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MCC USB-501

Low-Cost USB Temperature Data Logger



- -35 to +80 °C (-31 to +176 °F) range
- USB interface for set-up and data download
- Two user-programmable alarm thresholds
- Bright red/green and amber LED indication
- Replaceable long-life lithium battery
- IP67 protection

Overview

The USB-501 data logger measures and stores up to 16,382 temperature readings over a -35 to +80 °C (-31 to +176 °F) range. The user can easily set up the logging rate and start-time, download the stored data by plugging the module straight into a PC's USB port, and run the purpose-designed software under Windows 2000/XP/Vista. Data can then be graphed, printed and exported to Excel. The data logger is supplied complete with a long-life lithium battery, which will last for up to a full year. Logger status is indicated by flashing red/green and amber LEDs. The data logger is protected against dust/moisture ingress to IP67 when the protective cap is fitted.

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OS Information

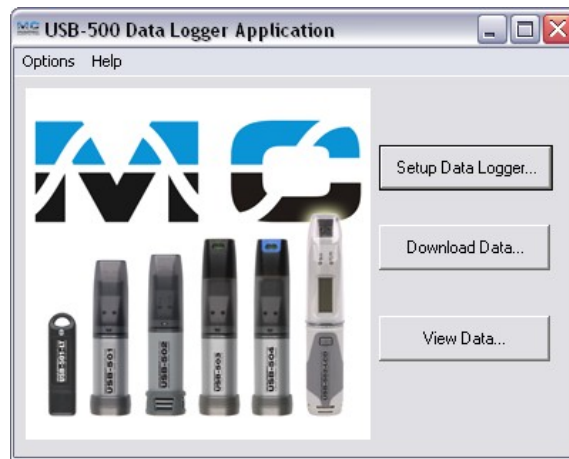
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Application and Technology

Control Software Features

The easy-to-install and use USB-500 Series Data Logger Application software runs in Windows 2000/XP/Vista (Home and Professional Editions). It allows the user to configure the USB-501 logger and download and display the data graphically in a powerful strip chart. The software also provides an easy export to Excel™.



Setup Options

- Logger name
- °C or °F
- Logging rate intervals (10s, 1m, 5m, 30m, 1hr, 6hr, 12hr)
- High and low alarm thresholds
- Start date and start time

Battery Replacement

National Instruments recommends that the battery be replaced every 12 months, or prior to logging critical data. The USB-501 does not lose its stored readings when the battery is depleted or when it is replaced; the data logging process will however be stopped and cannot be restarted until the battery has been replaced and the logged data has been downloaded to PC.

Use only 3.6V 1/2AA lithium batteries. Check with the supplier that the battery is 'press fit' and is not fitted with solder tabs. Before replacing the battery, remove the USB-501 from the PC.

Note: Leaving the USB-501 plugged into the USB port for longer than necessary will cause some of the battery capacity to be lost.

WARNING: Handle lithium batteries carefully, observing warnings on battery casing. Dispose of in accordance with local regulations.

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Ordering Information

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Products	Part Number	Recommended Accessories	Part Number
MCC USB-501	781132-01	No accessories required.	

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Typical for 25 °C unless otherwise specified. Specifications in *italic* text are guaranteed by design.

Temperature	
Measurement range	–35 °C (–31 °F) minimum, 80 °C (176 °F) maximum
Resolution	0.5 °C (1 °F) typical
Accuracy	±1 °C (±2 °F) typical
Sampling	
Sampling intervals	10 s, 1 min, 5 min, 30 min, 1 h, 6 h, 12 h
Max temperature samples	16,382
Units	°C or °F
Alarms	
High temperature alarm range	–40 °C (–40 °F) minimum, 89.5 °C (188 °F) maximum
Low temperature alarm range	–40 °C (–40 °F) minimum, 89.5 °C (188 °F) maximum
Temperature resolution range	0.5 °C (1 °F)
USB Specifications	
USB-device type	USB 2.0 (full-speed)
Device compatibility	USB 1.1, USB 2.0
Power	
1/2 AA 3.6V Lithium Battery Life	
@ 1 minute logging rate	1 year minimum
Environmental	
Moisture and dust protection	
Protective cap installed	IP67
Operating temperature range	–35 °C (–31 °F) minimum, 80 °C (176 °F) maximum
LED Flashing Modes	
Green LED	
Flashes once every 10 seconds	Currently logging, no alarm
Flashes twice every 10 seconds	Logging to start at set date and time
Red LED	
Flashes once every 10 seconds	Currently logging, low alarm condition ¹

Flashes twice every 10 seconds	Currently logging, high alarm condition ¹
Amber LED	
Flashes at the same time as the red or green LED. Alarm condition indicated by red or green LED.	Memory full, no more readings stored
Flashes once every 60 seconds	Low battery, replace immediately. Alarm condition ignored.
No LEDS flash	Logger stopped or battery depleted

Mechanical

Dimensions	98 mm long × 26 mm wide × 26 mm high (3.86 in. long × 1.02 in. wide × 1.02 in. high)
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¹ If both alarms have Hold selected, the LED indicator only applies to the first alarm condition detected.

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