

# Using the LI-560 TriSonica<sup>®</sup> Sphere Ultrasonic Anemometer

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## Section 1.

# Welcome to the LI-560

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Welcome, and thank you for your purchase of the LI-560 TriSonica Sphere Ultrasonic Anemometer. The LI-560 measures 3-dimensional wind speed and direction, air temperature. It also features an accelerometer that measures tilt.

The spherical design provides balance and a full third dimension wind measurement. The LI-560 is made of solid aluminum and weighs 225 grams. The insets of the transducer nubs are filled with ultraviolet resistant silicone rubber.

This instruction manual provides basic operating information for the sensor.

Mounted on a hollow ½” DN15 Schedule 10 pipe or 22-mm carbon fiber tube, the LI-560 is ideal for deployment on stationary or mobile outdoor platforms, but should be protected from sustained heavy rainfall and high condensing humidity.

A mounting adapter is available to mount the LI-560 to a camera tripod or custom platform with ¼-20 threads.



*Figure 1-1. The LI-560 TriSonica Sphere Ultrasonic Anemometer*

## Accessories

A variety of accessories are available for the LI-560.

### USB interface adapter

Part number  
550USB

USB interface adapter for the TriSonica sensors. Used for configuration and viewing data on a computer. Not for outdoor use.



### LI-570 Data Logger

Part number  
LI-570

The LI-570 Data Logger powers and logs data from up to four LI-550s, up to three LI-560s, or a combination of up to two LI-550s and two LI-560s. It features two 6-pin connectors to connect to 3rd party equipment (radio or GPS receiver), and one 3-pin connector for power.

### Mounting adapter

Part number  
560M

The mounting adapter is to mount the LI-560 to a camera tripod or other platform that uses 1/4-20 threads.



## Data and power cables

Several cables are available for power and to transfer data from the device (see *Table 1-1* below).

Table 1-1. Cables available for the LI-550 and LI-560 TriSonica anemometers.

Part Number	Description
571D-10	10-meter data and power cable with connectors at each end. Connects a TriSonica sensor to the LI-570 Data Logger.
571D-1	1.25-meter data and power cable with connectors at each end. Connects a TriSonica sensor to the LI-570 Data Logger.
571S-1	1.25-meter data and power cable with connector at one end and blunt cut at the other.
571D-C	Two connector assemblies for a customer-built cable connecting a TriSonica sensor and the LI-570 Data Logger. 25-meter maximum length.

## Software

A simple Windows®-compatible user-interface application is available for download from [licor.com/env/support/LI-560/software.html](http://licor.com/env/support/LI-560/software.html).

**Note:** This application is not suitable for data logging functions.

We recommend the use of a terminal emulator, such as Tera Term, to review the data stream and to communicate with or configure the sensor. The data stream from the LI-560 can be received, stored, and interpreted by an appropriate device of your choice, so long as it is connected to the LI-560 by the proper communication protocol. The LI-570 is ideal for logging the output from the LI-560.

## TriSonica ultrasonic anemometer comparison

The LI-550F and LI-550P TriSonica Mini and the LI-560 TriSonica Sphere share many features, as shown in the table below.

Table 1-2. TriSonica family comparison guide.

Instrument	Mount	Connection	Protocols	Outputs	Measurements
<b>LI-550F TriSonica Mini</b>	Flat Base	4 Wires	EIA232	ASCII String	Wind Direction, Wind Velocity, Air Temperature, Air Pressure, Humidity, Tilt, Orientation
<b>LI-550P TriSonica Mini</b>	Pipe Mount	12-wire Connector	EIA232, EIA422, EIA485, LVTTTL-UART	ASCII String	Wind Direction, Wind Velocity, Air Temperature, Air Pressure, Humidity, Tilt, Orientation
<b>LI-560 TriSonica Sphere</b>	Pipe Mount	12-wire Connector	EIA232, EIA422, EIA485, LVTTTL-UART	ASCII String	Wind Direction, Wind Velocity, Air Temperature, Tilt

If you have an old TriSonica model, or an Anemoment sensor that is not described here, documentation for your product is available at [licor.com/env/support/Anemometers/home.html](http://licor.com/env/support/Anemometers/home.html).

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## Section 2.

# Mounting the LI-560 anemometer

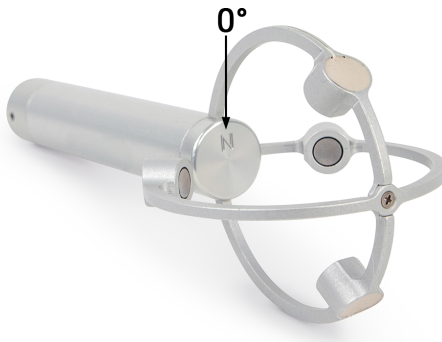
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This section describes how to install the LI-560 and covers considerations for deployment.

## Orientation

The LI-560 has a north indicator **N** on the cap at the top of the mounting post.

Airflow passing directly into the **N** will return zero degrees for the wind direction, regardless of the actual orientation of the LI-560. Adjustment of wind direction for orientations other than pointing to true North can be done in post processing of data.



*Figure 2-1. The North indicator*

## Mounting the LI-560

The LI-560 can be mounted to a user-supplied pipe, a custom platform, or a tripod with the 560M adapter.

### Pipe mount

The LI-560 has a circular connector to mount over a standard 1/2" DN15 Schedule 10 pipe or 22 mm OD/20 mm ID carbon fiber tube.

The pipe must be a thin wall type, as indicated by the Schedule 10 designation, to allow an inside diameter wide enough to let the mating cable connector pass through the pipe.

Before putting the LI-560 on the pipe, route the cable through the pipe. Then connect the cable connector to the base connector. Place the LI-560 over the pipe and tighten the three set screws to secure. Do not overtighten the set screws.

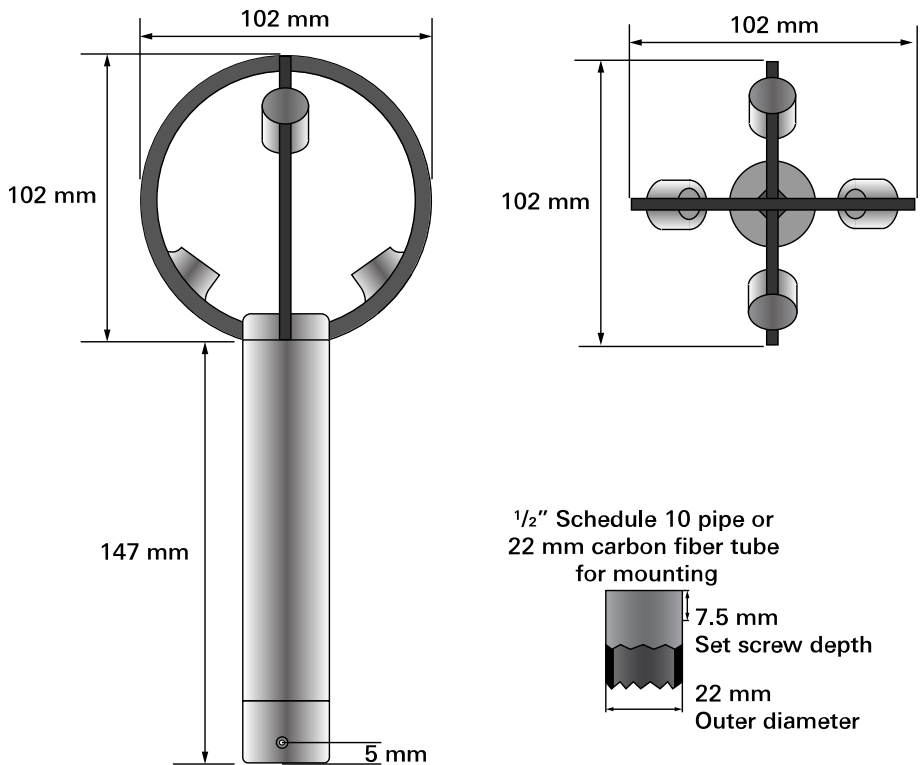


Figure 2-2. The LI-560 TriSonica Sphere. Set screws are tightened with a 5/64 inch hex key.

## 560M mounting adapter

The 560M is an optional mounting adapter for attaching the LI-560 to a custom platform. It features a brass  $\frac{1}{4}$ -20 threaded insert that is compatible with most camera tripods.

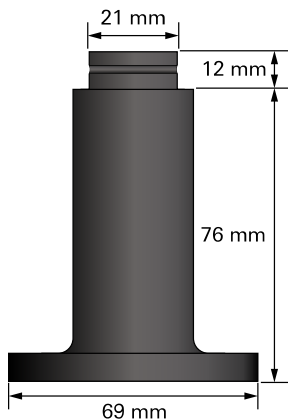


Figure 2-3. 560M mounting adapter dimensions.

## Tilt and level considerations

If you intend to use data from the accelerometer, either with a single anemometer or to compare with other anemometers, it should be calibrated in the environment in which it will be deployed.

The accelerometer in the LI-560 measures offsets from level. Because the mounting of the LI-560 affects the tilt, offsets are not set during manufacturing. Persistent offsets in the data could indicate that the calibration needs to be adjusted. Calibration can be initiated in the menu interface (see *Calibration* on page 5-3) or command-line interface (see *levelcalibrate* on page 6-4). See *Level calibration* on page 8-2 for more details. The raw accelerometer outputs are also available.

## Environmental considerations

Be mindful of environmental conditions that may affect the performance of the sensor. The LI-560 is designed for outdoor use, but some limitations apply.<sup>1</sup> Protect

<sup>1</sup>The 550USB adapter is not for outdoor use, and must be protected from dust and wet conditions.

the instrument from sustained rainfall and persistent high humidity (condensing conditions). If the device will sit outdoors unused for long periods, you can cover it to reduce the accumulation of dust, pollen, and other contaminants.

### Ice and Snow

The LI-560 has no on-board heaters. The LI-560 is designed for outdoor use, however, if ice or snow accumulate on the transducers or within the LI-560, the acoustic pathways between transducers can be blocked. The LI-560 may not be the best choice for sustained use in wintery weather.

### Not submersible

The LI-560 is not submersible in water.

## Interference considerations

Be aware of these potential sources of interference as you plan your project and interpret data.

### Other sonic anemometers

If using more than one anemometer, maintain at least one meter separation distance between the two devices to prevent ultrasonic interference. Two TriSonica anemometers that are close to each other may appear to work fine, but over time, the two clocks will come into phase with each other, leading to spikes in the measurements. Avoid the situation by maintaining at least one meter of separation.

### Compact fluorescent lamps

Some compact florescent lamps (CFL) make ultrasonic noise that can interfere with the operation of a LI-560. Erroneous readings may result if the LI-560 is operated near compact florescent lamps. Turn off the CFL or move the sensor away from the CFL to reduce interference.

### Wind tunnels and ultrasonic frequency

Ultrasonic anemometers operate by generating ultrasonic pulses and measuring the time of flight of those sound pulses between transducers. The time-of-flight measurements can be disturbed by external noise sources in or near the same frequency



band used by the ultrasonic anemometer's transducers. The LI-560 operates in the 60 KHz ultrasonic frequency range.

We have found that some wind tunnels generate ultrasonic noise that can cause erroneous readings from the anemometer. This is not an indication of failure of the anemometer but is a result of using the anemometer in an ultrasonically noisy environment.



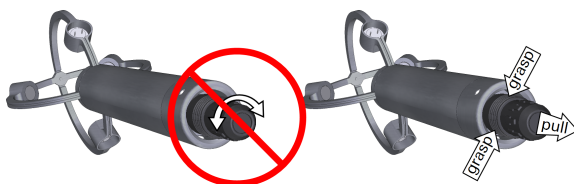
## Section 3.

# Connecting the power and data cable

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The LI-560 features a 12-pin socket connector as shown in *Figure 3-1* on the next page.

**Important:** Do not twist the cable during installation or removal. Doing so will damage the connector pins. To remove the cable, grasp the collar and pull it away from the anemometer.



DO NOT TWIST the cable.  
Doing so will break the pins.

Grasp the collar and  
pull to disconnect.

Pre-made cables with connectors may be purchased from LI-COR in 1.25 and 10 meter lengths. Customized cables up to 25 meters in length can be made with the 571D-C custom cable kit. Because this detachable cord carries both data and power, replacement cords or user-built cords must comply with the wiring and insulation specifications set out in the EIA Standard appropriate for the selected communication protocol.

## Power and data wire assignments

*Figure 3-1* on the next page shows the socket assignments for the signal connections and positions within the connector in reference to looking at the bottom of the LI-560. The cable internal wire colors and pin description are given in *Table 3-1* on page 3-3.

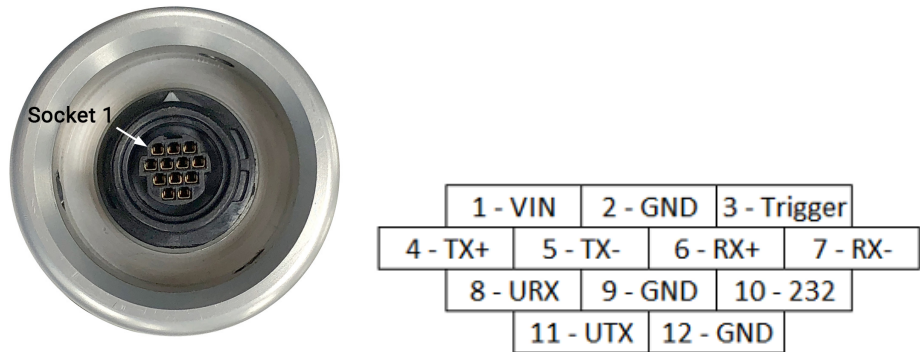


Figure 3-1. 12-pin socket connector and assignments for the LI-560.

**Caution:** The Power In wire is the only one that can handle voltages exceeding five volts. Applying excess voltage to other wires can damage the LI-560. Such damage is not covered by the warranty.

Table 3-1. LI-560 socket descriptions and wire colors.

Pin #	Wire Color	Signal Name	Description
1	Brown	VIN	Voltage Input of 5V to 32V
2	Red	GND	Ground connection. Only one of the GND connections are required for proper operation. Multiple GND connections are provided as a convenience for system wiring.
3	Orange	Trigger	Synchronizing Trigger input. This input allows multiple instruments to synchronize their sampling to a common signal.
4	Yellow	TX+	Serial Transmit data output in EIA232 Mode and TX+ data output in EIA422 mode.
5	Green	TX-	Serial Transmit data output TX- in EIA422 mode. Not used in EIA232 mode.
6	Blue	RX+	Serial Receive data input in EIA232 Mode and TX+ data output in EIA422 mode.
7	Violet	RX-	Serial Receive data input RX- in EIA422 mode. Not used in EIA232 mode.
8	Gray	URX	3.3V LVTTTL UART Serial Data Input.
9	White	GND	Ground connection. See the description for Pin #2.
10	Black	232	Force Single Ended Serial mode. When this pin is connected to GND the TSM will start in EIA232 or LVTTTL-UART mode with the settings of 115200,8,N,1 regardless of the software settings of the instrument.

Table 3-1. LI-560 socket descriptions and wire colors. (...continued)

Pin #	Wire Color	Signal Name	Description
11	Light Green	UTX	3.3V LVTTTL-UART Serial Data Output.
12	Pink	GND	Ground connection. See the description for Pin #2.

## Connecting the LI-560 to the USB interface adapter

**Note:** The USB adapter is for scientific research and development use only. Do not use the USB adapter in wet locations.

The single-terminated blunt-cut cable is to connect the LI-560 to the USB adapter. Separate the yellow, blue, red, black, and brown wires from the bundle and strip 3 mm of insulation from the ends of each wire.

Open the adapter case and insert the wires into the terminal block holes as shown in Figure 3-2. The wire colors do not correspond to the color labels, if present.

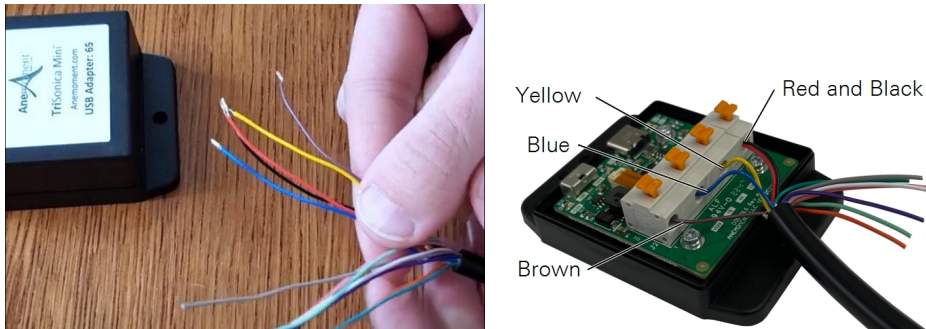


Figure 3-2. Separate the wire leads from the cable and connect to the USB adapter.

Table 3-2. LI-560-to-USB adapter wire colors and assignments.

Color	Description
Brown	Power In (+5 to 30 VDC)
Blue	RS-232 TX+ (serial data out)
Yellow	RS-232 RX+ (serial data in)
Red and Black	Ground and Serial Return.

**Note:** The cable contains 12 wires to accommodate the multi-protocol capable LI-560. Therefore, these color assignments do not match the labels, if present.



A video demonstrating this connection is available at [licor.com/env/support/LI-560/videos.html](http://licor.com/env/support/LI-560/videos.html).

## Section 4.

# Connecting to the anemometer

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This section describes how to connect the LI-560 and what to expect after connecting.

## Serial communication settings

The LI-560 starts generating data about one second after power up, and outputs data continuously when in sampling mode. With the LI-560 connected to a computer by the USB adapter or similar device that supplies power to the LI-560 and allows data pass-through, the serial data stream from the LI-560 can be viewed with the TriSonica application or a terminal emulator.

- Baud Rate: 115,200
- Data Bits: 8
- Parity: None
- Stop Bits: 1

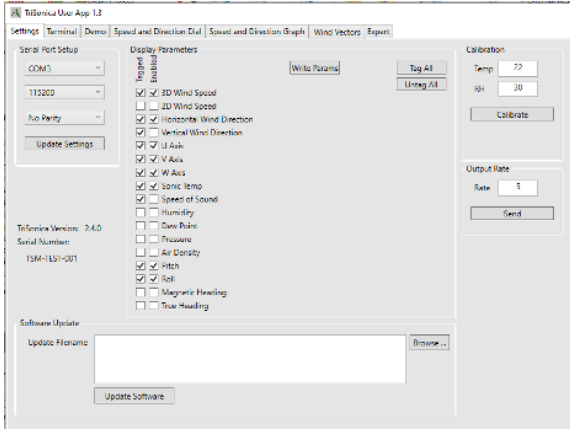
## Connecting with the TriSonica application

**Note:** This software application is not suitable for data logging functions.

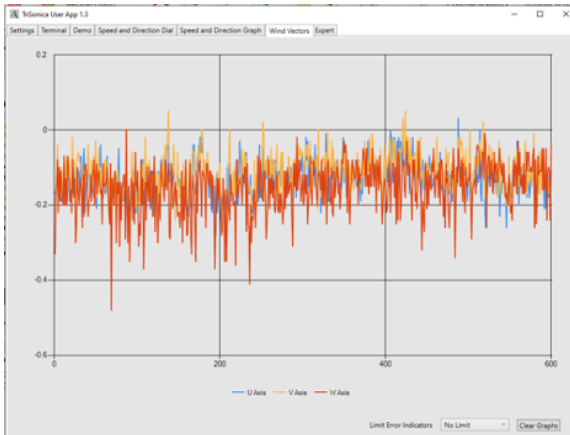
To connect using the TriSonica application:

- 1** Connect the data and power cables and power on the anemometer.  
See *Connecting the power and data cable* on page 3-1.
- 2** Launch the TriSonica application.  
Download from [licor.com/env/support/LI-550/software.html](http://licor.com/env/support/LI-550/software.html).
- 3** Select the serial port that is used for the USB-to-serial adapter.

All active ports will be presented in the drop-down list (you can guess which one or find it in your computer's Device Manager). In the example, it is COM3. The software will attempt to connect immediately after selecting the port.



When connected, you'll see the data stream into the **Terminal** tab. If display parameters have been set, you can view plots under the other tabs as well: **Demo**, **Speed and Direction Dial**, **Speed and Direction Graphs**, **Speed and Direction Graphs**, and **Wind Vectors**.



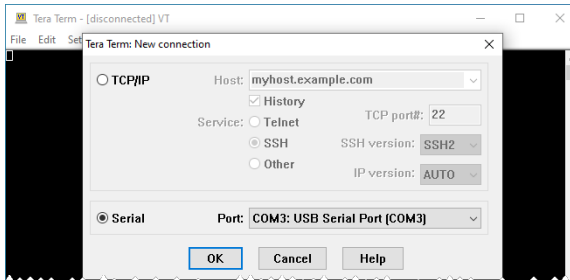
Connection error or no data? See *Troubleshooting* on page 7-1 for help connecting.



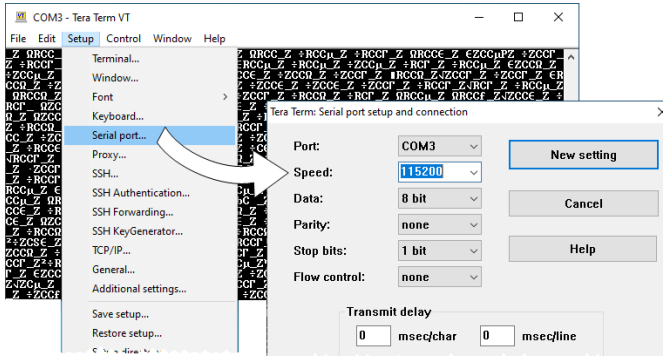
## Connecting with a terminal emulator

To connect using Tera Term:

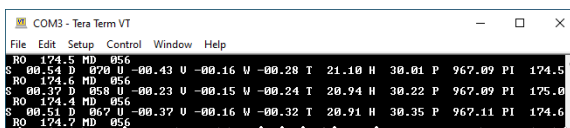
- 1 Connect the data and power cables and power on the anemometer.  
See *Connecting the power and data cable* on page 3-1.
- 2 In Tera Term, start a **New connection**, select **Serial** as the connection type, select the **Port** used by the USB-to-serial adapter, and click **OK**.



If the default baud rate of the terminal is incorrect, data will appear as non alphanumeric characters. To resolve the issue, change the serial port baud rate to 115200 under **Setup > Serial port**.



- 3 Data will stream into the Terminal interface.



Connection error, no data, or nonsense data? See *Connection issues, no serial data, or the connection fails* on page 7-3 for help connecting.

## Connecting to the LI-570 Data Logger

When the LI-560 is connected to the LI-570 Data Logger, you can configure it through the data logger. In this case, communication is mediated by the logger. Some minor differences may be apparent. See the LI-570 instructions for details.

## Configuration options

After connecting with either the TriSonica application or a terminal program, you can configure the anemometer in three ways:

### TriSonica Application

In the TriSonica application **Settings** tab, some configuration options are available, and are selected by checking the appropriate box (see *Connecting with the TriSonica application* on page 4-1).

### Menu interface

In a terminal program or the TriSonica application **Terminal** tab, press `ESC` to view the menu (see *Configuring with the menu interface* on page 5-1).

- Press `x` to discard changes and return to sampling mode.
- Press `0` (zero) to store changes and return to sampling mode.

### Command-line interface

In a terminal program or the TriSonica application **Terminal** tab, press `Ctrl + C` to enter the command-line interface (see *Configuring with the command-line interface* on page 6-1).

- Type `help` to view the command-line help menu.
- Type `exit` to return to sampling mode.

## Serial data format

The LI-560 outputs data in an ASCII character string ending with carriage return and line feed characters. Each line is a single record of all the measured parameters contained in a single sample.

**Note:** Although you can configure which measurements appear in the data string, the order in which the measurement data appears is not customizable.

The parameters on an output line are separated by two spaces, or by a single space and a negative sign. You can use optional data tags to indicate the measurement associated with the value; the tags can be turned on or off for each individual type measurement. For more about tags, see *Basic mode commands* on page 6-2.

### Parameters

The variables measured by the LI-560, default units, and default tags are listed in *Table 4-1* below. Units and tags are user-configurable (see *Data output setup* on page 5-2).

Table 4-1. Variables measured by the LI-560, as well as default tags and units. Tags are user-configurable and units are user-selectable.

Variable	Default Tag	Default Units	Optional Units
Wind Speed	S	m/s	mps, kph, mph, fps, or kts
2D Wind Speed	S2	m/s	mps, kph, mph, fps, or kts
Horizontal Wind Direction	D	degrees	
Vertical Wind Direction	DV	degrees	
U Vector	U		
V Vector	V		
W Vector	W		
Speed of Sound	C		
Temperature	T	°C	°F
Accelerometer X	AX		
Accelerometer Y	AY		
Accelerometer Z	AZ		
Pitch Angle	PI	degrees	
Roll Angle	RO	degrees	

## Custom tags

*Listing 4-1* below gives an example of a data stream without tags. In this example, the columns are wind speed, wind direction, U vector, V vector, W vector, and temperature.

*Listing 4-1. A sample of the output without tags.*

```
05.2 112 -01.9 04.7 01.1 22.6
05.3 107 -01.5 04.9 01.3 22.2
```

*Listing 4-2* below gives an example of a data stream with tags. The data labels are **S** = wind speed; **D** = wind direction; **U** = U-vector; **V** = V-vector; **W** = W-vector; **T** = temperature.

*Listing 4-2. A sample of the output data with tags.*

```
S 05.2 D 112 U -01.9 V 04.7 W 01.1 T 22.6
S 05.3 D 107 U -01.5 V 04.9 W 01.3 T 22.2
```

## Custom delimiters

The delimiters for the tags and parameters are customizable. In this example, a colon is used after the tags in place of the space and a comma is added after the measurement value. The default delimiters for both the tag and parameter name are a space character. Details on how to use this feature are given with the `paramdelim` and `tagdelim` commands.

*Listing 4-3. Example of custom delimiters.*

```
S:05.2,D:112,U:-01.9,V:04.7,W:01.1,T:22.6
S:05.3,D:107,U:-01.5,V:04.9,W:01.3,T:22.2
```

## Error codes

When the anemometer firmware detects an error, it outputs an error code in the data stream in all the affected parameters. All error codes appear as `-99.xx`. The decimal value of the error code varies with the error type.

See *Troubleshooting* on page 7-1 for help with error codes.

## Section 5.

# Configuring with the menu interface

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This section describes how to communicate with the LI-560, how to define which variables appear, how variables are labeled, and how often data packets arrive. The serial connection (See *Connecting to the anemometer* on page 4-1) allows you to interact with the anemometer in several ways. The choice of method is largely up to you, though some advanced settings are only available through expert mode of the command-line interface. The options are:

- *Main menu* below
- *Configuring with the command-line interface* on page 6-1
- *Application programming interface* on page 6-11

## Main menu

After connecting (see *Connecting to the anemometer* on page 4-1) and entering a terminal display, press `ESC` to bring up the **Main Menu**.

```
Main Menu:
A. Serial Setup
B. Data Output Setup
C. Instrument Setup
D. Calibration
E. Diagnostic
G. Instrument Reset
W. Enter Command Line
X. Exit Without Storing Changes
0. Exit
Choice: █
```

**Note:** Not all settings are accessible from this menu (see *Configuring with the command-line interface* on page 6-1).

If the menu has been inactive for one minute, the sensor returns to sampling mode and changes are not stored in the non-volatile memory. Press a key to stay in menu mode.

## Serial setup

From the main menu, press **A** to enter the serial setup menu where you can configure the baud rate, parity, and serial protocol.

```

Serial Menu:
Changes apply after exiting the main menu.
A. Baud Rate .. < 115200 >
B. Parity ..... < None >
C. Protocol ... < EIA232 >
0. Return to Main Menu
Choice: █
    
```

Menu Option	Description
Baud Rate	Press <b>A</b> to toggle between the available baud rates.
Parity	Press <b>B</b> to toggle the parity settings.
Protocol	Press <b>C</b> to toggle the serial protocol settings.

## Data output setup

From the main menu, press **B** for a list of output parameters, indicating whether they are enabled, how many decimals are displayed, the units for the parameters, and the data tag. See *Table 4-1* on page 4-5 for a list of parameters available from the LI-560.

From this menu, press the letter key to access submenus that control the parameter. Most menu present options that can be toggled by pressing the corresponding letter key.

## Instrument setup

From the main menu, press **C** to set the data output rate, orientation, and trigger parameters.

Menu Option	Description
Data Output Rate (Hz)	Opens a menu to set the output rate. Options include 10 Hz, 5 Hz, 2 Hz, 1 Hz, 2 seconds, 5 seconds, and 10 seconds.

Menu Option	Description
OrientUV	Toggles between standard, OTSM, and ATI. See <i>orientuv</i> on page 6-9.
Trigger	Toggles between internal, external, and synchronizing.

## Calibration

From the main menu, press **D** to start calibration of wind and level.

Menu Option	Description
Wind Sensor	Calibrates wind measurements. See <i>Calibration and maintenance</i> on page 8-1.
Level	Calibrates the level. See <i>Level calibration</i> on page 8-2.

## Diagnostic

From the main menu, press **E** to run built-in diagnostics and display the results. If everything is as expected, the device responds with `No Problems Found`. If issues are detected, the device will deliver a more specific message with guidance to solve the problem (e.g., `Check for blockage on Transducer 1`).

## Instrument reset

From the main menu, press **G** to reset the instrument, clearing all volatile memory, restoring to all settings to previously saved settings.

## Enter command line

From the main menu, press **W** to enter the command-line mode. Previous changes are not saved when you enter command-line mode. See *Configuring with the command-line interface* on page 6-1 for details.

## Exit without storing changes

From the main menu, press **X** to apply the changes temporarily and exit the menu. Changes made up to this point *are not* stored in the non-volatile memory and will be lost when the instrument is restarted.

## Exit

From the main menu, press 0 (zero) to *exit the menu and store changes* in non-volatile memory. Changes made up to this point *are* retained even after a system reset or restart.



## Section 6.

# Configuring with the command-line interface

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The command-line interface is a simple way to access all of the functions available in the anemometer, starting with important information about how you save changes to the anemometer configuration.

## Applying configuration changes

Each time the LI-560 TriSonica Sphere is powered up, it gets a copy of configuration parameters from non-volatile memory (Flash) and places it in temporary volatile memory (RAM) for operational access.

When you make changes to parameters using the serial menu or command-line, the changed parameters are updated in the temporary volatile memory, but they are not updated in the non-volatile memory. This means these changes are lost when the unit restarts, because the LI-560 replaces the parameters in the volatile memory with a fresh copy of the parameters saved in the non-volatile memory.

If you do not want the changes to be lost, copy the parameter changes saved in volatile memory to the non-volatile memory using the `nvwrite` command. The changes will then be remembered during a restart.

## Restoring default settings

If, after making changes to non-volatile memory, you want to restore the permanently saved parameters to their original default values, this can be done by using the command `factoryrestore YES` in the expert menu mode.

## Basic mode commands

After connecting with either a terminal program or the TriSonica application (select the Terminal tab), press `Ctrl + C` to enter command-line interface (CLI) mode. The LI-560 will stop sampling and provide a prompt: `>`. If no input is given within one minute, the LI-560 returns to sampling mode and changes are not saved in non-volatile memory.

Details of all available commands and their parameters are accessed within the command-line interface by typing `help` at the prompt.

**Note:** The LI-560 command-line interface is self-documented. The detailed help for each command may differ from what appears in the following sections. You can download the current firmware release notes at [licor.com/env/support/LI-560/software.html](http://licor.com/env/support/LI-560/software.html).

### help

Displays a list of command-line interface commands. The command `help` followed by the name of another command displays detailed help for that command (e.g., `help baudrate`).

Table 6-1. The `help` command.

Command	Description
<code>help</code>	Displays commands available in the command-line interface.
<code>command</code>	e.g., <code>help baudrate</code>

### exit

Type `exit` to leave the command-line interface and return to sampling mode.

Command	Description
<code>exit</code>	Leaves the command-line interface and returns to sampling mode.

### baudrate

Shows or sets the current baud rate. Type the word `baudrate` followed by the desired rate (must be a valid baud rate of 9600, 19200, 38400, 57600, 115200, 230400) and press return. Add the word `now` to change the baud rate immediately.

Otherwise, the baud rate is placed in memory to be written to non-volatile memory using the `nvwrite` command and used on the next reset.

**Note:** In order for the LI-550 or LI-560 to communicate with the terminal program, the baud rate (and parity) for both needs to match. Changing the baud rate (or the parity) in the anemometer memory (whether volatile or non-volatile) does not change the baud rate (or parity) in the terminal program. If you choose to change the baud rate (or parity) in the LI-550 or LI-560, be sure to make a matching change in the Terminal Program's settings.

## calibrate

To calibrate the precise length of the acoustic path between pairs of transducers. This length is a defining component in the detection and calculation of wind speed and direction. Actual air temperature is included in the calculation of the acoustic path length. The subcommand allows you to input a specific value for this variable.

You can calibrate the LI-560 to local conditions or test conditions using the `calibrate` command by following steps in *User calibration* on page 8-1.

Command	Description
<code>calibrate</code>	When sent with a parameter, initiates the calibration.
<code>temp</code>	Temperature in Celsius inside the calibration chamber.

## decimals

Set the number of decimals places of a display parameter or a group of parameters. Enter `decimals` to view a list of the current settings and parameters that can be changed. Enter `decimals` followed by the `parameter` and the number of digits after the decimal. You can use the name of a single parameter or a group as listed by the `decimals` or `display` command. The `parameter` is case sensitive. For example, to set wind speed to three decimals, send `decimals S 3`.

## diagnostic

Type `diagnostic` to for a report on problems found with the anemometer. Type `diagnostic details` for a more detailed diagnostic output. Enter `diagnostic clear` to clear the error counts displayed in the details parameter.

## display

Shows the current display mode settings. The `display` command shows a table indicating the name and description of each parameter available, whether it is tagged or not, what the tag value is, how many decimals are displayed, whether the signal is enabled to be added to the serial output string, and the units for each measurement. See *Table 4-1* on page 4-5 for a full list of parameters, tags, and units.

```
> display
Display Value List:
```

Name	Description	Tagged	Tag	Decimals	Enabled	Units
S	Wind Speed 3D		S	1	Yes	m/s
S2D	Wind Speed 2D		S2D	1		m/s
D	Horiz Wind Direction		D		Yes	Degrees
DU	Vert Wind Direction		DU			Degrees
U	U Vector		U	1	Yes	m/s
U	U Vector		U	1	Yes	m/s
W	W Vector		W	1	Yes	m/s
T	Temperature		T		Yes	C
Cs	Speed of Sound		C	1		m/s

Figure 6-1. Display command output module.

## expert

Type `expert enable` to access advanced menus, as described in *Expert mode commands* on page 6-8. Type `expert disable` to return to normal mode.

## hide

Similar to the `show`, `tag`, `untag`, and `decimals` commands, the `hide` command is to view a list of display parameters or groups available to be hidden. It also provides a list of all values currently being displayed. When used with a parameter, the `hide` command removes that parameter from the list of displayed variables.

The `parameter` can be the name of a single parameter or a group as listed by the `show` or `display` command. The `parameter` is case sensitive.

- **Example:** `hide IDTag`
- **Reply:** None; removes the IDTag from the data stream.

## levelcalibrate

To calibrate the level while on a known level surface. Place the anemometer upright on a level horizontal surface. Enter `levelcalibrate YES` to execute the command. Do not disturb the unit during calibration. If the device detects that it is too far

from level, it will automatically cancel the calibration. See *Level calibration* on page 8-2 for more details.

## nvwrite

Writes parameter data to non-volatile memory. Writes to flash memory to preserve the configuration during power down. See *Applying configuration changes* on page 6-1 for more details.

## outputrate

Type `outputrate` to view the current setting. Enter `outputrate` followed by the desired rate to set the parameter. For example `outputrate 5` will set the rate to 5 Hz.

## parity

Show or set the current parity setting. Parity can be applied immediately or written to flash for the next reset. Options include odd, even, and none. Append the command with `now` to apply the change immediately. Otherwise, the setting is placed in memory to be written to non-volatile memory using the `nvwrite` command and used on the next reset.

**Note:** In order for the LI-550 or LI-560 to communicate with the terminal program, the baud rate (and parity) for both needs to match. Changing the baud rate (or the parity) in the anemometer memory (whether volatile or non-volatile) does not change the baud rate (or parity) in the terminal program. If you choose to change the baud rate (or parity) in the LI-550 or LI-560, be sure to make a matching change in the Terminal Program's settings.

## programupdate

Puts the LI-560 into update mode. In update mode, you can update the program, using a serial terminal emulation program such as Tera Term, using the YModem protocol. See *Firmware updates* on page 8-2.

## show

Similar to the `hide`, `tag`, `untag`, and `decimals` commands, the `show` command is to view a list of display parameters or groups available to be shown. When used with

a parameter, the `show` command adds that parameter to the list of displayed variables. The `parameter` can be the name of a single parameter or a group as listed by the `show` or `display` command. The `parameter` is case sensitive.

- **Example:** `show IDTag`
- **Reply:** None; adds the IDTag to the data stream.

## systemreset

Enter `systemreset` followed by return to immediately reset the device.

## tag

Similar to the `hide`, `show`, `untag`, and `decimals` commands, the `tag` command is to view and set the ID tags applied to a parameter or group of parameters. When used with a parameter, the `tag` command adds that parameter to the list of displayed variables. The `parameter` can be the name of a single parameter or a group as listed by the `show` or `display` command. The `parameter` is case sensitive.

## triggertype

Set or get the sampling trigger type.

## trisonicaid

Enter `trisonicaid` to view the current ID setting. Enter `trisonicaid 001` to set the ID to 001, for example. Enter `trisonicaid clear` to remove the ID. The `trisonicaid` may be up to 40 characters in length to accommodate a UUID.

## units

The command sets or displays the units value for all adjustable parameters. Enter `units` to view the units for measurements. The units menu displays variable names, descriptions, and the units that are currently in use. See *Table 4-1* on page 4-5 for a full list of parameters and units available.

To apply international (si) units, enter `units si`. To change units for a parameter, enter `units` followed by the name, followed by the new units. Units can be set for a single parameter or a family of units. The `parameters` are case sensitive.

Command	Description
units	Displays and configures the units
si	Set all parameters to default metric units (m/s, C, hPa, kg/m <sup>3</sup> )
sae	Set all parameters to the sae units (mph, F, psi, lb/ft <sup>3</sup> )
velocity	Units for velocity (mps, kph, mph, fps, or kts)
temperature	Units for temperature (C and F)

## untag

Similar to the `hide`, `show`, `untag`, and `decimals` commands, the `untag` command is to view a list of display parameters or groups that can be untagged. Enter `untag` to view a list of all available parameters that can have the tag removed from the display output. Enter `untag` followed by a parameter to remove the tag from a display parameter or a group of parameters.

The `parameter` can be the name of a single parameter or a group as listed by the `show` or `display` command. The `parameter` is case sensitive.

## version

Type `version` to see the firmware version, serial number, and other details.

## wd540

Type `wd540` to view the current settings. Type `wd540 enable` to apply the 540° mode; Type `wd540 disable` to return to normal 0 - 360° mode.

The LI-560 default horizontal wind direction parameter reports wind direction as 0 to 360 degrees. If you want to display horizontal wind direction data on a time-series graph, horizontal wind that is approaching the anemometer from near north (0/360) appear as large directional changes rather than gradual changes.

To avoid this display issue, apply the wind direction scale command (`wd540`) parameter. This prevents the graph from showing large directional shifts when crossing 359° to 0°. When the `wd540` parameter is applied, the firmware recognizes two representations of 360 degrees: a 0-to-360-mode, and a 180-to-540-mode. The anemometer begins in the 0-to-360-mode. When the wind direction crosses 360 or 0 degrees, the firmware shifts to 180-to-540 mode. The anemometer stays in the 180-to-540 mode until the wind direction again crosses either 180 or 540, which causes the anemometer to return to 0-to-360-mode.

## Expert mode commands

When expert mode is enabled, additional commands are present in the help menu. These commands enable more advanced settings and configurations that may be outside of the normal operating settings. We recommended that you understand the effects of these commands before use. Changes made in expert mode are stored as described in *Applying configuration changes* on page 6-1.

### averagesize

Set or show the size of the average of samples.

This command specifies the number of internal samples to average before generating an output. When combined with the `samplerate` command, it affects the output data rate. For simplicity, it is better to use the `outputrate` command in the basic menu.

- **Example:** `averagesize 8`
- **Reply:** None. Set the number of samples to be averaged to 8.

### distance

Set or show the distance between transducers. This is one of the settings that is changed during a calibration. We do not recommend altering this setting. If you enter a value as a single number, it will be applied to all four distances. If you enter four values, they will be applied respectively to the four distance values. The designed mechanical distance between transducers on an LI-560 is 0.060 meters. See *User calibration* on page 8-1 for more information.

- **Example:** `distance`
- **Reply:** Distances for four paths.

The offset is also set during factory calibration. All four should be close to zero. Similar to distance, if you enter one number, it is applied to all four paths. If you enter four numbers, they will be applied separately to each path.

### factoryrestore

Returns the instrument to the factory default settings. Enter `factoryrestore YES` and press return to apply the changes immediately.



## offset

Set or show the offset values for all paths. These are calibration factors set during the calibration cycle. If you enter the value as a single number, it will be applied to all four distances. If you enter four values, they will be applied respectively to the four distance values. The offset value compensates for variations in manufacturing.

## orientuv

Set or view the UV wind vector output coordinate system. Options are **std**, **ati**, **otsm**.

**Note:** There are different possible definitions for the meanings of the U and V axes. The **std** setting defines positive U as being from the west, and positive V as being from the south. This is the default output coordinate system. The **ati** setting defines the positive U as being from the north, and positive V as being from the west. The **otsm** setting matches the original TriSonica Mini output definition of positive U as being from the north, and positive V as being from the east.

## paramdelim

Gets or sets the parameter delimiter for all display parameters. The measurement delimiter is a single character displayed immediately after the parameter value is displayed. This value is controlled by the `paramdelim` command. The default delimiter is a space character.

## protocol

Show or set the current serial protocol setting. This is the software command to select between EIA232 and EIA422 modes. The `now` parameter makes the change immediately, otherwise the setting is placed in memory to be written to non-volatile memory using the `nvwrite` command and used on the next reset.

## samplerate

Set or get the internal sample frequency. This command changes the internal sampling rate. When combined with the `averagesize` command, it affects the output data rate. For simplicity, it is better to use the `outputrate` command in the basic menu.

## shadowcorrect

Enable or disable the shadow correction calculations of the LI-560. `1` = enable, `0` = disable. We recommend that you keep the correction enabled. It is enabled by default.

## tagdelim

Gets or sets the tag delimiter for all display parameters. The tag delimiter is a single character displayed immediately after the parameter tag and is controlled by the `tagdelim` command. The default delimiter is a space character.

## tagid

Set the tag id to `id` in the specified parameter `param`. The new `id` for the display value of the `parameter`. The `id` can be a maximum of 8 characters.

## triggertype

Triggering can be internal or external and can be adjusted to trigger on the rising or falling edge of the external signal. Use the `triggertype` command and the parameters `posedge` and `negedge` to make this selection. Three trigger modes are available.

Trigger	Description
Internal Trigger	The LI-560 uses its own internal timer for sample triggering and runs asynchronous to other instruments.
External Trigger	When an external trigger is received, the LI-560 takes the number of samples specified in the <code>averagesize</code> command at the configured <code>samplerate</code> . When this sampling is complete, the output is generated and transferred over the serial port. The LI-560 then waits until the next trigger before sampling again. If the trigger is too fast to complete all the samples, the LI-560 will shorten the number of samples taken to maintain the external trigger rate.
Sync	The sync trigger mode adjusts the internal trigger sampling to align with the sync trigger, otherwise the LI-560 operates on its internal trigger. For instance, this is useful for aligning samples to a GPS pulse-per-second clock so multiple instruments can trigger simultaneously without being connected to the same trigger. Sync pulses can have a very long time between pulses.

## Application programming interface

The LI-560 provides an Application Programming Interface (API), which is a method to simplify computer command automation. It is a variation on the command-line interface and uses the same commands as the command-line interface. The API commands are sent to the LI-560 during sampling mode. The command is enclosed in curly braces `{` and `}` without a carriage return or line feed character. One command per set of curly braces is allowed. The open curly brace `{` instructs the LI-560 that a API command is starting, and the close curly brace `}` indicates the end of the command. When the close curly brace `}` is received, the command is executed and the results returned within the curly braces.

**Note:** This is not compatible with the JSON protocol.



# Section 7.

## Troubleshooting

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### The sensor seems unresponsive

- **Can you hear the transducers?**


In a quiet room, hold the LI-560 close to your ear and listen for a faint clicking sound. Absence of sound alone is not an indicator of an issue because differences in auditory sensitivity and background noise may make the sound difficult to hear. However, if you hear the clicking sound, the anemometer is working correctly. If you *do not* hear a sound, continue with the next steps.

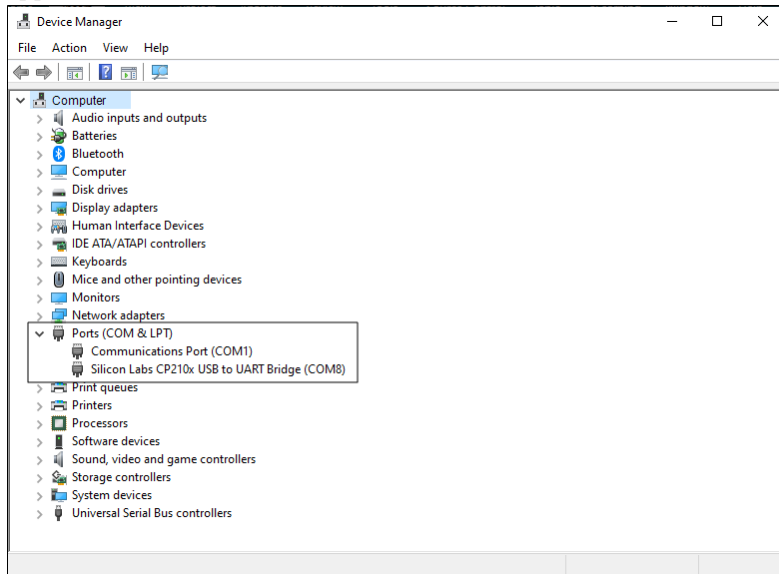
- **Is the power supply working and wired correctly?**

Use a volt meter to measure power at the source and at any connections. The LI-560 requires 5 - 32 VDC (12 volts is ideal). Be sure the power supply wires are not shorted, and be sure that terminals are clamped onto wire rather than the insulation. See *Connecting the power and data cable* on page 3-1.

- **If using the USB adapter, is the USB port providing power?**

Remove the cover on the USB adapter. If it is plugged in to a powered USB port, two LEDs on the board will be illuminated, indicating power in and power out. (If desired, use a volt meter to measure voltage at the terminal connection. The USB adapter should be receiving around 5 volts from the power supply and delivering around 12 ( $\pm 0.75$ ) volts to the anemometer.) Be sure that terminals are clamped onto wire rather than the insulation.

- **Are the RX and TX data wires connected correctly?**  
Be sure that there are no shorted contacts and that the data connections are correct. Be sure that terminals are clamped onto wire rather than the insulation. See *Connecting the power and data cable* on page 3-1.
- **Correct COM port assigned to the USB adapter?**  
To find the serial port number, open the Device Manager (press the Windows key , type **Device Manager**, then press **Enter**). Click **Ports (COM & LPT)**. Look for **USB Serial Port (COM#)**. Your serial port number is indicated by the number. The COM port must be the same as the one selected in the TriSonica application.



- **Data visible in a terminal program?**  
The presence of data indicates that the anemometer is working properly. See *Serial communication settings* on page 4-1 for details.

If you've followed these steps and you are unable to view data, contact us at [envsupport@licor.com](mailto:envsupport@licor.com) for further steps.


## Connection issues, no serial data, or the connection fails

If you are unable to connect to the device, stream data, or if you experience connection failures:

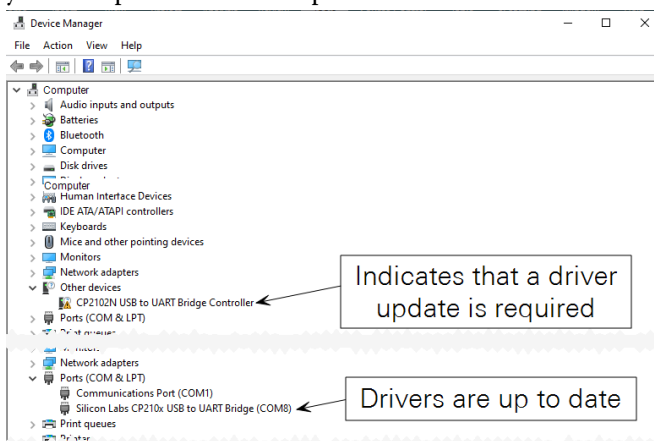
- **Are the RX and TX data wires connected correctly?**

Be sure that there are no shorted contacts and that the data connections are correct. Be sure that the RX and TX wires are not swapped. Check that the terminals are clamped onto wire rather than the insulation. See *Connecting the power and data cable* on page 3-1.

- **Correct device drivers?**

Sometimes the Windows Operating System does not have the necessary device driver. To check, open your **Device Manager** (press the Windows key , type **Device Manager**, then press Enter).

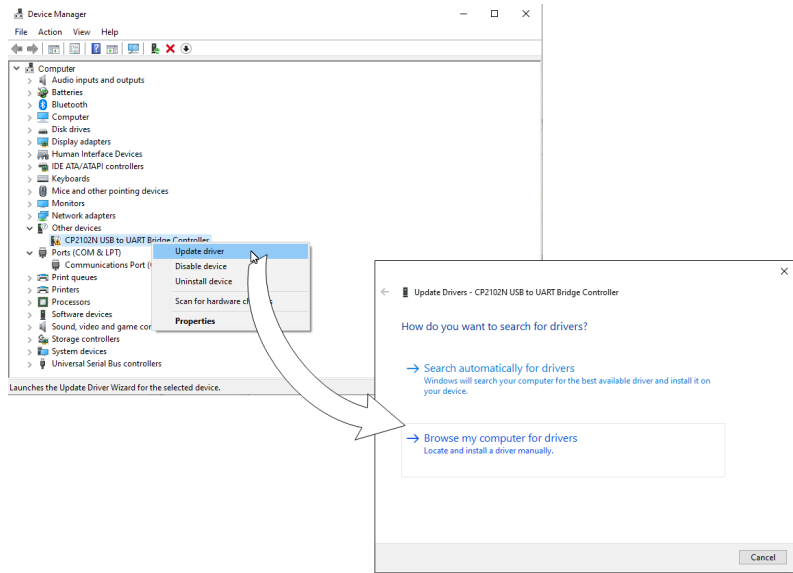
- If you see **Silicon Labs CP210x USB to UART Bridge Controller** under **Ports (COM & LPT)**, your driver is current.
- If you see **CP2102N USB to UART Bridge Controller** under **Other devices**, your computer needs the updated driver.



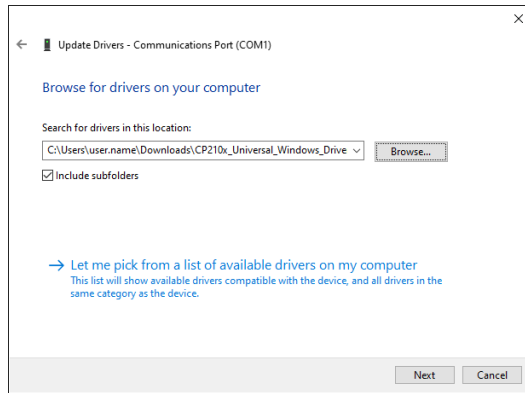
To update the driver:

- Go to [silabs.com/developers/usb-to-uart-bridge-vcv-drivers](http://silabs.com/developers/usb-to-uart-bridge-vcv-drivers) and download the file called CP210x Universal Windows Driver.
- Extract files from the compressed folder; save them to your downloads folder.

- C** From the Device Manager, right click CP2102N USB to UART Bridge Controller, select Update Driver, and then select Browse my computer for drivers.



- D** Select the folder that has the extracted driver files and click through the prompts.



Your computer will install drivers and the USB adapter will be moved to the list of Ports (COM & LPT), and be assigned a COM port number. Now you should be able to connect using the assigned COM port number.

If you've followed these steps and you are unable to connect, contact us at [envsupport@licor.com](mailto:envsupport@licor.com) for further steps.



## Unexpected readings or errors

Unexpected readings and errors may indicate a wiring or configuration issue.

- **Unexpected offsets in tilt reading?**

Check the calibration of the digital level. If multiple anemometers are used together, calibrate them together to achieve consistency between them. See *User calibration* on page 8-1 for details on these procedures.

- **Temperature data noticeably different from expected?**

If the LI-560 sensor has been dropped or knocked about, or has become skewed during installation, the distance between transducers may have changed slightly from what was calibrated at the factory. Re-calibrate your sensor to the new distances by following the instructions *User calibration* on page 8-1.

- **Blocked sonic path (values of -99.xx in the data stream)?**

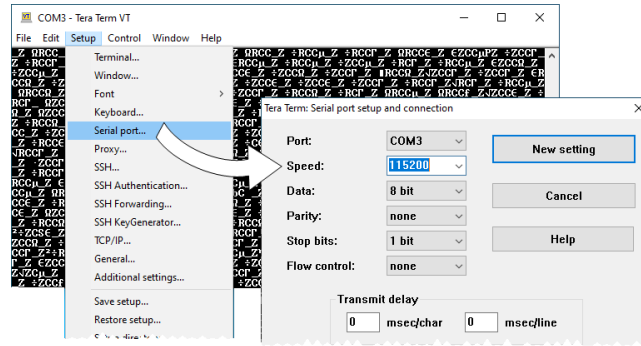
If one or more paths between transducers is blocked, the anemometer will report an error message. Ice, snow, or some other physical material is preventing the ultrasonic signal reception. Clearing the blockage returns the unit to normal operation. Use the `diagnostic` command to get information about the error (see *Diagnostic* on page 5-3 for more details).

- **Calibration returning unreasonable values?**

If the values of wind speed or temperature are very different from the values entered into the `calibrate` command, it is possible that the current distance and offset values are outside the allowable range for the calibration algorithm. Enter **expert mode** and set the distance of all paths to 0.060 with the command `distance 0.060` and the offset to zero with `offset 0`. Then try the `calibrate` command.

- **Correct serial port settings?**

Check the baud rate and parity settings on the receiving unit or computer. The LI-560 default transmission settings are Baud Rate: 115,200, Data Bits: 8, Parity: None, Stop Bits: 1. In Tera Term, the serial connection settings are configured under **Setup > Serial port**.



- **Is the power supply working and wired correctly?**

If the data still do not make sense or are all 99s, check the power supply and receiving unit (e.g., data logger) to make sure there is a ground connection between the power supply, the serial port receiving data, and the LI-560.

- **Power supply transient or variation?**

On rare occasions, a large deviation in the power supply voltage can lead to unexpected performance. Restart the device to resolve the issue.

If you've followed these steps and you are still observing errors, contact us at [envsupport@licor.com](mailto:envsupport@licor.com) for further steps.

## Section 8.

# Calibration and maintenance

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The LI-560 requires very little maintenance. The sensor can be user-calibrated, as described below. The firmware can be updated as well.

## User calibration

Every LI-560 is tested and calibrated prior to shipping.

However, you can re-calibrate the sensor to acclimate to unique use cases or local conditions by following these directions.

### Anemometer calibration

Place the LI-560 inside a small container to reduce the airflow to as close to zero as possible. Care must be taken to eliminate acoustic reflections from hard sides and to not block the acoustic pathways. There should be some sound absorbing material on any flat walls that could reflect sound back towards the LI-560. A small box with acoustic absorption foam is ideal. However, in a pinch you can successfully calibrate a LI-560 by loosely wrapping a coat or towel around it. The main thing is to *provide a zero-wind environment*, and to know the temperature, and ideally the humidity, of the air volume where the LI-560 is enclosed.

At the command line interface, type `calibrate <temp> [<rh>]` where `<temp>` = xx.x in °C temperature and `<rh>` = xx.x in % relative humidity. If humidity is not supplied, then 50% is assumed.

- **Example:** Sending `calibrate 32 25` will adjust the temperature measurement to read 32 °C and the relative humidity measurement to read 25%.
- **Example:** Send `calibrate 32` to adjust the temperature measurement to read 32 °C and adjust the relative humidity to an assumed value of 50%.

The calibration cycle takes ten seconds. You will see dots printed on the serial console indicating progress, and the serial prompt will return when the calibration is completed. Enter `nvwrite` to store the new calibration values in non-volatile memory.

## Level calibration

The calibration function of the level is simply an offset adjustment for the accelerometer inside the LI-560. Place the LI-560 on a known upright pole so that the shaft of the LI-560 is perfectly vertical. With the LI-560 in this known level configuration execute the `levelcalibrate` command. Enter `nvwrite` to store the values in non-volatile memory.

## Recovering from a bad calibration

If, after calibrating, the readings are not correct, reset the instrument to factory defaults in **Expert mode**, then try to calibrate again. Be sure to exit expert mode before storing the new calibration to non-volatile memory using `nvwrite`.

# Firmware updates

Firmware updates will include bug fixes and feature improvements.

## Updating firmware

You can download the latest firmware release at [licor.com/env/support/LI-560/software.html](http://licor.com/env/support/LI-560/software.html). Save the program to your computer. Connect the LI-560 to that computer. From this point, choose a method of command access (Tera Term is offered as the terminal emulator example):

Using the LI-560 application:

- 1** In the **Settings Tab** click **Browse...**
- 2** Navigate to the downloaded file.
- 3** Click **Update Software**.
- 4** The LI-560 updates and the new version number will register on screen.
- 5** Perform a user calibration (see *User calibration* on the previous page).

Using Tera Term (terminal emulator):

- 1 With the LI-560 connected and streaming data, press **CTRL+C**.
- 2 Type `programupdate YES`.
- 3 From the Tera Term menu select the following: **File > Transfer > YModem > Send**.
- 4 Select the file to upload and press **Enter**.
- 5 Perform a user calibration (see *User calibration* on page 8-1).

## Updating the bootloader

Two programs reside in the internal memory of the LI-560: the LI-560 application and a bootloader. During a reset or power on, the bootloader checks to determine if the LI-560 application is valid. If the sensor application is valid, the bootloader turns over control to the sensor application. If the sensor application is not valid, the bootloader shows a command line interface with a limited set of commands: `help`, `programupdate`, `systemreset`, and `factoryreset`. These commands perform the same functions described in *Configuring with the command-line interface* on page 6-1.

Follow these steps if you need to update the **Bootloader**:

- 1 Update the LI-560 application.
- 2 Enter the command line interface.
- 3 Enter the expert mode with the command `expert enable`.
- 4 Enter the command `bootloadupdate YES` to update the bootloader.

## Cleaning the sensor

To clean the LI-560, wipe with a clean lint-free cloth dampened with distilled water, then dry with a dry lint-free cloth.

Wipe gently to avoid removing or dislodging any of the sealants on the spherical arms or the assembly joints.



# Section 9.

## Specifications

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**Power Supply Voltage:** 5 - 32 VDC

**Power:** 600 mW (500mW typical)

**Operating Environment:**

**Altitude:** Up to 5000 meters

**Temperature:** -20 to 72 °C

**Relative Humidity:** 0 to 100% (non-condensing)

The 550USB is not rated for outdoor use.

**Transient Overvoltage:** Category I

**Temporary Overvoltage:** 40 V

**Pollution Tolerance:** Level 3 (enclosure must be intact)

**Sampling Frequency:** 100 Hz maximum

**Ultrasonic Frequency:** 60 kHz  $\pm$ 5 kHz

**Weight:** 225 grams

**Size:** 10.2 x 10.2 x 24.9 cm

**Digital Output:** RS-232, RS-422, UART-3V

**Output Rate:** 1 Hz, 2 Hz, 5 Hz, 10 Hz, 20 Hz, 25 Hz, 50 Hz, 100 Hz

**Wind Speed Measurements:**

**Range:** 0-50 m/s

**Resolution:** 0.01 m/s

**Accuracy:** (0-10 m/s):  $\pm$ 1%\*

**Accuracy:** (11-30 m/s):  $\pm$ 1%

**Accuracy:** (31-50 m/s):  $\pm$ 2%

*\*Averaged over 10 seconds*

**Wind Direction Measurements:**

**Range (u/v):** 0-359°

**Range (w):**  $\pm$ 60°

**Resolution:** 1.0°

**Accuracy:**  $\pm$ 1.0°

**Temperature Measurements:**

**Range:** -20 °C to 72 °C

**Resolution:** 0.01 °C

**Accuracy:**  $\pm 2.0$  °C

**Accelerometer:**

**Range (u, v, w):**  $\pm 2$  g

**Tilt (pitch, roll):**  $\pm 90^\circ$

*Specifications are subject to change without notice.*



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