

# TC101A

Thermocouple-Based Temperature  
Data Logger



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## Product Overview

The TC101A temperature data logger, is a compact versatile device to be used with thermocouple probes for accurate temperature monitoring and profiling.

Compatible with eight different types of thermocouple probes, the TC101A can measure temperatures as low as -270 °C (-454 °F), and up to as high as +1820 °C (+3308 °F) (probe dependent), with an environmental operating temperature range of -40 °C to +80 °C (-40 °F to +176 °F) for the data logger body.

## Installation Guide

### Installing the Interface Cable

**IFC200 (sold separately)** — Insert the device into a USB port. The drivers will install automatically.

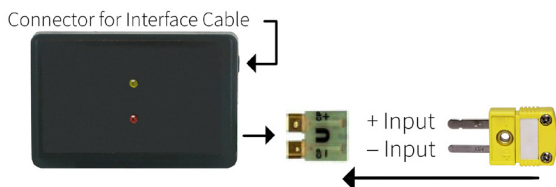
### Installing the Software

The Software can be downloaded from the MadgeTech website at [madgetech.com](http://madgetech.com). Follow the instructions provided in the Installation Wizard.

## Wiring the Data Logger

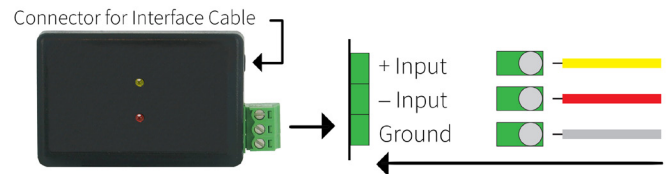
### MP Model Wiring

The standard connector is the SMP connection which allows for the user to insert a subminiature thermocouple plug into the connector on the device.



### ST and TB Model

**Wiring** The TC101A-ST and TC101A-TB have a three position removable screw terminal. This enables the data logger to be connected to most 3-wire thermocouples with lead wires. **Note:** Be sure to connect the thermocouple with the right polarity as marked on the device case.



The TC101A-ST and TC101A-TB have the ability to shield the thermocouple with the ground connection. When using a 2-wire thermocouple, leave the ground input unconnected.

## Device Operation

### Connecting and Starting the Data Logger

1. Once the software is installed and running, plug the interface cable into the data logger.
2. Connect the USB end of the interface cable into an open USB port on the computer.
3. The device will appear in the Connected Devices list. Highlight the desired data logger.
4. For most applications, select **Custom Start** from the menu bar and choose the desired start method, reading rate and other parameters appropriate for the data logging application and click **Start**.
  - **Quick Start** applies the most recent custom start options
  - **Batch Start** is used for managing multiple loggers at once
  - **Real Time Start** stores the dataset as it records while connected to the logger
5. The status of the device will change to **Running**, **Waiting to Start** or **Waiting to Manual Start**, depending upon your start method.
6. Disconnect the data logger from the interface cable and place it in the environment to measure.

**Note:** The device will stop recording data when the end of memory is reached or the device is stopped. At this point the device cannot be restarted until it has been re-armed by the computer.

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## Downloading Data from a Data Logger

1. Connect the logger to the interface cable.
2. Highlight the data logger in the Connected Devices list. Click **Stop** on the menu bar.
3. Once the data logger is stopped, with the logger highlighted, click **Download**.
4. Downloading will offload and save all the recorded data to the PC.

## Thermocouple Type

To change the thermocouple type:

- In the **Connected Devices** panel, click the device desired.
- On the **Device** Tab, in the **Information** Group, click **Properties**. Or, right-click the device and select **Properties** in the context menu.
- On the **General** Tab, change the **Thermocouple type** in the drop down menu.
- Apply these changes, there will be a prompt to reset the device, select **yes**.

## Alarm Settings

To change the settings for the alarm:

1. Select **Alarm Settings** from the **Device Menu** in the MadgeTech Software. A window will appear allowing to set the high and low alarms and warning alarms.
2. Press **Change** to edit the values.
3. Check **Enable Alarm Settings** to enable the feature and check each high and low, warn and alarm box to activate it. The values can be entered in the field manually or by using the scroll bars.
4. Click **Save** to save the changes. To clear an active alarm or warn, press the **Clear Alarm** or **Clear Warn** button.
5. To set an alarm delay, enter the duration of time into the **Alarm Delay** box in which the readings can be outside of the alarm parameters.

## Trigger Settings

The device can be programmed to only record based off user configured trigger settings.

1. In the **Connected Devices** panel, click the device desired.
2. On the **Device** Tab, in the Information Group, click **Properties**. Users can also right-click the device and select **Properties** in the context menu.
3. Select Trigger Settings from the Device Menu: Start Device or Identify Device and Read Status.

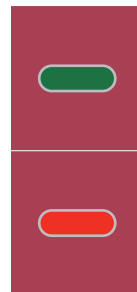
*Note: Trigger formats are available in Window and Two Point (bi-level) mode. Window allows for one range of temperature monitoring and two point mode allows for two ranges of temperature monitoring.*

## Set Password

To password protect the device so that others cannot start, stop or reset the device:

1. In the **Connected Devices** panel, click the device desired.
2. On the **Device** Tab, in the **Information** Group, click **Properties**. Or, right-click the device and select **Properties** in the context menu.
3. On the **General** Tab, click **Set Password**.
4. Enter and confirm the password in the box that appears, then select **OK**.

## LED Indicators



**Green LED blinks:** 10 seconds to indicate logging and 15 seconds to indicate delay start mode.

**Red LED blinks:** 10 seconds to indicate low battery and/or memory and 1 second to indicate an alarm condition.

## Multiple Start/Stop Mode Activation

- **To start device:** Press and hold the pushbutton for 5 seconds, the green LED will flash during this time. The device has started logging.
- **To stop the device:** Press and hold the pushbutton for 5 seconds, the red LED will flash during the this time. The device has stopped logging.

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## Device Maintenance

### Battery Replacement

Materials: Small Phillips Head Screwdriver and a Replacement Battery (LTC-7PN)

1. Puncture the center of the back label with the screw driver and unscrew the enclosure.
2. Remove the battery by pulling it perpendicular to the circuit board.
3. Insert the new battery into the terminals and verify it is secure.
4. Screw the enclosure back together securely.

**Note:** Be sure not to over tighten the screws or strip the threads.

### Recalibration

Recalibration is recommended annually. To send devices back for calibration, visit [madgetech.com](http://madgetech.com).



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