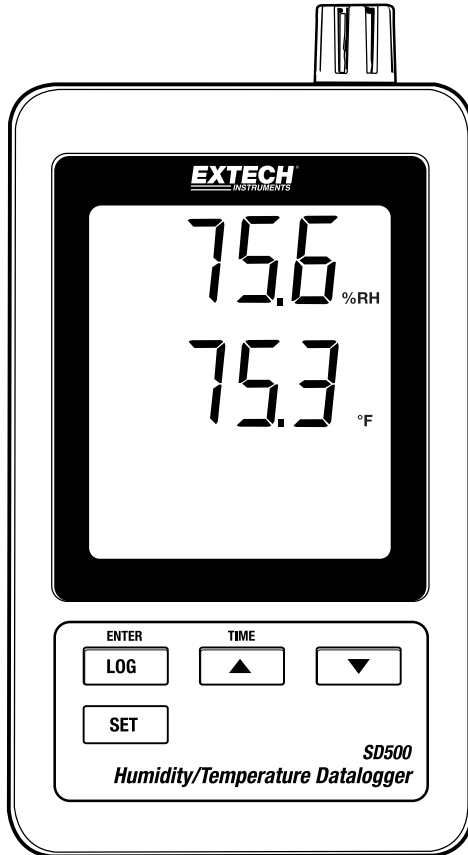




# Datalogging Hygro-Thermometer

Model SD500



## ***Introduction***

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Congratulations on your purchase of the Extech SD500 Temperature/Humidity Datalogger. This meter measures, displays, and stores temperature and relative humidity readings. Data is stored on a SD card for transfer to a PC. This meter is shipped fully tested and calibrated and, with proper use, will provide years of reliable service. Please visit the Extech Instruments website ([www.extech.com](http://www.extech.com)) to check for the latest version of this User Guide. Extech Instruments is an ISO-9001 certified company.

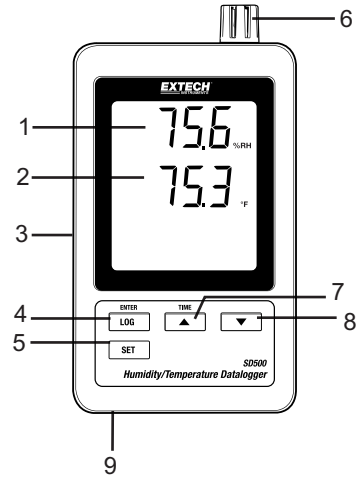
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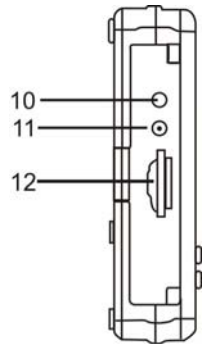
- LCD simultaneously displays Temperature and Relative Humidity
- Datalogger date/time stamps and stores readings on an SD card in Excel® format for easy transfer to a PC
- RS-232 PC interface jack
- Selectable data sampling rate: 5, 10, 30, 60, 120, 300, 600 seconds
- Long battery life or AC adaptor

## Product Description

1. Humidity Display
2. Temperature Display
3. Side Compartment
4. LOG (ENTER) button
5. SET button
6. Sensors
7. ▲(TIME) button
8. ▼ button
9. AC adaptor socket



10. Reset button
11. RS-232 output
12. SD memory card socket




Note: Battery Compartment and Tilt Stand are located on the back of the meter.

# Operation

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## Battery Warning, Installation and Replacement

1. When the  low battery icon appears in the display the batteries are weak and should be replaced. However, in-spec. measurements may still be made for several hours after low battery indicator appears before the instrument becomes inaccurate.
2. To replace or install batteries, remove the Philips head screw that secures the rear battery cover and lift off the cover.
3. Replace the six AAA batteries (use alkaline heavy duty type), observing polarity.
4. Replace and secure the cover.

## Datalogging

1. Open the left side door and insert a formatted SD card  
**Note:** The SD card should be at least 1GB in capacity  
**Note:** Do not use memory cards formatted by other meters or cameras. Use the SD card formatting procedure under the advanced features section of this manual to correctly format the card  
**Note:** The internal clock must be set to the correct time. See the advanced features section of this manual to set the clock.  
**Note:** The default data structure uses a decimal point "." as the numeric decimal indicator. See the advanced features section of this manual to change this to a comma ",".  
**Note:** If the SD memory card is not installed, "EMPTY" will appear in the display  
**Note:** Displayed error messages:

CH-  
CArd

The memory card is full or there is a problem with the card

LobAt

The battery is low and datalogging is disabled

No  
CArd

The SD card is not inserted

2. Press the LOGGER button for >2 seconds to begin logging. "DATALOGGER" will appear in the display and the meter will beep each time the data is recorded (if the beeper is enabled).
3. To stop datalogging, press the LOGGER button for >2 seconds. "DATALOGGER" will change to "DATA" and the meter will count down through the recorded data.

**NOTE:** To avoid corrupting data, do not remove the memory card without properly ending the record function.

## Time/Date/Sample Rate Check

Press and Hold the TIME button for >2 seconds and the display will cycle through the date, time and sample rate information.

## SD Card Data Structure

1. When the SD card is first inserted into the datalogger the folder HTC01 is created.
2. The first datalogging session will then create a file HTC01001.XLS. All data will be saved to this file until the number of columns reaches 30,000.
3. After 30,000 columns a new file, HTC01002.XLS is created. This is repeated every 30,000 columns until HTC01099.XLS. At this point a new folder, HTC02 is created and the process is repeated. HTC10 is the final folder.

## Transferring Data to a PC

1. Remove the memory card from the datalogger and plug it into the SD card slot on the PC.
2. Launch Excel® and open the data file on the memory card from within the spreadsheet program. The file will appear similar to the figure below.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
1	Position	Date	Time	Ch1_Value	Ch1_Unit	Ch2_Value	Ch2_Unit	
2	1	1/26/2010	14:23:42	35.4	%RH	74.5	DEGREE F	
3	2	1/26/2010	14:40:59	44.2	%RH	74.3	DEGREE F	
4	3	1/26/2010	14:41:00	46.3	%RH	74.4	DEGREE F	
5	4	1/26/2010	14:41:01	47.6	%RH	74.4	DEGREE F	
6	5	1/26/2010	14:41:02	48.7	%RH	74.4	DEGREE F	
7	6	1/26/2010	14:41:08	52.2	%RH	74.4	DEGREE F	
8	7	1/26/2010	14:41:09	51	%RH	74.4	DEGREE F	
9	8	1/26/2010	14:41:15	53.1	%RH	74.4	DEGREE F	
10	9	1/26/2010	14:41:21	54.2	%RH	74.4	DEGREE F	
11	10	1/26/2010	14:41:33	55.7	%RH	74.3	DEGREE F	
12	11	1/26/2010	14:42:00	56.9	%RH	74.4	DEGREE F	
13	12	1/26/2010	14:43:30	58.1	%RH	74.3	DEGREE F	
14	13	1/26/2010	14:48:20	59.3	%RH	74.1	DEGREE F	
15	14	1/26/2010	15:05:50	56.4	%RH	73.7	DEGREE F	
16	15	1/26/2010	15:05:51	53.8	%RH	73.7	DEGREE F	
17	16	1/26/2010	15:05:52	51.8	%RH	73.7	DEGREE F	
18	17	1/26/2010	15:05:53	49.9	%RH	73.7	DEGREE F	
19	18	1/26/2010	15:05:54	48.1	%RH	73.7	DEGREE F	
20	19	1/26/2010	15:06:00	51.2	%RH	73.7	DEGREE F	
21	20	1/26/2010	15:06:06	55	%RH	73.7	DEGREE F	
22	21	1/26/2010	15:06:12	56.9	%RH	73.7	DEGREE F	

## Advanced Settings

The SET function is used to accomplish the following:

- Format the SD memory card
  - Set the date and time
  - Set the sampling time
  - Set the beeper sound ON/OFF
  - Set the SD card Decimal character
  - Select the Temperature units
  - Set the RS232 data output ON/OFF
1. Press and Hold the SET button for >2 seconds to enter the setting mode. The first function (Sd F) will appear in the display. Press the SET button to step through the seven functions. Use the ▲ and ▼ buttons to adjust the selected function. Use the “LOGGER” button to step through fields within a function. In the SET mode, if no button is pressed within 5 seconds the logger will revert to the standard mode.
  2. Sd F – Format the SD card. Press the ▲ button to select yES or no. For yES, press the Enter button. When yES and Ent appear, press the Enter key again to format the card and erase all existing data. The screen will display a flashing yEs and ESC while the memory is being erased and formatted.
  3. dAtE – Set the date and time. Press the ▲ or ▼ buttons to adjust the selected field. Press the Enter button to store the value and to step through the various fields.
  4. SP-t – Set the sample rate. Press the ▲ button to select the desired sample rate and press Enter to store the selection. The selections are: 5, 10, 30, 60, 120, 300, 600 seconds and AUTO. In AUTO, the data will be stored every time there is a value change of >1% RH or >1°C/F.
  5. bEEP - Set the beeper ON or OFF. Press the ▲ button to select ON or OFF and press Enter to store the selection.
  6. dEC - Set the SD card Decimal character. Press the ▲ button to select USA (decimal) or Euro (comma) and press Enter to store the selection.
  7. t-CF - Set the Temp. unit to °F or °C and press Enter to store the selection.
  8. rS232 - Set the RS232 data output ON/OFF. Press the ▲ button to select ON or off and press Enter to store the selection.
  9. ESC – Exit the setting mode. Press the SET button to return to normal operation.

## System RESET

If a condition appears where the CPU does not respond to keystrokes or the meter seems frozen, press the RESET button on the side of the datalogger (use a paper clip or similar pointed object) to return the meter to a working state.

## RS232 Interface

A serial output is provided to link the meter to a PC's serial port. Call Technical Assistance for more information on this interface.

## Specifications

Display	60 x 50 mm (2.4 x 2.0") LCD
Measurement sensors	Temperature: Internal sensor Relative Humidity: Precision capacitance type
Memory Card	SD memory card, 1 GB to 16 GB.
Datalogger Sampling Time	5/10/30/60/120/300/600 seconds or Auto.
Temperature Compensation	Automatic
Display update rate	Approx. 1 second
Data Output	RS 232
Operating Temperature	0 to 50°C (32 to 122°F)
Operating Humidity	Less than 90% RH
Power Supply	Six (6) AAA (UM4) Alkaline or heavy duty 1.5 V batteries or 9V AC adaptor.
Battery life	Dependent on sample rate, for new alkaline batteries and 60 second sampling time, > one month is typical. Fast sample rates will significantly reduce battery life.
Weight	282 g (0.62 lbs.)
Dimensions	132 x 80 x 32mm (5.2 x 3.1 x 1.3")

	Range	Resolution	Accuracy (of reading)
<b>Temperature</b>	0.0 to 50.0 °C	0.1°C	± 0.8°C
	32.0 to 122.0°F	0.1°F	± 1.5°F
<b>Relative Humidity</b>	70 to 90%	0.1%	± (4% of reading + 1% RH)
	10 to 70%	0.1%	± 4% RH

*Note: Above specification tests under the environment RF Field Strength less than 3 V/M & frequency less than 30 MHz only.*



All EU users are legally bound by the Battery Ordinance to return all used batteries to community collection points or wherever batteries / accumulators are sold. Disposal in household trash or refuse is prohibited.

**Disposal:** Follow the valid legal stipulations in respect of the disposal of the device at the end of its lifecycle

### Other Battery Safety Reminders

- Never dispose of batteries in a fire. Batteries may explode or leak.
- Never mix battery types. Always install new batteries of the same type.

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