

## ***Operator's Manual***



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# Instrument Overview

## Stripped-And-Tinned Option

Use the stripped-and-tinned RDO Blue in PLC-controlled monitoring systems.



## ***Twist-Lock Option***

The twist-lock RDO Blue works with any Bluetooth-enabled mobile device and the VuSitu mobile app.



**1**

### ***Twist-Lock Connector***

The Twist-lock connector allows your RDO Blue to communicate with the VuSitu mobile app. Just plug the connector into a TROLL Com Plus and launch VuSitu.

**2**

### ***Probe Body***

**3**

### ***RDO Nose Guard and Cap***

The removable nose guard protects the RDO cap during deployment. The RDO cap is replaceable.

## Applications



The RDO Blue is ideal for dissolved oxygen measurement in a variety of situations.



***General Aquaculture***



***Inland Pond Aquaculture***



***Recirculating Aquaculture Systems***

## Required Components (Stripped-and-Tinned Option)



### Probe

Stripped-and-tinned wires are ideal for integration with a PLC and monitoring network.



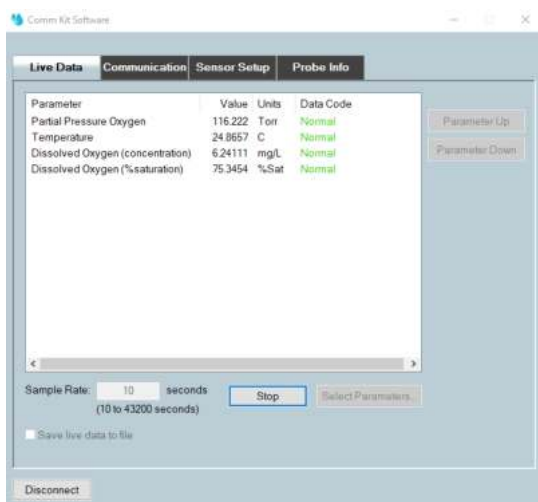
### PLC

The RDO Blue communicates via the Modbus protocol.



### Comm Kit

Connect your RDO Blue to Comm Kit for calibration and programming. Attach the probe's stripped-and-tinned wires to the Comm Kit. Plug the Comm Kit into your PC's USB port.



### Laptop with Comm Kit Software

Calibrate the RDO Blue and view live readings with Comm Kit software.

## Required Components (Twist-Lock Option)



You need these components to configure and deploy the RDO Blue.



### ***RDO Blue***

The RDO Blue's twist-lock connector attaches to a TROLL Com Plus for communication with a Bluetooth-enabled mobile device.



### ***TROLL Com Plus***

The TROLL Com Plus enables communication between the instrument and your mobile device.



### ***Bluetooth-Enabled Mobile Device with VuSitu***

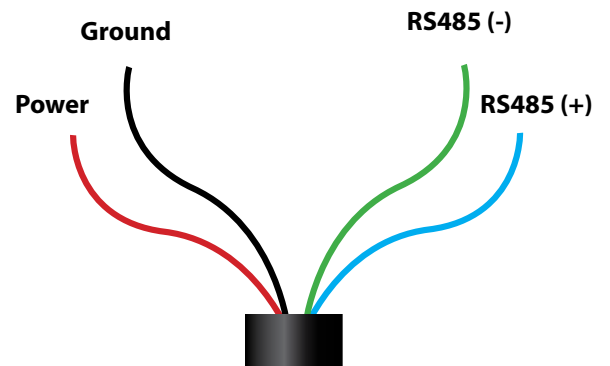
Install the VuSitu app on any Bluetooth-enabled mobile device. Calibrate, configure, and deploy the RDO Blue on Android or iOS.



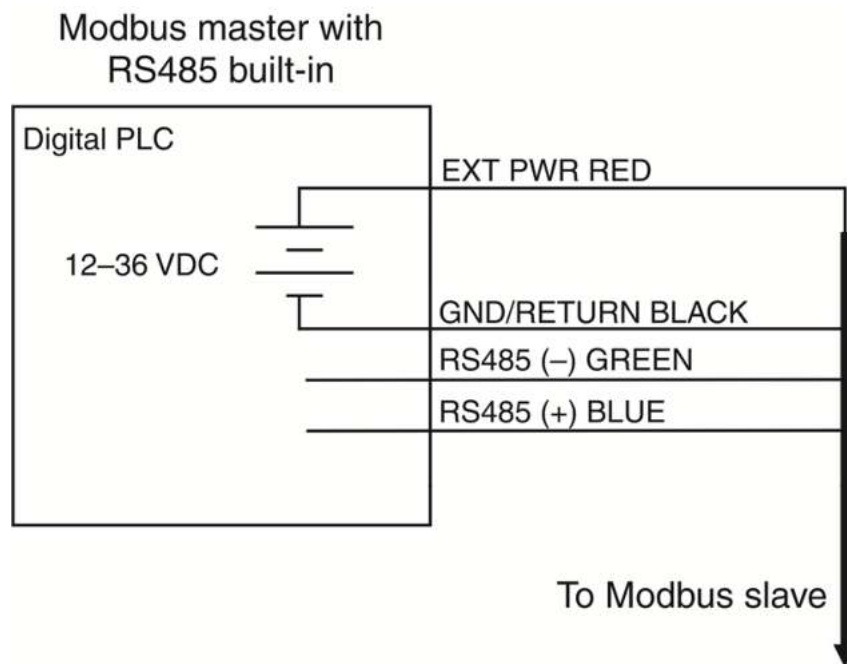
# Controller Requirements and Connection

## Wiring Overview

Signal	Color
Ground/Return	Black
External Power	Red
RS485 (-)	Green
RS485 (+)	Blue



Keep the inside of the controller free of moisture and humidity. Condensed moisture can move through the wiring and cause the probe to fail. Install desiccant in the controller and replace it on a regular basis.



# Modbus PLC Interface

## Overview

The Modbus PLC Interface is a simplified method of communicating with the RDO Blue using the Modbus protocol. For information about the specific Modbus registers and Unit IDs for your RDO Blue, see Appendices A and B. The RDO Blue conforms to the Modbus standard. For more information about Modbus communication, see [www.modbus.org](http://www.modbus.org).

## Setting Up Instrument

1. Connect power, and wire the instrument.
2. The setup below is using the instrument's factory default settings. Use VuSitu to reset the instrument to factory defaults if they have been changed. Take note of any changes in default units setup.

## Programming the PLC

1. Set up the serial communication to match the instrument communication settings. Communication settings can be changed with the VuSitu mobile app. The default communication settings are:

Mode	Start Bit	Baud Rate	Data Bits	Parity	Stop Bit
RTU	1	19200	8	Even	1

2. Set the device address match the instrument address. The default device address is 1.
3. Set the PLC to wake-up the device by sending a carriage return (0x0D) or any Modbus command.
  - a. Allow one second before sending a second command. The instrument needs this time to wake up.
  - b. After the wake-up command, the next reading must be taken before the end of session timeout. If the reading interval exceeds the end of session timeout, send a new wake-up command before requesting a new reading. The default end of session timeout is 5 seconds, and may be longer if the instrument has been connected to VuSitu.
4. Select the register to read on the PLC using the information in the following sections.
  - a. If your PLC requires a register address, subtract 40001 from the holding register number. For example: Holding Register Number 45451 corresponds to Register Address 5450.
5. Set the type of register to: 32-bit float
  - a. If asked by the PLC this is 2 registers
6. Set the byte order to: Big Endian (MSB)
  - a. This should be the default and may not be configurable on all PLCs

## Reading Device Information

Use the following registers to read general information about the instrument.

Holding Register Number	Register Address	Size (Registers)	Data Type	Description
49001	9000	1	uint16	Device Id: 35 = RDO Blue
49002	9001	2	uint32	Serial Number
49007	9006	1	uint16	Firmware version (100 = 1.00)

## Reading Parameters

Each parameter contains a block of 7 registers as shown in the table below. To read measurements for a specific parameter, look up the starting register for that parameter from the list of Parameter Numbers and Locations in Appendix A. Once you have the starting register, add the number of offset registers for additional information about the reading.

Register Offset	Size (Registers)	Mode (R/W)	Data Type	Description
0	2	R	float	The measured value from sensor
2	1	R	uint16	Data Quality ID: 0 = No errors or warnings 3 = Error reading parameter 5 = RDO Cap expired For additional errors or information, contact technical support.
3	1	R/W	uint16	Units ID for this parameter. See: Appendix B.
4	1	R	uint16	Parameter ID for this parameter. See: Appendix A.
5	2	R/W	float	Off line sentinel value: The value that's returned on error or if the parameter isn't available. The default sentinel is 0.0

For example, you can apply this information to collect a reading for Dissolved Oxygen Concentration.

From the list in Appendix A, you can find that the starting register for Dissolved Oxygen Concentration is 45584. A reading from holding register number 45584 will return the measured value of Dissolved Oxygen Concentration.

Some PLC devices use the holding register number directly in programming statements, others use register addresses. Refer to PLC manufacturer instructions to determine which programming style to use.

You can use the register offsets listed in the table above to collect additional information about the reading. Adding the register offset of 2 to the starting register, you can find that holding register number 45586 will return the Data Quality ID for the most recent Dissolved Oxygen Concentration measurement. Likewise, holding register number 45587 will return the Units ID, which can be interpreted from Appendix B. Register number 45588 will return the Parameter ID, which can be interpreted from Appendix A. Register number 45589 will return the sentinel value for this parameter.

The Units ID and Sentinel Value are writeable registers. Measurements can be changed to other units using the Units ID as shown in Appendix B. For example, if holding register number 45587 (Dissolved Oxygen Concentration Units ID) returns 117, Dissolved Oxygen Concentration is configured to report in mg/L. Looking at Appendix B, you can find that µg/L is also a valid unit which can be set by writing Units ID 118 to holding register number 45587.

## 1 Install the software.

## 2 Connect the instrument to a computer.



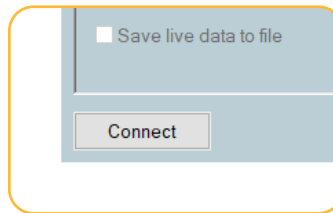
The communication device connects a stripped-and-tinned RDO or Aqua TROLL 400 to a computer via a USB port.



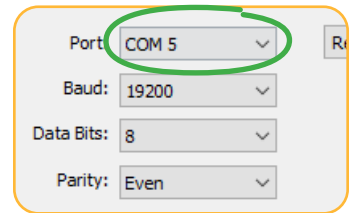
The communication device includes an electrical connection diagram label.



To attach the sensor to the communication device, depress a lever and insert the appropriate wire in the location specified by the diagram.



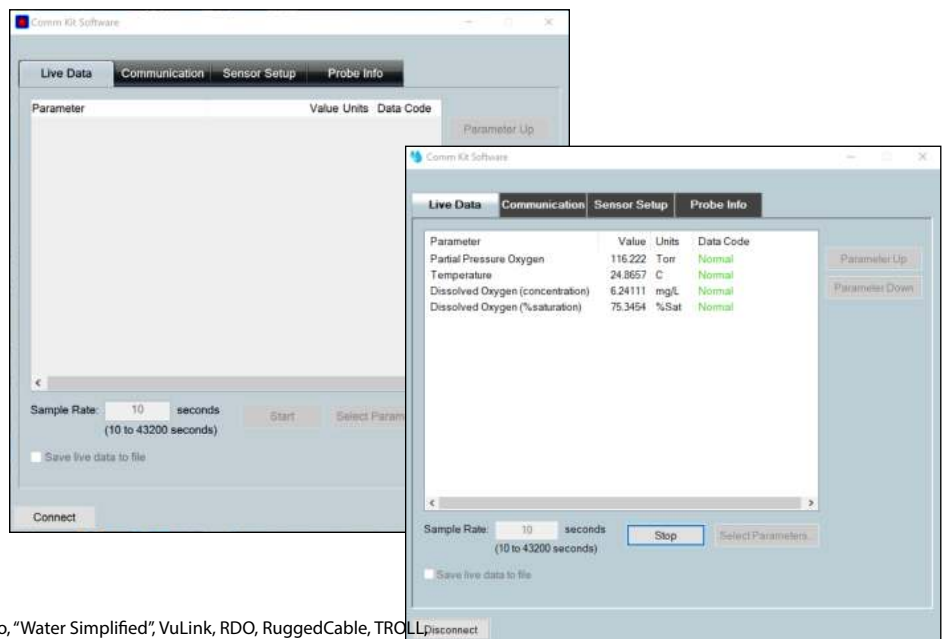
Wait for the computer to recognize the USB device, and then click the Connect button.



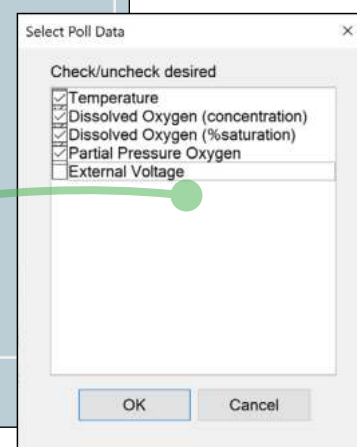
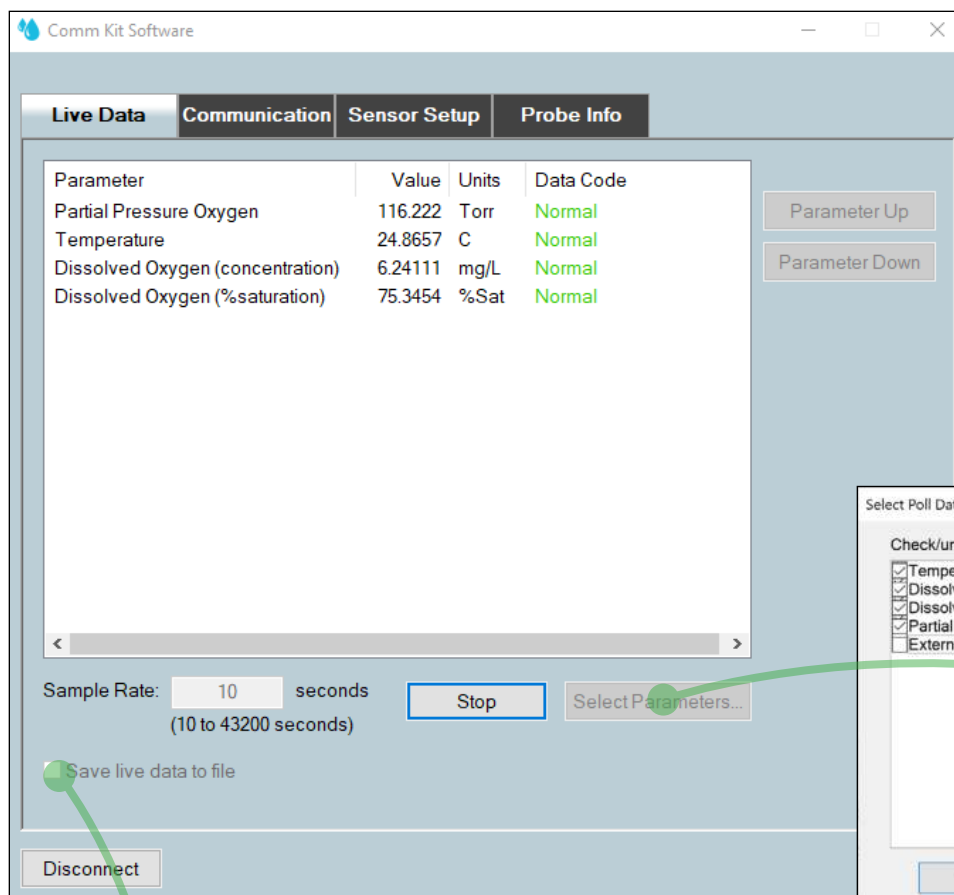
If the software does not connect to the software, you can find the COM port your computer has assigned in Windows Device Manager > Ports.

## About Comm Kit

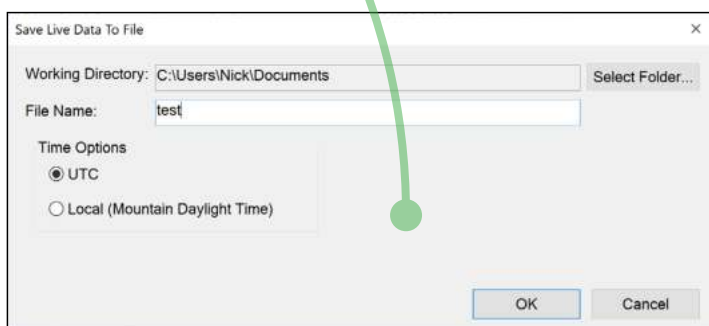
Comm Kit software allows you to configure and calibrate your dissolved oxygen probe on a Windows PC. You can download Comm Kit from [www.in-situ.com](http://www.in-situ.com).



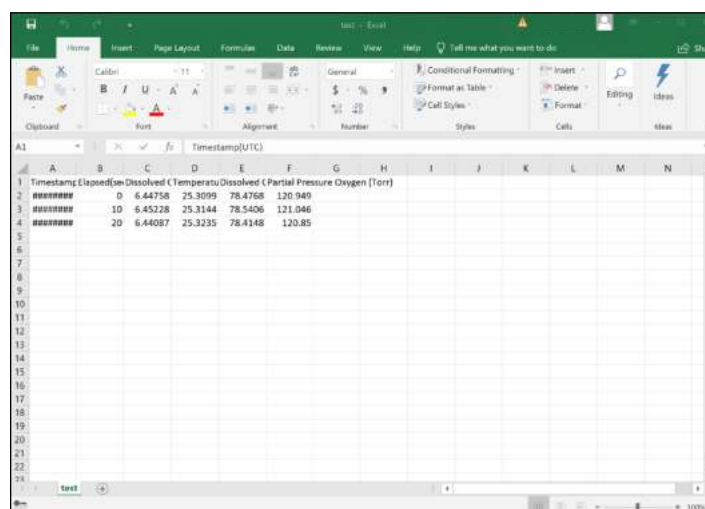
# Data Tab



Choose the parameters Comm Kit saves to a data file with the **Select Parameters** button.



1. To save live readings to a spreadsheet, click the **Save live data to file** checkbox.
2. Click **Select Folder** and choose a destination for the file.
3. Name the file and press **OK**.
4. Enter a sample rate between 10 and 43200 seconds.
5. When you're ready to begin recording data, press the **Start** button.

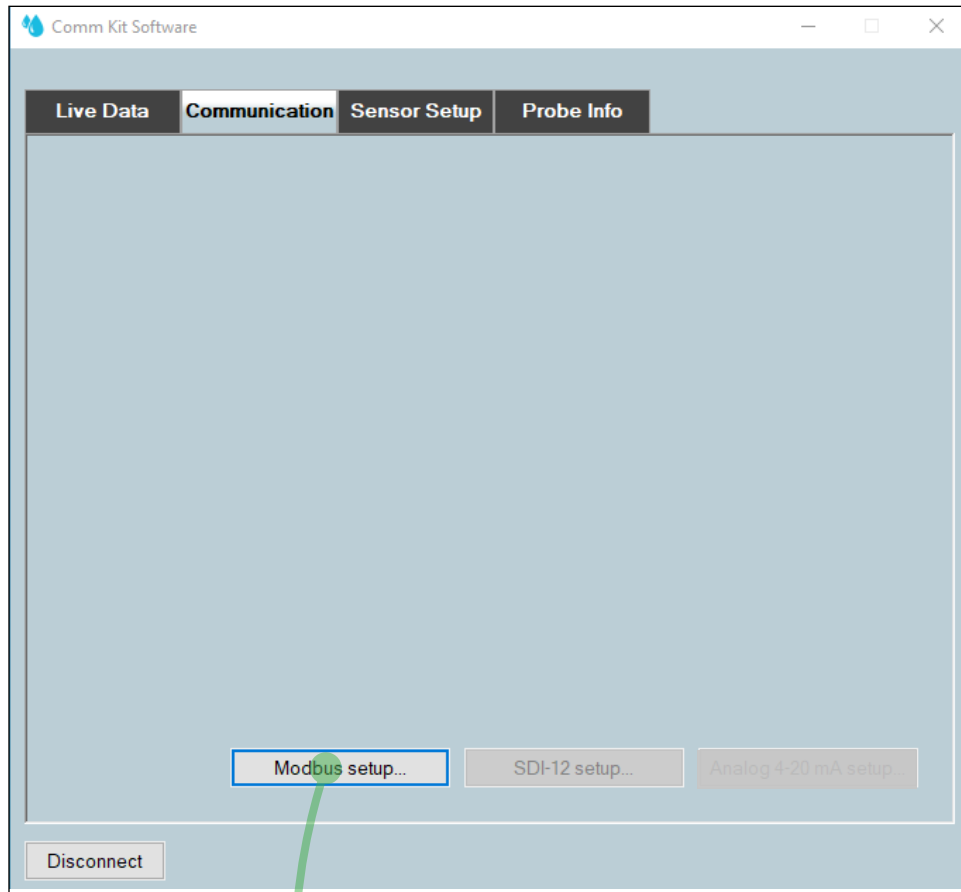


Comm Kit creates a spreadsheet file with one row for each reading.

## Communication Tab



Visit the Communication tab to change Modbus settings.

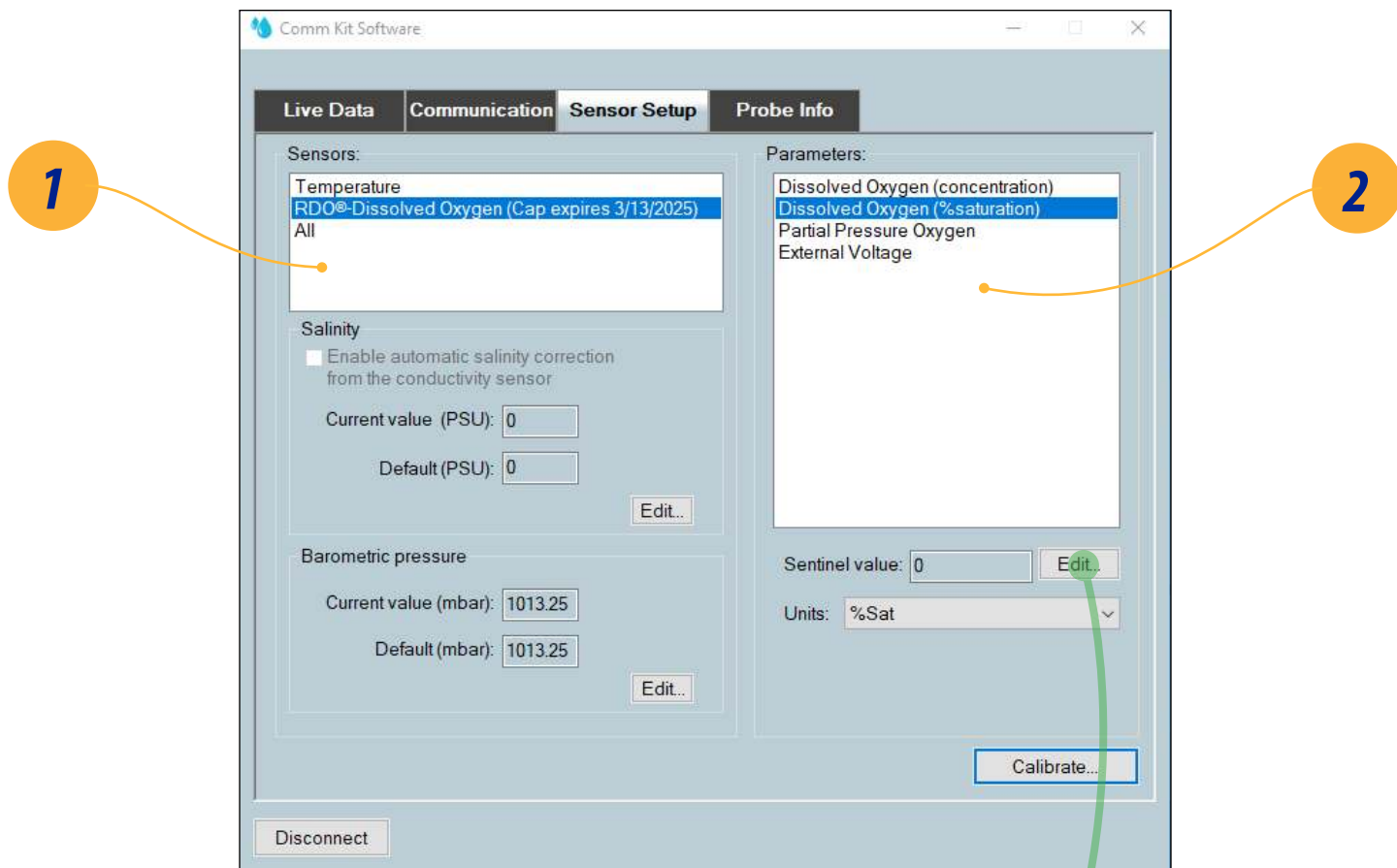


Probe Communication Settings

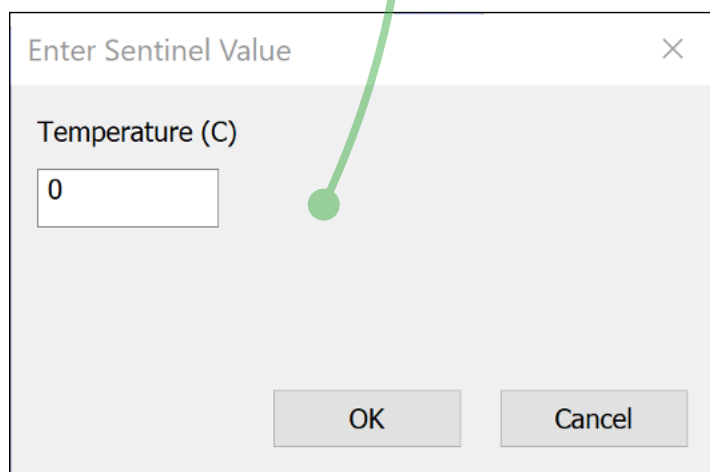
Baud: 19200	Modbus ASCII End of Message Timeout (ms): 1000
Data Bits: 8	EOM (1000 - 15000)
Parity: Even	Probe End of Session Timeout (ms): 5000
Stop Bits: 1	EOS (5000 - 60000)
Addr: 1	Measurement cache timeout (ms): 5000
Mode: Modbus RTU	(1000 - 60000)

OK Cancel

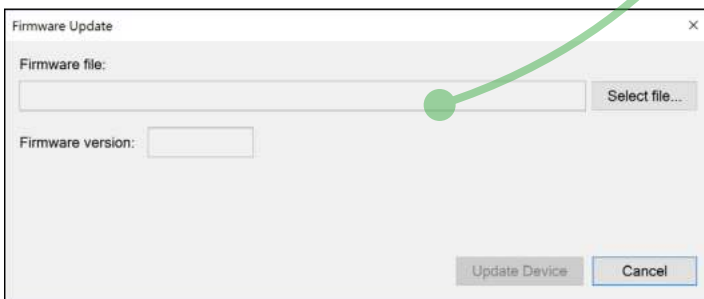
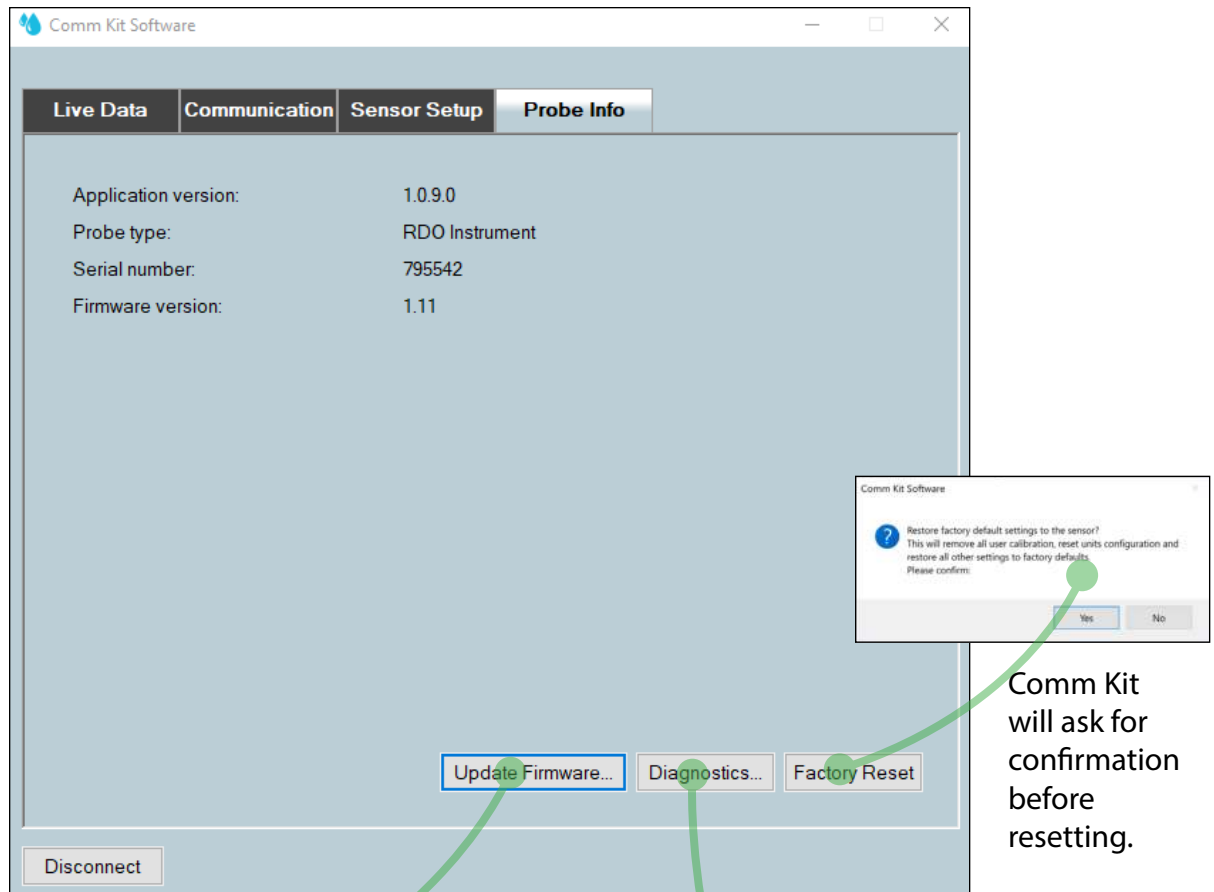
## Sensor Setup Tab



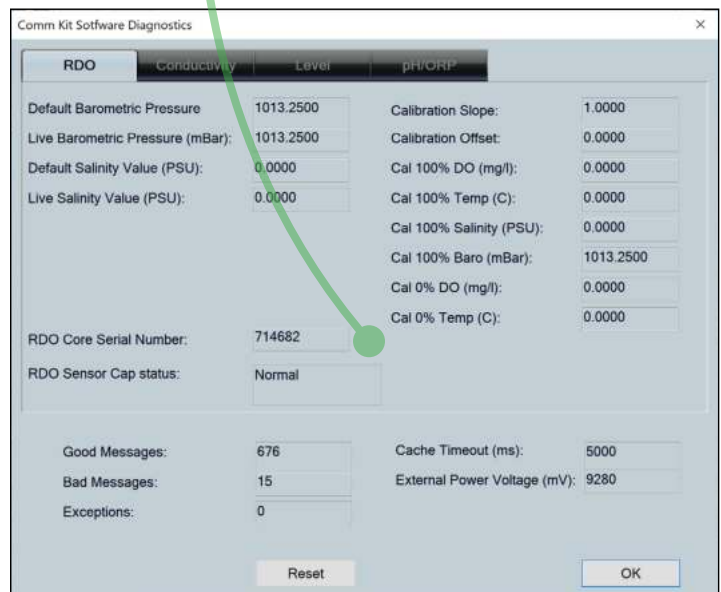
1. Use the tabs to navigate between functions.
2. Scroll through the parameters in the Live Data tab with the **Up** and **Down** buttons.



## Probe Info Tab



1. Click **Update Firmware** to install the latest firmware.
2. Then click **Select file** and choose your firmware.
3. The version number will appear in the Firmware version box.



The diagnostics tabs display critical sensor, sensor cap, calibration, and power supply info.



## Handheld Operation



To configure and deploy the RDO Blue, use a TROLL Com Plus and a Bluetooth-enabled mobile device with the VuSitu app.





Set up and deploy your RDO instrument in four simple steps. Read the overview below, and then see the following pages for detailed instructions.



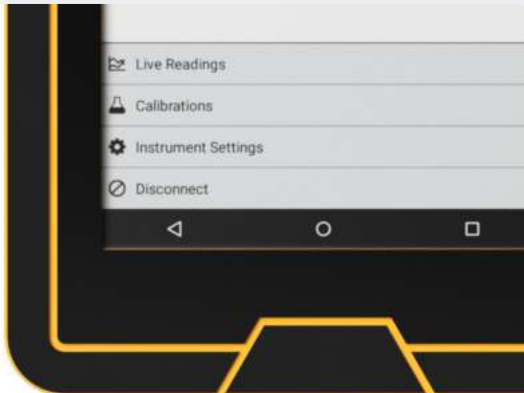
**1** *Connect*

Install the RDO cap and attach the instrument to a TROLL Com Plus.



**2** *Pair*

Use the VuSitu mobile app to pair your TROLL Com Plus with your mobile device.



**3** *Calibrate*

Perform a 100% saturation calibration to adjust for changes in altitude or barometric pressure. Connect to VuSitu and choose **Calibrations**. Then follow the on-screen instructions to complete the calibration.



**4** *Deploy*

Select **Live Readings** to view real-time readings from the instrument.

## Part Numbers



### ***Kit #1030100***

1. RDO Blue with **10 meter** cable
2. TROLL Com Plus
3. Lanyard for TROLL Com Plus

### ***Kit #1030110***

1. RDO Blue with **3 meter** cable
2. TROLL Com Plus
3. Lanyard for TROLL Com Plus



### ***#0038640***

- RDO Blue with **10 meter** cable

### ***#0103200***

- RDO Blue with **3 meter** cable



The TROLL Com Plus's lanyard is not a weight-bearing part.

## Getting Started

### 1 Install the RDO cap.



Align the RDO cap so the flat edge on the inside matches up with the flat edge on the sensor. Slide the RDO cap into place.



Slide the nose guard into place and thread it clockwise to install.

### 2 Connect the instrument to a TROLL Com Plus.



Attach the RDO Blue's twist-lock connector to the end of the TROLL Com Plus.



Make sure the flat edges of the connectors align, and then push and twist.



You will hear a click when the cable is connected properly.



Press the power button on the TROLL Com Plus.

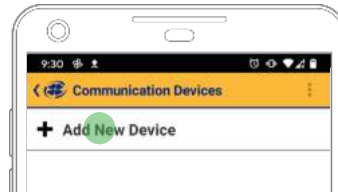
### 3 Pair the TROLL Com Plus with your mobile device.



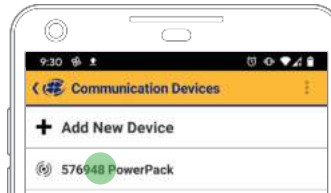
You must have the VuSitu mobile app to use the RDO Blue with a mobile device. Download VuSitu from the Google Play Store or the Apple App Store.



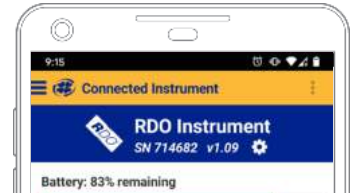
Make sure your mobile device's Bluetooth is turned on. Launch VuSitu and tap **Dismiss**.



Tap **Add New Device** and select the TROLL Com Plus from the list of available devices.



Tap your mobile device's back button. In VuSitu, tap the serial number of your TROLL Com Plus.

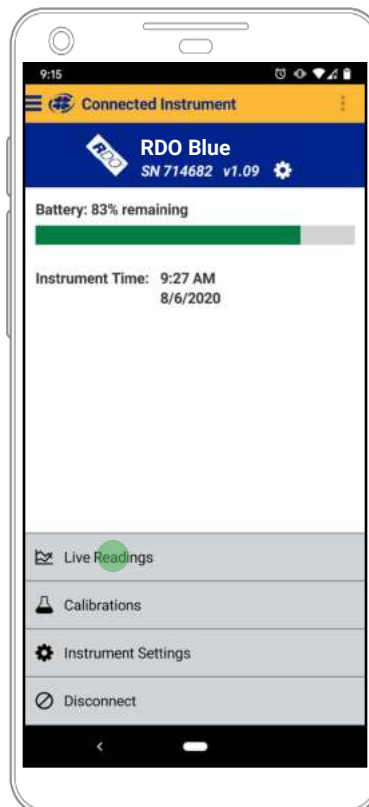


VuSitu displays the Connected Instrument screen when pairing is complete.

### 4 Configure and deploy the RDO Blue.



VuSitu will guide you through configuration, calibration, and other tasks. Choose an option from the menu to get started.



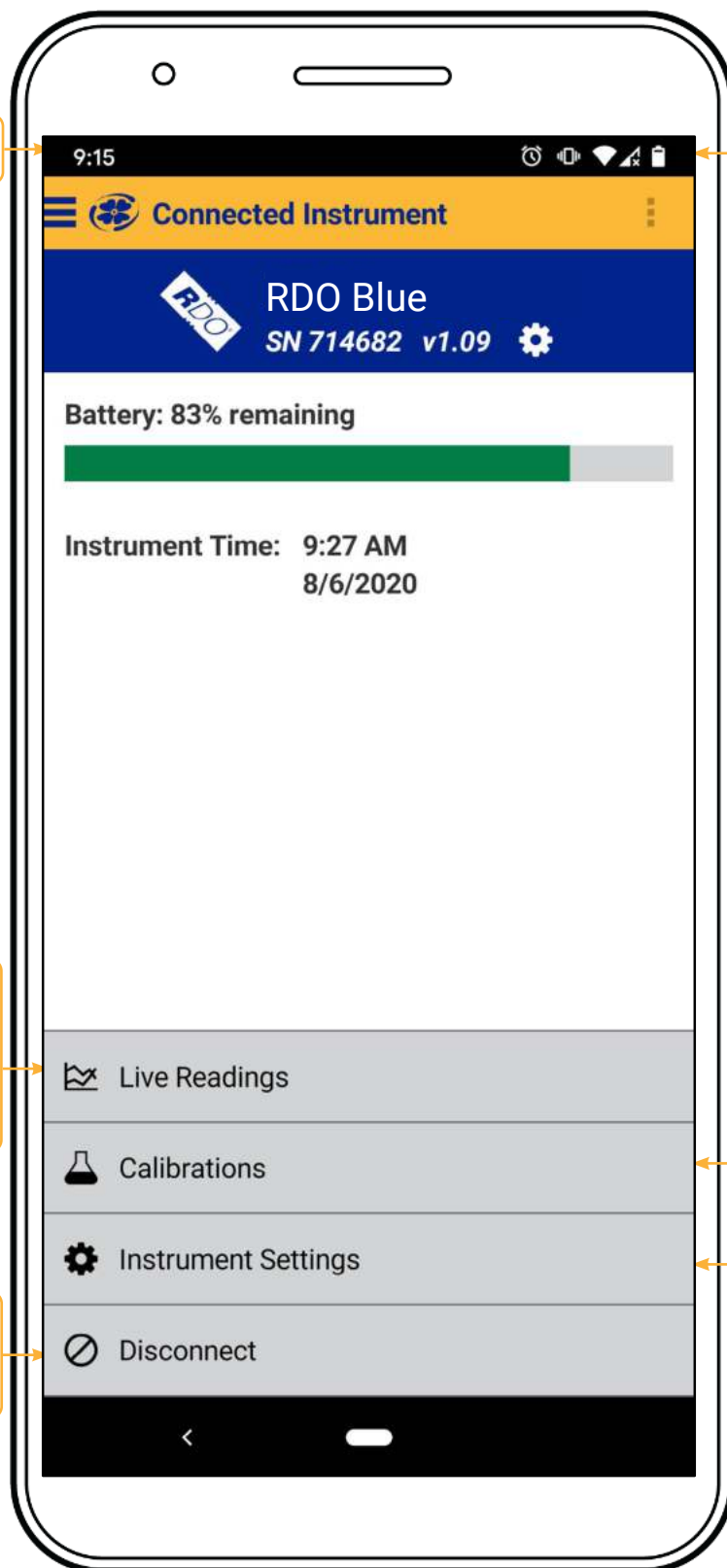
## About VuSitu



After pairing a TROLL Com Plus with VuSitu, the app will always display the Connected Instrument screen at launch. You can access all features of the app from this screen.

Access menu.

Access help information.



Take single readings or continuously record at two-second intervals.

Calibrate sensors.

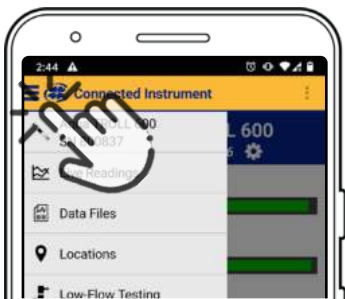
Access instrument settings.

Disconnect app from instrument.

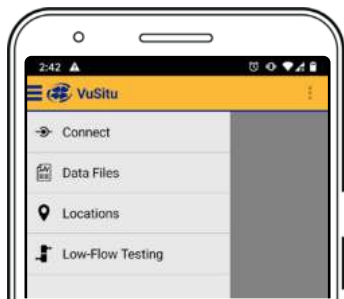
## VuSitu Menu Options



The features available in the VuSitu mobile app vary slightly depending on the instrument to which it is connected.



Tap the menu icon in the upper left portion of the screen to view options.



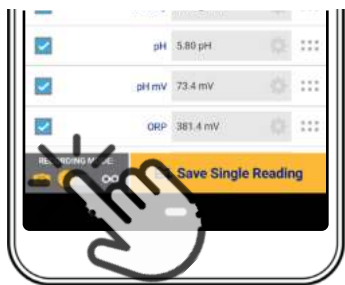
Some features aren't available when VuSitu isn't connected to an instrument.

## Live Readings in VuSitu



The live readings screen displays measurements taken from the instrument every two seconds. You can save these readings and share them via email or cloud storage.

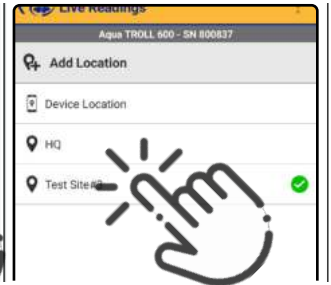
## Snapshot Mode



Tap the button on the bottom left to toggle between snapshot and live readings modes.



Tap **Change Location** in the top right corner to associate this data with a different location.



Choose the desired location and press **Save** in the bottom right corner of the screen.



Tap **Save Single Reading** to create a snapshot.

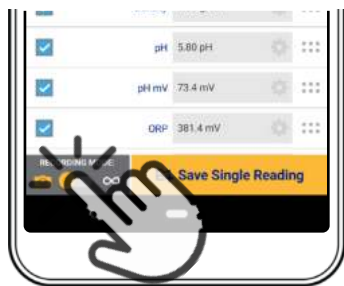


VuSitu confirms the new snapshot file.

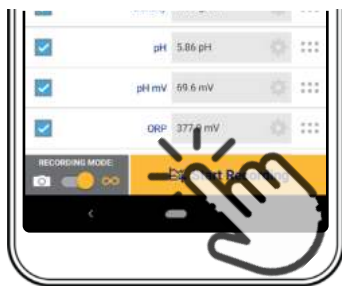


View the file from the Data Files screen.

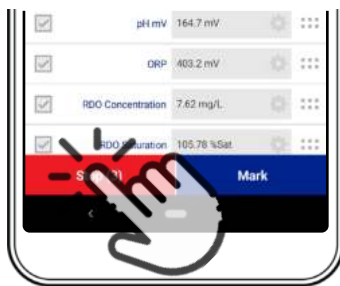
## Live Readings Mode



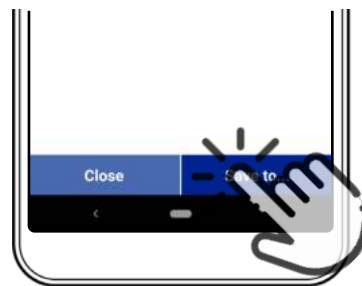
Tap the button on the bottom left to switch from snapshot mode to live readings mode.



Tap **Start Recording**. The instrument takes a reading every two seconds.



Tap **Stop** to end the recording. VuSitu displays a summary of the live readings data.



Tap **Save to** if you wish to share the Live Readings file via email or cloud storage.

## VuSitu Data

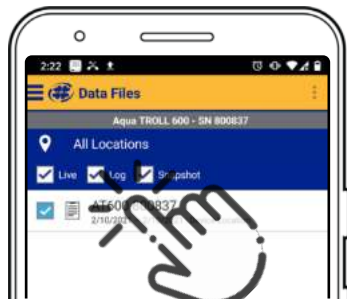


You can transfer a data file from your mobile device to a PC via Bluetooth, email it to yourself or any valid email address, or upload it to Google Drive.

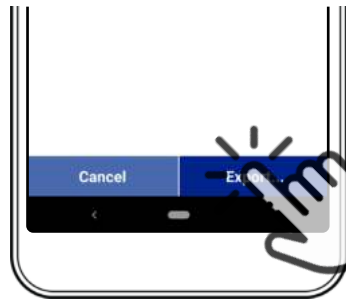
## Sharing Data



Select **Data Files** from the menu at the top left corner of the screen.



Tap and hold the name of the log you want to share.



Select **Export**.



Choose email, cloud storage, or another sharing option.



To save data locally on your mobile device, export to a third-party file management app.

## Viewing Data on a Mac or PC



You'll need to extract your files to view them. To do that on a Mac, double-click the Zip folder. On a PC, right-click on the folder and choose **Extract**. Then open your files in Excel.



## Selecting with Long-press and Swipe



Press and hold any item in a list of files. You can now select multiple files.

Press and swipe left to reveal the delete and share icons.

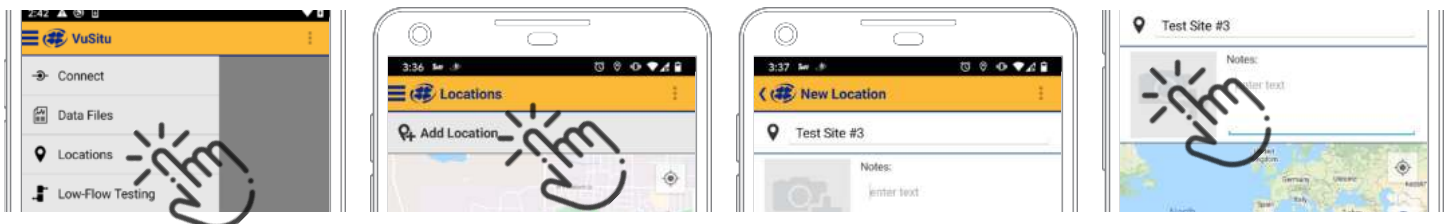
Press and swipe right to reveal the sharing icon.

## VuSitu Locations

### About VuSitu Locations

A VuSitu location represents the physical spot where an instrument collects data. You can create a VuSitu location for any monitoring site. If you don't create a location, your data defaults to "Device Location." Location names appear on the live readings screen, in snapshot files, and in log files.

### How to Create a Location



Select **Locations** from the main menu.

Tap **Add Location**.

Enter a name for the location. You can also add notes.

If desired, tap the camera icon to take a photo of the new location.



To home in on your mobile device's current location, tap the button on the top right.

Tap the pin icon to establish the location on the map.

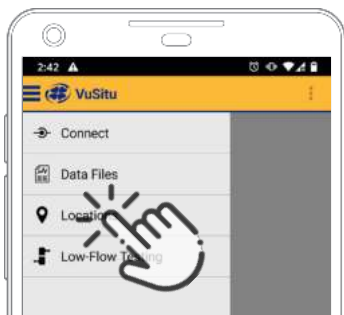


As an alternative, you can manually enter latitude and longitude values and tap **Apply**. Or, tap and hold a specific point on the map to drop a pin there.

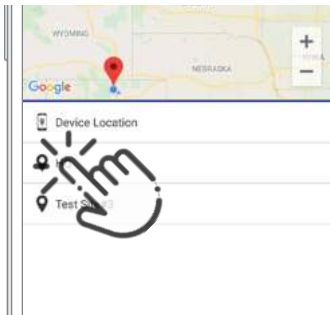
## How to Select a Location



Data is associated with the Location that is displayed on the Live readings screen. After you have created a Location, you must select it in order for your data to be associated with the Location.



Select **Locations** from the app menu.

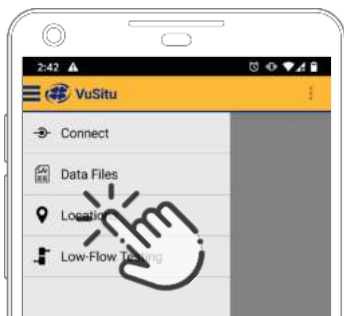


Tap a location to select it.



New live readings data will be associated with this location until you select another.

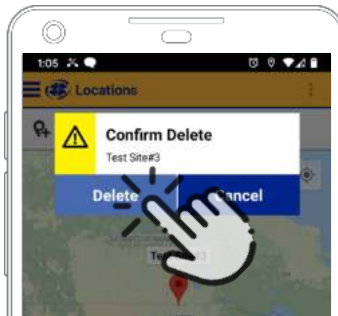
## How to Edit or Delete a Location



Select **Locations** from the app menu.



Tap the location you wish to delete and swipe left. Tap the trash icon.

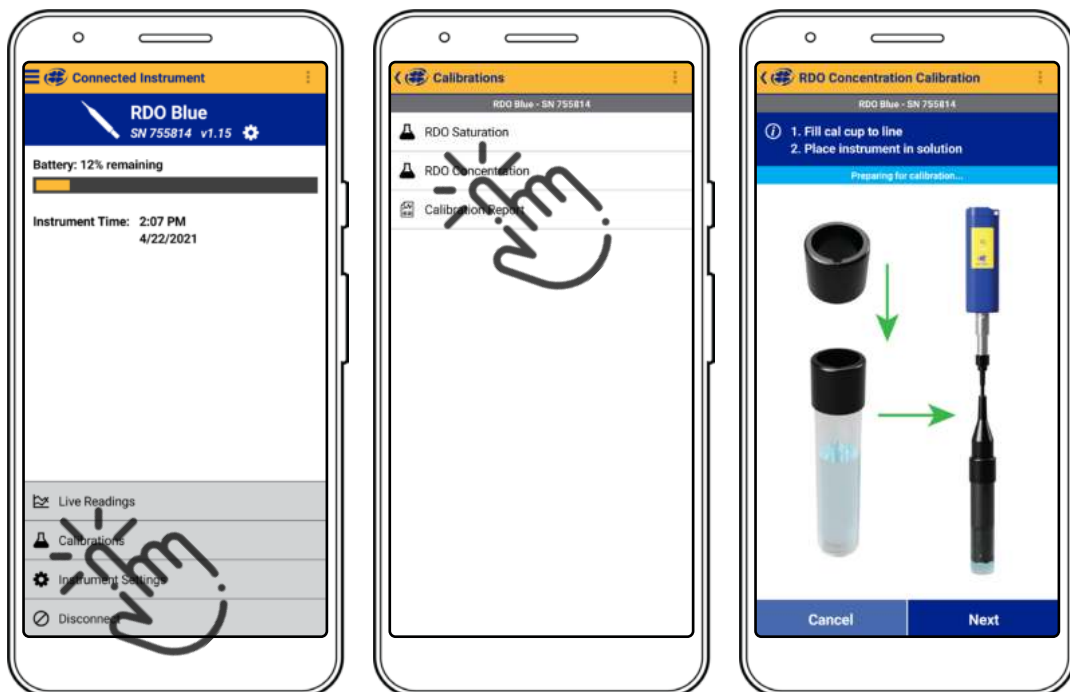


Confirm by tapping **Delete**.

# Calibrating Your RDO Instrument



VuSitu guides you through calibrations. To get started, use the app to choose a calibration.



Select **Calibrations** from the menu.

Choose a calibration to perform.

Follow the instructions in VuSitu.

## One-Point Calibration



Perform a 100% saturation calibration after replacing the cap or moving the instrument to a new location to adjust for changes in altitude or barometric pressure.

### Water-Saturated Air Calibration



**Vented cap**

Remove the storage cap from the top of the calibration chamber and replace it with the vented cap.

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Saturate the sponge wafer (use approximately 10 mL of water) and place it in the bottom of the calibration chamber.



Gently dry the probe and sensing element with a paper towel.



Place the probe in the calibration chamber so that the sensing element is about 2.5 cm (1 inch) above the water-saturated sponge.



Be sure the sensor surface is dry when you place the probe into the calibration chamber.

## ***Two-Point Calibration***



Perform a two-point calibration for applications that require high accuracy in the 0-1 mg/L range.



Remove the water-saturated sponge from the calibration chamber. Fill the chamber to the fill line with approximately 60 mL of fresh sodium sulfite.



Submerge the instrument in the calibration solution.

## Concentration-Based Calibration



Remove the sponge from the calibration cup



Fill the cup to the fill line with approximately 60 mL of fresh solution.



Place the probe into the solution. Leave at least 13 mm (0.5") between the surface of the sensing element and the bottom of the calibration cup.

## Remote Setup



**1**

### ***Carabiner***

The carabiner allows a VuLink to attach to the top of a well via a well dock.

**2**

### ***VuLink telemetry device***

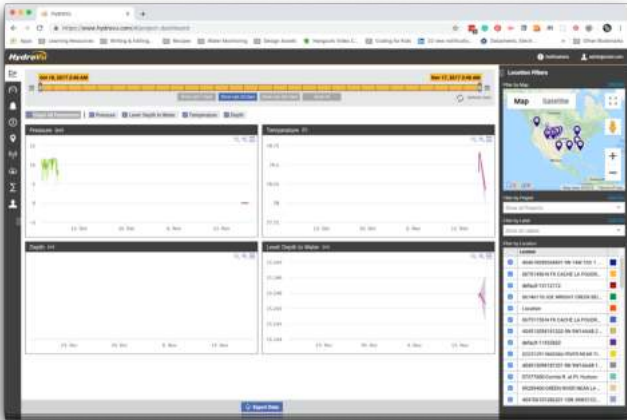
VuLink powers the RDO Blue and transmits data to HydroVu or another FTP server.

**3**

### ***RDO Blue***

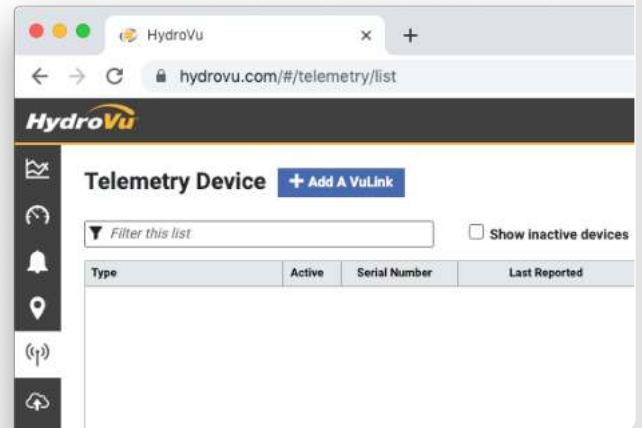
# Connecting Vulink To HydroVu

## 1 Create a HydroVu account



Visit [hydrovu.com](https://hydrovu.com) and create an account.

## 2 Go to the telemetry page



Click the telemetry page link in the menu on the left side of the page. Then click **Add a VuLink**.

## 3 Scan the QR code on your VuLink



or



Open your web camera and scan the QR code on your device, or type the registration code into the provided field.

## 4 Attach antenna and connect instrument



Connect the external or on-board antenna and the instrument. View the instructions in the VuLink manual for more details.



You can find additional information in the VuLink manual. Download it from [www.in-situ.com](http://www.in-situ.com)

## Maintenance & Service

### Cleaning the Sensor Cap



Keep the cap on the probe during cleaning.



Rinse the sensor with clean water from a squirt bottle or spray bottle.



Gently wipe with a soft-bristled brush or soft cloth to remove bio-fouling.



To remove extensive mineral build-up, soak the probe cap-down in vinegar for 15 minutes. Then soak in deionized water for 15 minutes.

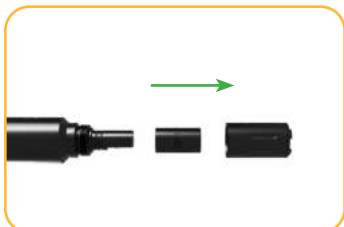


Do not use organic solvents to clean the sensor or probe; they will damage the sensing element.

### Cleaning the Optical Window



Clean the optical window only when you change the cap.



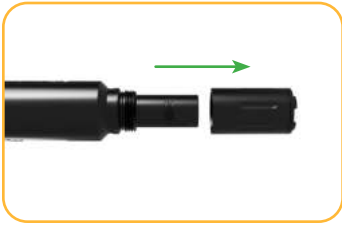
Remove the cap and gently wipe the lens with the supplied lens cloth.



Do not use water or any kind of solution to clean the optical window.



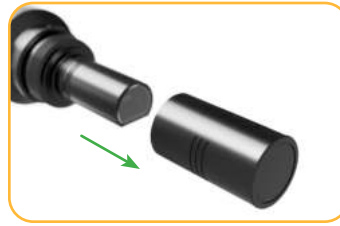
## Replacing the RDO Cap



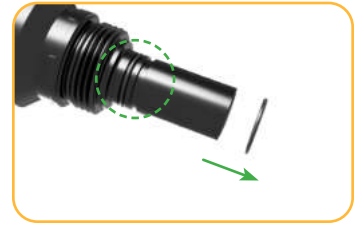
Remove the nose guard.



Use a lint-free cloth to dry the probe.



Pull the used RDO cap off of the sensor, without twisting.



Remove the existing O-rings from the sensor.



Use your finger to apply a light layer of silicone-based lubricant around the O-ring grooves.



Place the O-rings on the sensor. Apply another thin layer of lubricant to the O-rings and grooves.



Align the flat edge inside the RDO cap with the flat edge and metal contacts on the probe. Slide the cap in place.



Thread the nose guard onto the probe.



After replacing the cap, perform an RDO calibration. See the Calibration section of this manual to learn more.

## Warranty Information

In-Situ provides a 2-year, limited warranty on the RDO Blue instrument. To make a return, visit [www.in-situ.com](http://www.in-situ.com) and fill out a return material authorization (RMA) form.

## Instrument Specifications

### Sensor Ratings

Sensor Type	Optical Dissolved Oxygen Sensor
Range, DO	0-60 mg/L; 0-600% Saturation
Accuracy, DO	+/- 0.1 mg/L (0-20 mg/L) +/-2% (20-60 mg/L)
Resolution, DO	0.01 mg/L
Response Time, Cap	T63<5s, T90<45s, T95<60s (RDO-X cap)
Units, DO	mg/L, ppm, % saturation
Range, Temp.	-5°C to 50°C (23°F to 122°F)
Accuracy, Temp.	+/- 0.1°C
Resolution, Temp.	0.01°C
Units, Temp.	Celsius, Fahrenheit
Salinity Comp.	Fixed or real-time capable
Barometric Comp.	Fixed or real-time capable
Methods	EPA-approved In-Situ® RDO methods 1002-8-2009, 1003-8-2009, 1004-8-2009 Standard Methods 4500-O

### Environmental Ratings

Pressure	150 psi from 0° to 50°C
Depth	100m (328ft) @ 25°C
Operating Temp. (Non-Freezing)	-5.0°C to + 50.0°C (23°F to 122°F)
Storage Temp.	-40°C to + 65°C (-40°F to 149°F)
Compliance	EMC 2014/30/EU IEC 61000-6-2:2005 EN 55011:2009
Ip Rating	IP-67 with sensor cap off; IP-68 with sensor cap installed

## Chemical Ratings

INTERFERENCES	Alcohols >5%; hydrogen peroxide > 3%; sodium hypochlorite (commercial bleach) > 3%; gaseous sulfur dioxide; gaseous chlorine. Do not use in organic solvents (e.g., acetone, chloroform, methylene chloride, etc.), which may swell the sensing element (foil matrix) and destroy it.
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## General Ratings

Dimensions	L 22.06 cm (8.69 in) x D 2.95 cm (1.16 in)
Weight	205 g (0.5 lb) (without cable)
Wetted Materials	Polyphenylene Sulfide (PPS) (housing, guard) Polycarbonate/Acrylonitrile Butadiene Styrene (PC/ABS) blend (sensor nose) Polycarbonate/Polymethylmethacrylate (PC/PMMA) blend (RDO cap) Acrylonitrile Butadiene Rubber (NBR) (O-rings) FKM Fluoroelastomer (O-rings) Thermoplastic Polyurethane (TPU) (cable jacket, strain relief cone) Titanium (Twist-Lock connector on applicable product models)
Communication Output	Modbus/RS485
Reading Rate	1 reading every 1 second
Power Requirements	8 to 36 VDC
Power Consumption	Maximum (measurement): 50 mA at 12 VDC Idle (communication only): 2 mA at 12 VDC
Warranty	2 years from date of shipment



# Declaration of Similarity



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### CE Declaration of Similarity

Manufacturer: In-Situ, Inc.  
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**Declares that performance of each of the following products is equivalent to the RDO Core Analog:**

Product name: **RDO Blue**

Model: **RDO Blue**

Part Number: **0038630**

Product Description: The RDO Blue is a dissolved oxygen sensor designed to be used in both environmental water applications (rivers, lakes, oceans, wells) and in process applications.

This is in compliance with the following Directives:

- 2014/30/EU EMC Directive
- Restriction of the use of certain hazardous substances in electrical and electronic equipment (RoHS) Directive, 2011/65/EU and Commission Delegated Directive, (EU) 2015/863

and meets or exceeds the following international requirements and compliance standards:

**EMC Standard:**

EN 61326-1:2021

**RoHS Standard:**

EN 63000:2018

The CE mark is affixed accordingly.

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and meet or exceed the following British requirements and compliance standards:

- **EMC Standard:** BS 61326:2021
- **RoHS:** BS 63000:2018

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## Appendix

### Appendix A: Parameter Numbers and Locations

ID	Parameter Name	Holding Register Number	Register Address	Default Units
1	Temperature	45451	5450	1 = °C
20	DO Concentration	45584	5583	117 = mg/L
21	DO Percent Saturation	45591	5590	177 = % Saturation
30	Oxygen Partial Pressure	45654	5653	26 = torr

### Appendix B: Unit IDs

ID	Abbreviation	Units
<b>Temperature</b>		
1	C	Celsius
2	F	Fahrenheit
<b>Pressure</b>		
26	torr	Torr
<b>Concentration</b>		
117	mg/L	Milligrams per liter
118	µg/L	Milligrams per liter
<b>Dissolved Oxygen (DO) % Saturation</b>		
177	% sat	Percent saturation