

DIGILEVEL - SECTION 1

Environmental Monitoring System User's Manual



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1.3. Quick Start Guide

1. Remove the Digilevel from the factory packaging and inspect it for obvious damage. If none, proceed to (2). If damage from shipping is apparent, contact the shipper. Otherwise, contact Keller America at 877-253-5537.
2. If using the 900001.0043 Dongle, first connect the Digilevel to the Dongle via the binding posts starting with the ground (black) lead.
3. Install the GUI provided with the Digilevel on your computer. The GUI should be saved to a convenient directory as well as a shortcut to the GUI on your Desktop.
4. Connect the 900001.0043 Dongle, with the Digilevel connected to it, to a USB port on your PC or laptop.
5. Upon connection, communication between the GUI and the Digilevel will be established automatically.
6. For Users familiar with SDI-12 commands, click on the "terminal" tab and input SDI-12 commands.
7. For instructions on the proper use of the Calibration utility, see "Digilevel Calibration Screen Operation" else where in this manual.

1.4. General Operating InstructionsConstruction details

The Keller Digilevel water level transmitter hardware is based upon components already proven to be reliable in the submersible environment.

The standard materials of construction are 316L stainless steel for all of the metal parts, including the housing and sensor. The sensor is sealed to the housing via a fluorocarbon o-ring.

The basic sensor is the piezoresistive silicon type, based upon over 30 years of development by Europe's premier producer of such sensors. Highly sensitive yet boasting very good long-term stability, it is protected from the media by a compliant, laser-welded sensing membrane.

The signal conditioning electronics feature the latest in digital hard- and firmware which utilize a mathematical modeling scheme to correct for static (nonlinearity, non-repeatability and hysteresis) as well as thermally-induced errors. Further, the user-interface section complies with all hard- and software requirements of SDI-12 Version 1.3, in addition to supporting several emulate modes for other popular SDI-12 water level probes. The user-interface of the signal conditioning electronics includes a parallel arrangement of avalanche diodes and gas-filled discharge tubes, proven to be very effective in protecting the transmitter from transient ground voltages such as are created by nearby lightning strikes. The electronics are potted into the housing in order to provide an additional layer of protection against moisture and shock/vibration. Regardless, avoid dropping the Digilevel onto hard surfaces. It is a precision instrument and can be damaged by severe impact with hard surfaces.

Cleaning Recommendations

Should pressure inlets on the Digilevel become fouled with silt or algae, it may be safely cleaned so long as caution is exercised. Keep in mind the sensing diaphragm resides just underneath the protective cap that is screwed onto the end of the Digilevel. This diaphragm must not be touched with anything except cleaning solution; i.e., contact with fingernails, brushes, pocket knives, etc can permanently damage the sensing diaphragm.

Fill a small container with water, also mild detergent if available. Carefully unscrew the end cap from the Digilevel and set aside. You will note there are two o-rings which help to retain the end cap to the housing. Do not attempt to remove the o-rings until all possible dirt and debris are removed. Lower the pressure sensing end of the Digilevel into the container filled with water/detergent and swish the Digilevel aggressively in order to dislodge contaminants from the sensing diaphragm, the o-rings and threaded area. Again, the temptation to scrub or scrape the sensing diaphragm must be resisted. Usually cleaning by the method described above will enable the Digilevel to resume providing accurate data.

Reassemble in the reverse order, taking care that the o-rings are free from dirt and debris before the end cap is reinstalled.

Calibration

A utility is provided in the Digilevel GUI program to facilitate adjustment of the Digilevel probe zero offset and sensitivity (gain) values. Instructions for the proper use of this utility are included in this manual. It is recommended that the User thoroughly familiarize his- or herself with this procedure before proceeding, as the result is to alter the factory calibration zero and sensitivity (span) settings.

1.5. Digilevel Calibration Screen Operation

WARNING!!!! Use of this utility will result in alteration of the factory calibration. Good metrological practice must be observed, including the use of calibrated instrumentation/pressure standards, otherwise the result will not be valid.

A Calibration tab is available in the Digilevel program. This tab is always hidden when the program first starts up. It is enabled under specific conditions described below in step 1. "Calibration" enables the user to adjust the zero offset and/or sensitivity of the Digilevel.

Certain safeguards are made in the program to ensure that the Digilevel probe is properly calibrated. These are described below.

Operation

1. To enter and enable the Calibration, the Digilevel program must show the Communications tab. A Digilevel probe should be attached at this point. User then enters <Ctrl><F3> to display the login/password window. See Figure 1 below.

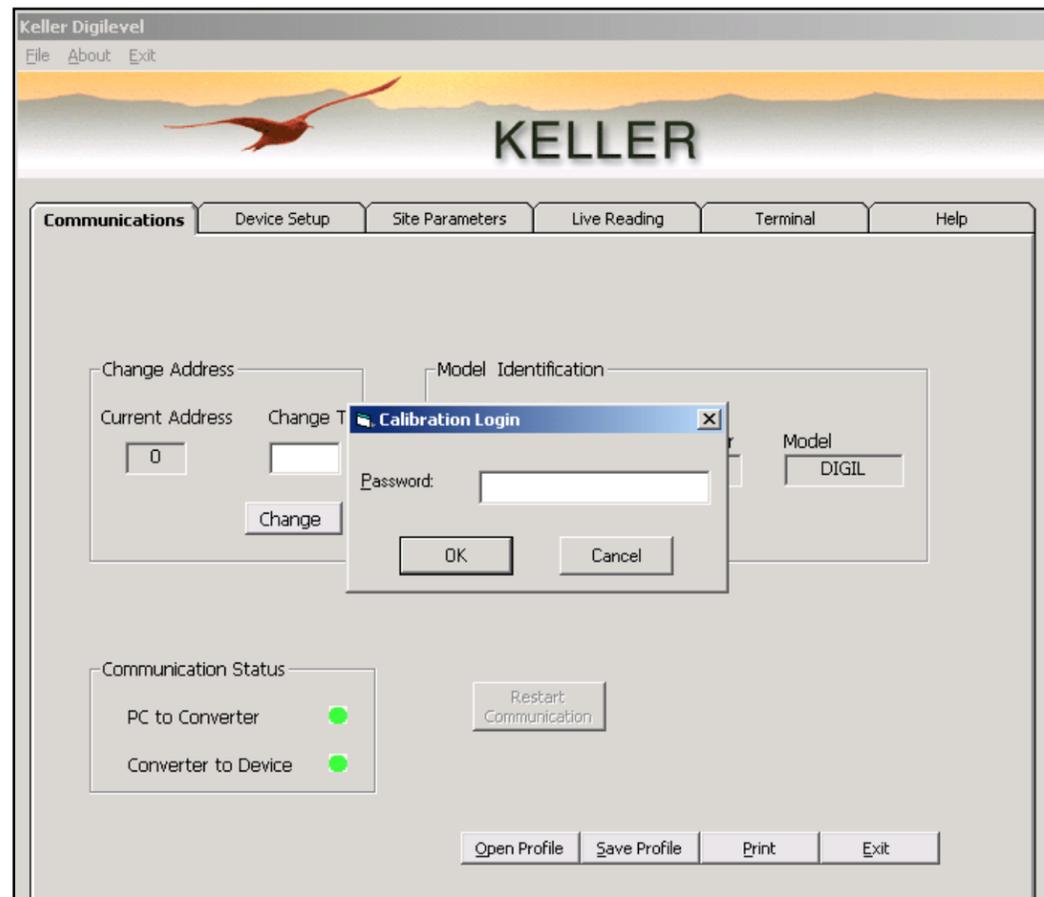


Figure 1 - Login

2. Enters password "keller-23606" to enable and enter Calibration tab. Calibration tab is enabled as long as current Digilevel program is running. If "OK" is not clicked within 20 seconds, the login window disappears.

When "OK" is clicked and valid password is entered, the Calibration tab is shown. See Figure 2 below.

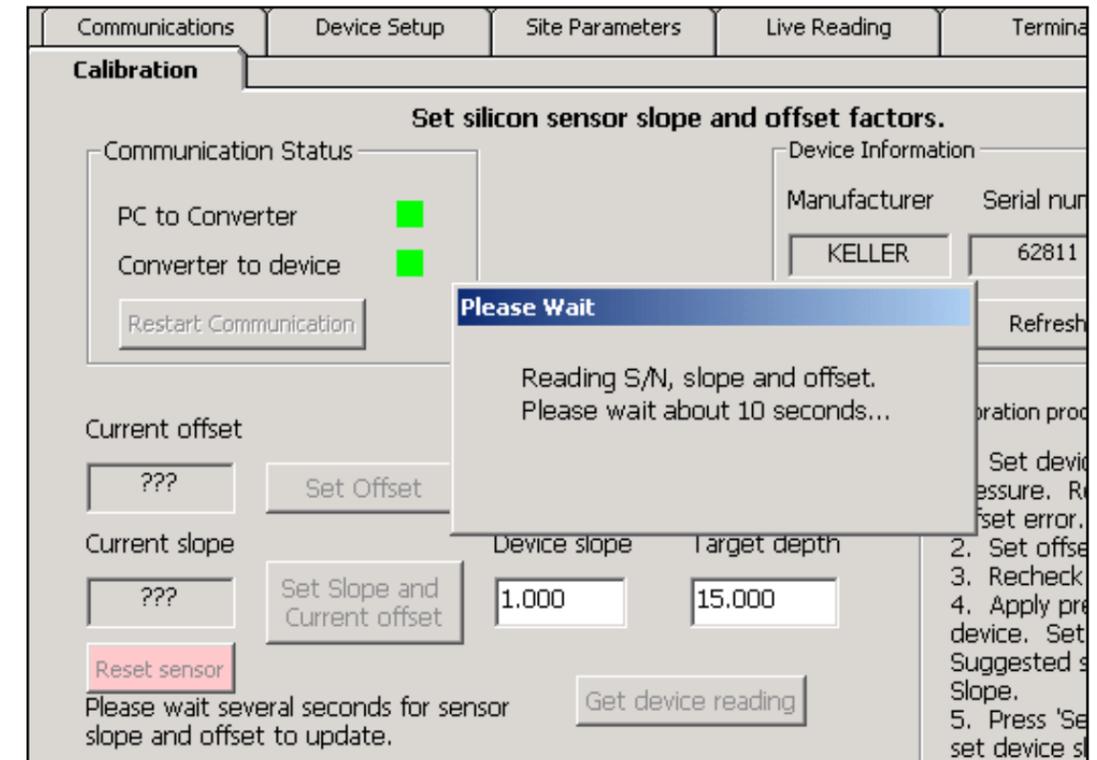


Figure 2 - Opening calibration Message

3. A box comes up informing the user that the Digilevel probe is getting queried for its ID, slope and offset. This takes less than 10 seconds. Box goes away when all information is collected.
4. The program will automatically attempt to communicate with the Digilevel probe and retrieve information, slope, and offset. If no Digilevel probe is detected, program will try to re-establish communications every second.

Digilevel probe slope and offset are put into the "Current offset" and "Current slope" boxes.

5. The user now can start the calibration process. The process is iterative, since the offset and sensitivity adjustments are interactive. It is necessary to read the device, set offset, read device again, reset offset as necessary, apply pressure to device, set target depth/pressure, read the device, set the slope (and offset), read the device again, done. Each button is described below.

6. **Get device reading** - When this button is pressed, it changes to "Reading...". When done, it changes back. Units of measure and temperature is updated, much like live reading. Unlike live reading, only one measurement is taken.

If the reading is less than one, the program assumes you are trying to do offset. Value of one works for most units of measurement except for mm of water. If the reading is less than one, then the "Enter offset in units of measure (below)" box is filled in with a calculated value. Its value is figured as follows:

$$-1 * (\text{current reading} - \text{current Digilevel probe offset})$$

If current Digilevel probe offset is 0, then the negative value of the current reading is filled in. In any case, the user can put in any number desired.

Another box, "Device slope" is also conditionally filled in. If the current reading is within 10% of the "Target depth", a slope is calculated. Suggested slope is calculated as follows:

$$\text{Slope} = (\text{Actual_measurement} * \text{Digilevel_slope}) / \text{reading}$$

Where: Actual measurement is value from that box.
Digilevel probe slope is from "Current slope" box
'reading', just below "get device reading" button, is what the Digilevel probe returns.

A suggested slope is put into the "Device slope" box. The user can enter any value they want in this box.

7. **Set offset** - This command sends the number in the "Enter offset in units of measure (below)" box to the Digilevel probe using the XC command. All revision levels support this command mode.

The user can put in any value into this box before hitting the "Set offset" button.

When the offset is programmed, the currently programmed offset is shown in the "Current offset" box.

8. **Set slope and current offset** - This command operates a bit differently. As the button states, a slope and offset are programmed into the Digilevel probe. Offset is always the value in the "Current offset" box. Offset can only be changed using the "Set offset" button.

Suggested slope is calculated as in 6 above.

When the set slope button is pressed, the Digilevel program sends the new XC command with offset and slope to the Digilevel probe.

9. **Reset sensor** - This button sets offset to 0.000 and slope to 1.000 in the Digilevel probe. It is kind of a one button version of set offset then set slope.

10. **Refresh** - This button is provided for one of two conditions. First is in the unlikely event that the Digilevel probe is changed and program did not detect it, you hit this button to get ID and offset information from the Digilevel probe. The second condition is just in case you are not sure what is in the Digilevel probe.

11. **Restart Communication** - Restart communication button is active when Digilevel program detects that the dongle is missing or hung up. Press this button to re-establish communication between PC and dongle.

12. **Calibration procedure guide** - This box is a quick summary of the calibration process.

It is possible to seamlessly go between Calibration tab and any other tab. However, when you re-enter the calibration tab, Digilevel program will gather device ID, slope, and offset data.

Most buttons and tabs are disabled while reading and updating the device. "Exit" is the only button always enabled.

Error Conditions

If the program starts without a dongle, you cannot enter calibration mode. While Digilevel program is running, you can insert a dongle and press the "Restart Communication" button. When Digilevel program detects the dongle, then you can enter the password and go on.

If you start the Digilevel program and no Digilevel probe is attached (dongle is attached and working), you can get into the calibration tab (after the login procedure). The box in Figure 2 comes up but for a shorter period of time. The Converter to Device LED will blink red, as in the communication tab. When you connect a Digilevel probe and the Digilevel program recognizes it, the program will automatically go out and get the device's ID, slope and offset.

You cannot have a negative number or zero for device slope. Slope values are not range checked, meaning you can have a correction factor of 2000 if you like. By design, slope factor is presented to 5 decimal places. The user can enter more digits (up to 6 decimal places) for slope and offset, if desired.

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Keller Digilevel Command Set



Appendix 1 - Keller Digilevel SDI-12 Command Set

2.1 Introduction

The Keller Digilevel SDI-12 probe has a number of command features that provide flexibility for use in just about any ground or surface water measurement application. The Digilevel is ready to use "out of the box". However, site situations usually require some customization in order to provide meaningful measurements. To facilitate this flexibility, many extended commands are provided.

These extended commands allow you to set units of measurement and adapt to site stage situations. Since site requirements vary widely, not all extended commands will be used. You should quickly review these extended commands to determine if any one of them is suitable for your needs.

Keller has a PC based probe setup program called Digilevel. An Dongle adapter connects to the USB port on your PC while 3 terminals connect to the probe. Software guides you through most all of the requirements you may encounter. A terminal program allows you to talk directly to the probe.

The Digilevel probe can be configured to emulate several other manufacturer's products, including Design Analysis, KPSI[®]₁ and Tavis. A listing of differences and supported commands are provided on CD entitled Command Cross Reference.

2.2 Preliminary Setup Commands

There are a few extended commands to consider when setting up your probe for a response. These commands determine units of measure for depth & pressure and temperature and decimal precision. Below table only lists a few of them. Generally, all extended (commands with prefix 'X') should be considered.

| Command | Description |
|---------|--|
| XUP | Set units of measure (pressure or depth) and number of places to right of decimal point. |
| XUT | Set temperature units (Celsius or Fahrenheit) |
| XT | Set averaging time |

Most all extended commands affect depth/pressure readings. You should become familiar with them so you can set up your site in the most efficient manner possible.

2.3 Factory Default Parameters

The following are default settings for the Digilevel probe mode:

- Temperature: C
- Units of measure: Feet of water
- Number of decimal points:3
- XUU command slope: 1.000
- XUU command offset: 0.000
- XUM command measurement mode: 0 (return pressure only for measurement mode M or C)
- XT command averaging time: 10 seconds

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2.4 Units of Measurement Note

A list of supported units of measurement are listed below. Internally, all units of measure for pressure/depth are measured in Bar. When a measurement request is made, the program reads the probe in Bar and then converts it to the desired units of measurement.

When user slope/offset command is enabled (through XUU and XUP commands), the measurement is converted into PSI first then multiplied by user slope.

Units of measurement are:

- +0 = feet of water
- +1 = PSI
- +2 = kilopascal
- +3 = cm of water
- +4 = meters of water
- +5 = mm of water
- +9 = user entered scale factors.

If field calibration offset (set by XE or XS commands) is not 0, add 10 to the above units of measure.

2.5 Offset Note

There are 3 kinds of offsets used to calculate readings. One offset, set by the XE command, is used to adjust the pressure sensor readings. This command is to compensate for sensor drift over time.

The second offset, set by the XS command, is for stage, gage, or offset. It is an add to or subtract from current reading, usually in feet, to return some level.

XS command can be used in one of two ways: With or without parameters. Its use is best illustrated by examples.

Suppose you place a probe in a body of water 15 feet down. You want the probe to return the change in the water level, using the current level as a reference. You would execute the XS command without any values. This would make the current level the zero, or reference level.

Next example supposes a probe is placed 15 feet down in a 20 foot deep body of water. You want to return the water level (in this case 20 feet). You would use the XS (or XSCS) command to tell the probe you want to measure the water level as if the probe is 20 feet down. You would send the probe
aXS+20+0!

The XSCS command assumes feet, so the probe is sent aXSCS+20!

Where 'a' is the probe address. '20' is the desired probe reading at this time. '0' is the units of measure parameter, in this case feet. You can specify other units of measure as described below.

There is an interaction between the XS, XSCS, and XE command. Execute just one. The XE command compensates for sensor drift. XS and XSCS is more for site setup. It not only takes into account sensor drift but also depth at the site. Executing one command replaces the value set by the others.

The 3rd offset is set by the XWO, or XUU command. Any one of the preceding commands will set the stage level. For example, if you use XUU to set the stage level (or offset) then use XWO to set another level (in feet), the XWO value will be used. You should only use one of these commands to set the offset, or stage.

2.6 Depth/Pressure Commands

There are a number of commands which affect depth/pressure measurements. These are primarily extended setup commands beginning with 'X'.

Commands that perform depth/pressure measurements are: M0!, MC0!, C0!, CC0!, M1!, MC1!, C1!, CC1!, M7!, MC7!, C7!, and CC7!.

2.7 Averaging

The Digilevel probe can take measurements 10 times/second after a 0.75 second warm up. Thus the first measurement is complete 0.85 seconds after the start of the SDI-12 request command. If the command requests a return of depth/pressure, and averaging is not 0, then averaging is performed. Commands that will average depth/pressure are: M0!, MC0!, C0!, CC0!, M1!, MC1!, C1!, CC1!, M7!, MC7!, C7!, and CC7!. Temperature is not averaged.

Minimum average is 10 samples, or 1 second.

Averaging is performed as follows: All readings are summed during the averaging period. The highest and lowest readings are also recorded. When a depth/pressure measurement is requested via the aD0! command, the highest and lowest readings are subtracted from the sum. The sum is then divided by the number of samples -2. The result is returned.

2.8 Nomenclature

The following nomenclature is used for the command set descriptions below.

- a = address of probe
- ddd = number data. Has '+' or '-' prefix sign.
- c = signed field calibration (in PSI)
- ccc = character data
- m = mode, +0 or +1
- n = single number
- o = signed user offset
- p = pressure. Has '+' or '-' prefix sign.
- s = signed user slope
- ttt = time, in seconds, for response
- t = signed temperature or time (XT command)
- u = units of measure, corresponding to the following
 - +0 = feet of water
 - +1 = PSI
 - +2 = kilopascal
 - +3 = cm of water

EXAMPLE:

| COMMUNICATION | | DESCRIPTION & COMMENTS |
|------------------------|------------|------------------------------|
| From Recorder | From Probe | |
| OXS! | | Zero out sensor |
| | 00011 | Default response |
| After 11 seconds: ODO! | | Request data |
| | 0-0.001813 | Returns -0.001813 PSI offset |

COMMAND: XSdu

SYNTAX: aXSdu!
 Where: a = address of probe
 d = signed offset
 u = offset units of measure
 Where: +0 = feet of water
 +1 = PSI
 +2 = kPa
 +3 = cm of water
 +4 = meters of water
 +5 = mm of water
 +9 = user units

IMMEDIATE RESPONSE: a0111 Keller Digilevel and KPSI default response
 a0111 DISI-1210 default response
 a0031 H312 default response

RESPONSE TO D0: ap
 Where: a = address of probe
 p = offset in PSI

FUNCTION: Zeros out sensor offset (not field or stage offset), then signed offset is used in future measurement commands.

EMULATION MODES: Keller Digilevel, KPSI® 500, DISI-1210, H312

DESCRIPTION: Measures current depth/ pressure and computes an offset so future readings will return a value specified in variable d above. Command corrects for sensor offset, not stage or field offsets.

Offsets set by O, XUJ, XWO are not affected.

Command measures current pressure for the averaging period (set by XT or XWMC). Default is 10 seconds for all modes except H312.

Sensor offset is also set by XE, XS, and Z commands. This command will replace any offset set by these commands. Sensor offset is used for most all depth/ pressure calculations in all emulation modes. Only command that does not use this offset is in H312 mode, command M1/C1. The third parameter sent as part of a aDO! command is in PSI with out offset entering into the return.

A simplified formula illustrates how sensor and stage offsets enter into reported depth/pressure calculation.

reported_measurement = (measurement + sensor_offset) * XUJ_slope + XUJ_offset

XUJ_slope and XUJ_offset may not enter into the equation. By default, XUJ_slope is 1 while offset is 0. It is important to note that XUJ_slope, if used, with sensor_offset can affect reported_measurement.

COMMAND: XUM
XUMn

SYNTAX: aXUM!
aXUMn!
Where: a = address of probe
n = measurement mode
Where: +0 = return pressure/depth only
+1 = include temperature and unit of degrees

IMMEDIATE RESPONSE: a0011

RESPONSE TO D0: a+n
Where: a = address of probe
n = measurement mode, per above

FUNCTION: Sets or requests how much data is returned in M or C command.

EMULATION MODES: Keller Digilevel, KPSI® 500

DESCRIPTION: Command is useful only in Keller Digilevel and KPSI® modes. XUM requests current measurement mode. By default, only depth/pressure is returned (n = +0).

Temperature may be appended to M and C measurement requests by setting (n = +1).

M7 and C7 commands always return depth/pressure and temperature. This command only affects M and C commands.

RELATED: M, C

EXAMPLE:

| COMMUNICATION | | DESCRIPTION & COMMENTS |
|------------------------|--------------------|---|
| From Recorder | From Probe | |
| OM! | | Request measurement |
| | 00112 | Default response |
| After 11 seconds: ODO! | | Request measurement |
| | 0+1.234+0 | Returns 1.234 feet of water |
| OXUM+1! | | Command to include temperature as part of M and C commands. |
| | 00011 | Default response |
| After 1 seconds: OD0! | | Request data |
| | 0+1 | Return +1 to indicate temperature returned |
| OM! | | Request measurement |
| | 00114 | Default response. Note 4 parameters now returned. |
| After 11 seconds: ODO! | | Request measurement |
| | 0+1.234+0+10.060+0 | Returns 1.234 feet of water(+0) at 10.060 degrees C (+0) |

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COMMAND: XUP

SYNTAX: aXUPu[d]!
Where: a = address of probe
u = Pressure / depth units of measure
Where: +0 = Feet of water
+1 = PSI
+2 = kilopascal
+3 = cm of water
+4 = meters of water
+5 = mm of water
+9 = User units of measure
d = [optional] display number of decimal numbers for pressure/depth units of measure

IMMEDIATE RESPONSE: a0012

RESPONSE TO D0: aud
Where: a = address of probe
u = pressure / depth units of measure per above
d = displayed number of decimal numbers for pressure/depth units of measure

FUNCTION: Change reported units of measure and displayed number of digits to right of decimal.

EMULATION MODES: Keller Digilevel, KPSI® 500

DESCRIPTION: When a measurement command is executed (such as M!), the result returned using D0! is in feet of water by default. This can be changed using this command.

When user units of measure are desired, both XUP and XUW must be executed.

Number of digits to right of decimal is 3 by default. This parameter is optional and the number can be changed if desired.

This command will not have an effect in returning other units of measure in DISI 1210 and H312 modes

RELATED: M, C, M3, C3, M7, C7, R0, R1, XC

EXAMPLE:

| COMMUNICATION | | DESCRIPTION & COMMENTS |
|----------------------|------------|---|
| From Recorder | From Probe | |
| OXUP+1! | | Set units of measure to PSI |
| | 00112 | Default response |
| After 1 second: OD0! | | Request data |
| | 0+1+3 | Return unit of measure as 1 and 3 for number of digits to right of decimal. |

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COMMAND: XWRM (Keller Digilevel mode only)
XWRMt (Keller Digilevel mode only)

SYNTAX: aXWRM!
aXWRMt!
Where: a = address of probe
t = number of minutes in continuous measurement mode

IMMEDIATE RESPONSE: a0011

RESPONSE TO D0: a+t
Where: a = address of probe
t = number of minutes left in continuous measurement mode

FUNCTION: Requests or sets number of minutes in continuous measurement mode

EMULATION MODES: Keller Digilevel

DESCRIPTION: Command enables continuous measurements. Depth/pressure and temperature measurements are made using R0, R1, and R2 commands. The probe is on for the number of minutes specified. If 0 minutes is the time, continuous measurements are stopped.

Measurements are updated every averaging period. By default, this is 10 seconds. Using the XT command, averaging intervals can be changed.

XWRMt sets the number of minutes in continuous measurement mode. XWRM retrieves the number of minutes.

RELATED: R0, R1, R2, XT

EXAMPLE:

| COMMUNICATION | | DESCRIPTION & COMMENTS |
|-----------------------|--------------------|--|
| From Recorder | From Probe | |
| 0XWRM+5! | | Start continuous measurement for 5 minutes |
| | 00011 | Default response |
| Wait 11 seconds: 0R0! | | Request data |
| | 0+1.081+0+24.872+0 | Immediately returns 1.081 feet of water at 24.872 degrees C. |
| Wait 10 seconds: 0R0! | | |
| | 0+1.083+0+24.868+0 | Immediately returns 1.083 feet of water at 24.868 degrees C |

COMMAND: XWS

SYNTAX: aXWSs!
Where: a = address of probe
s = signed slope

IMMEDIATE RESPONSE: a0011

RESPONSE TO D0: a+s
Where: a = address of probe
s = user slope

FUNCTION: Set user slope.

EMULATION MODES: Keller Digilevel, KPSI® 500, DISI-1210, H312

DESCRIPTION: Sets user slope.

User slope is used in Keller Digilevel and KPSI® modes only when user units of measure is selected. In other modes, default units of measure is multiplied by this number according to the general formula:

$$\text{Reported_measurement} = \text{measurement} * \text{user_slope} + \text{user_offset}$$

user_offset is set by XWO command.

Default value for user_slope is 1 and user_offset is 0. user_slope may be read by XRS.

Note that user slope and offsets are used only in certain modes and measurement commands. Refer to the specific measurement command (M, C, M1, etc) for more information.

XUU command sets both offset and slope.

RELATED: XUU, XRS

EXAMPLE:

| COMMUNICATION | | DESCRIPTION & COMMENTS |
|---------------------|------------|--|
| From Recorder | From Probe | |
| 0XWS+1.42! | | Change slope to 1.42 (Meter of water to PSI) |
| | 00011 | Default response |
| Wait 1 second: 0D0! | | Request data |
| | 0+1.42 | Returns user_slope of 1.42 |

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