

# Wireless Vantage Pro 2™ & Vantage Pro Plus 2™ Stations

Including Fan-Aspirated Models

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## VANTAGE PRO 2

The Vantage Pro2™ (6152, 6153) and Vantage Pro2™ Plus (6162, 6162) Wireless Weather Stations include two components: the Integrated Sensor Suite (ISS) which houses and manages the external sensor array; and the console which provides the user interface, data display, A/D conversion, and calculations. The ISS and Vantage Pro2 console communicate via an FCC-certified, license-free frequency hopping transmitter and receiver. User-selectable transmitter ID codes allow up to eight stations to coexist in the same geographic area. The frequency hopping spread spectrum technology provides greater communication strength over longer distances and areas or weaker reception. The Wireless Vantage Pro2™ Plus weather station includes two additional sensors that are optional on the Vantage Pro2: the UV sensor and the solar radiation sensor. The console may be powered by batteries or by the included AC-power adapter. The wireless ISS is solar powered with a battery backup. Use WeatherLink™ for Vantage Pro and Vantage Pro2 to let your weather station interface with a computer, to log weather data, and to upload weather information to the internet.

The 6152 and 6162 rely on passive shielding to reduce solar-radiation induced temperature errors in the outside temperature sensor readings. The Fan-aspirated 6153 and 6163 combine passive shielding with a solar-powered fan that draws outside air in over the temperature and humidity sensors, providing a much more accurate temperature reading than that available using passive shielding alone.

## Specifications

### Console

Console Operating Temperature	+14° to +140°F (-10° to +60°C)
Display Temperature	+32° to +140°F (0° to +60°C)
Non-operating Temperature	-5° to +158°F (-20° to +70°C)
Current Draw	0.90 mA average, 20 mA peak, (plus 120 mA for display lamps, plus 0.125 mA for each optional wireless transmitter received by the console) at 4 to 6 VDC
AC Power Adapter	5 VDC, 900 mA, regulated
Batteries	3 C-cells
Battery Life	up to 9 months
Connectors	Modular RJ-11
Housing Material	UV-resistant ABS plastic
Console Display Type	LCD Transflective
Dimensions	
Console with antenna	10.375" x 6.125" x 1.5" (264 mm x 156 mm x 38 mm)
Display	5.94" x 3.375" (151 mm x 86 mm)
Weight (with batteries)	1.88 lbs. (.85 kg)

### Integrated Sensor Suite (ISS)

Operating Temperature	-40° to +150°F (-40° to +65°C)
Non-operating Temperature	-50° to +158°F (-45° to +70°C)
Current Draw (ISS SIM only)	0.14 mA (average), 30 mA (peak) at 4 to 6 VDC
Solar Power Panel (ISS SIM / Fan)	0.5 watts / .75 watts
Battery (ISS SIM / Fan (Fan-Aspirated))	CR-123 3-Volt Lithium cell / 2 - 1.2 Volt NiCad C-cells
Battery Life (3-Volt Lithium cell)	8 months without sunlight - greater than 2 years depending on solar charging
Battery Life (NiCad C-cells)	1 year
Fan Aspiration Rate (Fan-Aspirated)	190 feet/min. (0.9 m/s) (full sun), 80 feet/min. (0.4 m/s) (battery only)
Connectors, Sensor	Modular RJ-11
Cable Type	4-conductor, 26 AWG
Cable Length, anemometer	40' (12 m) (included) 540' (165 m) (maximum recommended)
Wind Speed Sensor	Wind cups with magnetic switch
Wind Direction Sensor	Wind vane with potentiometer
Rain Collector Type	Tip bucket, 0.01" per tip (0.2 mm with metric rain adapter), 33.2 in <sup>2</sup> (214 cm <sup>2</sup> ) collection area
Temperature Sensor Type	Thermistor
Relative Humidity Sensor Type	Film capacitor element
Housing Material	UV-resistant ABS plastic
Dimensions	
6152, 6162	11.0" x 9.375" x 15.25" (279 mm x 238 mm x 388 mm)
6153, 6163	11.0" x 9.375" x 21.0" (279 mm x 238 mm x 533 mm)
Weight	
6152, 6162	5.7 lbs. (2.6 kg) / 6.1 lbs. (2.8 kg)
6153, 6163	9.7 lbs. (4.4 kg) / 10.1 lbs. (4.6 kg)

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### Wireless Communications

Transmit/Receive Frequency . . . . .	US Models: 902-928 MHz FHSS, Overseas Models: 868.0 - 868.6 MHz FHSS.
ID Codes Available . . . . .	8
Output Power . . . . .	902-928 MHz FHSS: FCC-certified low power, less than 8 mW, no license required 868.0 - 868.6 MHz FHSS: CE-certified, less than 8 mW, no license required
Range	
Line of Sight . . . . .	up to 1000 feet (300 m)
Through Walls . . . . .	200 to 400 feet (75 to 150 m)

### Sensor Inputs

RF Filtering . . . . .	RC low-pass filter on each signal line
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### Sensor Outputs (as displayed on console)

#### General

Historical Data . . . . .	Includes the past 24 values listed unless otherwise noted; all can be cleared and all totals reset
Daily Data . . . . .	Includes the earliest time of occurrence of highs and lows; period begins/ends at 12:00 am
Monthly Data . . . . .	Period begins/ends at 12:00 am on the first of the month
Yearly Data . . . . .	Period begins/ends at 12:00 am on the first of January unless otherwise noted
Current Data . . . . .	Current data appears in the right most column in the console graph and represents the latest value within the last period on the graph; totals can be set or reset
Graph Time Interval . . . . .	1 min., 10 min., 15 min., 1 hour, 1 day, 1 month, 1 year (user-selectable, availability depends upon variable selected)
Graph Time Span . . . . .	24 Intervals + Current Interval (see Graph Intervals to determine time span)
Graph Variable Span (Vertical Scale) . . . . .	Automatic (varies depending upon data range); Maximum and Minimum value in range appear in ticker
Alarm Indication . . . . .	Alarms sound for only 2 minutes (time alarm is always 1 minute) if operating on battery power. Alarm message is displayed in ticker as long as threshold is met or exceeded. Alarms can be silenced (but not cleared) by pressing the DONE key.
Update Interval . . . . .	Varies with sensor - see individual sensor specs Also varies with transmitter ID code - #1=shortest, #8=longest

#### Forecast

Variables Used . . . . .	Barometric Reading & Trend, Wind Speed & Direction, Rainfall, Temperature, Humidity, Latitude & Longitude, Time of Year
Update Interval . . . . .	1 hour
Display Format . . . . .	Icons on top center of display; detailed message in ticker at bottom
Variables Predicted . . . . .	Sky Condition, Precipitation, Temperature Changes, Wind Direction and Speed Changes

#### Outside Temperature (sensor located in ISS)

Resolution and Units . . . . .	Current Data: 0.1°F or 1°F or 0.1°C or 1°C (user-selectable) nominal (see Fig. 1) Historical Data and Alarms: 1°F or 1°C (user-selectable)
Range . . . . .	-40° to +150°F (-40° to +65°C)
Sensor Accuracy . . . . .	±1°F (±0.5°C) up to 110°F (43°C), ±2°F (±1°C) over 110°F (43°C) (see Fig. 2)
Radiation Induced Error (Passive Shield) . . . . .	+4°F (2°C) at solar noon (insolation = 1040 W/m <sup>2</sup> , avg. wind speed ≤ 2 mph (1 m/s)) (reference: RM Young Model 43408 Fan-Aspirated Radiation Shield)
Radiation Induced Error (Fan-Aspirated) . . . . .	+0.6°F (0.3°C) at solar noon (insolation = 1040 W/m <sup>2</sup> , avg. wind speed ≤ 2 mph (1 m/s)) (reference: RM Young Model 43408 Fan-Aspirated Radiation Shield)
Update Interval . . . . .	10 to 12 seconds
Current Data . . . . .	Instant Reading (user adjustable); Daily, Monthly, Yearly High and Low
Historical Data . . . . .	Hourly Readings; Daily, Monthly, Yearly Highs and Lows
Alarms . . . . .	High and Low Thresholds from Instant Reading

#### Extra Temperature Sensors or Probes

Resolution and Units . . . . .	1°F or 1°C (user-selectable) Historical Data and Alarms: 1°F or 1°C (user-selectable)
Range . . . . .	-40° to +150°F (-40° to +65°C)
Sensor Accuracy . . . . .	±1°F (±0.5°C) up to 110°F (43°C), ±2°F (±1°C) over 110°F (43°C) (see Fig. 2)

Update Interval	10 to 12 seconds (40 to 48 seconds for Leaf Wetness/Temperature and Soil Moisture/Temperature Stations)
Current Data	Instant Reading (user adjustable)
Alarms	High and Low Thresholds from Instant Reading
Inside Temperature (sensor located in console)	
Resolution and Units	Current Data: 0.1°F or 1°F or 0.1°C or 1°C (user-selectable) Historical Data and Alarms: 1°F or 1°C (user-selectable)
Range	+32° to +140°F (0° to +60°C)
Sensor Accuracy	±1°F (±0.5°C) up to 110°F (43°C), ±2°F (±1°C) over 110°F (43°C)
Update Interval	1 minute
Current Data	Instant Reading (user adjustable); Daily and Monthly High and Low
Historical Data	Hourly Readings; Daily and Monthly Highs and Lows
Alarms	High and Low Thresholds from Instant Reading
Wind Speed	
Resolution and Units	1 mph, 1 km/h, 0.1 m/s, or 1 knot (user-selectable)
Range (large wind cups)	2 to 150 mph, 2 to 130 knots, 1 to 67 m/s, 3 to 241 km/h
Range (small wind cups)	3 to 175 mph, 3 to 150 knots, 1.5 to 79 m/s, 5 to 282 km/h
Update Interval	Instant Reading: 2.5 to 3 seconds, 10-minute Average: 1 minute
Accuracy (large wind cups)	±2 mph (2 kts, 3 km/h, 1 m/s) or ±5%, whichever is greater
Accuracy (small wind cups)	±3 mph (3 kts, 5 km/h, 1.5 m/s) or ±5%, whichever is greater
Maximum Cable Length	540' (165 m)
Current Data	Instant Reading; 10-minute and Hourly Average; Hourly High; Daily, Monthly and Yearly High with Direction of High
Historical Data	10-min. and Hourly Averages; Hourly Highs; Daily, Monthly and Yearly Highs with Direction of Highs
Alarms	High Thresholds from Instant Reading and 10-minute Average
Wind Direction	
Display Resolution	16 points (22.5°) on compass rose, 1° in numeric display
Accuracy	±7°
Update Interval	2.5 to 3 seconds
Current Data	Instant Reading (user adjustable); 10-min. Dominant; Hourly, Daily, Monthly Dominant
Historical Data	Past 6 10-min. Dominants on compass rose only; Hourly, Daily, Monthly Dominants
Wind Chill (Calculated)	
Resolution and Units	1°F or 1°C (user-selectable)
Range	-110° to +130°F (-79° to +54°C)
Accuracy	±2°F (±1°C) (typical)
Update Interval	10 to 12 seconds
Source	United States National Weather Service (NWS)/NOAA
Equation Used	Osczevski (1995) (adopted by US NWS in 2001)
Variables Used	Instant Outside Temperature and 10-min. Avg. Wind Speed
Current Data	Instant Calculation; Hourly, Daily and Monthly Low
Historical Data	Hourly, Daily and Monthly Lows
Alarm	Low Threshold from Instant Calculation
Rainfall	
Resolution and Units	0.01" or 0.25 mm (user-selectable) (1 mm at totals ≥ 2000 mm)
Daily/Storm Rainfall Range	0 to 99.99" (0 to 9999 mm)
Monthly/Yearly/Total Rainfall Range	0 to 199.99" (0 to 19999 mm)
Rain Rate	0 to 199.99" (0 to 19999 mm)
Accuracy	For rain rates up to 2"/hr (50 mm/hr): ±4% of total or +0.01" (0.25 mm) (0.01" = one tip of the bucket), whichever is greater For rain rates from 2"/hr (50 mm/hr) to 4"/hr (100 mm/hr): ±5% of total or +0.01" (0.25 mm) (0.01" = one tip of the bucket), whichever is greater
Update Interval	10 to 12 seconds
Storm Determination Method	0.02" (0.5 mm) begins a storm event, 24 hours without further accumulation ends a storm event
Current Data	Totals for Past 15-min, Past 24-hour, Daily, Monthly, Yearly (start date user-selectable) and Storm (with begin date); Umbrella is displayed when 15 minute Total exceeds zero
Historical Data	Totals for 15-min, Daily, Monthly, Yearly (start date user-selectable) and Storm (with begin and end dates)
Alarms	High Threshold from Latest Flash Flood (15-min. Total, default is 0.50", 12.7 mm), 24-hour Total, Storm Total,
Range for Rain Alarms	0 to 99.99" (0 to 999.7 mm)
Rain Rate	
Resolution and Units	0.01" or 0.25 mm (user-selectable) at typical rates (see Fig. 3 and 4)
Range	0, 0.04"/hr (1 mm/hr) to 100"/hr (0 to 1999.9 mm/hr)

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Accuracy	±5% or ±0.04"/hr (1 mm/hr) (up to 10"/hr. (250 mm/hr.)), whichever is greater
Update Interval	10 to 12 seconds
Calculation Method	Measures time between successive tips of rain collector. Elapsed time greater than 15 minutes or only one tip of the rain collector constitutes a rain rate of zero.
Current Data	Instant and 1-min. Reading; Hourly, Daily, Monthly and Yearly High
Historical Data	1-min Reading; Hourly, Daily, Monthly and Yearly Highs
Alarm	High Threshold from Instant Reading
<b>Barometric Pressure (sensor located in console)</b>	
Resolution and Units	0.01" Hg, 0.1 mm Hg, 0.1 hPa/mb (user-selectable)
Corrected Range	26.00" to 32.00" Hg, 660.0 to 810.0 mm Hg, 880.0 to 1080.0 hPa/mb
Uncorrected Range	18.00" to 33.50" Hg, 457.0 to 850.0 mm Hg, 592.0 to 1130.0 hPa/mb
Elevation Range	-999' to +12,500' (-305 m to 3810 m)
Uncorrected Reading Accuracy	±0.03" Hg (±0.8 mm Hg, ±1.0 hPa/mb) (at room temperature)
Sea-Level Reduction Equation Used	United States Method employed prior to use of current "R Factor" method
Equation Source	Smithsonian Meteorological Tables
Equation Accuracy	±0.01" Hg (±0.3 mm Hg, ±0.3 hPa/mb)
Elevation Accuracy Required	±10' (3m) to meet equation accuracy specification
Overall Accuracy	±0.04" Hg (±1.0 mm Hg, ±1.4 hPa/mb)
Trend (change in 3 hours)	Change $\geq$ 0.6" (2 hPa/mb, 1.5 mm Hg) = Rapidly Change $\geq$ 0.2" (.7hPa/mb, .5 mm Hg)= Slowly
Trend Indication	5 position arrow: Rising (rapidly or slowly), Steady, or Falling (rapidly or slowly)
Update Interval	15 minutes or when console BAR key is pressed twice
Current Data	Instant, 15-min., and Hourly Reading; Daily, Monthly, High and Low
Historical Data	15-min. and Hourly Reading; Daily, Monthly Highs and Lows
Alarms	High Threshold from Current Trend for Storm Clearing (Rising Trend) Low Threshold from Current Trend for Storm Warning (Falling Trend)
Range for Rising and Falling Trend Alarms	0.01 to 0.25" Hg (0.1 to 6.4 mm Hg, 0.1 to 8.5 hPa/mb)
<b>Inside Relative Humidity (sensor located in console)</b>	
Range	10 to 90% RH
Accuracy	±5%
Update Interval	1 minute
Current Data	Instant (user adjustable) and Hourly Reading; Daily, Monthly High and Low
Historical Data	Hourly Readings; Daily, Monthly Highs and Lows
Alarms	High and Low Threshold from Instant Reading
<b>Outside Relative Humidity (sensor located in ISS)</b>	
Range	1 to 100% RH
Accuracy	±3% (0 to 90% RH), ±4% (90 to 100% RH)
Temperature Coefficient	0.03% per °F (0.05% per °C), reference 68°F (20°C)
Drift	±0.5% per year
Update Interval	50 seconds to 1 minute
Current Data	Instant (user adjustable) and Hourly Reading; Daily, Monthly High and Low
Historical Data	Hourly Readings; Daily, Monthly Highs and Lows
Alarms	High and Low Threshold from Instant Reading
<b>Extra Outside Relative Humidity (sensor located inside Temperature/Humidity Station)</b>	
Range	0 to 100% RH
Accuracy	±3% (0 to 90% RH), ±4% (90 to 100% RH)
Temperature Coefficient	0.03% per °F (0.05% per °C), reference 68°F (20°C)
Drift	±0.5% per year
Update Interval	50 seconds to 1 minute
Current Data	Instant Reading (user adjustable)
Alarms	High and Low Threshold from Instant Reading
<b>Dewpoint (calculated)</b>	
Resolution and Units	1°F or 1°C (user-selectable)
Range	-105° to +130°F (-76° to +54°C)
Accuracy	±3°F (±1.5°C) (typical)
Update Interval	10 to 12 seconds
Source	World Meteorological Organization (WMO)
Equation Used	WMO Equation with respect to saturation of moist air over water
Variables Used	Instant Outside Temperature and Instant Outside Relative Humidity
Current Data	Instant Calculation; Daily, Monthly High and Low
Historical Data	Hourly Calculations; Daily, Monthly Highs and Lows
Alarms	High and Low Threshold from Instant Calculation
<b>Heat Index (calculated)</b>	
Resolution and Units	1°F or 1°C (user-selectable)
Range	-40° to +135°F (-40° to +57°C)

Accuracy	±3°F (±1.5°C) (typical)
Update Interval	10 to 12 seconds
Source	United States National Weather Service(NWS)/NOAA
Formulation Used	Steadman (1979) modified by US NWS/NOAA and Davis Instruments to increase range of use
Variables Used	Instant Outside Temperature and Instant Outside Relative Humidity
Current Data	Instant Calculation; Daily, Monthly High
Historical Data	Hourly Calculations; Daily, Monthly Highs
Alarm	High Threshold from Instant Calculation
Evapotranspiration (calculated, requires solar radiation sensor)	
Resolution and Units	0.01" or 0.25 mm (user-selectable)
Range	Daily to 99.99" (999.9 mm); Monthly & Yearly to 199.99" (1999.9 mm)
Accuracy	Greater of 0.01" (0.25 mm) or ±5%, Reference: side-by-side comparison against a CIMIS ET weather station
Update Interval	1 hour
Calculation and Source	Penman-Monteith Equation as implemented by CIMIS (California Irrigation Management Information System) including Net Radiation calculation
Current Data	Latest Hourly Total Calculation, Daily, Monthly, Yearly Total
Historical Data	Hourly, Daily, Monthly, Yearly Totals
Alarm	High Threshold from Latest Daily Total Calculation
Solar Radiation (requires solar radiation sensor)	
Resolution and Units	1 W/m <sup>2</sup>
Range	0 to 1800 W/m <sup>2</sup>
Accuracy	±5% of full scale (Reference: Eppley PSP at 1000 W/m <sup>2</sup> )
Drift	up to ±2% per year
Cosine Reponse	±3% for angle of incidence from 0° to 75°
Temperature Coefficient	-0.067% per °F (-0.12% per °C); reference temperature = 77°F (25 °C)
Update Interval	50 seconds to 1 minute (5 minutes when dark)
Current Data	Instant Reading and Hourly Average; Daily, Monthly High
Historical Data	Hourly Average, Daily, Monthly Highs
Alarm	High Threshold from Instant Reading
Temperature Humidity Sun Wind Index (requires solar radiation sensor)	
Resolution and Units	1°F or 1°C (user-selectable)
Range	-90° to +135°F (-68° to +64°C)
Accuracy	±4°F (±2°C) (typical)
Update Interval	10 to 12 seconds
Sources and Formulation Used	United States National Weather Service(NWS)/NOAA Steadman (1979) modified by US NWS/NOAA and Davis Instruments to increase range of use and allow for cold weather use
Variables Used	Instant Outside Temperature, Instant Outside Relative Humidity, 10-minute Average Wind Speed, 10-minute Average Solar Radiation
Formulation Description	Uses Heat Index as base temperature, affects of wind and solar radiation are either added or subtracted from this base to give an overall effective temperature
Current Data	Instant and Hourly Calculation; Daily, Monthly High
Historical Data	Hourly Calculation; Daily, Monthly Highs
Alarm	High Threshold from Instant Reading
Ultra Violet (UV) Radiation Index (requires UV sensor)	
Resolution and Units	0.1 Index
Range	0 to 16 Index
Accuracy	±5% of full scale (Reference: Yankee UVB-1 at UV index 10 (Extremely High))
Cosine Reponse	±4% (0° to 65° incident angle); 9% (65° to 85° incident angle)
Update Interval	50 seconds to 1 minute (5 minutes when dark)
Current Data	Instant Reading and Hourly Average; Daily, Monthly High
Historical Data	Hourly Average, Daily, Monthly Highs
Alarm	High Threshold from Instant Calculation
Ultra Violet (UV) Radiation Dose (requires UV sensor)	
Resolution and Units	0.1 MEDs to 19.9 MEDs; 1 MED above 19.9 MEDS
Range	0 to 199 MEDs
Accuracy	±5% of daily total
Drift	up to ±2% per year
Update Interval	50 seconds to 1 minute (5 minutes when dark)
Current Data	Latest Daily Total (user resetable at any time from Current Screen)
Historical Data	Hourly, Daily Totals (user reset from Current Screen does not affect these values)
Alarm	High Threshold from Daily Total
Alarm Range	0 to 19.9 MEDs

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**Soil Moisture (requires soil moisture Sensor)**

- Resolution . . . . . 1 cb
- Range . . . . . 0 to 200 cb
- Update Interval . . . . . 62.5 to 75 seconds
- Current Data . . . . . Instant Reading; Daily and Monthly High and Low
- Historical Data . . . . . Hourly Readings; Daily and Monthly Highs and Lows
- Alarms . . . . . High and Low Thresholds from Instant Reading

**Leaf Wetness (requires leaf wetness Sensor)**

- Resolution . . . . . 1
- Range . . . . . 0 to 15
- Dry/Wet Threshold . . . . . User-selectable
- Accuracy . . . . . ±0.5
- Update Interval . . . . . (to be provided)
- Current Data . . . . . Instant Reading; Daily High and Low; Monthly High
- Historical Data . . . . . Hourly Readings; Daily Highs and Lows; Monthly Highs
- Alarms . . . . . High and Low Thresholds from Instant Reading

**Moon Phase**

- Console Resolution . . . . . 1/8 (12.5%) of a lunar cycle, 1/4 (25%) of lighted face on console
- WeatherLink Resolution . . . . . 0.09% of a lunar cycle, 0.18% of lighted face maximum (depends on screen resolution)
- Range . . . . . New Moon, Waxing Crescent, First Quarter, Waxing Gibbous, Full Moon, Waning Gibbous, Last Quarter, Waning Crescent
- Accuracy . . . . . ±38 minutes

**Sunrise and Sunset**

- Resolution . . . . . 1 minute
- Accuracy . . . . . ±1 minute
- Reference . . . . . United States Naval Observatory

**Clock**

- Resolution . . . . . 1 minute
- Units . . . . . Time: 12 or 24 hour format (user-selectable)  
Date: US or International format (user-selectable)
- Accuracy . . . . . ±8 seconds/month
- Adjustments . . . . . Time: Automatic Daylight Savings Time (for users in North America, Europe and Australia that observe it in AUTO mode, MANUAL setting available for all other areas)  
Date: Automatic Leap Year
- Alarms . . . . . Once per day at set time when active

**Sensor Charts**

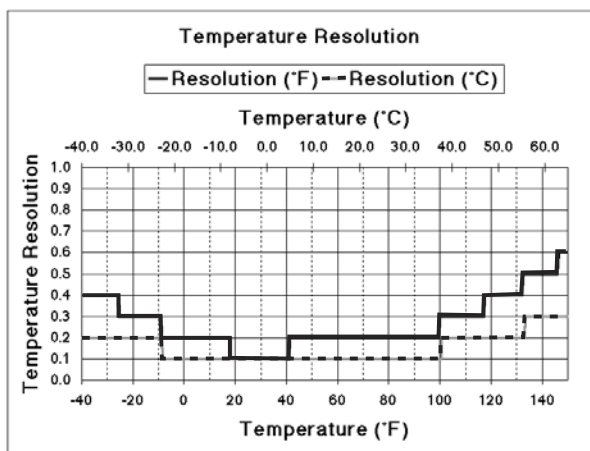


Figure 1. Temperature Resolution

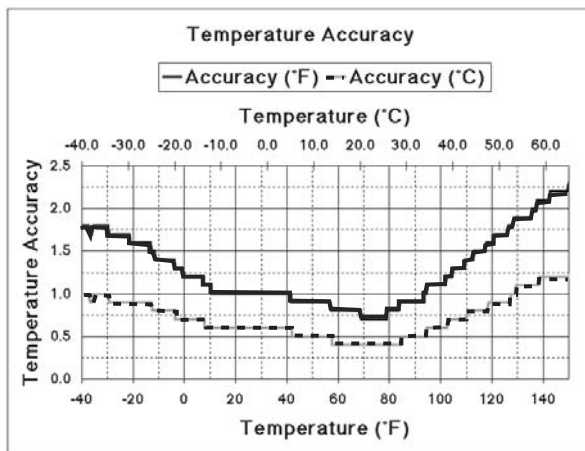


Figure 2. Temperature Accuracy

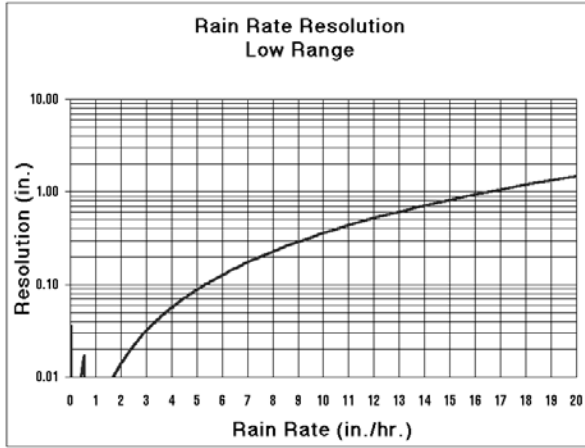


Figure 3. Low Range Rain Rate Resolution

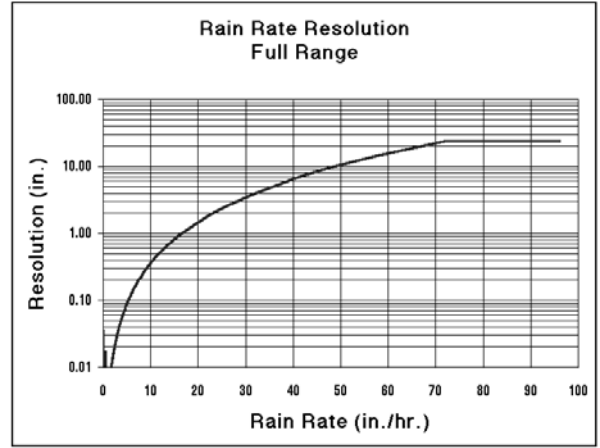


Figure 4. Full Range Rain Rate Resolution