

# CR800 & CR850 *Measurement and Control Systems*

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# CR800-series Measurement & Control Systems

The CR800 and CR850 dataloggers provide precision measurement capabilities in a rugged, battery-operated package. Both models consist of measurement electronics encased in a plastic shell and an integrated wiring panel.

The power consumption and packaging of the CR800-series dataloggers are optimized for unattended network applications. The CR800 and CR850 are similar, except the CR850 has a keyboard display as part of its integrated package.



## Features

- 2 Mbytes of battery-backed SRAM
- Program execution rate of up to 100 Hz
- CS I/O and RS-232 serial ports
- 13-bit analog to digital conversions
- 16-bit microcontroller with 32-bit internal CPU architecture
- Temperature compensated real-time clock
- Background system calibration for accurate measurements over time and temperature changes
- Single DAC used for excitation and measurements to give ratio metric measurements
- Gas Discharge Tube (GDT) protected inputs
- Data values stored in tables with a time stamp and record number
- Battery-backed SRAM and clock that ensure data, programs, and accurate time are maintained while a CR800-series datalogger is disconnected from the main power source
- One program-status LED

## Model Descriptions

The models differ in their keyboard display. The CR800 uses an external keyboard display, the CR1000KD, which connects to the CR800 via its CS I/O port. The CR850 includes an on-board keyboard display as part of its integrated package.

## 12-Volt Powered

Any 12 Vdc source can power a CR800 or CR850; typically a BPALK or PS100 power supply is used. The BPALK consists of eight D-cell batteries, and the PS100 includes a sealed rechargeable battery that can be float-charged with a solar panel or ac power.

## Storage Capacity

The CR800-series has 2 Mbytes of FLASH memory for the Operating System, and 2 Mbytes of battery-backed SRAM for CPU usage, program storage, and data storage. Data is stored in a table format.

## Operation in Harsh Environments

The standard operating range is  $-25^{\circ}$  to  $+50^{\circ}\text{C}$ . An extended range of  $-55^{\circ}$  to  $+85^{\circ}\text{C}$  for the CR800 or  $-30^{\circ}$  to  $+80^{\circ}\text{C}$  for the CR850 is also available. A datalogger housed in an environmental enclosure with desiccant is protected from humidity and most contaminants.

## Input Output Terminals

**Analog Inputs:** Three differential (6 single-ended) channels measure voltage levels. Resolution on the most sensitive range is  $0.67\ \mu\text{V}$ .

**Pulse counters:** Two pulse channels can count pulses from high level (5 V square wave), switch closure, or low level ac signals.

**Switched voltage excitations:** Two outputs provide precision excitation voltages for resistive bridge measurements.

**Digital I/O ports:** Four ports are provided for frequency measurements, digital control, and triggering. Three of these ports can also be used to measure SDM devices. The I/O ports can be paired as transmit and receive for measuring smart serial sensors.

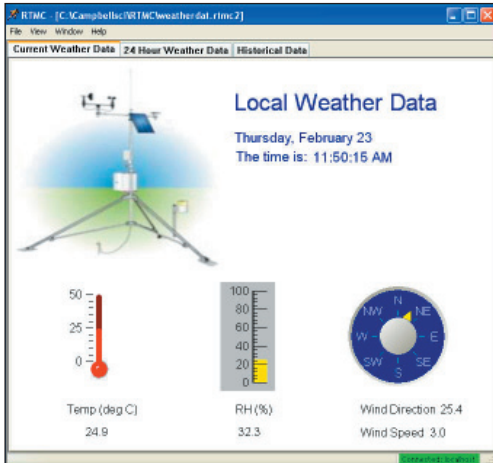
**Switched 12 Volt:** This unregulated 12 V terminal can be switched on and off under program control.

**RS-232 port:** A PC or laptop can be connected to this 9-pin port via an RS-232 cable.

**CS I/O port:** Data transfer peripherals that require power from the datalogger can be connected to this port via a cable. The port is also used for connecting the datalogger to a PC via an SC32B interface when optical isolation is required.

## Datalogger Programming/Software

The on-board, BASIC-like programming language provides data processing and analysis routines. Compatible software includes Short Cut, PC200W, PC400, and LoggerNet. Short Cut generates straight-forward datalogger programs in four steps. PC400 and LoggerNet software support datalogger program creation/editing, data retrieval, and real-time monitoring. LoggerNet includes the Transformer application that converts existing CR510 or CR10X Edlog programs to CR800 or CR850 CRBasic programs.



RTMC, a program for displaying the datalogger's data, is bundled with LoggerNet. Customers may also purchase the RTMCRT and RTMC Web Server clients, which use forms created in the developer mode of RTMC.

## Communication Protocols

The CR800 and CR850 support the PAKBUS® communication protocol. PAKBUS networks have the distributed routing intelligence to continually evaluate links. Continually evaluating links optimizes delivery times and, in the case of delivery failure, allows automatic switch over to a configured backup route.

The CR800-series dataloggers also support Modbus RTU protocol—both floating point and long formats. The datalogger can act as a slave, master, or both.

## Communications

Compatible telemetry options include Ethernet, phone modems (land-line and cellular), radios, short haul modems, satellite transmitters, and multidrop modems. Either the CR1000KD Keyboard/Display or the CR850's on-board keyboard display can be used to manually transfer data and display sensor readings, stored values, or flag/port status. Real-time and historical data can also be displayed on-site using a PC. The PC connects to the CR800-series datalogger via an RS-232 cable, or if optical isolation is required, via its CS I/O port and an SC32B RS-232 Interface.

## Channel Expansion

### Synchronous Devices for Measurement (SDMs)

SDMs are addressable peripherals that expand the datalogger's measurement and control capabilities. For example, SDMs are available to add control ports, analog outputs, pulse count channels, interval timers, or even a CANbus interface to your system. Multiple SDMs, in any combination, can be connected to one datalogger.

### Multiplexers

Multiplexers increase the number of sensors that can be measured by a datalogger by sequentially connecting each sensor to the datalogger. Several multiplexers can be controlled by a single datalogger. The CR800 and CR850 are compatible with the AM16/32 and AM25T.

## Applications

- Wireless sensor/datalogger networks
- Wind profiling
- Water level/stage
- Aquaculture
- Water quality
- Long-term climatological monitoring, meteorological research, routine weather measurement
- Air quality
- Vehicle testing
- Agriculture, agriculture research
- Soil moisture, Time Domain Reflectometry
- Avalanche forecasting, snow science, polar, high altitude
- Fire weather
- Geotechnical
- Historic preservation



The CR800-series is ideal for monitoring water quality and level at reservoirs, springs, canals, pipelines, and culinary sites.

# CR800-series Specifications

Electrical specifications are valid over a -25° to +50°C range unless otherwise specified; non-condensing environment required. To maintain electrical specifications, Campbell Scientific recommends recalibrating dataloggers every two years. We recommend that you confirm system configuration and critical specifications with Campbell Scientific before purchase.

## PROGRAM EXECUTION RATE

10 ms to 30 min. @ 10 ms increments

## ANALOG INPUTS

3 differential (DF) or 6 single-ended (SE) individually configured. Channel expansion provided by AM16/32 and AM25T multiplexers.

RANGES and RESOLUTION: Basic resolution (Basic Res) is the A/D resolution of a single conversion. Resolution of DF measurements with input reversal is half the Basic Res.

Input Range (mV) <sup>1</sup>	Input Referred Noise Voltage	
	DF Res (µV) <sup>2</sup>	Basic Res (µV)
±5000	667	1333
±2500	333	667
±250	33.3	66.7
±25	3.33	6.7
±7.5	1.0	2.0
±2.5	0.33	0.67

<sup>1</sup>Range overhead of ~9% exists on all ranges to guarantee that full-scale values will not cause over-range.

<sup>2</sup>Resolution of DF measurements with input reversal.

## ACCURACY<sup>3</sup>:

±(0.06% of reading + offset), 0° to 40°C  
±(0.12% of reading + offset), -25° to 50°C  
±(0.18% of reading + offset), -55° to 85°C

<sup>3</sup>The sensor and measurement noise are not included and the offsets are the following:

Offset for DF w/input reversal = 1.5-Basic Res + 1.0 µV  
Offset for DF w/o input reversal = 3-Basic Res + 2.0 µV  
Offset for SE = 3-Basic Res + 3.0 µV

INPUT NOISE VOLTAGE: For DF measurements with input reversal on ±2.5 mV input range; digital resolution dominates for higher ranges.

250 µs Integration: 0.34 µV RMS  
50/60 Hz Integration: 0.19 µV RMS

## MINIMUM TIME BETWEEN VOLTAGE

MEASUREMENTS: Includes the measurement time and conversion to engineering units. For voltage measurements, the CR800-series integrates the input signal for 0.25 ms or a full 16.66 ms or 20 ms line cycle for 50/60 Hz noise rejection. DF measurements with input reversal incorporate two integrations with reversed input polarities to reduce thermal offset and common mode errors and therefore take twice as long.

250 µs Analog Integration: ~1 ms SE  
1/60 Hz Analog Integration: ~20 ms SE  
1/50 Hz Analog Integration: ~25 ms SE

COMMON MODE RANGE: ±5 V

DC COMMON MODE REJECTION: >100 dB

NORMAL MODE REJECTION: 70 dB @ 60 Hz when using 60 Hz rejection

SUSTAINED INPUT VOLTAGE W/O DAMAGE: ±16 Vdc max.

INPUT CURRENT: ±1 nA typical, ±6 nA max. @ 50°C; ±90 nA @ 85°C

INPUT RESISTANCE: 20 Gohms typical

ACCURACY OF BUILT-IN REFERENCE JUNCTION THERMISTOR (for thermocouple measurements): ±0.3°C, -25° to 50°C  
±0.8°C, -55° to 85°C (-XT only)

## ANALOG OUTPUTS

2 switched voltage, active only during measurement, one at a time.

RANGE AND RESOLUTION: Voltage outputs programmable between ±2.5 V with 0.67 mV resolution.

ACCURACY: ±(0.06% of setting + 0.8 mV), 0° to 40°C  
±(0.12% of setting + 0.8 mV), -25° to 50°C  
±(0.18% of setting + 0.8 mV), -55° to 85°C (-XT only)

CURRENT SOURCING/SINKING: ±25 mA

## RESISTANCE MEASUREMENTS

MEASUREMENT TYPES: The CR800-series provides ratiometric measurements of 4- and 6-wire full bridges, and 2-, 3-, and 4-wire half bridges.

Precise, dual polarity excitation using any of the 3 switched voltage excitations eliminates dc errors.

RATIO ACCURACY<sup>3</sup>: Assuming excitation voltage of at least 1000 mV, not including bridge resistor error.

$$\pm(0.04\% \text{ of voltage reading} + \text{offset})/V_x$$

<sup>3</sup>The sensor and measurement noise are not included and the offsets are the following:

Offset for DF w/input reversal = 1.5-Basic Res + 1.0 µV  
Offset for DF w/o input reversal = 3-Basic Res + 2.0 µV  
Offset for SE = 3-Basic Res + 3.0 µV

Offset values are reduced by a factor of 2 when excitation reversal is used.

## PERIOD AVERAGING MEASUREMENTS

The average period for a single cycle is determined by measuring the average duration of a specified number of cycles. The period resolution is 192 ns divided by the specified number of cycles to be measured; the period accuracy is ±(0.01% of reading + resolution). Any of the 16 SE analog inputs can be used for period averaging. Signal limiting are typically required for the SE analog channel.

## INPUT FREQUENCY RANGE:

Input Range	Signal (peak to peak) <sup>4</sup>	Min. Pulse W.	Max <sup>5</sup> Freq.	
±2500 mV	500 mV	10 V	2.5 µs	200 kHz
±250 mV	10 mV	2 V	10 µs	50 kHz
±25 mV	5 mV	2 V	62 µs	8 kHz
±2.5 mV	2 mV	2 V	100 µs	5 kHz

<sup>4</sup>The signal is centered at the datalogger ground.

<sup>5</sup>The maximum frequency = 1/(Twice Minimum Pulse Width) for 50% of duty cycle signals.

## PULSE COUNTERS

Two 24-bit inputs selectable for switch closure, high frequency pulse, or low-level ac.

MAXIMUM COUNTS PER SCAN: 16.7x10<sup>6</sup>

## SWITCH CLOSURE MODE:

Minimum Switch Closed Time: 5 ms  
Minimum Switch Open Time: 6 ms  
Max. Bounce Time: 1 ms open w/o being counted

## HIGH FREQUENCY PULSE MODE:

Maximum Input Frequency: 250 kHz  
Maximum Input Voltage: ±20 V  
Voltage Thresholds: Count upon transition from below 0.9 V to above 2.2 V after input filter with 1.2 µs time constant.

LOW LEVEL AC MODE: Internal ac coupling removes dc offsets up to ±0.5 V.

Input Hysteresis: 16 mV @ 1 Hz  
Maximum ac Input Voltage: ±20 V  
Minimum ac Input Voltage:

Sine wave (mV RMS)	Range (Hz)
20	1.0 to 20
200	0.5 to 200
2000	0.3 to 10,000
5000	0.3 to 20,000

## DIGITAL I/O PORTS

4 ports software selectable, as binary inputs or control outputs. They also provide edge timing, subroutine interrupts/wake up, switch closure pulse counting, high frequency pulse counting, asynchronous communications (UART), SDI-12 communications, and SDM communications.

HIGH FREQUENCY MAX: 400 kHz

SWITCH CLOSURE FREQUENCY MAX: 150 Hz

OUTPUT VOLTAGES (no load): high 5.0 V ±0.1 V; low <0.1

OUTPUT RESISTANCE: 330 ohms

INPUT STATE: high 3.8 to 5.3 V; low -0.3 to 1.2 V

INPUT HYSTERESIS: 1.4 V

INPUT RESISTANCE: 100 kohms

## SWITCHED 12 V

One independent 12 V unregulated sources switched on and off under program control. Thermal fuse hold current = 900 mA @ 20°C, 650 mA @ 50°C, 360 mA @ 85°C.

## SDI-12 INTERFACE SUPPORT

Control ports 1 and 3 may be configured for SDI-12 asynchronous communications. Up to ten SDI-12 sensors are supported per port. It meets SDI-12 Standard version 1.3 for datalogger mode.

## CE COMPLIANCE

STANDARD(S) TO WHICH CONFORMITY IS DECLARED: IEC61326:2002

## CPU AND INTERFACE

PROCESSOR: Renesas H8S 2322 (16-bit CPU with 32-bit internal core)

MEMORY: 2 Mbytes of Flash for operating system; 2 Mbytes of battery-backed SRAM for CPU usage, program storage and data storage

SERIAL INTERFACES: CS I/O port is used to interface with Campbell Scientific peripherals; RS-232 port is for computer or non-CSI modem connection.

BAUD RATES: Selectable from 300 bps to 115.2 kbps. ASCII protocol is one start bit, one stop bit, eight data bits, and no parity.

CLOCK ACCURACY: ±3 min. per year

## SYSTEM POWER REQUIREMENTS

VOLTAGE: 9.6 to 16 Vdc

## TYPICAL CURRENT DRAIN:

Sleep Mode: ~0.6 mA  
1 Hz Scan (8 diff. meas., 60 Hz rej., 2 pulse meas.)  
w/RS-232 communication: 19 mA  
w/o RS-232 communication: 4.2 mA  
1 Hz Scan (8 diff. meas., 250 µs integ., 2 pulse meas.)  
w/RS-232 communication: 16.7 mA  
w/o RS-232 communication: 1 mA  
100 Hz Scan (4 diff. meas., 250 µs integ.)  
w/RS-232 communication: 27.6 mA  
w/o RS-232 communication: 16.2 mA

CR1000KD OR CR850'S ON-BOARD

## KEYBOARD DISPLAY CURRENT DRAIN:

Inactive: negligible  
Active w/o backlight: 7 mA  
Active w/backlight: 100 mA

EXTERNAL BATTERIES: 12 Vdc nominal; reverse polarity protected.

## PHYSICAL SPECIFICATIONS

DIMENSIONS: 9.5" x 4.1" x 2" (24.1 x 10.4 x 5.1 cm); additional clearance required for serial cable and sensor leads.

WEIGHT: 1.5 lbs (0.7 kg)

## WARRANTY

Three years against defects in materials and workmanship.

