## [1]Scope

This document explains Soil sensor which can measure EC (Electrical conductivity), Moisture (Volumetric water content; VWC) and Temperature simultaneously in soil and water.

# 1-1 Specific applications

- ·Long term monitoring of temperature, moisture, fertilizer in the soil for agriculture.
- Agriculture irrigation system control
- ·Long term river and pond water condition monitoring
- ·Aquaculture pond water condition control
- ·Soil and water environment research

# 1-2 Unsuitable Application

Applications listed in "Limitation of Applications." in this document.

## [2] Part number

**2-1** Part Description Soil sensor**2-2** MURATA Part No. SLT5005

Customer Part No. Please fill in your part number.

### [3]Feature

- Simple user interface : three sensors in one package.
- High accuracy moisture sensor : eliminate the effect of saline(ions).
- High performance EC sensor : high accuracy with multi electrodes. it is possible to measure EC of pore water.
- · 3D environment measurement: Gathering 3D information with multi placement.
- Rugged and water proof structure: IP68 equivalent. Sensors in strong package.
- · Corresponding for wireless system: Low voltage and Low power consumption.
- Variety of interface: UART, RS232, RS485, RS485(MODBUS), SDI-12

#### [4]Sensing target

①EC sensor

Electrical conductivity depends on contained anion/ cation amount. (NO3,NH4,H2PO4,K,Ca,Mg,NaCl etc..)

2 Moisture sensor

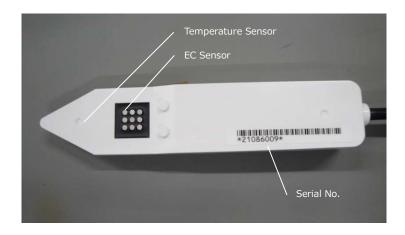
Measure the electric permittivity, translate to VWC.

③Temperature sensor

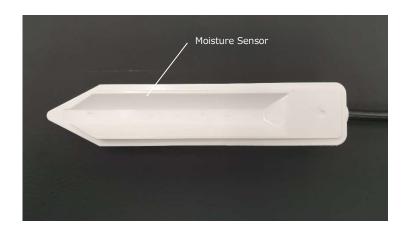
Temperature in the soil and water environment.

# [5]Sensor Figure

Sensor size: 132.5 x 27 x 16.2 mm ±0.2mm



Top side view



**Back side view** 

# [6]Specification

EC		Comments
Range[dS/m]	0-5	
Resolution[dS/m]	0.001	
Accuracy[%]	±3	FS
Temperature		
Range[°C]	-20 – 60	
Resolution[°C]	0.0625	
Accuracy[°C]	$\pm 1.0 \pm 1$ digit	r.d.g
Moisture		
Range[%]	0-60	
Resolution[%]	0.1	
Accuracy[%]	±3	FS

Items	minimum	typical	maximum	Remark
Power Supply[V]	3.0	-	6.0	
Active Current[mA]	25	30	50	@Read/Write cycle
Operating Temperature[°C]	-20	-	60	
Measurement Cycle [ms]		Free		
Enclosure Class	IP68			equivalent
Interface	RS232			
Cable length[m]		3		Standard

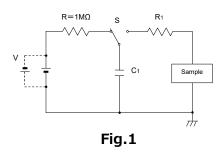
\*\*Remark: In case of freezing condition, moisture sensor value and EC sensor value may vary drastically since the relative dielectric constant changes drastically.

# [7] Weathering performance Mechanical performance

	item	Method of test	Method of
			judgement
7-1	High Temperature	Temperature 70±2℃ with 3.0V powersupply	Satisfy table1
	bias test	during 250 hours	
7-2	Low Temperature	Temperatue -20±2℃ with 3.0V powersupply	Satisfy table1
	bias test	During 250 hours	
7-3	High Moisture	Temperature 60±2℃, Humidity 90~95%	Satisfy table1
	bias test	with 3.0V powersupply during 250 hours	
7-4	Temperature	Temperature -20±2℃ during 30minites	Satisfy table1
	cycling test	Temperature 60±2℃ during 30minites	
		400 cycles	
7-5	Salt spray test	Temperature 35±2℃ salt concentration 5±1%	Satisfy table1
		during 96 hours	
7-6	Vibration test	$10{\sim}55$ Hz/ $10$ G max stroke1.5mm	Satisfy table1
		1octave/min 24times/1direction · 3direction	
		sweeptime 5min sweepmethod log	
7-7	Electrostatic	Fig.1 $\pm 2$ kV C1=100pF, R1=1.5k $\Omega$	Satisfy table1
	Breakdown test		
7-8	Water proof test	① Firstly, 8-4 Temperature cycling test,	
		next, underwater with underwater pressure of	
		1.0m equivalent during 30minites	
		② Firstly, 8-3 High moisture bias test,	
		next, underwater with underwater pressure of	
		1.0m equivalent during 30minites	
7-9	Dust proof test	Field test in the soil grain size under 20um	
		over one year	
		(ref : normal IP6 test, grain size is 75um)	

Table1. Method of judgement for weathering and mechanical performance

item	Method of judgement
EC. VWC	Change amount within ±3% for initial value



# [8]Sensor operation

#### 1 EC sensor

EC sensor can measure electrical conductivity of surrounding environments. The basic method is the resistance measurement between two electrodes using alternating voltage. The electrodes need to be protected from corrosion. Therefore, it is important to use the low voltage and the high corrosive-resistant materials.

Normally EC sensor measures the bulk EC(total resistance of soil material, pore water and air). Bulk EC is influenced by water and ions in the soil. Now to know the Pore EC(resistance only in pore water) is important as an indicator of the concentration of fertilizer in the soil. Pore EC is not influenced by volume of water, it is a measurement value which reacts for only volume of ions in the soil.

- Bulk EC is a value suitable for measurement of ions in the water.
- Pore EC is a value suitable for measurement of ions in the soil.

Murata sensor extracts pore EC value by murata original algorithm.

All sensors have the high accuracy by calibration compensated the temperature dependence also before shipment.

Furthermore, EC sensor outputs the raw A-D converter values also, the customer can examine the essential quality for the environments.

#### ② Moisture sensor

Moisture sensor can measure VWC(volumetric water content) of surrounding environments. The basic method is the electric permittivity measurement between two electrodes using alternating voltage with 200MHz. The electric permittivity bears a proportionate to VWC. The electric permittivity at air(no water) becomes close to 1. On the other hand, the electric permittivity at water(100%) becomes close to 80. High frequency of 200MHz can eliminate the error effect by the content of ions. All sensors have the high accuracy for the temperature compensation.

Furthermore, moisture sensor outputs the raw A-D converter values also, the customer can examine the essential quality for the environments.

#### ③ Temperature sensor

Temperature sensor utilizes application of diode K factor. It realizes to measure with a high speed and a high accuracy.

# [9]Communication specification

# **Applicable Model**

SLT5005

# Interface

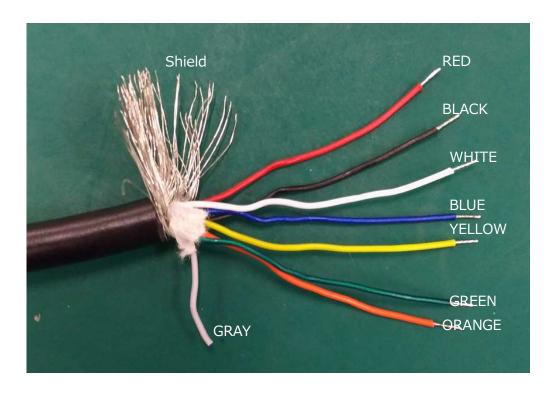
Connection Type	RS232
Signal	TxD, RxD
Baud rate	9600
Data	8bit
Parity	None
Stop	1 bit
Flow Control	None
Data Format	Binary
Note:	If you want to connect your PC and a soil sensor with a USB port, you may use a USB-Serial Converter cable

#### **Cable**

No.	Color	Input/output					Remark	
NO.	Color	Name	Symbol	Ю		Min	Max	
1	RED	Supply Voltage	VDD	-		3.0	6.0	
2	BLACK	Ground	VSS	-		0.0	0.0	
3	WHITE	Enable the device	EN	IN	VIH	0.8 x VDD	VDD	H: Active
3	W⊓II⊑	Enable the device	EIN	IIN	VIL	VSS	0.2 x VDD	L: Standby
4	BLUE	Transmitted Data	TxD	OUT	VOH	5.0	-	+2mA
4	BLUE	Transmitted Data	IXD	001	VOL	-	-5.0	+2IIIA
5	YELLOW	Received Data	RxD	IN	VIH	1.5	25	
5	YELLOW	Received Data	KXD	IIN	VIL	-25	1.2	
6	GREEN	No connected	NC	-		-		<b>%</b> 1
7	ORANGE	No connected	NC	-		-		<b>%</b> 1
8	GRAY	-	-	-		-		<b>%</b> 2
-	-	Internal Voltage	VINT	-		3.3		

# Remarks:

- $\mbox{\%1}$ : GREEN and ORANGE cables must be floating. Because they are pulled up to VINT(Internal voltage) internally.
- ※2 : GRAY cable and Shield line are connected to GND(VSS) is recommended for the stability of communication.



## **Communication Format**

Name	Size	Description
Function Code	1 byte	Specify "read" or "write"
Start Address	1 byte	Indicate the start address of data for read or write
Byte Size	1 byte	Specify the Byte size of data for read or write
Data	Up to 26 bytes	Read data or write data
Error Check	2 bytes	Error Check field based on CRC-16.

#### **Function Code**

Function Code	Action
0x01	Read
0x02	Write

## **Operation Method**

① Start to measure: write "0x01" to SNSR\_CTRL register(0x07).

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2 Monitor the state of sensor : read the state("0x00" or "0x01") in SNSR\_STATE register(0x08).

0x00 : Still under measuring or not start to measure.

0x01: finish to measure.

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③ Read the measurement data : read the data in each registers.
(After finishing the measurement (SNSR\_STATE register value="0x01"))

## Write(0x02)

Following shows an example of start of measurement

# Message Host device -> Soil Sensor

No.	Format	Example
1	Function Code	0x02
2	Start Address	0x07
3	Byte Size	0x01
4	Data (1/4)	0x01
5	Data (2/4)	
6	Data (3/4)	
7	Data (4/4)	
8	CRC-16(Upper)	0x0d
9	CRC-16(Lower)	0x70

# Response Soil Sensor -> Host device

No.	Format	Example
1	Function Code	0x02
2	Start Address	0x07
3	Byte Size	0x01
4	Data (1/4)	0x01
5	Data (2/4)	
6	Data (3/4)	
7	Data (4/4)	
8	CRC-16(Upper)	0x0d
9	CRC-16(Lower)	0x70

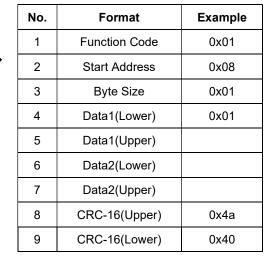
# Read (0x01)

Following shows an example of confirmation of measurement finish or not.

# Message Host device -> Soil Sensor

No.	Format	Example
1	Function Code	0x01
2	Start Address	0x08
3	Byte Size	0x01
4	CRC-16(Upper)	0x00
5	CRC-16(Lower)	0xe6

# Response Soil Sensor -> Host device



# **Error Message**

If a host device sends an inappropriate message, it will receive an error message.

Format	Size
Function Code   0x80 [1]	1 byte
Error Code	1 byte
Error Check (CRC-16)	2 bytes

[1] MSB of a received function code is set to 1.

Error Code	Description
0x01	Illegal Function Code
0x02	Illegal Start Address
0x03	Illegal Byte Size
0x04	Receive buffer overflow
0x05	CRC-16 error
0x06	Sensor is measuring
0x10	Failed to write register
0x20	Internal I2C communication error

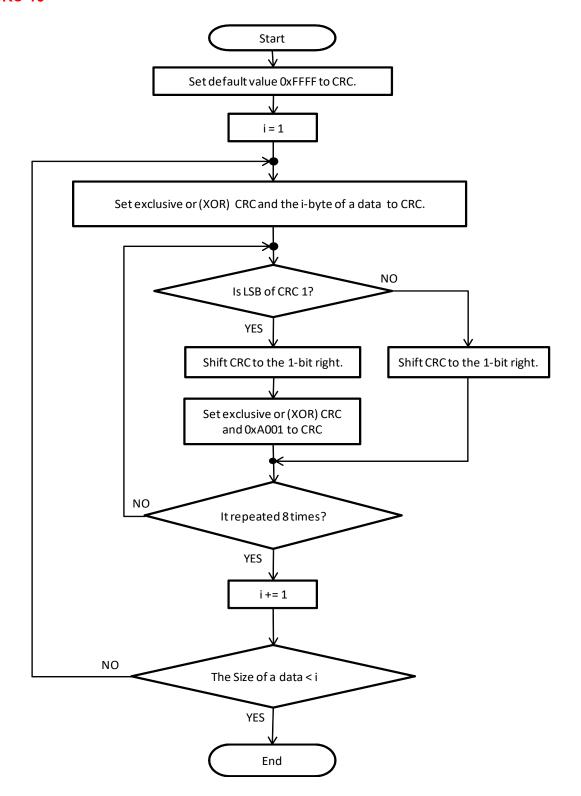
# Register Map

R/W	Addres s	Register	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
	0x00					٨	/AJOR[	7:0]		
	0x01	FW Version				/	/INOR[	7:0]		
	0x02		REVISION[7:0]							
Read	0x03		UID[7:0]							
	0x04						UID[15:	8]		
	0x05	SERIAL_NO -					UID[23::	16]		
	0x06						UID[31:2	24]		
Write	0x07	SNSR_CTRL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	MEASRUN
	0x08	SNSR_STATE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	MEASDONE
	0x09	200					DDS[7:	0]		
	0x0A	DDS	0	0	0	0			DDS[11	:8]
	0x0B	400.50				Α	DC_EC	[7:0]		
	0x0C	ADC_EC	0	0	0	0		A	DC_EC[	11:8]
	0x0D	Reserved					Reserve	ed		
	0x0E	Reserved					Reserve	ed		
	0x0F	ADC_PERMITTIVIT		ADC_PERMITTIVITY[7:0]						
	0x10 Y 0			0 0 0 0 ADC_PERMITTIVITY [11:8]						
	0x11	- ADC_BATTERY -	ADC_BATTERY[7:0]							
	0x12		0	0	0	0	ADC_BATTERY[11:8]			
	0x13	TEMP					TEMP[7	:0]		
	0x14	TEMP	0	0	0	0	SIGN		TEM	P[10:8]
Read	0x15	EC BUILK				E	C_BULK	[7:0]		
	0x16	EC_BULK				EC	_BULK[	15:8]		
	0x17	Reserved					Reserve	ed		
	0x18	Reserved					Reserve	ed		
	0x19	VWC					VWC[7:	0]		
	0x1A	VVVC	0	0	0	0	0	0		VWC [9:8]
	0x1B	Reserved					Reserve	ed		
	0x1C	Reserved					Reserve	ed		
	0x1D	Reserved					Reserve	ed		
	0x1E	Reserved					Reserve	ed		
	0x1F	FC DODE				EC	_PORE	[7:0]		
	0x20	EC_PORE				EC	_PORE	[15:8]		
	0x21	Reserved					Reserve	ed		
	0x22	Reserved					Reserve	ed		
	0x23				A 0.5.	ss inhibi	4			
	0x3C					الااااااااااا				

# Parameter description

Name		Des	scripti	on		Range	
F\\\\\	Firmware vers	ion. Firmware vei	sion c	onsists of major	version, minor		
FW Version	version and re	vision.				-	
UID	Unique ID.	Unique ID.					
SNSR_CTRL	Start bit for me	easuring				-	
	State of senso	or					
SNSR_STATE	0x00: under r	measuring or not	start to	measure.		-	
	0x01: finish to	o measure.					
DDS	Output of 12-b	it Analog-to-Digita	al (AD	) converter : refe	rence clock	0 ~ 4095	
DDS	for EC sensor			0 1 4095			
ADC_EC	Output of 12-b	it Analog-to-Digit	al con	verter : EC senso	or output.	0 ~ 4095	
ADC_BATTERY	-	it Analog-to-Digit	al con	verter : half of po	wer-supply	0 ~ 4095	
	voltage.						
ADC_PERMITTIVITY	Output of 12-b	Output of 12-bit Analog-to-Digital converter : moisture sensor output.					
	Temperature value:  It becomes the output value of [°C] unit by multiplying 0.0625.						
	Data is represe						
		TEMP[11:0]		Temperature			
		Binary	Не	<b>[</b> ℃]			
		0100_0110_0	46	70		2049 - 2047	
TEMP		0100_0101_1	45	69.9375		-2048 ~ 2047	
		:	:	:		(-128 ~ 127.9375°C)	
		0000_0000_0	00	0.0625			
		0000_0000_0	00	0 0635			
		1111_1111_1 :	FF	-0.0625			
		1110_1100_0	: EC	: -19.9475			
		1110_1100_0	EC	-20			
	Bulk EC value:					0 ~ 65535	
EC_BULK	It is a value suitable for measurement of ions in the water.					(0 ~ 65.535 dS/m)	
	It becomes the	(2 23.333 43.111)					
VWC	VWC(Volumetric Water Content) value:					0 ~ 1000	
	It becomes the	It becomes the output value of [%] unit by multiplying 0.1.					
	Pore EC value	<b>:</b> :				0 ~ 65535	
EC_PORE	It is a value su	itable for measur	ement	of ions in the so	il.	(0 ~ 65.535 dS/m)	
	It becomes the output value of [dS/m] unit by multiplying 0.001.					(3 00.000 00/111)	

## **CRC-16**



# CRC-16 (Program)

```
USHORT CRC16(int size, BYTE* data)
    USHORT cr = 0xFFFF;
    for(int i = 0; i < size; i++)
          cr = cr ^ data[i];
          for(int j = 0; j < 8; j++)
                if((cr \& 0x0001) == 0x0001)
                 {
                                 cr >>= 1;
                                 cr ^= 0xA001;
                 }
                 else
                 {
                                 cr >>= 1;
                 }
         }
    }
    return cr;
}
```

## Sample code, Timing chart

- ① Start to measure: write "0x01" to SNSR\_CTRL register(0x07).
- ② Monitor the state of sensor: read the state("0x00" or "0x01") in

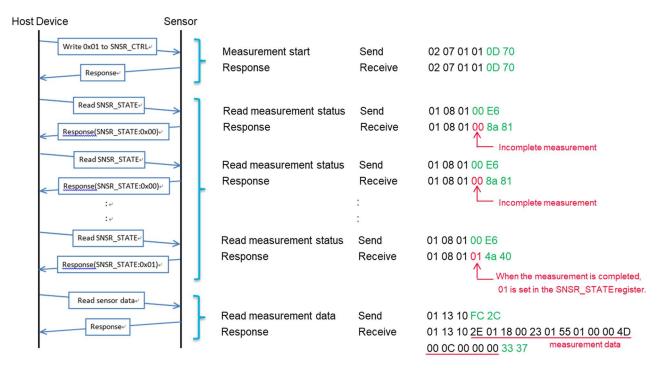
SNSR\_STATE register(0x08).

0x00 : Still under measuring or not start to measure.

0x01: finish to measure.

③ Read the measurement data : read the data in each registers.

(After finishing the measurement (SNSR\_STATE register value="0x01"))



#Green character is CRC-16 code. Please calculate according to the CRC-16 program described in the specification and use it for transmission and error check at reception.

Command to read measurement data of ①~®

 Read measurement data
 Send
 01 13 10 FC 2C

 Response
 Receive
 01 13 10 2E 01 18 00 23 01 55 01 00 00 4D 00 0C 00 00 00 33 37

How to read the measurement data

1 TEMP :  $2E 01 \Rightarrow 0x012E \Rightarrow 302dx0.0625 \Rightarrow 18.875[^{\circ}C]$ 

2 EC\_BULK :  $18.00 \Rightarrow 0x0018 \Rightarrow 24dx0.001 \Rightarrow 0.024[dS/m]$ 

3 DummyData : 23 01

(4) VWC : 55 01 ⇒ 0x0155 ⇒ 341dx0.1 ⇒ 34.1[%]

5 DummyData : 00 006 DummyData : 4D 00

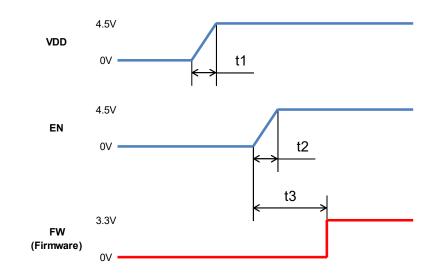
 $\bigcirc$  EC\_PORE : 0C 00  $\Rightarrow$  0x000C  $\Rightarrow$  12dx0.001  $\Rightarrow$  0.012[dS/m]

8 DummyData : 00 00

# Power ON timing

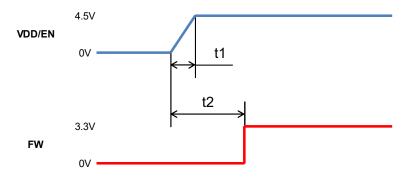
Timing case 1: VDD "High" -> EN "High"

\* Cable length 3m



items	symbol	Тур	unit
VDD rise time	t1	3	ms
EN rise time	t2	2.2	ms
EN "start" ~ FW "start" time	t3	11	ms

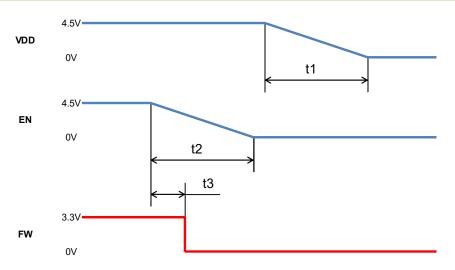
## Timing case 2: VDD and EN "High" at same time



items	symbol	Тур	unit
VDD/EN rise time at same time	t1	3	ms
VDD/EN "ctort" ~ EW "ctort" time	t2	11	me

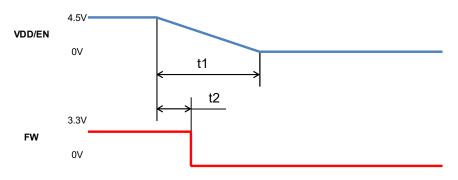
# Power off timing

## Timing case 1: EN "Low" -> VDD "Low"



items	symbol	Тур	unit
VDD fall time	t1	110	ms
EN fall time	t2	103	ms
EN "fall start" ~FW "stop" time	t3	69	ms

## Timing case 2: VDD and EN "Low" at same time

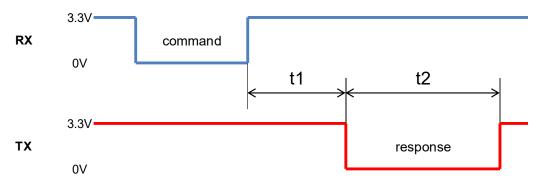


items	symbol	Тур	unit
VDD/EN fall time at same time	t1	70	ms
VDD/FN "fall start" ~ FW "stop" time	t2	52	ms

# **UART** communication

	Baud rate	9600bps
UART communication specification	Data size	8bit
	Parity	none
	Stop bit	1bit
	Flow control	none

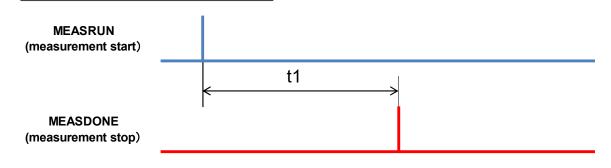
#### TX/RX looked from sensor side



items	symbol	MAX	unit	]
response wait time	t1	5	ms	
response time	t2	33	ms	]※

%Response as 26 data were read from Register0x09 to Register0x22

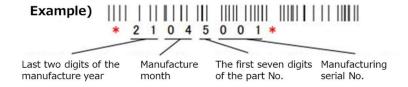
# Measurement time



items	symbol	MAX	unit
measurement time	t1	4	s

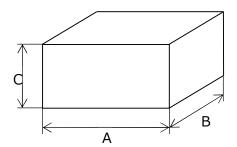
## [10] Product label

The serial number is printed on the surface of the product body.



## [11] Packing

After packing the products one by one with package cushioning, put them in a bag. Furthermore, it is packed in one of three types of boxes according to the quantity as follows.



Box type	Size(	Typical r	Maximum	
	Α	В	С	quantity
40 号	336	263	227	15 pcs.
10 号	267	170	120	5 pcs.

# [12] Warranty

#### 12-1. Warranty period

The warranty period is one year after delivery.

## 12-2. Warranty details

The sensor will be exchanged free of charge in case of a malfunction occurred under the normal use that has followed the specifications and cautions of this document.

\*\*The warranty is only covered by the contents in the specification that meet our measurement standard.

### 12-3. Disclaimer

Murata shall be under no liability in respect of any fault and damage as follows.

- (1) Misuse, improper handling, improper repair, and improper alteration. (Including failure to use normally in accordance with handling method and caution described in this document.)
- (2) Improper handling such as dropping or impact on transportation or moving.
- (3) Fire, earthquake, lightning surge, or other natural disaster.
- (4) Gas damage (hydrogen sulfide gas, etc.).
- (5) Non-specified power connection and erroneous connection.
- (6) Cause from any other devices which is connected to the system.
- (7) Excessive stress, dent, scratch
- (8) Chemicals, organic solvents
- (9) Biological factors

# [13] **\( \Lambda**\) Caution

#### 13-1. Limitation of Applications

The products listed in the document (hereinafter the product(s) is called as the "Product(s)") are designed and manufactured for applications specified in the document. (hereinafter called as the "Specific Application").

We shall not warrant anything in connection with the Products including fitness, performance, adequateness, safety, or quality, in the case of applications listed in from (1) to (11) written at the end of this precautions, which may generally require high performance, function, quality, management of production or safety. Therefore, the Product shall be applied in compliance with the specific application. WE DISCLAIM ANY LOSS AND DAMAGES ARISING FROM OR IN CONNECTION WITH THE PRODUCTS INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE CASE SUCH LOSS AND DAMAGES CAUSED BY THE UNEXPECTED ACCIDENT, IN EVENT THAT (i) THE PRODUCT IS APPLIED FOR THE PURPOSE WHICH IS NOT SPECIFIED AS THE SPECIFIC APPLICATION FOR THE PRODUCT, AND/OR (ii) THE PRODUCT IS APPLIED FOR ANY FOLLOWING APPLICATION PURPOSES FROM (1) TO (11) (EXCEPT THAT SUCH APPLICATION PURPOSE IS UNAMBIGUOUSLY SPECIFIED AS SPECIFIC APPLICATION FOR THE PRODUCT IN OUR CATALOG SPECIFICATION FORMS, DATASHEETS, OR OTHER DOCUMENTS OFFICIALLY ISSUED BY US\*).

- (1) Aircraft equipment
- (2) Aerospace equipment
- (3) Undersea equipment
- (4) Power plant control equipment
- (5) Medical equipment
- (6) Transportation equipment
- (7) Traffic control equipment
- (8) Disaster prevention/security equipment
- (9) Industrial data-processing equipment
- (10) Combustion/explosion control equipment
- (11) Equipment with complexity and/or required reliability equivalent to the applications listed in the above.

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Contact form: https://www.murata.com/contactform

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#### 13-2. Addition of fail-safe function

To avoid of unprecedented failure caused by this product, please include appropriate fail-safe protection function to the overall system.

## [14] Caution of storage

- 14-1. Temperature -20~+60°C.
  - Please store it in the room without the sudden temperature change.
- 14-2. A deterioration in the quality of product is caused when kept of chemical atmospheres such as acid, alkali, salt, organic gas, sulfur.
  - Please store it avoiding the chemical atmosphere.
- 14-3. Please store it avoiding direct sunlight, heat, vibration.
- 14-4. A failure is caused by the dropping of product.

  Please handle and store it with the state not to drop easily.

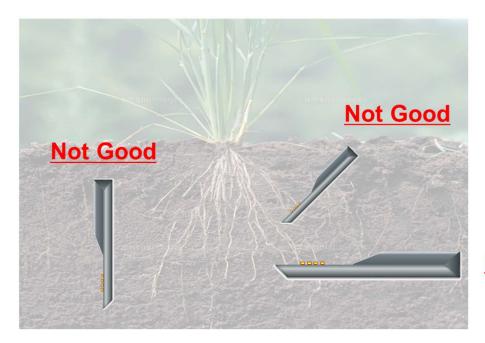
## [15] Request

- 1. When using the product, please be sure to evaluate it in the condition of being mounted on your product.
- 2. Please do not use this product deviating from the description in this delivery specification.

## (Appendix)

Handling method

## Recommended way of setting up

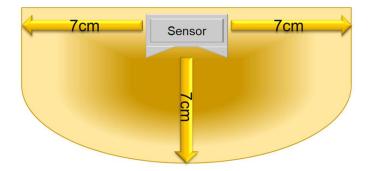


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# Sensing/detecting area

The effective sensing area is 7cm from the bottom, left and right of the sensor for VWC and EC\_pore measurement.

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# Recommended way of setting up ①

- ✓ Set EC sensor side (the side you can see 9 electrodes) upward.
- ✓ Put the sensor in the target ground depth (from the ground level to EC sensor surface)



1) Dig a hole in the ground



④By fixing sensor, put more fine soil



②put fine soil through a sieve

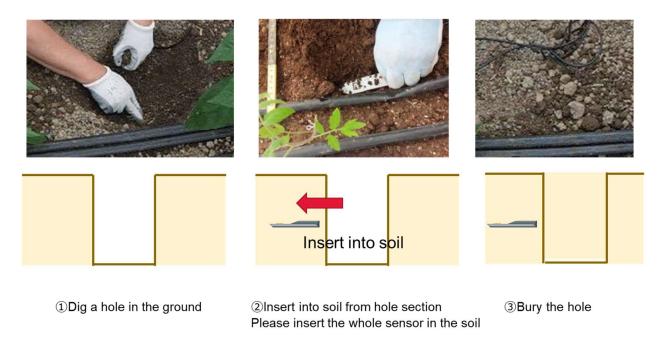


③Put sensor with sticking to soil, then move right/left for more close sticking



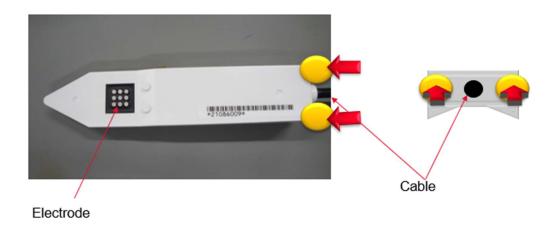
⑤ After soil covering the whole sensor, add more soil with surroundings

# Recommended way of setting up ②



## Handling of setting and removal

When you set it up in the soil, please push it from the two yellow mark positions. Please do not apply force to the electrical cable, and please do not touch the electrode directly. When you remove it from the soil, please do not pull the electrical cable.



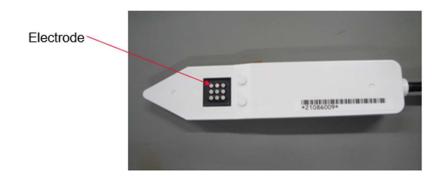
## Storage method after removal

Please store it after washing with water.

If needed, please use a neutral detergent for tableware.

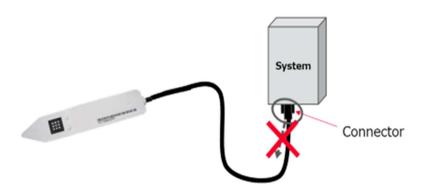
Please wash it with soft cloth, do not use any hard metal on electrodes.

After that, please dry the sensor completely before storage, and store it avoiding direct sunlight.



## Precaution for use

Please do not pull out the connector with the sensor power on.



# **Revision history**

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