

### Sportsman's Forecaster models 00251W/00252W



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Congratulations on your new AcuRite product. To ensure the best possible product performance, please read this manual in its entirety and retain it for future reference.

## Unpacking Instructions

Remove the protective film that is applied to the LCD screen prior to using this product. Locate the tab and peel off to remove.

## Package Contents

1. Display unit
2. Outdoor sensor
3. Instruction Manual

<h1>IMPORTANT</h1>	<b>PRODUCT MUST BE REGISTERED TO RECEIVE WARRANTY SERVICE</b>
<b>PRODUCT REGISTRATION</b> Register online to receive 1 year warranty protection <a href="http://www.AcuRite.com">www.AcuRite.com</a>	<b>SUPPORT</b> Support Forum Archived Products ▶ Register a Product

## Features & Benefits



## OUTDOOR SENSOR

- 1. Integrated Hanger**  
For easy placement.
- 2. Wireless Signal Indicator**  
Flashes when data is being sent to the display unit.
- 3. Battery Compartment**
- 4. Battery Compartment Cover**

# Features & Benefits



## DISPLAY UNIT

### 6. Hunting or Fishing Activity Meter

Predicts wildlife activity level. Select hunting, fishing, or auto-cycle between both.

### 7. Pressure History Graph

Tracks and displays the barometric pressure history.

### 8. Barometric Pressure

Arrow icon indicates the direction the pressure is trending.

### 9. Intelli-Time® Clock

Sets itself to the correct time and automatically updates for Daylight Saving Time.

### 10. Display Low Battery Indicator

### 11. Monthly High Temperature Record

### 12. Current Outdoor Temperature

### 13. Monthly Low Temperature Record

### 14. Learning Mode Icon

Disappears after weather forecast self-calibration is complete.

### 15. 12 to 24 Hour Weather Forecast

Self-Calibrating Forecasting pulls data from the outdoor sensor to generate your personal forecast.

### 16. Moon Phase

### 17. Intelli-Time® Date

Sets itself to the correct date.

### 18. Today's High Temperature Record

### 19. Wireless Sensor Signal Strength

### 20. Today's Low Temperature Record

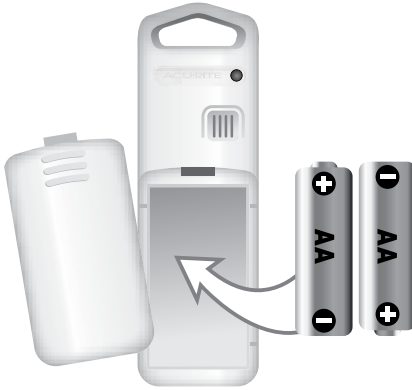
### 21. Hunting/Fishing Mode Button

### 22. Sensor Low Battery Indicator

## Install or Replace Batteries

AcuRite recommends high quality alkaline batteries for the best product performance. Heavy duty or rechargeable batteries are not recommended.

The outdoor sensor requires lithium batteries in low temperature conditions. Cold temperatures can cause alkaline batteries to function improperly. Use lithium batteries in the outdoor sensor for temperatures below -4°F / -20°C.

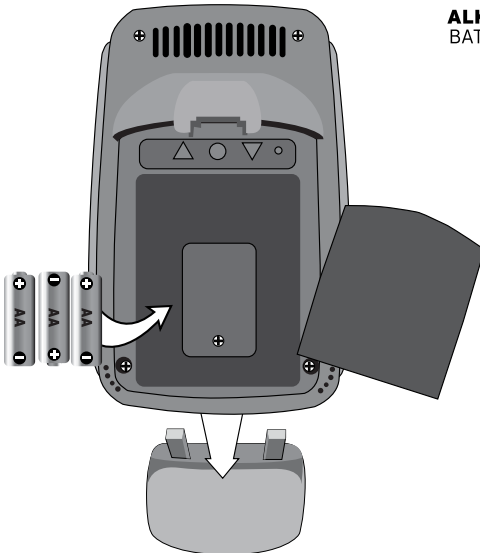


### Outdoor Sensor

1. Slide off the battery compartment cover.
2. Insert 2 x AA batteries into the battery compartment, as shown. Follow the polarity (+/-) diagram in the battery compartment.
3. Replace the battery cover.

**LITHIUM BATTERIES** **-40°F** (-40°C) (70°C) **158°F**

**ALKALINE BATTERIES** **-4°F** (-20°C) (70°C) **158°F**



### Display Unit

1. Slide the stand off of the bottom of the display, as shown.
2. Slide off the battery compartment cover.
3. Insert 3 x AA batteries into the battery compartment, as shown. Follow the polarity (+/-) diagram in the battery compartment.
4. Replace the battery cover.
5. Replace the stand.



**PLEASE DISPOSE OF OLD OR DEFECTIVE BATTERIES IN AN ENVIRONMENTALLY SAFE WAY AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH YOUR LOCAL LAWS AND REGULATIONS.**

**BATTERY SAFETY:** Clean the battery contacts and also those of the device prior to battery installation. Remove batteries from equipment which is not to be used for an extended period of time. Follow the polarity (+/-) diagram in the battery compartment. Promptly remove dead batteries from the device. Dispose of used batteries properly. Only batteries of the same or equivalent type as recommended are to be used. DO NOT incinerate used batteries. DO NOT dispose of batteries in fire, as batteries may explode or leak. DO NOT mix old and new batteries or types of batteries (alkaline/standard). DO NOT use rechargeable batteries. DO NOT recharge non-rechargeable batteries. DO NOT short-circuit the supply terminals.

## Intelli-Time® Clock

Intelli-Time products are pre-programmed with the correct time and date. Intelli-Time technology instructs the time and date to set themselves. All you need to do is select your Time Zone and Daylight Saving Time preferences. The clock will then automatically set itself and change for Daylight Saving Time.

### Set the Time, Date & Units

Press the "SET" button to enter SET MODE. Once in SET MODE, the preference you are currently setting will blink on the display.

To adjust the currently selected (flashing) item, press and release the "▲" or "▼" buttons (press and HOLD to fast adjust).

To save your adjustments, press and release the "SET" button again to adjust the next preference. The preference set order is as follows:

TIME ZONE (PST MST CST EST AST HAST AKST)

DST\* (Daylight Saving Time ON or OFF)

CLOCK HOUR

CLOCK MINUTE

CALENDAR MONTH

CALENDAR DATE

CALENDAR YEAR

UNITS: TEMPERATURE (°F or °C)

UNITS: PRESSURE (inHg or hPa)

You will automatically exit SET MODE if no buttons are pressed for 30 seconds. Enter SET MODE at any time by pressing the "SET" button.

\*DST is set to ON by default. If you live in an area that observes daylight saving time, DST should remain ON.

## Placement for Maximum Accuracy

AcuRite sensors are sensitive to surrounding environmental conditions. Proper placement of both the display unit and outdoor sensor are critical to the accuracy and performance of this product.



### Display Unit Placement

Place the display unit in a dry area free of dirt and dust. Display unit stands upright for tabletop use.



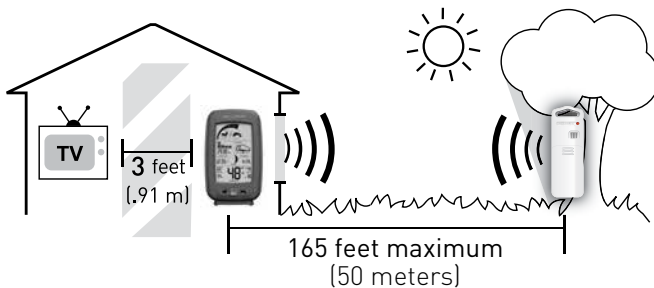
### Outdoor Sensor Placement

Sensor must be placed outside to observe outdoor conditions. Sensor is water resistant and is designed for general outdoor use, however, to extend its life place the sensor in an area protected from direct weather elements.

Hang the sensor using the integrated hang holes or hanger, or by using string (not included) to hang it from a suitable location, like a well covered tree branch. The best location is 4 to 8 feet above the ground with permanent shade and plenty of fresh air to circulate around the sensor.

## Important Placement Guidelines

- To ensure accurate temperature measurement, place units out of direct sunlight and away from any heat sources or vents.
- Display unit and outdoor sensor must be within 165 ft (50 m) of each other.
- To maximize wireless range, place units away from large metallic items, thick walls, metal surfaces, or other objects that may limit wireless communication.
- To prevent wireless interference, place both units at least 3 ft (.9 m) away from electronic devices (TV, computer, microwave, radio, etc.).



## Setup is Complete

The sensor will now synchronize with the display unit. It may take a few minutes for synchronization to complete. Please refer to the troubleshooting section of this manual if anything appears to be functioning improperly.

## Using the Sportsman's Forecaster

### Hunting & Fishing Activity Meter


Don't miss out on favorable weather and wildlife conditions! AcuRite's Hunting & Fishing Activity Meter predicts wildlife activity levels by combining weather observations with lunar positioning data. View the fishing meter, the hunting meter, or automatically cycle between both meters.

The Mode button (shown right), located on the front of the display, allows you to select the meter mode:



 Hunting Activity Meter Mode

 Fishing Activity Meter Mode






 Cycle between hunting & fishing activity meters. Press AND HOLD Mode button for 3 seconds.

### Learning Mode

Self-Calibrating Forecasting uses a unique algorithm to analyze changes in pressure over a time period (called Learning Mode) to determine your altitude. After 14 days, the Learning Mode icon disappears from the display screen. At this point, the self-calibrated pressure is tuned in to your location and the unit is ready for superior weather prediction.

### Weather Forecast

AcuRite's patented Self-Calibrating Forecasting provides your personal forecast of weather conditions for the next 12 to 24 hours by collecting data from the sensor in your backyard. It generates a forecast with pinpoint accuracy - personalized for your exact location.

<p><b>STORMY &amp; WINDY</b></p>  <p>(flashing=stormy)</p>	<p><b>SNOW LIKELY</b></p> 	<p><b>SNOW / RAIN MIX LIKELY</b></p> 	<p><b>RAIN LIKELY</b></p> 	<p><b>MOSTLY CLOUDY</b></p> 
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View the complete list of icons at [www.AcuRite.com/acurite-icons](http://www.AcuRite.com/acurite-icons)

### Barometric Pressure

Subtle variations in barometric pressure greatly affect the weather. This weather forecaster displays the current pressure, trend arrow and a pressure chart. The chart tracks and displays the change in pressure so you can monitor the rate of change over time.

## Moon Phase

Track the phases of the moon, conveyed through simple lunar phase icons:

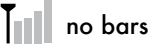


## High & Low Records

“Today” temperature records automatically clear daily at midnight. “Month” temperature records automatically clear at midnight on the last day of the month.

- To manually clear the HIGH recorded values, press and HOLD the “▲” button. Dashes display to confirm you have cleared the HIGH records.
- To manually clear the LOW recorded values, press and HOLD the “▼” button. Dashes display to confirm you have cleared the LOW records.

## Troubleshooting

Problem	Possible Solution
<p><b>No outdoor sensor reception</b></p> 	<p>If the wireless signal indicator shows no bars:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Relocate the display unit and/or the outdoor sensor. The units must be within 165 ft (50 m) of each other.</li> <li>• Make sure both units are placed at least 3 feet (.9 m) away from electronics that may interfere with the wireless communication (such as TVs, microwaves, computers, etc).</li> <li>• Use standard alkaline batteries (or lithium batteries in sensor when temperature is below -4°F/-20°C). Do not use heavy duty or rechargeable batteries. NOTE: It may take up to 20 minutes for display unit and sensor to synchronize after batteries are replaced.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Display screen not working</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Check that the batteries are installed correctly. Batteries may need to be replaced.</li> <li>• Reset the display by pressing the reset button, located on the back of the display unit. Date and time will need to be entered after a reset.</li> </ul>



# Troubleshooting

<b>Problem</b>	<b>Possible Solution</b>
<b>Outdoor temperature is flashing or showing dashes</b>	Flashing of the outdoor temperature is generally an indication of wireless interference. <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Bring both the sensor and display unit indoors and remove batteries from each.</li><li>2. Reinstall batteries in the outdoor sensor.</li><li>3. Reinstall batteries in the display unit.</li><li>4. Let the units sit within a couple feet of each other for about 20 minutes to gain a strong connection.</li></ol>
<b>Inaccurate forecast</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Weather Forecast icon predicts conditions for the next 12 to 24 hours, not current conditions.</li><li>• Has Learning Mode icon disappeared from the display unit? Learning Mode must complete before forecast and pressure will be accurate.</li><li>• Allow unit to run continuously for 33 days. Battery removal or resetting the display unit will restart Learning Mode. After 14 days, forecast should be fairly accurate, however Learning Mode calibrates for a total of 33 days.</li></ul>
<b>Inaccurate temperature</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Make sure both the display unit and sensor are placed out of direct sunlight and away from any heat sources or vents (see page 6).</li></ul>

**If your AcuRite product does not operate properly after trying the troubleshooting steps, visit [www.AcuRite.com](http://www.AcuRite.com) or call (877) 221-1252 for assistance.**

## Care & Maintenance

### Display Unit Care

Clean with a soft, damp cloth. Do not use caustic cleaners or abrasives. Keep away from dust, dirt and moisture. Clean ventilation ports regularly with a gentle puff of air.

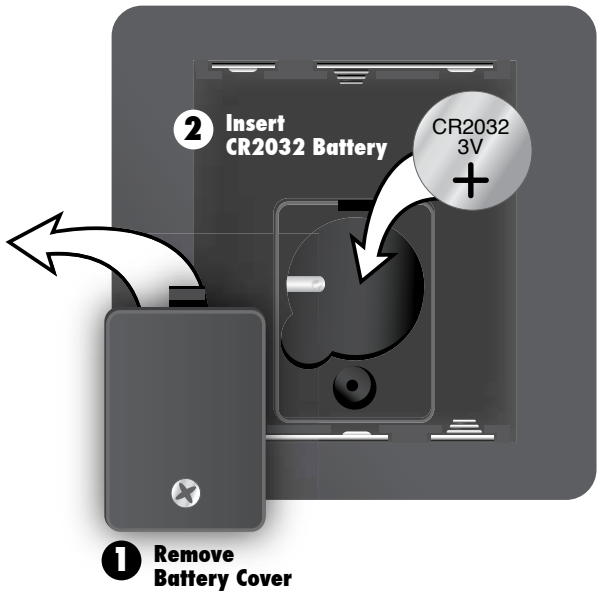
### Outdoor Sensor Care

Clean with a soft damp cloth. Do not use caustic cleaners or abrasives.

## Replace Intelli-Time Clock Battery

Intelli-Time technology is powered by a pre-installed coin-cell battery that stores the time and date settings. The battery has a shelf life of several years. To replace the Intelli-Time battery:

1. Locate the coin cell battery compartment door on the back of the display unit. Unscrew and remove the compartment cover.
2. Insert 1 x CR2032 coin cell battery into the battery compartment, as shown. Install battery with "+" positive terminal facing OUT.
3. Screw in the battery cover.



**WARNING: THIS PRODUCT CONTAINS A BUTTON-CELL BATTERY. IF SWALLOWED, IT COULD CAUSE SEVERE INJURY OR DEATH IN JUST 2 HOURS. SEEK MEDICAL ATTENTION IMMEDIATELY IF INGESTED.**



# Specifications

<b>TEMPERATURE RANGE</b>	Outdoor: -40°F to 158°F; -40°C to 70°C
<b>WIRELESS RANGE</b>	165 ft / 50 m depending on home construction materials
<b>OPERATING FREQUENCY</b>	433 MHz
<b>POWER</b>	Display: 3 x AA alkaline batteries Sensor: 2 x AA alkaline or lithium batteries
<b>DATA REPORTING</b>	Outdoor Data: 31 second updates
	Indoor Data: 30 second updates

## FCC Information

This device complies with part 15 of FCC rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions:

1- This device may NOT cause harmful interference, and

2- This device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

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 the 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.

NOTE: The manufacturer is not responsible for any radio or TV interference caused by unauthorized modifications to this equipment. Such modifications could void the user authority to operate the equipment.

This device complies with Industry Canada licence-exempt RSS standard(s).

Operation is subject to the following two conditions:

(1) This device may not cause interference, and

(2) This device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation of the device.

## Customer Support

AcuRite customer support is committed to providing you with best-in-class service. **For assistance**, please have the model number of this product available and contact us in any of the following ways:



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- ▶ Replacement Parts
- ▶ Submit Feedback & Ideas

## IMPORTANT

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TO RECEIVE WARRANTY SERVICE

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At AcuRite, we proudly uphold our commitment to quality technology. Chaney Instrument Co. warrants that all products it manufactures to be of good material and workmanship, and to be free of defects when properly installed and operated for a period of one year from the date of purchase.

We recommend that you visit us at [www.AcuRite.com](http://www.AcuRite.com) for the fastest way to register your product. However, product registration does not eliminate the need to retain your original proof of purchase in order to obtain warranty benefits.

Chaney Instrument Co. warrants that all products it manufactures to be of good material and workmanship, and to be free of defects when properly installed and operated for a period of one year from the date of purchase. Remedy for breach of this warranty is limited to repair or replacement of the defective item(s). Any product which, under normal use and service, is proven to breach the warranty contained herein within ONE YEAR from date of sale will, upon examination by Chaney, and at its sole option, be repaired or replaced by Chaney. Transportation costs and charges for returned goods shall be paid for by the purchaser. Chaney hereby disclaims all responsibility for such transportation costs and charges. This

warranty will not be breached, and Chaney will give no credit for products it manufactures which have received normal wear and tear, been damaged (including by acts of nature), tampered, abused, improperly installed, damaged in shipping, or repaired or altered by others than authorized representatives of Chaney.

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