Cabled Vantage Pro® & Vantage Pro Plus™ Stations
Including Fan-Aspirated Models
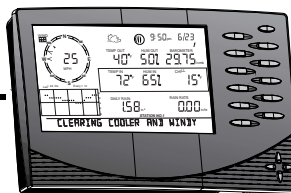
The Vantage Pro (**6150C, 6151C**) and Vantage Pro Plus (**6160C, 6161C**) cabled stations include two components: the Integrated Sensor Suite (ISS) and the console. The ISS contains the sensor interface module, rain collector, anemometer, and either a passive radiation shield or a fan-aspirated radiation shield. The Vantage Pro console provides the user interface, data display, A/D conversion, and calculations. The Vantage Pro Plus station includes two additional sensors that are optional on the Vantage Pro: the UV Sensor and the Solar Radiation Sensor. The console and ISS are powered by an AC-power adapter connected to the console. The Fan-Aspirated Radiation Shield is powered by it's own AC-power adapter. Batteries can be installed in the console to provide a backup power supply. Use WeatherLInk for Vantage Pro to interface with a computer, to log data, and to upload weather information to the internet.

The **6150C** and **6160C** rely on passive shielding to reduce solar-radiation induced temperature errors in the outside temperature sensor readings. The Fan-aspirated **6151C** and **6161C** combine passive shielding with a fan that draws outside air in over the temperature and humidity sensors, providing a much more accurate temperature reading than that available using passive shielding alone.

Specifications

Console

Console Operating Temperature	+14° to +140°F (-10° to +60°C)
Display Temperature	+32° to +140°F (0° to +60°C)
Non-operating Temperature	-5° to +158°F (-20° to +70°C)
Current Draw (includes ISS)	10 mA (average), 15 mA (peak) (+80 mA for illuminated display) at 4 to 6 VDC
Power Adapter	5 VDC, 200 mA
Battery Backup	3 C-cells
Battery Life (no AC power)	1 month (approximately)
Connectors	Modular RJ-11
Housing Material	UV-resistant ABS plastic
Console Display Type	LCD Transflective
Dimensions, Console	9.625" x 6.125" x 1.5" (264 mm x 156 mm x 38 mm)
Dimensions, LCD Screen	5.94" x 3.375" (151 mm x 86 mm)
Weight (with batteries)	1.88 lbs. (.85 kg)

Integrated Sensor Suite (ISS)

Operating Temperature	-40° to +140°F (-40° to +60°C)
Non-operating Temperature	-50° to +158°F (-45° to +70°C)
Power Source, ISS SIM/Fan-Aspiration	Vantage Pro console / AC-power adapter
Fan Aspiration Rate (Fan-Aspirated)	215 feet/min. (1.1 m/s)
Connectors	Modular RJ-11
Cable Type	4-conductor, 26 AWG
Cable Length, console	100′ (30 m)
Cable Length, anemometer	40′ (12 m) (supplied), 540′ (165 m) (maximum recommended)
Wind Speed Sensor	Wind cups with magnetic switch
Wind Direction Sensor	Wind vane with potentiometer
Rain Collector Type	Tip bucket, 0.01" per tip, 33.2 in^2 (214 cm^2) collection area
Temperature Sensor Type	Platinum wire thermistor
Relative Humidity Sensor Type	Film capacitor element
Housing Material	UV-resistant ABS plastic
Dimensions	
6150C, 6160C (Passive Shielding)	11.0" x 9.375" x 14.0" (279 mm x 238 mm x 356 mm)
6151C, 6161C (Fan-Aspiration)	11.0" x 9.375" x 21.0" (279 mm x 238 mm x 533 mm)
Weight	
6150C, 6160C (Passive Shielding)	5.42 lbs. (2.17 kg) / 6.35 lbs. (2.88 kg)
6151C, 6161C (Fan-Aspiration)	5.8 lbs. (2.62 kg) / 6.76 lbs. (3.06 kg)

Sensor Inputs

RF Filtering	RC low-pass filter on each signal line

Sensor Outputs (as displayed on console)

General

Historical Data	Includes the past 24 values listed unless otherwise noted; all can be cleared and all totals reset
Daily Data	Includes the earliest time of occurrence of highs and lows; period begins/ends at 12:00 am
Monthly Data	Period begins/ends at 12:00 am on the first of the month
Yearly Data	Period begins/ends at 12:00 am on the first of January unless otherwise noted
Current Data	Current data appears in the right most column in the console graph and represents the latest value within the last period on the graph; totals can be set or reset
Graph Time Interval Length	1 min., 10 min., 15 min., 1 hour, 1 day, 1 month, 1 year (user-selectable, availability depends upon variable selected)
Graph Time Span	24 Intervals + Current Interval (see Graph Intervals to determine time span)
Graph Variable Span (Vertical Scale)	Automatic (varies depending upon data range); Maximum and Minimum value in range appear in ticker
Alarm Indication	Alarms sound for only 2 minutes (time alarm is always 1 minute) if operating on battery power. Alarm message is displayed in ticker as long as threshold is met or exceeded. Alarms can be silenced (but not cleared) by pressing the DONE key.
Update Interval	Varies with sensor - see individual sensor specs

Forecast

Variables Used	Barometric Reading & Trend, Wind Speed & Direction, Rainfall, Temperature, Humidity, Latitude & Longitude, Time of Year
Update Interval	1 hour
Display Format	Icons on top center of display; detailed message in ticker at bottom
Variables Predicted	Sky Condition, Precipitation, Temperature Changes, Wind Direction and Speed Changes

Outside Temperature (sensor located in ISS)

Resolution and Units	Current Data: 0.1°F or 1°F or 0.1°C or 1°C (user-selectable) nominal (see Fig. 1) Historical Data and Alarms: 1°F or 1°C (user-selectable)
Range	-40° to +150°F (-40° to +65°C)
Sensor Accuracy	±1°F (±0.5°C) up to 110°F (43°C), ±2°F (±1°C) over 110°F (43°C) (see Fig. 2)
Radiation Induced Error	+4°F (2°C) at solar noon (insolation = 1040 W/m^2, avg. wind speed ≤ 2 mph (1 m/s)) (reference: RM Young Model 43408 Fan-Aspirated Radiation Shield)
Radiation Induced Error (Fan-Aspirated)	+0.6°F (0.3°C) at solar noon (insolation = 1040 W/m^2, avg. wind speed ≤ 2 mph (1 m/s)) (reference: RM Young Model 43408 Fan-Aspirated Radiation Shield)
Update Interval	10 seconds
Current Data	Instant Reading (user adjustable); Daily, Monthly, Yearly High and Low
Historical Data	Hourly Readings; Daily and Monthly Highs and Lows
Alarms	High and Low Thresholds from Instant Reading

Inside Temperature (sensor located in console)

Resolution and Units	Current Data: 0.1°F or 1°F or 0.1°C or 1°C (user-selectable) nominal (see Fig. 1) Historical Data and Alarms: 1°F or 1°C (user-selectable)
Range	+32° to +140°F (0° to +60°C)
Sensor Accuracy	±1°F (±0.5°C) up to 110°F (43°C), ±2°F (±1°C) over 110°F (43°C)
Update Interval	1 minute
Current Data	Instant Reading (user adjustable); Daily and Monthly High and Low
Historical Data	Hourly Readings; Daily and Monthly Highs and Lows
Alarms	High and Low Thresholds from Instant Reading

Wind Speed

Resolution and Units	1 mph, 1 km/h, 0.1 m/s, or 1 knot (user-selectable)
Range (large wind cups)	2 to 150 mph, 2 to 130 knots, 1 to 67 m/s, 3 to 241 km/h
Range (small wind cups)	3 to 175 mph, 3 to 150 knots, 1.5 to 79 m/s, 5 to 282 km/h
Update Interval	Instant Reading: 2.5 seconds, 10-minute Average: 1 minute
Accuracy (large wind cups)	±2 mph (2 kts, 3 km/h, 1 m/s) or ±5%, whichever is greater
Accuracy (small wind cups)	±3 mph (3 kts, 5 km/h, 1.5 m/s) or ±5%, whichever is greater
Maximum Cable Length	540′ (165 m)
Current Data	Instant Reading; 10-minute and Hourly Average; Hourly High; Daily, Monthly, Yearly High with Direction of High
Historical Data	10-min. and Hourly Averages; Hourly Highs; Daily, Monthly, Yearly Highs with Direction of Highs
Alarms	High Thresholds from Instant Reading and 10-minute Average

Wind Direction

Display Resolution	16 points (22.5°) on compass rose, 1° in numeric display
Accuracy	±7°
Update Interval	2.5 seconds
Current Data	Instant Reading (user adjustable); 10-min. Dominant; Hourly, Daily, Monthly Dominant
Historical Data	Past 6 10-min. Dominants on compass rose only; Hourly, Daily, Monthly Dominants

Wind Chill (Calculated)

Resolution and Units	1°F or 1°C (user-selectable)
Range	-110° to +130°F (-79° to +54°C)
Accuracy	±2°F (±1°C) (typical)
Update Interval	10 seconds
Source	United States National Weather Service (NWS)/NOAA
Equation Used	Osczevski (1995) (adopted by US NWS in 2001)
Variables Used	Instant Outside Temperature and 10-min. Avg. Wind Speed
Current Data	Instant Calculation; Hourly, Daily, Monthly Low
Historical Data	Hourly, Daily, Monthly Lows
Alarm	Low Threshold from Instant Calculation

Rainfall

Resolution and Units	0.01" or 0.25 mm (user-selectable) (1 mm at totals ≥ 2000 mm)
Daily/Storm Rainfall Range	0 to 99.99" (0 to 9999 mm)
Monthly/Yearly/Total Rainfall Range	0 to 199.99" (0 to 19999 mm)
Rain Rate	0 to 199.99" (0 to 19999 mm)
Accuracy	For rain rates up to 2"/hr (50 mm/hr): ±4% of total or +0.01" (0.25 mm) (0.01" = one tip of the bucket), whichever is greater For rain rates from 2"/hr (50 mm/hr) to 4"/hr (100 mm/hr): ±5% of total or +0.01" (0.25 mm) (0.01" = one tip of the bucket), whichever is greater
Update Interval	10 seconds
Storm Determination Method	0.02" (0.5 mm) begins a storm event, 24 hours without further accumulation ends a storm event
Current Data	Totals for Past 15-min, Past 24-hour, Daily, Monthly, Yearly (start date user-selectable) and Storm (with begin date); Umbrella is displayed when 15 minute Total exceeds zero
Historical Data	Totals for 15-min, Daily, Monthly, Yearly (start date user-selectable) and Storm (with begin and end dates)
Alarms	High Threshold from Latest Flash Flood (15-min. Total, default is 0.50", 12.7 mm), 24-hour Total, Storm Total,
Range for Rain Alarms	0 to 99.99" (0 to 999.7 mm)

Rain Rate

Resolution and Units	0.01" or 0.25 mm (user-selectable) at typical rates (see Fig. 3 and 4)
Range	0, 0.04"/hr (1 mm/hr) to 100"/hr (0 to 1999.9 mm/hr)
Accuracy	±5% or ±0.04"/hr (1 mm/hr) (up to 10"/hr. (250 mm/hr.)), whichever is greater
Update Interval	10 seconds
Calculation Method	Measures time between successive tips of rain collector. Elapsed time greater than 15 minutes or only one tip of the rain collector constitutes a rain rate of zero.
Current Data	Instant and 1-min. Reading; Hourly, Daily, Monthly, Yearly High
Historical Data	1-min Reading; Hourly, Daily, Monthly, Yearly Highs
Alarm	High Threshold from Instant Reading

Barometric Pressure (sensor located in console)

Resolution and Units	0.01" Hg, 0.1 mm Hg, 0.1 hPa/mb (user-selectable)
Corrected Range	26.00" to 32.00" Hg, 660.0 to 810.0 mm Hg, 880.0 to 1080.0 hPa/mb
Uncorrected Range	18.00" to 33.50" Hg, 457.0 to 850.0 mm Hg, 592.0 to 1130.0 hPa/mb
Elevation Range	-999′ to +12,500′ (-305 m to 3810 m)
Uncorrected Reading Accuracy	±0.03" Hg (±0.8 mm Hg, ±1.0 hPa/mb) (at room temperature)
Sea-Level Reduction Equation Used	United States Method employed prior to use of current "R Factor" method
Equation Source	Smithsonian Meteorological Tables
Equation Accuracy	±0.01" Hg (±0.3 mm Hg, ±0.3 hPa/mb)
Elevation Accuracy Required	±10′ (3m) to meet equation accuracy specification
Overall Accuracy	±0.04" Hg (±1.0 mm Hg, ±1.4 hPa/mb)
Trend (change in 3 hours)	Change ≥0.6" (2 hPa/mb, 1.5 mm Hg) = Rapidly Change ≥0.2" (.7hPa/mb, .5 mm Hg)= Slowly
Trend Indication	5 position arrow: Rising (rapidly or slowly), Steady, or Falling (rapidly or slowly)
Update Interval	15 minutes or when console BAR key is pressed twice
Current Data	Instant, 15-min., and Hourly Reading; Daily, Monthly, High and Low
Historical Data	15-min. and Hourly Reading; Daily, Monthly Highs and Lows
Alarms	High Threshold from Current Trend for Storm Clearing (Rising Trend Low Threshold from Current Trend for Storm Warning (Falling Trend)
Range for Rising and Falling Trend Alarms	0.01 to 0.25" Hg (0.1 to 6.4 mm Hg, 0.1 to 8.5 hPa/mb)

Inside Relative Humidity (sensor located in console)

Range	10 to 90% RH
Accuracy	±5%
Update Interval	1 minute
Current Data	Instant (user adjustable) and Hourly Reading; Daily, Monthly High and Low
Historical Data	Hourly Readings; Daily, Monthly Highs and Lows
Alarms	High and Low Threshold from Instant Reading

Outside Relative Humidity (sensor located in ISS)

Range . . . . 1 to 100% RH

Accuracy . . . . ±3% (0 to 90% RH), ±4% (90 to 100% RH)

Temperature Coefficient. . . . . 0.03% per °F (0.05% per °C), reference 68°F (20°C)

Drift . . . . ±0.5% per year

Update Interval . . . . 50 seconds

Current Data . . . . Instant (user adjustable) and Hourly Reading; Daily, Monthly High and Low

Historical Data . . . . Hourly Readings; Daily, Monthly Highs and Lows

Alarms . . . . High and Low Threshold from Instant Reading

Dewpoint (calculated)

Resolution and Units . . . . 1°F or 1°C (user-selectable)

Range . . . . -105° to +130°F (-76° to +54°C)

Accuracy . . . . ±3°F (±1.5°C) (typical)

Update Interval . . . . 10 seconds

Source . . . . World Meteorlogical Organization (WMO)

Equation Used . . . . WMO Equation with respect to saturation of moist air over water

Variables Used . . . . Instant Outside Temperature and Instant Outside Relative Humidity

Current Data. . . . . Instant Calculation; Daily, Monthly High and Low

Historical Data . . . . Hourly Calculations; Daily, Monthly Highs and Lows

Alarms . . . . High and Low Threshold from Instant Calculation

Heat Index (calculated)

Resolution and Units . . . . 1°F or 1°C (user-selectable)

Range . . . . -40° to +135°F (-40° to +57°C)

Accuracy . . . . ±3°F (±1.5°C) (typical)

Update Interval . . . . 10 seconds

Source . . . . United States National Weather Service(NWS)/NOAA

Formulation Used. . . . . Steadman (1979) modified by US NWS/NOAA and Davis Instruments to increase range of use

Variables Used . . . . Instant Outside Temperature and Instant Outside Relative Humidity

Current Data . . . . Instant Calculation; Daily, Monthly High

Historical Data . . . . Hourly Calculations; Daily, Monthly Highs

Alarm. . . . . High Threshold from Instant Calculation

Evapotranspiration (calculated, requires solar radiation sensor)

Resolution and Units . . . . 0.01" or 0.25 mm (user-selectable)

Range . . . . Daily to 99.99" (999.9 mm); Monthly & Yearly to 199.99" (1999.9 mm)

Accuracy . . . . Greater of 0.01" (0.25 mm) or ±5%, Reference: side-by-side comparision against a CIMIS ET weather station

Update Interval . . . . 1 hour

Calculation and Source. . . . . Penman-Monteith Equation as implemented by CIMIS (California Irrigation Management Information System) including Net Radiation calculation

Current Data. . . . . Latest Hourly Total Calculation, Daily, Monthly, Yearly Total

Historical Data . . . . Hourly, Daily, Monthly, Yearly Totals

Alarm . . . . High Threshold from Latest Daily Total Calculation

Solar Radiation (requires solar radiation sensor)

Resolution and Units . . . . 1 W/m^2

Range . . . . 0 to 1800 W/m^2

Accuracy . . . . ±5% of full scale (Reference: Eppley PSP at 1000 W/m^2)

Drift . . . . up to ±2% per year

Cosine Reponse . . . . ±3% for angle of incidence from 0° to 75°

Temperature Coefficient. . . . . -0.067% per °F (-0.12% per °C); reference temperature = 77°F (25°C)

Update Interval . . . . 50 seconds (5 minutes when dark)

Current Data . . . . Instant Reading and Hourly Average; Daily, Monthly High

Historical Data . . . . Hourly Average, Daily, Monthly Highs

Alarm. . . . . High Threshold from Instant Reading

Temperature Humidity Sun Wind Index (requires solar radiation sensor)

Resolution and Units . . . . 1°F or 1°C (user-selectable)

Range . . . . -90° to +135°F (-68° to +64°C)

Accuracy . . . . ±4°F (±2°C) (typical)

Update Interval . . . . 10 seconds

Sources and Formulation Used . . . . United States National Weather Service(NWS)/NOAA
Steadman (1979) modified by US NWS/NOAA and Davis Instruments to increase range of use and allow for cold weather use

Variables Used . . . . Instant Outside Temperature, Instant Outside Relative Humidity, 10-minute Average Wind Speed, 10-minute Average Solar Radiation

Formulation Description . . . . Uses Heat Index as base temperature, affects of wind and solar radiation are either added or subtracted from this base to give an overall effective tempertature

Current Data. . . . . Instant and Hourly Calculation; Daily, Monthly High

Historical Data . . . . Hourly Calculation; Daily, Monthly Highs

Alarm . . . . High Threshold from Instant Reading

Ultra Violet (UV) Radiation Index (requires UV sensor)

Resolution and Units . . . . 0.1 Index

Range . . . . 0 to 16 Index

Accuracy . . . . ±5% of full scale (Reference: Yankee UVB-1 at UV Index of 10 (extremely high))

Cosine Reponse . . . . ±4% (0° to 65° incident angle); 9% (65° to 85° incident angle)

Update Interval . . . . 50 seconds (5 minutes when dark)

Current Data. . . . . Instant Reading and Hourly Average; Daily, Monthly High

Historical Data . . . . Hourly Average, Daily, Monthly Highs

Alarm . . . . High Threshold from Instant Calculation

Ultra Violet (UV) Radiation Dose (requires UV sensor)

Resolution and Units . . . . 0.1 MEDs to 19.9 MEDs; 1 MED above 19.9 MEDS

Range . . . . 0 to 199 MEDs

Accuracy . . . . ±5% of daily total

Drift. . . . . up to ±2% per year

Update Interval . . . . 50 seconds to 1 minute (5 minutes when dark)

Current Data . . . . Latest Daily Total (user resetable at any time from Current Screen)

Historical Data. . . . . Hourly, Daily Totals (user reset from Current Screen does not affect these values)

Alarm . . . . High Threshold from Daily Total

Alarm Range . . . . 0 to 19.9 MEDs

Moon Phase

Console Resolution . . . . 1/8 (12.5%) of a lunar cycle, 1/4 (25%) of lighted face on console

WeatherLink Resolution. . . . . 0.09% of a lunar cycle, 0.18% of lighted face maximum (depends on screen resolution)

Range . . . . New Moon, Waxing Cresent, First Quarter, Waxing Gibbous, Full Moon, Wanning Gibbous, Last Quarter, Waning Cresent

Accuracy . . . . ±38 minutes

Sunrise and Sunset

Resolution. . . . . 1 minute

Accuracy . . . . ±1 minute

Reference . . . . United States Naval Observatory

Clock

Accuracy . . . . ±8 seconds/month

Resolution. . . . . 1 minute

Units . . . . Time: 12 or 24 hour format (user-selectable)
Date: US or International format (user-selectable)

Adjustments . . . . Time: Automatic Daylight Savings Time (for users in North America, Europe and Australia that observe it in AUTO mode, MANUAL setting available for all other areas)
Date: Automatic Leap Year

Alarms. . . . . Once per day at set time when active
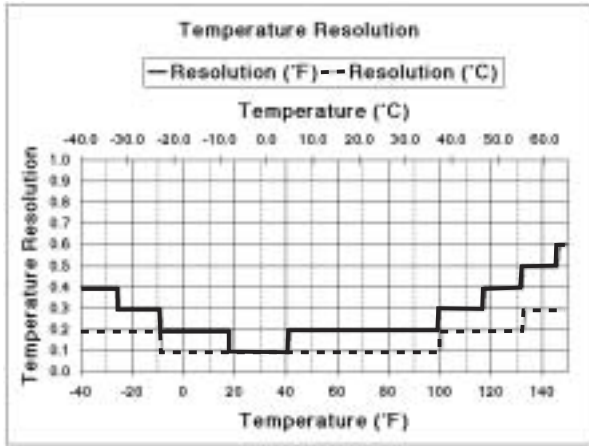
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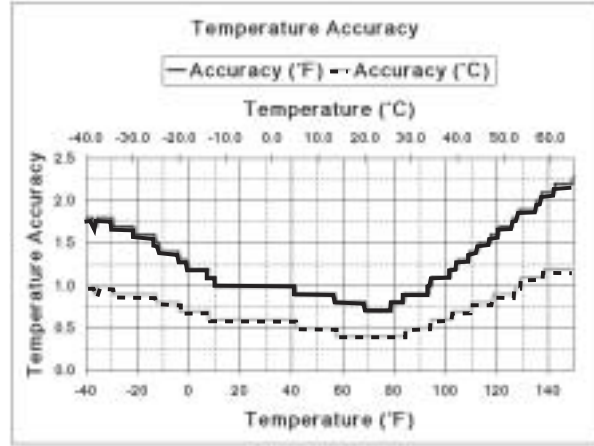

Figure 1. Temperature Resolution
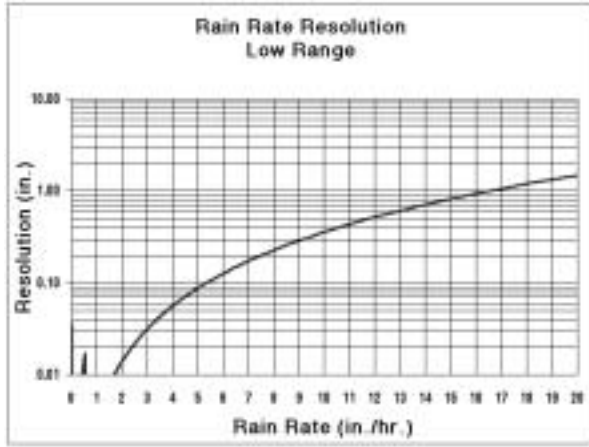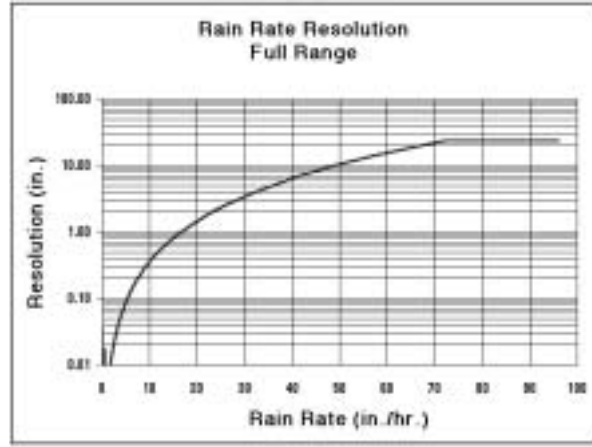

Figure 2. Temperature Accuracy

Figure 3. Low Range Rain Rate Resolution

Figure 4. Full Range Rain Rate Resolution