

# **User Guide**

### **Product Introduction**

The sensor uses the frequency domain reflection method to measure soil water content. By measuring the dielectric constant of the soil, and according to the transmission line theory, the effect of the change of capacitance on the change of reflected wave is measured, and then the soil water content is measured. The sensor housing is made of ABS with good resistance to acid and alkali corrosion and can reach IP68 waterproof rating.



### **Use Case Scenarios**

It is widely used in homes, offices, flowers, farms and other places where soil temperature and humidity need to be measured.

#### **Features**

- 1. Imported sensors, high precision and fast response.
- 2. Stronger stability and anti-interference ability.
- 3. Wide voltage input, DC 5~24V.

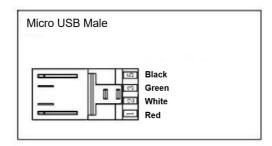
## **Product Specifications**

Specifications						
Model	UB-STH-N1					
Power Supply	DC 5~24V					
Max Current	75mA (@5V) , 155mA (@12V)					
Measuring Range	Temperature: -40~85°C Humidity: 0~100%					
Accuracy	Temperature: ±0.5℃ Humidity: ±3% (@0~50%); ±5% (@50~100%)					
Dimension	150*45*15mm					
Probe Length	80mm					
Probe Diameter	Ф3.5					
Protection level	IP68					
Connector	Audio/Micro USB					
Cable Length	3m					
Communication Protocol	RS485 Modbus RTU Protocol					
RS485 Address	0xFE					
Baud Rate	1200 bit/s,2400 bit/s, 4800 bit/s, 9600 bit/s (default), 19200 bit/s					

# **Wiring Instruction**

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RS485	VCC	В	А	GND			
Micro USB	Red	White	Green	Black			
Audio	Red	Green	White	Black			

Micro USB Audio





#### **Measurement Area**

Measurement area: Inside a 5cm diameter cylinder of equal height to the probes, centred on the centre of the two probes.



#### **Quick Test Method**

Select a suitable measurement site, avoid rocks and ensure that the steel needle does not touch hard objects. Throw away the top layer of soil according to the required measuring depth, keep the original tightness of the soil underneath, and insert the sensor vertically into the soil by holding it tightly. Do not shake the sensor from side to side when inserting it. It is recommended to take several measurements within a small area of one measurement point to find the average value.



#### **Ground Penetration Method**

Vertically dig a pit with a diameter of >20cm. Insert the sensor pin horizontally into the pit wall at the established depth and fill the pit tightly. After a period of stabilisation, measurements and recordings can be made over a period of days, months or even longer.



## **Communication protocols**

### 1. Communication basic parameters

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Coding System	8-bit binary					
Data Bit	8 bits					
Parity Checking Bit	none					
Stop Bit	1 bit					
Error Checking	CRC Check					
Baud Rate	1200 bit/s, 2400 bit/s, 4800 bit/s, 9600 bit/s (default), 19200 bit/s					

#### 2. Data Frame Format

The Modbus-RTU communication protocol is used in the following format:

- Initial structure  $\geq$  4 bytes in time.
- Address code: 1 byte, default 0xFE.
- Function code: 1 byte, support function code 0x03 (read only) and 0x06 (read/write).
- Data area: N bytes, 16-bit data, high byte comes first.
- Error check: 16-bit CRC code.
- End structure  $\geq$  4 bytes of time.

Request Property of the Proper										
Slave Addres	s Function (	on Code		ter Address	No. of Registe	rs	CRC LSB		CRC MSB	
1 byte	1 byte	2 k		2 bytes 2 bytes 1 by		1 byte			1 byte	
Response										
Slave Address	Function Code	No. of	Bytes	Content 1	Content 1		•••	Conte	nt n	CRC
1 byte	1 byte	1 b	yte	2 bytes	2 bytes			2 byt	es	2 bytes

## 3. Register Address

Register Address								
Address (hex)	Content	Register Length	Function Code	Description of definitions				
0x0000	Humidity	1	03	Unsigned integer data, divided by 10				
0x0001	Temperature	1	03	Signed integer data, divided by 10				
0x0064	Address	1	03/06	1~255				

#### **NOTE**

- 1. The steel needle must be fully inserted into the soil during measurement.
- 2. Avoid strong sunlight shining directly on the sensor and causing high temperature. Pay attention to the lightning protection when using in the field.
- 3. Do not violently bend the steel needle, do not pull the sensor lead wire, do not drop or hit the sensor violently.
- 4. Due to the presence of radio frequency electromagnetic radiation in the air, should not be in the air for a long time in the power state.