# PC120 ETPRO FOR METDATA1, ET106, ET101, OR WEATHER WATCH 2000 WEATHER STATIONS INSTRUCTION MANUAL

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# PC120 ETPRO FOR METDATA1, ET106, ET101, OR WEATHER WATCH 2000 WEATHER STATIONS

ETPro is designed to calculate a potential evapotranspiration (ETo) value based on the Penman-Monteith Equation as well as show current weather station conditions. To use ETPro, PC208 software must be installed on the computer (PC208 manual installation Section 1.2.1). ETPro is contained on the disk labeled ETPro disk 1 of 1. The files on this disk must be copied to the directory where PC208 resides. The menu file allows the user to program the weather station based upon the station's longitude, latitude, and elevation. The user may select the type of communication (phone modem or short haul modem) being used. ETPro also allows monitoring real-time measurements, collecting data, and generating reports from an easy-to-use software working environment.

**NOTE:** Time zone coordinates are vital in accurate ETo calculation. A time zone map (Figure 1) is provided for use in determining in which time zone the weather station is located.

## **1. SOFTWARE INSTALLATION**

Insert the ETPro disk into drive A or B of the computer. Copy all files from this disk to the same directory where PC208 resides.

For example, if the ETPro disk is in drive A and the directory where the PC208 software resides

is C:\PC208, then move to the C:\PC208 directory. From the C:\PC208> prompt, type "copy a:\*.\*" and press <Enter>. All files will be copied from the A drive to the C:\PC208 directory.



FIGURE 1. Time Zone Map

## 2. THE ETPRO SHELL

 Move to the directory where the ETPro files are located. From the DOS prompt, type "et" and press <Enter>. The screen that appears should look like Figure 2. This screen is referred to as the ETPro shell, or simply as the shell.

**NOTE:** DO NOT run the shell from Windows 3.1. The shell could act erratically. Make sure Windows 3.1 has been completely shut off and that the shell is running purely through DOS.

#### 2.1 MOUSE OR KEYBOARD OPERATION

Menus and sub-menus can be selected by clicking on them once with the left mouse button.

If a keyboard is used, press the <Alt> key. Notice a specific letter will change color in each of the menus. To activate a particular menu, press the letter on the keyboard that matches the color-changed menu letter or press the right or left arrow key to move to the appropriate menu and press <Enter> to select it.

The sub-menus will automatically come up with a color-changed letter once the main menu item has been selected. For individual selection, press the matching letter on the keyboard or use the up and down arrow keys to move to the appropriate submenu and then press <Enter> to select it.

#### 2.2 THE FILE MENU

#### 2.2.1 "About" Sub-menu

A brief description of ETPro will appear by selecting the "File" menu and the "About" submenu.

#### 2.2.2 Exiting ETPro

ETPro will exit to the DOS prompt by selecting the "File" menu and the "Exit" sub-menu. This is the way to exit out of ETPro.

#### 2.3 CREATING THE WEATHER STATION PROGRAM

- 1. Select the "Edit" menu and the "Create Station Program" sub-menu from the shell.
- A window will appear welcoming you to ETPro and asking whether you have a color monitor. Default is "Y". Press <Enter>if you have a color monitor.

Type "n" or "N" and press <Enter> if you do not have a color monitor (monochrome display).



FIGURE 2. ETPro Shell

 The next window should appear similar to Figure 3. The default settings are as follows with alternate selection in parenthesis:

> Weather Station Model: MetData1 (ET106, ET101, Weather Watch 2000)

Enclosure Relative Humidity Sensor: Yes (No)

Soil Temperature Probe: N (Y)

ETo Calculation: Y (N)

Weather station model can be changed by either clicking on the entry with a mouse or by using the up or down arrow keys on the keyboard to move to the correct entry and pressing <Enter> to select it. The small box at the bottom of this window has a brief explanation on the entry being selected. Selecting a particular station model will also bring up the default sensor array for that station in the sensor units selection window.

**NOTE:** The "Enclosure Relative Humidity Sensor" entry can only be changed from within the "Weather Station Model" entry. The "Enclosure Relative Humidity Sensor" will default to "Yes" if the MetData1, ET106, or ET101 weather station is selected.

To change "Soil Temperature Probe:" or "ETo Calculation:" a "Y", "y" or "N", "n" must be entered from the keyboard into the appropriate box.

Selecting no ETo calculation will set the 24 hour data collection at midnight.

 Sensor units can be viewed or changed by selecting the "Sensor Units" entry. A window should appear similar to Figure 4.

Weather Station Model : METDATA 1 Enclosure Relative Humidity Sensor: Yes Are you using a soil temperature probe? Do you want to calculate ETo? Sensor Units Press "F4" to save and quit	
Select Weather Station Model.	

FIGURE 3. Program Development



FIGURE 4. Sensor Units Selection

**NOTE:** If a W2000, ET106, or ET101 weather station is being used, it MUST have the same type of sensors as described in this window. The program generated by this part of ETPro is based on a specific sensor array. You will need to manually make changes to the program after it has been created using ETPro if you are using a different complement of sensors. SEE APPENDIX B FOR INFORMATION ON CUSTOMIZATION.

The right side of the sensor units window indicates the values that are being saved to hour (60 minutes) and 24 hour (1440 minutes) final storage.

The box in the lower, right-hand corner of the sensor units window gives a brief explanation on entries being selected.

5. Default sensor selections for the individual weather stations are as follows:

#### **METDATA1**

Temp/%RH - HMP45C Wind Speed and Direction - Met One 034A Solar - LI200X Precipitation - TE525 Soil Temp - 107 (if used)

#### \*ET106

Temp/%RH - CS500 Wind Speed and Direction - Met One 034A Solar - LI200X Precipitation - TE525 Soil Temp - 107 (if used)

#### \*ET101

Air Temp - CS200 Wind Speed and Direction - Not Applicable Solar - LI200X Precipitation - Not Applicable Soil Temp - 107 (if used)

#### \*W2000

Temp/%RH - HMP35C Wind Speed and Direction - RM Young Wind Sentry 03001 Solar - LI200X Precipitation - TE525 Soil Temp - 107 (if used)

\*Except for the soil temperature probe these stations are preconfigured and shipped with this set of sensors.

**NOTE:** Only select different sensors when you are certain of what your particular station is using. Selecting the incorrect sensor can result in incorrect measurements by the weather station.

6. Latitude and Longitude will require knowing whether the site is North or South of the equator for latitude (for example, a site in Logan, Utah would be 41.784° N), and whether the site is East or West of the Greenwich Meridian for longitude (for example, the same site in Logan, Utah would be 111.85° W). These entries must be entered in ETPro as decimal degrees NOT degrees - minutes - seconds.

**NOTE:** The location of the site must be known within a degree for both latitude and longitude for accuracy in the ETo calculation.

7. Elevation can be entered as feet or meters.

**NOTE:** The elevation of the site must be known within a hundred feet (30 meters)for accuracy in the ETo calculation.

 Once all the sensor models and units have been entered, select "Done" to go back to the first ETPro program development screen (Figure 3). Press the <F4> key to create the weather station program as well as several other files used by ETPro. Depending on the computer, it might take several minutes for this part of program creation to finish.

**NOTE:** See Appendix B.1 for a listing of all the files created.

A window will appear that explains how long the datalogger will collect data before it begins overwriting old data. These numbers are for a standard CR10. This number can be doubled if the weather station is using a CR10X.

A number will also appear that relates to the time the datalogger clock is set in relation to Greenwich time. THE DATALOGGER MUST BE SET TO STANDARD TIME. If you are in doubt whether you are on standard or daylight savings time, call NIST at (303) 499-7111, which is a recording of universal time. Once each minute you will hear the current universal time local to Greenwich, England. With this time you can refer to the time zone map (Figure 1) and count back the number of hours you are from Greenwich. For example, Logan, Utah is -7 hours from Greenwich. Therefore, if the time heard was 1500 hours, the proper time at the station is 1500 - 7, or 8:00 A.M. Set the computer that will be communicating with the weather station to this time.

Press the <Enter> key to return to the shell.

#### 2.4 SETTING UP COMMUNICATION

- 1. Select the "Edit" menu followed by the "Communication Param." sub-menu from the shell.
- 2. A window will appear as shown in Figure 5. A mouse will not work in this window. Use the up and down arrow keys to move around.
- Notice the COM Port being used. Default is COM1. If your computer is using some other COM Port, move the cursor down to COM1 and press the <space> bar until the proper COM Port appears.
- Communications baud rate can be left at 9600 for RAD short haul modem. For phone modem, change the baud rate to 1200 baud by moving the cursor to this section and pressing the <space> bar until 1200 appears.
- Move the cursor below the line that says "Interface Device". It will come up with "#1: End". If a RAD modem is being used, press the <space> bar until "RAD Modem" appears.



**FIGURE 5. Communication Parameters** 

If a phone modem is being used, press the <space> bar until "Hayes Modem" appears. Press the <Enter> key and type in the correct phone number for the weather station. You may need to modify the MODEM.INI file in the PC208 directory to work with your particular phone modem or make some other changes to accommodate your modem. SEE THE PC208 MANUAL FOR FURTHER ASSISTANCE.

Press <Enter> after RAD Modem or Hayes Phone Modem with the phone number has been selected. "#2: End" should appear on the screen. To save the entries, press and hold down the <Ctrl> key, press the <P> key, and release both keys simultaneously.

# 2.5 DOWNLOADING THE PROGRAM TO THE WEATHER STATION

 The program can be downloaded after the weather station has been installed and powered up. Make sure the computer clock is set to the correct date and standard time.

Select the "Maintenance" menu option followed by "Download Station Program" from the shell.

 Click with a mouse the button marked "OK to set clock" or tab over to it and press the <Enter> key to select.

The computer screen will change to yellow lettering on a black screen. There is no communication going on between the computer and the weather station if the cursor just blinks in the upper left hand corner. SEE THE WEATHER STATION INSTALLATION MANUAL FOR COMMUNICATION TROUBLESHOOTING TIPS.

The screen should begin to fill with "220 bytes sent, received, entered."

This indicates the program is being sent to the weather station. Eventually this will stop and the screen will return to the shell.

**NOTE:** It's a good idea to go into monitor mode after a program has been downloaded. There will not be any hourly values until the top of the hour, or 24 hour values until the time that was set for the 24 hour data storage to take place. You may have to wait as long as 20 seconds before sensor values appear.

**WARNING:** The data that was previously stored in the datalogger will be lost if a program is accidentally downloaded to a station that is already running. Keep this in mind if you are planning on making changes to an existing program and downloading the new program to a station that is already running.

#### 2.6 SETTING THE CLOCK ON THE WEATHER STATION

- The weather station's clock is more accurate than the clock in most computers. Make sure the time and date on the calling computer is correct and set to standard time if the weather station clock is definitely incorrect.
- 2. Select the "Maintenance" menu followed by the "Set Clock" sub-menu from the shell.
- Click on "OK to set clock" with a mouse or press the <Enter> key. This will automatically call the weather station and set the date and time.

# 2.7 REAL TIME WEATHER STATION MONITORING

- 1. Select the "Data" menu and the "Monitor" sub-menu from the shell.
- 2. The computer will call the weather station and a screen similar to Figure 6 should appear.

The values in the left column are updated every 10 seconds; the values in the center column are updated on an hourly basis; and the values in the right-hand column are updated every 24 hours at the time that was set while creating the program.

 Press the <Esc> key to exit weather station monitoring. The program will return to the shell.

#### 2.8 COLLECTING DATA FROM THE WEATHER STATION

- 1. Select the "Data" menu and the "Collect Data" sub-menu from the shell.
- The computer will call the weather station, collect data to a file called "WEATHER.DAT", and return to the shell.

**NOTE:** The WEATHER.DAT file gets data appended to it every time the station is called. This file will continue to grow every time the weather station is called and data is uploaded to the computer. It is advisable to archive this file once a year to a separate floppy disk that is marked with the start and stop date for the data file and delete the old data file off of the computer's hard drive. The weather station will automatically create a new WEATHER.DAT file the next time it is called.

GraphTerm: 3.2 Com1: 9600 baud Datalogger Type: CR10 Option: Monitor weather.dld Esc = Abort Option					
1:BattVolt 3:Temp_C 4:Temp_F 5:RH 6:kV_m2 7:WS_m_s 8:Wind_Dir 9:Rain_mm	13.8 24.3 75.7 23.7 .720 .000 102. .000	37:St_kW_m2 38:AvgTempC 40:AvgWS_m_s 63:ETo_mm_hr 24:ET_Today 11:HrRn_Tot 26:Rn_Today 27:Signature	- 000 - 000 - 000 - 000 - 000 - 000 - 000 1 466	12:24HMxTmp 13:24HMnTmp 14:24HAvTmp 15:24HMaxRH 16:24HMinRH 17:24HMaxWS 23:ET_24hr 25:Rain24hr	- 000 - 000 - 000 - 000 - 000 - 000 - 000 - 000
Flags: [ F1	] [F2	] [F3] [F4 Datalogger Time 1	] [F5] 4:13:02	[F6] [F7] Ports:	EF8] 87654321
P1P8=Port toggle I=Input value load F1F8=Flag toggle L=Locations displayed G=Graphics mode D=Digits displayed T=Terminal emulator C=Collect interval Enter:					

FIGURE 6. Weather Station Real Time Monitoring

#### 2.9 REPORTS

#### 2.9.1 Hourly Reports

- Select the "Reports" menu followed by the "Hourly Summary" sub-menu from the shell. A screen should appear similar to Figure 7.
- The various start and end conditions can be selected by clicking on them with a mouse or pressing the <Tab> key to move to the correct condition. The condition can be changed by using the <Delete> key or the <Backspace> key. Type in the correct start and end conditions. Time must be entered in 24 hour hourly increments. For example, 2:00 P.M. would be entered as 14.

**WARNING:** The start condition must exist in the data set or no report will be generated. For example, if the WEATHER.DAT file starts with data from 8/11/1995 @ 17:00 hours and 16 is selected as the start hour, then NO report will be generated even though there is data after this time period. **NOTE:** The report generator will stop and NOT report on the end condition specified. For example, to see data up to 2:00 P.M. today, enter 15 (3:00 P.M.) as the end hour condition. An end condition can be entered that doesn't exist and the report will still run. While the report is being generated, a warning message will flash at the top of the screen. Press the <Esc> key to get past the message and finish generating the report.

"Report Destination" specifies whether the report should go to the screen to be viewed or to the printer for a hard copy. Click with a mouse between the parentheses to specify which one you want or move to this section using the <Tab> key and use the right and left arrow keys to select which one you want.

 After all the start and end conditions have been entered and the report destination is set, click on the "OK" button or tab over to "OK" and press <Enter> to run the report.

The screen will change and at the top of the screen numbers will appear and run by. The larger the WEATHER.DAT file, the longer it will take the report to be generated for recent data.

The <Page Up> and <Page Down> keys can be used to view the entire report if the report was sent to the screen. Press the <Esc> key to exit the report and return to the "Hourly Summary Report" window.

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		Hourly Summa	ary Report		Б			
	Start Year	<b>1996</b> End	l Year	1996				
	Start Month	03 End	d Month	03				
	Start Day	End	l Day	18				
	Start Hour	Ø End	d Hour	Ø				
		rt Destinatio reen	on ( ) Printer	•				
		1						
	UK			Cancel				

FIGURE 7. Hourly Summary Report

ETPro will automatically insert page numbers and page breaks into the report if the report was sent to the printer.

ETPro will return to the "Hourly Summary Report" screen after the report has been run. Select "Cancel" to return to the shell.

A file called "HOURLY.PRN" will be generated by ETPro and put on the hard drive in the same directory where ETPro resides. This file is a simple field formatted ASCII text file and can be imported into a spread sheet package.

Columns in the reports can be modified. If this is required, see Appendix B.

#### 2.9.2 Daily Reports

- Select the "Reports" menu followed by the "Daily Summary" sub-menu from the shell. A screen should appear similar to Figure 8.
- The various start and end conditions can be selected by clicking on them with a mouse or pressing the <Tab> key to move to the correct condition. The condition can be changed by using the <Delete> key or the <Backspace> key. Type in the correct start and end conditions.

**WARNING:** The start condition must exist in the data set or no report will be generated. For example, if the WEATHER.DAT file starts with data from 8/11/1995 and 10 is selected as the start day, then NO report will be generated even though there is data after this time period.

**NOTE:** The report generator will stop and NOT report on the end condition specified. For example, to see data up to the fifth day of the month, enter six as the end condition. An end condition can be entered that doesn't exist and the report will run. While the report is being generated, a warning message will flash at the top of the screen. Press the <Esc> key to get past the message and finish generating the report.

"Report Destination" specifies whether the report should go to the screen to be reviewed or to the printer for a hard copy. Click with a mouse between the parentheses to specify which one you want or move to this section using the <Tab> key and use the right and left arrow keys to select which one you want.

3. After all the start and end conditions have been entered and the report destination is set, click on the "OK" button or tab over to "OK" and press <Enter> to run the report.

PC120 ETPro- File Edit Maintenance Data Reports								
		Daily S	ummary Repor	t				
Star	t Year	1996	End Year	1996				
Star	t Month	03	End Month	03				
Star	t Day	17	End Day	18				
	Repo (•) S	rt Desti creen	nation () Prin	ter				
	OK			Cancel				

FIGURE 8. Daily Summary Report

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The screen will change and at the top of the screen numbers will appear and run by. The larger the WEATHER.DAT file, the longer it will take the report to be generated for recent data.

The <Page Up> and <Page Down> keys can be used to view the entire report if the report was sent to the screen. Press the <Esc> key to exit the report and return to the "Daily Summary Report" window.

ETPro will automatically insert page numbers and page breaks into the report if the report was sent to the printer.

ETPro will return to the "Daily Summary Report" screen after the report has been run. Select "Cancel" to return to the shell.

A file called "DAILY.PRN" will be generated by ETPro and put on the hard drive in the same directory where ETPro resides. This file is a simple field formatted ASCII text file and can be imported into a spread sheet package.

Columns in the reports can be modified. If this is required, see Appendix B.

# APPENDIX A. MAIN MENU OVERVIEW

## A.1 BRIEF EXPLANATION OF HEADINGS

ETPro has five main menus: File, Edit, Maintenance, Data, and Reports.

## A.2 FILE

About		
Exit		

ABOUT: Shows the version number and provides a brief description of ETPro.

EXIT: Exits the ETPro shell and returns to DOS.

## A.3 EDIT

Create Station Program Communication Param.

CREATE STATION PROGRAM: Generates the program for the weather station based on user inputs and selections. By default, sensor units are in SI units. Press F1 in this program for help.

COMMUNICATION PARAMETERS: Creates unique weather station communication parameters based on user input. This section is used to define whether the station is using a RAD short haul or a phone modem for communication.

### A.4 MAINTENANCE

Set Clock Download Station Program

SET CLOCK: Sets the weather station clock to the time on the calling computer.

DOWNLOAD STATION PROGRAM: Sets the weather station clock to the time on the calling computer as well as downloads the program to the weather station created in the "Create Station Program" explained in Section 1.2.2.2.

## A.5 DATA

Monitor

Collect Data

MONITOR: Allows the user to monitor real time weather station data.

COLLECT DATA: Retrieves the hourly and daily data from the weather station.

NOTE: Data collection IS NOT automatic. The "Collect Data" sub-menu item must be used in order to collect the most recent data.

## A.6 REPORTS

Hourly Summary Daily Summary

HOURLY SUMMARY: Creates a user defined time period report based on hourly weather station data.

DAILY REPORT: Creates a user defined time period report based on daily weather station data.