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Section 1 - Introduction

Please read this manual completely before installing and operating your wireless End Device and receiver system. It's important read and follow all notes, cautions, warnings and safety precautions before operating this End Device. "End Device" referrers to your transmitter unit.

1.1 Precautions

- This device is not designed for use in any medical or nuclear applications.
- Do not operate this device in flammable or explosive environments.
- Never operate with a power source other than the one recommended in this manual.
- This device has been designed for dry, moisture free indoor applications only.
- Do not operate this device outside of the recommended use outlined in this manual.
- No co-location with other radio transmitters is allowed. By definition, colocation is when another radio device or it's antenna is located within 20 cm of your End Device and can transmit simultaneously with your End Device.
- Never install wireless End Devices within 20 cm or less from each other.
- Never install and/or operate your End Device closer than 20 cm to nearby persons.
- Never use your End Device as a portable device. Your unit has been designed to be operated in a permanent installation only.



There are no user serviceable parts inside your device. Attempting to repair or service your unit may void your warranty.

1.2 Safety Warnings and IEC Symbols

This device is marked with international safety and hazard symbols in accordance with IEC standards. It is important to read and follow all precautions and instructions in this manual before operating or commissioning this device as it contains important information relating to safety and EMC. Failure to follow all safety precautions may result in injury and or damage to your device. Use of this device in a manner not specified will void your warranty

IEC symbols



Description

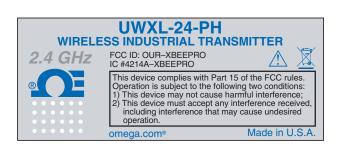
Caution, refer to accompanying documentation

EU's Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment Compliance

Figure 1-1. IEC Symbols

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1.3 Product Labeling



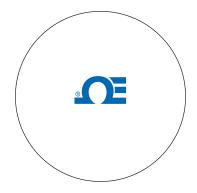


Figure 1-2. Transmitter Rear Label

Figure 1-3. Transmitter Top Label

1.4 Statement on FCC

1.4.1 FCC Marking

FCC ID: OUR-XBEEPRO IC #4214A-XBEEPRO

This device complies with Part 15 of the FCC rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions: 1.) This device may not cause harmful interference. 2.) This device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

1.5 General Description and System Components

1.5.1 General Description

The UWXL Series Long Distance Industrial Wireless Transmitters are standalone, rugged, battery powered, wireless transmitters that send their measurements to a host receiver up to 450 m (1500') line of sight (LOS) away. The UWXL transmitters are designed for a variety of applications, including temperature (RTD or thermocouple), infrared temperature, relative humidity, process transducers with standard voltage or current outputs, flow (pulsed frequency) as well as pH measurement. When activated, the transmitter will send readings continuously at a pre-set time interval programmed by the user during initial setup. Each unit measures and transmits: Process value, Ambient Temperature, RF Signal Strength and Battery Condition to the host. This information is then displayed on the host PC screen in real time using the provided software. When used with host receiver model UWXL-REC1, data from up to 48 wireless end devices can be received and displayed simultaneously. Each receiver includes free software that converts your PC into a strip chart recorder or data logger allowing readings to be saved and later printed or exported to a spread sheet file.accepts a Pt100 RTD probe (mating connector provided with transmitter).

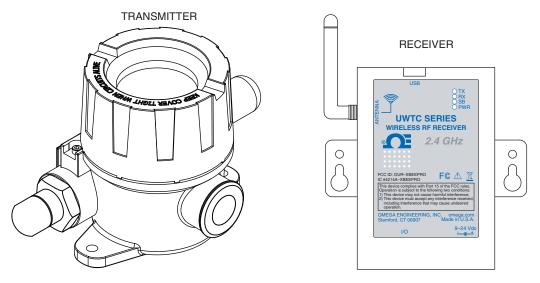


Figure 1-4. System Components

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Section 2 - Hardware

It is important that you read this manual completely and follow all safety precautions before operating this instrument.

2.1 Package Inspection

Remove the packing list and verify that you have received all your equipment. If you have any questions about the shipment, please call our Customer Service Department at

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The carrier will not honor any damage claims unless all shipping material is saved for inspection. After examining and removing contents, save packing material and carton in the event reshipment is necessary.

2.2 Included Items

The following items are supplied in the box.

- 1 UWXL Series transmitter
- 1 User's Guide
- 1 Battery (inside device)

Section 3 - Setup & Installation

3.1 Setup and Configuration

3.1.1 Connecting your device

Connect the USB cable to your transmitter unit and also to an available USB port on your computer. See figure below. The USB cable is provided in the box with your receiver unit. The same cable is used for programming your transmitter and for connecting your receiver.



Figure 3-1. USB Cable

3.1.2 Configure Your End Device

Now that you have connected your USB cable to your PC and transmitter, you will complete the following steps to configure your End Device before placing the unit into operation. You will be using the configuration software utility that you installed onto your PC when you set up your receiver. If you have not installed the configuration software utility you should do so now. During this procedure you will be setting the following parameters in your transmitter.

Transmitter Options:

Connector Address

This sets a unique address number into your transmitter. Later, when you set up your measurement software you will again set channel numbers to receive readings from the corresponding unit(s). Each end device must be given a different address for your system to operate correctly



If you will be using more than one receiver unit in your area it is important to set the transmitter address numbers to be a corresponding number in your TC-Central software.

Example

For the first receiver: Set the addresses on your transmitters to 101, 102, 103, 104, etc.

Then set the channels in your TC-Central user software to match.

For the second receiver: Set the addresses on your transmitters to 201, 202, 203, 204, etc.

Then set the channels in your TC-Central user software to match.

This numbering scheme can be expanded to match the number of receivers you are using.

Sample Rate

This will program your End Device to transmit 1 data reading to your receiver at a specified time interval. Available settings are 2, 3, 5, 15, 30, 45, 60, 75 or 90 seconds



The sample rate you set will have the most direct effect on the life of the battery in your End Device. It is recommended that you set the longest sample time that your application can live with to extend time between battery replacements. See Section 4 for more information on battery life.

RF Network Settings:

RF Channel

This setting determines the operating channel on which RF connections are made between the transmitter and receiver. The transmitter must be set to the same channel as the receiver in order for them to communicate.

Network ID

This sets the ID of the Network that the transmitter will be joining. It must match the setting of the receiver in order for them to communicate.

Receiver Address

This sets the destination address for RF packets sent by the transmitter. It must match the address of the receiver in order for them to communicate.



It is possible to have multiple RF networks operating in the same vicinity. Each network must have at least one unique RF Network Setting in order to differentiate the networks.

STEP 1. Enter the "SETUP" mode.

To place your transmitter into the SETUP mode for programming follow this procedure.

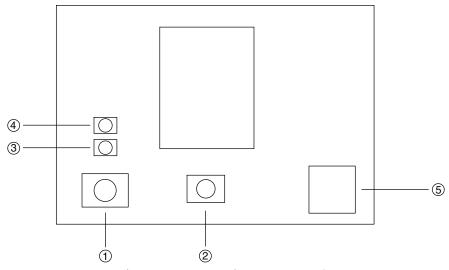


Figure 3-2. Transmitter Setup Mode

- (1) On/Off Button
- (2) Setup Button
- (3) Battery Indicator
- (4) Status Indicator,
- (5) USB Connector

Press and hold the ON/OFF button. While the ON/OFF button is being held, press the SETUP button one time and then release the ON/OFF button. The green (TX) indicator on the front of your device should be blinking at a steady rate. This indicates your End Device is ready to run the configuration utility software

STEP 2. Launch Setup Utility Program.

To launch the End Device setup utility program on your PC begin by accessing the "Programs" list under your "Start Menu".

Scroll through the list of to find the Omega TC-Central folder, then select the End Device Configuration Program.

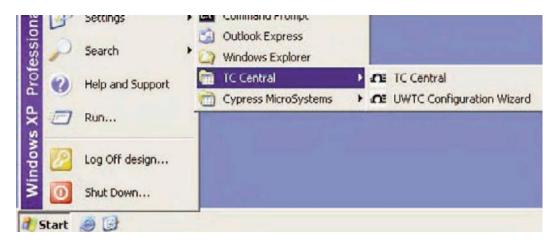


Figure 3-3. Software - Launch Setup Utility Program Screen



STEP 3. Programming your settings into your End Device

Figure 3-4. Software - Welcome Screen

After starting the setup utility program this will be the first screen you will see. Click the "Next >" button to proceed and continue setting up your End Device. Each screen will provide instruction details on how to proceed.

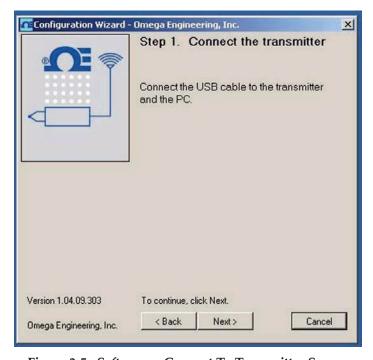


Figure 3-5. Software - Connect To Transmitter Screen

If you have not already connected your End Device to a USB port on your PC you must do this now before continuing. After your unit has been connected, click the Next > button to proceed and continue setting up your unit.



Figure 3-6. Software - Setup The End Device Screen

If you have not already placed your End Device into the SETUP mode you should do this now before continuing. After your unit has been placed into the SETUP mode, click the Next > button to proceed and continue setting up your unit.

After successful communication between your connector/transmitter has been established you can click the Next > button to proceed and continue setting up your connector/transmitter. If you did not receive a confirmation of proper communication you should click the <Back button to try connecting again.

Figure 3-8. Software - Choose Options Screen

From this screen you will select the main operating settings for your end device.



Each end device must have a different address number for proper operation). After making your selections click the Next > button to proceed and program your settings into your unit.

Figure 3-9. Software - Calibration Options Screen

This screen lets you select from a number of different calibration options. For pH you can perform a full 2 point calibration or a simple 1 point offset to account for sensor drift. For the RTD input you can also perform a 2 point calibration. You can also choose to restore either input to its factory calibration. Select the calibration type you wish to perform and click the Next> button and follow the instructions for calibration. For more information see Section 6, Service and Calibration.

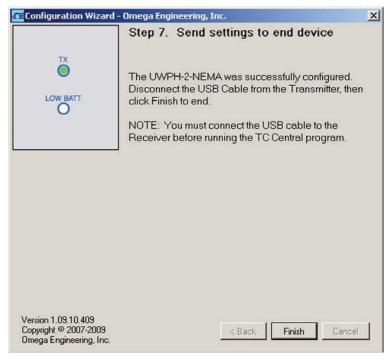


Figure 3-10. Software - Send Settings To End Device Screen

Congratulations! You have successfully programmed your end device. After your unit has been programmed click the Finish button to close the utility program.

3.2 Mounting, Installation and Antenna Connection

Your device has been shipped to you with a standard antenna already attached. In some cases the user may wish to install a remote antenna to maximize transmission range to the receiver. In these instances the UWXL-RAK kit can be used. The kit includes a direction antenna, 8" extension cable and mounting bracket.

3.2.1 Mounting

The diagram below shows dimensions of the transmitter housing for mounting.

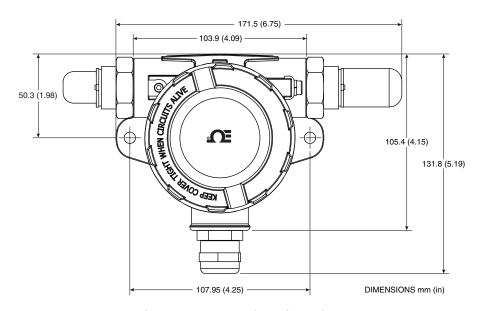


Figure 3-11. Mounting Dimensions

When mounting your end device, care should be taken to make sure it is as far away from any metal objects. If nearby metal gets too close to your unit, it has the potential to interfere with the way the unit radiates and may cause signal lose or possibly even the inability to communicate at all with your receiver.

3.2.2 Installation

When installing your End Device it is important to position your device in such a way as to optimize the antenna location within what's known as the "Fresnel Zone".

The Fresnel Zone can be thought of as a football-shaped invisible tunnel between two locations that provides a path for RF signals between your End Device and your receiver.

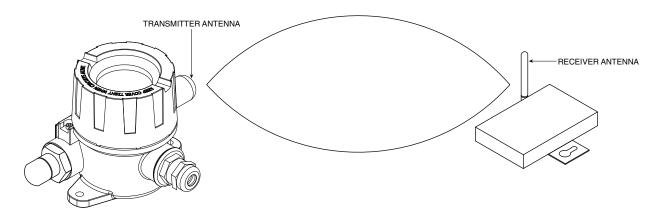


Figure 3-12. Fresnel Zone

In order to achieve maximum range, the football-shaped path in which radio waves travel must be free of all obstructions. Obstacles in the path (especially metal) will decrease the communication range between your End Device and receiver. Also, If the antennas are mounted just barely off the ground, over half of the Fresnel zone ends up being obstructed by the earth resulting in significant reduction in range. To avoid this problem, the antennas should be mounted high enough off of the ground so that the earth does not interfere with the central diameter of the Fresnel zone.



It is important to understand that the environment may change over time due to new equipment or machinery being installed, building construction, etc. If new obstacles exist between your End Device and receiver, the devices can be raised on one end or on both ends to hopefully clear the Fresnel Zone of obstructions.



No co-location with other radio transmitters is allowed. By definition, co-location is when another radio device or the device's antenna is located within 20 cm of your connector/transmitter and can transmit simultaneously with your unit.

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Never install multiple End Devices within 20 cm or less from each other.



Never use your UWXL End Device as a portable device. Your unit has been designed to be operated in a permanent installation only.

3.2.3 Antenna Connection

Your End Device has been shipped to you with a standard antenna already attached. In some cases the user may wish to install a remote antenna to maximize transmission range to the receiver. In these instance the UWXL-RAK antenna kit can be used. The kit includes a direction antenna, 8" extension cable and a mounting bracket.

In some cases, a short RF cable may be used to connect an antenna to your device. Please note that RF extension cables will always add some loss to the transmitting signal strength. The longer the cable the more signal will be lost over that cable. Because of this the length of the cable should be kept as short as possible.



Use of any other antenna then what's supplied with your End Device will void all FCC, and IC regulatory compliance.

Additional information on installation and system operation can be found in Section 4.

3.3 pH Probe/RTD Connection

Your transmitter features a standard BNC receptacle allowing most pH probes with a BNC connector to be used. For automatic temperature compensation there is a M12 connection for an RTD probe. Each transmitter comes with a field wireable mating connector for easy connection to any RTD with stripped leads.

3.4 Battery Replacement

3.4.1 Model UWXL-24-PH

To install or replace the battery in your End Device you must first remove Lid of the enclosure. This will allow you to access the battery compartment.

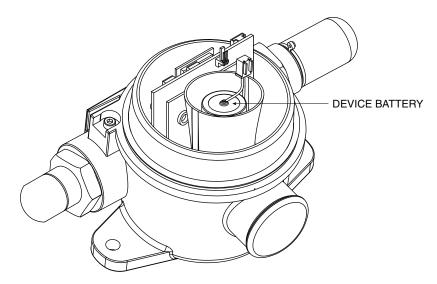


Figure 3-13. Battery Replacement

Your End Device is equipped with a "C" size lithium power cell assembly. Omega Part Number: UWTC-BATT-C. To install a replacement battery assembly follow the steps outlined here.

- A. Disconnect the battery from the main circuit board.
- B. Remove the battery assembly from the housing.
- C. Install your new battery assembly into the housing in the same position as the old battery was located.
- D. Connect the battery assembly connector to the mating connector on the top of the main circuit board.
- E. Installation complete.

Your transmitter is rated for use in ambient temperatures between -10°C (14°F) to 70°C (158°F). Exposure to temperatures below or above these stated temperatures can cause your device to malfunction and produce incorrect operation. When installing your thermocouple probe care should be taken to make sure your transmitter will not be operated in an environment outside the specifications outlined in Section 7.



Installing your end device in an application were the unit will be exposed to ambient temperatures above or below the operating limits specified in this manual will damage your unit and cause the unit to malfunction and produce incorrect operation.

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WARNING:

Lithium batteries may get hot, explode or ignite and cause serious injury if exposed to abusive conditions. Be sure to follow the safety warnings listed below:

Your transmitter operates with one 3.6V Lithium Battery. Omega Replacement Part Number UWTC-BAT-C. Never operate your transmitter with a different battery than what is specified in this manual or on the product data sheet.

Do not discharge the battery using any device except your Transmitter unit. When the battery is used in devices other than the specified device, it may damage the battery or reduce its life expectancy. If the device causes an abnormal current to flow, it may cause the battery to become hot, explode or ignite and cause serious injury.

Refer to the Omega technical data sheet or this manual for the temperature ranges over which the battery can be operated. Use of the battery outside this temperature range may damage the Transmitter or reduce the performance and life of the battery.

- Do not place the battery in fire or heat the battery.
- Do not store batteries with other hazardous or combustible materials.
- Do not install the battery backwards so the polarity is reversed.
- Do not connect the positive terminal and negative terminal of the battery to each other with any metal object (such as wire).
- Do not carry or store the battery together with metal objects.
- Do not pierce the battery with nails, strike the battery with a hammer, step on the battery or otherwise subject it to strong impacts or shocks.
- Do not solder directly onto the battery.
- Do not expose battery to water or salt water, or allow the battery to get wet.
- Do not disassemble or modify the battery.
- When the battery is discharged, insulate the terminals with adhesive tape or similar materials before disposal.
- Immediately discontinue use of the battery if, while using or storing the battery, the battery emits an unusual smell, feels hot, changes color or shape, leaks or appears abnormal in any other way. Contact Omega if any of these problems are observed.
- Do not place the battery in microwave ovens, high-pressure containers.

Section 4 - System Operation

4.1 Introduction

Compared to wired pH systems, wireless pH systems provide much simpler installation. Based on the physical principle of the propagation of radio waves, certain basic conditions should be observed. The following simple recommendations are provided to insure proper installation and correct operation of your wireless system.

4.2 RF Communication Basics

The Model UWXL-24-PH sends wireless transmissions to a receiver. The receiver checks the incoming data for accuracy and processes this data for use by the measurement software on your PC. Radio signals are electromagnetic waves, hence the signal becomes weaker the further it travels. While radio waves can penetrate some solid materials like a wall, they are dampened more than when a direct line-of-sight between the transmitting and receiving antenna exist.

4.3 Basic System Overview

The UWXL wireless pH system is comprised of only two main components; a signal conditioner with a built-in battery powered 2.4GHz radio transmitter, and a USB powered 2.4GHz radio receiver.

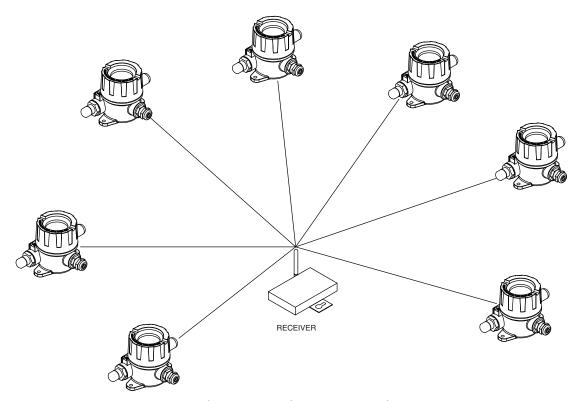


Figure 4-1. Basic System Overview



Up to 48 end devices can be used with one receiver.

4.4 Connector/Transmitter Operation

4.4.1 Button Operation

(1.) ON/OFF

The ON/OFF button on the main circuit board of your transmitter is used to turn your unit on or off.

(2.) SETUP

The SETUP button on the main circuit board of your transmitter is only used during the setup and configuration of your unit. See Section 3.1.2 for more information

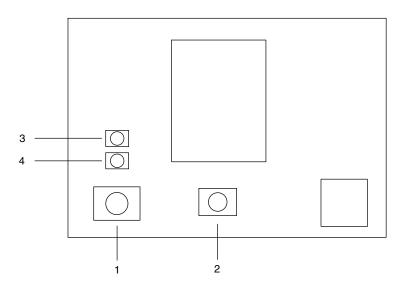


Figure 4-2. UWXL Industrial Wireless Transmitter Button Options

- (1) "SETUP" Button
- (2) "ON/OFF" Button
- (3) Transmit Indicator
- (4) Battery Indicator

4.4.2 Indicator Lights

1) Transmit (TX) Green Indicator Light

The green indicator light marked "TX" on the front of the connector/transmitter will blink every time the unit sends data to the receiving unit. Example; If you selected a 5 sec sample rate the green TX led will blink one time every 5 seconds.

2) Low Battery (Low Bat) Red Indicator Light

The red indicator light marked "Low Bat" on the front of the transmitter will turn on when the battery reaches a level at or below the power level required for normal operation. When this indicator turns on it's time to install a fresh battery in your unit. For information on battery life see Section 6.11.

4.5 Environment/Conditions

4.5.1 Environment

Omega's wireless end devices and receiver units have been designed to be fixed mounted and operated in a clean and dry indoor environment. Care should be taken to prevent the components of your wireless system from being exposed to moisture, toxic chemicals and extreme cold or hot temperature that are outside the specifications listed in this manual.

4.5.2 Ambient Temperature Readings

The ambient temperature reading displayed on your screen when running the TC-Central program, is the actual ambient temperature that your transmitter is being exposed to. This reading is only provided as reference and to aid you in proper installation of your unit. The ambient temperature reading will blink and change to RED digits to alert you that the temperature has exceed the maximum recommended safe operating limit for your transmitter. You should not rely on this feature as sole protection. Additional protection should be taken the user to protect your unit from extreme conditions.



Operating your transmitter outside the specified ambient conditions listed in Section 9 of this manual may cause your unit to malfunction and stop working correctly.

4.5.3 Operating Conditions

The following is a list of basic good practice you should apply when operating your wireless system.

- Never operate your wireless device or receiver outside the recommended environmental limits specified in this manual.
- Never operate your wireless end device or receiver in flammable or explosive environments.
- Never use your wireless end device or receiver in medical, nuclear or other dangerous applications where an interruption of readings can cause damage or harm.
- Never operate your end device or receiver with any other battery or power source than what's specified in this manual or on the battery compartment label.
- No co-location with other radio transmitters is allowed. By definition, colocation is when another radio device or it's antenna is located within 20 cm of your end device and can transmit simultaneously with your end device.
- Never install end devices within 20 cm or less from each other.
- Never use your end device as a portable device. Your unit has been designed to be operated in a permanent installation.
- Never install and/or operate your end device closer than 20 cm to nearby persons.
- Never operate your end device with any other antenna than what is supplied or listed here in this manual for approved use.

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4.6 Determining and Maximizing Range



The available maximum range specified for the wireless Series system in this manual is only achievable under optimum installation conditions. Mounting height, obstructions in your "Fresnel Zone" and ambient conditions can cause a decrease in signal strength resulting in a shorter range between your transmitter and receiver unit.

The following recommendations will help to improve the range of your wireless system.

Position your receiver in a central location

When multiple transmitters are in operation, position your receiver unit in a central space if possible in equal distance to each connector transmitter.

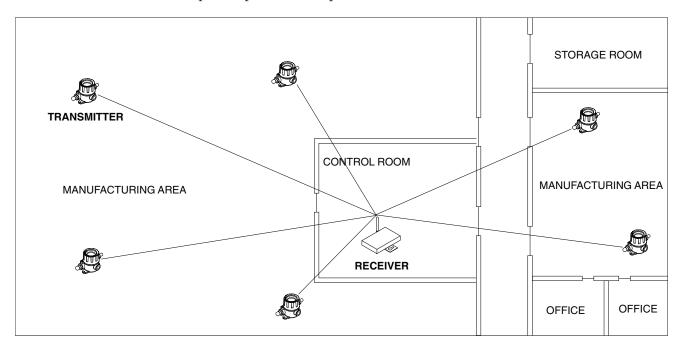


Figure 4-3. Determining Maximum Range

Test your system before permanent mounting

Before permanently mounting your transmitters in your application try moving the devices to different locations and mounting angles to determine what installation achieves the best signal strength.

Move your system components higher off the floor and away from exterior walls

Avoid installing your system components to close to the floor or near your buildings exterior walls. The closer your transmitter and receiver unit are the greater the interference and lose of signal strength will be.

Maintain a line of sight (LOS) between antennas

Maintaining a line of sight between your transmitter and receiver unit will produce greatly improved signal strength over a system were the antenna's in your system have obstacles blocking them.

Maintain a constant ambient temperature environment

Maintaining a constant ambient temperature environment is important to achieving maximum signal strength. Exposing your system components to extreme hold or cold temperatures, or sudden changes in ambient conditions will have an effect on the performance of your system.

4.6.1 Operation in Buildings

Your transmitter sends wireless data transmissions to a receiver connected to your PC. Radio signals are electromagnetic waves. A radio signal becomes weaker the further it travels. Range is decreased by different types of materials found in the direction of the signals propagation. Radio waves can penetrate most types of wall materials, but they are dampened more than they would be by a direct line-of-sight installation.

4.6.2 Building Materials

Material Type	Possible Signal Reduction
Wood, Plaster, Sheetrock, Uncoated Glass w/o Metal, Fiberglass	0 to 10%
Brick, Pressboard	5 to 35%
Reinforced Concrete	10 to 90%
Metal Walls, Metal Doors, Elevators, Metal Stair Cases, Metal Piping, Metal Mesh, Metal Screening	90 to 100%

Figure 4-4 Operation In Buildings

Avoid dampening materials by repositioning the transmitting and/or receiver.

4.6.3. Penetration Angle of Radio Waves Through Walls

The angle at which the transmitted radio signal hits a wall is very important and also has a big effect on maximizing range. Signals between your transmitter should be transmitted as directly as possible.

4.7 Antenna Basics

4.7.1 Antenna Basics

By definition, an antenna is a device used to transform an RF signal, traveling on a conductor, into an electromagnetic wave in free space. Antennas demonstrate a property known as reciprocity, this means that an antenna will always maintain the same characteristics regardless if it is used to transmit or receive. Most antennas are resonant devices, which means they operate efficiently over a relatively very narrow frequency band. An antenna must be tuned to the same frequency band of the radio system to which it is connected, otherwise the reception and the transmission will be impaired. The antennas in your wireless transmitter system have been tuned to operate in the 2.4 GHz band.



In some cases, a short RF cable may be used to connect an antenna to your device. Please note that RF extension cables will always add some loss to the transmitting signal strength. The longer the cable the more signal will be lost over that cable. Because of this, the length of the cable should be kept as short as possible.

4.8 Antenna Placement

Proper antenna installation is important and will allow you to achieve maximum performance and range between your transmitter and receiver unit.



Your transmitter should not be installed on the same side of the wall as the receiver. If mounted close to each other on the same wall, the radio waves are likely to be subject to interfering dispersions or reflections. The best positioning is to have the transmitter installed on the opposite or connecting If your transmitter is mounted in a horizontal position in your application you should mount your receiving so that the same polarization is achieved with the receiving antenna. As shown in the "Horizontal" example above.

4.8.1 Horizontal Antenna Placement

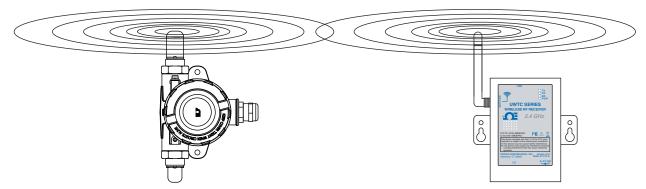
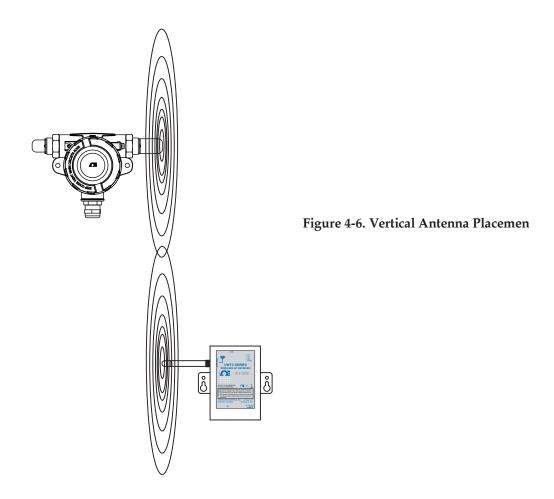


Figure 4-5. Horizontal Antenna Placement

4.8.2 Vertical Antenna Placement

If your transmitter is mounded in a vertical position in your application you should mount your receiving so that the same polarization is achieved with the receiving antenna. As shown in the "Vertical" example Fig 4-6.



4.9 Factory Preset Values

Your transmitter has been factory programmed for the following default operation; Channel Number: 1, Transmit Rate: 1 sample/5 sec

4.10 Transmit Rate vs. Battery Life

Many factors such as ambient temperature and transmission rate can have a major affect on the life of the battery used in your transmitter. The transmit rate is the biggest factor in the life of your battery. The longer the transmit rate you set, the longer the battery in your device will last. The table below give some estimates on how long the battery should last for the transmit rate you selected when you setup your transmitters if used under normal operating conditions.

For Model UWXL-24-PH

Estimated Battery Life	
30 days	
45 days	
75 days	
150 days	
225 days	
450 days	
675 days	
912 days	
	30 days 45 days 75 days 150 days 225 days 450 days 675 days

Section 5 - Troubleshooting

The information provided in this section should solve most of the common problems you may experience when installing or operating your wireless System. If the problems and solutions outlined here do not solve your problem, please contact Omega's customer service department. Contact information can be found in Section 2 of this manual or by visiting omega.com.

5.1 Transmitter Troubleshooting

Problem	Solution
1. Unit will not enter "Setup" mode	a.Check USB cable connection b. Contact Customer Service
2. Configuration Utility will not connect	a. Check USB cable connection to device being programmedb. Confirm you are in the "SETUP" mode. See Section 3c. Contact Customer Service

5.2 Receiver Troubleshooting

Problem	Solution
1. Unit will not turn on	a. Check power cord connectionsb. Unit requires service, contact Customer Service

Section 6 - Service & Calibration

6.1 Calibration

Your UWXL-24-PH Wireless pH/Temp Transmitter has been factory calibrated for a pH range of 2 to 12 and a temperature range of 0 to 100°C. Information is provided below on how to perform a field calibration of your unit for custom pH and temperature ranges.

For pH there are 2 options available, a 1 point offset calibration and a more accurate 2 point calibration. The pH calibration performs a temperature correction based on the RTD reading. If you are not using and RTD you must connect a 110 Ohm resistor across the RTD input and maintain the buffer solution temperature as close to 25°C as possible. If you cannot maintain the buffer solution at 25°C, a different resistor value can be used that corresponds to the RTD resistance of the solution temperature in degrees Celsius.

To calibrate your transmitter, connect it to your PC using the USB cable and start the End Device Configuration Wizard. Follow the steps until you reach step 6. At step 6 select the calibration option you wish to perform. Follow the onscreen instructions for the calibration. For the 2 point calibration any 2 points can be used. The 1 point pH offset calibration, although not as accurate as the two point method, is useful in cases where the UWPH and/or probe are permanently mounted in a hard to reach area, such as in a sump for effluent (waste water) monitoring. The 2 point RTD probe calibration can be done at any two points between 0 and 100°C. In the case where temperature calibrator is not available, 0 and 100°C are the best points because you can use melting ice and boiling water to obtain accurate results.

6.2 Service

If any of your wireless system components require service, please call our Customer Service Department at 1-800-622-2378 or 203-359-1660. They will assist you in arranging the return of your device. We can also be reached on the Internet at www.omega.com, e-mail: cservice@omega.com

Section 7 - Specifications

Computer Interface: USB

Transmit Sample Rate: Programmable from 2 sec to 120 sec

Radio Frequency (RF)

Transceiver Carrier: ISM 2.4 GHz, direct sequence spread

spectrum, (2.450 to 2.490 GHz - 12 RF

channels)

RF Output Power: 18 dBm (63 mW)

Range of RF Link: Up to 450 m (1500 ft) outdoor line of sight;

up to 90 m (300 ft) indoor/urban

RF Data Packet Standard: EEE 802.15.4, open communication

architecture

Power: One 3.6V, Lithium C Cell (included)

Battery Life (Typical): 3 years; at 1 sample/minute reading rate

@ 25°C

pH Input

Input Range:0 to 14 pHAccuracy: ± 0.1 pHResolution:0.01 pHResponse Time:2 sec max

Input Connection:BNC connectorInput Impedance:1012 ohms, Typical

Temperature Compensation: Automatic, 0 to 100°C (32 to 212°F)

RTD Temperature Input

Input Type: Pt100, European curve (0.00385)

Range: 0 to 100°C (32 to 212°F)

Accuracy: $\pm 1^{\circ}\text{C} (1.8^{\circ}\text{F})$ Resolution: $0.1^{\circ}\text{C} \text{ or }^{\circ}\text{F}$

Input Connection: M12 connector; mating connector (included)

Computer Interface: USB

Transmit Sample Rate: Programmable from 1 per minute to 30 per

min (1 per 2 sec)

Radio Frequency (RF) Transceiver

Carrier: ISM 2.4 GHz, direct sequence spread spectrum

RF Output Power: 18 dBm (63 mW)

Range of RF Link

Outdoor Line of Sight: Up to 120 m (400') Indoor/ Urban: Up to 40 m (130')

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RF Data Packet Standard: IEEE 802.15.4, open communication

architecture

Software (Included Free): Requires Windows® 2000, XP or Vista (32 bit)

operating system

Power: One 3.6V, lithium "C" cell (included)

Battery Life (Typical): 3 years; 1 sample/minute reading rate @ 25°C

Enclosure: IP68 Industrial enclosure

Enclosure Dimensions: $125 \text{ W} \times 105.5 \text{ L} \times 110 \text{ D}$

(4.92" W x 4.15"L x 4.33" D)

Note: pH and RTD probes sold separately



All approvals outlined in this manual are based on testing that was done with antennas that are supplied with your Wireless Series System Components. Removing and or installing a different antenna will void the product compliance demonstrated in these documents.

8.1 FCC (Domestic Use)

For United States: FCC ID: OUR-XBEEPRO For Canada: IC #4214A-EXBEEPRO

This device complies with Part 15 of the FCC rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions: 1.) This device may not cause harmful interference. 2.) This device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

WARNING:

To satisfy FCC RF exposure requirements for mobile transmitting devices, a separation distance of 20 cm or more should be maintained between the antenna of this device and persons during device operation. To ensure compliance, operations at closer than this distance is not recommended. The antenna used for this transmitter must not be co-located in conjunction with any other antenna or transmitter.



NOTES:



WARRANTY/DISCLAIMER

OMEGA ENGINEERING, INC. warrants this unit to be free of defects in materials and workmanship for a period of **13 months** from date of purchase. OMEGA's WARRANTY adds an additional one (1) month grace period to the normal **one** (1) **year product warranty** to cover handling and shipping time. This ensures that OMEGA's customers receive maximum coverage on each product.

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The purchaser is responsible for shipping charges, freight, insurance and proper packaging to prevent breakage in transit.

FOR **WARRANTY** RETURNS, please have the following information available BEFORE contacting OMEGA:

- Purchase Order number under which the product was PURCHASED,
- 2. Model and serial number of the product under warranty, and
- 3. Repair instructions and/or specific problems relative to the product.

FOR **NON-WARRANTY** REPAIRS, consult OMEGA for current repair charges. Have the following information available BEFORE contacting OMEGA:

- 1. Purchase Order number to cover the COST of the repair,
- 2. Model and serial number of the product, and
- 3. Repair instructions and/or specific problems relative to the product.

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