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**Delta-T Devices** 

The GP2 is a powerful, weatherproof, research grade data logger with unique features for recording and controlling field experiments

## • 12 differential channels

- High performance microvolt sensitivity
- Easy set up
- Flexible configuration
- Versatile communication options

## GP2 Data Logger and Controller



### WS-GP2 Weather Station

- Unattended weather recording at remote and exposed sites
- Wide choice of sensors
- Cellular modem communications
- Calculates full Penman-Monteith ET equation

#### WS-GP2 Weather Station Data Sheet available at www.delta-t.co.uk

## Advanced capabilities

- Flexible control outputs
- Excellent analog accuracy
- Powerful Script Editor
- Virtual channels

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- Unique program Simulator
- Data visualisation



## The GP2 Data Logger

The GP2 provides a versatile solution for both simple and complex recording and control applications. For many applications the GP2 is quicker and simpler to set up and install than competitive systems, while still providing full access to a rich set of advanced features.

The relay outputs can control experiments and applications with exceptional sophistication using the Script Editor. The GP2 has unique reliability built on Delta-T's 25 years' experience in designing and manufacturing data loggers.

## Ease of use

Simple point and click software makes it easy to configure channel set-up and recording intervals. The menus that support the advanced customisation options can be displayed or hidden as required.

Sensor connections are laid out logically with clear, easy-to-follow diagrams and notes.

The GP2's weatherproof case, battery power and convenient accessories make it very easy to install in the field – often without the need for a secondary enclosure.

## Sensors

- 12 differential (or 24 single-ended) analog inputs configurable as:
  - Voltage
  - Resistance (2-wire or 3-wire)
  - Bridge
  - Potentiometer
  - Thermistor (3-wire)
- 4 digital inputs as:
  - Counters, 2 fast + 2 slow
  - Frequency
  - Digital state
- 1 Delta-T WET sensor channel
- Unlimited virtual channels





## Flexibility and customisation

The GP2's analog inputs can be fully customised. Each channel can have its own input type and recording parameters. DeltaLINK software gives the user control over reading frequency, thresholds and units, and provides recording options for average, min and max, plus specialised wind options - including wind rose, gusts and wind averaging

Users can add their own custom sensor types to the sensor library, exploiting the GP2's detailed configuration options. The GP2 provides 4 input ranges down to microvolt resolution with adaptive auto-ranging, excellent analog accuracy, and configurable sensor excitation - enabling it to support nearly all analog sensors.

Calculations based on the measurements from several input channels can be recorded and displayed as additional virtual channels (calculated measurements).

## Control

Control conditions for experiments and applications can range from simple thresholding to sophisticated calculations using the Script Editor (e.g. irrigation control, PID control, seasonality etc.). Control parameters (e.g. target soil moisture level) can be adjusted throughout an experiment without interrupting data logging. See "Advanced features" on page opposite for further details.

## Dependable quality

The GP2 is a research grade data logger, designed and manufactured to be rugged, sealed and completely dependable. Its program editor has built-in error checking, and enables the full logger configuration (including advanced features) to be road-tested before activation. Sensor integrity, set-up and connections can also be checked before or during logging by viewing real-time measurements. Fault tolerance is provided by intelligent statistics (rejecting erroneous sensor measurements), and safety conditions (upper and lower limits on active and rest periods). The relay outputs can be configured as intelligent alarm outputs, and LEDs on the front panel provide a quick visual reassurance that logging is proceeding ok.

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## Expansion

An expansion lid is available with additional cable entry points and configurations or wider diameter cable entry glands.

The number of programmable control relay outputs can be increased from 2 to 6 using the optional Relay Expansion Module. Up to 7 GP2 Data Loggers can be networked to create complex monitoring and control systems.

## Storage, communication & power

4 MB of FLASH memory enable storage of 2.5 million readings (typical). Data can be collected by laptop locally via USB/RS232 or remotely using the cellular modem options.

The GP2 has 6 alkaline AA internal batteries as standard. An optional mains power adapter is available (type GP2-PSU). Up to 7 GP2s can share power and communications using an M12 cabling network (see Ordering Information below),

For external battery power options please enquire at sales@delta-t.co.uk





### **Ordering Information**

#### GP2 Data Logger

Advanced data logger and controller with 12 analog, 4 event, and 2 relay channels, plus 1 WET Sensor channel. Includes DeltaLINK PC Software, USB cable and Quick Start Guide.

#### Expansion Lid with 5 cable glands type GP2-G5-LID

GP2 lid with 5 general purpose cable glands. Each gland accepts either a single cable of 3 mm to 10 mm diam, or 2 cables of 4.5 mm to 3 mm diam (using gland insert).

A GP2-G5-LID is required if 10 or more cables are connected to the GP2 Data Logger (cannot be used if logger is fitted into M-ENCL-B2).

#### Relay Expansion Module type GP2-RLY

Provides 4 extra relay outputs. Increases number of relay channels from 2 to 6.

#### GP2 Network Power Cable type GP2-NPC

For use with GP2-NTP Network T-Piece. Connects to EXT/5W-xx cables to provide power and communications to one or more GP2 Data Loggers.

## **Advanced features**

The GP2 is a flexible and powerful research and control tool - enabling model implementation, simulation and evaluation. The new Script Editor is easy to use, yet allows the creation of complex functions such as disease prediction, degree days, dew point, wind chill factor, PID control, and evapotranspiration calculation and analysis.

#### **Script Editor**

This powerful software feature creates step by step operations to control simple or complex processes or recording requirements. The degree of sophistication it offers means the potential applications are numerous and varied. The editor interface is easy to use – no programming language is involved.

- Creates sequences of operations to implement models
- Advanced control and recording capabilities
   Easy user interface: no typing out of commands; no
- Implement simple or complex conditions algebraic
- Implement simple or complex conditions, algebraic expressions and record result values

### **Virtual Channels**

Data can be processed to obtain max, min, sum etc. and the results logged to a virtual channel. Calculations can be made using any channel combination. Calculated measurements also allow implementation of custom formula - including trig function, normal math function and more.

#### Simulator

This unique software feature allows logging programs to be tested before real-world activation. For applications involving weather data, irrigation or soil moisture recording, the environmental variables can be changed to test how the program responds. Years of logging time can be simulated in just a few minutes.

- Implement simple or complex conditions, algebraic expressions and record result values
- Create and manipulate variables e.g. for disease risk factor

#### Network T-Piece type GP2-NTP

Enables GP2 Data Logger to use M12 network cabling. Connects to EXT/5W-xx M12 cables and to GP2-USB cable.

GP2-PSU Mains Power Supply for GP2 and GP1 Data Loggers

Input: 100 – 240 V AC 60 – 60 Hz. Output: 2.5 A, 12 V via screw terminals. Must be protected from weather. Suitable for powering GP2 directly, or via GP2-NPC Network Power Cable. Requires correct IEC mains lead, type PC-UK, PC-EU, PC-US, PC-IN or PC-CN. (Please note: for GP1 Data Logger, also requires GP1-RSP-M8 cable.)

Mains lead, national plug to IEC connector types PC-UK, PC-EU, PC-US, PC-IN, PC-CN Connects to GP2-PSU and LBC4.

#### Service Pack type GP2-SER

Contains battery holder, cable gland bungs and a selection of other spares.

**Universal Mounting Kit type DL-MKT** Suitable for GP1, GP2 and DL6.

Modems in weatherproof enclosures are available.

Delta-T offers a range of weather stations, including systems based on the GP2 Data Logger. Please visit www.delta-t.co.uk for details.

# The GP2 Data Logger is SDI-12 enabled

The GP2 Data Logger supports SDI-12 sensors. Since March 2016 all GP2s have SDI-12 as standard, and earlier GP2s can be easily updated via a software download at www.delta-t.co.uk

- Huge additional input capacity for SDI-12 sensors
- Existing analog and digital channels fully available
- Highly flexible logger + sensor networks
- Free of charge upgrade comes as standard with new GP2s

## Ease of Use

- Seamless integration into GP2 Program Editor, facilitating construction of sophisticated calculations and other operations from SDI-12 measurements
- Unusually easy point and click configuration; firmware handles scheduling and issuing commands
- Real time, on-demand readings for diagnostics and reassurance

## **Program Editor**

DeltaLINK 3.2 seamlessly integrates SDI-12 functionality into the GP2 Program Editor.

After entering the SDI-12 address and other SDI-12 measurement details, each measurement can feature in Recordings, Custom Formulas, Conditions and Scripts – in exactly the same manner as conventional analog and digital measurements, and without further reference to SDI-12 commands or measurement timings.

#### Free Upgrade – Further Information

GP2s supplied before March 2016 were not SDI-12 enabled.

The GP2 logger is already fitted with SDI-12 capable hardware, so the firmware upgrade can be retrospectively applied to all existing GP2 loggers without hardware modification.

To upgrade to SDI-12 simply install the latest version of DeltaLINK software (incorporating SDI-12 firmware upgrade). It is available to download free of charge from the Delta-T website – www.delta-t.co.uk.



## Scheduling

The GP2 firmware takes care of scheduling (including power switching) and issuing the necessary commands to ensure that results are available for the program to process when required. DeltaLINK's 'Read Now' feature provides additional on-demand readings, in real time, for commissioning and diagnostic use - and for reassurance that an installation is functioning as intended.

## **Sensor Library**

An SDI-12 sensor library containing SDI-12 sensor configurations and installation notes for widely used SDI-12 sensors is available for download from www.delta-t.co.uk. When imported into DeltaLINK, ready-configured SDI-12 measurements can be easily added to a program with a single point and click menu selection. The SDI-12 library will be continuously updated - please enquire or submit a request if a sensor of interest is not listed. Users who wish to utilise the full flexibility of SDI-12 devices can generically configure each SDI-12 measurement parameter. An SDI-12 Transparent Mode terminal is provided for directly issuing SDI-12 commands - as required for setting the SDI-12 address, and also for advanced configuration operations such as using SDI-12 extended commands.

## **Cables and Connectors**

A field-attachable connector for SDI-12 interconnects with the rugged Delta-T M12 5-way sensor/RS232 cabling system. The interchangeable extension cables and Tconnectors allow an SDI-12 bus to be easily assembled - and also disassembled when diagnosing the cause of SDI-12 bus operation faults. GP2 SDI-12 is compliant with SDI-12 Specification Version 1.3.

The GP2 provides a regulated +12 V, 0.5 A supply, which is switched to optimise power consumption.

## **SDI-12 Profile Probes**

The PR2 SDI-12 is a new digital alternative to the well-established analogue PR2 Profile Probe. It shares the many strengths of the analogue PR2 soil moisture probe, but with the addition of SDI-12 compatibility – allowing integration into new and existing SDI-12 systems.

The GP2 is the natural choice of data logger for the PR2 SDI-12. Up to 50 SDI-12 Profile Probes can be connected to a single GP2 SDI-12 Data Logger (subject to cable length and power requirements).





## DeltaLINK-Cloud www.deltalink-cloud.com



# Cloud-based data sharing platform

DeltaLINK-Cloud is a sophisticated and secure online data viewing, management and sharing platform for Delta-T Devices data loggers.

Connect and upload, then monitor, organise and share your sensor data with ease. Live data can be viewed remotely on mobile devices via animated dashboards.

- Remote data monitoring on mobile devices
- Animated live data dashboard graphics
- Easy data sharing for collaborative projects
- Powerful charting and reporting features
- Smart SIM card provided for easy set-up
- Secure and encrypted
- Remote management of multiple sites
- Multi-language (En, Fr, De, Es, 中文)

## **DeltaLINK-Cloud Dashboards**

Display selected data using simple graphical devices known as widgets. With dashboards, you can control the type, colour and position of widgets, ensuring that critical data is displayed clearly and with maximum impact.

These high quality data visualisations transform the ability of teams to identify and respond to trends or incidents, such as a threshold being exceeded. Dashboards are quickly linked to relevant data sources and can be viewed remotely on smart devices, enabling users to view and share real-time sensor data on-screen.





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CASE STUDY

Precision Irrigation experiments and commercial crop trials

In early 2012 world-renowned horticultural research institute **East Malling Research (EMR)** identified a requirement for a sophisticated and reliable Data Logger and Controller - for application in a number of challenging long-term research and commercial trial projects. The projects are on-going and focus on the cultivation of substrate-grown soft fruit crops, and the effects that precision automated irrigation treatments have on marketable yields and quality of fresh produce.

EMR selected the GP2 Data Logger and Controller (in combination with volumetric water content sensors) as an ideal technical solution to support the research. Mike Davies, a Principal Scientific Assistant at EMR, explains a key benefit of the GP2 which was central to their decision to use the logger:

"A major advantage of the GP2 Data Logger is that up to 12 moisture sensors can be monitored concurrently. This enables us to easily position multiple sensors in strategic locations across the cropping area - to help account for the inherent variability in soft fruit growing systems."

Another advantage of the GP2 is that it provides an easily accessible way for users to create scripts for implementing models and systems. This enables the East Malling team to quickly create custom rules to control each experiment, and they are able to define their own algorithms and formulas without the need for specialist programming skills. In addition, the team are able to utilise a unique feature of the GP2 Data Logger – real time adjustment of threshold values, *whilst* the logging/control program is running.

Mike Davies explains further:

"Throughout the experiments, individual values from the sensors are averaged using the GP2 script function, so that irrigation events are triggered once a user defined threshold is reached.

We create the upper and lower thresholds for irrigation events as a script in the GP2 logger - and these can then be easily changed, without stopping the program. This means that we can adjust the frequency and duration of irrigation events (on-the-fly) to account for changes in environmental conditions or different crop developmental stages – an invaluable feature."

Another key aspect of the GP2 Data Logger which is central to the



Mike Davies, Science Project Leader at East Malling Research, accessing project data from a GP2 Logger.

research experiments and field trials relates to its advanced communications capability.

"A great advantage of the GP2 is that the logger can be accessed remotely, via the Delta-T GPRS system." says Mike,

"This allows us to view both real time sensor readings and the stored data set. It's a very useful feature that allows us to monitor substrate volumetric moisture contents, to check that irrigation events have been applied and to identify any issues with readings from individual sensors.

The GPRS system also allows us to make changes to the loggers remotely, such as changing the threshold values that trigger irrigation, or changing the programme within the logger."

It's clear that the important on-going experiments and trials at EMR and associated farms have been well served by the GP2 Data Logger and controller. Mike Davies concludes that:

"In collaboration with Delta-T and other industry partners, we are continuing to develop the GP2-based precision control of irrigation and fertigation of substrate-grown soft fruit crops, and other potted protected edible crops. The aim of this research is to improve resource use efficiency, marketable yields, shelf life, and consistency of quality of fresh produce."

## Calculation of full ASCE/FAO 56 Penman-Monteith evapotranspiration equation

The GP2 Data Logger and DeltaLINK software (versions 3.7 and later), in combination with relevant sensors, enables the full ASCE/FAO-56 Penman-Monteith equation for calculating reference evapotranspiration (ETo).

ETo is calculated by the GP2 Data Logger using the available measurements of relative humidity, wind speed, solar radiation, and air temperature. This ET implementation includes the ability to vary crop albedo/LAI, canopy resistances, crop height and sensor heights.

The functionality can be easily accessed by users as a selectable recording option within DeltaLINK. Calculated ET can be recorded as hourly and daily values – and may be used in further bespoke calculations or to guide field irrigation decisions.







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## **GP2** Data Logger

## **Specifications**

#### **Analog Channels**

12 differential inputs, configurable as a combination of:
Differential voltage channels (12 max)

- Single-ended voltages (common ground, 24 max) 2-wire resistances (24 max)
- 3 wire resistances (12 max)
- Bridge & potentiometric sensors (12 max) Temperature sensors (12 max, 2-wire thermistors 24 max)

#### **Temperature sensors**

- Thermistors (types 2k and 10k)
- Thermocouples (types J, K and T)

#### **Digital Channels**

- 4 digital inputs configurable as a combination of:
- Fast counters or frequency (30 kHz, 2 max)
- Slow counters or frequency (100 Hz, 2 max)
  Digital state (logic level / open collector / switch closure, 4 max)

#### Serial Input Channel

62 SDI-12 sensors or a single WET Sensor

#### Input protection

All input terminals protected to ± 15 V DC or 24 V AC continuous, including battery reverse polarity.

#### Sensor excitation

Calibrated 3 V reference, +5 V and +12 V stabilised or 5 to 10.5 V (battery or external power), user selectable.

#### Recording options

Individual readings, statistics, total, integral, wind direction, vector average, gust, wind roses, conditional recording. Readings converted into engineering units using look-up tables, polynomial or linear conversion.

#### **Recording rate**

1 second to > 24hrs, independently programmable for each channel. Sampling rate typically > 16 channels per second.

#### **Calculated measurements**

Unlimited user-configured virtual channels calculated from measurements using algebraic and trigonometric functions.

Reading storage 4 MB of FLASH memory storing 2.5 million readings (typical), exported as text file with caching for large datasets.

Analog Channels	Input Ranges	Accuracy		Noise	Notes
		GP2 at 25°C	-20 to +60°C		
Voltage					
Differential or Single-ended*	± 23m V **	0.022% + 12 μV	0.08% + 27 μV	2.0 μV	<ul> <li>* Single-ended voltage measurements are susceptible to additional offset errors due to current flowing in the signal ground.</li> <li>** Selectable adaptive auto-ranging / fixed range.</li> </ul>
	± 185 mV	0.009% + 22 μV	0.07% + 38 μV	2.5 μV	
	-1.4 to +1.5 V	0.005% + 115 μV	0.04% + 150 μV		
	-0.17 to +2.7 V	0.005% + 115 μν	0.04% + 150 μν	25 μV	
Thermocouple	0 to 70°C	0.39°C	0.79°C	0.05°C	Cold junction temperature is measured at isothermal terminals, response < 0.1°C / °C/hour
Bridge sensors	± 7.5 mV/V***	0.05% + 15 μV/V	0.09% + 37 μV/V	1.5 μV/V	*** mV per 1 V excitation
	± 62 mV/V	0.04% + 24 μV/V	0.08% + 48 μV/V	2 μV/V	
Potentiometer	0 to 1	0.036% + 0.00015	0.057% + 0.00017	0.00002	Ratiometric
Resistance					
3-wire	1kΩ	0.1% + 0.4Ω	0.21% + 0.4Ω	0.15Ω	
	9kΩ	0.07% + 0.9Ω	0.19% + 1Ω	0.2Ω	
	135kΩ	0.05% + 6Ω	0.14% + 7Ω	1.0Ω	
2-wire	9kΩ	0.06% + 12Ω	0.16% + 18Ω	0.2Ω	
	135kΩ	0.05% + 17Ω	0.11% + 23Ω	1.0Ω	
Thermistor	2k, -20 to +60°C	0.05°C	0.08°C	< 0.01°C	3-wire resistance measurements
	10k, -20 to +60°C	0.04°C	0.09°C	< 0.01°C	

Long term stability ±0.02% worst case over 1 year. Noise figures quoted are rms values. Input impedance 0.8 to 3.8GΩ.

#### Control

2 Relay outputs expandable to 6 with Relay Expansion Module

 Latching SPST relays rated 1 A, 24 V AC 32 V DC for powering sensors, controlling external equipment or providing alarms.

#### Software

DeltaLINK 3.0 provides full GP2 status display, program editor with detailed context-sensitive help, data download and chart/table display, real-time sensor readings, integrated Script Editor and program simulator, video tutorials - supplied free and available for download - try it now at www.delta-t.co.uk

Sensor library standard library includes all supplied sensors, extensible to custom types with built-in editor.

Relay control relay switching controlled by simple thresholds, complex condition expressions or fully customisable scripts evaluated at defined repeat rates, or at digital events or manually. Control parameters and targets can be optionally configured as program settings and adjusted without interrupting logging.

Simulator check complex programs, control scripts and recording formats before logging deployment using realistic measurement simulations, available for all standard sensor library types except SDI-12. Common mode range +3 V to -2.5 V. Common mode rejection ratio > 70 dB.

For more detailed accuracy specifications, see the User Manual

#### Hardware and System

Internal power 6x AA alkaline cells, typically sufficient for 300k readings.

External power 10 to 15 V DC, 2 A via screw terminals or network cabling.

Sleep current < 60 µA typical + 30 µA for each digital input held low.

Wake current < 10 mA + any current supplied to sensors.

Expansion Lid with 5 cable glands type GP2-G5-LID

GP2 lid with 5 general purpose cable glands.

Each gland accepts either a single cable of 3 mm to 10 mm diam, or 2 cables of 4.5 mm to 3 the main accepted the single called a single c

Communications SDI-12, RS-232 serial, 115.2 kBaud. USB adaptor cable included

Networking Up to 7 GP2s on 100 m of network cabling.

Environmental Operating temperature -20 to +60°C, weatherproof case. (IP65) with desiccant and humidity indicator.

EMC conformity Tested to comply with EN 50081-1 and EN-50082-1 (1992) harmonised emissions and immunity standards.

Size/Weight 225 x 185 x 75 mm / 1.0 kg (base configuration).



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