

# Thermo Recorder TR-73U

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## User's Manual

Thank you for purchasing our product.  
Carefully read this instruction manual  
before using this unit.



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### Radio, EMC and Safety Regulations

This device complies with Part 15 of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) This device may not cause harmful interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

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### Caution

Changes or modifications not expressly approved by the party responsible for compliance could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.

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## Safety Precautions and Instructions

### To ensure safety obey all of the following warnings







The following items should be strictly obeyed for the safe usage of this unit, and for protecting yourself and other people from bodily harm and/or damage to property. Before using make sure to carefully read, understand and follow the safety rules and precautions for our products as outlined below.

### Explanation of Symbols








#### Explanation of Warning Symbols

 <b>WARNING</b>	These entries are actions that absolutely under no circumstance should be taken. The taking of such an action may cause serious personal physical damage or death.
 <b>CAUTION</b>	These entries are actions that if taken may lead to physical injury or damage to persons or things.







#### Explanation of Picture Symbols








	Denotes an important warning or caution. Inside or near the symbol may appear another symbol giving details. (EX:  Be careful of electrocution)
	Denotes a forbidden action. Inside or near the symbol may appear another symbol giving details. (EX:  Do not use in wet areas.)
	Denotes an action that you must take. Inside or near the symbol may appear another symbol giving details. (EX:  Unplug power plug from outlet)

### WARNING

-  When installing and using this product, make sure to follow all warnings and directions from your computer manufacturer.
-  Do not take apart, repair or modify the main unit. Doing so may cause fire or electrocution.
-  If water or a foreign body enters into this unit, immediately remove the batteries and stop using. Continued use may cause fire or electrocution.
-  Do not use this unit in wet or humid places, such as a bathroom. It may cause a fire or other trouble including malfunction.
-  Store main units, sensors, batteries and communication cables out of the reach of children. It is dangerous to touch or swallow batteries.
-  If any smoke or strange smells are emitted from the unit, immediately remove the batteries and stop using. Continued use may cause fire or electrocution.
-  This device is designed to measure and record temperature and humidity. Do not use it for any other purpose than to measure and record temperature and humidity.





### CAUTION

-  This unit is not water-resistant. If the unit gets dirty, wipe it with a clean cloth and a mild detergent.
-  Do not expose the unit to harmful gases or chemicals. It may cause corrosion and/or other danger to the unit and to people handling the unit.
-  Do not use batteries other than specifies. Doing so may cause fire or damage.
-  Battery terminals may provide insufficient contact due to age or vibration. This may lead to data loss.
-  Condensation may occur if the units is moved from one environment to another where the difference in temperature is great. Use the unit in an environment where the ambient temperature is great. Use the unit in an environment where the ambient temperature is from -10 to 60°C and the humidity is 90%RH (no condensation) or less.
-  To prevent damage to the unit from static electricity, remove static electricity from your body by touching metal around you (door knob, window frame) before touching the unit. Static electricity may cause not only damage to the unit, but may cause breaks in or a loss of data.

	If the unit will not be used for period of time, for safety reasons please remove the battery. If left in the unit, it may leak and lead to malfunctioning.
	Please take extra caution when plugging in and pulling out the USB plug while another USB device such as CD-RW/HDD is in operation. It may cause problems to your CD-RW or other device.
	We shall not guarantee the operation of our device if you have connected it to your computer using a USB hub or a USB extension cable.
	Batteries used under low pressure conditions may leak and cause a malfunction.
	Please do not insert your fingers or any foreign objects into any of the devices' jacks.
	Do not use any other batteries than those that are specified in this User's Manual. It may cause a fire or other trouble including malfunction.
	Do not use or store the Thermo Recorder in any of the following places. Doing so may cause electrocution, fire and/or other adverse effects to the device and/or your computer. -Areas exposed to direct sunlight This will cause the inside of the device to become overheated and may cause fire, deformation, and/or other damage including malfunction. -Areas prone to strong magnetic fields This may cause damage including malfunction. -Areas exposed to water leakage This may cause electrocution or other damage including malfunction. -Areas exposed to excessive vibration This may cause injury, malfunction, damage or loss of proper electrical contact. -Areas near fire or exposed to excessive heat This may cause damage including malfunction and deformation. -Areas prone to smoke, dust and dirt This may cause damage including malfunction.

## Cautions about using the Sensors

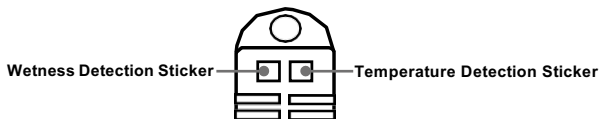
### Cautions about using the temperature-humidity sensor TR-3100

	The sensor can measure temperature within the range of 0 to 50°C and humidity within the range of 10 to 95%RH. Only use the sensor within these ranges.
	If extremely severe temperature changes occur, the humidity measurements may appear abnormal. Once the sensor's temperature becomes stable, the measurements will return to normal.
	This sensor is not waterproof. Do not get wet.
	When measuring with the temperature-humidity sensor in an environment of 0 to 50°C and less than 30%RH, the measurements may sometimes fluctuate. This is not abnormal.

## Cautions about using the Sensors

### [Handling the temperature-humidity sensor]

- The service life of humidity sensors can vary greatly depending on operating environment. Periodic calibration may be required. During use the temperature-humidity sensor will accumulate impurities (dirt) on the surface of the sensor is being used in a bad environment (smoky or dusty places) it may be necessary to change the sensor sooner.
- When the temperature-humidity sensor is not being used, please place it in the attached vinyl bag with the drying agent included and store it in a cool dark place with a temperature of between 5 to 25°C and a humidity of below 30%RH.
- Attached to the temperature-humidity sensor are two stickers: a wetness detection sticker and a temperature detection sticker. If either of the stickers shows abnormality, you should change the old sensor to a new one immediately.



### -Wetness Detection Sticker

Informs you that the sensor has been wet.



#### Normal

Under normal conditions, black dots will appear on a white



#### Abnormal

Under abnormal conditions, it will turn to red.

### -Temperature Detection Sticker

Informs you that the sensor measured a temperature measurement over 60°C.



#### Normal

Under normal conditions, the number 60 will lightly appear on a pinkish white background.



#### Abnormal

Under abnormal conditions, the number 60 will clearly appear on a red background.

## About Thermo Recorder TR-73U

### Outline

TR-73U Thermo Recorder is a data logger capable of measuring, displaying and recording temperature, humidity, and barometric pressure data. TR-73U has a total of three channels: one temperature, one humidity, and one barometric pressure channel. The data recorded into the TR-73U units can then be downloaded quickly via USB cable to your computer whereby with our software you can easily process the data into graphs, tables, save to files and/or print it out. Moreover, it is possible to connect more than one unit at the same time.

### Basic Functions

#### -Barometric Pressure Measuring Range : 750 to 1100 hPa

The TR-73U with the internal barometric pressure sensor can measure and record in a range of 750 to 1100 hPa.

#### -Temperature Measuring Range: 0 to 50°C (with supplied temp-humidity sensor)

The TR-73U with the internal temperature sensor can measure and record in a range of -10 to 60°C, but by purchasing one of our optional temperature sensors it is possible to measure and record in the wider range of -40 to 110°C. Please take a look at our full range of optional sensors to find one to match your application. (T&D Website: HOME > PRODUCTS > TR-73U > Options)

#### -Humidity Measuring Range : 10 to 95%RH

The TR-73U with the sensor included in this package can simultaneously measure and record temperature in a range of 0 to 50°C and humidity in a range of 10 to 95% RH.

#### -Amount of Recorded Data : 8000 readings x 3 channels

One channel can record and hold up to 8000 measurement readings. At the longest recording interval of 60 minutes, recording can continue consecutively for 1 year.

#### -10 Months of Operation with just 1 AA Alkaline Battery

Our low energy consumption design gives you ten months of continuous operation with only one AA alkaline battery.

This gives you the freedom to use the data loggers in places where they can be left alone for long periods of time, such as, in transportation or warehouse.

**NOTE:**

- Battery life varies depending upon the type of battery, the measuring environment, the frequency of communication, and the ambient temperature in which it is used.
- Specifications and explanations used in this User's Manual are based on operations carried out with a new battery and are in no way a guarantee of your actual battery life.
- Also, if the recording interval is less than 10 seconds, battery life will be much shorter.

**-Battery Life Warning Display**

When the battery power becomes low, a battery life warning signal will appear in the unit's LCD display.

If the battery power becomes even lower the unit will automatically go into sleep mode in order to protect the data.

**-15 Recording Intervals**

Select from 15 recording intervals (from 1 second to 1 hour) to meet your needs. Select from 2 Recording Modes

One-time Mode : When the number of recorded readings reaches 8000, [FULL] will appear in the unit's LCD display and recording will automatically stop.

Endless Mode : When the number of recorded readings reaches 8000, the oldest data readings will be overwritten and recording will continue.

**-Current Readings Monitoring Display**

With our software T&D Recorder for Windows, you cannot only monitor the current measurements at a set interval, but can view those measurements in a continually changing graph.

You can simultaneously display the current measurements and corresponding graphs for the number of units you have connected.

**-Adjustment Function**

By entering the adjustment values beforehand with the software, it is possible to view and record the adjusted measurement values.

There are two methods of adjustment: adjusting by one point or adjusting by two points. Adjustment for differences will be based upon the following simple equation  $Y=aX+b$ .

X equals the measured value and Y equals the value after adjustment.

## Before Using...

**Important Notes about the Installation Procedure of T&D Recorder for Windows.**

In order to use a USB connection to communicate between the TR-73U and a PC, it is necessary to install the software T&D Recorder for Windows and the USB driver.

**Before connecting the TR-73U to the computer with a USB cable, make sure to first install the software.**

When you connect the TR-73U to the computer before installing the software, the following message may appear. In that case, click [Cancel] and disconnect the USB cable.



For details about making TR-73U Unit Settings or about Downloading Data, see the explanation in the T&D Recorder for Windows User's Manual and/or the Software "Help".

## Basic Procedures

The following outline shows the basic procedures for getting ready, making settings and using the TR-73U.

### Getting Ready

1. Install the software "T&D Recorder for Windows"
2. Get the TR-73U ready to use
3. Install the USB device driver and confirm its operation

### Making Settings / Starting Recording

1. Make device settings (via software)\*
2. Start recording (via button or software)

\* Recording interval can be set via buttons on the logger as well.

### Downloading Data / Displaying Graphs (via software)

1. Connect the TR-73U with a USB cable to a computer
2. Download data via software
3. Display graphs via software\*

\* The software "T&D Graph" can also be used for graph display and data analysis. (Available for free download from T&D's website)

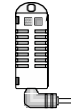
#### NOTE:

- This manual explains about the device preparation and operation with the buttons on the TR-73U unit. For how to use the software, please refer to the software manual.

## Package Contents



Thermo Recorder TR-73U x 1



Temperature-Humidity Sensor  
TR-3100 x 1



Software  
CD-ROM x 1



User's Manual Set  
(For TR-73U / For Software / Warranty)



USB Mini-B Cable  
US-15C



AA Alkaline battery x 1

## Part Names and Functions

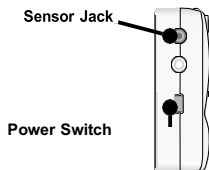
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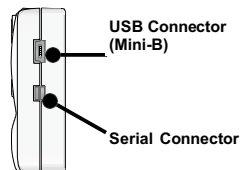
<DISPLAY> button   <INTERVAL> button   <REC/STOP> button

DISPLAY : Pressing this button will change the LCD Display Mode.  
INTERVAL : Pressing this button will display the currently set recording interval.  
REC/STOP : Pressing this button will start or stop recording.

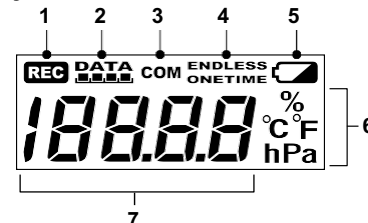
### LEFT SIDE



### RIGHT SIDE



## LCD Display



### 1. Recording Mark

The recording condition will appear.  
ON : Recording in progress.  
BLINKING : Waiting for programmed start.

### 2. Data Capacity Scale

After every 2000 readings the scale will be marked from left to right.

### 3. COM Mark

This will appear when data is being sent or received.  
ON : USB cable is connected.  
BLINKING : In communication with computer.

### 4. Recording Mode

One-time Mode : When the number of recorded readings reaches 8000, [FULL] will appear in the unit's LCD display and recording will automatically stop.  
Endless Mode : When the number of recorded readings reaches 8000, the oldest data readings will be overwritten and recording will continue.

### 5. Battery Life Warning Signal

When the battery power becomes low, a mark will appear on the LCD of the main unit.  
If the battery power becomes even lower, [SLP] will appear and normal operations will stop. Please change the battery as soon as the Battery Warning Mark appears.

#### IMPORTANT:

- If the main unit remains in sleep mode for about 1 month without a change of battery, or if the battery is left out of the unit for more than 2 minutes, all recorded data will be lost.

### 6. Unit of Measurement

The unit of the measurement for the display will appear.

### 7. Measurements and Messages Area

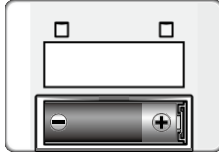
Current measurements or operational messages such as [FULL] or [SLP] will appear.



## Installing the Battery

1. Remove the battery cover form the back of the unit.
2. Insert 1 AA alkaline battery, making sure that the + and - are in the correct direction.

*\*Always use a new battery.*



3. Replace and close the battery cover.

### [Changing the Battery]

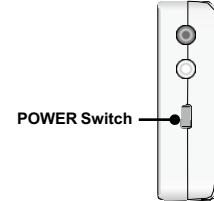
1. When battery power becomes low, a battery life warning signal will appear in the unit's LCD display.  
If, at this time you change the battery, recording will continue uninterrupted and all data will be saved for downloading.
2. If the battery is not changed and power becomes even lower, [SLP] will appear in the LCD display.  
The unit will automatically go into sleep mode in order to protect the data and all normal operations will stop.  
If you change the battery at this point, it is still possible to download all saved recorded data.
3. If the battery is further left unchanged, the display will automatically shut off.  
If all battery power is lost, all data will be lost as well.

#### **NOTE:**

- If a unit is left without a battery for more than 2 minutes, all data will be lost, so please work quickly when changing the battery.

## Turning ON the Power

1. By holding in the POWER switch at the left side, the unit will turn on.



### [Turning OFF the Power]

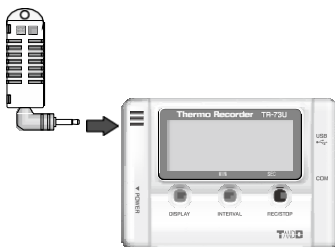
By holding in the POWER switch, the unit will turn off.

- During recording, the power cannot be turned off. Please stop recording first and then turn off the power.
- Even if the power has been turned off, the recorded data will be saved. However, if the battery power is totally lost, all data will be lost, so please download data as soon as possible to avoid losing any necessary data.

## Connecting the Sensors

### Connect the Sensor

- \*To avoid poor connections, be sure to push the sensor connector securely into the jack.*
- \* When using the temperature-humidity sensor in environments where the temperature is 0 to 15 °C and humidity under 30 RH, there may occur changes in measurement readings. This is not a malfunction.*



#### NOTE:

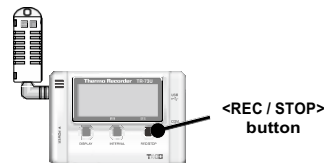
- If a sensor extension cable is being used with the data logger connected by USB to your computer, electromagnetic waves may cause large errors in measurements.
- For details about handling the temperature-humidity sensor, please refer to page 6 "Cautions about using the Sensors" of "Safety Precautions and Instructions"

## Starting Recording from Main Unit Button

The <REC/STOP> button on the TR-73U unit allows you to start a recording session immediately.

*\* You can also use the software T&D Recorder for Windows to start recording as well as make settings (such as device name, channel name, and recording mode).*

*\*When you set the programmed start date and time via the software, the [REC] mark will start flashing on the unit's display.*



### Start Recording

Press in the <REC/STOP> button on the front of the unit until the [REC] mark lights up in the display. When displayed, recording has begun.

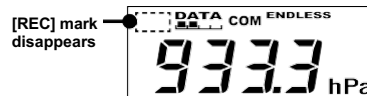


#### NOTE:

- By starting a new recording session, all data currently saved in the unit will be erased.
- Even if the unit is waiting for a programmed recording to start, by pressing the <REC/STOP> button until the [REC] mark changes from flashing to lit, you can start a new recording session immediately.

### Stop Recording

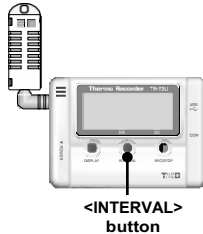
You can stop a recording session by pressing the <REC/STOP> button until the [REC] mark disappears from the display. When it has disappeared, recording has stopped.



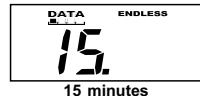
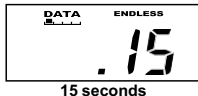
## Setting Recording Interval from Main UnitButton

You can make or change recording interval settings from the <INTERVAL> button on the front of the TR-73U main unit.

**\*During recording or while waiting for a programmed recording to start, you cannot change the settings.**



1. Press in the <INTERVAL> button on the front of the device until the recording interval appears in the display.
2. With each pressing of the <INTERVAL> button the recording interval time will change.  
Press until the desired setting appears.  
\*Recording Interval : 1,2,5,10,15,20,30 seconds 1,2,5,10,15,20,30,60 minutes



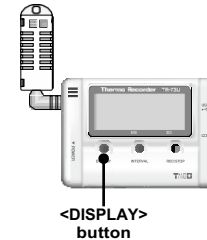
3. When the desired recording interval appears, stop pressing the <INTERVAL> button.  
Within a few seconds, the current measurement readings will return to the display and the setting will be finished.

**\* By pressing the <INTERVAL> button during recording or while waiting for a programmed recording to start via the provided software, the currently set recording interval will be displayed.**

## Changing the LCD Display Mode from Main Unit Button

You can make or change the LCD display settings from the <DISPLAY> button on the front of the TR-73U main unit.

1. By pressing the <DISPLAY> button on the front of the unit, you can change the screen display.



2. If the LCD display shows three channels' readings alternatively, it will show one channel as a fixed display by pressing the button.  
By pressing the button again, the LCD display pattern will be set for displaying three channels alternatively.  
If the display has been set for a fixed channel, with each pressing of the button the channel display will change.

## Specifications

Device Type	TR-73U		
Sensor	Temp-Humidity Sensor TR-3100 (*1)		Barometric Pressure Sensor (Internal)
	Thermistor	Polymer Resistance	
Measurement Channels	Temperature 1ch	Humidity 1ch	Barometric Pressure 1ch
Units of Measurement	°C, °F	%RH	hPa
Measurement Range	0 to 50°C (Supplied Sensor) -40 to 110°C (Optional Sensor)	10 to 95 %RH	750 to 1100 hPa
Accuracy	Avg. $\pm 0.3^{\circ}\text{C}$ at 0 to 50°C	$\pm 5$ %RH at 25 °C, 50 %RH	$\pm 1.5$ hPa
Measurement Resolution	0.1°C	1 %RH	0.1 hPa
Responsiveness	Response Time (90%): Approx. 7 min.		4 seconds or 40 seconds if recording interval is 10 sec. or more.
Logging Capacity	8,000 data sets (One data set consists of readings for all channels in that type of unit.)		
Recording Interval	Select from 15 choices: 1, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 30 sec. or 1, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 30, 60 min.		
Recording Mode	Endless (Overwrite oldest data when capacity is full) or One Time (Stop recording when capacity is full)		
Communication Interfaces	USB Communication: USB 2.0 (Mini-B connector) Serial Communication (*2)		
Power	AA Alkaline Battery LR6 x 1		
Battery Life (*3)	Approx. 10 months		
Dimensions	H 55 mm x W 78 mm x D 18 mm		
Weight	Approx. 40 g		
Operating Environment	Temperature: -10 to 60 °C Humidity: 90 %RH or less (no condensation)		
Software (*4)	PC Software (Windows) T&D Recorder for Windows (TR-5, 7xU)		

\*1: It is also possible to measure temperature with the internal sensor. However, the measurement range is restricted to the operating environment for the whole device.

\*2: Customers wishing to write their own software, please contact your local distributor for the serial communications protocol specifications. (Note: Optional serial communication cable TR-07C is also required.)

\*3: Battery life varies depending upon the ambient temperature in which it is used, the recording interval, the frequency of communication, and the battery performance. All estimates are based on operations carried out with a new battery and are in no way a guarantee of actual battery life.

\*4: Free software download and information on OS compatibility is available on the Software page of our website at [tandd.com/software/](http://tandd.com/software/).

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