

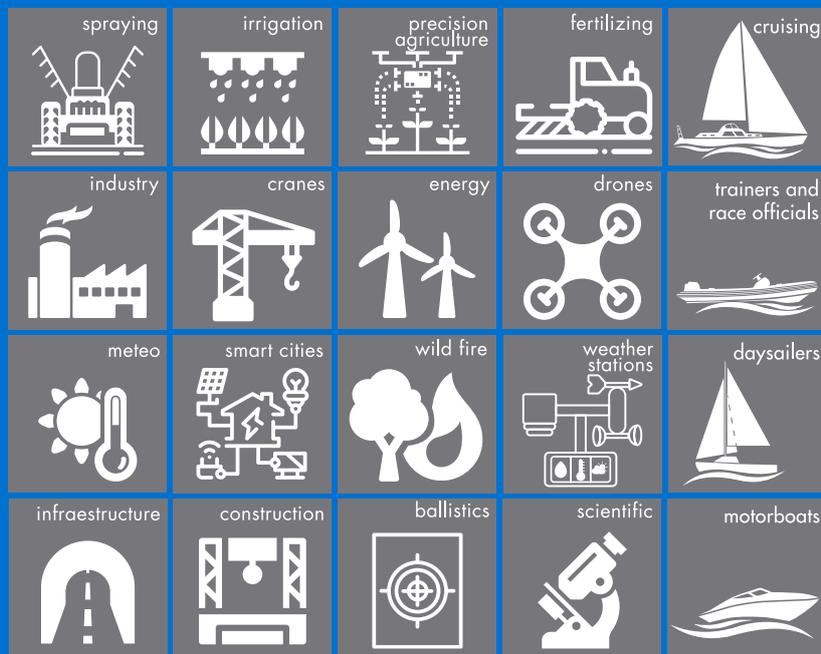


# CALYPSO ULTRA-LOW-POWER ULTRASONIC (ULP) WIND METER

## User manual



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If you want to know more about our new ULP wind meter, please keep reading or visit our website [www.calypsoinstruments.com](http://www.calypsoinstruments.com)

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# 1. Product overview

Thank you for choosing the ULP wind meter from Calypso Instruments. This ULP is the first model of our generation II, representing an important technology breakthrough condensing an extensive R+D investment:

- Both shape and firmware have been enhanced for an improved rain performance. This is key for static applications such as weather stations.
- Mechanical design has been revamped making the unit more robust and dependable.
- We feel very proud to release a unit that requires under 0.4 mA of power at 5V, sampling at 1Hz.
- Different output options available: RS485, UART/-TTL and MODBUS.

Applications for the ULP485 are the following:  
Weather Stations | Drones  
Temporary Scaffolding and construction | Infrastructures and building | Cranes  
Spraying | Irrigation | Fertilizing | Precision Agriculture  
Smart Cities | Wild fires | Shooting | Scientific



# 2. Package content

The package contains the following:

- Ultrasonic ULP Wind Instrument plus 2 meter (6.5 ft) cable for connection
- Serial number reference on the side of the packaging.
- A quick user guide on the back of the packaging and some more useful information for the customer.

### 3. Technical specifications

The ULP has the following technical specifications:

**3.1. Dimensions** · Diameter: 68 mm (2.68 in.)  
· Height: 65 mm (2.56 in.)



**3.2. Weight** 210 grams (7.4 ounces)

**3.3 Power** · 3.3-18 DCV

The ULP has to be connected as shown in this section.



RS485/MODBUS RTU Output:

White GND (Power -)	Yellow DATA (B -)
Brown VCC (Power +)	Green DATA (A +)

UART/TTL Output:

White GND (Power -)	Yellow DATA Rx
Brown VCC (Power +)	Green DATA Tx

Data interface	1-Auto transmit 2-POLL telegram 3-MODBUS
Data format	NMEA0183
Baudrate	2400 to 115200 bauds
Voltage range	3.3-18V

Power consumption:

Ultra-Low-Power (RS485 NMEA0183) : 0,25mA @5V, 1Hz  
/ (MODBUS) : 1 mA @5V, 1 Hz

Ultra-Low-Power (UART / I2C) : 0,15 mA @5V, 1Hz

**3.4. Sensors** Ultrasonic transducers (4x)  
Sample rate: 0.1 Hz to 10 Hz

The ULP has been designed to avoid any mechanical parts to maximize reliability and minimize maintenance.

The transducers communicate between themselves two by two using ultrasonic range waves. Each pair of transducers calculates the signal delay and get information about both wind direction and wind speed.

### 3. Technical specifications

- 3.5 Wind Information**
- Wind speed
  - Wind direction

Sample rate: 1 Hz

Wind Speed

Range : Range: 0 to 45 m/s (1.12 to 100 mph)

Accuracy:  $\pm 0.1$  m/s at 10m/s (0.22 at 22.4 mph)

Threshold: 1 m/s (2.24 mph)

Wind direction

Range: 0 - 359°

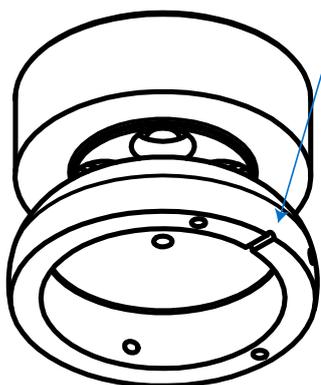
Accuracy:  $\pm 1^\circ$

- 3.6. Easy mount**
- 3 x M4 lateral female tripod thread
  - 3 x M4 base female tripod thread
  - UNC 1/4" - 20

It can be mounted either on a plate (inferior screws) or on a tube (lateral screws).

**Noth mark position**

Make sure the north mark is perfectly aligned to the north.



**3.7. Mounting accessories**

A wide range of accessories can be used with the device. The ULP can be mounted on a flat service and screwed on to different sizes of poles. It can also be used with an adaptor for poles of 39 mm.

\* Please, visit our website and check all the accessories available and their possible combinations.



## 4. Configuration Options



The ULP can be set up by using a special configuration app made by Calypso Instruments. In order to use the app, you should download the configurator from our website at [www.calypsoinstruments.com](http://www.calypsoinstruments.com).

To configure your device, connect the ULP via either a USB to RS485 converter cable (in case of the ULP RS485 or the ULP Modbus) or via a USB to UART converter cable (in case of the ULP UART). Connect all the ULP cables except for the brown cable to the converter. Insert the USB into the computer, open the configurator app, select the configuration wanted and follow the instructions on the screen to finish the configuration.

For more information, please watch the following video. <https://bit.ly/3DuA7IM>

\*USB converter cables available on [calypsoinstruments.com](http://calypsoinstruments.com)

**3.8. Firmware** Upgradable via RS485, MODBUS or UART/TTL

### 3.9 Product Material

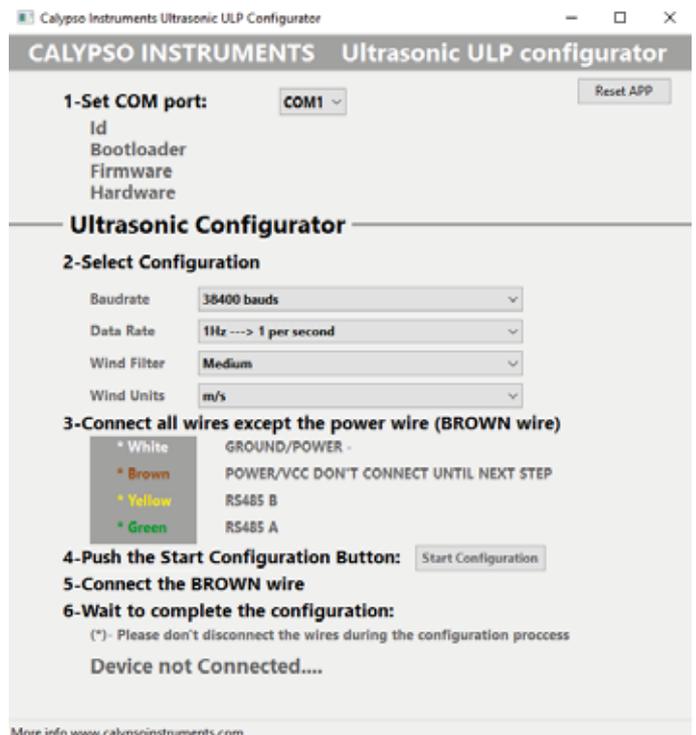
The ULP is engineered to be a robust device with minimal downtime. This new shape has been designed for optimum water spillage which implies lower probability of ice formation. Frost might affect measurements if it blocks the wave path. The input wires are protected by Transient voltage Suppression (TVS) diodes. The instrument body is built with Polyamide.

### 3.10 Quality Control

Every single unit is calibrated with accuracy, following the same calibration standards for each one in a wind tunnel.

A Q/C report for both wind speed and direction is generated and kept in our files. Standard deviation is checked to guarantee that each unit has been calibrated to the highest standards.

**baudrate:** 2400 to 115200 (8n1) bauds  
**output rate:** 0.1 to 10 Hertz  
**output units:** m/sec., knots or km/h



## 5. Communication Protocols

### 5.1 Modbus Registers

DIR\_BASE\_LA1 30001  
SYSTEM\_STATUS DIR\_BASE\_LA1 + 200  
WIND\_SPEED DIR\_BASE\_LA1 + 201  
WIND\_DIRECTION DIR\_BASE\_LA1 + 202  
TWO\_MIN\_AVG\_WS DIR\_BASE\_LA1 + 203  
TWO\_MIN\_AVG\_WD DIR\_BASE\_LA1 + 204  
TEN\_MIN\_AVG\_WS DIR\_BASE\_LA1 + 205  
TEN\_MIN\_AVG\_WD DIR\_BASE\_LA1 + 206  
WIND\_GUST\_SPEED DIR\_BASE\_LA1 + 207  
WIND\_GUST\_DIR DIR\_BASE\_LA1 + 208  
FIVE\_MIN\_AVG\_WS DIR\_BASE\_LA1 + 210  
FIVE\_MIN\_AVG\_WD DIR\_BASE\_LA1 + 211  
FIVE\_WIND\_GUST\_SPEED DIR\_BASE\_LA1 + 212  
FIVE\_WIND\_GUST\_DIR DIR\_BASE\_LA1 + 213

### 5.2 RS485 and UART Sentences

MWV Wind Speed and Angle

1 2 3 4 5

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\$-MWV,x.x,a,x.x,a\*hh

- 1) Wind Angle, 0 to 360 degrees
- 2) Reference, R = Relative, T = True
- 3) Wind Speed
- 4) Wind Speed Units, K/M/N
- 5) Status, A = Data Valid
- 6) Checksum

MWV Sentence 4800bps 8N1

The connection is straightforward with no configuration required.

The hardware interface is RS485, 4800bps, 8N1. The logical interface NMEA0183 has MWV ASCII simple phrases with direction and wind speed being the following:

\$IIMWV,316,R,06.9,N,A\*18  
\$IIMWV,316,R,06.9,N,A\*18  
\$IIMWV,316,R,06.8,N,A\*19  
\$IIMWV,316,R,06.8,N,A\*19  
\$IIMWV,316,R,06.8,N,A\*19

### 5.3 I2C Sentences

#### General Options

Address I2C- 0x15 ( 21 decimal)  
Frequency -100kHz – 400kHz  
SDA -TX (Yellow)  
SCL - RX (Green)

#### Write Register

In order to write about the register it is necessary to write 2 bytes, the I2C bus direction and the register you need to check.

I2C Address (1 Byte) + Register Address (1 Byte)  
Address -0x15 (21 decimal)

Available Registers:

Wind Raw Stat - 0x10  
Wind 2 Min Stat - 0x12  
Wind 5 Min Stat - 0x15  
Wind 10 Min Stat - 0x1A  
Wind Full Stats - 0x1F

#### Read Register

For the read register we need to take into account how many bytes is the system giving us back and what bytes we need to read in order to obtain the value we need.

Data are under big-endian criteria. The first byte, the more valuable one to be represented.

E.g. If 2 bytes are read, byte 0 and byte 1, we will read the first byte as 0x05 and second byte 0x0A.

0x05	0x0A
0 0 0 0 0 1 0 1	0 0 0 0 1 0 1 0

The first byte is marked in orange. The more valuable one. The second byte is marked in blue ( less significant one LSB).

Write Wind Raw Register Return 7 Bytes

Bytes 0 – 1 - Unused  
Bytes 2 – 3 - Wind Speed \* 100  
Bytes 4 – 5 - Wind Direction \* 100  
Byte 6 - Checksum

Write Wind 2 Min Stat Register Return 11 Bytes

Bytes 0 – 1 - Unused  
Bytes 2 – 3 - Wind Speed \* 100  
Bytes 4 – 5 - Wind Direction \* 100  
Bytes 6 – 7 - Wind Speed Gust \* 100  
Bytes 8 – 9 - Wind Direction Gust \* 100  
Byte 10 - Checksum

Write Wind 5 Min Stat Register Return 11 Bytes

Bytes 0 – 1 - Unused  
Bytes 2 – 3 - Wind Speed \* 100  
Bytes 4 – 5 - Wind Direction \* 100  
Bytes 6 – 7 - Wind Speed Gust \* 100  
Bytes 8 – 9 - Wind Direction Gust \* 100  
Byte 10 - Checksum

Write Wind 10 Min Stat Register Return 11 Bytes

Bytes 0 – 1 - Unused  
Bytes 2 – 3 - Wind Speed \* 100  
Bytes 4 – 5 - Wind Direction \* 100  
Bytes 6 – 7 - Wind Speed Gust \* 100  
Bytes 8 – 9 - Wind Direction Gust \* 100  
Byte 10 - Checksum

Write Wind Full Stat Register Return 31 Bytes  
Bytes 0 – 1 - Unused  
Bytes 2 – 3 - Wind Speed Raw \* 100  
Bytes 4 – 5 - Wind Direction Raw \* 100  
Bytes 6 – 7 - Wind Speed 2 Min Stat \* 100  
Bytes 8 – 9 - Wind Direction 2 Min Stat \* 100  
Bytes 10 – 11 - Wind Speed Gust 2 Min Stat \* 100  
Bytes 12 – 13 - Wind Direction Gust 2 Min Stat \* 100  
Bytes 14 – 15 - Wind Speed 5 Min Stat \* 100  
Bytes 16 – 17 - Wind Direction 5 Min Stat \* 100  
Bytes 18 – 19 - Wind Speed Gust 5 Min Stat \* 100  
Bytes 20 – 21 - Wind Direction Gust 5 Min Stat \* 100  
Bytes 22 – 23 - Wind Speed 10 Min Stat \* 100  
Bytes 24 – 25 - Wind Direction 10 Min Stat \* 100  
Bytes 26 – 27 - Wind Speed Gust 10 Min Stat \* 100  
Bytes 28 – 29 - Wind Direction Gust 10 Min Stat \* 100  
Byte 30 - Checksum

## 6. General information

### 6.1. General recommendations

Wind Speed Gust is that value that measures abrupt and sudden change in wind speed.

Regarding mounting the unit, align the north mark of the ULP towards the north.

Regarding mounting the unit, the mast head has to be prepared for the mechanical installation. Align the North mark of the Ultrasonic Ultra-Low-Power to the north. Make sure to install the sensor in a location free from wind perturbation, usually on the mast head.

Make sure to install the sensor in a location **free from anything that obstructs the flow of wind to the sensors within a 2 meter radius**, for example, the mast head on a boat.

Other important aspects:

- Do not attempt to access the transducers area with your fingers;
- Do not attempt any modification to the unit;
- Never paint any part of the unit or alter its surface in any way.
- NOT allow to be submerged fully or partially in water.

If you have any questions or doubts, please contact us directly.

### 6.2. Maintenance and repair

The ULP does not require great maintenance thanks to the lack of the moving parts in this new design.

Transducers must be kept clean and aligned. Impacts or incorrect impulsive handling may lead to transducers misalignment.

### 6.2. Maintenance and repair

#### (continuation)

The space around the transducers must be empty and clean. Dust, frost, water, etc... will make the unit stop working.

The ULP can be wiped clean with a damp cloth being careful to not touch the transducers.

### 3. Warranty

This warranty covers the defects resulting from defective parts, materials and manufacturing, if such defects are revealed during the 24 months after the purchase date.

Warranty is void in case of non-following the instructions of use, repair or maintenance without written authorisation.

Any wrongful use given by the user will not incur in any responsibility on part of Calypso Instruments. Therefore, any harm caused to the ULP by a mistake will not be covered by the warranty. Using assembly elements different from those delivered with the product will void the warranty.

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Changes on transducers position/alignment will avoid any warranty.

For further information please contact Calypso Technical Support through [info@calypsoinstruments.com](mailto:info@calypsoinstruments.com) or visit [www.calypsoinstruments.com](http://www.calypsoinstruments.com).

## MODBUS Sensor Data Requests

Measurements all have a resolution of 0.1 but are reported as 10\*.

8.2 m/s is returned as a value 82. The user must /10 in order to reinsert the decimal precision.

Address	Register	Access Type	Response Range	Data Type	Description
200	201	Read	0 to 15 <sup>†</sup>	16-bit Signed Int	System Status <sup>†</sup>
201	202	Read	0 to 500*	16-bit Signed Int	Wind speed (m/s) (3 second moving average)
202	203	Read	0 to 3599*	16-bit Signed Int	Wind direction (°) (3 second moving average)
203	204	Read	0 to 500*	16-bit Signed Int	2 min avg wind speed
204	205	Read	0 to 3599*	16-bit Signed Int	2 min avg wind direction
205	206	Read	0 to 500*	16-bit Signed Int	10 min avg wind speed
206	207	Read	0 to 3599*	16-bit Signed Int	10 min avg wind direction
207	208	Read	0 to 500*	16-bit Signed Int	Wind gust speed
208	209	Read	0 to 3599*	16-bit Signed Int	Wind gust direction
210	211	Read	0 to 500*	16-bit Signed Int	5 min avg wind speed
211	212	Read	0 to 3599*	16-bit Signed Int	5 min avg wind direction
212	213	Read	0 to 500*	16-bit Signed Int	5 min Wind gust speed
213	214	Read	0 to 3599*	16-bit Signed Int	5 min Wind gust direction

<sup>†</sup> If not applicable to ULP-M, the register should report a value of zero (0).

\* See Data Format section for numeric conversions.



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