DL-PR36CTD DATASHEET
HIGH-PRECISION PRESSURE / LIQUID LEVEL, TEMPERATURE AND ELECTRICAL CONDUCTIVITY SENSOR FOR LORAWAN®
FEATURES

LoRaWAN®-enabled high-precision piezoresistive pressure sensor / depth gauge including temperature and conductivity sensors.

Pressure range: 0 ... 1 bar (0 ... 10 m); up to 30 bar (300 m) on request.

Electrical conductivity range: 0 ... 20 mS/cm (other ranges on request).

Cable length: 10 m (custom lengths on request).

RS-485 interface for robust operation in harsh environments even with cable lengths of several hundred meters.

Compatible with LoRaWAN® networks of any provider.

Place and measure: no setup required.

Configurable via command line interface and downlink command interface.

Unattended real-time monitoring for several years without replacing batteries.

Robust polycarbonate enclosure: weatherproof, impact-, UV-resistant (IP67).

Standard alkaline (C-type) batteries.


APPLICATIONS

Outdoor remote monitoring.

Level / depth and conductivity monitoring in tanks for liquids.

Water quality monitoring in fish farms.

Groundwater level and quality monitoring.

Level / depth monitoring in wells up to 300 meters deep.

Water depth and temperature monitoring in running or open water.

Relative pressure measurement.

Absolute pressure measurement (on request).
**DESCRIPTION**

The device DL-PR36CTD enables remote monitoring of water level, temperature and electrical conductivity with high precision. Applications are water quality monitoring in open water, fill level of tanks, groundwater quality and level and various other applications. It measures the pressure at the sensor head relative to the pressure at the cable end (device enclosure). When the sensor head is placed under water (or any other liquid), the relative pressure indicates the depth of the sensor head. In water, the relative pressure of 1 bar equals to a depth of approximately 10 m. Also available on request is a variant of the DL-PR36CTD which measures the absolute pressure at the sensor head, i.e., the pressure relative to zero bar (vacuum).

The electrical conductivity measurement is used for monitoring the ion concentration in water (salinity, concentration of pollutants). Thanks to the four-wire technology, the conductivity probe is not affected by polarization effects or dirt.

The device also reports the temperature of the sensor head with high precision. The temperature reading is also used internally for temperature compensation.

Sensor data are transmitted in real-time using LoRaWAN® radio technology. LoRaWAN® enables encrypted radio transmissions over long distances while consuming very little power. The user can obtain sensor data through Decentlab’s data storage and visualization system, or through the user's own infrastructure. Visit [www.decentlab.com](http://www.decentlab.com) for more information about Decentlab’s data cloud service.

**DEVICE VARIANTS**

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<th>Range</th>
<th>Application</th>
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<td>DL-PR36CTD-001</td>
<td>0 ... 1 bar</td>
<td>Multi-parameter probe (0 ... 10 m)</td>
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<td>other ranges: contact us</td>
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## DEVICE SPECIFICATIONS

### DEVICE LOGGING FUNCTION

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<td>Sampling interval</td>
<td>10 min (configurable through the user interfaces)</td>
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<td>Data upload interval</td>
<td>10 min (configurable through the user interfaces)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Reported sensor data</td>
<td>Pressure, Temperature, Electrical conductivity, Battery voltage</td>
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<td>SD-card logging</td>
<td>Optional</td>
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### PRESSURE SENSOR

- **Operating principle**: Piezoresistive pressure measurement
- **Measurement range**: 0.0 ... 1.0 bar (other ranges on request)
- **Resolution**: 0.000122 bar (1.22 mm)
- **Linearity / precision**: max. ±0.02 % of full scale
- **Total error band** (max. deviation within 0 ... 50 ºC): max. ±0.1 % of full scale

### TEMPERATURE SENSOR

- **Resolution**: 0.04 ºC
- **Accuracy**: max. ±0.1 ºC

### CONDUCTIVITY SENSOR

- **Operating principle**: Four-wire technology, 6 titanium electrodes
- **Measurement range**: 0 ... 20 mS/cm (other ranges on request)
- **Resolution**: 0.001 mS/cm
- **Accuracy**: max. ±2.5 % of full-scale
RADIO / WIRELESS

- Wireless technology: LoRaWAN®
- Wireless security: AES-128 data encryption
- LoRaWAN® device type: Class A end-device
- Supported LoRaWAN® features: OTAA, ABP, ADR, adaptive channel setup
- Wireless range: > 10 km (line of sight), approx. 2 km (suburban)
- RF transmit power: 14 dBm (25 mW)
- Effective radiated power: 11.9 dBm maximum
- Receiver sensitivity: -146 dBm
- Frequency bands: 868 MHz (EU version), 915 MHz (US, AS, AU versions)
- Antenna: Integrated omnidirectional antenna featuring a near-perfect radiation pattern

POWER SUPPLY

- Internal battery type: 2 × alkaline C batteries (LR14)
- Power consumption (average): ≤ 0.4 mW (10 min interval)
- Battery lifetime estimation:
  - 3.6 years (10 min interval, SF7)
  - 2.4 years (10 min interval, SF12)
  - 10.4 years (60 min interval, SF7)
  - 8.3 years (60 min interval, SF12)

OPERATING CONDITIONS

- Sensor head: -5 ... 55 °C (icing not permitted)
  - 0 ... 100 % RH
- Sensor device: -20 ... 50 °C
  - 0 ... 100 % RH

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1. Decentlab reports successful transmissions over 56 km distance and more
2. See Appendix A: Antenna performance
3. Specified by radio chip vendor
4. Contact us for region specific options
5. Including alkaline battery self-discharge of 3.6 % per year (conservative estimation); battery capacity: 20000 mWh.
## MECHANICAL SPECIFICATIONS

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<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>Dimensions</td>
<td>135 × 81 × 70 mm (not including sensor / cable)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Weight</td>
<td>Device plus batteries: 400 g; sensor head: 300 g (not including cable)</td>
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<td>Sensor cable</td>
<td>Length: 10 m&lt;br&gt;Material: polyethylene (PE) &lt;br&gt;Custom cable lengths and materials available on request.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Sensor head</td>
<td>Length: 238 mm, diameter: 22 mm&lt;br&gt;Material: stainless steel AISI 316L (DIN 1.4404 / 1.4435)&lt;br&gt;Seals: Viton®&lt;br&gt;Protective cap: POM&lt;br&gt;Other materials in contact with media: titanium, PEEK &lt;br&gt;Custom housing material on request: Hastelloy C-276, titanium</td>
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OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

The product usually requires no user interaction. If you open the enclosure, e.g. in order to replace the batteries, unscrew the four plastic screws and carefully open the lid.

CAUTION: Make sure the sensor unit does not drop out of the enclosure while opening! Do not touch the electronic components and sensors!

NOTE: When closing the lid, make sure the lid is fitted the right way, so that the enclosure is properly sealed: A little nose in the enclosure fits a notch in the lid and vice versa.

REPLACING BATTERIES

Insert 2 high-quality alkaline C batteries (LR14) into the battery holder on the back side of the sensor unit. The device operates until the battery voltage drops to 2.0 V. Always replace both battery cells with two identical fresh batteries.

USER BUTTON AND LEDS

![Illustration 1: Sensor unit showing the user button and LEDs. The battery holder is on the back side of the sensor unit.](image)
OPERATING MODES

The device has four operating modes:

- **Reset**: System (re-)start; both LEDs fade in and out.
- **Active mode (ON)**: Periodic measurements and data transmissions; green LED flashes for each measurement.
- **Sleep mode (OFF)**: No measurements and data transmissions (power save mode, for shelf storage). LEDs are off.
- **Test mode**: Measurements and data transmissions at fastest possible rates; blue LED is on. NOTE: Use only momentarily, e.g. for testing the sensor or the wireless connection. The device will switch automatically to active mode after 20 minutes.

SWITCHING BETWEEN OPERATING MODES

The user button allows to switch between the operating modes as shown in Illustration 2 and Illustration 3. To perform a device reset, switch to sleep mode first (if necessary) by pushing and holding the button for 3 seconds until the LEDs flash three times; wait 3 seconds; then push and hold the button for 3 seconds until the LEDs fade in and out. To switch between active and test mode, push the button for 1 second (blue LED on / off). If the blue LED is off, the device is in active or sleep mode. If the blue LED is on, the device is in test mode.

HINT: To check whether the device is active or in sleep mode (on or off), push the button twice; if the blue LED goes on and off, the device is in active mode; otherwise, the device is in sleep mode.

**Illustration 2**: Switching between active and sleep mode (switch off / on, reset).

**Illustration 3**: Switching between active and test mode.
MEASUREMENT CYCLE (ACTIVE MODE)

During the active mode, the device periodically reads the sensors with sampling period $T_S = 10$ minutes (default, configurable). When the send period $T_{TX} = n \cdot T_S$ (default: $n = 1$, configurable) has expired, the device computes the average of the collected sensor values (at most 20 values). After a random delay of $0 \ldots 8$ seconds, the device transmits the aggregated sensor data. If the device has not yet joined the LoRaWAN® network, it will try to join until it succeeds (maximum 3 attempts per sampling period). Afterwards, it will transmit the data (TX data). Following the data transmission, two receive slots are opened (RX1 and RX2). During these time slots, the device is ready to receive data from the network (downlink messages) as defined in the LoRaWAN® specification.

As shown in the diagrams, the device is idle most of the time. During the idle time, the current consumption is extremely low.

Illustration 4: Device activity during the active mode.

Illustration 5: Sampling period vs. send period. Default: $T_S = 10$ min, $T_{TX} = 1 \cdot 10$ min = 10 min.

LED SIGNALING (ACTIVE MODE)

- Read sensors: green LED flashes once.
- Data sent successfully: green LED flashes 2 times.
- Data could not be sent: green LED flashes 4 times.
The user can configure a rich set of device parameters, such as sampling interval, LoRaWAN® data rate, ADR settings and many more. If desired, the parameter settings can be stored permanently in the internal non-volatile memory. The user can configure the device via two interfaces:

- Command line interface: via a serial cable (UART – USB) connected to a computer.
- Downlink command interface: over the air using LoRaWAN® downlink messages.

For a full description of the command line interface and the downlink command interface, please find the specific documents on www.decentlab.com/support.
MOUNTING INSTRUCTIONS

Prefer a mounting location which is protected against rain and direct sun radiation.

For best radio performance, install the device upright with the cable towards ground; ideally, in such a way that the device lid faces roughly in the direction of the next gateway. Also, the higher above ground, the better. Avoid metallic objects close to the device.

The housing includes 4 threaded bushes (M4) in a 90 × 60 mm rectangle (see Illustration 6). This enables easy installation using standard M4 bolts.

Illustration 6: Housing dimensions (in mm). Note: Drawing not including cable gland and sensor.
## ORDERING INFORMATION

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<td>Australia, South America</td>
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Other options: contact us
 SENSOR DATA MESSAGE FORMAT

Message:

| Header | Sensor 0 data (optional) | Sensor 1 data (opt.) | ... | Sensor 15 data (opt.) |

- Message length is variable, depending on which sensor data are included. Minimum length is 5 bytes (header only). Maximum length is 5 bytes + all sensor data (see below).
- Integers are big endian: MSB first byte, LSB last byte.

Header:

| Version | Device ID | Flags |

- Version: 1 byte; version = 2 for current protocol version.
- Device ID: 2 bytes; 0...65535.
- Flags: 16 bits: flag 15 | flag 14 | ... | flag 0 (LSB).
- The flags indicate, if data of the respective sensors are included in the message or not:
  - Flag n == 1: sensor n data included; flag n == 0: not included.

DECODER SOFTWARE

For message decoder software, please go to https://www.decentlab.com/support, where you find code examples in JavaScript and other programming languages.

DETAILS

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<td>(x / 1000)</td>
<td>V</td>
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Note: The value of \(k_P\) (pressure multiplier) has one of the following values:
- \(k_P = 8192\) (for pressure range \(-4 \ldots 4\) bar),
- \(k_P = 2048\) (for pressure range \(-16 \ldots 16\) bar).
EXAMPLE 1 (ALL SENSOR DATA INCLUDED)

Message (hex):

```
020a17000380079786978180060c2b  (k_P = 8192)
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<td>0.0059 mS/cm</td>
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<td>3.115 V</td>
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EXAMPLE 2 (ONLY BATTERY VOLTAGE)

Message (hex):

```
020a1700020c2b  (k_P = 8192)
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DECLARATION OF CONFORMITY

We,

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declare under our own responsibility that the product

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to which this declaration refers conforms with the relevant standards or other standards documents

- EN 300 220-1 V3.1.1: 2017-02
- EN 300 220-2 V3.1.1: 2017-02
- EN 301 489-1 V2.2.0: 2017-03
- EN 301 489-3 V2.1.1: 2017-03

According to

- Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC) Directive 2014/30/EU

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Reinhard Bischoff, Managing Director
APPENDIX A: ANTENNA PERFORMANCE

Measurement Results:

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<td>Pass</td>
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<tr>
<td>Modification</td>
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<tr>
<td>Mode of operation</td>
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<td>Test date, time</td>
<td>13.06.2018 09:37:06</td>
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<td>Antenna height</td>
<td>1.30 m</td>
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<tr>
<td>Antenna polarization</td>
<td>Vertical</td>
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<td>EUT position</td>
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<tr>
<td>Antenna distance</td>
<td>3 m</td>
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Measurement settings:
- Radiation Version: 2017.1.6
- RBW: 1 kHz
- VBW: 300 kHz
- Sweep time: Auto [120 ms]
- Stop freq: linear 250 Hz steps
- Attenuator: Auto [10 dB]
- Internal preamp: 20 dB
- Measurement time: 10 ms
- Measurement equipment: TP_RE_30M-1G_ETSI_Ver

Detected peaks

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<td>-2.14 dB</td>
<td>Pass</td>
<td>157 Degree</td>
<td>1.3 m</td>
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Limits:

- ETSI EN 300 220-2, Table C.1
- OFD: 863 MHz to 870 MHz
- <= 0.1% duty cycle or polite spectrum access: 25 mW e.r.p (14 dBm)

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