

The WET Sensor type WET-2 measures three vital soil properties: **Water content**, **Electrical Conductivity (EC)** and **Temperature**.

- Moisture and nutrient status in the root zone
- Rapid monitoring of growing conditions
- Calibrations for many soils and substrates

Rapid checks on growing conditions

The WET Sensor can easily be inserted into substrates, composts and most soils, enabling growers and researchers to make rapid checks and optimise the uniformity of growing conditions. Each reading takes less than 5 seconds and provides 3 of the most important indicators of root zone health: water content (%), pore water conductivity (ECp) and temperature (°C). The sensor is particularly useful in horticulture for monitoring and responding to variations when applying fertigation, CRF or organic treatments.

Pore water conductivity

The WET Sensor is able to calculate pore water conductivity (ECp) which is the EC of the water available to plant roots. The ECp calculation is derived from an approximate relationship between dielectric properties. This applies particularly well to WET Sensor readings, which are taken at the same frequency within the same defined region of soil/substrate. The approximation is valid in most soils and is particularly accurate in mineral wool and other artificial substrates media.

Horticultural media calibrations

The WET Sensor is supplied with default calibrations for generic mineral, organic, sand and clay soils. Special WET-GH substrate calibrations can be ordered as a set, for a variety of horticultural media including coir, peat-based potting mixes and greenhouse "mineral" soils. Alternatively, WET-ST calibrations can be ordered for mineral wool (vertical and horizontal measurement).



Applications

- Horticulture
- Agriculture
- Soil science

Data logging

The WET Sensor can be connected to the GP2 or GP1 Data Logger in order to monitor fluctuations in growing conditions over time. The smart control relay capability of the GP2 and GP1 are fully enabled for the WET Sensor, so the system may be configured to control water content and/or EC or temperature using powerful built-in control capabilities.

Ordering Information

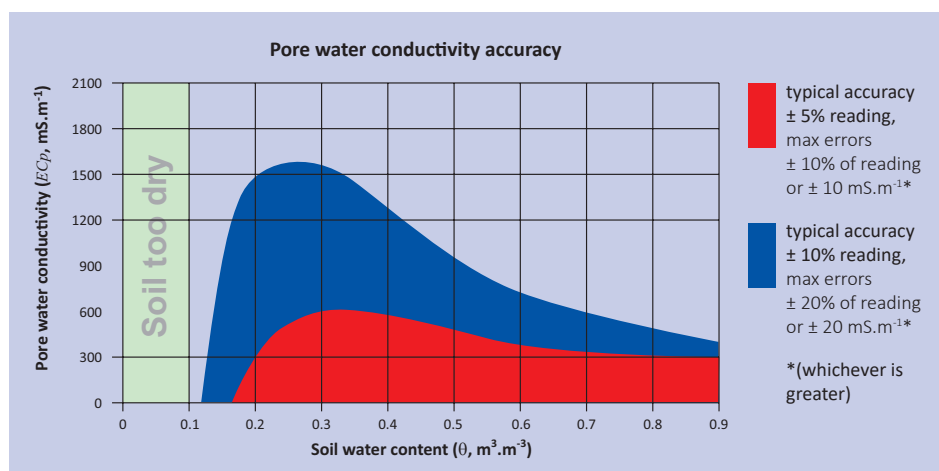
WET-2/d	Sensor with 1 m cable and 25-way D-socket for use with HH2.
WET-2/w-05	Sensor with 5 m cable terminating in bare wires for use with GP1 or GP2.

Brief Specification (full spec on page 15)

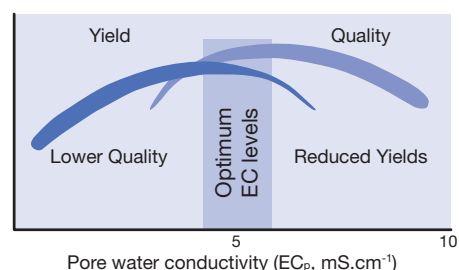
Measured parameters	
Permittivity, ϵ'	1 to 80 ± 2.5 ^[1]
Bulk conductivity	0 to 300 $\text{mS}\cdot\text{m}^{-1} \pm 10$ (ECb)
Temperature	-5 to 50°C ± 1.5 °C
Calculated parameters	
Volumetric Soil Moisture, θ	0 to 100% $\pm 3\%$ ^[2]
Pore water conductivity	See graph below (ECp)
Other specifications	
Calibration	Individual sensor calibrations stored within sensor EEPROM
Output	Serial data (TTL)
Environmental	IP68, -40 to +70°C
Power	6 to 10 V, ~ 38 mA for 2.5 s
Dimensions	$\sim 120 \times 45 \times 13$ mm
Rods	~ 68 mm long
Sample volume	~ 500 ml

[1] Permittivity is a measure of the dielectric properties of materials, e.g. soils and substrates.

[2] Soil moisture accuracy refers to errors after applying a soil-specific calibration, within 10°C of calibration temperature.



Yield and Quality of Tomatoes v ECp





WET Kit

For portable applications the WET Sensor is used with an HH2 Moisture Meter and is normally supplied as a complete kit - see Ordering Information.

Ordering Information			
WET-2-K1	WET Kit including WET-2/d, HH2 Moisture Meter, manuals and carrying case.		
WET-2-K4	As WET-2-K1 Kit plus WET-GH1 substrate calibration upgrade.		
Calibration sales codes (dependent on WET partnering equipment)			
Substrate calibration upgrades If additional horticultural substrate calibrations are required, they should be ordered at the time of purchase of the HH2, GP2 or GP1. Substrate calibrations are factory installed at Delta-T's premises.			
HH2	GP2	GP1	Substrate calibration upgrade
WET-GH-1	WET-GH-1G2	WET-GH-1G	Horticultural media including coir, peat-based potting mixes and greenhouse 'mineral' soils.
WET-ST-1	WET-ST-1G2	WET-ST-1G	Mineral wools (vertical and horizontal measurement).

Horticultural Applications

- Fertigation and hydroponics
- Soil salinity
- Container-grown shrubs and trees

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Designers of the WET Sensor & the ASIC which enables accurate measurement of permittivity and conductivity of the bulk soil or media.



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Web site: www.cultilene.com

Sponsors of research into horticultural media applications and suppliers of horticultural media calibrations.



Multi-parameter			Soil water potential
WET Sensor 			EQ3 
Volumetric water content	Pore water conductivity (ECp)	Temperature	Soil water potential (matric potential) and soil temperature
$\pm 0.03 \text{ m}^3.\text{m}^{-3}$ (3%)	See graph on page 6	$\pm 1.5^\circ\text{C}$	$\pm 10 \text{ kPa}$ over 0 to -100 kPa 10% of reading over -100 to -1000 kPa $\pm 0.5^\circ\text{C}$, 0 to 40°C for temp sensor $\pm 0.75^\circ\text{C}$, -20 to +60°C for temp sensor
Full accuracy over: 0 to 1.0 m³.m⁻³	See graph on page 6	0 to 50°C	0 to -1000 kPa (-10bar)
0 to 300 mS.m⁻¹			Suitable for all non-saline soils.
Supplied with extended range calibrations which should be used for readings between 300 to 500 mS.m ⁻¹			
-5 to 50°C			0 to 40°C
Serial TTL data providing permittivity, bulk conductivity and temperature, from which water content and pore water conductivity are calculated			0-1.0 V differential, non-linear. (Calibration data and graph supplied with each sensor)
			Resistance 5.8Ω to 28kΩ for temp sensor
6 to 10 V, ~38 mA for 2.5 s			5 to 14 V, ~18 mA for 1 s
IP68			IP68
~500 ml			N/A
Sample volume is weighted towards soil immediately surrounding the rods			
Overall: ~120 x 45 x 13 mm Rods: 68 mm x 3.0 mm dia Outer rods 68 mm x 3.0 mm dia Central rod 65 mm x 5.0 mm dia			181 mm x 40.5 mm diameter
Weight: 0.1 kg			Weight: 0.3 kg (excl. cable)
Sensor calibrations supplied in WET Sensor EEPROM			Individual sensor calibrations supplied
Recalibration advised every 3 years (depending on use)			Recalibration advised every 2 years (depending on use)
Generalised Mineral, Organic, Sand and Clay calibrations are supplied, specialist calibrations are available for horticultural substrates (see page 7)			No soil calibrations required
Measures pore water conductivity, moisture content and temperature directly within soils and substrates. It has crucial applications in precision horticulture and soil science research.			Maintenance-free dielectric tensiometer with soil temperature measurement. Can be left installed even in frozen soils. Best results in dry soils. Readings are lower accuracy than water-filled tensiometers.