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## **CO<sub>2</sub>-Messgerät CM-100**

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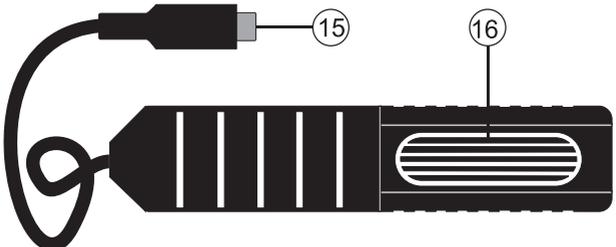
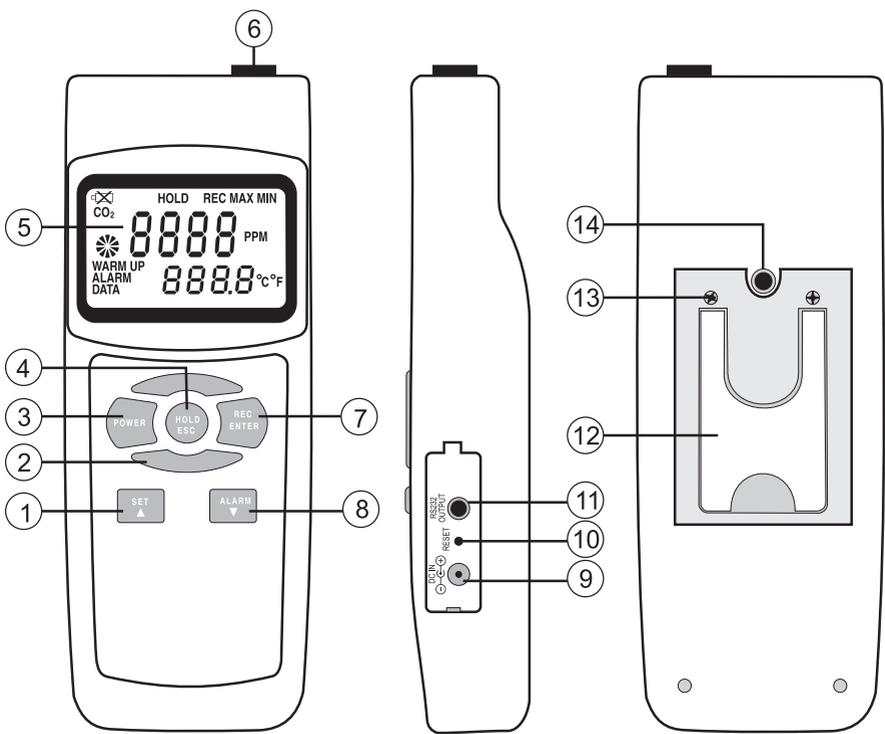
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# **GB** Introduction

Dear Customer,

**Thank you for making the excellent decision to purchase this Voltcraft® product.**

You have acquired a high-quality product with a name that stands for outstanding products in the field of measuring, charging and power technology which excels by professional competence and permanent innovation.

With Voltcraft®, you will be able to cope even with difficult tasks as an ambitious hobbyist just as much as a professional user. Voltcraft® offers reliable technology and exceptional value for money.

We are certain: your investment in a Voltcraft product will also be the start of a long and good partnership.

**We hope you will enjoy using your new Voltcraft® product!**

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# Intended Use

The CM-100 is a portable measuring device for ascertaining the carbon dioxide concentration (CO<sub>2</sub>) in the surrounding air using the exact and long-term stable NDIR measurement method (Non-Dispersive-Infrared-Absorption measurement). In addition the air temperature can be measured. Both measured values are shown in the display at the same time. The measurement interval is 2 minutes. This provides constantly current values. Threshold values can be individually adjusted by the user. An alarm is sounded when these threshold values are exceeded. The external sensor is compensated for altitude and temperature, so that the measured values are still exact at different altitudes and temperatures. The temperature compensation is carried out automatically, the operational altitude must be manually adjusted.

An RS-232 interface allows the further processing of the measuring data with an optional data cable.

The device is powered with 6 micro-batteries (type AAA, UM4). Operation with a power pack unit is also possible. Batteries and plug-in power pack are not included in delivery.

Measurements must not be carried out under unfavourable ambient conditions.

Adverse ambient conditions include:

- Excessive dampness or humidity
- Dust and combustible gases, vapours or solvents Use other than that described above will lead to damage to the product.

No part of the product must be modified or rebuilt!

The safety instructions must be observed!

# Safety Instructions



**Please read all of the operating instructions before using the product for the first time; they contain important information about correct operation.**

**The warranty/guarantee is rendered void in cases of damage resulting from failure to comply with these operating instructions! We do not accept any liability for consequential damages!**

**Nor do we assume liability for damage to property or personal injury caused by improper use or the failure to observe the safety instructions! In such cases the guarantee is voided.**

This device left the factory in perfect condition in terms of safety engineering.

To maintain this condition and ensure safe operation, you, as the user, must comply with the safety instructions and warnings contained in these instructions. The following symbols must be observed:



An exclamation mark in a triangle shows important information in this user's manual that has to be observed.



This product has been CE-tested and meets the necessary European guidelines.



The "hand" symbol indicates special information and advice on operation of the device.

For safety and licensing reasons (CE), unauthorised conversion and/or modification of the device is not permitted.

Measuring instruments and accessories are not toys and have no place in the hands of children.

On industrial sites the accident prevention regulations of the association of the industrial workers' society for electrical equipment and utilities must be followed.

CO<sub>2</sub> is a colourless and odourless gas. Ensure your own safety during all measurements. In areas where measured concentrations may be high, only place the sensor in the media / area to be measured.

In schools, training centres, computer and self-help workshops, handling of measuring instruments must be supervised by trained personnel in a responsible manner.

Do not switch the measuring instrument on immediately after it has been taken from a cold to a warm environment. The condensation generated could cause serious damage to the device. Allow the device to reach room temperature before switching it on.

Do not leave packaging material lying around carelessly. This could be a dangerous toy for children.

The operation of the product is not permitted in areas where there is a danger of explosion. You should also heed the safety instructions in each chapter of these instructions.

## Delivery Content

CM-100 CO<sub>2</sub>- measuring device  
External measuring sensor  
Plastic case  
Operating instructions

# Controls

(see fold-out page)

- 1 "SET" and "Next/forward" button
- 2 Button without function (opposite as well)
- 3 "POWER" button to turn the device on/off
- 4 "HOLD" and "ESC" button
- 5 LCD display
- 6 Measuring connection for external sensor (15)
- 7 Taste "ENTER" and "REC" button
- 8 "ALARM" button and "Back/down" button
- 9 Power pack connection socket
- 10 RESET button
- 11 RS232 interface
- 12 Mounting bracket
- 13 Battery compartment
- 14 Tripod socket
- 15 Sensor connection plug
- 16 Sensor

## Display symbols

CO <sub>2</sub>	chemical symbol for carbon dioxide
PPM	Unit "parts per million"
°C/°F	Temperature unit (°Celsius or °Fahrenheit)
WARM UP	Displays the warmup phase
REC	Displays recording for minimum/maximum values
MAX	Displays the maximum value
MIN	Displays the minimum value
ALARM	Displays alarm mode is active
	Battery replacement symbol
	Symbol for currently measuring
DATA	Interface is active, data transfer in progress.

## Button Functions

POWER	Power switch; to switch the unit on and off
HOLD/ESC	Measuring operation: The measured values can be held in the display by pressing the HOLD button.  Setup Menu: The menu is exited by pressing the ESC button. The parameters are not saved.
REC/ENTER	Measuring operation: The Min-/Max measured values are saved by pressing the REC button, and every additional press of the button displays the Min/Max values one after the other.  Setup Menu: The parameter input will be saved (ENTER). The menu is then exited.
SET/▲	Opens the setup menu (SET). In the setup menu, allows you to switch forwards between menu items (▲) and to change the parameter values (up).
ALARM/▼	Activates the alarm mode (ALARM). In the setup menu, allows you to switch backwards between menu items (▼) and to change the parameter values (down).

## Initial Operation

### Inserting the batteries

Before the initial operation of this meter, you must first install six new micro-batteries (alkaline AAA). A power pack unit can be used optionally. Battery insertion and power pack operation are described in the "Maintenance and Cleaning" section.

### Connecting the measuring sensor

Connect the round plug of the sensor (15) with the socket "PROBE INPUT" (6) on the measuring device. The plug is protected against wrong polarity and only fits into the socket in the right direction. Observe the arrow marking on the plug. This marking points towards the back of the device. Make sure that the plug is firmly inserted otherwise inaccurate measurements will be made.

### Setting up the measuring device

For better reading, the measuring device can be set up using the bracket on the rear (12). The device can be mounted on a tripod using the tripod socket (14)

### Automatic cutoff function

In order to avoid that the operating life of the battery is shortened unnecessarily, an automatic switch-off function has been implemented. The device is automatically switched off if no button has been pressed over a period of about 10 minutes. You can switch the device back on with the "Power" button (3). The automatic cutoff function be turned on/off within the setup menu (PoFF). The setup menu is explained in the next chapter. This function is always deactivated in the REC mode.

## HOLD function

When in measuring mode, the "HOLD" button allows the measured values for carbon dioxide and temperature to be held in the display. The "HOLD" symbol is shown in the display. Pressing the button again switches back to the normal measuring mode "HOLD" is no longer shown.

## Switching the device on and off

Switch the device on using the "POWER" button (3). The measuring device stays in the warmup phase for approx. 45 seconds. This is signalled by "WARM UP" in the display. Wait until the carbon dioxide and temperature values appear and the "WARMUP" symbol disappears.



The measuring device is ready for operation. Switch the device off by

pressing the "POWER" button (3) again. "OFF" is shown in the display and the device switches off with a beep tone.

# Setup Menu



**Carry out the setup menu setting at first operation of the product. The "HOLD" and "REC" function must be deactivated to enter the setup menu. To deactivate the REC function press and hold the "REC" (7) button for approx. 2 seconds. Both symbols (HOLD and REC) should not be shown in the display.**

The setup menu allows you to make basic settings which are necessary for correct operation and also to adjust additional parameters.

The menu is reached as follows:

1. Switch on the device and wait until the "WARMUP" phase is complete.
2. Press and hold the "SET" (1) button for approx. 4 seconds. The display shows "SET"
3. Use the SET (1) and ALARM (8) buttons to select individual menu items.
4. Confirm your selection by pressing the "ENTER" (7) button. You can change the parameters.
5. Use the SET (1) and ALARM (8) buttons to change the parameters.
6. Confirm your selection by pressing the "ENTER" (7) button. The parameter is saved and the menu is then exited. If you don't want to save the setting, press the "ESC" button (4). The menu is ended.
7. Repeat points 2 to 6 in order to set other menu item.

### The following menu items can be selected:

- PoFF** To set automatic shutoff
- t-CF** To set the temperature unit (°C/°F)
- AL** To set the upper threshold of the CO<sub>2</sub> concentration alarm
- ALt** To set the correct altitude of the measuring location (in relation to sea level - above mean sea level (AMSL)).
- ESC** The setup menu can then be exited.

### PoFF Automatic Cutoff

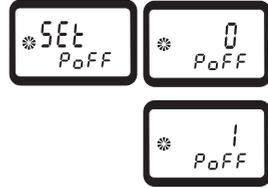
Under the menu item "PoFF" you can turn on/off the automatic cutoff function.

- Confirm this menu item by pressing the "ENTER" (7) button.
- Use the "SET" (1) and "ALARM" (8) buttons to change the parameters.

0 = Automatic cutoff is deactivated

1 = Automatic cutoff is activated

- Confirm your selection by pressing the "ENTER" (7) button to save the value or to exit the menu without saving press the "ESC" (4) button.



### t-CF - To adjust the temperature unit

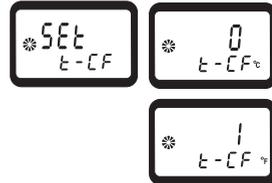
Under the menu item "t-CF" the temperature unit can be adjusted between °Celsius and the North American unit °Fahrenheit.

- Confirm this menu item by pressing the "ENTER" (7) button.
- Use the "SET" (1) and "ALARM" (8) buttons to change the parameters.

0 = °Celsius

1 = °Fahrenheit

- Confirm your selection by pressing the "ENTER" (7) button to save the value or to exit the menu without saving press the "ESC" (4) button.



### AL - Alarm threshold for the CO<sub>2</sub> value

Under the menu item "AL" you can set the carbon dioxide alarm. If this threshold value is reached or exceeded, there is a warning noise emitted with each measurement. To set, proceed as follows:

- Confirm this menu item by pressing the "ENTER" (7) button.
- Use the "SET" (1) and "ALARM" (8) buttons to change the threshold. This value can be adjusted across the whole measurement range of the device. If you hold down the button the adjustment occurs in increments of 10 (fast setting).
- Confirm your selection by pressing the "ENTER" (7) button to save the value or to exit the menu without saving press the "ESC" (4) button.



### ALt - Set the height compensation

In order to obtain correct measurements, you need to set the operational altitude under the menu item "ALt". The setting is made as metres above mean sea level (AMSL). To set, proceed as follows:

- Confirm this menu item by pressing the "ENTER" (7) button.
- Use the "SET" (1) and "ALARM" (8) buttons to change the altitude in metres. The operational altitude can be adjusted between 0 and 9000 metres. If you hold down the button the adjustment occurs in increments of 10 (fast setting).
- Confirm your selection by pressing the "ENTER" (7) button to save the value or to exit the menu without saving press the "ESC" (4) button.



## ESC - exit the setup menu

Under the menu item ESC you can exit the setup menu. Proceed as follows to exit:

- Confirm this menu item by pressing the "ENTER" (7) button 2x. The setup menu is then exited.



## Carrying out a measurement



To obtain a correct measurement, first wait until the "WARM UP" sign disappears from the display.

## CO<sub>2</sub> and Temperature Measurement

- Switch the device on using the "POWER" button (3).
- After a signal tone and a short initialisation phase, the measured values are displayed.
- Wait until "WARM UP" is no longer shown in the display.
- The measured value for carbon dioxide can be read off the middle display line in "PPM". The lower display line shows the ambient temperature in the preset unit (°C or °F).



The rotating fan display signals measurement in progress. One rotation of the display fan indicates on measurement. The stable CO<sub>2</sub> display requires a measurement period of <2 minutes.

## CO<sub>2</sub> Alarm Operation

- The alarm function can be activated during measurement by pressing the "ALARM" (8) button.
- The symbol "ALARM" now appears in the display.
- If this threshold value (setup menu) is reached or exceeded, then there is a signal noise emitted with each measurement.
- The alarm function can be deactivated by pressing the "ALARM" (8) button again. The "ALARM" symbol disappears.



The alarm value can be preset in the setup menu. See the chapter "Setup Menu"

## REC-Measured Value Memory

The measured value memory records the minimum and maximum carbon dioxide concentration values.

- The REC function can be activated during measurement by pressing the “REC” (7) button.
- The symbol “REC” now appears in the display accompanied by a beep tone.
- The recording is running. Automatic cutoff is deactivated
- You can view the max values by pressing the “REC” (7) button again. The display shows “MAX” and the value is loaded from the memory and displayed. Pressing the button again shows the min value along with the “MIN” in the display. The Min/Max display can be exited by pressing the “ESC” (4) button - this returns you to the “REC” measured value recording. The display now only shows “REC”.
- To deactivate the REC function press and hold the “REC” (7) button for approx. 2 seconds. The “REC” symbol disappears.



The recorded measured values are only saved in REC measurement mode. If this function is ended or the measuring device is switched off, the memory is deleted.

## RS232 interface

The measuring device is fitted with a serial interface (11) for exchanging data with a computer. This can be found on the right hand side under a cover. Open the cover with a pointed object. The interface is in the form of a 3.5mm mono jack plug socket and requires a compatible data cable, which is an optional extra.

The data cable has the following components:

Jack plug 3.5 mm mono	9-pole D-SUB socket for PC
Centre contact	Pin 4
External contact	Pin 2
	2.2 KOhm resistance is necessary between Pin 2 and Pin 5 a.

The serial data signal is made up of 16 Bits in the following order:

D15 D14 D13 D12 D11 D10 D9 D8 D7 D6 D5 D4 D3 D2 D1 D0

Each data bit has the following function:

D15	Start bit = 02
D14	4
D13	Bit during display line sending: 1 = upper line, 2 = bottom line
D11+D12	Measuring unit in the display: 01 = °C, 02 = °F, 19 = PPM
D10	Polarity; 0 = positive, 1 = negative
D9	Decimal point (DP) at the corresponding location from right to left; 0= no DP; 1=1DP; 2=2DP; 3=3DP
D8 to D1	Measuring value D8 = largest digit (MSD), D1 = smallest digit (LSD). If 1234 is displayed, the bit batch is "00001234"
D0	End digit = 0D

**RS232 settings:** Baud-Rate: 9600, Parity: No, number of data bits: 8, stop bit: 1 (**9600, N, 8, 1**)

## Maintenance and Cleaning

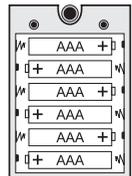
The device is maintenance-free apart from the need to replace the batteries and cleaning it once in a while. Use a clean, lint-free, antistatic and dry cloth to clean the device. Do not use any abrasive or chemical agents or detergents containing solvents.

## Battery Replacement

When starting operation for the first time and when the battery symbol  appears in the display, the batteries must be inserted/changed.

Proceed as follows to replace the batteries:

- Switch off the measuring instrument
- Loosen the two screws on the reverse side of the battery cover and lift off the battery cover.
- Replace the flat batteries with new alkaline batteries of the same type (AAA) and brand.
- Make sure that the polarity corresponds with the labelling on the battery cover when inserting the batteries (+/-).
- Close the casing again carefully by proceeding in reverse order.





Do not leave flat batteries in the appliance. Even batteries protected against leaking can corrode and thus release chemicals which may be detrimental to your health or damage the appliance.

Batteries may not be charged, shorted out or thrown into fire. Batteries must not be recharged. There is danger of explosion.

Leaking or damaged batteries/rechargeable batteries can cause burns if they come into contact with the skin. It is therefore advisable to use suitable protective gloves.

## Operation with Plug-in Power Unit

Optionally, the measuring device can also be operated with a suitable power pack unit. The power pack socket (9) is located on the right side of the casing beneath a flap. Open the cover with a pointed object. The matching plug has the following technical specifications:

External diameter 5.5 mm, inner hole 2.5 mm.

Polarity: Outside minus (-), inside plus (+)

Operating Specifications: Voltage: 9 VDC, current: at least 150 mA

Suitable alkaline batteries can be obtained as item No 65 23 64 (please order 6). A suitable plug-in power unit can be ordered as item No 12 26 99.

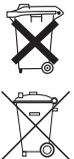
## Disposal



Electronic products are raw materials and do not belong in the household waste. When the device has reached the end of its service life, please dispose of it, according to the current statutory requirements, at your local collecting site. Disposal in the domestic waste is not permitted.

### Disposal of spent batteries/rechargeable batteries!

You, as the end user, are legally obliged (**Ordinance on the Return and Disposal of Used Batteries**) to return all used batteries. **Disposal in the household waste is prohibited!**



Batteries/rechargeable batteries containing harmful substances are marked with the following symbols, they point out that they are not allowed to be disposed of in the domestic refuse. The symbols for dangerous heavy metal constituents are: Cd = cadmium, Hg = mercury, Pb = lead. You can return spent batteries/rechargeable batteries free of charge to any authorised disposal station in your area, in our stores or in any other store where batteries/rechargeable batteries are sold.

You thus fulfil the legal requirements and make your contribution to the protection of the environment!

# Troubleshooting

In purchasing this measuring device, you have acquired a product which has been designed to the state of the art and is operationally reliable.

Nevertheless, problems or faults may occur.

For this reason, the following is a description of how you can eliminate possible malfunctions yourself:



**Always observe the safety instructions!**

<b>Error</b>	<b>Possible cause</b>	<b>Remedy</b>
The device cannot be switched on.	Are the batteries spent?	Check the battery status. Reset the device by pressing the Reset button (10).
No stable measurement value is displayed.	Wrong measurement? You may still be in the "WARM UP" phase.	Wait until "WARM UP" is no longer shown in the display.
	The ambient conditions require a slightly longer measurement time.	The normal measurement time is approximately 2 minutes. If there is poor air circulation this period may increase. Measure for a little longer.
The device cannot be controlled.	Undefined system status.	Reset the device by pressing the Reset button (10).



**Repairs other than those described should only be carried out by an authorised specialist.**  
If you have questions concerning use of the measuring device, our technical support service is available at the following telephone number:

Voltcraft, Lindenweg 15, 92242 Hirschau, tel. no. 0180 / 586 582 7

# Technical Data

Display.....	2-line LC display
Measured values .....	Carbon dioxide and temperature
Measuring time .....	approx. 2 minutes (depending on air circulation)
Measurement range for CO <sub>2</sub> .....	0 – 4000 ppm
Resolution CO <sub>2</sub> .....	1 ppm
Accuracy CO <sub>2</sub> .....	0 - 1000 ppm: +/- 40 ppm > 1000 – 3000 ppm: +/- 5% of reading > 3000 - 4000 ppm: +/- 250 ppm (only for comparative use)
Reproducibility CO <sub>2</sub> .....	< 3000 ppm: +/- 20 ppm
Temperature measuring range .....	0 – 50 °C/32 – 122 °F
Temperature resolution 0.1° .....	0,1°
Temperature accuracy .....	-0.8°C/-1.5 °F
Altitude compensation .....	0 – 9000 m
Temperature compensation .....	Automatic
Auto power off time .....	approx. 10 minutes
Interface.....	Serial, RS232
Batteries .....	6 x 1.5 V micro batteries (AAA)
Optional plug-in power unit .....	9 V DC stabilised, min. 150 mA
Power input .....	10 – 128 mA
Operating temperature .....	0 to +50°C
Rel. air humidity.....	< 85% rF, not condensing
Weight .....	approx. 470 g
Dimensions (LxWxH mm) .....	173 x 68 x 42 (measuring device) 185 x 38 x 26 (sensor)
Sensor cable length.....	approx. 1 m