



HOBO® U20L-02 Data Logger

Water Level (100 ft)

The HOBO U20L-02 is a low-cost, research-grade water level data logger for continuously measuring water level and temperature in a wide range of underwater environments. It features 0.1% accuracy, a polypropylene housing for use in both fresh and salt water, and a non-vented design for convenient and hassle-free deployment.

This data logger requires either the U-DTW-1 Waterproof Shuttle or the Base-U-4 Base Station for configuration and data offload, HOBOWare software (free download). NOTE: HOBOWare Pro is required when using the U-DTW-1 Waterproof Shuttle. See compatible items below.

Helpful Links:

[Barometric Pressure Compensation Assistant Demo](#)

[Multi-rate Sampling Demo](#)

Key Advantages:

- Self-contained non-vented design enables easy deployment
- Ideal for use in both fresh and saltwater environments, including wells, streams, lakes, wetlands, and tidal areas
- Depths up to 100 feet
- Durable ceramic pressure sensor withstands freezing
- HOBOWare Pro software provides easy conversion to accurate water level reading, fully compensated for barometric pressure (see demo), temperature, and water density

Note: A calibration certificate is not offered for this logger. If you require a NIST-traceable calibration certificate, please see the [U20-001-02](#) (freshwater) or [U20-001-02-Ti](#) (saltwater).

Pressure (Absolute) and Water Level Measurements U20L-02

Operation Range	0 to 400 kPa (0 to 58 psia); approximately 0 to 30.6 m (0 to 100 ft) of water depth at sea level, or 0 to 33.6 m (0 to 111 ft) of water at 3,000 m (10,000 ft) of altitude
Factory Calibrated Range	69 to 400 kPa (10 to 58 psia), 0° to 40°C (32° to 104°F)
Burst Pressure	500 kPa (72.5 psia) or 40.8 m (134 ft) depth
Water Level Accuracy*	Typical error: $\pm 0.1\%$ FS, 3.0 cm (0.1 ft) water Maximum error: $\pm 0.2\%$ FS, 6.0 cm (0.2 ft) water
Raw Pressure Accuracy**	$\pm 0.3\%$ FS, 1.20 kPa (0.17 psi) maximum error
Resolution	<0.04 kPa (0.006 psi), 0.41 cm (0.013 ft) water
Pressure Response Time (90%)***	<1 second at a stable temperature; measurement accuracy also depends on temperature response time

Temperature Measurements

Operation Range	-20° to 50°C (-4° to 122°F)
Accuracy	$\pm 0.44^\circ\text{C}$ from 0° to 50°C ($\pm 0.79^\circ\text{F}$ from 32° to 122°F), see Plot A in manual
Resolution	0.10°C at 25°C (0.18°F at 77°F), see Plot A in manual
Response Time (90%)	10 minutes in water (typical)
Stability (Drift)	0.1°C (0.18°F) per year

Logger

Real-time Clock	± 1 minute per month 0° to 50°C (32° to 122°F)
Battery	2/3 AA, 3.6 Volt lithium, factory-replaceable
Battery Life (Typical Use)	5 years with 1 minute or greater logging interval
Memory (Non-volatile)	64K bytes memory (approx. 21,700 pressure and temperature samples)
Weight	Approximately 154 g (5.43 oz) in air Approximately 53.9 g (1.9 oz) in fresh water
Dimensions	3.18 cm (1.25 inches) diameter, 15.24 cm (6.0 inches) length; mounting hole 6.3 mm (0.25 inches) diameter

Wetted Materials Polypropylene housing and lanyard; Viton and Buna-N O-rings; ceramic sensor in acetyl end cap; stainless steel screws suitable for saltwater

Logging Interval Fixed-rate or multiple logging intervals, with up to 8 user-defined logging intervals and durations; logging intervals from 1 second to 18 hours. Refer to the *HOBOWare User's Guide* for details.

Launch Modes Immediate start and delayed start

Offload Modes Offload while logging; stop and offload

Battery Indication Battery voltage can be viewed in status screen and optionally logged in datafile. Low battery indication in datafile.

Environmental Rating IP68



The CE Marking identifies this product as complying with all relevant directives in the European Union (EU).

* Water Level Accuracy: With accurate reference water level measurement, known water density, accurate Barometric Compensation Assistant data, and a stable temperature environment.

** Raw Pressure Accuracy: Absolute pressure sensor accuracy includes all sensor drift, temperature, and hysteresis-induced errors.

*** Changes in Temperature: Allow 20 minutes in water to achieve full temperature compensation of the pressure sensor. Maximum error due to rapid thermal changes is approximately 0.5%.