

# CR Series LPR Corrosion Sensor User Manual



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## 1 Introduction

The Pyxis CR Series corrosion sensor measures the metal corrosion rate in an aqueous environment based on the principle of linear polarization resistance (LPR). A small polarization DC voltage is applied to two test metal electrodes and the resulting current is measured by the sensor. The polarization resistance value is calculated from the measured current and the applied polarization voltage. The metal corrosion rate in the unit of thousandths of inch per year (or mils per year, MPY) is then determined as:

$$MPY = B/R_p \quad (1)$$

where  $R_p$  is the polarization resistance (LPR) and  $B$  the proportional constant.

To calculate  $R_p$  originated from the electrochemical reaction at the metal water interface, the CR Series sensor subtracts the solution resistance  $R_s$  due to the test solution conductivity from the total resistance measured between the two test electrodes. The CR Series sensor accurately measures the test solution conductivity using the two test electrodes and the bipolar pulse technique, which has been successfully used in other Pyxis conductivity sensors and handheld meters.

A challenge of using the LPR method to measure corrosion rate below 0.01 MPY is to measure electric current in the range of pico- and nano-amperes. The CR Series sensor adapts a range of techniques that are practiced in our fluorimeters where low pico-ampere current is measured. These techniques include electromagnetic interference shielding, special analog circuit designs, and digital signal processing. The proportional constant  $B$  has a theoretical value for a given metal type and size. The CR Series assumes  $B$  equal to 1.24 MPY·Ω for a 5 cm<sup>2</sup> mild steel electrode, which is a typical value that has been used in many LPR corrosion researches. This proportional constant may be also referred as to the alloy factor of the test metal and normalized to 1.0 for the steel electrode for convenience. It can be adjusted by the user to account for variations in a real application environment.

To determine the corrosion situation of real process equipment is not a simple matter. The corrosion rates for various metal surfaces contacting aqueous fluids in a process depends on many parameters, including the corrosivity pertaining to the chemistry of the aqueous fluid, physical parameters such as temperature and the velocity of the fluid, and the metallurgical composition of the process equipment itself. Because of this, the corrosion rate measured by the CR Series sensor should not be used alone to predict or assess the real corrosion rate of the process equipment. Nevertheless, the science of using the LPR technique to quantify the corrosion rate has been well established. The corrosion rate measured by the CR Series sensor can be used to understand the corrosivity trend of the aqueous fluid over a period and its correlation to changes in the process parameters.

Measuring corrosion rate using a weight loss corrosion coupon is still widely practiced in many industry applications. LPR is an instantaneous method compared with the corrosion coupon method. It can indicate a change in corrosion rate in a time scale of a few minutes. In theory, a time-averaged corrosion rate measured by the Pyxis LPR sensor should agree with that from the weight loss coupon method if both are practiced according to the common practices known in the industry. For monitoring mild steel corrosion rate in an industrial cooling water system, one could also treat the LPR metal electrode itself as the weight loss corrosion coupon and compare the corrosion rate calculated from the weight loss of the electrode to the averaged LPR corrosion rate in order to calibrate the LPR corrosion rate by adjusting the alloy factor. The electrochemical noise measurement has long been used to quantify the localized corrosion or pitting corrosion rate. The CR Series sensor measures the short circuit electric current flowing through the electrodes between the two LPR measurements. The CR Series sensor first applies a signal process algorithm

to remove high frequency noise in the acquired electrochemical current data for a period of 3 minutes and then calculates the standard deviation of the processed data set. The standard deviation calculated is scaled to generate a localized corrosion index. In such a scaling, the index value for a 304-stainless steel electrode immersed in a 10% ferric chloride solution at 72 °F is arbitrarily defined as 100. The real time electrochemical current noise data are graphically displayed in the Pyxis display panel, an optional item that can be purchased separately. With the graphic trend, the noise pattern and magnitude can be easily analyzed visually.

## 2 Specifications

Specifications*	CR-200	CR-300
Part Number (P/N)	51006	51007
General Corrosion Range <sup>†</sup>	0.001–10 MPY	
Resolution	0.001 MPY	
Conductivity Compensation	10–10,000 µS/cm	
Alloy Factor <sup>†</sup>	0–3	
Measurement Interval	3–1440 min	
Data Storage	6 months <sup>‡</sup>	N/A
Output	Bluetooth 4.1, 32 ft (10 m), Line of Sight	Two 4–20mA analog outputs, RS-485 digital output with Modbus protocol
Installation	Flow cell with 1" NPT	
Cable Length	N/A	5 ft (1.5 m) <sup>§</sup>
Power Supply	3.6 V ER26500 battery	24 VDC, 2 W
Dimensions inch (mm)	Length: 10.3 (260.5), Lower Diameter: 0.9 (23.0), Upper Diameter: 1.7 (43.0)	Length: 11.1 (281.5), Lower Diameter: 0.9 (23.0), Upper Diameter: 1.7 (43.0)
Weight	1.44 lbs (655 g) <sup>  </sup>	1.51 lbs (687 g)
Enclosure Material	304 stainless steel	
Sample Temperature	-4–122 °F (-20–50 °C)	
Operational Temperature	14–122 °F (-10–50 °C)	
Storage Temperature	-4–158 °F (-20–70 °C)	
Pressure	Up to 100 psi (0.7 MPa)	
Enclosure Rating	IP65	
Regulation	CE	

\* With Pyxis's continuous improvement policy, these specifications are subject to change without notice.

<sup>†</sup> Values vary based on metallurgy. See the **Test Metal Electrodes** section for a list of these values for commonly used metals.

<sup>‡</sup> With measurement interval set to 30 minutes

<sup>§</sup> Extension cables available

<sup>||</sup> Battery included

### 3 Unpacking Instrument

Remove the instrument and find the standard accessories from the shipping container as listed below. Inspect each item for any damage that may have occurred during shipping. Verify that all accessory items are included. If any item is missing or damaged, please contact Pyxis Lab Customer Service at [service@pyxis-lab.com](mailto:service@pyxis-lab.com).

#### 3.1 Standard Accessories

##### 3.1.1 CR-200 Package (P/N: 51006)

- One CR-200 sensor
- One 3.6V ER26500 battery
- One pair of mild steel electrodes (P/N: 51002)
- One pair of copper electrodes (P/N: 51003)
- One 2.0 MPY steel calibration check cap (P/N: 51010)
- One 0.1 MPY copper calibration check cap (P/N: 51011)
- One Bluetooth adapter for PC (P/N: MA-NEB)
- Operation Manual is also available for download at <http://www.pyxis-lab.com/support.html>

##### 3.1.2 CR-300 Package (P/N: 51007)

- One CR-300 sensor
- One 5-ft extension cable terminated with connectors
- One 2-ft cable with one end terminated with a connector
- One pair of mild steel electrodes (P/N: 51002)
- One pair of copper electrodes (P/N: 51003)
- One 2.0 MPY steel calibration check cap (P/N: 51010)
- One 0.1 MPY copper calibration check cap (P/N: 51011)
- One Bluetooth Adapter for CR-300 (P/N: MA-CR)
- One Bluetooth adapter for PC (P/N: MA-NEB)
- Operation Manual is also available for download at <http://www.pyxis-lab.com/support.html>

### 3.2 Optional Accessories

The following optional accessories can be purchased via your Regional Sales contact or Pyxis Customer Service at [order@pyxis-lab.com](mailto:order@pyxis-lab.com).








<div>  <b>PYXIS LPR CORROSION SENSOR ACCESSORIES</b>  </div>		
Accessory Name / Description	Part #	Photo
MA-10CR - 10' Cable for CR300 LPR Sensor	50741	
MA-20CR - 20' Cable for CR300 LPR Sensor	50742	
MA-50CR - 50' Cable for CR300 LPR Sensor	50743	
MA-100CR - 100' Cable for CR300 LPR Sensor	50744	
MA-4.9CR - 4.9' Cable For CR300 LPR Sensor	50745	
MA-1.5CR - 1.5 Meter Connection Cable For CR300 w Flying Leads	50746	
CR-200 3.6V ER26500 Battery	50730	
2.0 MPY Calibration Cap	51010	
0.1 MPY Calibration Cap	51011	
CR-300 WiFi/Bluetooth Adapter - 8Pin	MA-CR	
CE-01 Mild Steel Electrode Pair	51002	
CE-02 Copper Electrode Pair	51003	
CE-03 304 Stainless Electrode Pair	51004	
CE-04 Admiralty Brass Electrode Pair	51005	
CE-05 Aluminum 6061 Electrode Pair	51006	

Figure 1.

**\*NOTE\*** Pyxis Lab does not manufacture LPR electrodes. Some electrodes are provided by Pyxis Lab from Metal Samples as a convenience. UNS Codes for each electrode format are provided in the **Test Metal Electrodes** section. Users may purchase these electrodes directly from Metal Samples at <https://www.alspi.com/ms.htm>.

## 4 Installation

### 4.1 Electrode Installation

The CR Series sensor is shipped without the electrodes installed. A pair of copper and mild steel electrodes are included in the package. Follow the steps below to install either pair of electrodes:

1. Remove the O-rings in the electrode package.
2. Place an O-ring to each threaded rod on the sensor.
3. Fasten the electrodes to the threaded rods to slightly compress the O-ring on the bottom of the threaded rod.
4. Clean the electrodes with isopropanol to remove any oil or other foreign materials on the electrode surfaces.

## 4.2 Piping

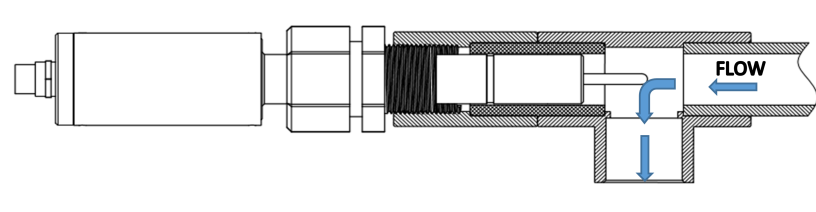


Figure 2. CR Series installation into the sample flow line

The CR Series should be inserted into a pipe via a 1-inch threaded tee. The corrosion rate measured by the CR Series sensor may be affected by the position of the two-test metal electrodes in relation to the water flow. The electrodes should be fully immersed in the water sample and away from any turbulence. The sensor body has three O-ring grooves to allow the 1-inch male NPT thread to be locked at three positions on the sensor with a compression nut. Thus, the depth of the sensor insertion in the pipe can be adjusted. For the best performance, the two-test metal electrodes should be installed to be parallel to the flow and maintain a symmetry between the electrodes with respect to the flow environment as much as possible as seen in Figure 2. Figures 3 and 4 show the dimensions of the CR-200 and CR-300, respectively.

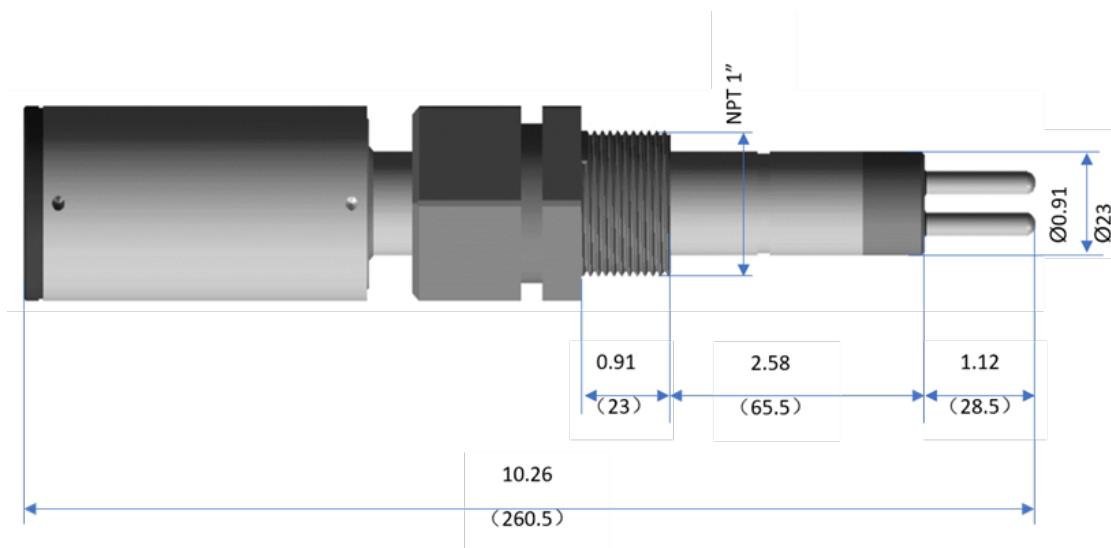


Figure 3. CR-200 dimensions in inch (mm)



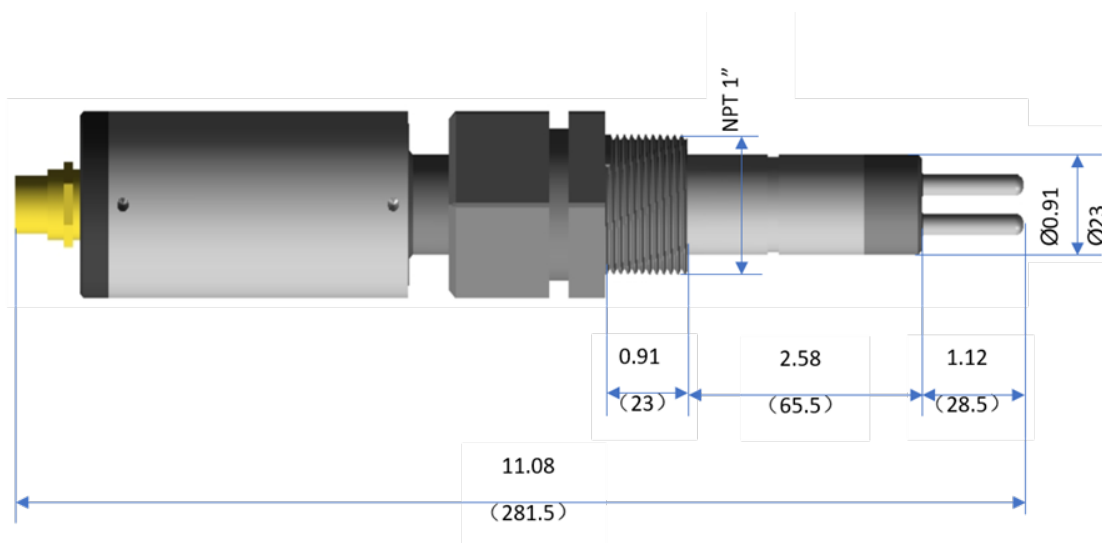


Figure 4. CR-300 dimensions in inch (mm)

### 4.3 Battery Installation for CR-200

The 3.6 V ER26500 battery should be used and is available from Pyxis (P/N: 50730).



Figure 5. ER26500 battery (P/N: 50730)

## WARNING

Do NOT use type C alkaline batteries for CR-200. Although type C alkaline batteries are in the same dimensions as ER26500 lithium, they are 1.5 V nominal voltage batteries. CR-200 will NOT work with type C alkaline batteries.

See detailed instructional video (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8LHabJX8Sx0>) or follow the steps below to install the ER26500 battery into the CR-200:

1. Loosen the two screws that fasten the battery cover plate (Figure 6).
2. Separate the cover plate from the CR-200 body (Figure 7).
 

**\*NOTE\*** Do NOT twist the cover plate
3. Place an ER26500 battery to the CR-200. Make sure that the positive terminal of the battery is facing outward (Figure 8).
4. Place the battery cover plate back and fasten the two screws. Please make sure that the flat cable has been fully pushed inside the CR-200 battery compartment and avoid pinching the cable between the CR-200 body and the cover plate (Figure 9).



Figure 6.



Figure 7.



Figure 8.



Figure 9.

#### 4.4 Wiring for CR-300

If the power ground terminal and the negative 4–20mA terminal in the controller are internally connected (non-isolated 4–20mA input), it is unnecessary to connect the 4–20mA negative wire (Gray) to the 4–20mA negative terminal in the controller. If a separate DC power supply other than that from the controller is used, make sure that the output from the power supply is rated for 22–26 VDC @ 65mA.

**\*NOTE\*** *The negative 24V power terminal (power ground) and the negative 4–20mA terminal on the CR-300 sensor are internally connected.*

Follow the wiring table below to connect the CR-300 sensor to a controller:

Wire Color	Designation
Red	24V +
Brown	24V Power ground
White	General corrosion rate, 4–20mA +
Pink	Localized corrosion rate, 4–20mA +
Gray*	4–20mA -
Blue	RS-485 A
Yellow	RS-485 B
Green	Shield, earth ground

\* Internally connected to the power ground

See below for wiring illustrations of the CR-300 sensor to several common controllers.

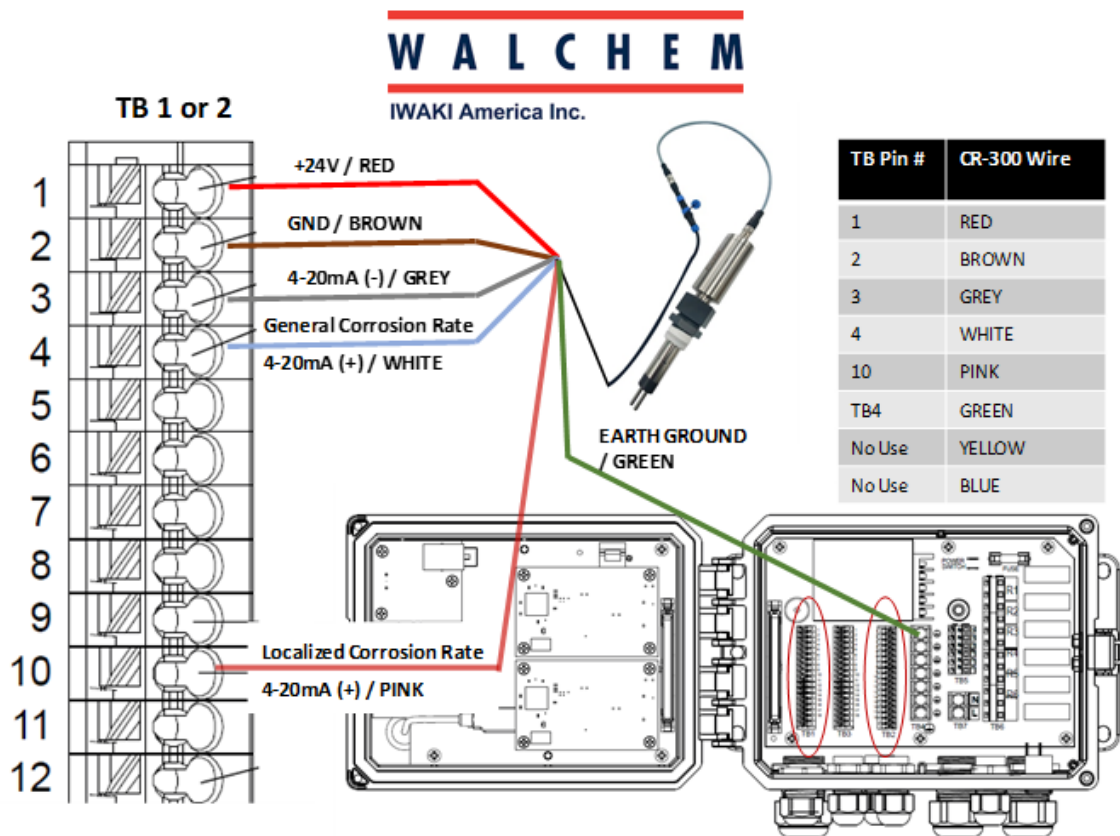


Figure 10. Typical wiring for WalChem W600

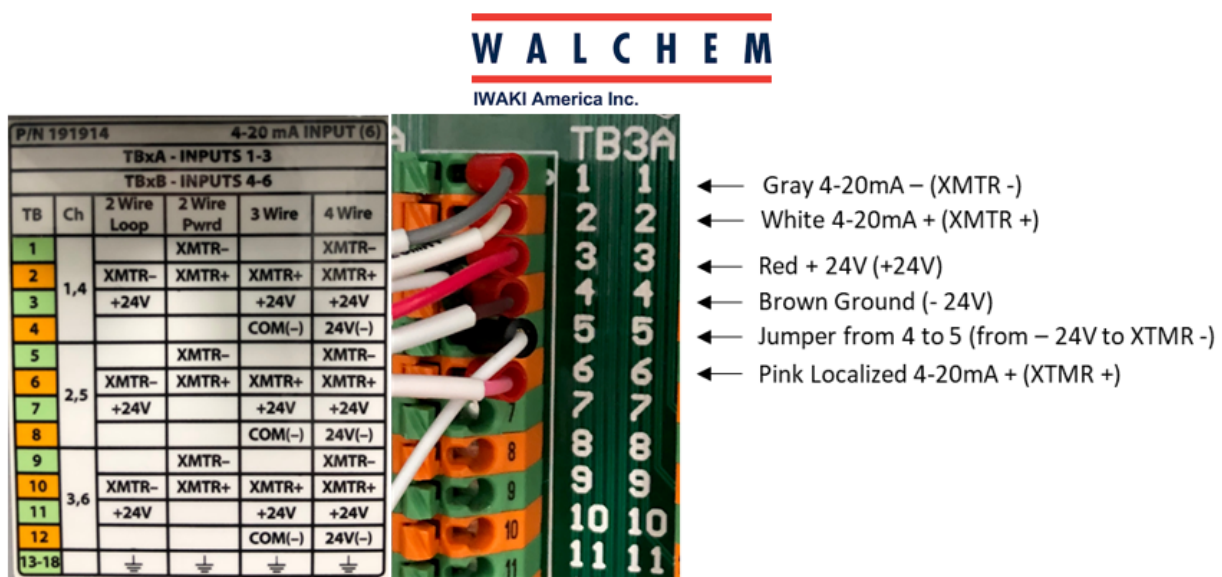


Figure 11. Typical wiring for WalChem W900 (4-wire loop configuration)

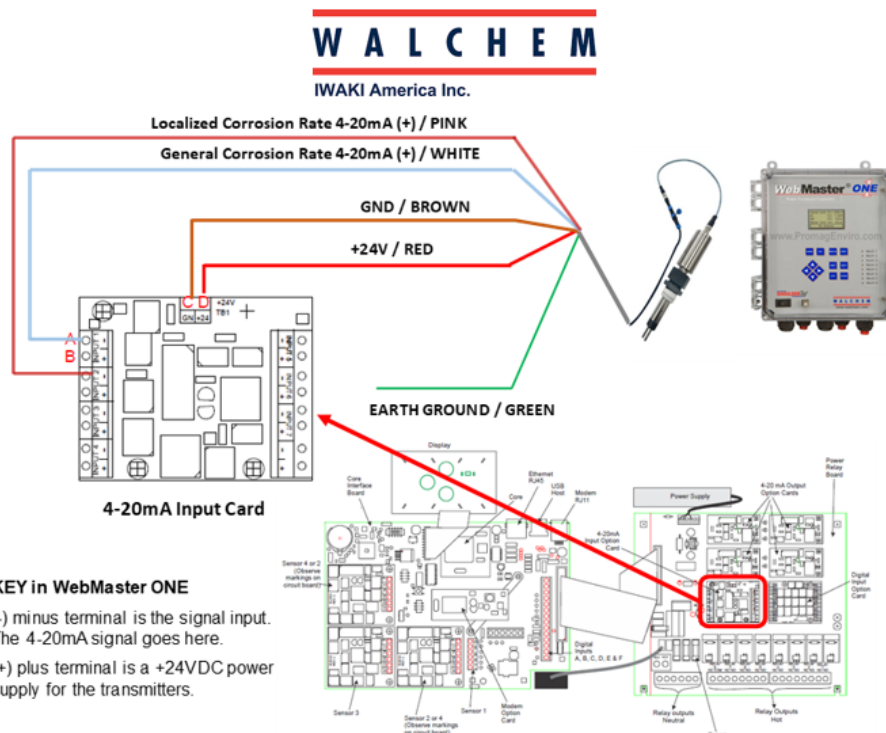


Figure 12. Typical wiring for WalChem WebMaster One

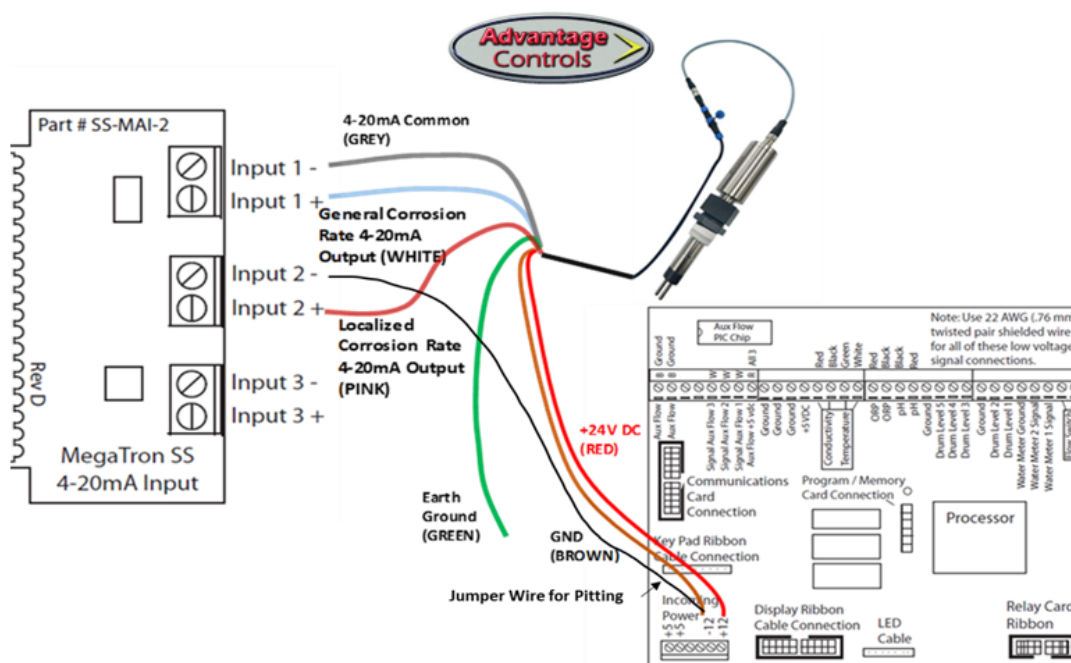


Figure 13. Typical wiring for Advantage Controls MegaTron SS

**\*NOTE\*** To get a Pitting signal, a jumper wire is needed from 4-20mA Input 2- to power -24V.

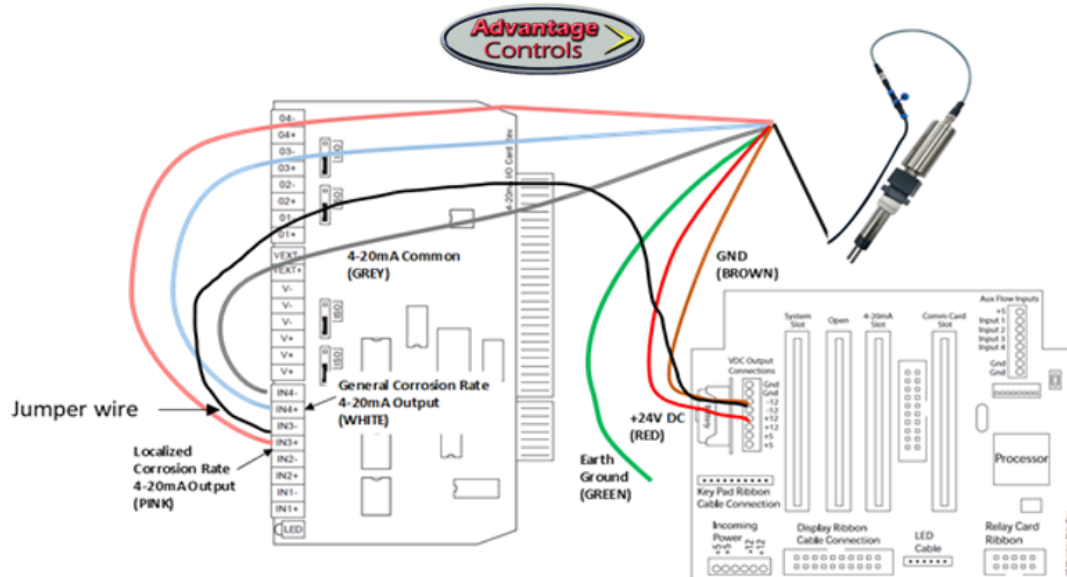


Figure 14. Typical wiring for **Advantage Controls MegaTronXS**

**\*NOTE\*** To get a Pitting signal, a jumper wire is needed from 4–20mA Input 3- to power -24V.

## 4.5 Connecting via Bluetooth for CR-300

A Bluetooth adapter (P/N: MA-CR) can be used to connect a CR-300 sensor to a smart phone with the **uPyxis®** Mobile App or a computer with the **uPyxis®** Desktop App. The power should be sourced from a 24 VDC power terminal of a controller. If a controller is not available, the user may also use Pyxis PowerPACK-1 or PowerPACK-4 as an alternative to both an external power supply and a Bluetooth adapter. PowerPACK from Pyxis Lab offers external power, Input/Output signal, and Bluetooth connectivity.



Figure 15. Bluetooth connection to CR-300 sensor

## 5 Instrument Overview

### 5.1 Test Metal Electrodes

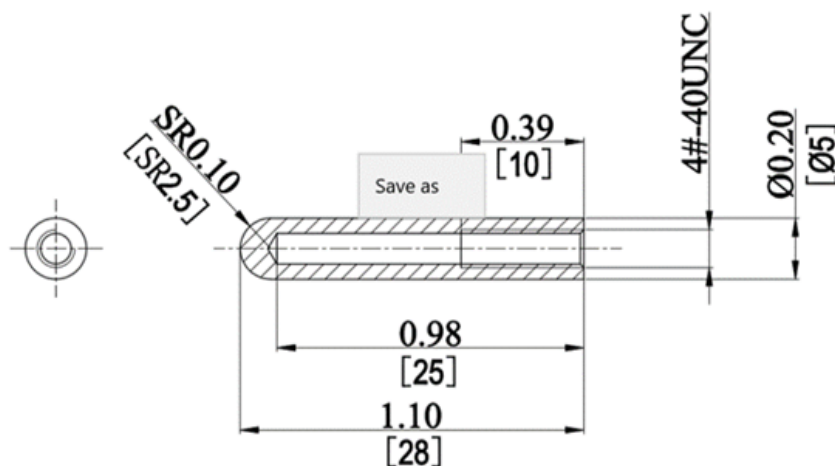


Figure 16. Test Metal Electrode Dimensions, Inch [mm]

Pyxis provides pairs of 5-cm<sup>2</sup> (0.736-inch<sup>2</sup>) metal electrodes, commonly used in the LPR corrosion measurement applications. The common names, UNS codes, and alloy factors are listed the table below.



Common Designation	UNS	Alloy Factor	Default 4–20mA General Corrosion Scale (MPY)	Default 4–20mA Localized Corrosion Scale (MPY)
Pipe Grade Carbon Steel	A135	1.00	0–10	0–100
Aluminum AA1100	A91100	0.94	0–10	0–100
Aluminum AA2024	A92024	0.86	0–10	0–100
Aluminum AA6061	A96061	0.94	0–10	0–100
Copper 110 ETP	C11000	2.00	0–1	0–10
Arsenical Admiralty Brass CDA443	C44300	1.67	0–1	0–10
Phosphorized Admiralty Brass CDA445	C44500	1.68	0–1	0–10
Aluminum Silicon Bronze CDA642	C64200	1.48	0–1	0–10
Aluminum Brass Arsenical CDA687	C68700	1.62	0–1	0–10
Cu/Ni - 70/30	C71500	1.50	0–1	0–10
Mild Steel C1010	G10100	1.00	0–10	0–100
Mild Steel C1015	G10150	1.00	0–10	0–100
Mild Steel C1018	G10180	1.00	0–10	0–100
Mild Steel C1019	G10190	1.00	0–10	0–100
Mild Steel C1020	G10200	1.00	0–10	0–100
Mild Steel C1080	G10800	1.00	0–10	0–100
Common Lead	L50045	2.57	0–0.5	0–1
Stainless Steel 304	S30400	0.89	0–0.5	0–10
Stainless Steel 304L	S30403	0.89	0–0.5	0–10
Stainless Steel 316	S31600	0.90	0–0.5	0–10
Stainless Steel 316L	S31603	0.90	0–0.5	0–10
Duplex Stainless Steel 2205 - F51	S31803	0.90	0–0.5	0–10
Duplex Stainless Steel 2507 - F53	S32750	0.90	0–0.5	0–10

**\*NOTE\*** Metal electrodes with a different length and a slightly different diameter may be used with the CR Series sensor if the electrodes have a 4-40 internal thread and has a surface area of 5 cm<sup>2</sup> (0.736 inch<sup>2</sup>). The alloy factor for a given metal alloy is proportional to the surface area of the electrode. If an electrode with a surface area different than 5 cm<sup>2</sup> (0.736 inch<sup>2</sup>) is used, the user will need to calculate the proper alloy factor according to the surface area and the default 5-cm<sup>2</sup> alloy factor listed above.

## 5.2 Default Sensor Settings

The CR Series sensor is shipped with the following default settings:

- Reading interval is 60 minutes for CR-200 and 3 minutes for CR-300
- Metal selection of Mild Steel C1010 (same as one of the provided pairs of electrodes)
- 4 mA = 0 MPY or 0 localized corrosion index
- 20 mA = 10 MPY (general corrosion)
- 20 mA = 100 MPY (localized corrosion)

For measuring the general corrosion rate of mild steel, the user needs to scale 20 mA = 10 MPY in the controller. If a different metallurgy is desired, refer to the **Test Metal Electrodes** section for a list of all metallurgies and preprogrammed default alloy factors and 4–20mA output scales.

## 5.3 Calibration Check Caps

The CR Series sensor is provided with one 2.0 MPY-Steel and one 0.1 MPY-Copper calibration check cap. These caps are designed to generate a known mA value and can be used to confirm that the sensor has been configured properly. For the CR-300, this can confirm the receiving controller is setup with the proper 4–20mA scale for general corrosion. When the controller is scaled to match the **uPyxis®** default settings, these caps will generate a “test” signal matching the value on the calibration check cap to confirm the controller reads properly.

Follow the steps below to check the calibration of the CR Series sensor’s 4–20mA range:

1. Install two new test electrodes (either Steel or Copper)
2. Connect to either the **uPyxis®** Mobile or Desktop App. See either the Setup and Calibration with **uPyxis®** Mobile App or the Setup and Calibration with **uPyxis®** Mobile App section.
3. In the **uPyxis®** App, change the **Reading Interval** to 5 minutes.
4. If needed, change the **Metal Selection**, the **Corrosion 20 mA MPY** value, and the **Pitting 20 mA MPY** value to match the values given from the **Test Metal Electrodes** section.
5. Plug the sensor to the appropriate calibration check cap and wait for at least for 15 minutes to allow the sensor to carry out three complete measurements (Figure 17).
6. The corrosion rate value on the **uPyxis®** App should match the value marked on the calibration check cap.

**\*NOTE\*** If checking the CR-300 sensor’s 4–20mA range, the user may use the controller instead of the **uPyxis®** App to verify the calibration. This assumes that the controller’s analog input 4–20mA range is set to the same range as determined in Step 4.



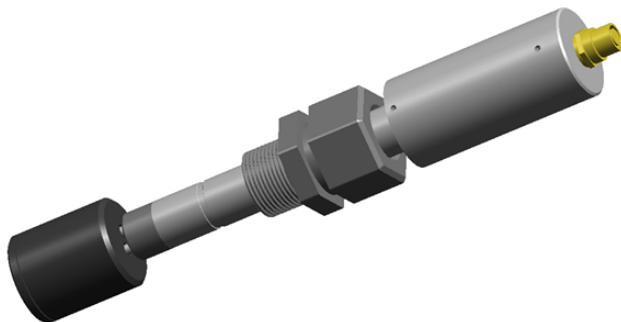


Figure 17.

## 5.4 CR-200 Function Buttons and Indicator Lights



Figure 18.

### 5.4.1 Powering On/Off

Press the **ON/OFF** button to turn on the sensor and Bluetooth (Figure 18). The **green** indicator light on the left and **blue** indicator light on the right will turn on for approximately two seconds. After the initial startup, the **green** indicator light on the left will flash every 5 seconds, continuously, to indicate that the sensor is in the measurement mode.

Press and hold the **ON/OFF** button for 3 seconds to turn off the CR-200. The **green** indicator light on the left will stop flashing.

### 5.4.2 Bluetooth Modes

The CR-200 will startup in the default Beacon mode. This mode allows multiple devices with the **uPyxis®** App to view the current readings of the CR-200, however, settings cannot be changed.

Press and hold the Bluetooth **Mode** button on the CR-200 for up to 20 seconds, until the **blue** indicator light turns on, to switch to the Peripheral (Pairing) mode. In this mode, the **blue** indicator light will begin flashing until paired to the **uPyxis®** App. The **blue** indicator light will remain solid blue while paired. Only one device can be paired at a time.

## 6 Setup and Calibration with uPyxis® Mobile App

The default configuration of the CR Series sensor before shipping is to measure the corrosion rate of mild steel. The alloy factor was set to be the theoretical value of iron. The sensor can be configured for other metals with appropriate alloy factors and the 4–20mA scale settings for general and localized corrosion rates using the **uPyxis®** Mobile or Desktop App.

### 6.1 Download uPyxis® Mobile App

Download **uPyxis®** Mobile App from [Apple App Store](#) or [Google Play](#).



Figure 19.

### 6.2 Connecting to uPyxis® Mobile App

For the CR-200 sensor, make sure the sensor is set to the Peripheral (Pairing) Bluetooth mode. See the **Bluetooth Modes** section for more details. For the CR-300 sensor, make sure the sensor is connected to a MA-CR and a power supply, such as a controller, or to a PowerPACK. See the **Connecting via Bluetooth for CR-300** section for more details.

Turn on Bluetooth on your mobile phone (**Do not pair the phone Bluetooth to the CR Series sensor**). Open **uPyxis®** Mobile App. Once the app is open the app will start to search for the sensor. Once the **uPyxis®** Mobile App connects to the sensor, press the **CR Series sensor** (Figure 20).

### 6.3 Reading Screen

When connected, the **uPyxis®** Mobile App will default to the **Reading** screen (Figure 21). From the **Reading** screen, you can perform a calibration by pressing on **Slope Calibration**. Follow the screen instructions for each calibration step.

### 6.4 Setting Screen

From the **Setting** screen, you can set the **Reading Interval**, the **Metal Selection**, the corrosion MPY value for 20 mA, the pitting value for 20 mA, two smoothing factors, and a password for the device (Figure 22–23). Be sure to press **Apply Settings** to save any changes.

## 6.5 Datalog Screen for CR-200

The CR-200 will have an additional **Datalog** screen (Figure 24). From the **Datalog** screen, press **READ INFO** to read in all available datalogs from the device. You may then choose to **Clear Datalog** or to **Export & Share** as a CSV file.

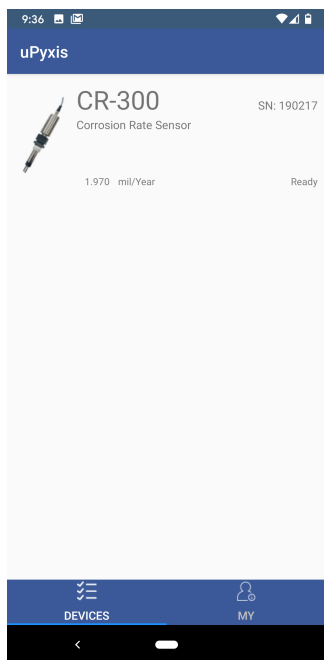


Figure 20. Connect to CR-300

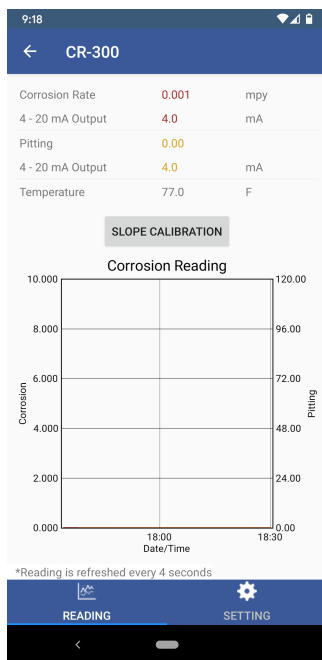


Figure 21. Reading screen

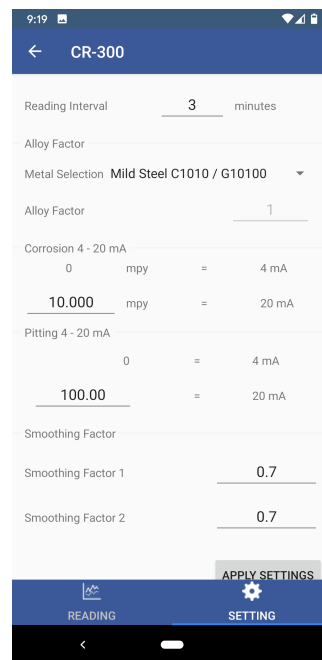


Figure 22. Setting screen (top)

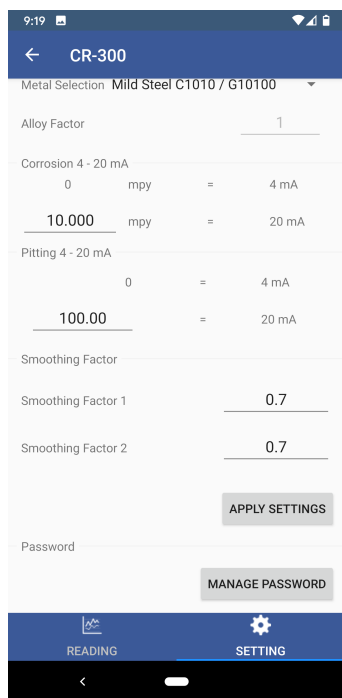


Figure 23. Setting screen (bottom)

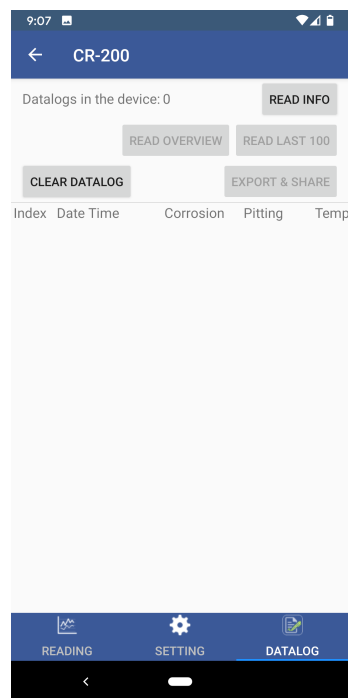


Figure 24. Datalog screen for CR-200

## 7 Setup and Calibration with uPyxis® Desktop App

The default configuration of the CR Series sensor before shipping is to measure the corrosion rate of mild steel. The alloy factor was set to be the theoretical value of iron. The sensor can be configured for other metals with appropriate alloy factors and the 4–20mA scale settings for general and localized corrosion rates using the **uPyxis®** Mobile or Desktop App.

### 7.1 Install uPyxis® Desktop App

Download the latest version of **uPyxis®** Desktop software package from: <http://www.pyxis-lab.com/support.html> this setup package will download and install the Microsoft.Net Framework 4.5 (if not previously installed on the PC), the USB driver for the USB-Bluetooth adapter (MA-NEB), the USB-RS485 adapter (MA-485), and the main **uPyxis®** Desktop application. Double click the **uPyxis.Setup.exe** file to install.

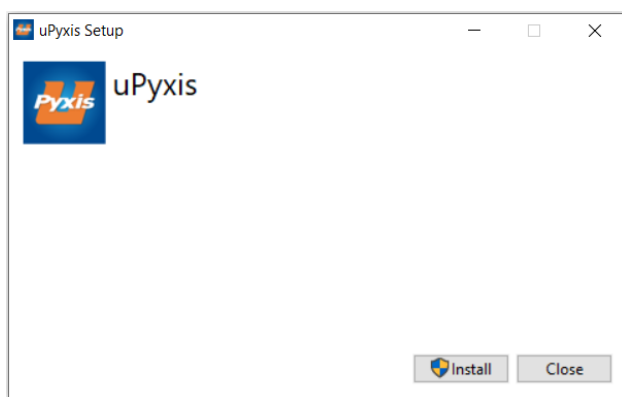


Figure 25.

Click **Install** to start the installation process. Follow the screen instructions to complete the USB driver and **uPyxis®** installation.

### 7.2 Connecting to uPyxis® Desktop App

For the CR-200 sensor, make sure the sensor is set to the Peripheral (Pairing) Bluetooth mode. See the **Bluetooth Modes** section for more details. For the CR-300 sensor, make sure the sensor is connected to a MA-CR and a power supply, such as a controller, or to a PowerPACK. See the **Connecting via Bluetooth for CR-300** section for more details.

When the **uPyxis®** Desktop App opens, to find your device, click on **Device**, then **Connect via Bluetooth...** (Figure 26). Once connected to the device, a picture of the device will appear on the top left corner of the window and the **uPyxis®** Desktop App will default to the **Information** screen.

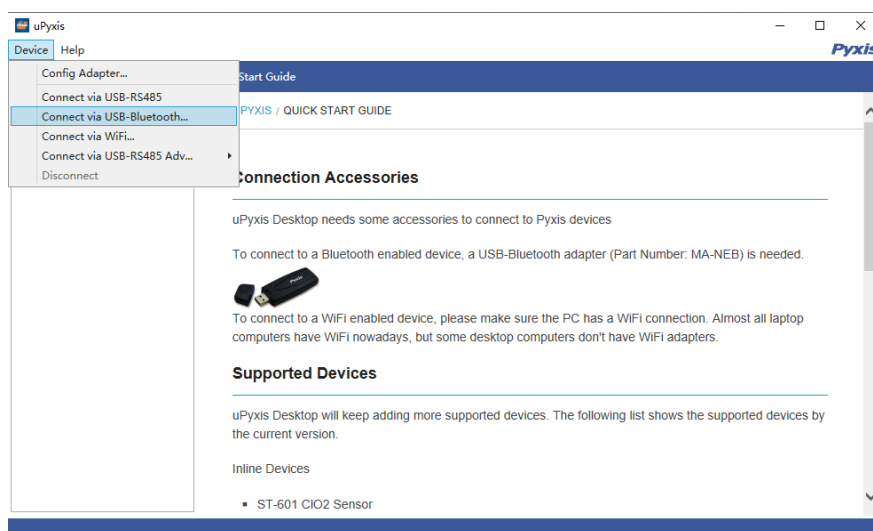


Figure 26.

### 7.3 Reading Screen

From the **Reading Screen**, you can view the current corrosion and pitting data as well as the trend data (Figure 27).



Figure 27.

## 7.4 Setting Screen

From the **Setting** screen, you can set the **Reading Interval**, the **Metal Selection**, the corrosion MPY value for 20 mA, the pitting value for 20 mA, and two smoothing factors (Figure 28). Be sure to click **Apply Settings** to save any changes.

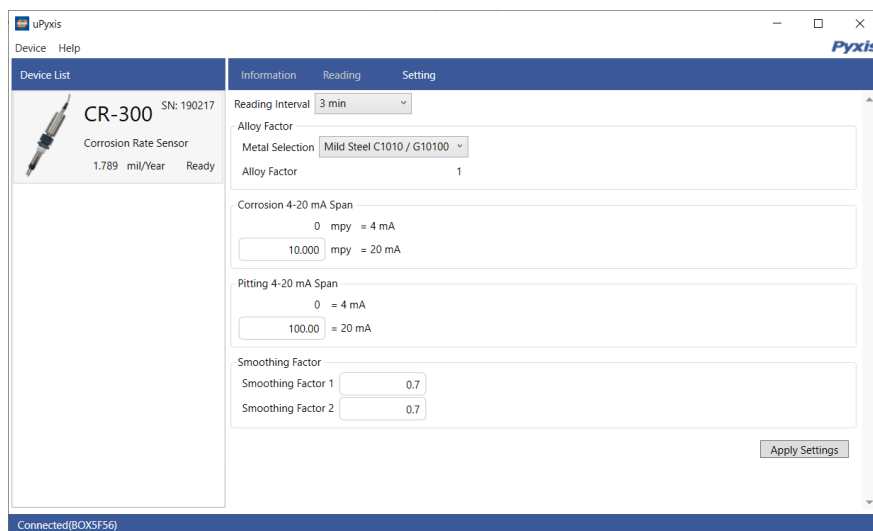


Figure 28.

## 7.5 Datalog Screen for CR-200

The CR-200 will have an additional **Datalog** screen (Figure 29). From the **Datalog** screen, click **Read Datalog Info** to read in all available datalogs from the device. You may then choose to **Clear All Datalogs** or to **Export** as a CSV file.

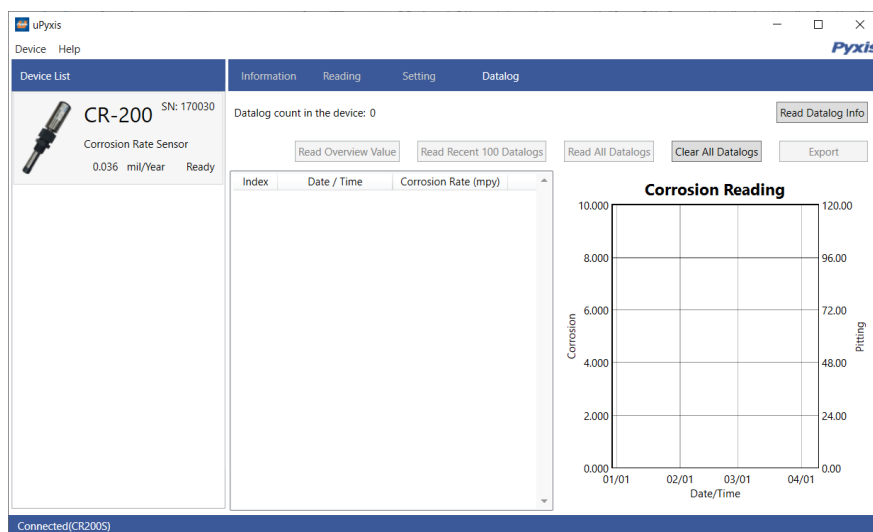


Figure 29.

## 8 Communication using Modbus RTU

The CR-300 can be configured as a Modbus slave device. In addition to the general corrosion rate and localized corrosion index, many operational parameters, including warning and error messages, are available via a Modbus RTU connection. Contact Pyxis Lab Customer Service ([service@pyxis-lab.com](mailto:service@pyxis-lab.com)) for more information.

## 9 Sensor Maintenance and Precaution

For best performance, severely corroded sensor metal electrodes should be replaced. Any deposit on the sensor body and near the base area of the metal electrode should be cleared. Minor corrosion product deposit on the electrode surface is acceptable. Non-corrosion product deposit such as calcium carbonate scale should be removed. The sensor should not be left in stagnant water for a long period unless measuring corrosion rate of the metal in such condition is the purpose for evaluation.

## 10 Regulatory Approval

### United States

The CR-200 sensor has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses and can radiate radio frequency energy, and if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in an installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

### Canada

This device complies with Industry Canada license exempt RSS standard(s). Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) this device may not cause interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference, including interference that may cause undesired operation of the device. Le présent appareil est conforme aux CNR d'Industrie Canada applicables aux appareils radio exempts de licence. L'exploitation est autorisée aux deux conditions suivantes: (1) l'appareil ne doit pas produire de brouillage, et (2) l'utilisateur de l'appareil doit accepter tout brouillage radioélectrique subi, même si le brouillage est susceptible

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