
Ambient Weather WS-0100 Advanced Weather Station User Manual



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1. Introduction

Thank you for your purchase of the Ambient Weather WS-0100 Advanced Weather Station with time, indoor temperature and outdoor temperature and outdoor humidity. The following user guide provides step by step instructions for installation, operation and troubleshooting. To download the latest manual and additional troubleshooting tips, please visit:

<http://ambientweather.wikispaces.com/ws0100>

2. Getting Started

The WS-0100 weather station consists of a display console (receiver), and a thermo-hygrometer (remote transmitter).


2.1 Parts List

QTY	Item
1	Display Console Frame Dimensions (LxWxH): 4.5 x 2.5 x 1.0 in LCD Dimensions (LxW): 2.25 x 1.75"
1	Thermo-hygrometer transmitter (WH-2) with mounting bracket Dimensions (LxWxH): 3.5" x 2.5" x 0.9"

2.2 Recommend Tools

- Philips screwdriver (precision)
- Drill for mounting bracket

2.3 Thermo-Hygrometer Sensor Set Up

 **Note:** To avoid permanent damage, please take note of the battery polarity before inserting the batteries.


Remove the battery door on the back of the sensor with a Philips screwdriver (there is only one screw, at the bottom of the unit). Insert two AAA batteries as shown in Figure 1 (we recommend lithium batteries for cold weather climates, but alkaline batteries are sufficient for most climates).

Replace the battery door and set screw. Note that the temperature and humidity will be displayed on the LCD display. Looking at the back of the unit from left to right, the polarity is (-) (+) for the top battery and (+) (-) for the bottom battery.



Figure 1

2.4 Display Console Set Up

 **Note:** To avoid permanent damage, please take note of the battery polarity before inserting the batteries.

Move the remote thermo-hygrometer at least 10' away from the display console (if the sensor is too close, it may not be received by the display console).

Remove the battery door on the back of the display. Insert two AA (alkaline or lithium, avoid rechargeable) batteries in the back of the display console.

All of the LCD segments will light up for a few seconds to verify all segments are operating properly.

Replace the battery door, and fold out the desk stand and place the console in the upright position.

The console will instantly display indoor temperature, date and time. The outdoor temperature and humidity will display --, then update on the display within a few minutes. Do not touch any buttons until the remote sensor reports in, otherwise the remote sensor search mode will be terminated, and you must power down and power up the console again. When the remote sensor data has been received, the console will automatically switch to the normal mode, and all further settings can be performed.

If the remote does not update, please reference the troubleshooting guide in Section 7.

2.5 Sensor Operation Verification

Verify the indoor and outdoor temperature match closely with the console and sensor array in the same location (about 10' apart). The sensors should be within 4°F (the accuracy is $\pm 2^\circ\text{F}$). Allow about 30 minutes for both sensors to stabilize.

3. Remote Sensor Installation

It is recommended you mount the remote sensor on a north facing wall, in a shaded area. Direct sunlight and radiant heat sources will result in inaccurate temperature readings. Although the sensor is water resistant, it is best to mount in a well protected area, such as an eave.

Use 3 screws to affix the mounting bracket to the wall. Connect the remote sensor to the wall bracket with a precision screwdriver.

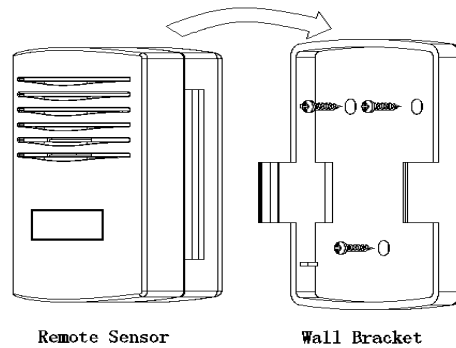




Figure 3

4. Console Operation

 **Note:** After 30 seconds of inactivity, the display will automatically revert to the normal display mode (automatic time out).

4.1 Set Time and Units

 **Note:** In 12 hour mode (USA), the temperature will display °F. In 24 hour mode, the temperature will display °C.

 **Note:** The **SET** and **MIN/MAX** functions use the same button and are used interchangeably. The **RESET** and **CH/+** functions use the same button and are used interchangeably.

Press the **SET** key for two seconds, and 12H will flash. Press the **CH/+** key to switch between the 24 hour (24H) and 12 hour (12H) time display mode. Press the **SET** key to confirm 12/24 hour format selection.

The hour will begin flashing. Press the **CH/+** key to advance the hour. Note that the PM icon will be displayed for afternoon hours. Press and hold the **CH/+** key to advance rapidly. Press the **SET** key to confirm the hour selection.

The minute will begin flashing. Press the **CH/+** key to advance the minute. Press and hold the **CH/+** key to advance rapidly. Press the **SET** key to confirm the hour selection.

4.2 Min/Max Mode

While in Normal Mode, press the **MIN/MAX** key to enter the minimum mode, and the **MIN** icon and minimum records will be displayed at the bottom of the display. Press and hold the **RESET** key for two seconds to reset the minimum values to the current values.

Press the **MIN/MAX** key to enter the maximum mode, and the **MAX** icon and maximum records will be displayed. Press and hold the **RESET** key for two seconds or more to reset the maximum values to the current values.

Press **MIN/MAX** key again to return the Normal Mode.

4.3 Multi-Channel Operation

The WS-0100 supports up to three WH-2C remote thermo-hygrometers (one is included). The optional sensors can be purchased at AmbientWeather.com.

4.3.1 Sensor Initialization

Power up the sensors and console in the following order:

1. Power up the console. Do not touch any of the buttons, as described in Section 2.4.
2. Power up the first remote thermo-hygrometer as described in Section 2.5. Wait until the sensor reports into the console.
3. Power up the second remote thermo-hygrometer as described in Section 2.5. Wait until the sensor reports to the console. The first sensor will be designated as Channel 1 and the second sensor will be designated as Channel 2.
4. Power up the third remote thermo-hygrometer as described in Section 2.5. Wait until the sensor reports to the console. The third sensor will be designated as Channel 3. The display will switch between each sensor until you exit the initialization state by pressing any button.

4.3.2 Sensor Accuracy Note

Verify the temperature values match closely with the console and sensor array in the same location (about 10' apart). The sensors should be within 4°F (the accuracy is $\pm 2^\circ\text{F}$).

Humidity is a particularly difficult parameter to measure. Verify the humidity values match closely with the sensor array in the same location (about 10' apart). The sensors should be within 10% humidity (the accuracy is $\pm 5\%$).

Allow about 30 minutes for both sensors to stabilize.

4.3.3 Viewing the 3 Sensor Channels

To view the 3 sensor channels, select the **CH/+** button. The minimum and maximum can be viewed for each channel as specified in Section 4.2.

5. Glossary of Terms

Term	Definition
Accuracy	Accuracy is defined as the ability of a measurement to match the actual value of the quantity being measured.
Hygrometer	A hygrometer is a device that measures relative humidity. Relative humidity is a term used to describe the amount or percentage of water vapor that exists in air.
Range	Range is defined as the amount or extent a value can be measured.

6. Specifications

6.1 Wireless Specifications

- Line of sight wireless transmission (in open air): 300 feet

- Frequency: 433 MHz
- Update Rate: 48 seconds

6.2 Measurement Specifications

The following table provides specifications for the measured parameters.

Measurement	Range	Accuracy	Resolution
Indoor Temperature	32 to 140 °F	± 2 °F	0.1 °F
Outdoor Temperature	-40 to 149 °F	± 2 °F	0.1 °F
Outdoor Humidity	20 to 95%	± 5%	1 %

6.3 Power Consumption

- Base station : 2 x AA 1.5V Alkaline batteries
- Remote sensor : 2 x AAA 1.5V Alkaline batteries
- Battery life: Minimum 24 months for base station
Minimum 24 months for thermometer-hygrometer sensor (use lithium batteries in cold weather climates)

7. Troubleshooting Guide

If your question is not answered here, you can contact us as follows:




1. Email Support: support@ambientweather.com
2. Live Chat Support: www.ambientweather.com/chat.html (M-F 8am to 4pm Arizona Time)
3. Technical Support: 480-283-1644 (M-F 8am to 4pm Arizona Time)

Problem	Solution
Wireless remote (thermo-hygrometer) not reporting in to console. There are dashes on the display console.	<p>The maximum line of sight communication range is 300'. Move the sensor assembly closer to the display console.</p> <p>If the sensor assembly is too close (less than 10'), move the sensor assembly away from the display console.</p> <p>Cycle power on the console. The console may have exited the search mode.</p> <p>Install a fresh set of batteries in the remote thermo-hygrometer. For cold weather environments, install lithium batteries.</p> <p>Make sure the remote sensors are not transmitting through solid metal (acts as an RF shield), or earth barrier (down a hill).</p> <p>Move the display console around electrical noise generating devices, such as computers, TVs and other wireless transmitters or receivers.</p>

Problem	Solution
	<p>Move the remote sensor to a higher location. Move the remote sensor to a closer location.</p> <p>Radio Frequency (RF) Sensors cannot transmit through metal barriers (example, aluminum siding) or multiple, thick walls.</p>
Temperature sensor reads too high in the day time.	<p>Make sure the thermo-hygrometer is mounted in a shaded area on the north facing wall. Consider the following radiation shield if this is not possible: http://www.ambientweather.com/amwesrpatean.html</p>
Indoor and Outdoor Temperature do not agree	<p>Allow up to 30 minutes for the sensors to stabilize due to signal filtering. The indoor and outdoor temperature sensors should agree within 4 °F (the sensor accuracy is ± 2 °F)</p>
Multi-channel Humidity do not agree	<p>Allow up to 30 minutes for the sensors to stabilize due to signal filtering. The multi-channel sensors should agree within 10% (the sensor accuracy is $\pm 5\%$)</p>
Humidity is reading 20% at low humidity or 95% at high humidity	<p>The humidity sensor is out of range (20 to 95%)</p>
Display console contrast is weak	<p>Replace console batteries with a fresh set of batteries.</p>

8. Accessories

The following software and hardware accessories are available for this weather station at www.AmbientWeather.com.

Accessory	Image	Description
Energizer AA Lithium Battery (2-pack) - Batteries for Long Life and Cold Climates		AA lithium batteries for cold weather climates.
SRS100LX Temperature and Humidity Solar Radiation Shield		Solar Radiation Shield improves temperature accuracy for hot weather climates. Remove the rain guard and install over thermo-hygrometer.
Ambient Weather WH3C Thermo-Hygrometer		The WS-0100 supports up to three remote channels (one is included).

9. Liability Disclaimer

Please help in the preservation of the environment and return used batteries to an authorized depot. The electrical and electronic wastes contain hazardous substances. Disposal of electronic waste in

wild country and/or in unauthorized grounds strongly damages the environment.

Reading the “User manual” is highly recommended. The manufacturer and supplier cannot accept any responsibility for any incorrect readings and any consequences that occur should an inaccurate reading take place.

This product is designed for use in the home only as indication of weather conditions. This product is not to be used for medical purposes or for public information.

The specifications of this product may change without prior notice.

This product is not a toy. Keep out of the reach of children.

No part of this manual may be reproduced without written authorization of the manufacturer.

Ambient, LLC WILL NOT ASSUME LIABILITY FOR INCIDENTAL, CONSEQUENTIAL, PUNITIVE, OR OTHER SIMILAR DAMAGES ASSOCIATED WITH THE OPERATION OR MALFUNCTION OF THIS PRODUCT.

10. FCC Statement

Statement according to FCC part 15.19:

This device complies with part 15 of the FCC rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions:

1. This device may not cause harmful interference.
2. This device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

Statement according to FCC part 15.21:

Modifications not expressly approved by this company could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.

Statement according to FCC part 15.105:

NOTE: This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications.

However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

11. Warranty Information

Ambient, LLC provides a 1-year limited warranty on this product against manufacturing defects in materials and workmanship.

This limited warranty begins on the original date of purchase, is valid only on products purchased and only to the original purchaser of this product. To receive warranty service, the purchaser must contact Ambient, LLC for problem determination and service procedures.

Warranty service can only be performed by a Ambient, LLC. The original dated bill of sale must be presented upon request as proof of purchase to Ambient, LLC.

Your Ambient, LLC warranty covers all defects in material and workmanship with the following specified exceptions: (1) damage caused by accident, unreasonable use or neglect (lack of reasonable and necessary maintenance); (2) damage resulting from failure to follow instructions contained in your owner's manual; (3) damage resulting from the performance of repairs or alterations by someone other than an authorized Ambient, LLC authorized service center; (4) units used for other than home use (5) applications and uses that this product was not intended (6) the products inability to receive a signal due to any source of interference or metal obstructions and (7) extreme acts of nature, such as lightning strikes or floods.

This warranty covers only actual defects within the product itself, and does not cover the cost of installation or removal from a fixed installation, normal set-up or adjustments, claims based on misrepresentation by the seller or performance variations resulting from installation-related circumstances.

