” button to start setup of the interface for the sensor.

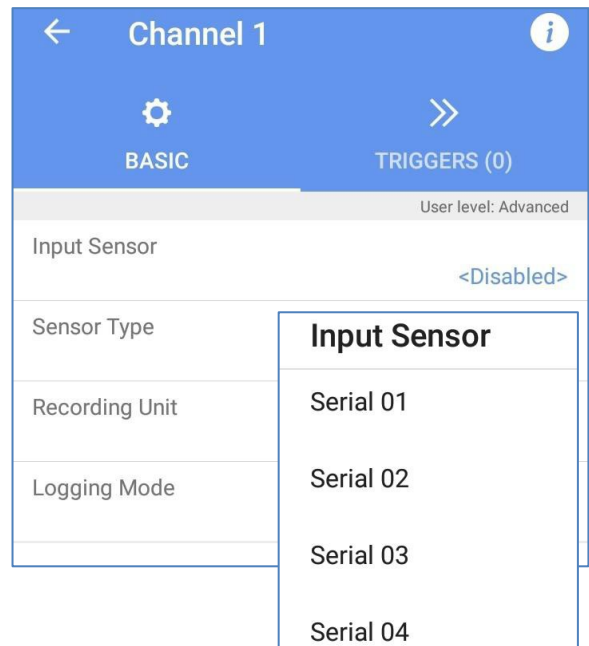
A channel setup screen will be shown with an available logger channel number allocated.

Initially, the channel will be disabled.

Tap on the input sensor line and choose one of the “Serial nn” options from the selection; *it must be one that is not already in use.*

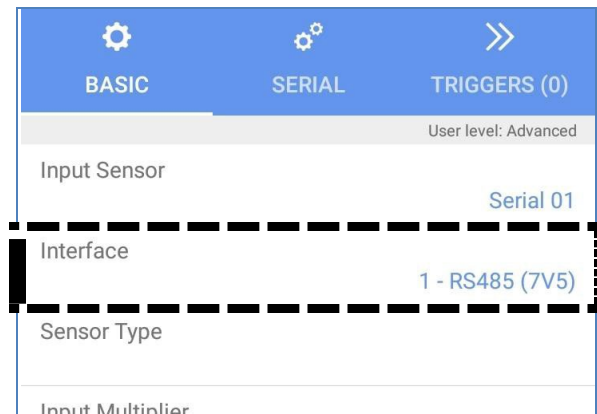
(e.g., Tap on Serial 01)

Note: Multiple “Serial nn” interfaces are provided by the logger. An intelligent sensor can often produce more than one type of measurement. The logger will need to extract each of the required measurements individually using the SDI-12 link. The logger uses a dedicated “Serial nn” selection for each of the required measurements; the data stream will occupy its own channel number in the logger’s recording memory.



The chosen serial input is displayed as the input sensor. A “SERIAL” tab is also added to the page.

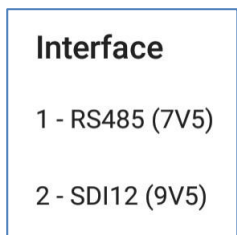
For loggers that have more than one interface fitted (of the type SDI-12 or RS485), the screen will also show an “Interface” selection line.



Tap on the Interface line to select the interface (connector) being used. (If required).

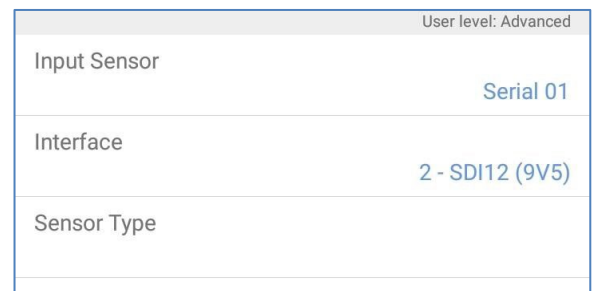
Select an SDI-12 interface.

Note: Check the voltage is appropriate for the sensor that is being attached. (The voltage may also be shown on the logger label for the connector).



The SDI-12 interface is selected and displayed. (Only where more than one option exists).

Next tap on Sensor Type.





Select from the list the *physical parameter* which is being measured.  
 e.g., For a sensor which measures velocity of water, select “Velocity”.

Sensor Type
Turbidity
Velocity
Voltage

The Sensor type is set to the chosen parameter.

Next tap on  
 “Recording Unit”  
 and set an  
 appropriate unit  
 of measure.

Recording Unit
m/s
ft/s

(Refer to the sensor manual for the units of  
 measure employed).

Interface	2 - SDI12 (9V5)
Sensor Type	Velocity
Input Multiplier	1
Offset	0
Recording Unit	

The chosen recording unit is displayed.

Set the input multiplier as required  
 (see note below).

Recording Unit	m/s
Logging Mode	Spot

Note: SDI-12 always returns an ASCII format number which includes a decimal point.  
 The Input multiplier shown here is not strictly a number multiplier; Instead, it  
 sets the resolution of the data. (Refer also to the notes and illustration of  
 hardware test results at the end of section 12.16).

Tap on “Logging Mode” and select according to your requirements (e.g., Spot).

Check the settings on the screen and then tap on “Accept” to save the settings to the logger.

Next select the “SERIAL” tab.

If a “Fix invalid values” message appears, tap  
 on “Yes”.

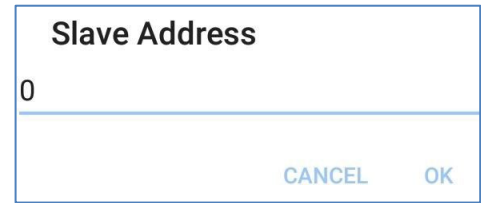
(This may occur if, for example, IDT has  
 detected blank values in fields on this page.  
 IDT will fill the fields with some default  
 settings. The user can then modify whatever  
 settings need to change).

The screenshot shows the SERIAL settings screen with three tabs: BASIC, SERIAL (highlighted with a dashed orange box), and TRIGGERS (0). Below the tabs, it says "User level: Advanced" and "Slave Address". A dialog box titled "Fix invalid values?" is overlaid on the screen, asking "Invalid settings detected, would you like to set them to default values?" with "NO" and "YES" buttons.

Tap on "Slave Address".

The "Slave Address" should be set to the current address of the sensor. The logger supports addresses in the single digit range (i.e., 0 ~ 9).

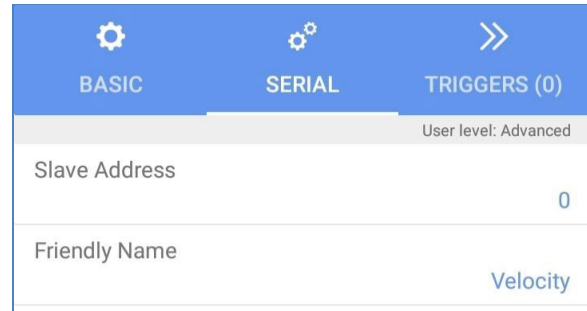
The default address for most SDI sensors is "0", but some sensors may be required to be set to a different address.



Note: If more than one piece of equipment is attached to an SDI-12 bus, each must be set to a different address. For instructions of how to set the address within each piece of equipment, refer to its documentation.

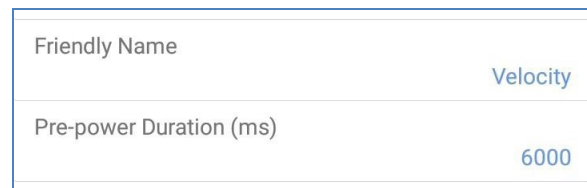
The chosen address is displayed.

IDT suggests a "Friendly name" based on the measurement parameter. This can be changed if required.

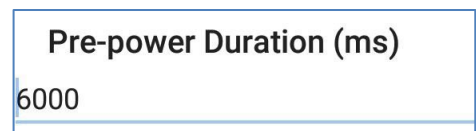


The logger usually only provides power to the sensor when it requires a measurement to be taken. However, most intelligent sensors require power to be applied for a minimum time in order to set up and complete the measurement cycle and any associated communications.

This time period (plus some small margin) must be entered into the "Pre-power Duration" field.

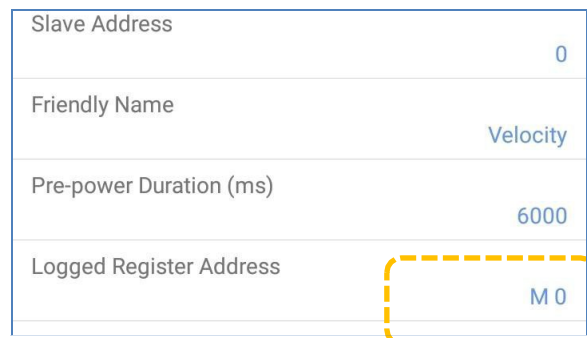


Tap on the line and enter the required value. (this can be 0 to 63750 in 250ms steps). Refer to your sensor manual for guidance.



The logger must send a command to the SDI-12 sensor to initiate a measurement cycle. This is typically achieved by the logger issuing a "M" type of command to the sensor (in the range of M0 to M9).

Following receipt of the command, the sensor will initiate the measurement and reply cycle.



Most SDI-12 sensors require only a M0 command. This will return a set of measurement data. More complex sensor equipment may arrange its data in groups and send a different set of measurement data according to which M command is sent.

The sensor indicates when data will be available (by providing an initial acknowledgement response to the logger, which includes the measurement delay). The logger waits, and then

automatically fetches the data until the transfer is completed (it makes data transfer requests using a series of D commands).

Tap on the “Logged Register Address” line and pick from the selection of available commands.

Refer to the sensor manual for the specific command needed by the sensor.

Refer also to the SDI-12 specification for more details of the protocol.

Logged Register Address	
M 0	Logged Register Address
M 1	C 0
M 2	C 1
M 3	C 2
M 4	C 3
M 5	C 4

The sensor may send a block of data with many different measurement results enclosed.

It is necessary to pick out (index) the measurement that is required. This is done by entering a “Reading” value (to index which result is required for the logger recording).

e.g. A sensor using SDI-12 provides a block of data in its reply in the following sequence:

Velocity, Direction, Temperature.

BASIC	SERIAL	TRIGGERS (0)	Reading
User level: Advanced			1
Slave Address		0	2
Friendly Name		Velocity	3
Pre-power Duration (ms)		6000	4
Logged Register Address		M 0	5
Reading			6

To select “Velocity”, choose a “Reading” index value of “1”.

The reading index value is displayed.

Note: The section regarding “Meter Register Address” is rarely used and usually be left as shown.

(It is provided only for flow sensors which include providing access to meter reading values over the SDI-12 link).

Reading	1
Meter Register Address	Off
Reading	

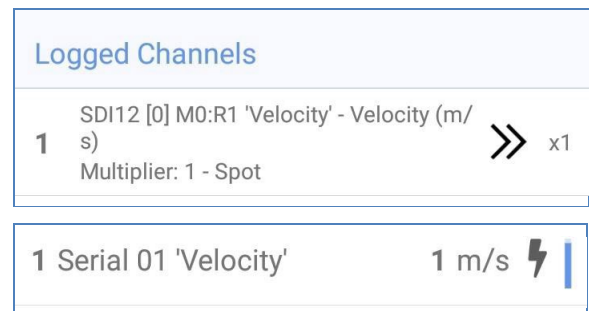
Tap on “Accept” to save the changes to the logger.

Note: Repeat the setup process for any additional parameters required from the sensor. Use a different serial channel for each required measurement.

A typical summary configuration of the SDI channel setup is shown opposite.

(A trigger-action has also been set up, in the shown example).

During Hardware test the SDI-12 channel will typically be displayed as shown opposite.



## 12.16 RS485 / MODBUS INTERFACE (USING 'GROUP 3' LOGGERS)

Some loggers may be fitted with an RS485 / MODBUS interface, with the ability to power the sensor from the logger (various voltages are available).

RS485 is a multidrop serial communications interface that is supported by various intelligent sensors as a means of exchanging information with another device, such as the logger. The sensor equipment attached to the logger can supply a single item or multiple items of measurement data to the logger.

Some intelligent sensors have multiple connection options; Use the RS485 option when connecting to the logger RS485 / MODBUS interface.

**Note:** Study the sensor manual before proceeding to understand how it should be installed, how it presents data, and any other requirements (e.g., power).

HWM supplied sensors will be supplied with an appropriate connector for your logger and will have had interoperability testing to ensure the sensor and logger are compatible.

Where the logger is supplied without any pre-configuration for the sensor, setup proceeds as follows:

From the "Channels" page, tap on the " + " button to start setup of the interface for the sensor.

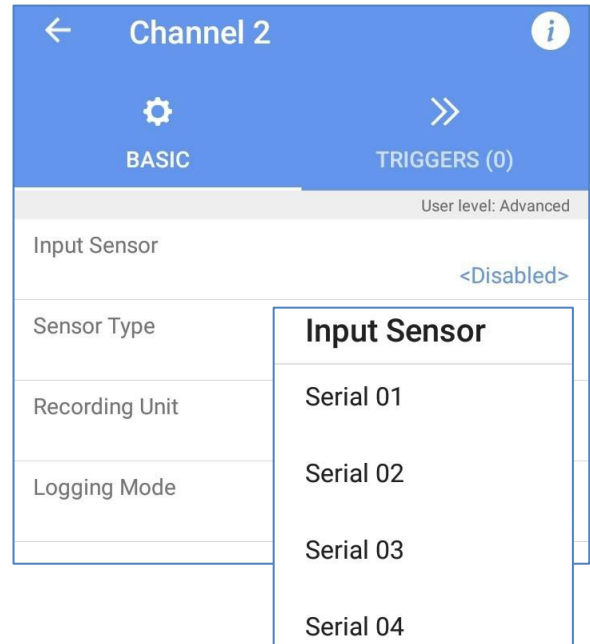
A channel setup screen will be shown with an available logger channel number allocated.

Initially, the channel will be disabled.

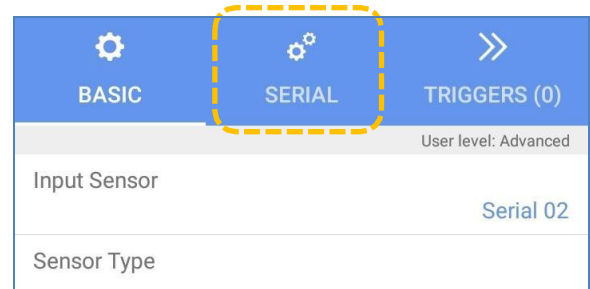
Tap on the input sensor line and choose one of the “Serial nn” options from the selection; *it must be one that is not already in use.*

(e.g., Tap on Serial 01)

**Note:** Multiple “Serial nn” interfaces are provided by the logger. An intelligent sensor can often produce more than one type of measurement. The logger will need to extract each of the required measurements individually using the RS485/MODBUS link. The logger uses a dedicated “Serial nn” selection for each of the required measurements; the data stream will occupy its own channel number in the logger’s recording memory.



The chosen serial input is displayed as the input sensor. A “SERIAL” tab is also added to the page.



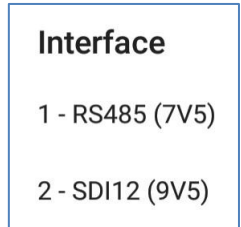
For loggers that have more than one interface fitted (of the type SDI-12 or RS485), the screen will also show an “Interface” selection line.



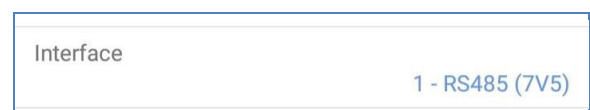
Tap on the Interface line to select the interface (connector) being used. (If required).

Select an RS485 interface.

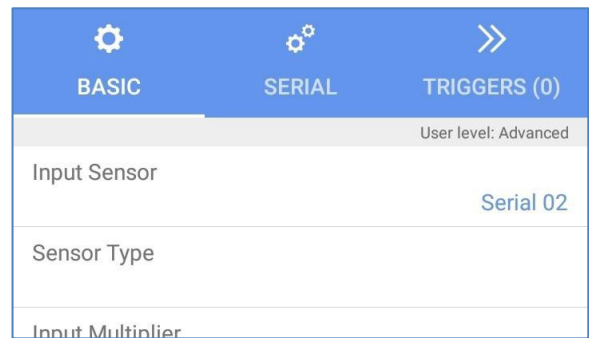
**Note:** Check the voltage is appropriate for the sensor that is being attached. (The voltage may also be shown on the logger label for the connector).



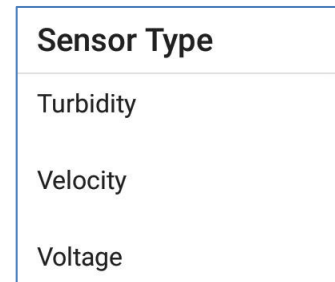
The chosen RS485 interface is displayed.



Next tap on Sensor Type.

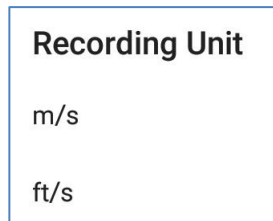


Select from the list the *physical parameter* which is being measured.  
e.g., For a sensor which measures velocity of water, select “Velocity”.

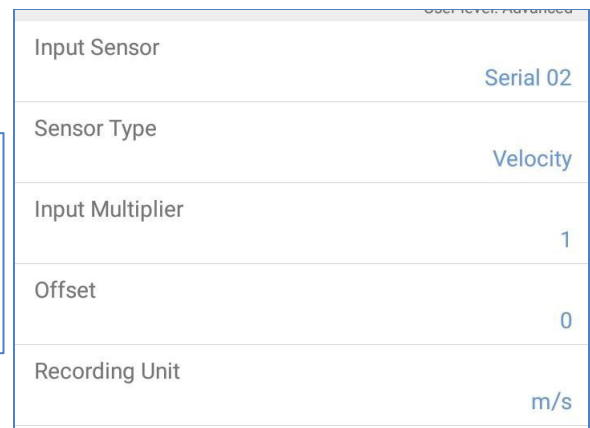


The Sensor type is set to the chosen parameter.

Next tap on “Recording Unit” and set an appropriate unit of measure.



The chosen recording unit displayed.



(Refer to the sensor manual for the units of measure employed).

Set the input multiplier as required (see note below).

Note: The Input multiplier shown here is not strictly a data multiplier; Instead, it sets the resolution of the data. (Refer also to the notes and illustration of hardware test results at the end of this section).

Tap on “Logging Mode” and select according to your requirements (e.g., Spot).

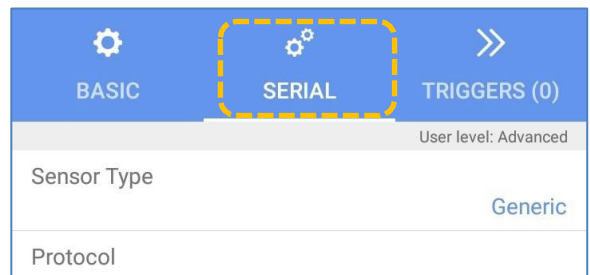
Check the settings on the screen and then tap on “Accept” to save the settings to the logger.

Next select the "SERIAL" tab.

**Note:**

If a "Fix invalid values" message appears, it is likely that several "serial nn" channels are set up to use the same sensor equipment, but the default settings for the Serial tab (e.g., pre-power time) are inconsistent with existing channels.

Tap on "Use default values" to ignore (and re-enter the settings of each field) or choose "Copy ..." to copy settings across from another channel.

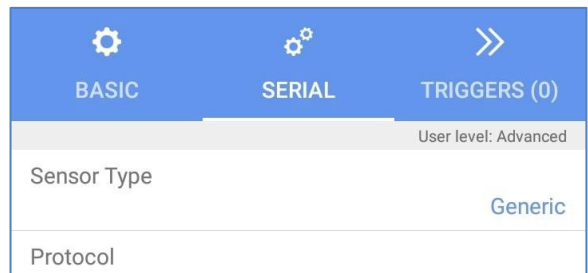


**Fix invalid values?**

- Use default values
- Copy CH1 - Serial 01 (Flow)
- Copy CH3 - Serial 03 (Temp)
- Copy CH4 - Serial 04 (Quality)

Tap on "Sensor Type".

Choose "Generic" for most MODBUS / RS485 sensors.

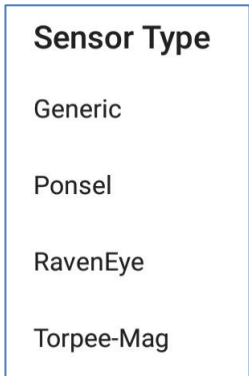


Note: The logger may show other choices.

These options are from a library of known sensors for which the logger gives additional support to ensure the logger and sensor interoperate optimally. Often these are not protocol issues but are related to the sensor operation, requiring a specific sequence of operations to be undertaken to obtain certain data.

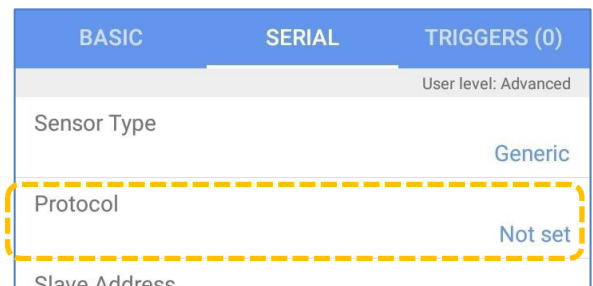
These sensors may also require additional setup options.

HWM supplied sensors have completed interoperability tests to ensure readings can be correctly obtained.



Note: For some the remaining setup parameters, you will need to refer to the sensor's manual to understand its requirements.

Tap on "Protocol".



For most sensors, select Modbus RTU or Modbus ASCII, according to the requirements of your sensor; refer to the sensor manual. (Topwin is a rarely used protocol).

Note: If the wrong protocol is selected, the sensor will not operate correctly with the logger; The frame format and content will be incorrect.

e.g., if your sensor requires Modbus ASCII, tap on it to select.

The chosen protocol is displayed.

Tap on the "Slave Address" line.

Protocol
Modbus RTU
Topwin
Modbus ASCII

User level: Advanced	
Sensor Type	Generic
Protocol	Modbus ASCII
Slave Address	65535

For Modbus over an RS485 interface, each device must have an address in the range 1 to 247.

Refer to your sensor equipment documentation and locate its address. Enter the address and then tap on OK.

Slave Address
1
CANCEL OK

The address is displayed.

IDT suggests a "Friendly name" based on the measurement parameter. This can be changed if required.

Sensor Type	Generic
Protocol	Modbus ASCII
Slave Address	1
Friendly Name	velocity

The logger usually only provides power to the sensor when it requires a measurement to be taken. However, most intelligent sensors require power to be applied for a minimum time in order to set up and complete the measurement cycle and any associated communications. This time period (plus some small margin) must be entered into the "Pre-power Duration" field.

Tap on the line and enter the required value. (0 to 63750ms in 250ms steps).

Refer to your sensor manual for guidance.

Friendly Name	velocity
Pre-power Duration (ms)	32000

Pre-power Duration (ms)
32000
CANCEL OK



The chosen value is selected and displayed.

Next select the Bus speed (communications speed, also known as “Baud rate”); this must match your sensor.

Pre-power Duration (ms)	32000	<b>Bus Speed</b> 300 1200 2400 4800 9600 19200
Bus Speed	Not set	
Bus Timeout (ms)	65535	
Wake-up Time (ms)		

Note: The Baud rate is the only serial communications parameter that can be set within the logger.

Communication format is: 1 start bit, 8 data bits, no parity, 1 stop bit.

Next set the “Wake-up Time” and “Bus Timeout” parameters for communication.

The logger will send the sensor an initial command to wake it up (from standby); the sensor may not be able to process this command. After the specified wake-up time, the logger will send the required command, which the sensor should now be able to accept and process.

Bus Speed	19200
Bus Timeout (ms)	500
Wake-up Time (ms)	2000
Modbus Function	

The bus timeout is the time period that the logger uses in subsequent message transactions to allow time for the sensor to send an initial response. If the sensor has not responded after this time, the logger will assume the message is lost and will repeat sending the command.

The Modbus protocol has a suit of available functions for reading and writing data; Each has a function code. The logger will support a subset of the function codes.

For reading data from the sensor, the user can specify the following function codes:

- Function 3: Read Holding Registers
- Function 4: Read Input Registers

The function codes are used to access 16-bit wide registers inside the sensor device. Each register within the sensor has an associated address. The Modbus protocol requires the address of a register to be specified for a read operation. It also requires the quantity of registers that are to be read to be specified; these will begin from the sent register address. It is therefore possible to read data that is more than 16 bits wide and that spans several registers.

Refer to your sensor manual to locate the register start address of the data you require. Also, you will need to understand the format of the data (how many bits wide the data is, whether the format allows whole numbers only or if numbers which include decimal places are being used, etc.).

Tap on “Modbus Function” and select the required function code.

**Modbus Function**

03 Holding Registers

04 Input Registers

Modbus Function	Not set
Logged Format	Not set
Logged Register Address	65535

The chosen Modbus function is displayed.

Modbus Function	03 Holding Registers
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Tap on “Logged Register Address” and enter the start address of the register that holds the required data within the sensor equipment.

e.g., A velocity sensor specifies (in its manual) that the register with address 1000 holds the velocity data. ... so enter “1000” and then tap on “OK”.

**Logged Register Address**

1000

CANCEL OK

The start register address for the data is now displayed in IDT.

Logged Register Address	1000
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The “Logged Format” field must also be set to specify how many registers are being used to hold the data and what the number format is within the registers.

Logged Format	Not set
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**U16:** Unsigned Integer.  
16-bits wide (1 register) data.  
Includes positive integer values only.

**Logged Format**

U16

**S16:** Signed Integer.  
16-bits wide data (1 register required).  
Includes positive and negative integer values only.

S16 (default)

**Long:** Signed Integer.  
64-bits wide data (4 registers required).  
Includes positive and negative integer values only.

Long ABCD

**Float:** Signed number including decimal point.  
32-bits wide data (2 registers required).  
Includes positive and negative values.

Float ABCD

**Double:** Signed number including decimal point.  
64-bits wide data (4 registers required).  
Includes positive and negative values.

Double

The Modbus protocol does not define the format that must be used on data that spans multiple registers. Often a sensor datasheet also does not detail this.

To overcome the above issue, the logger supports several alternatives for how data that is larger than 16-bits wide is to be read from the Modbus data frame into the logger memory.

The data type must be selected (e.g., “Float” or “Long”; this dictates its size) along with one of the options for the byte or word order.

Selecting the right byte order option is often a case of trying the alternative settings to find the one which matches the data presentation from your sensor; the data will then make sense. (Check data using the IDT Hardware test feature).

e.g., A velocity sensor manual says that the velocity (in m/s) is stored in address 1000 and uses a “Float 32” number format.

The number will be a “Float” type; it is spread across 2 registers (to make 32-bits).

The selection of one of the “Float” formats is now required.

(Try various options until OK).

The choice of “Float BADC” was found to show meaningful data values during a hardware test of the example sensor.

(This selection was kept.)

Float ABCD	Long ABCD
Float CDAB	Long CDBA
Float BADC	Long BACD
Float DCBA	Long DCBA

The Logged format is displayed.

The section regarding “Meter Format” is rarely used and can be left as shown.

(It is provided only for flow sensors which include providing access to meter reading values over the RS485 / Modbus link).

Tap on “Accept” to save the changes to the logger.

Note: Repeat the setup process for any additional parameters required from the sensor.

Use a different serial channel for each.







Modbus Function	03 Holding Registers
Logged Format	Float BADC
Logged Register Address	1000

A typical summary configuration of the RS485 / Modbus channel setup is shown opposite.

Modbus Function	03 Holding Registers
Logged Format	Float BADC
Logged Register Address	1000
Meter Format	Off
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 10px;"> <div style="background-color: #4a90e2; color: white; padding: 5px 15px; border-radius: 5px;">ACCEPT</div> <div style="background-color: #4a90e2; color: white; padding: 5px 15px; border-radius: 5px;">CANCEL</div> </div>	

2	Modbus ASCII [1] 1000 'velocity' - Velocity (m/s) Multiplier: 0.1 - Spot
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During Hardware test the RS485 / Modbus channel will typically be displayed as shown opposite (depending on setting of the “input multiplier”; x1, x10, x100 examples shown).

2 Serial 02 'velocity'	0 m/s		
2 Serial 02 'velocity'	0.2 m/s		
2 Serial 02 'velocity'	0.27 m/s		

Note: (Use of Input Multiplier on MODBUS & SDI-12)

For reasons of data compactness, the logger converts some sensor data formats to a Signed 16-bit format (S16) plus an indication of the applied multiplier.

For the Modbus (and SDI-12) interface, the multiplier (x1, x10, x100) is used to multiply the read sensor measurement value (if it includes any digits after a decimal point) before storage. Only the whole number part of the result is stored as S16.

The original data value can be reconstructed by then dividing the (S-16) stored number by the saved multiplier value.

e.g. 123.45 can be stored as: “12345” and an applied multiplier of “100”.

To reconstruct: Original value = 12345 divided by 100 = 123.45

The *input multiplier* used here therefore acts as a method to *set the data resolution* (i.e., the number of required decimal places). (See hardware test illustration shown above). However, it must be set such that the stored S16 number range is not exceeded ( -32767 to +32768).

Sensor Type	Velocity
Input Multiplier	1
Offset	

## 12.17 DIGITAL SENSOR INTERFACE

The Digital Sensor interface is available on some logger models. It is an interface that is required for the attachment of certain sensors supplied by HWM.

Currently supported sensors include:

- SpillSens.

### 12.17.1 Use with a SpillSens sensor

SpillSens is a digital float angle sensor.

SpillSens is often used with the following data viewing portals:

- SpillGuard.

SpillSens requires a specialized method of setup, especially when used with the SpillGuard data viewing portal. Refer to the SpillSens User-guide for more details.

## **12.18 SPILLSSENS INTERFACE**

A Digital Sensor interface type that has been set up by the factory for use with a SpillSens sensor is sometimes factory labelled as “SpillSens” instead of “Digital Sensor”.

(Refer to section 12.17 for further details).

## **12.19 LEAK-NOISE SENSOR**

- A leak-noise sensor listens for leaks in water pipe networks.
- It is often used with the following viewing portals:  
PermaNETWeb.
- This is a complex sensor and requires a specialized method of setup.
- Refer to your logger User-guide for information if this sensor is supported and for more details.

## **12.20 SONICSENS3 SENSOR**

- SonicSens3 is a sensor which measures distance with ultra-sound.
- It is often used with the following viewing portals:  
DataView
- This is a complex sensor and requires a specialized method of setup.
- Refer to your logger User-guide for information if this sensor is supported.
- Refer to the SonicSens3 User-guide for more details.

## **12.21 RADARSENS SENSOR**

- RadarSens is a sensor which measures distance with a Radar signal.
- It is often used with the HWM DataView website as the viewing portal.
- The sensor is set up in several stages. IDT app setup screens for RadarSens facilitate this process.
- Refer to the RadarSens User-guide for details of installing the sensor. During the installation, the sensor should be checked and can be tuned to the installation site.
- Refer to the model number and/or interface labelling of your logger and also its user-guide to determine if it supports this sensor.
- The distance (or depth) measurement data produced from the sensor is logged as a set of channel datapoints. The datapoints can optionally be used as an input stream for other channels (e.g., Open Channel Flow) if the logger is set up to produce these additional channels.

The setup of a logger to use RadarSens requires three stages:

1. Setup of the sensor to make it operational.  
(At this stage, the sensor is also assigned a channel number for its output datapoint stream).
2. Setup of the sensor to tune it to the installation site and select which type of measurement is to be output (distance or depth). This includes verification of the sensor position and the strength of the reflected Radar signal.
3. Setup of the logger to use the datapoints being obtained from the sensor.

The logger supplied with RadarSens may have already been configured for RadarSens to be operational; if this is not the case, instructions are included within this user-guide. Additional site-specific settings (e.g., a depth reference point) are usually required.

**12.21.1 Confirm the RadarSens is recognized**

A logger that has been configured sufficiently to make RadarSens operational will recognize the sensor once it is connected.

Check the Device Information page of the logger.

RadarSens will be listed amongst the other information shown. It includes details of the serial number and firmware version of the unit.

**Device Information**

Type: FW-157-001 V3.12  
 Build: 12/06/2023 14:11:34 (1686579094)  
 Serial Number: 007857  
 Logger Time: 19/06/2023 09:18:34

**Attached Modules**

RadarSens: FW-170-001 V1.00 S:4294967295

**Modem Information**

**12.21.2 Setup and check of RadarSens channel (Distance or Depth)**

The first stage of setup or check of a RadarSens proceeds in a similar manner to basic channels.

Navigate through Configure Device → Channels to reach the ‘Logged Channels’ screen.

If the logger is already setup, the RadarSens primary channel (shown as ‘RadarSens Measure’) will be listed amongst any other sensor channels.

Settings can be checked by tapping the appropriate line.

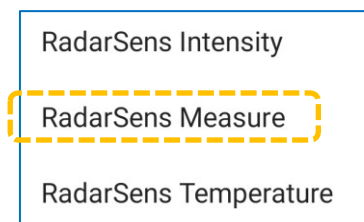
If the ‘RadarSens Measure’ channel is not listed, the channel must be set up.

To set up the channel, tap the ‘ + ’ control.

This will allocate a new channel number for RadarSens and display the channel setup screen.

**Logged Channels**

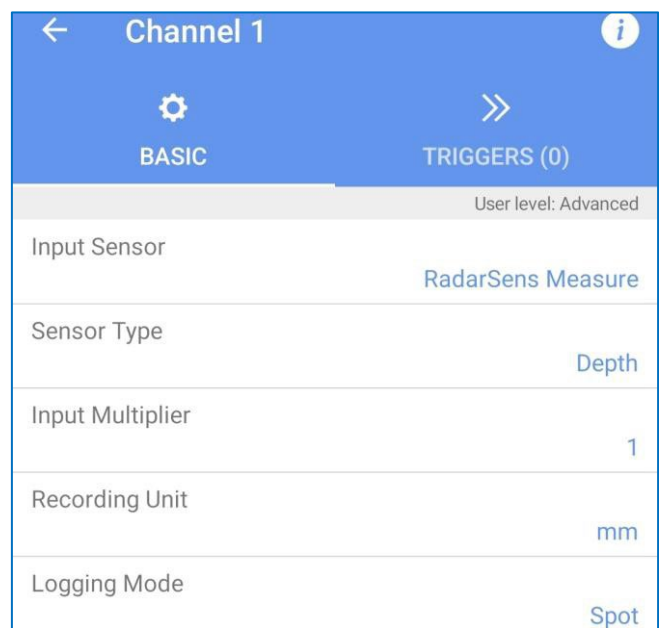
- 1 RadarSens Measure - Depth (mm)  
Multiplier: 1 - Spot
- 2 RadarSens Intensity - Other (misc)  
Multiplier: 1 - Spot
- 3 RadarSens Temperature - Temperature (°C)  
Multiplier: 0.1 - Spot



To measure the separation (gap) between the RadarSens and a water surface, first select an Input Sensor of ‘RadarSens measure’.

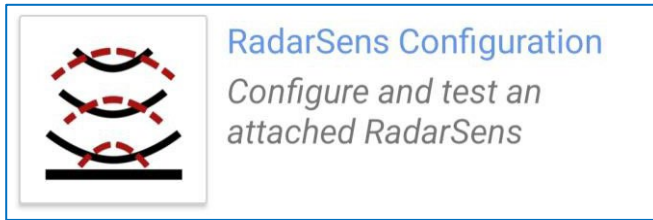
For Sensor Type, select ‘Depth’; This selection choice is used for any distance or depth types of measurement.

Then proceed through each remaining field, from top to bottom, to choose the required settings. (Typical settings are shown).



When finished, tap the 'Accept' button. The channel will be saved to the logger and a summary will appear in the Logged Channels screen.

Note: If the distance/depth channel was newly added, the RadarSens Configuration option will also become available in the main options page.



Note: The logger is now set to obtain numeric measurement data from the RadarSens sensor, but these are not yet suitable for being logged:

- The sensor must be set to use a profile that is suitable for the installation site. This includes the threshold limits for acceptance (or rejection) of a reflected radar signal. (The threshold should be set following the sensor being mounted in position).
- Further setup is also required regarding how to handle the raw data from the sensor to produce datapoints for logging. (Refer to section 12.21.3 for further information).

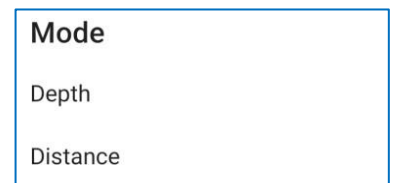
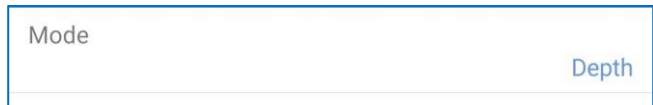
### 12.21.3 Configuration of RadarSens (Tuning to Installation Site Requirements)

From the main options page, tap on the RadarSens Configuration line.

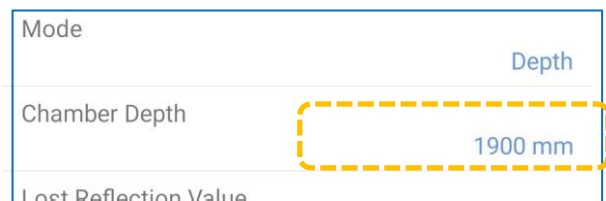
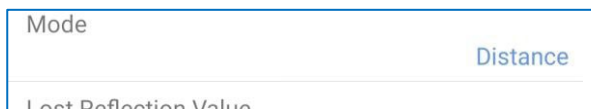
The serial number of the RadarSens unit is shown at the top of the screen.



At this point, decide whether the measurement data you require is simply the distance (from the sensor base to the surface of the water) or the water depth (from the bottom of the water channel to the water surface).



Tap the 'Mode' line and make the required selection.



When Depth has been selected, it is also necessary to enter a value (in mm) for the distance between the lower surface of the installed RadarSens unit to the very bottom of the fluid being measured (e.g., The bottom of a water channel, the Riverbed, the internal base of a fluid containment vessel).

(Re-check and adjust if the sensor position is ever adjusted).

Next, set up the logger to handle the datapoint stream for situations where the RadarSens is unable to detect a reflection signal of any significance. These are known as 'lost reflections'. (Typically, this will be due to a sensor which has not been correctly tuned to the site, or if the channel is dry and unreflective).

The datapoint stream must not have data gaps. Sensor measurement issues (i.e., lost reflections) can be detected in the datapoint stream by setup of a 'lost reflection value' which is out of the range of normal data. (Lost reflection errors can then be seen when inspected on a graph using DataView).

Lost reflection value	-1000 mm
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It is also possible for the logger to initially use the value of the last good measurement as the data substituted for a lost reflection.

Lost reflection value	-1000 mm
Lost reflection substitution	Never

Tap the line to change the setting.

Then choose one of the offered options.

- To deactivate this feature (never substitute last good reading; always send the 'lost reflection value' when a reflection is lost), set the field to 'Never'.
- To activate the feature, choose the required number of times the last valid measurement is required to be substituted for a lost reflection.

<b>Lost reflection substitution</b>
Never
1 consecutive
2 consecutive

Tuning of the sensor includes settings related to the returned radar signal.

If examined graphically, an ideal signal would be a single reflection pulse (signal peak) as a response, with no background signal. In practice however, some 'background noise' signal will also be present. Additional pulses may also be present due to near-by objects or additional signal reflection paths. RadarSens settings can be adjusted to compensate for most situations by making manual adjustments to the *threshold profile*.

Tap on the 'Threshold' line to begin the threshold tuning process.

Threshold
Threshold
4 threshold points set

This facility can be used to filter out background noise on the signal and to

identify and compensate for 'nuisance reflections' that may exist within the installation site. Threshold adjustments should be made when the water channel is empty of water and debris.

A graphical screen, titled "Calibration", will appear. An initial measurement is made, and its results are traced out on the screen (X-axis = Distance, Y-axis = Signal level).

Several tools are available. A summary of their function is as follows:



Adds a new threshold node (handle for adjusting) to the graph.



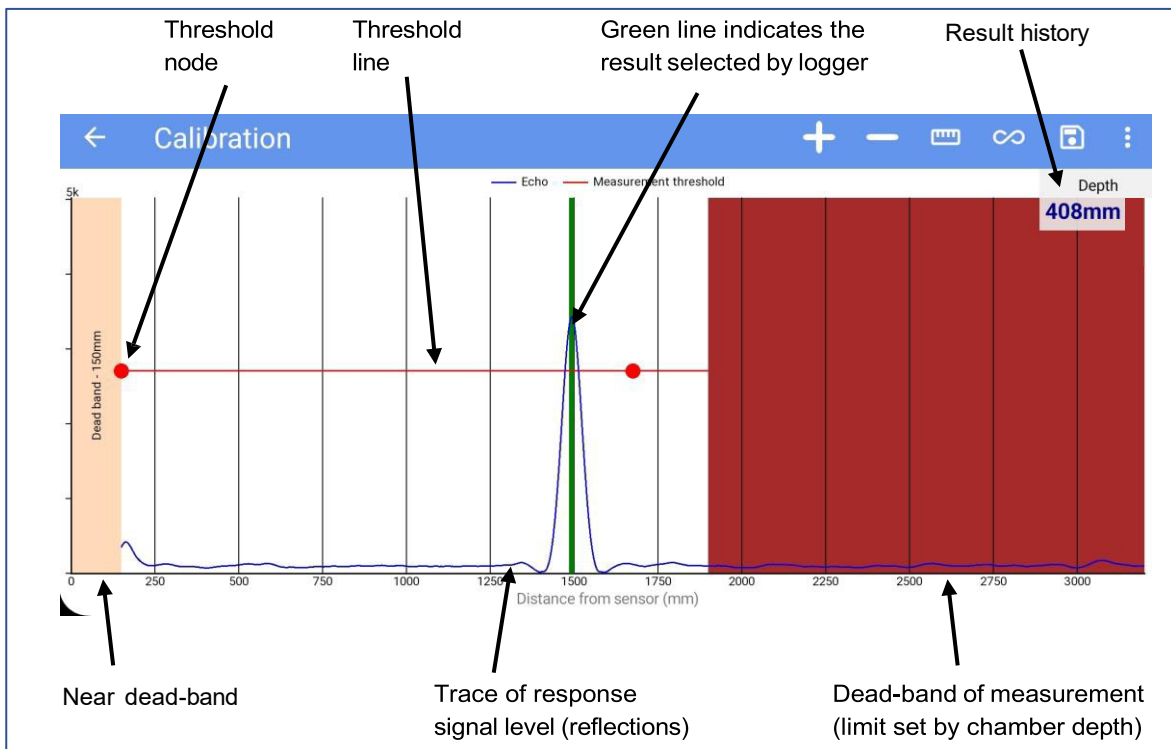
— Removes a threshold node from the graph.

☰ Initiates a single measurement cycle.

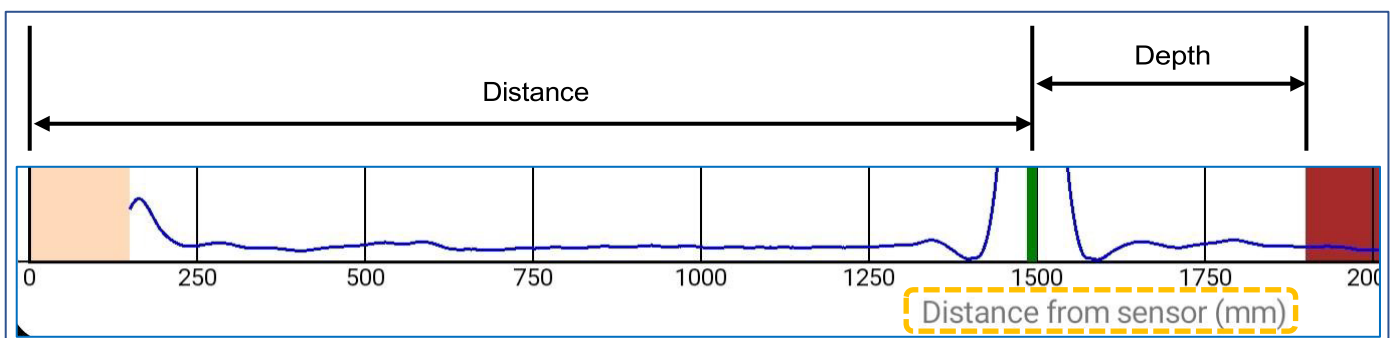
∞ Initiates a repetitive measurement cycle (at intervals of approx. 8 seconds).

📁 Saves current threshold settings.

⋮ Activates a local menu (e.g., to access help).

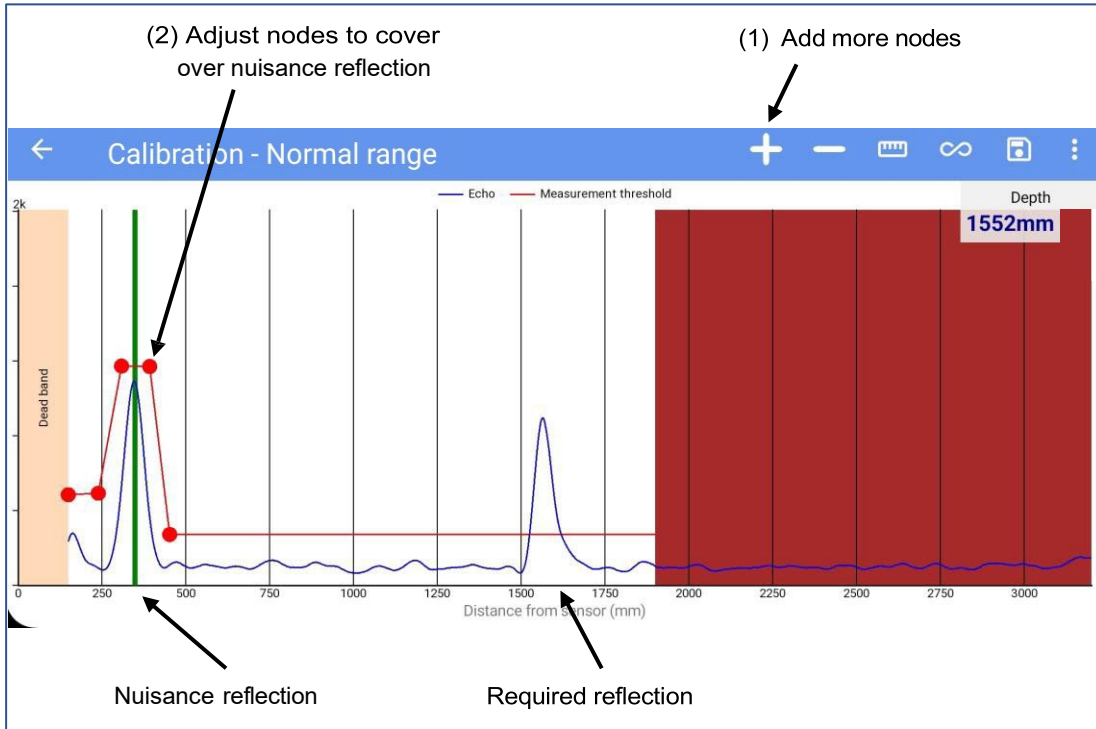


Note that the result history shows the measured value (either distance or depth), as setup within the logger. However, the trace is always level vs distance from the sensor.

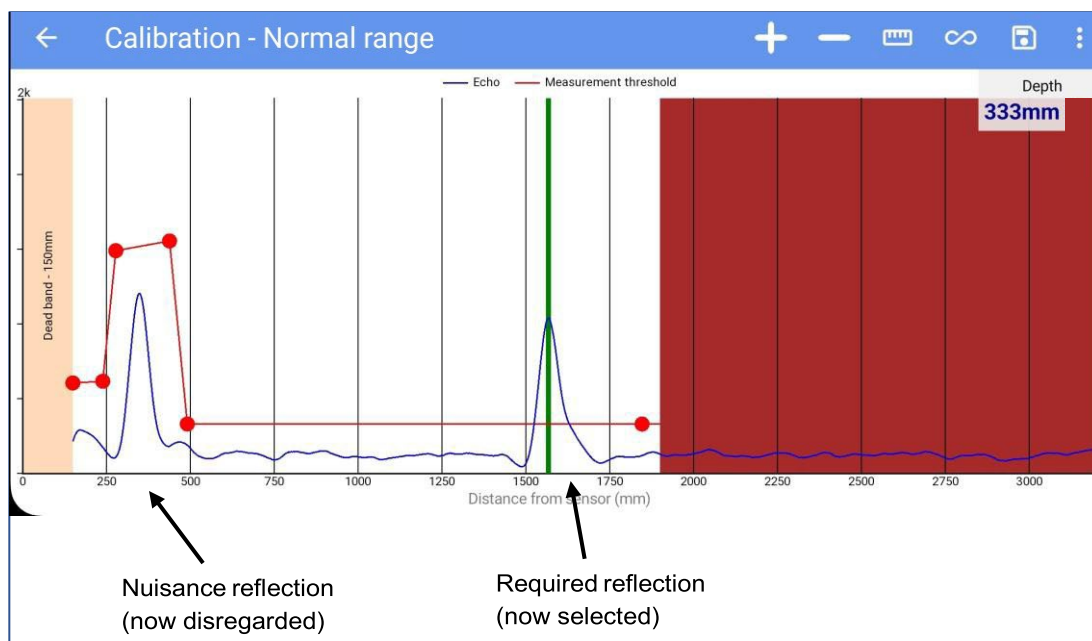


A minimum of 2 nodes are required on the calibration screen. Where the signal trace is clear of nuisance reflections, as shown above, check that the level of the threshold line is appropriately set (drag the nodes if required), and then tap on the Save icon.

Where nuisance reflections exist, further nodes can be added to the threshold line by tapping on the ' + ' icon. Drag the nodes around the nuisance reflection so that the pulse lies underneath the threshold line. Then tap on the Save icon.



Tap the 'single measurement' control to confirm the operation with the new threshold settings. The logger will subsequently disregard the nuisance reflection, and lock onto the required reflection, as shown below.



Note: The RadarSens unit can feature an automatic range adjustment, based on where the peak was found during the last few measurement results.

During threshold adjustment, the screen title indicates the current range setting of the RadarSens unit.



When making threshold adjustments, allow a few measurement cycles before adjusting, in case the sensor decides to switch range.

Note: After adjusting the threshold, a further check of the signal reliability can be made. This is an 'Intensity Test' of the returned Radar signal and is described within section 12.21.4.

### Results during Hardware Test

During hardware test, depending on which channels are available, results will be displayed as shown opposite.

Tapping on a measurement will cycle through alternative units of measure if they are available. (The measurement values are orange in color if converted to a different unit of measure).

Note: RadarSens auxiliary sensors ('pitch' and 'roll') are also shown.

RadarSens Pitch	0 °
RadarSens Roll	-1 °
1 RadarSens Measure	319 mm
2 RadarSens Intensity	4188 misc
3 RadarSens Temperature	23.3 °C

*Tap to cycle through units*

## 12.21.4 Configuration of sensor alarms

### Measurement value alarms

Sensor data for depth or distance measurements can have trigger conditions and actions (including alarms) configured in the same manner as any other regular channel. Prior to leaving site, consider what alarm conditions should be communicated to the server, and how rapidly the alarm condition should be communicated.

### Equipment alarms

The RadarSens and logger are also able to detect certain fault conditions, and will generate either a warning or alarm, which gets reported to the DataGate server.

A warning is communicated when the logger next does a scheduled call-in. An Alarm is communicated by the logger making an immediate call-in. The server determines how the warning or alarm is handled (e.g., forwarded to users that have subscribed to receive the alarm).

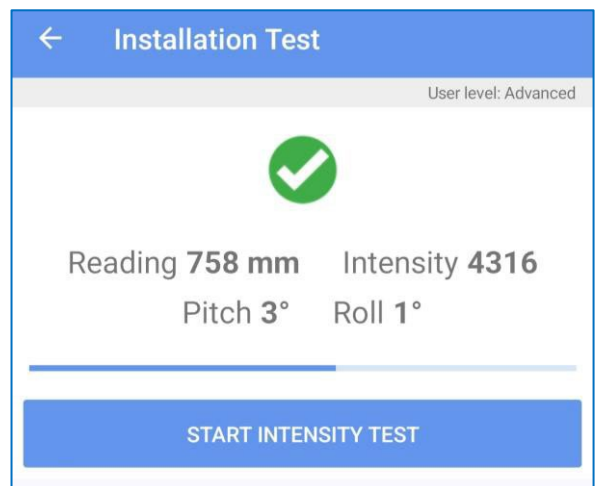
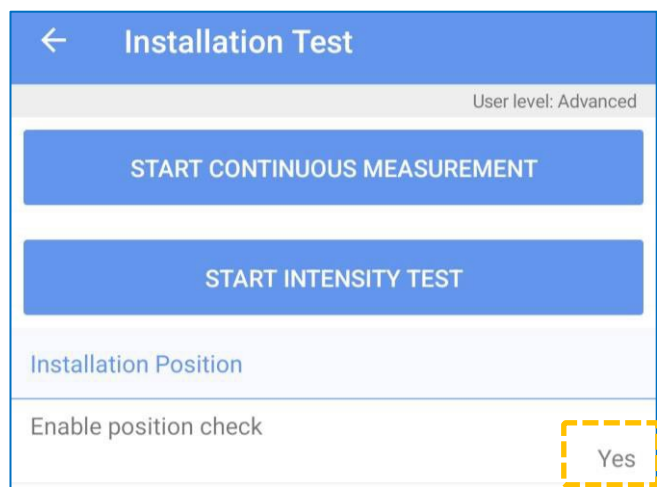
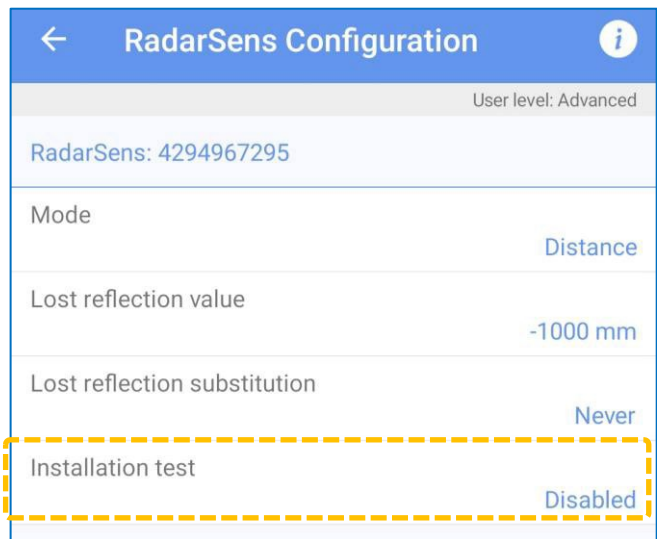
The RadarSens includes sensors (of direction of gravity) for recognizing its orientation; these are 'pitch' and 'roll' sensors, as shown on the hardware test page. The installer is required to set up the equipment at the end of installation for it to be able to recognize a 'sensor has moved' fault condition.

Navigate to the RadarSens Configuration page.

Tap on the "Installation test" line to begin set up the logger for this feature.

Set the 'Enable position check' line to 'Yes'.

Whilst adjusting the sensor position and aim, the Continuous Measurement function can be useful, to check the unit is level and also the strength of the Radar reflection.



The Continuous Measurement test makes a judgement whether the intensity of the received Radar reflection is suitably strong for producing reliable measurements. (The pass level takes into consideration the distance of the sensor from the water surface).

After making suitable adjustments to the sensor position, tighten the sensor and then tap the 'Start Intensity Test' button.

A set of measurements are made and judged. Confirm a set of green ticks are shown; if not, adjust (see below) and re-start the test.

Consider if the RadarSens could be re-positioned to improve.

- Is the sensor level?
- Is it aimed at turbulent water or bubbles?
- Is RadarSens aim perpendicular to the water surface? (The surface of flowing water may not be level; the RadarSens sensor may need to have a slight tilt from vertical to get best reflection).

The set of results can be examined using the Details button, if needed.

The Pitch and Roll values of the final result are saved and shown in the window.

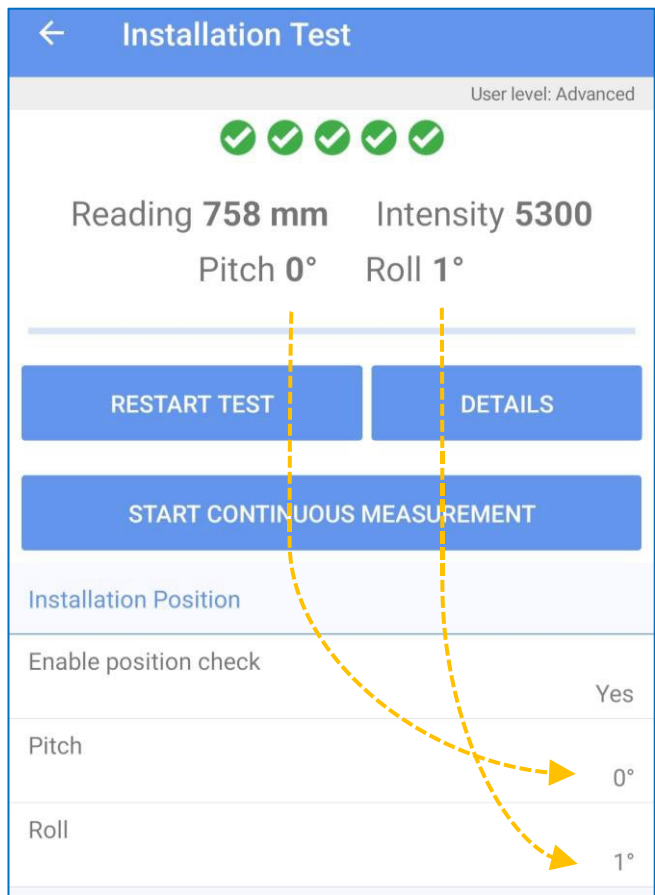
These saved values are used by the logger to detect changes in installation position (disturbances, slips, bracket failures, etc.).

Check that the alert thresholds are correctly set; typical values are shown but can be adjusted if needed.

If the sensor is disturbed or move out of its installed position by an amount exceeding the thresholds a warning or alarm message is sent to DataGate.

When finished, tap the back-arrow.

Sensor measurement issues (i.e., lost reflections) can be detected by setup of a 'lost reflection value' which is out of the range of normal data. Set the logger to trigger on the persistent presence of the 'lost reflection value' in the datapoint stream.



Alert Thresholds	
Pitch difference warning	5°
Roll difference warning	5°
Pitch difference alarm	8°
Roll difference alarm	8°

### 12.21.5 Setup and check of auxiliary RadarSens channels (Intensity, Temperature)

The RadarSens sensor can provide useful additional information in the form of a sensor channel, called 'Intensity'. This gives the strength of the reflected signal. This can vary suddenly according to the reflective properties of the surface encountered by the radar signal during measurement. In continuously flowing water, the reflection should be reasonably consistent. A change in the reflective properties could indicate the presence of a foreign object or the start of a blockage.

The RadarSens can also provide a means of tracking air temperature, (which may be useful if your logger does not have its own internal temperature sensor).

(Both of the channels can be logged, although this is optional).

Navigate through Configure Device → Channels to reach the 'Logged Channels' screen.

If the logger is already set up, these RadarSens channels may be listed amongst any other sensor channels, (shown as 'RadarSens Intensity' and RadarSens Temperature). A channel can be checked by tapping on the line.

To set up the additional channels, tap the ' + ' control.

This will allocate a new channel number and display the channel setup screen.

Depending on which channel you are currently setting up, select an Input Sensor of 'RadarSens Intensity' or 'RadarSens Temperature'.

Then proceed through each remaining field, from top to bottom, to choose the required settings.

(Typical settings are shown below, for each type of channel).

Logged Channels	
1	RadarSens Measure - Depth (mm) Multiplier: 1 - Spot
2	RadarSens Intensity - Other (misc) Multiplier: 1 - Spot
3	RadarSens Temperature - Temperature (°C) Multiplier: 0.1 - Spot

RadarSens Intensity
RadarSens Measure
RadarSens Temperature

Input Sensor	RadarSens Intensity
Sensor Type	Other
Input Multiplier	1
Recording Unit	misc
Logging Mode	Spot

Input Sensor	RadarSens Temperature
Sensor Type	Temperature
Input Multiplier	0.1
Recording Unit	°C
Logging Mode	Spot

When finished, tap the 'Accept' button. The channel will be saved to the logger and a summary will appear in the Logged Channels screen.

## **12.22 PEGASUS2 (PRESSURE REDUCING VALVE CONTROLLER)**

- Pegasus2 is a PRV controller with built-in logger functions.
- It is often used with the following viewing portals:  
PressView, DataView
- There are many settings within Pegasus2 that are common with 'Group 2' loggers; these settings and operations are described in this user-guide.
- The settings and features specifically related to a PRV installation and test are described in the Pegasus2 User Guide (MAN-163-0002), which should be referred to for further information.

## **12.23 SENTINEL2 (PRESSURE REDUCING VALVE CONTROLLER)**

- Sentinel2 is a PRV controller with built-in logger functions.
- It is often used with the following viewing portals:  
PressView, DataView
- There are many settings within Sentinel2 that are common with 'Group 2' loggers; these settings and operations are described in this user-guide.
- The settings and features specifically related to a PRV installation and test are described in the Sentinel2 User Guide (MAN-163-0004), which should be referred to for further information.

## Additional Measurements (from System)

### 13 ADDITIONAL MEASUREMENTS (FROM SYSTEM)

#### 13.1 OPEN CHANNEL FLOW USING VELOCITY & DEPTH SENSORS

The rate of flow of water through an open channel can be calculated if both the cross-sectional area of the moving body of water and the velocity of the water are known.

The velocity can be measured by the use of an appropriate type of sensor.

The cross-sectional area of the body of water can be determined from the depth of the water and the channel geometry. The required water depth can be determined by measurement using an appropriate type of sensor.

The logger, if equipped with suitable velocity and depth sensors, can produce flow-rate data (by calculation). This is achieved by setting up a “FlowOCH” channel, as follows:

Add a new channel to the logger (use the + button).

Choose “Flow OCH” as the Input Sensor.

Choose a sensor type of “Flow”; this is the physical parameter being recorded for this channel.

Input Sensor	Sensor Type
<Disabled>	Flow
0-10V 1	Flow (US)
4-20mA3	Other
BAT-V	
FlowOCH	

BASIC	ADVANCED	TRIGGERS (0)
User level: Advanced		
Input Sensor		FlowOCH
Sensor Type		Flow
Recording Unit		
Logging Mode		Average

Select a recording unit.

The measurement is an instantaneous rate of flow, so when “l” is selected, “liters per second” is implied, etc.

The logger calculates the instantaneous flow from the water channel dimensions and water velocity, using an internal unit of measure. It subsequently converts the flow result to the unit of measure chosen here, which is used in producing datapoints.

Recording Unit
l
m <sup>3</sup>
gal
ML
CuFt

BASIC	ADVANCED	TRIGGERS (0)
User level: Advanced		
Input Sensor		FlowOCH
Sensor Type		Flow
Recording Unit		l
Logging Mode		Spot



Select the Advanced tab and select a Conversion table type of “Depth/Area”.

Tap on “Velocity Channel” and pick the relevant sensor for the water velocity.

Tap on “Depth Channel” and pick the relevant sensor for the water depth.

**Conversion table type**

Depth/Flow

Depth/Flow (Weir)

Depth/Area

Settings icons and navigation arrows

BASIC    **ADVANCED**    TRIGGERS (0)

User level: Advanced

Conversion table type: Depth/Area

Velocity Channel: 8 Serial 01

Depth Channel: 1 SonicSens Measure

EDIT

Note: The chosen channel must measure the *water depth*, (or provide a calculated water depth), and not the distance to the water surface. The sensor must be set up to measure depth in mm.

Next the channel geometry should be entered:

Tap on the Edit button.

Then tap on Weir type.

Select the shape that best describes the cross-section area of the water channel at the measurement point.

Rectangle

Semi-circle

Circle

For a rectangular cross-section, measure and enter the height and width in mm.

← Depth/Area

User level: Advanced

Weir Type: Rectangle

Channel Width (mm): 500

Channel Height (mm): 500

For a semi-circle or circle, enter the diameter in mm. Also enter a value (between 2 and 247) for the “number of points”.

← Depth/Area

Weir Type: Semi-circle

Number of Points: 50

Channel Diameter (mm): 500

← Depth/Area

Weir Type: Circle

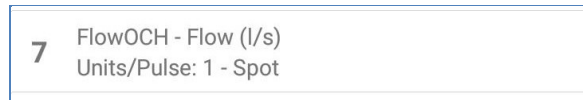
Number of Points: 50

Channel Diameter (mm): 500

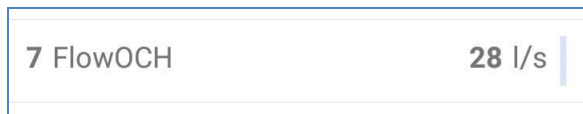
IDT will construct a table for use in the depth to flow conversion based on the entered geometry, dimensions, and number of points (lines) required.

The table will be uploaded into the logger after the user taps the “Accept” button. (For increased accuracy, the logger also interpolates between lines in the table when producing flow calculations).

A typical summary configuration of the FlowOCH channel setup is shown opposite.  
(The units/pulse information should be ignored for a FlowOCH channel)



During Hardware test the FlowOCH channel will typically be displayed as shown opposite.



A message of “Error reading sensor” will be shown should any of the sensors employed to produce the flow calculation has an error condition.

### 13.2 SYSTEM –OPEN CHANNEL FLOW USING A RAVEN-EYE SENSOR

Some logger systems are supplied with a RAVEN-EYE type sensor, which can measure water velocity in an open water channel.

The sensor requires the following to be set in the logger:

- A pre-power time of 32,000 milliseconds.
- A bus timeout of 500 milliseconds.
- A wake-up time of 2000 milliseconds.
- Modbus function “03 Holding Registers” should be selected for register reads; Refer to the sensor manual for the register addresses required to be read for specific measurement values to be obtained.

When the logger is also supplied with a method of measuring water depth within the open channel, the system can be used to calculate the water flow through the channel.

Two methods are possible:

- Use the logger to make the rate of flow calculation (see section 13.1).
- Use the RavenEye sensor to make the rate of flow calculation (described here).

Setup of the system requires the entry of information concerning the geometry of the channel, using the software provided with the RAVEN-EYE sensor. All required tables are stored in the RAVEN-EYE sensor. A depth measurement (provided from another sensor installed with the logger) is used by RAVEN-EYE to evaluate the cross-sectional area of the body of flowing water. The RAVEN-EYE sensor measures the velocity of the water.

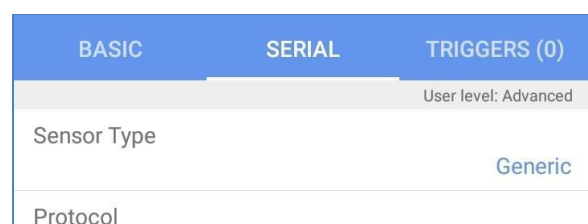
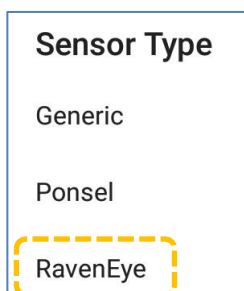
For setup of the RAVEN-EYE sensor, follow the guidance for a RS485 / Modbus sensor, as described in section 12.16, except as follows:

First, *set up the logger to obtain water velocity data* from the RAVEN-EYE sensor. However, when making settings on the “Serial” tab:

Tap on “Sensor Type”.

Choose the “RavenEye” setting.

Note: This selection *must be applied consistently* across any channels obtained from the RAVEN-EYE sensor.



An additional setting line will appear called “Raveneye depth channel”.

Any channel (which must have been previously set up) which measures the depth of water in the open channel can be used.

(Here, a SonicSens3 sensor is being used to provide the depth measurements).

**Note:** The unit of measure of the selected depth channel is important; the RAVEN-EYE sensor requires the chosen depth sensor channel to be set to use mm.

BASIC	SERIAL	TRIGGERS (1)
User level: Advanced		
Sensor Type		RavenEye
Raveneye depth channel		SonicSens Measure
Protocol		Modbus ASCII
Slave Address		

Continue to set up the velocity channel using the register specified for velocity in the sensor manual. RAVEN-EYE usually requires a Modbus-ASCII setting (but also check with the manual for your sensor model).

**Note:** By selecting a sensor type (in the serial tab) of “RavenEye” and then selecting a “Raveneye depth channel”, the logger is put into a mode to support additional requirements of the sensor, ensuring good interoperability with it.

In particular, the logger passes (writes) depth data into the logger as part of the measurement cycle. This happens in the background; no additional setup of the logger for the Modbus register writes is required.

The RAVEN-EYE sensor does a calculation of flow rate (using the depth data passed to it from the logger) and the result is made available via a Modbus register read.

An additional channel is therefore required to be set up for the flow-rate measurement:

Setup the logger to obtain the Flow data from the RAVEN-EYE sensor via a RS485 / Modbus register read.

The register data must be interpreted as “Flow” and the selected unit of measure is to be “L” (liters, for liters per second).

(On the Serial tab, the Sensor type and protocol settings will remain the same as earlier chosen for obtaining the velocity data from the sensor. Only the Logged Register Address will change to select the register in the sensor which holds the Flow-rate data (in liters / second).

BASIC	SERIAL	TRIGGERS (0)
User level: Advanced		
Input Sensor		Serial 01
Sensor Type		Flow
Input Multiplier		1
Offset		0
Recording Unit		l
Logging Mode		Spot

During Hardware test the RS485 / Modbus channels and chosen depth channel will typically be displayed as shown opposite.

The velocity will be shown during hardware test.

The flow result shown opposite is the rate of flow (in liters / second).

The RAVEN-EYE sensor has a variety of other parameters available including temperature and various judgements of the quality of its measurements.

These may be added to other logger channels if required.

A typical summary configuration of the RS485 / Modbus channel setup for RAVEN-EYE sensors is shown opposite.

5	SonicSens Measure	480 mm	
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2	Serial 02 'velocity'	0.27 m/s	
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1	Serial 01 'Flow'	27 l	
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Sensor Type	Quality
Input Multiplier	1
Offset	0
Recording Unit	%

2	Modbus ASCII [1] 1000 'velocity' - Velocity (m/s) Multiplier: 0.1 - Spot		x1
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1	Modbus ASCII [1] 1026 'Flow' - Flow (l) Multiplier: 1 - Spot		
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3	Modbus ASCII [1] 1010 'Quality' - Quality (%) Multiplier: 1 - Spot		
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### 13.3 WATER VELOCITY – HYDREKA DVP (SDI-12)

The Hydreka DVP (Doppler Velocity Probe) is a sensor which measures water velocity.

It is typically positioned at the bottom of an open channel or on the wall of a pipe; both require a custom bracket or other means to hold the sensor firmly in position.



The sensor can communicate with the logger over an SDI-12 interface.



To setup this sensor to obtain water velocity data, refer to guidance of section 12.15.

BASIC	SERIAL	TRIGGERS (0)
User level: Advanced		
Input Sensor		Serial 01
Interface		2 - SDI12 (9V5)
Sensor Type		Velocity
Input Multiplier		0.1
Offset		0
Recording Unit		m/s
Logging Mode		Spot

BASIC	SERIAL	TRIGGERS (0)
User level: Advanced		
Slave Address		0
Friendly Name		Velocity
Pre-power Duration (ms)		6000
Logged Register Address		M 0
Reading		1
Meter Register Address		Off
Reading		

Channel settings are typically as shown above (subject to change; refer to the sensor manual for latest sensor requirements).

## Appendices (additional information)

### 14 APPENDIX A – CALIBRATION PROCEDURES

This Appendix gives guidance on accessing and using calibration procedures for loggers.

**Note:** Most loggers will be paired with a set of sensors, and **calibration will have already been undertaken** in the factory prior to shipment.

In such circumstances, the calibration facilities of IDT are not required.

Calibration procedures can vary between interfaces and also logger types. Differences are sometimes required due to the internal electronics of the unit supplied.

#### 14.1 DISCUSSION: INPUT MULTIPLIER & CHANNEL RESOLUTION

Prior to undertaking calibration of an interface, a channel must be set up which uses the interface. Of particular interest is the 'input multiplier' field.

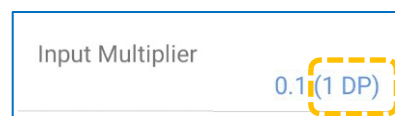
For calibration purposes, the 'input multiplier' field also sets the **channel resolution** (number of digits available after the decimal point).

1 = No digits after decimal point.

0.1 = 1 digit used after the decimal point

0.01 = 2 digits used after the decimal point, etc.

The multipoint calibration page has a useful indicator of the number of decimal places selected, as shown opposite.



Also, use the channel setup page to define the units of measure to be used during calibration.

#### 14.2 EXTERNAL PRESSURE INTERFACE – USING CABLE VALUES (‘GROUP 3’ LOGGERS)

This method can be used with pressure sensors supplied by HWM that include calibration values printed on a pressure (or depth) sensor cable.

(Not all loggers have this calibration method available).



Refer to section 14.1 before commencing calibration.

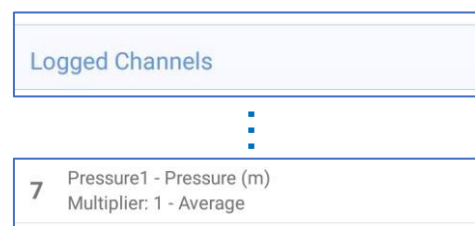
To access the calibration screen for an external pressure sensor:

Display the list of channels.

(Tap on “Configure Device”, then “Channels”).

Then tap on the relevant line to select the pressure channel.

(The channel must be set to measure pressure or depth).



Select the “Advanced” tab.

This tab displays options to adjust several settings related to sensor operation.

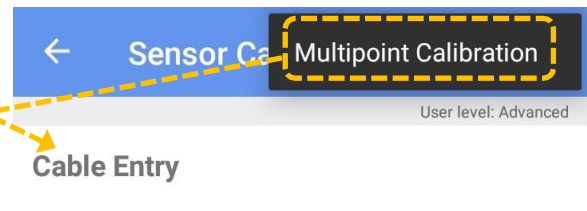
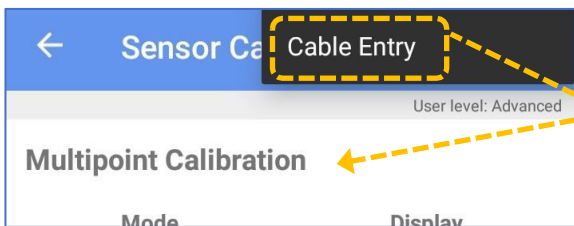
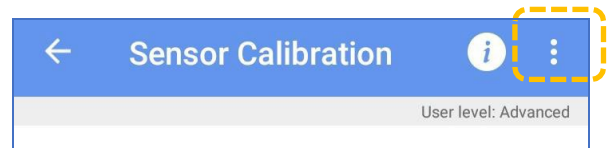
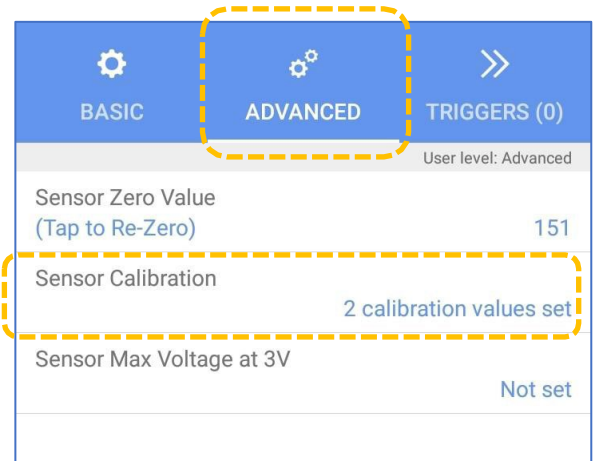
To select the pressure sensor calibration screen, tap on the “Sensor Calibration” line.

(If, as shown, the line refers to a quantity of calibration values being set, ‘multipoint calibration’ use is currently selected.)

Note: If displayed, DO NOT make any adjustments to the “Sensor Max Voltage” setting when using this method of calibration.

There are two possible methods for calibration with the pressure sensor. Each method has different screens. You may have to swap which screen is displayed.

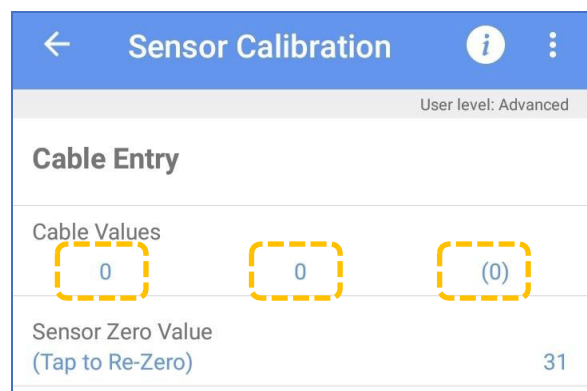
To swap screens, use IDT ‘advanced’ mode. Use the local menu (tap on the 3 dots) to switch between the two calibration methods.



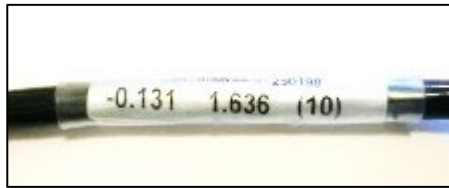
Note: Your logger may support just one method (available in IDT basic mode) or possibly both methods (but only available when in IDT advanced mode).

The screen for the “cable values entry” calibration method is shown opposite.

Tap in each of the areas shown and enter the corresponding value as read off the pressure sensor cable (no brackets required).



An example is shown:



Save the settings.

The calibration figures from the cable are now in use (and the parameters are listed on the Sensor Calibration line).

Cable Entry		
Cable Values	-0.131	1.636 (10)
Sensor Zero Value (Tap to Re-Zero)		36

BASIC	ADVANCED	TRIGGERS (0)
User level: Advanced		
Sensor Zero Value (Tap to Re-Zero)		-520
Sensor Calibration		-0.131 1.636 (10)
Sensor Max Voltage at 3V		Not set

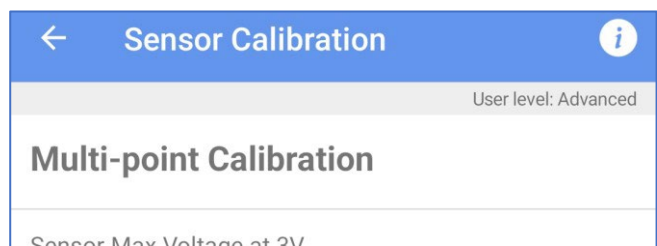
### 14.3 PRESSURE INTERFACE (GROUP 2 AND GROUP 3 LOGGERS)

IDT supports the following 2 methods of calibrating a logger input for a pressure (or depth) sensor:

- Entry of calibration coefficients using the values printed on the cable. (Applies to External sensors only; Refer to section 14.2.)
- Multipoint calibration. (Can be applied to External or Internal sensor transducers; Described in this section).

Refer to section 14.1 before commencing calibration.

To use multipoint calibration, first navigate to the channel setup, select the 'Advanced' tab, and then navigate to the channel's Multi-point Calibration page (as shown within section 14.2).



Note: A related setup stage (input sensitivity adjustment) may also be required (described in section 14.3.1), although not all loggers have this available.

When calibrating a logger for use with a pressure sensor, an appropriate calibration rig and sealing adaptor is required to apply pressure levels to the sensor. This task should be completed by a service center, or similar facility, which has the required equipment; Ensure the calibration rig has a valid calibration record prior to use.

The multipoint calibration process pairs a reference pressure (entered into IDT by the user) with the corresponding numeric value that is output from an A to D converter within the logger. By using two or more reference pressures, the user can produce a table of calibration values. The logger can subsequently determine the characteristics of the sensor.



To calibrate, proceed as follows:

Check the *unit of measure* shown on the Current Value matches the unit of measure you wish to calibrate the sensor in; Adjust on the 'basic' tab channel setup screen if required.

Check that the *number of decimal places* you wish to use is correct; Adjust the Input Multiplier field if required.

Set Point	Set Raw
0 mbar	-1

Attach the sensor to the calibration rig.

Decide on the calibration reference pressures that are to be used and enter each of these into the 'Set point' column. (Tap + or bin icons, as required, to ensure the required number of lines are available.)

Apply a known pressure (one of the calibration references) to the sensor.

When the 'current value' number stabilizes, tap on the corresponding 'SET' button.

*Repeat the process for each of the calibration reference pressures.*

Set Point	Set Raw
0 mbar	-1
23 mbar	39
46 mbar	0

This produces a table of calibration points, with the corresponding Analogue to Digital converter output values listed in the 'Set Raw' column.

Note: A line of the table which has a pink background has some error condition. (Either the "Set Raw" value is not set, or the table line has not yet been saved.)

When the table is complete, tap on the 'save' button to store the calibration table into the logger. ... Calibration is now complete. ... However, see the note (below).

Safely remove the equipment from the calibration rig.

The logger uses straight-line interpolation to produce measurement results between (and beyond) the stored points.

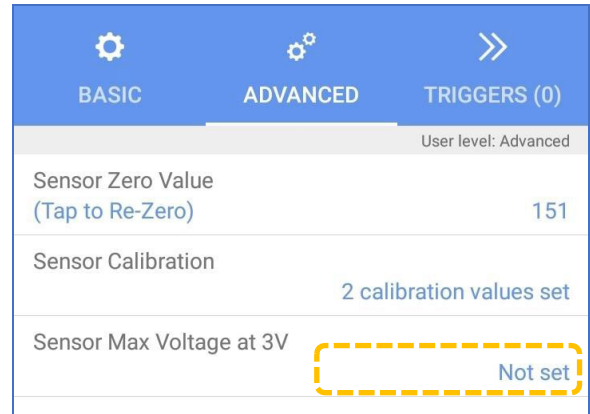
Note: (Sensitivity / Numeric range check)

The user may wish to predict (calculate) both the maximum and minimum "Set Raw" value that the sensor could produce, and if required adjust the input sensitivity, (as described in section 14.3.1).

### 14.3.1 Analogue Inputs - Sensitivity Adjustment (Group 3 loggers)

Note: Do not adjust the sensitivity of the External Pressure interface if your sensor has calibration values and you intend to use the cable values calibration method.

Some 'group 3' loggers contain a programmable attenuator for certain analogue inputs. This allows the sensitivity of the input to be adjusted so that (even at maximum or minimum sensor input) the logger electronics does not saturate, and the available numeric range is not exceeded. Conversely, if the attenuation is set too high, then the numeric range output from the A to D converter will be too limited, resulting in measurements that are coarse, being insufficiently fine in granularity.



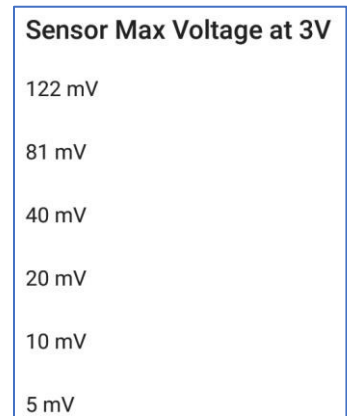
The logger stores values obtained from analogue sensors in a S16 format (i.e., signed, 16-bits wide) which has a numeric range of -32767 to +32768. Ideally, the logger should make good use of the available number range (i.e., cover several 1000s), but not saturate at input levels slightly over the sensor's maximum level.

To access the sensitivity adjustment screen, first select the Advanced tab of the channel setup page. The sensitivity adjustment control for the channel will be shown (if applicable). The control is labelled as "Sensor Max Voltage at 3V".

The logger will use a default value if not set.

To modify the gain, tap on the control and select a value from the available list.

Note: If the sensitivity of the input is modified, the interface will require re-calibration.



For most loggers the sensitivity is pre-set by the factory to match the sensor that has been supplied with your logger and should not be changed.

### 14.4 CALIBRATION OF RTD (TEMP) INPUT (GROUP 3 LOGGERS)

The temperature probe can be calibrated by inserting the probe into locations of known temperatures (e.g., ice-cooled water at 0 degrees C and boiling water at 100 degrees C). To calibrate, enter the known temperature references and set the corresponding A to D values. This produces the relevant calibration points within the logger calibration table.

For loggers shipped with HWM supplied temperature sensors, calibration (and adjusting any input sensitivity) will not be necessary. The logger will be factory set to the most appropriate settings for the supplied sensor.

Calibration of the RTD (Temp) interface for temperature sensors follows a similar process to that described in sections 14.3 and 14.3.1. To re-calibrate the sensor, follow the steps (in the sections just mentioned), but with the temperature sensor placed in a temperature-controlled environment at suitable calibration set-point temperatures.

For temperatures that are outside of the chosen calibration set points, the temperature characteristics curve will be extrapolated, allowing the sensor to continue to be used (but with limited accuracy).

When setup of the temperature sensor is complete:

The channel summary will indicate the current settings (a pressure channel reading temperature).

An IDT app hardware test of the temperature sensor will indicate the measured temperature in a way similar to that shown opposite.

(i.e., The IDT app will show a multi-purpose “Pressure” channel which is configured to measure from a temperature sensor).

Current Value: -47 (28.03 °C)

Calibration Values		
Set Point		Set Raw
0 °C	SET →	-104
30 °C	SET →	-43
+		

7 Pressure1 - Temperature (°C)  
Multiplier: 1 - Average

2 Pressure1 130.00 °C

## 14.5 4-20mA INTERFACE (CURRENT RANGE) (GROUP 2 & 3 LOGGERS)

The 4-20mA interface types are used with sensors that communicate sensor values by means of a d.c. output current, in the 4mA to 20mA range.

Calibration of the logger to use the sensor can be considered as a 2-stage process:

- Calibration of the logger interface to accurately read the input current over the required range.  
This is referred to as ‘calibration of the interface to use the **Base** unit of measure’, which in this instance is ‘current’.  
(This is described in this section.)
- Setup of the logger to accurately interpret the significance of the sensor current, using a unit of measure relevant to the sensor. (This is described in section 12.12. Refer also to the sensor datasheet).

To proceed, first navigate to the channel configuration page.

During this initial stage, it is possibly unknown as to what type of sensor will be attached, so 'Sensor Type', 'Recording Unit', and 'Value at 4mA', 'Value at 20mA' fields do not need to be completed or can be left at default.

Depending on previous settings, or your logger defaults, the setup fields of the screen may be different. (See opposite.)

For either screen content, save the partially completed channel settings. Then select the ADVANCED tab.

(If warned, then save the settings).

(Any "Units not set" warning is for information only.)

Tap on the "Sensor Calibration" line.

The screenshot shows the channel configuration page with the BASIC tab selected. The user level is set to Advanced. The fields are: Input Sensor (4-20mA4), Sensor Type, Value at 4mA (84), Value at 20mA (404), Recording Unit, and Logging Mode.

BASIC	ADVANCED	TRIGGERS (0)
User level: Advanced		
Input Sensor		4-20mA4
Sensor Type		
Value at 4mA		84
Value at 20mA		404
Recording Unit		
Logging Mode		

The screenshot shows the channel configuration page with the ADVANCED tab selected. The user level is set to Advanced. The fields are: Input Sensor (4-20mA1), Sensor Type, Input Multiplier (0.001), Offset (0), Recording Unit, and Logging Mode.

Input Sensor	4-20mA1
Sensor Type	
Input Multiplier	0.001
Offset	0
Recording Unit	
Logging Mode	

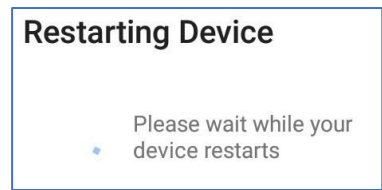
**Warning**  
Unsaved channel settings detected. What would you like to do with these changes?  
IGNORE SAVE

**Units not set**  
Warning: you have not set any units for this channel  
OK

The screenshot shows the channel configuration page with the ADVANCED tab selected. The user level is set to Advanced. The fields are: Sensor Zero Value (Tap to Re-Zero) (0) and Sensor Calibration (2 calibration values set). The Sensor Calibration field is highlighted with a dashed orange box.

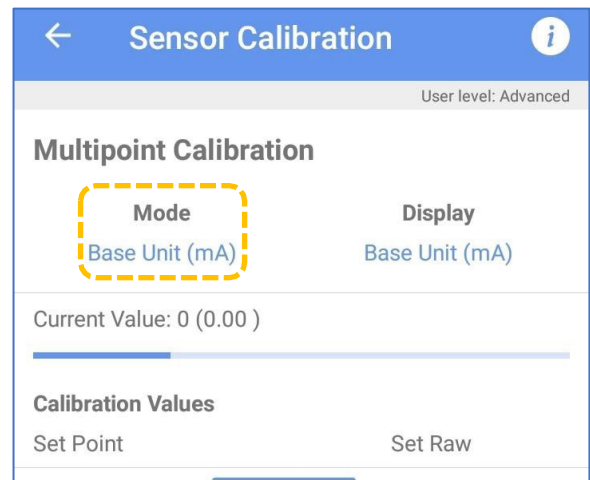
BASIC	ADVANCED	TRIGGERS (0)
User level: Advanced		
Sensor Zero Value (Tap to Re-Zero)		0
Sensor Calibration		2 calibration values set

The IDT app will save the settings.  
 The logger may also have to restart (to begin a new recording).



Ensure the Mode is set to "Base Unit mA".

(Adjust if required; select "mA", and not "Custom").



Similarly, set the Display unit to "Base Unit (mA)".

Ensure the following set-points are available:

0mA, 4mA, 20mA.

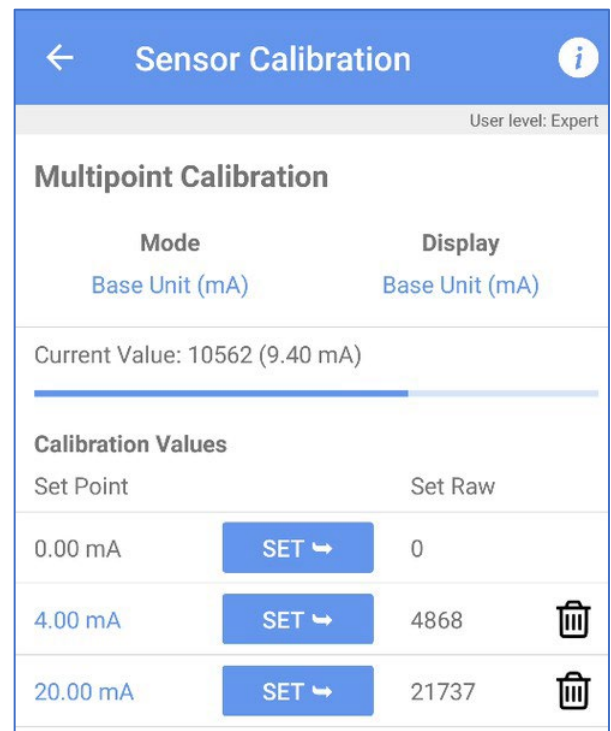
(Tap the + symbol to add new lines to the table if needed)

(Tap on the values in the "Set Point" column to edit the current values).

Apply a precise input current of 0mA, 4mA and 20mA.

At each of the currents, monitor the live reading in the 'current value' until it stabilizes. Then tap the relevant 'Set' button. This will save the current A to D value into the table.

(Repeat for each of the reference currents).



When the table has been completed, tap on the 'Save' button, then back-arrow icon. Calibration of the 4-20 mA input interface to use current 'Base Unit (mA)' is now complete.

Note: Channel setup will not be complete until the logger channel is set up to accurately interpret sensor output. The additional settings are sensor dependent, and found in the channel setup Basic tab.

## 14.6 0-1V & 0-10V INTERFACES (VOLTAGE RANGE) (GROUP 2 & 3 LOGGERS)

The 0-1V and 0-10V interface types are used with sensors that communicate sensor values by means of a d.c. output voltage (in the 0-1V or 0-10V range).

Calibration of the logger to use the sensor can be considered as a 2-stage process:

- Calibration of the logger interface to accurately read the input voltage over the required range.  
This is referred to as 'calibration of the interface to use the **Base** unit of measure', which in this instance is 'voltage'.  
(This is described in this section.)
- Setup of the logger to accurately interpret the significance of the sensor voltage, using a unit of measure relevant to the sensor. (This is described in section 12.13. Refer also to the sensor datasheet).




To proceed, first navigate to the channel configuration page.

During this initial stage, it is possibly unknown as to what type of sensor will be attached, so 'Sensor Type', 'Recording Unit', and 'Value at 0V', 'Value at 1V/10V' fields do not need to be completed or can be left at default.

Depending on previous settings or your logger defaults, the setup fields of the screen may be different. (See opposite.)

For either screen content, save the partially completed channel settings.

Then select the ADVANCED tab.

  		
BASIC	ADVANCED	TRIGGERS (0)
User level: Advanced		
Input Sensor		0-1V 1
Sensor Type		
Value at 0V		0
Value at 1V		0.001
Recording Unit		
Logging Mode		

Input Sensor	0-1V 1
Sensor Type	
Input Multiplier	0.001
Offset	0
Recording Unit	
Logging Mode	

(If warned, then save the settings).

(Any “Units not set” warning is for information only.)

**Warning**  
 Unsaved channel settings detected. What would you like to do with these changes?

IGNORE SAVE

**Units not set**  
 Warning: you have not set any units for this channel

OK

Tap on the “Sensor Calibration” line.

The IDT app will save the settings. The logger may also have to restart (to begin a new recording).

**Restarting Device**

Please wait while your device restarts

Ensure the Mode is set to “Base Unit (V)”.

(Adjust if required; select “V”, and not “Custom”).

**Mode**

V

Custom

Similarly, set the Display unit to “Base Unit (V)”.

Ensure the following set-points are available:

0V, 1V (or 0V, 10V for the 0-10V input range).

(Tap on the values in the “Set Point” column to edit the voltage values.)

Apply an input of precisely 0V and 1V (for a 0-1V channel) or precisely 0V and 10V (for a 0-10V channel).

**Multi-point Calibration**

Mode	Display
Base Unit (V)	Base Unit (V)

Current Value: 7841 (0.498 V)

**Calibration Values**

Set Point	Set Raw
0 V	48
1 V	15703

At each of the voltages, monitor the live reading in the 'current value' until it stabilizes. Then tap the relevant 'Set' button. This will save the current A to D value into the table. (Repeat for each of the reference voltages).

When the table has been completed, tap on the Save button, then back-arrow icon. Calibration of the voltage input interface to use voltage 'Base Unit (V)' is now complete.

Note: Channel setup will not be complete until the logger channel is set up to accurately interpret sensor output. The additional settings are sensor dependent, and found in the channel setup Basic tab.

### 14.7 SENSOR - DIRECT / SINGLE-STAGE CALIBRATION (‘GROUP 3’ LOGGERS, 0-1V / 4-20mA INTERFACE)

For sensors using a 0-1V or 0-10V input, an alternative calibration method is available. This is by making use of the 'Custom' unit of measure when calibrating the logger / sensor pair. The same method is also available for sensors using a 4-20mA input.

When the standard (base unit) calibration method is used, the sensor information requires two conversion steps. First, the binary (output from the logger electronics; from an A/D converter) gets interpreted as a voltage (or current) value. Then the voltage (or current) value is interpreted into the sensor measurement value. Calibration using a 'Custom' unit of measure can interpret the sensor result in a single conversion step. It is also useful if the sensor characteristics (e.g., The values at min and max voltage/current) are unknown. The calibration method does, however, have a disadvantage; The interface will require re-calibration if the sensor is ever replaced.

To use the direct calibration method, proceed as follows:

From the channel setup screen, select the 'Basic' tab. First ensure the 'Sensor Type' and then the 'Recording Unit' fields have suitable selections for the measurement parameter.

(An example is shown opposite, for a temperature sensor which has a 0-1V output range. Similar settings exist for the other signaling methods).

Then select the 'Advanced' tab and then tap on the 'Sensor Calibration' line.

Ensure that the 'Mode' field is set to 'Custom'.

Ensure the 'Display' field is set to 'Channel Unit with Multiplier & Offset'.

Input Sensor	0-1V 1
Sensor Type	Temperature
Value at 0V	0 °C
Value at 1V	0.001 °C
Recording Unit	°C

← Sensor Calibration i

User level: Advanced

Multi-point Calibration

Mode

Custom

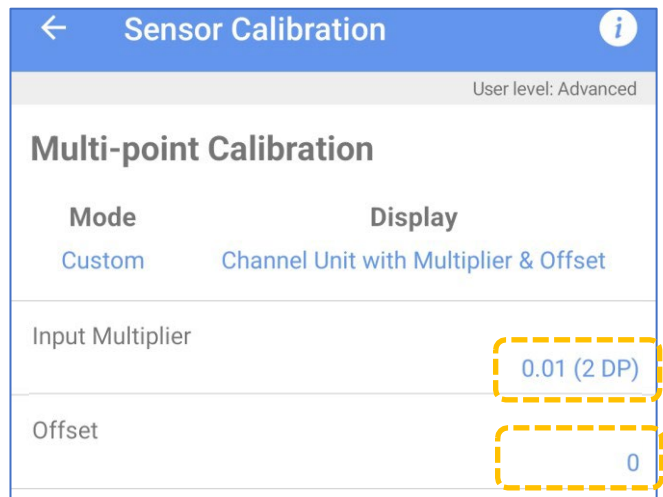
Display

Channel Unit with Multiplier & Offset



Edit the Offset (if required); It should be set to read '0'.

Edit the Input Multiplier (if required); Refer to section 14.1

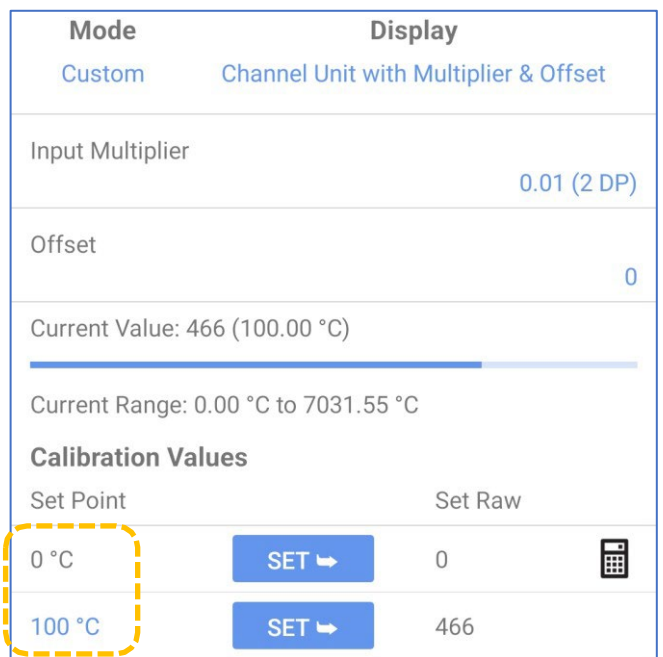


Tap on the 'Set Point' value of each line and add an appropriate reference point.

(e.g., 0 deg C for sensor calibration in iced water.  
100 deg C for calibration in boiling water).

Place the sensor where it will experience each of the reference values.

Allow the sensor readings (shown in the 'current value' line to settle. Then tap on the 'Set' button.

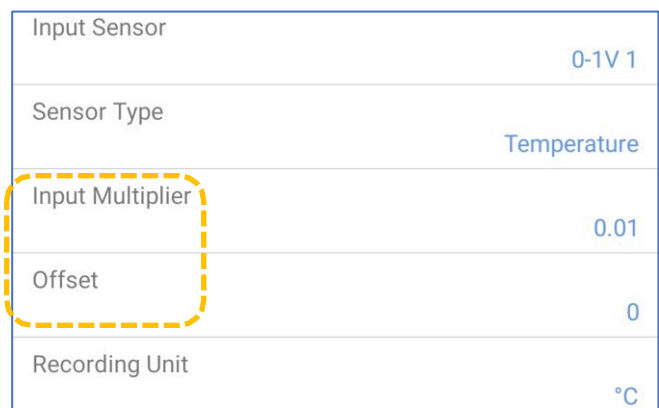


When finished, tap on 'Save' to save the calibration settings.

Calibration is now complete.

**Note:** When using the 'custom' unit of measure, set up as above, the 'Value at 0V' and 'Value at 1V' fields disappear, and are replaced with the 'Input multiplier' and 'Offset' fields.

Similar changes happen with the other signaling types.



## 15 APPENDIX B - IDT - OPERATION DIFFERENCES

The IDT app adapts the content of its screen options based on many factors:

- IDT User level.
- Use of IDT with or without login to the server.
- Type of logger (logger family).
- Interfaces available for use (unconfigured and configured).
- Sensor attached or missing (applies to certain sensors only).
- Previously entered setting choices.
- Device security settings.

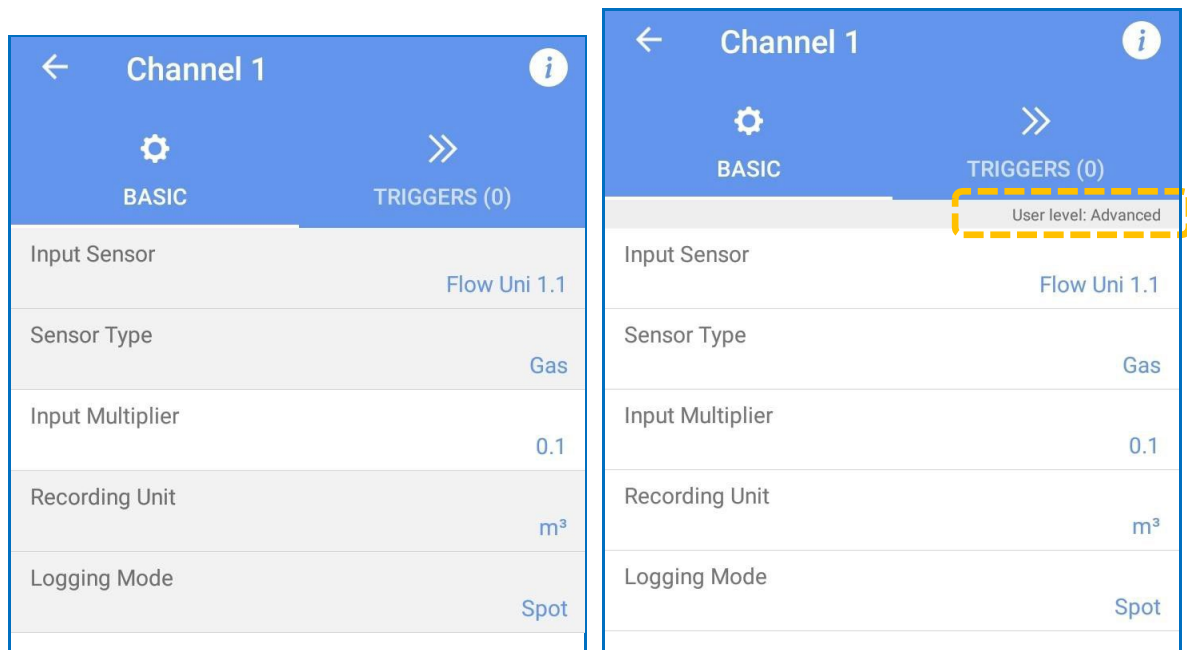
This section describes how this may sometimes affect the operation of IDT.

The description is not exhaustive but indicate typical issues which may arise due to circumstance of IDT use.

### 15.1 RESTRICTIONS OF IDT BASIC MODE

When operating IDT in BASIC mode, some features are restricted.

e.g. The ability to modify channel settings is restricted in BASIC mode (greyed-out), but available in Advanced mode. (See below for an example).

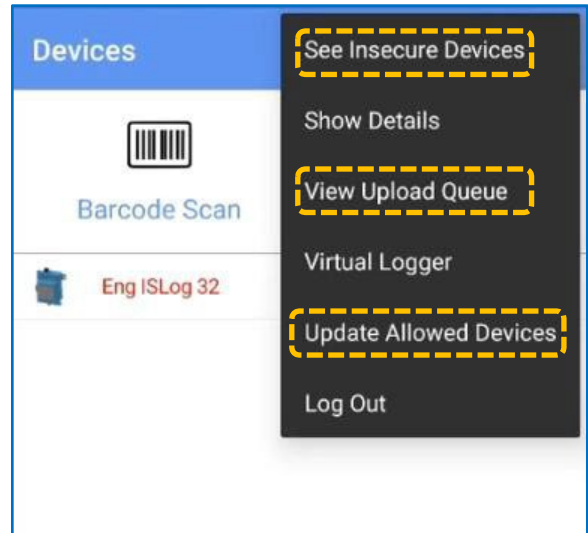


## 15.2 USE OF IDT WITH DATAGATE VS WITHOUT DATAGATE

Certain menus adapt to whether IDT is being used with or without the DataGate server.

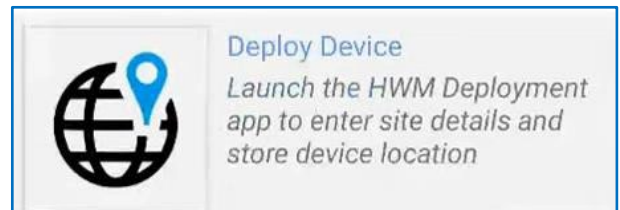
Since DataGate is a player in the security of logger settings, the options to update allowed devices and see unprotected devices is removed when IDT is not used with DataGate.

Similarly, IDT will make no attempt to queue data for upload since it has nowhere to send the data from the phone device.



The main screen does not show the “Deploy Device” option.

It is not possible to deploy the device using the same credentials as was used to log the IDT app into DataGate; you have not provided credentials as you have not logged in.



## 15.3 USE OF IDT WITH A VIRTUAL LOGGER

When IDT is used for inspecting the settings of a virtual logger (loaded from a logger settings file) it is read-only access. (See section 11.5)

IDT is not connected to any real device and has no facility to update either a real device or the settings file.



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