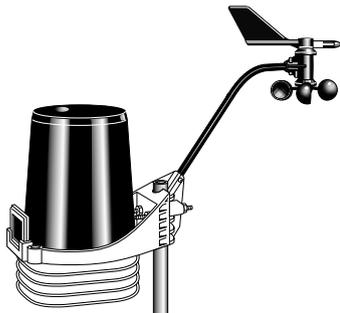


# INTEGRATED SENSOR SUITE

## INSTALLATION MANUAL

For Vantage Pro™ or Vantage Pro Plus™



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The **Integrated Sensor Suite (ISS)** collects several types of weather readings for display at your Vantage Pro™ console. The data is sent to the console either through a cable or by wireless transmission, depending on the version.

With Wireless Vantage Pro™, the Integrated Sensor Suite (ISS) can be used as one of eight sensor stations transmitting to your console/receiver(s). See “Additional Mounting Options” and “Appendix A: Wireless Transmitter IDs”.

The Integrated Sensor Suite for Vantage Pro™ measures weather conditions:

- ◆ Wind Speed
- ◆ Wind Direction
- ◆ Rainfall
- ◆ Outside Temperature
- ◆ Outside Humidity

The Integrated Sensor Suite for Vantage Pro Plus™ also measures:

- ◆ Ultraviolet Radiation (UV)
- ◆ Solar Radiation

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**Note:** To upgrade a Vantage Pro system to Vantage Pro Plus, see “Appendix B: Optional Accessories”.

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**For mounting purposes**, the Integrated Sensor Suite (ISS) consists of two sides: the anemometer and the rain collector side.

The rain collector side is a white plastic shelf with the black rain collector cone on top and the white radiation shield below.

The two sides can be mounted either *together* on a single pole (see illustration at the top of this page), or *separately*. The anemometer has 40' (12 m) of cable.

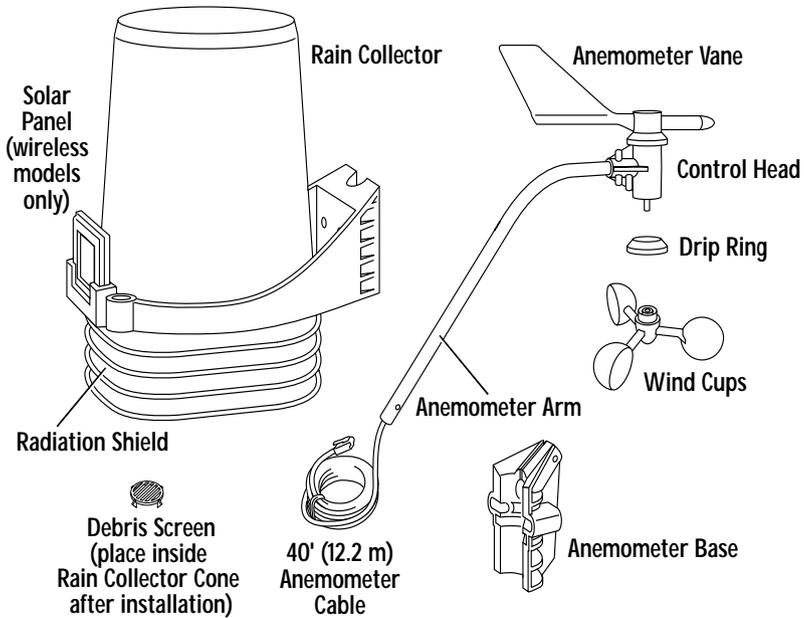
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**Note:** When both sides of the ISS are mounted together with the anemometer arm pointing north, the solar panel on the rain collector side is facing south. In the Northern Hemisphere, this positions the solar panel for optimal exposure to the sun. (In the Southern Hemisphere, you will need to position the solar panel facing north for optimal sun exposure. When mounting both sides together, this means pointing the anemometer arm south and re-orienting the wind vane.)

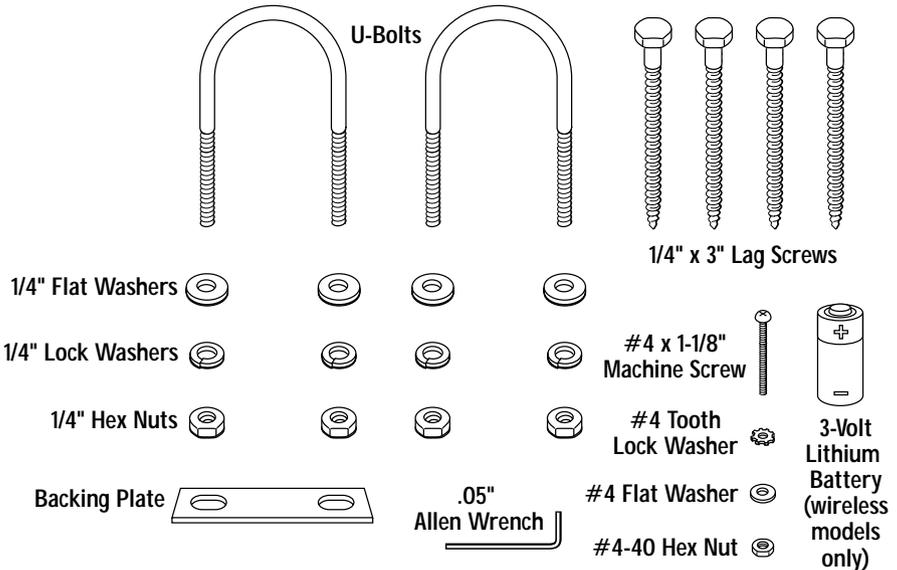
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# COMPONENTS

The ISS includes these components:

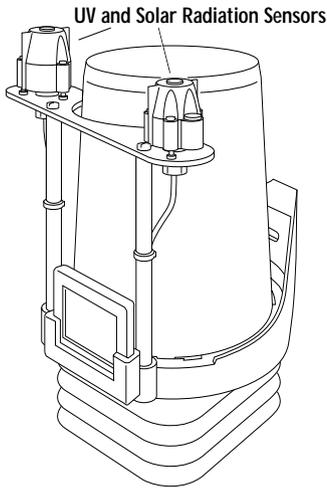


The hardware shown here is provided for assembly and mounting.



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## Additional Components on Vantage Pro Plus



**Vantage Pro Plus** also includes an ultraviolet (UV) sensor and a solar radiation sensor. These two sensors are on the rain collector side of your ISS.

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**Note:** Please make every effort when handling your ISS not to touch the small white diffusers on top of the UV and solar radiation sensors. Oil from the skin will reduce their sensitivity. Clean the diffusers using ethyl alcohol on a soft cloth (NOT rubbing alcohol).

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Once you have mounted the ISS in its final location, use the bubble level on each sensor as a guide to verify that the sensor is level. (To adjust, tighten or loosen the screws holding the sensor on the shelf.)

Each sensor has 3' (0.9 m) of cable. If you need to position the sun sensors away from the rain collector side, use **extension cables #7876**.

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**Note:** Not all cables are compatible with your Vantage Pro system. To be sure they will work, order Davis extension cables from your dealer or directly from Davis Instruments.

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**To upgrade your Vantage Pro to Vantage Pro Plus, see “Optional Sensors for ISS” on page 28.**

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## TOOLS FOR SETUP

- ◆ Small Phillips-head screwdriver
- ◆ Scissors or wire-cutters
- ◆ Adjustable wrench or 7/16" wrench
- ◆ Compass or local area map
- ◆ Ballpoint pen or paper clip (small pointed object of some kind)
- ◆ Drill and 3/16" (5 mm) drill bit (if mounting on a vertical surface)

### Before Going Outside...

**Before mounting the Integrated Sensor Suite**, you will need to prepare sensors, apply power, and test the connection between your ISS and the Vantage Pro console. You may want to stay inside at a well-lit working table until ready for "Choosing a Location to Mount the Integrated Sensor Suite" on page 16.

**For ease of installation, please follow the steps in the order they are presented in the manual.** (Each step builds on tasks completed in previous steps.)

## PREPARING THE ANEMOMETER

**The anemometer measures wind direction and speed.** The wind vane is already attached to the anemometer arm, but you will need to install the wind cups and attach the arm to the base.

Please locate the following parts to prepare the anemometer:

- ◆ Anemometer arm (wind vane and cable already attached)
- ◆ Anemometer base
- ◆ Wind cups
- ◆ Drip ring
- ◆ Allen wrench (0.05")
- ◆ #4 machine screw, #4 tooth-lock washer, #4 flat washer, #4 hex nut

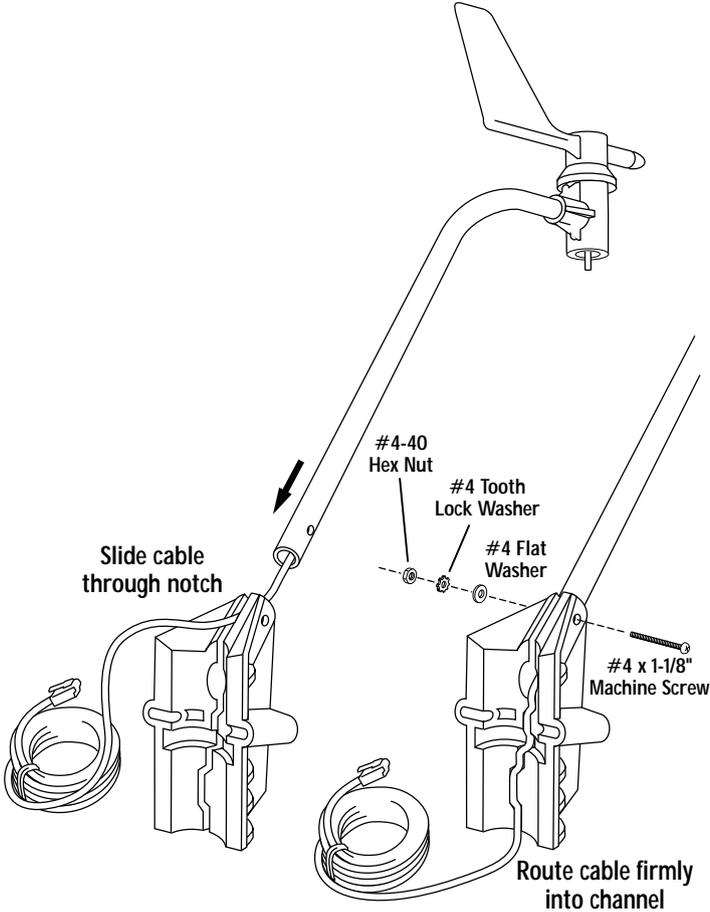
### Attaching Anemometer Arm to Base

1. Insert the anemometer arm into the base, sliding the cable through the notch in the base as shown in illustration on the next page.  
Be sure to line up the small hole in the arm with the holes in the base.
2. Insert the machine screw through the holes in the base and arm.

3. Slide the flat washer, tooth-lock washer and hex nut onto the machine screw. Tighten the hex nut while holding the screw with a Phillips screwdriver to prevent it from turning.

4. Press the sensor cable firmly into the zig-zagging channel in the base, taking up any slack between arm and base.

Make sure that you **press the anemometer cable down into the channel as much as possible** so that the U-bolt used for mounting will not pinch or cause wear on the cable.

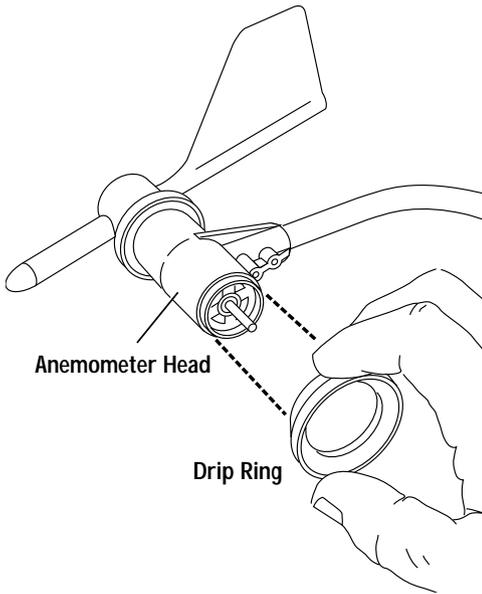


ATTACHING ANEMOMETER ARM TO BASE

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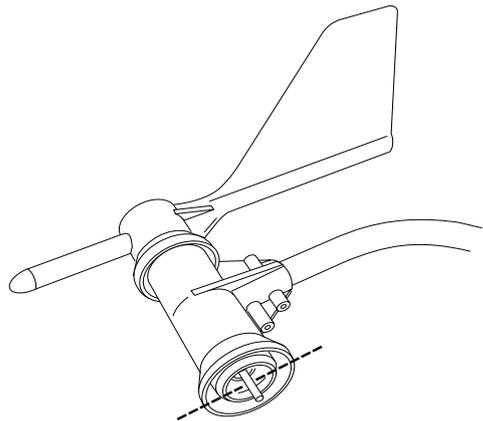
## Attaching Wind Cups to Anemometer Arm

The wind vane is situated at the end of the arm, on top of the anemometer head. Underneath the anemometer head you will attach a black plastic drip ring and the wind cups.



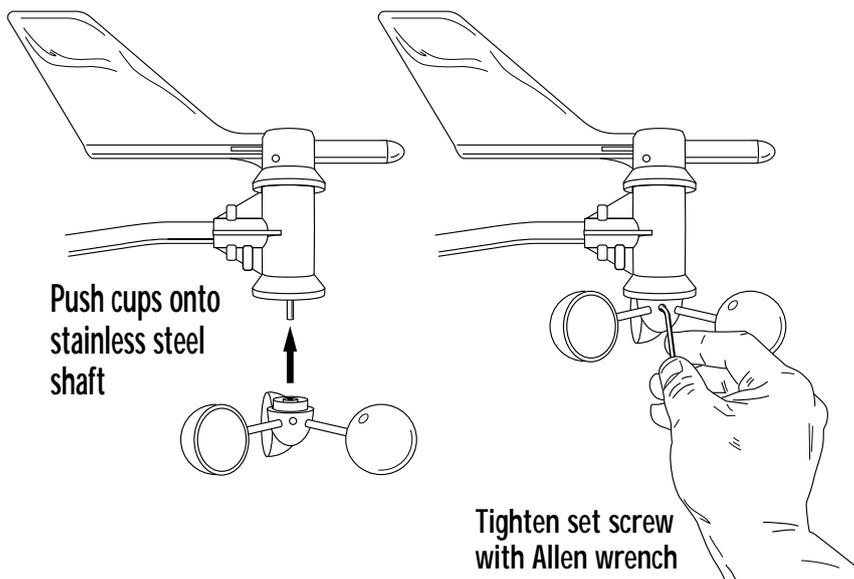
1. Slide the black plastic drip ring onto the anemometer head. Gently push the drip ring up until it clicks into place.

2. Make sure the lower edge of the drip ring is aligned with the lower edge of the anemometer head.



Lower edge of drip ring aligned  
with lower edge of anemometer head

3. Push the wind cups up onto the stainless steel shaft that is protruding downward.
4. Slide the wind cups up the shaft as far as possible.
5. Use the Allen wrench provided to tighten the set screw on the side of the wind cups. When you let go of the wind cups, they should drop slightly.
6. Spin the wind cups.



ATTACHING WIND CUPS TO ANEMOMETER ARM

### Wind Vane Must Be Correctly Oriented

The wind vane rotates 360° to display current and dominant wind directions on the compass rose of your console screen. To display this information, the vane must be *correctly oriented* when you mount the anemometer outside.

Ensure correct orientation of the wind vane in one of two ways:

1. Mount the anemometer so that the arm points north.  
The wind vane will be ready for use immediately if you do this.
2. (If you want to mount your anemometer so that it aims toward a direction other than north, you will need to remove the wind vane and re-attach it aiming toward the preferred direction. But don't do this just yet — after you complete the remaining preparations and mount the anemometer, follow the instructions in “Appendix C: Re-orienting the Wind Vane” on page 29.)

**The anemometer is now ready to be mounted**, you can set it aside while preparing the rain collector side of the ISS.

## DISASSEMBLING THE RADIATION SHIELD

The sensors are connected by cables to the **Sensor Interface Module**, or “SIM”, located inside the radiation shield. The SIM contains electronics which measure and store weather values for transmission to the console via cable or radio waves. The radiation shield’s white plastic plates protect the SIM from sun and other sources of radiated and reflected heat, and from precipitation.

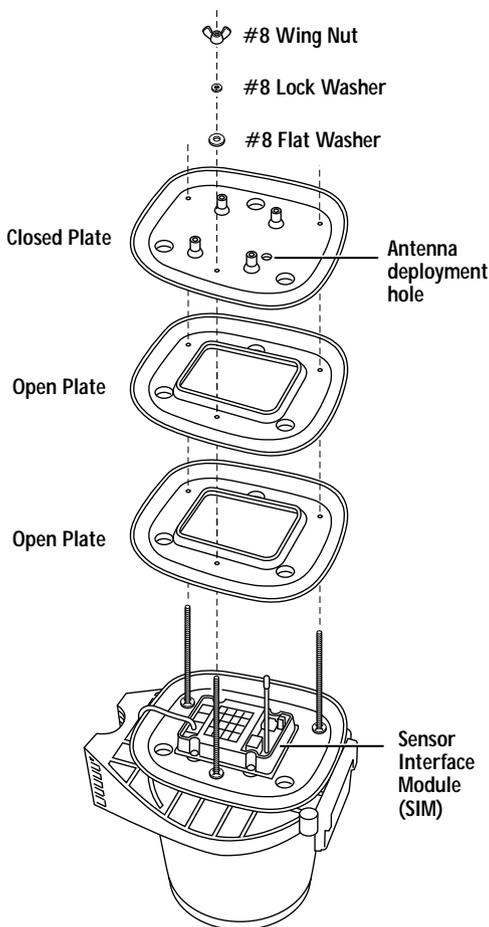
**Before the ISS can be mounted**, you need to disassemble the radiation shield to do the following tasks:

- ◆ Verify that the rain sensor cable is plugged in
- ◆ Connect the anemometer sensor cable to the Sensor Interface Module, or “SIM”
- ◆ Apply power to the ISS (different methods for cabled/wireless versions)
- ◆ Change the transmitter ID for wireless communication, if necessary
- ◆ Verify that your console is receiving and displaying data

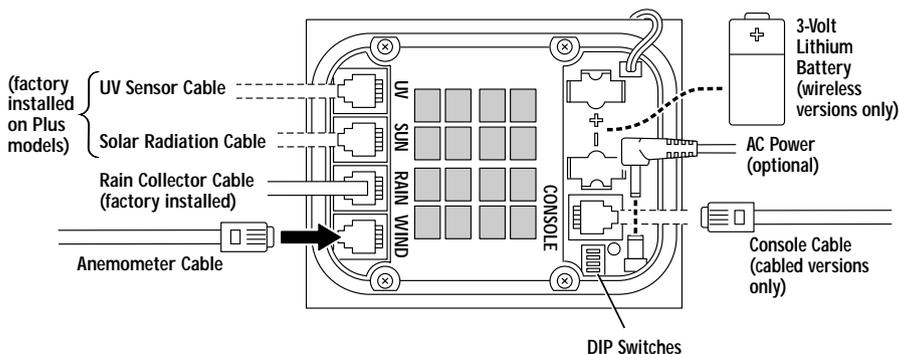
### Removing Radiation Shield Plates

Disassemble the radiation shield by removing the plates as shown in the illustration.

1. Turn the rain collector side of the ISS upside down. Locate three wing nuts on the underside of the radiation shield.
2. Remove the wing nuts, lock washers and flat washers.
3. Remove the first three plates of the radiation shield.  
You should now be able to see the SIM.



4. Verify that the rain sensor cable is plugged into the receptacle labeled “RAIN” on the SIM.
5. If you have a Vantage Pro Plus, verify that the UV and solar radiation sensors are plugged into the SIM.



SENSOR INTERFACE MODULE (SIM)

## Connecting Anemometer to SIM

- ◆ Gently insert the end of the anemometer cable into the receptacle labeled “WIND” on the SIM.  
Unwind the coil of cable enough to work with the anemometer.

(Wireless Vantage Pro instructions continue on page 12.)

## CABLED VERSION: POWERING THE ISS AND TESTING COMMUNICATION WITH THE CONSOLE

### Applying Power to ISS

The ISS receives power from the console via the 40' (12 m) cable that runs between them. This cable can be extended by up to 1000' (305 m). Please plug in the console's AC adapter at this time, if you haven't done so already. See the **Console Manual**: “Cabled Vantage Pro Console Installation.”

- ◆ On the SIM, gently insert one end of the 4-conductor cable into the receptacle labeled “CONSOLE”.
- ◆ On the back of your console/receiver, insert the other end of the cable into the receptacle labeled “ISS”.

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## (Setup of Cabled version, continued...)

Once powered, your ISS will immediately begin collecting data from the sensors for display at the console. Data is sent through the cable that you connected during the preceding step in order to power the ISS.

### Verifying Reception of ISS Data at the Console

When you plugged in your console to apply power to the ISS, the console went into Setup Mode. Press and hold down the DONE key until the “Current Weather” screen appears. (You can return to Setup Mode at any time: press and hold DONE key then press DOWN arrow key.)

### Viewing Current Data

You should now see weather readings from your ISS displayed onscreen. Near the center of the screen, look for inside and outside temperatures. Spin the wind cups to check wind speed, pressing the WIND key if necessary to alternate between speed and direction in the compass rose. Turn the wind vane, and allow 5 seconds for the wind direction display to stabilize before moving it again.

The outside relative humidity reading takes approximately one minute to display after power-up.

#### For Vantage Pro Plus

Press the UV/SOLAR key for current ultraviolet and solar radiation readings. These should be zero or close to zero while the ISS is inside. Zero is a valid reading — if no data comes from the sensors, the display will show dashes.

**Display of current weather data confirms connection between your ISS and the console. Go on to “Reassembling the Radiation Shield” on page 15.**

### If You Do Not See Current Readings

First, verify that the console is powered by the supplied AC adapter (other adapters will not work). Then make sure that the transmission cable is firmly plugged into the receptacle labeled “ISS” on the back of the console.

At your ISS, check that the other end of the transmission cable is firmly plugged into the receptacle marked “CONSOLE” on the SIM. Verify that all sensor cables are firmly plugged in. If you still don’t get readings, reboot the console by disconnecting power for 30 seconds and applying it again.

**(Cabled Vantage Pro instructions continue on page 15.)**

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## WIRELESS VERSION: POWERING THE ISS AND TESTING COMMUNICATION WITH THE CONSOLE

### Applying Power to ISS

Insert the 3-volt lithium battery into the SIM.

- ◆ Insert the battery into the battery holder, matching the “+” sign on the battery with the “+” sign on the SIM.

The solar power components store electricity inside the SIM for use at night. When this energy is depleted, the ISS uses power from the battery.

### Transmitter IDs

Once powered, your ISS will immediately begin transmitting sensor data for display at the console/receiver. Transmitter IDs allow Vantage Pro™ or Weather Echo™ consoles to identify signals from up to eight different wireless transmitting stations in the field.

**The factory default transmitter ID for the ISS is ‘1’**

You probably do NOT need to change the transmitter ID. The default transmitter ID for ISS is ‘1’. *Your console/receiver will find the ISS automatically.*

Change the transmitter ID for your ISS if the following is true:

- ◆ Another Davis Instruments wireless weather station is operating nearby, on transmitter ID ‘1’.

The transmitter ID for your ISS is changed by adjusting small DIP switches located on the SIM, **while the radiation shield is open**. See “Appendix A: Wireless Transmitter IDs”.

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(Setup of Wireless version, continued...)

### Verifying Reception of ISS Data at the Console

Install three C batteries to power-up your console/receiver, if you haven't done so already. Details in the **Console Manual**: "Wireless Vantage Pro Console Installation." If it is already powered but not in Setup Mode, press and hold the DONE key then press the DOWN arrow key.

When powered-up, the console will go into Setup Mode – Screen 1: Transmitters. You should see the words: "RECEIVING FROM..." and "STATION NO." followed by the transmitter IDs that your console detects.

The number '1' shows that your ISS is being detected, unless you changed its ID with the DIP switches. (If you did, change it at the console also. Please see the **Console Manual**: "Setup Mode – Screen 2: Selecting Transmitters").

If you see the number '1', press and hold down the DONE key to view the data onscreen. If you do not, skip down to "TEST mode" below.

### Viewing Current Data

You should now see weather readings from your ISS displayed onscreen. Near the center of the screen, look for inside and outside temperatures. Spin the wind cups to check wind speed, pressing the WIND key if necessary to alternate between speed and direction in the compass rose. Turn the wind vane, and allow 5 seconds for the wind direction display to stabilize before moving it again.

The outside relative humidity reading takes approximately one minute to display after power-up.

### For Vantage Pro Plus

Press the UV/SOLAR key for current ultraviolet and solar radiation readings. These should be zero or close to zero while the ISS is inside. Zero is a valid reading — if no data comes from the sensors, the display will show only dashes.

**Display of current weather data confirms connection between your ISS and the console. Go on to "Reassembling the Radiation Shield" on page 15.**

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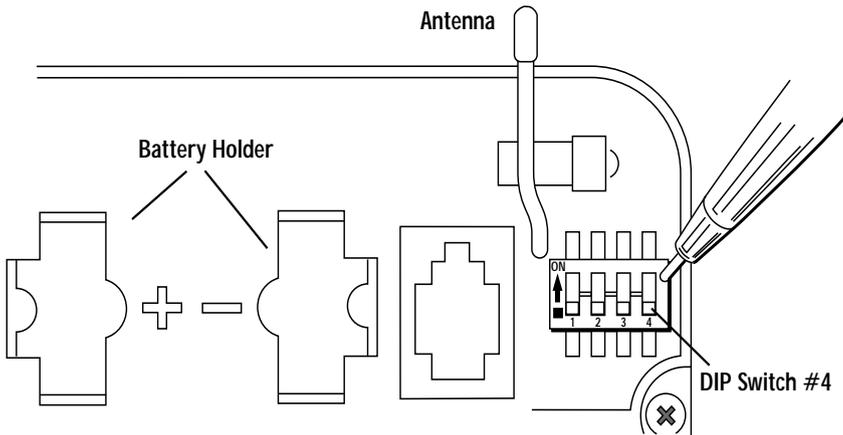
## If You Do Not See Current Readings

First, verify that the console/receiver is powered and is not in Setup Mode. Then, on your ISS, ensure that all sensor cables are firmly connected to the SIM and the battery is properly installed. Walk around the room with the console, standing for a few moments in various locations to see if you are picking up signals from the ISS. There is an 'X' on the lower right hand corner of the screen that appears when a transmission is received and disappears when the next one is received. If you do not see the 'X' slowly blinking, no matter where you stand with the console, put your ISS in TEST mode.

### TEST mode

DIP switch #4 on the SIM (see the diagram below) is the TEST DIP switch. Switch it to the ON position, using a ball-point pen or paper clip. This puts the ISS in *Test Mode*. An LED indicator light on the SIM will flash each time the ISS transmits:

- ◆ The LED will immediately flash once to show that the light itself functions.
- ◆ Then it will flash each time the transmitter broadcasts a signal, which should be every 2.5 seconds.



*DIP SWITCHES IN TOP-RIGHT CORNER OF SIM (ILLUSTRATION HAS BEEN ENLARGED FOR CLARITY)*

If the LED flashes only once and then remains dark, there is a problem with the ISS transmitter. See “Contacting Davis Instruments” on page 25.

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If the LED flashes repeatedly but your console isn't picking up a signal anywhere in the room, it could be related to one of the following causes:

1. You changed the transmitter ID on the ISS but didn't change it at the console/receiver.
2. Reception is being disrupted by RF (radio frequency) interference.

Interference has to be strong to prevent the console from receiving a signal while in the same room as the ISS! In high-interference environments, it may be preferable to install the Cabled Vantage Pro.

3. There is a problem with the console/receiver.  
See "Contacting Davis Instruments" on page 25.

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**Note:** Remember to set the Test DIP switch to OFF when you're finished testing wireless transmission. If it is left ON, the blinking LED will reduce battery life significantly.

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## REASSEMBLING THE RADIATION SHIELD

1. Slide the two open plates over the threaded studs.
2. Slide the single closed plate back over the threaded studs.  
On wireless version, ease the antenna through the antenna deployment hole.
3. Place the flat washers, lock washers and plastic wing nuts over the studs.
4. Finger-tighten the wing nuts until they hold the radiation shield plates firmly in place.

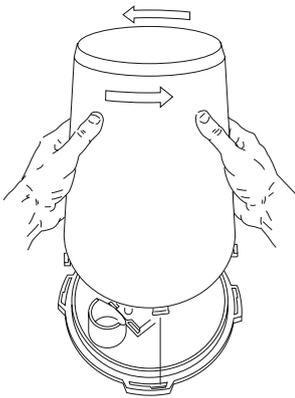
## PREPARING THE RAIN COLLECTOR

See the illustration on the following page.

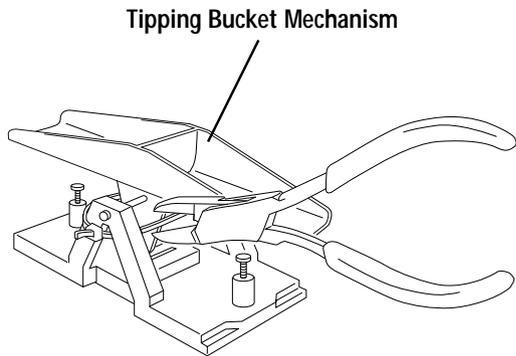
1. Remove the rain collector cone from its base by rotating the cone counter-clockwise until its latches line up with openings in the base and you can lift it off. (The cone fits in the base tightly and may require extra pressure to remove it the first time. Tip: steady the base between your knees.)

On Vantage Pro *Plus*, the UV and solar radiation sensor cables are routed through the base of the rain collector. Please make sure they do not get moved. Use care to ensure they do not interfere with the tipping bucket mechanism or with your ability to get the cone latched back onto the base.

2. Carefully cut and remove the plastic cable tie (usually black in color) that holds the two-sided tipping bucket mechanism in place during shipping.



Twist off the rain collector cone.



Cut the plastic cable tie.

3. On your console screen, look for DAILY RAIN display.
4. While watching the daily rain display, slowly tip the bucket mechanism until it drops to opposite side. Each tip indicates 0.01" of rain and takes up to 10 seconds to register at the console. If the number doesn't change, you may be tipping the bucket too quickly. Try again, more slowly this time.
5. You can put the rain collector cone back on temporarily, but you will need to remove it again before mounting.

## CHOOSING A LOCATION TO MOUNT THE INTEGRATED SENSOR SUITE

Try to position your ISS as follows:

- ◆ At least 5' (1.5 m) away from sources of heat such as chimneys and exhaust vents. Avoid placing it near any space that heats up a lot during the day.
- ◆ At least 5' (1.5 m) above the ground.
- ◆ Avoid locating it in an area that is prone to precipitation runoff — look out for trees and nearby buildings.
- ◆ If you have a wireless model, or if you have the Vantage Pro Plus, look for a location with good sun exposure throughout the day.
- ◆ Mount the anemometer at least 4' (1.2 m) above the roofline for more accurate wind readings.

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**Note:** For roof mounting, and for ease of installation in other locations, we recommend using the optional *Mounting Tripod #7716*.

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## Range of Wireless Transmission

The range of wireless transmission depends on many factors. For the best reception, position your ISS and console/receiver as close together as possible. Range is up to 800' (250 m) in the line of sight, under optimal conditions. Typical range under most conditions is 150' to 500' (45 to 150 m), but this may be reduced by walls, ceilings, trees, or foliage. Radio-frequency interference (RF) can also reduce transmission distance. Cordless phones and ham radios are common examples of RF interference.

A metal roof or other large metal structure can interfere with the signal (aluminum siding, a furnace with metal ducts, and your refrigerator are examples). Sometimes transmission between wireless units is obscured by something you cannot identify, or by some obstacle that you can't work around. If necessary, consider using **Wireless Repeater #7624 or #7625** to strengthen the signal or increase the distance between your ISS and the console/receiver.

## Testing Wireless Transmission at Proposed ISS Location

Now that you've found a suitable place for your wireless ISS, it is **very important** to test reception from that location **before** permanently mounting it there. Place both sides of your ISS at the intended mounting site, or have someone hold them there, so you can walk around with the console/receiver for a few minutes. (If you plan to mount the two sides of the ISS apart from each other, test transmission from the proposed location of the rain collector side, since it contains the transmitter.)

For the sake of example, let's say you are installing your Wireless Vantage Pro at your house, with the ISS mounted on a fence at the back of the property. With the ISS up on the fence temporarily, walk through your house with the console, testing reception in various rooms. There is an 'X' on the lower right hand corner of the screen that comes on when a transmission is received and goes off again when the next one is received. Rotating the antenna on the console may help to improve reception. (See also the discussion in the **Console Manual** on the use of the GAIN feature.)

Test wireless reception anywhere you might want to use or mount your console/receiver now or in the future. Take your time. If you aren't picking up a strong signal where you intend to place your console, better to move the ISS now than after it has been mounted. Experiment.

If you have irregular terrain in the area, it may interfere with the signal. For example, if the ISS is mounted downhill from the console/receiver, the ground may block a wide angle of the transmitted signal.

### When mounting the ISS on your roof

Be aware the signal may be weak directly underneath the rain collector side.

**Please be sure to test reception anywhere you might want to view or mount your console/receiver.**

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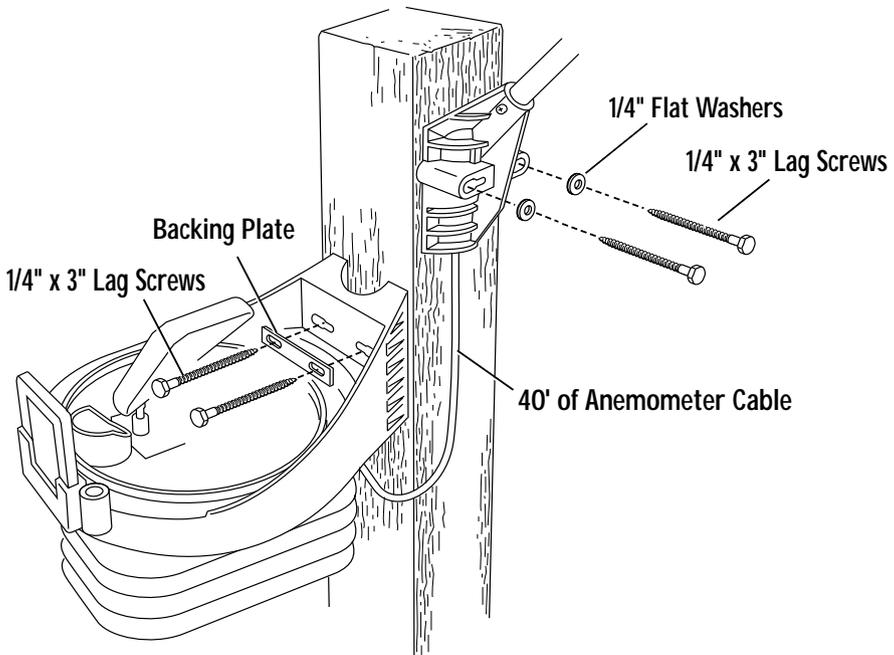
## MOUNTING THE INTEGRATED SENSOR SUITE

The anemometer and the rain collector side of your ISS can be mounted either **together** as a unit on a pole, or **separately**.

40' (12 m) of sensor cable has been provided with the anemometer so you can flexibly configure your system to monitor wind conditions. For example, you could mount the anemometer at the highest point of a roof, then place the rain collector side on a fence closer to ground level.

When mounting sides separately, you can mount each one either on a pole or on a flat vertical surface such as a wooden post. Hardware is included for both options: use the U-bolts to mount on a pole, and the lag screws to mount on a vertical surface.

If the rain collector cone is latched into the base of the rain collector side, remove it now. If it isn't, do not put it on just yet! With the cone in the way you will not have room to use the mounting hardware.



MOUNTING ON A POST

### When mounting on a pole

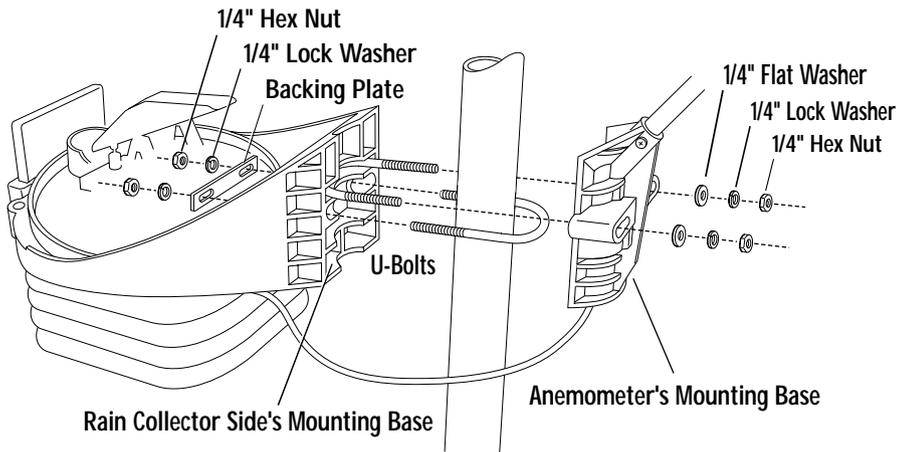
Use the **Mounting Tripod #7716** for easy roof-mounting. The **Mounting Pole Kit #7717** can raise the installation height of your ISS by up to 37.5" (0.95 m).

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## Mounting ISS as a Single Unit (Both Sides Together on a Pole)

Once you loosely mount the two sides of your ISS together on a pole, you'll be able to swivel the unit to the correct direction and then tighten the hex nuts. You will also be able to slide it vertically to the desired height. Take a compass or local area map to help you determine which direction is north.

**It is very important to remember, when mounting both sides together, that whichever side of your ISS is mounted first, the U-bolt from the opposite side ALSO must be placed around the pole before you tighten anything. (If it is not, there is no way to slide it in later.)** In each side's mounting base, there is a groove to accommodate the other side's U-bolt.



MOUNTING ON A POLE

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**Note:** With the supplied U-bolts, the ISS can be mounted on a pole having an outside diameter ranging from 1-1/4" to 1-3/4" (32 – 44mm). Larger U-bolts (not supplied) can be used to mount to a pole with a maximum outside diameter of 2-1/2" (64mm).

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### Start by mounting the rain collector side

1. Place the U-bolt for the anemometer around the pole so that its round end will fit in the top groove of the rain collector side's plastic mounting base.  
The groove is right above two large holes.
2. While holding the mounting base of the rain collector side against the pole, place the two ends of the remaining U-bolt around the pole and through the two holes in the base.
3. Slide the metal backing plate over the bolt ends as they stick out over the rain collector base. Secure the backing plate with a lock washer and hex nut on each of the bolt ends as shown above. Do not tighten the nuts yet.  
Leave the nuts loose enough to swivel the rain collector side on the pole.

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Please remember to mount your ISS so the anemometer arm is extending toward the north. (Otherwise, you will need to re-orient the wind vane. See “Appendix C: Re-orienting the Wind Vane” on page 29.)

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**Note:** *In the Northern Hemisphere, when the anemometer arm is pointing north, the solar panel will be facing south for maximum sun exposure. If you are in the Southern Hemisphere, in addition to pointing the anemometer north, the solar panel should probably also face north, for maximum sun exposure (unless you are in the tropics, where it doesn't matter as much). Either mount the two sides separately, each facing north, or mount the ISS as a single unit with solar panel facing north and re-orient your wind vane to south. See “Appendix C: Re-orienting the Wind Vane”.*

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### Continue by mounting the anemometer and securing both sides

1. The two ends of the anemometer's U-bolt should now be pointing away from the mounted rain collector side. Slide the anemometer's mounting base over the protruding bolt ends. Place a flat washer, a lock washer and a hex nut on each of the bolt ends as shown above. Do not tighten the nuts yet.

Now you can raise the entire unit to the desired height on the pole, and swivel it so the anemometer arm is pointing north.

2. Using an adjustable wrench or 7/16" wrench, tighten all four hex nuts until the ISS is firmly fastened on the pole.
3. Re-attach the rain collector cone.  
Set the cone back on the base so its latches slide downward into the latch openings on the base. Rotate cone clockwise.
4. Place the debris screen (shown in the illustration on page 2) inside the cone, “feet-down” over the funnel hole.

### Mounting Rain Collector Side on a Pole by Itself

See the illustration on page 19.

1. While holding the mounting base against the pole, place the two ends of a U-bolt around the pole and through the two holes in the base.
2. Slide the metal backing plate over the bolt ends as they stick out toward the rain collector cone. Secure the backing plate with a washer, a lock washer, and a hex nut on each of the bolt ends. Do not tighten the nuts yet.

For wireless version, swivel the rain collector side so the solar panel is facing south (in the Northern Hemisphere), or north (in the Southern Hemisphere).

3. Using an adjustable wrench or 7/16" wrench, tighten the nuts.
4. Re-attach the rain collector cone.  
Set the cone back on the base so its latches slide downward into the latch openings on the base. Rotate cone clockwise.
5. Place the debris screen (shown in the illustration on page 2) inside the cone, “feet-down” over the funnel hole.

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## Mounting Anemometer on a Pole by Itself

See the illustration on page 19.

1. While holding the mounting base against the pole, place a U-bolt around the pole and through the two holes in the base.
2. Place a flat washer, a lock washer and a hex nut on each of the bolt ends.
3. Swivel the anemometer until the arm is pointing north.  
If the anemometer arm is not pointing north, go to “Appendix C: Re-orienting the Wind Vane” on page 29 after tightening the nuts.
4. Using an adjustable wrench or 7/16" wrench, tighten the nuts.

## Mounting Rain Collector Side on a Vertical Surface

See the illustration on page 18.

1. With a 3/16" (5 mm) drill bit, drill two holes approximately 2-1/8" (54 mm) apart. Use a carpenter's level to ensure the holes will be level.  
Use the metal backing plate as your guide when marking the holes.
2. Insert the 1/4" x 3" lag screws through the metal backing plate and the holes in the mounting base into the post.
3. Using an adjustable wrench or 7/16" wrench, tighten the lag screws.
4. Re-attach the rain collector cone.  
Set the cone back on the base so its latches slide downward into the latch openings on the base. Rotate cone clockwise.
5. Place the debris screen (shown in the illustration on page 2) inside the cone, “feet-down” over the funnel hole.

## Mounting Anemometer on a Vertical Surface

See the illustration on page 18.

1. With a 3/16" (5 mm) drill bit, drill two holes approximately 2-1/8" (54 mm) apart. Use a carpenter's level to ensure the holes will be level.
2. Insert the 1/4" x 3" lag screws through the flat washers and the holes in the mounting base into the post.
3. Using an adjustable wrench or 7/16" wrench, tighten the lag screws.  
If the anemometer arm is not pointing north, follow the instructions in “Appendix C: Re-orienting the Wind Vane” on page 29.

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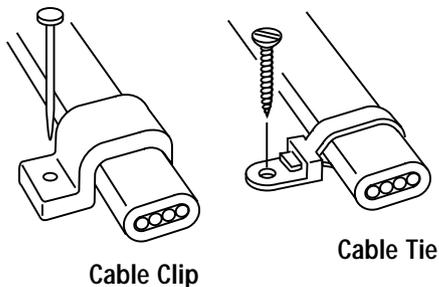
## Clearing the Data Collected While You Were Testing Reception

Now that your ISS is mounted outside, you may want to clear out the data that was stored in the console while it was indoors. To do an “all-clear”,

1. Press the WIND key so the graph icon appears underneath “Wind” in top-left corner.
2. Press the 2ND key, then press and hold the CLEAR key.

## A NOTE ON SECURING CABLES

To prevent fraying or cutting of cables, secure them so they will not whip about in the wind — Secure a cable to a metal pole by wrapping electrical tape around them both. Make sure cables are secure by placing clips or ties approximately every 3 – 5' (1 – 1.6 m).



**When mounting the anemometer near the rain collector side, tuck the coil of cable between the rain collector cone and mounting base.**

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**Note:** Do not use metal staples or a staple gun to secure cables. Metal staples—especially when installed with a staple gun—have a tendency to cut the cables.

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## ADDITIONAL MOUNTING OPTIONS

### Cabled Vantage Pro: Mounting the Anemometer Farther Away

If you would like to locate the anemometer more than forty feet from the rain collector side, use **extension cables #7876** from Davis Instruments.

Please be aware that maximum wind speed reading decreases as the total length of cable from the anemometer to the ISS increases. If this distance is greater than 240', maximum wind speed may be less than 100 mph.

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**Note:** Not all cables are compatible with your Vantage Pro system. To be sure they will work, order extension cables from your dealer or directly from Davis Instruments.

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### Wireless Vantage Pro: Mounting the Anemometer Farther Away

Use the **Anemometer Transmitter Kit #6330** to add a transmitter to your anemometer. Then it will function as a transmitter station sending wind data directly to the console/receiver, instead of transmitting via the ISS.

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## Wireless Transmitting Stations for Vantage Pro

Use Davis' new remote sensor/transmitters to collect additional weather measurements, without the inconvenience of routing cables:

- ◆ Wireless Temperature Station #6370
- ◆ Wireless Temperature/Humidity Station #6380 or #6385
- ◆ Wireless Soil Moisture/Temperature Station #6361
- ◆ Wireless Leaf Wetness/Temperature Station #6341

For more details, please see “Appendix A: Wireless Transmitter IDs” on page 26, or the Vantage Pro catalog.

## MAINTENANCE

### Maintaining UV and Solar Radiation Sensors on Vantage Pro Plus

***Make every effort to avoid touching the small white diffusers at the top of the sensors.*** Any skin oil will reduce the sensitivity of the sensors. For accurate readings, clean the diffusers periodically using ethyl alcohol on a soft cloth (NOT rubbing alcohol).

Due to the sensitivity of ultraviolet and solar radiation sensors it is common practice for manufacturers to recommend re-calibration after a period of time. Here at Davis Instruments we have seen less than 2% drift per year on the readings from these sensors. For applications demanding higher accuracy, however, the sensors should be calibrated once every year.

Contact Technical Support (510) 732-7814 about returning your sensor for calibration.

### Cleaning Rain Collector

For accuracy, thoroughly clean the rain collector several times a year.

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**Note:** *Please be aware that cleaning the tipping bucket may cause false rain readings to occur.*

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1. Separate the cone from the base by turning it counter-clockwise.
2. Use soapy water and a soft cloth to remove any debris from the cone, cone screen, and tipping bucket. Watch out for spiders — they seem to like rain collectors!
3. Use pipe cleaners to clear the funnel hole in the cone and drain screens in the base.
4. When all parts are clean, rinse with clear water.
5. Re-attach the cone and replace the debris screen.

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## TROUBLESHOOTING

### If a Sensor Functions Intermittently

Carefully check all connections from the sensor to the ISS. (To access the SIM where sensor cables plug in, see “Removing Radiation Shield Plates” on page 9.) Loose connections account for a large portion of potential problems. Connections should be firmly seated in receptacles, and plugged in straight. If you think a connection may be faulty, try jiggling cable while looking at the display. If a reading appears intermittently on the display as you jiggle the cable, the connection is faulty.

### The Most Common Anemometer Problems

**“The anemometer head is tilted when I mount the anemometer.”**

With your Allen wrench, loosen the screws holding the anemometer head on the arm. (The screws are on the bottom of the anemometer head, by the wind cups.) Turn the anemometer head so it is straight and then tighten the screws.

**“The wind cups are spinning but my console only displays zero miles/hour.”**

The signal from the wind cups is not making it back to the display. Remove the cups from the anemometer (loosen the set screw shown on page 8) and make sure there is a small silver disk next to the steel shaft where the cups go. Put the cups back onto the shaft and adjust them up or down 1/16 – 1/8 inch (1.5 – 3 mm). Check your cables for visible nicks and cuts. Look for corrosion in the “WIND” jack on the Sensor Interface Module and on splices in the cable (if any). If possible, remove any extensions and try using the anemometer cable only. If none of these steps get the wind speed working, call Technical Support at (510) 732-7814 to ask for a wind test cable.

**“The wind direction is stuck on north, or displays dashes.”**

It is likely that there is a short or break somewhere between the wind vane and the display. Check your cables for visible nicks and cuts. Look for corrosion in the “WIND” jack on the Sensor Interface Module and on splices in the cable (if any). If possible, remove any extensions and try with the anemometer cable only. If none of these steps get the wind direction working, call Technical Support at (510) 732-7814 to ask for a wind test cable.

**“The wind cups don’t spin as fast as they should. (Or don’t spin at all!)”**

Either the anemometer is located where wind is blocked by something, or there is friction interfering with the cups’ rotation. Friction usually can be remedied by the user — remove the wind cups (loosen the set screw shown on page 8) and clear out any bugs or debris. Turn the shaft the cups rotate on. If it feels gritty or stiff, call Technical Support at (510) 732-7814. **DO NOT LUBRICATE THE SHAFT OR BEARINGS IN ANY WAY.** When replacing the cups, make sure they are not rubbing against any part of the anemometer head.

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**“Wind readings aren’t what I expected them to be.”**

Be very careful. Comparing to measurements from TV, radio, newspapers, or a neighbor is NOT a valid method of verifying your readings. Davis Instruments sensors are carefully tested at the factory. If you have questions, contact Technical Support.

## CONTACTING DAVIS INSTRUMENTS

**(510) 732-7814** for Technical Support, Monday – Friday, 7:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Pacific Time.

**(800) 678-3669** Toll-Free Order Line, Monday – Friday, 7:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Pacific Time. Our customer service representatives can answer most questions and assist you with your purchases.

**(510) 732-9229** For callers outside the USA or Canada.

**(510) 670-0589** Fax to Customer Service or Tech Support.

**www.davisnet.com** Copies of User Manuals are available on the “Support” page. Watch for FAQs and other updates. Subscribe to the e-newsletter.

**support@davisnet.com** E-mail to Technical Support.

**sales@davisnet.com** E-mail to Customer Service.

**info@davisnet.com** General e-mail.

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**Note:** *Please do not return items to the factory for repair without prior authorization.*

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## WEATHER VARIABLE UPDATE INTERVALS

- ◆ Wind speed: 2.5 seconds
- ◆ Wind direction: 2.5 seconds
- ◆ Accumulated rainfall: 10 seconds
- ◆ Rain rate: 10 seconds
- ◆ Outside temperature: 10 seconds
- ◆ Outside humidity: 1 minute
- ◆ Ultraviolet radiation: 1 minute
- ◆ Solar radiation: 1 minute

## SPECIFICATIONS FOR CABLED VERSION

- ◆ Temperature range: –40 to 140° Fahrenheit (–40 to 60° Celsius)
- ◆ Power input: Cable from Vantage Pro console

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## SPECIFICATIONS FOR WIRELESS VERSION

- ◆ Temperature range: –40 to 140° Fahrenheit (–40 to 60° Celsius)
- ◆ Wireless transmission frequency: 916.5 MHz  
868.35 MHz for overseas version – Product # includes “EU”, “UK”, or “OV”
- ◆ Transmitter ID codes: 8 user-selectable
- ◆ License: low power (less than 1 mW), no license required
- ◆ Primary power input: Solar power – Davis solar charger
- ◆ Secondary (backup) power:
  - ◆ CR-123A 3-volt lithium battery (The battery should last at least two years.)
  - ◆ Optional Vantage Pro AC power adapter

## APPENDIX A: WIRELESS TRANSMITTER IDS

### Changing Transmitter ID

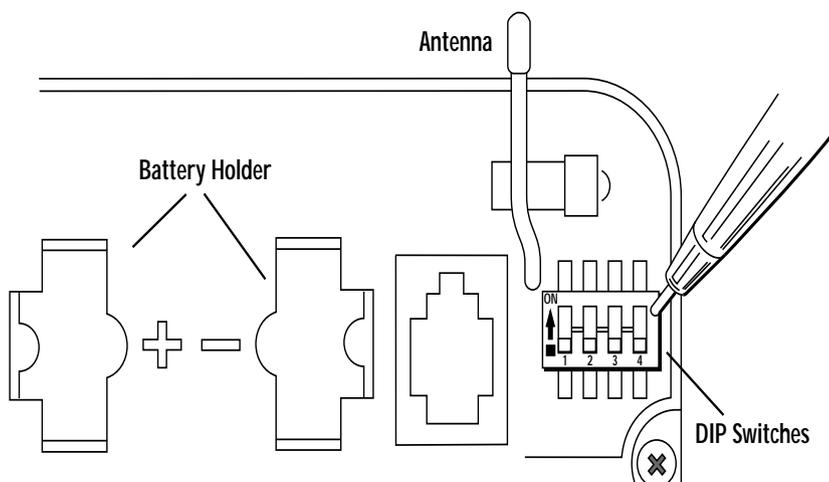
Each wireless transmitting station, including the Integrated Sensor Suite (ISS), uses one of eight selectable transmitter IDs. DIP switches #1, 2 and 3 on the transmitter allows you to control the ID — the “channel” the station will transmit on. (DIP switch #4 is used for transmission testing, not for transmitter ID.)

*The transmitter and receiver communicate with each other only when **both** are set to the same ID.*

Although the ISS defaults to transmitter ID ‘1’ and the Vantage Pro console/receiver should find it on that “channel” automatically, there may be a reason to change the ID using the DIP switches located on the Sensor Interface Module, or SIM. Examples:

- ◆ Another Davis Instruments wireless weather station is operating nearby, on transmitter ID ‘1’.
- ◆ You purchased additional wireless transmitting stations with your Vantage Pro or Vantage Pro Plus and want to designate one of them as Station No. 1 instead of the ISS.

**To access the SIM, the radiation shield must be open.** (See “Disassembling the Radiation Shield” on page 9.)



DIP SWITCHES IN TOP-RIGHT CORNER OF SIM (ILLUSTRATION HAS BEEN ENLARGED FOR CLARITY)

To change to another ID, use a ballpoint pen or paper clip to toggle DIP switches #1, 2, and 3. The settings for transmitter IDs 1 – 8 are shown in the table below:

ID CODE	SWITCH 1	SWITCH 2	SWITCH 3
#1 (default)	off	off	off
#2	off	off	ON
#3	off	ON	off
#4	off	ON	ON
#5	ON	off	off
#6	ON	off	ON
#7	ON	ON	off
#8	ON	ON	ON

Use this table to ensure that each wireless transmitting station in your system is broadcasting on its own transmitter ID.

Please remember to set your Vantage Pro console/receiver(s) to the same IDs as the transmitters, as described in **Console Manual**: “Setup Mode – Screen 2: Selecting Transmitters”.

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## Using Multiple Transmitting Stations with Wireless Vantage Pro

<b>Transmitter Type</b>	<b>Maximum per Console (8 total)</b>
Integrated Sensor Suite (ISS)	1
Anemometer Transmitter Kit	1
Leaf Wetness/Temperature Station	1
Soil Moisture/Temperature Station	1
Temperature Station	8
Temperature/Humidity Station	8

This table shows the maximum number of each type of Wireless Transmitting Station that can be used with a single Vantage Pro console/receiver. Each station has DIP switches enabling you to select the transmitter ID it will use.

## APPENDIX B: OPTIONAL ACCESSORIES

### Optional Sensors for ISS

If you purchased a Vantage Pro *Plus*, the ultraviolet (UV) and solar radiation sensors are already mounted on your ISS, on the sensor mounting shelf.

If you own a Vantage Pro and would like to upgrade to a Vantage Pro *Plus*, the mounting shelf and sun sensors can be installed on your ISS, alongside the rain collector cone.

- ◆ UV Sensor #6490
- ◆ Solar Radiation Sensor #6450
- ◆ Sensor Mounting Shelf #6672

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## Other Accessories

- ◆ **Rain Collector Heater #7720**  
For use in cold climates, to measure the moisture content of frozen precipitation (freezing rain, snow, hail, etc.).
- ◆ **Wireless Repeater #7624 or #7625**  
For extending the range of wireless transmission. Go around corners or increase the distance between transmitter and console/receiver.
- ◆ **Complete System Shelter #7724**  
To locate your Vantage Pro console outside.
- ◆ **Complete System Shelter Heater #7726**  
For use in sub-freezing temperatures.
- ◆ **Solar Power Kit #6610**  
To mount your Cabled Vantage Pro console outside where there is no AC power supply. Or to mount your wireless console/receiver outside without having to replace batteries.
- ◆ **Car/Boat/RV Lighter Cord #6604**  
To power your Cabled Vantage Pro console from a standard cigarette lighter.
- ◆ **AC Power Adapter for Vantage #6625**  
If your wireless ISS is mounted near a standard AC outlet, use the AC adapter as backup to solar power. (And leave the battery installed as backup to the AC power in case electricity goes out during a storm.)

See also “Additional Mounting Options” on page 22. Please call Davis Instruments for more information on these accessories for the Vantage Pro system, or go to our website,

<http://www.davisnet.com/weather/>

## APPENDIX C: RE-ORIENTING THE WIND VANE

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**Note:** *The Vantage Pro anemometer leaves the factory ready to be mounted aiming northward. This procedure is to prepare the anemometer to be aimed any direction **other than north**.*

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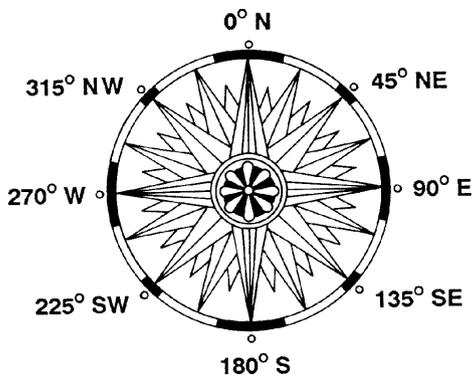
**When you have mounted the anemometer aiming toward the preferred direction, follow these instructions to re-orient the wind vane to the direction that the arm is now pointing.**

The wind vane is held by a small set screw similar to the one tightened when installing the wind cups. To remove the wind vane for re-orientation, first use the Allen wrench to loosen the set screw, then pull the vane directly up and off the steel shaft on which it turns.

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To orient the wind vane accurately, you will need to look at the console display. You may wish to have a friend or family member on the ground do this for you.

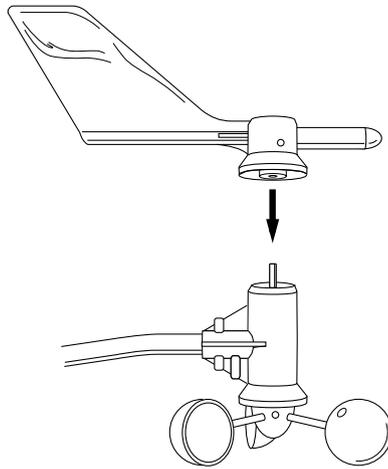
1. Press WIND key on console to display current wind direction in degrees.
2. Use your compass or a landmark to determine in which direction (S, E, W, etc.) the anemometer arm is now pointing.
3. Use the wind direction chart below (or compass markings) to find the degree reading which corresponds to that direction.



WIND DIRECTION CHART

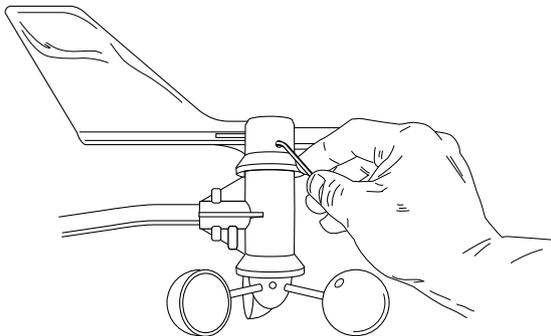
4. Slowly turn the stainless-steel wind direction shaft with your fingers. Stop turning when the display reaches the degree reading obtained in step 3. Please allow the wind direction display approximately 5 seconds to stabilize after the shaft is turned. You will have to turn the shaft, wait, and turn it again until the desired wind direction is displayed on the console.

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5. Being careful to keep the stainless-steel shaft from turning, place the wind vane on top of shaft with the vane's nose pointing in the same direction as the arm. Slide the wind vane down the shaft as far as it will go.



*PLACING VANE ONTO SHAFT*

6. Use the Allen wrench provided to tighten the set screw on the side of the wind vane.



**Tighten set screw  
with Allen wrench**

*SECURING WIND VANE*

7. Test your anemometer by pointing the wind vane in any direction and making sure the console displays the correct wind direction. Remove and re-adjust the vane if it does not.

Remember to allow the wind direction display approximately 5 seconds to stabilize after turning the shaft.

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## FCC PART 15 CLASS B REGISTRATION WARNING

This equipment 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 a particular 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.

Changes or modifications not expressly approved in writing by Davis Instruments may void the user's authority to operate this equipment.

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