

# Manual

## Software SPECTRO3-MSM-SLA-Scope V1.1

(PC software for Microsoft® Windows® 7, 8, 10)

### for color sensors of SPECTRO-3-MSM-SLA Series with internal temperature compensation and white light balancing

This manual describes the installation of the PC software for the SPECTRO-3-MSM-SLA color sensor. As a support for commissioning of the color sensor this manual explains the functional elements of the Windows® user interface.

The SPECTRO-3-MSM-SLA color sensor provides highly flexible signal acquisition. For example, the sensor can be operated in alternating-light mode (AC mode), which makes the sensor insensitive to extraneous light. It also can be set to constant-light mode (DC mode), which makes the sensor extremely fast. With the stepless adjustment of the integrated light source as well as the selectable gain of the receiver signal and an INTEGRAL function the sensor can be set to almost any surface or any "self-luminous object".

When the integrated light source of the SPECTRO-3-MSM-SLA color sensor is activated, the sensor detects the radiation that is diffusely reflected from the object. As a light source the SPECTRO-3-MSM-SLA color sensor uses LEDs with adjustable transmitter power. An integrated 3-fold receiver for the red, green, and blue content of the light that is reflected from the object, or the light that is emitted by a "self-luminous object", is used as a receiver.

The sensor has 3 analog outputs that either provide the red, green, and blue components or the calculated color coordinates in values of 0...+10V or 4...20mA.

Parameters and measurement values can be exchanged between a PC and the SPECTRO-3-MSM-SLA color sensor through the serial RS232 interface. All the parameters for color detection also can be saved to the non-volatile EEPROM of the SPECTRO-3-MSM-SLA color sensor through this serial RS232 interface. When parameterisation is finished, the color sensor continues to operate with the current parameters in STAND-ALONE mode without a PC.

Possible firmware updates can be easily performed through the RS232 interface, even with the sensor system in installed condition. (→ cf. Annex „Firmware update via software Firmware Loader“).

The SPECTRO-3-MSM-SLA series sensors are factory calibrated. When establishing the connection, the date of the next calibration is displayed in the status window in the CONNECT tab. For continuously accurate measurement results, we recommend having the calibration renewed every 18 months and sending in the sensors for calibration.

Moreover, the sensors of the SPECTRO-3-MSM-SLA series can be individually calibrated. Calibration can be performed to any surface with known color coordinates. A ColorChecker™ table is available as an alternative. This table has 24 color fields according to the CIE STANDARD that can be used for calibration.

Furthermore, input IN0 can be used for performing white light balancing.

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## 1. Installation of the SPECTRO3-MSM-SLA-Scope software

The following requirements must be fulfilled for successful installation of the software:

- Microsoft® Windows® 7, 8, 10
- IBM PC AT or compatible
- VGA graphics
- Microsoft-compatible mouse
- Serial RS232 interface at the PC or USB slot or RJ45 connector
- Cable **cab-las4/PC** for the RS232 interface or **cab-4/USB** USB converter or **cab-4/ETH** Ethernet converter

Please install the software as described below:

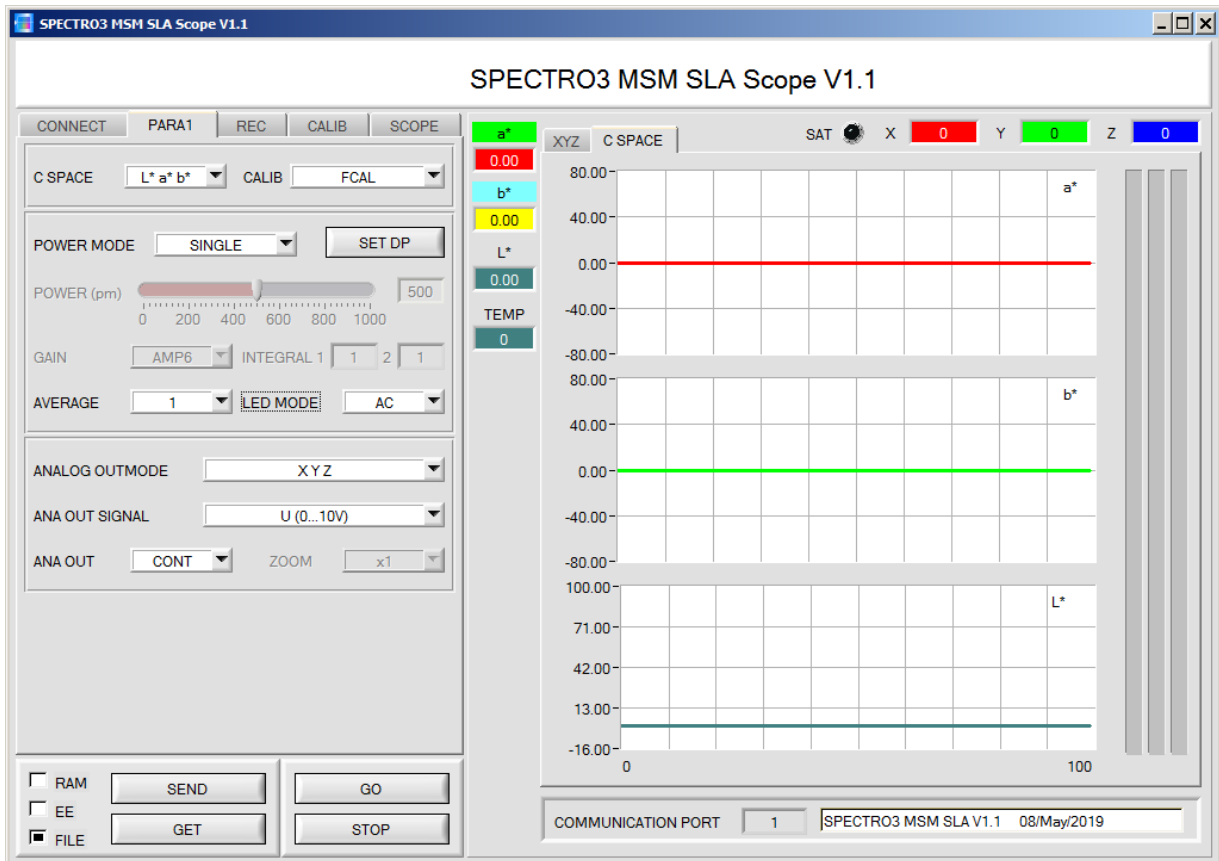
1. The software can be installed directly from the installation DVD. To install the software, start the SETUP program in the SOFTWARE folder of the DVD.
2. The installation program displays a dialog and suggests to install the software in the C:\"FILENAME" directory on the hard disk. You may accept this suggestion with OK or [ENTER], or you may change the path as desired. Installation is then performed automatically.
3. During the installation process a new program group for the software is created in the Windows Program Manager. In the program group an icon for starting the software is created automatically. When installation is successfully completed the installation program displays "Setup OK".
4. After successful installation the software can be started with a left mouse button double-click on the icon.

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## 2. Operation of the SPECTRO3-MSM-SLA-Scope software

Please read this chapter first before you start to adjust and parameterise the SPECTRO-3-MSM-SLA color sensor.

When the SPECTRO3-MSM-SLA-Scope software is started, the following window appears on the Windows interface:



The window size and position will be the same as when the software was last closed. A double-click with the right mouse button e.g. under the minimise symbol places the window centrally in its original size.

If a connection is not established automatically, e.g. if no sensor is connected, the software can be run in OFFLINE mode. In offline mode it only is possible to exchange parameters with a file on a storage medium, which often is helpful for the purpose of analysing parameter files.

If a sensor is connected and a connection still cannot be established, either the SCOPE version (program at the PC) and the firmware version (program in the sensor) do not match, or the interface to the sensor must be correctly configured.

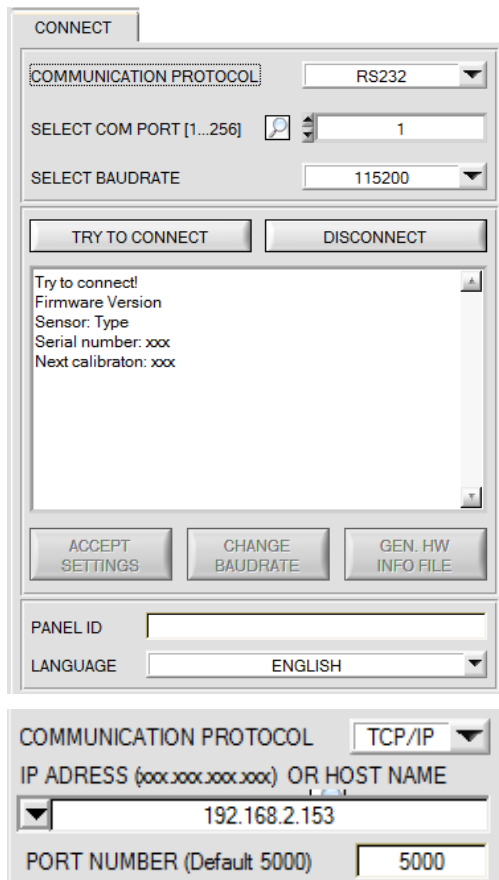
If different Scope and firmware versions should be the problem, please get the Scope version that matches the firmware from your supplier.

The interface configuration is described in the CONNECT tab chapter.

**Pressing the right mouse button on an individual element will call up a short help text.**

**Due to a better overview, parameters that are not required, displays, graphs, etc., are greyed out or invisible depending on the parameterization.**

## 2.1 Tab CONNECT



### CONNECT:

Pressing the **CONNECT** tab opens a window for selecting and configuring the interface.

The **COMMUNICATION PROTOCOL** function field is used for selecting either an **RS232** or a **TCP/IP** protocol.

If **RS232** is selected, a port from 1 to 256 can be selected with **SELECT COM PORT**, depending on which port the sensor is connected to. The sensor operates with a set baudrate that can be modified with **CHANGE BAUDRATE** (see below). The sensor and the user interface both must operate with the same baudrate. At the user interface the baudrate is set with **SELECT BAUDRATE**. If after starting the software should not automatically establish a connection, the correct baudrate can be found with **SELECT BAUDRATE**.

If an converter is used, the **COM PORT** number can be determined by way of the hardware manager in the system control panel.

A click on the magnifier symbol opens a list with all the possible COM ports in the display.

An RS232 to Ethernet converter (**cab-4/ETH**) is needed if the sensor should communicate through a local network. With this converter a connection to the sensor can be established using the **TCP/IP** protocol.

Parameterisation of the **cab-4/ETH** converter (assigning of IP address, baudrate setting, ...) can be done with the **SensorFinder software** that is available free of charge on the internet.


In order to establish a connection to the converter, its IP address or HOST name must be entered in the field **IP ADDRESS (xxx.xxx.xxx.xxx) OR HOST NAME**. The DROP DOWN menu (down arrow) shows the last 10 IP addresses that were used. An address from this list can be directly selected by clicking on the respective item. The DROP DOWN list is saved and is thus always available when the software is closed.

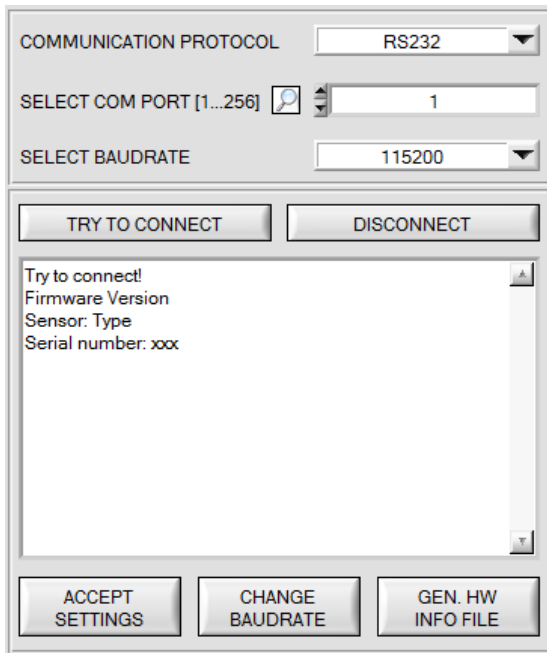
The **PORT NUMBER** for the cab-4/ETH is 5000. This port number must not be changed.

When you press the **TRY TO CONNECT** button, the software tries to establish a connection with the set parameters. The communication status is shown in the display field. If the sensor answers with its FIRMWARE ID, the set connection type can be accepted by pressing **ACCEPT SETTINGS**. You will then be returned to the **PARA** tab. If you get a **TIMEOUT** message, the software could not establish a connection to the sensor. In this case please check if the interface cable is correctly connected, if the sensor is supplied with power, and if the set parameters are correct. If a connection has been accepted by pressing **ACCEPT SETTINGS**, the software starts automatically with these settings when called the next time.

**DISCONNECT** disconnects the connection between sensor and PC. The software then switches to OFFLINE mode, where it is only possible to exchange parameters with a file on a storage medium.

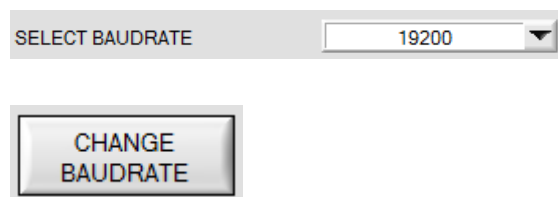
Under **PANEL ID** a name can be entered that will be displayed at different points in the program window, and that will be recorded in different files (e.g. Record File) as well. With the input field **LANGUAGE** a language can be set with which the individual controls are displayed on the surface. This also applies to the help function that is actuated with the right mouse button.

<p><b>Please note:</b></p>  <p><b>ATTENTION !</b></p>	<p><b>The stable function of the interface is a basic prerequisite for measured value transfer from the PC to the sensor.</b></p> <p><b>Due to the limited data transfer rate through the serial RS232 interface only slow changes of the raw signals at the sensor front end can be observed in the graphic output window of the PC.</b></p> <p><b>For maintaining maximum switching frequency at the sensor data communication with the PC must be stopped (press the STOP button).</b></p>
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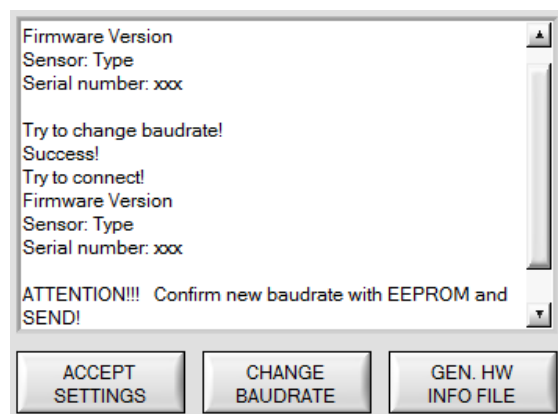
The baudrate for data transfer through the RS232 interface can be set by means of the **SELECT BAUDRATE** drop down menu and **CHANGE BAUDRATE** function field.

If the baudrate should be changed, a connection must first be established by clicking on **TRY TO CONNECT**. The **CHANGE BAUDRATE** button will then be active.



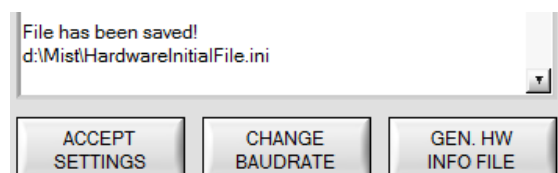
Now a new baudrate can be selected under **SELECT BAUDRATE**.

A click on **CHANGE BAUDRATE** sends the new baudrate information to the sensor.



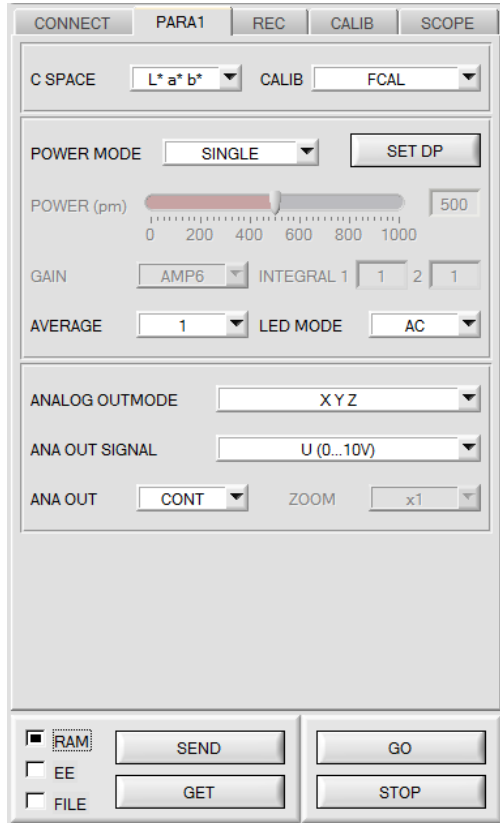
When the new baudrate information has been successfully sent, the sensor operates with the new baudrate. A window will pop up, prompting you to select **EEPROM** and then to press **SEND**. After a hardware reset the new baudrate only will be used when **EEPROM** and **SEND** have been pressed.

A click on **ACCEPT SETTINGS** saves the current interface settings, which will then be automatically set when the software is restarted.



A click on the **GEN. HW INFO FILE** generates a file in which all the important sensor data are stored in encrypted form. This file can be sent to the manufacturer for diagnostic purposes.

## 2.2 Tab PARA1, button SEND, GET, GO, STOP



### PARA1:

Pressing the **PARA1** tab opens a window for setting the sensor parameters.

### ATTENTION!

**A change of the parameter function groups only becomes effective at the sensor after actuation of the SEND button in the MEM function field!**

### SEND [F9]:

When the **SEND** button is clicked (or shortcut key button F9 is pressed), all the currently set parameters are transferred between PC and sensor. The target of the respective parameter transfer is determined by the selected button (**RAM**, **EEPROM**, or **FILE**).

### GET [F10]:

The currently set values can be interrogated from the sensor by clicking on the **GET** button (or with shortcut key button F10). The source of data exchange is determined by the selected button (**RAM**, **EEPROM**, or **FILE**).

### RAM:

After a click on the **SEND** button the current parameters are written into the **RAM** memory of the sensor, or they are read from the **RAM** by clicking on the **GET** button, i.e. these parameters are lost when the voltage at the sensor is switched off.

### EEPROM:

After a click on the **SEND** button the current parameters are written into the non-volatile memory of the **EEPROM** in the sensor, or they are read from the **EEPROM** by clicking on the **GET** button, i.e. the parameters in the internal **EEPROM** are stored when the voltage at the sensor is switched off.

### FILE:

After pressing **SEND**, the current parameters can be written to a selectable file on the hard disk. With **GET** parameters can be read from such a file. When the **SEND** or **GET** button is pressed, a dialog box opens for selecting the desired file.

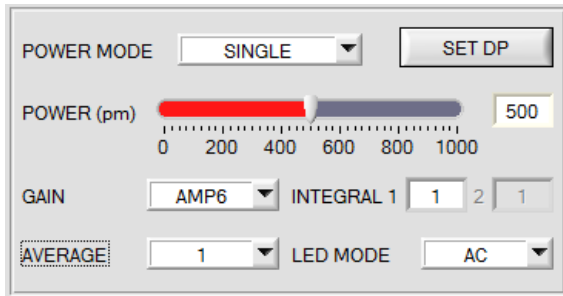
### GO [F11]:

A click on this button (or with shortcut key button F11) starts data transfer from the sensor to the PC through the serial RS232 interface.

**SOURCE** is used to select which signals should be shown in the displays and graphs.

### STOP [F12]:

A click on this button (or with shortcut key button F12) stops data transfer from the sensor to the PC through the serial RS232 interface.



**POWER MODE:** see SET DP

**POWER:**

The transmitter power is constantly kept at the value set with the **POWER [pm]** slider (recommended operation mode). The **POWER** can be set with the slider or by entering a value in the edit-box. A value of 1000 means full intensity at the transmitter unit, a value of 0 sets the lowest intensity at the transmitter.

**POWER** only is available with **CALIB=OFF** or **XYZ OFFSET**

**LED MODE:**

This item serves for setting the control mode for the integrated light source of the sensor.

**DC:** In this mode the sensor operates extremely fast. Unfortunately the sensor is somewhat sensitive to extraneous light in DC mode, but if the extraneous light source does not directly shine into the sensor's receiver, the signal only is influenced to a very small extent.

**AC:** In this mode the sensor is insensitive to extraneous light, which is achieved by "modulating" the integrated light source, i.e. by turning the light on and off. The extraneous content in the signal is determined in off status and is simply subtracted from the on status.

**GAIN:**

This item is used for setting the gain of the receiver in 8 different gain stages (AMP1 to AMP8). **GAIN** should be set such that with a medium **POWER** value the sensor operates in its dynamic range (X,Y,Z between 2750 and 3750). In **AC** mode, **GAIN** directly influences the scan frequency. The current scan frequency is displayed in the **SCOPE** tab.

**GAIN** only is available with **CALIB=OFF** or **XYZ OFFSET**.

**AVERAGE:**

This function field is used for adjusting the number of scanning values (measurement values) over which the raw signal measured at the receiver is averaged. A higher **AVERAGE** default value reduces noise of the raw signals at the receiver unit and there will be a decrease of the maximal available switching frequency of the sensor

**INTEGRAL 1:**

This function field is used to set the number of scan values (measurement values) over which the raw signal measured at the receiver is summed up. This integral function allows the reliable detection even of extremely weak signals. A higher **INTEGRAL 1** value increases the noise of the raw signals of the receiver unit, and simultaneously decreases the maximum achievable switching frequency of the sensor.

**INTEGRAL 1** only is available with **CALIB=OFF** or **XYZ OFFSET**.

**INTEGRAL 2:**

This function field is used to set the number of scan values (measurement values) over which the raw signal measured **and averaged** at the receiver is summed up. This integral function allows the reliable detection even of extremely weak signals. A higher **INTEGRAL 2** preset value increases the noise of the raw signals of the receiver unit, and simultaneously decreases the maximum achievable switching frequency of the sensor.

**INTEGRAL 2** only is available with **CALIB=OFF** or **XYZ OFFSET**.

In addition, **AVERAGE** must be higher than 1, so that a summation is possible at all.

**INFO:**

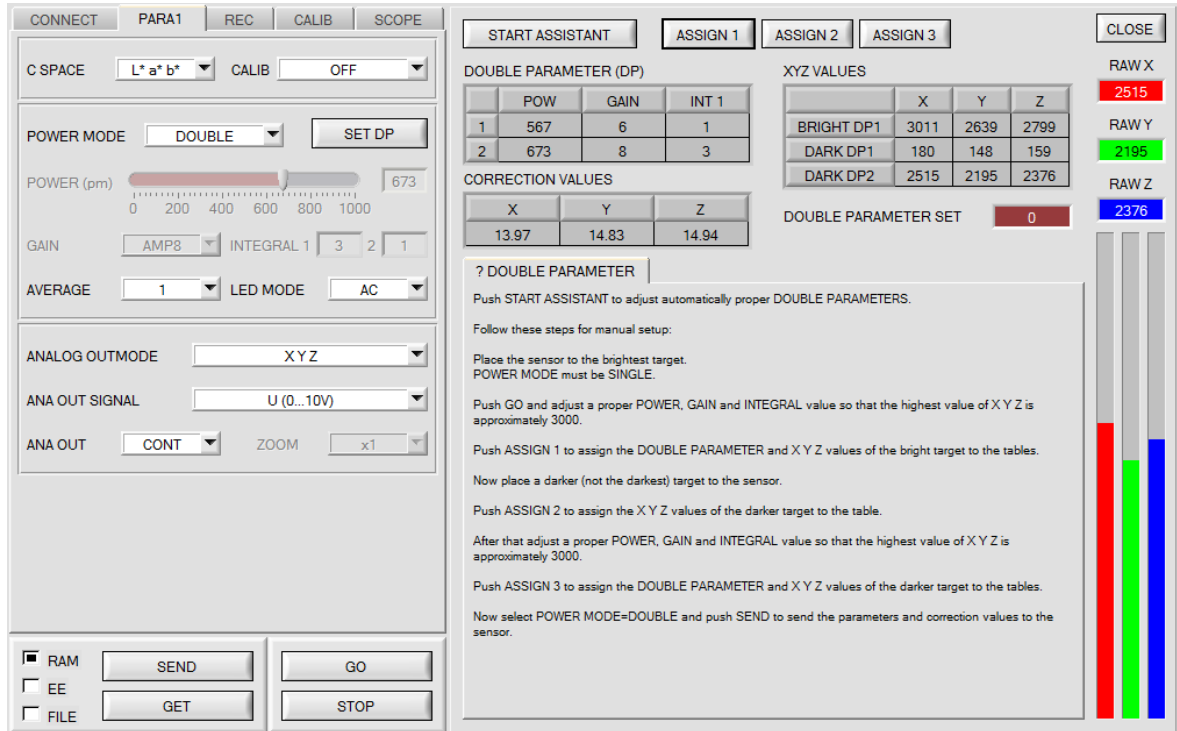
The **POWER** slider, **GAIN** and **INTEGRAL** only are effective with **CALIB = OFF** and **POWER MODE = SINGLE** or with **XYZ OFFSET**.

Otherwise the sensor operates with the values set in calibration.



**SET DP:**

If an application involves both very bright and very dark surfaces, and the sensor is set such that it is not in saturation at the bright surfaces, the dark surfaces frequently provide only a very low signal. Little variations with a very low signal lead to a large change in color space calculation (**C-SPACE**). To minimise this effect, the sensor in **PMODE = DOUBLE** automatically switches back and forth between 2 **DOUBLE PARAMETER sets**. Set 2 must be parameterised such that the signal is maximally amplified. When the signal is too high (saturation), it automatically switches to set 1. To get correct color space coordinates with set 2, a correction factor must be used for the signal. The two **DOUBLE PARAMETER sets** must be set at the sensor in advance. When you click on **SET DP** (Set Double Parameter) a window will open at the right side, where you can set two sets. A Double Parameter set is defined by **POWER, GAIN and INTEGRAL**.



The screenshot shows the 'SET DP' window with the following sections:

- CONNECT** tabs: PARA1, REC, CALIB, SCOPE
- START ASSISTANT** buttons: ASSIGN 1, ASSIGN 2, ASSIGN 3, CLOSE
- DOUBLE PARAMETER (DP)** table:
 

	POW	GAIN	INT 1
1	567	6	1
2	673	8	3
- XYZ VALUES** table:
 

	X	Y	Z
BRIGHT DP1	3011	2639	2799
DARK DP1	180	148	159
DARK DP2	2515	2195	2376
- CORRECTION VALUES** table:
 

X	Y	Z
13.97	14.83	14.94
- DOUBLE PARAMETER SET**: 0
- RAW X**: 2515 (red bar)
- RAW Y**: 2195 (green bar)
- RAW Z**: 2376 (blue bar)
- Left Panel**: C SPACE (L\* a\* b\*), CALIB (OFF), POWER MODE (DOUBLE), SET DP, POWER (673), GAIN (AMP8), INTEGRAL 1 (3, 2, 1), AVERAGE (1), LED MODE (AC), ANALOG OUTMODE (XYZ), ANA OUT SIGNAL (U (0...10V)), ANA OUT (CONT), ZOOM (x1), RAM, EE, FILE, SEND, GET, GO, STOP
- Manual Setup Guide**:
 

? DOUBLE PARAMETER

Push START ASSISTANT to adjust automatically proper DOUBLE PARAMETERS.

Follow these steps for manual setup:

Place the sensor to the brightest target. POWER MODE must be SINGLE.

Push GO and adjust a proper POWER, GAIN and INTEGRAL value so that the highest value of X Y Z is approximately 3000.

Push ASSIGN 1 to assign the DOUBLE PARAMETER and X Y Z values of the bright target to the tables.

Now place a darker (not the darkest) target to the sensor.

Push ASSIGN 2 to assign the X Y Z values of the darker target to the table.

After that adjust a proper POWER, GAIN and INTEGRAL value so that the highest value of X Y Z is approximately 3000.

Push ASSIGN 3 to assign the DOUBLE PARAMETER and X Y Z values of the darker target to the tables.

Now select POWER MODE=DOUBLE and push SEND to send the parameters and correction values to the sensor.

**Automatic setting of DOUBLE parameter sets:**

Pressing **START ASSISTANT** starts a menu guidance for automatically setting of the Double parameter sets. Just follow the instructions.

**Manual setting of DOUBLE parameter sets:**

Set **CALIB=OFF** and **POWER MODE=SINGLE**.

Place the brightest surface before the sensor, and select suitable **POWER, GAIN** and **INTEGRAL** values so that the brightest channel is at approx. 3000 digits.

Then click on **ASSIGN 1** to write the power parameters to row 1 in the **PP** table.

The X Y Z values are entered in the **XYZ VALUES** table.

Now place the darkest surface before the sensor.

The dark surface should be such that the lowest channel provides a signal higher than 100 digits.

Click on **ASSIGN 2**, and the X Y Z values are written to the DARK PP1 row in the **XYZ VALUES** table.

Now set **POWER, GAIN** and **INTEGRAL** such that the highest value is at approx. 3000.

Click on **ASSIGN 3** to write the power parameters to row 2 in the **PP** table, and the X Y Z values to the **XYZ VALUES** table.

The correction values are calculated automatically and are written to the **CORRECTION VALUES** table.

**INFO!**

The power parameter sets only become active when you click on **SEND!**

The tables only are used to display the values. They cannot be edited.

The **DOUBLE PARAMETER SET** display shows which DOUBLE PARAMETER set the sensor currently uses.

When the display shows 0, the sensor operates with the settings in the **PARA1** tab.

C SPACE

**C SPACE:**

Selection of a color space (**COLOR SPACE**) for the calculation of the color stimulus specification.

**x y Y:**

The chromaticity values (chromaticity coordinates) **x**, **y** are calculated from the tristimulus values X, Y, Z. **x** and **y** define the color, and **Y** is used as a brightness reference (lightness variable).

Lightness variable	$Y = \frac{Y}{4096}$
Chromaticity coordinates	$x = \frac{X}{X + Y + Z} \qquad y = \frac{Y}{X + Y + Z}$
Color difference	$\Delta E^* = \sqrt{(\Delta x)^2 + (\Delta y)^2 + (\Delta Y)^2}$

**L\*a\*b\*:**

The L\*a\*b\* color space (also referred to as the CIELAB space) is one of the uniform color spaces defined by the CIE in 1976.

Lightness variable	$L^* = 116 \left(\frac{Y}{Y_n}\right)^{1/3} - 16$
Chromaticity coordinates	$a^* = 500 \left[ \left(\frac{X}{X_n}\right)^{1/3} - \left(\frac{Y}{Y_n}\right)^{1/3} \right] \qquad b^* = 200 \left[ \left(\frac{Y}{Y_n}\right)^{1/3} - \left(\frac{Z}{Z_n}\right)^{1/3} \right]$
Color difference	$\Delta E^* = \sqrt{(\Delta L^*)^2 + (\Delta a^*)^2 + (\Delta b^*)^2}$

**L\*C\*h\*:**

The L\*C\*h\* color system is based on the same diagram as the L\*a\*b\* system, but polar coordinates are calculated here. In the L\*C\*h\* color system it is not possible to determine teach vectors, which is why **DIGITAL OUTMODE = OFF** is set and disabled.

Lightness variable	$L^* = 116 \left(\frac{Y}{Y_n}\right)^{1/3} - 16$
Chroma	$C^* = \sqrt{(a^*)^2 + (b^*)^2}$
Hue angle	$h^* = \tan^{-1} \frac{b^*}{a^*}$

**L\*u\*v\* and L\*u'v\*:**

The L\*u\*v\* color space (also referred to as the CIELUV space) is one of the uniform color spaces defined by the CIE in 1976.

Lightness variable	$L^* = 116 \left(\frac{Y}{Y_n}\right)^{1/3} - 16$
Chromaticity coordinates	$u^* = 13L^*(u' - u_n')$ $v^* = 13L^*(v' - v_n')$ $u' = \frac{4X}{X + 15Y + 3Z} = \frac{4x}{3 - 2x + 12y}$ $v' = \frac{9Y}{X + 15Y + 3Z} = \frac{9y}{3 - 2x + 12y}$ $u_n' = \frac{4X_n}{X_n + 15Y_n + 3Z_n} = \frac{4x_n}{3 - 2x_n + 12y_n}$ $v_n' = \frac{9Y_n}{X_n + 15Y_n + 3Z_n} = \frac{9y_n}{3 - 2x_n + 12y_n}$
Color difference	$\Delta E^* = \sqrt{(\Delta L^*)^2 + (\Delta u^*)^2 + (\Delta v^*)^2}$

X Y Z	Tristimulus values XYZ of the specimen.
Xn Yn Zn	Tristimulus values of a perfect reflecting diffuser.
$\Delta L^* \Delta a^* \Delta b^*$	Difference in L*, a*, and b* values between the specimen color and the target color.
$\Delta L^* \Delta u^* \Delta v^*$	Difference in L*, u*, and v* values between the specimen color and the target color.
u' v'	Chromaticity coordinates from the CIE 1976 UCS diagram.
u'n v'n	Chromaticity coordinates of a perfect reflecting diffuser.

CALIB

**CALIB:**  
The sensors are factory-calibrated.

**CALIB=OFF** can be selected if the sensor should operate in "uncalibrated" mode. This can be done if the sensor should operate fast. Both **FCAL** and **UCAL** will slow down the sensor.

If the **CALIB** parameter is set to **FCAL (Factory CALibration)**, the sensor operates with this factory calibration. As an alternative the user can himself calibrate the sensor to different surfaces (**User CALibration**). If **CALIB=UCAL** is selected, the sensor operates with the calibration made by the user.

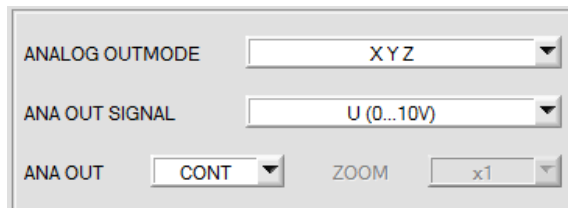
If you select **CALIB=UCAL WB** or **FCAL WB**, white light balancing can be performed through input IN0. For this purpose the reference surface used for calibration must be placed before the sensor, and input IN0 must then be activated.

The calculated white light calibration factors are displayed in the **CALIB FACTORS OF WHITE BALANCE** table in the **SENSOR DATA** tab.

To get the white light calibration factors for **CALIB=UCAL WB**, press **GET CF** in the **CALIB** tab.

To get the white light calibration factors for **CALIB=FCAL WB**, double-click with the right mouse button on the frame in which **GET CF** is contained, and enter GETCF as password.

With **CALIB = XYZ OFFSET** and **XYZ OFFSET IN0** you can determine an offset for X Y Z. See tab **XYZOFF**.



**ANALOG OUTMODE:**

This function field is used to determine the signals that the sensor provides at its analog outputs.

**OFF:** No analog signal is output.

**X Y Z:**

The tristimulus values **X, Y, Z** are acquired with 12 bit resolution.

The signals therefore may have values between 0 and 4095.

At the respective analog outputs these values are provided in a 0...+10V or 4...20mA range.

**COLOR SPACE:**

The color coordinates of the selected **C SPACE** are scaled to 12 bit and are output as a voltage from 0 to 10 V at the respective analog outputs.

Depending on the color coordinate, the analog output range is divided as follows:

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| x y Y from 0 to +1 (0V=0, 10V=1)        |   |
| L* from 0 to +100 (0V=0, 10V=100)       |   |
| a* from -150 to +150 (0V=-150, 10V=150) | b* from -150 to +150 (0V=-150, 10V=150) |
| u* from -788 to +724 (0V=-788, 10V=724) | v* from -154 to +164 (0V=-154, 10V=164) |
| u' from 0 to +4 (0V=0, 10V=4)           | v' from 0 to +0,6 (0V=0, 10V=0,6)       |
| C* from 0 to +538 (0V=0, 10V=538)       | h* from 0 to 360 (0V=0, 10V=360)        |

**CS REF:**

When input IN0 is set to HI, the current **C SPACE** color coordinates are saved as 5 V reference values.

This means that when the respective current **C SPACE** color value is equal to the reference value, 5 V will be output at the corresponding analog output. If the current value deviates from the reference value, this deviation is output at the corresponding analog output starting from 5 V and amplified by the **ZOOM** factor.

**Example:** **ZOOM** = x4, **a\*(reference)** = 60, **a\*(current)** = 70 → deviation = 10 (1 digit is approx. 2.44mV)

Output: 5 V+(10 digit \* 32 (zoom) \* 2.44 mV) = approx. 5.78 V.

The reference values are displayed in the graph window under the **C SPACE** tab.

Since the sensor only has one hardware input (IN0) this input possibility is not always available. If, for example, you select **ANA OUT = IN0 L→H**, the input already is used for a controlled output of the analog signal and is no longer available for **CS REF**.

Function fields that are not available will either be hidden or deactivated.

**ANA OUT SIGNAL:**

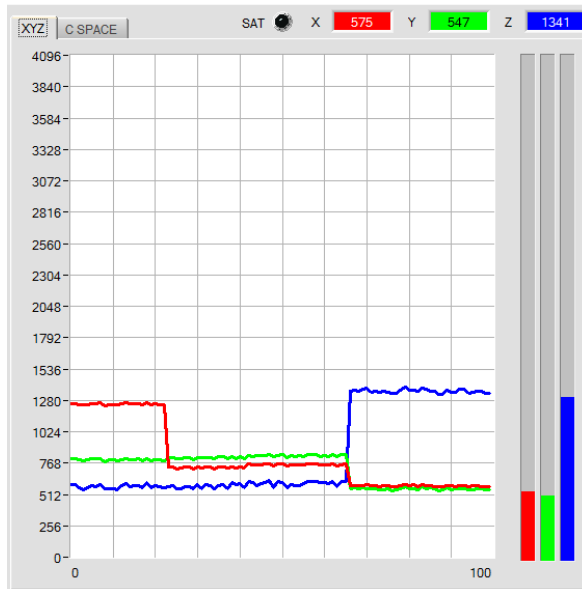
Here you set whether the analog signal should be output as voltage (0 ... 10V) or current (4 ... 20mA).

## 2.3 Graphical display elements

### Tab **XYZ**:

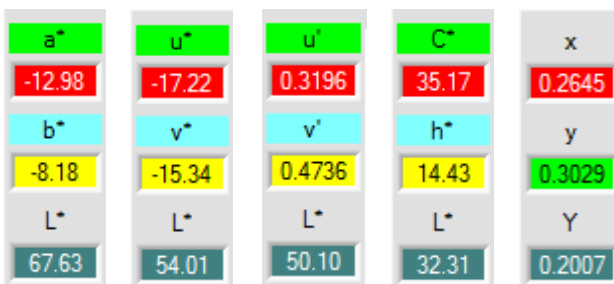
Display of the current raw signals (tristimulus values) **X**, **Y**, **Z** of the 3-fold receiver.

The LED **SAT** indicates if one of the channels is in saturation. In this case, it lights up red.



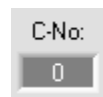
### Tab **C SPACE**:

Line graph display of the color coordinates of the color space selected under **C SPACE**.



These numerical value displays show the color coordinates and brightness values that are calculated from the tristimulus values **X**, **Y**, **Z**.

Calculation is performed as described in **C SPACE**



### **C-No.:**

This numerical value output field shows the currently detected color number according to the entry in the **TEACH TABLE**. The currently detected color number is sent to the digital outputs OUT0 and OUT1 as a corresponding bit pattern.

A value of 255 means that none of the taught colors was detected.

A double-click on the display will open a larger display window.



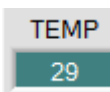
### **IN0:**

This LED display visualises the status of input IN0.

If 0 V is applied at the input, the LED is black.

If 24 V is applied at the input, the LED is green.

This display only is visible if the input is used.



### **TEMP:**

This display shows the temperature in the sensor housing.

The display does **NOT** show degrees Celsius or Fahrenheit.

**Please note:** The above-mentioned output fields are only updated when data transfer between PC and sensor is active (GO button pressed).

## 2.4 Tab REC

The SPECTRO3-MSM-SLA-Scope software includes a data recorder that makes it possible to save the data acquired and calculated by the sensor with a time stamp. The recorded file is saved to the hard disk of the PC and can then be evaluated with a spreadsheet program.

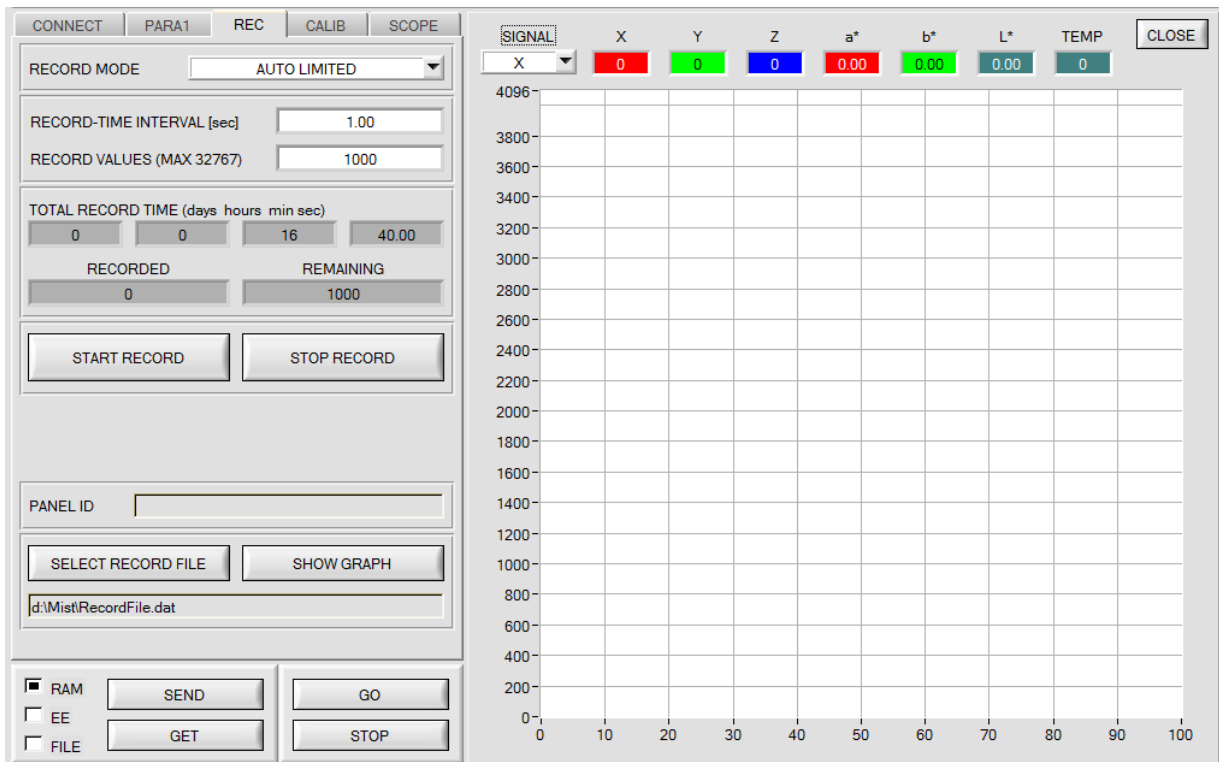
The following steps describe how data frames are recorded with the recorder:

**Step 1:**

When the **REC** button is pressed, the following window will be displayed:

When the **SHOW GRAPH** button is pressed, a panel will be displayed that allows the user to monitor the different signals.

The individual signals can be activated from the **SIGNAL** drop-down menu.



RECORD MODE	<input type="text" value="AUTO LIMITED"/>
RECORD-TIME INTERVAL [sec]	<input type="text" value="1.00"/>
RECORD VALUES (MAX 32767)	<input type="text" value="1000"/>
TOTAL RECORD TIME (days hours min sec)	
0	0
16	40.00
RECORDED	
0	
REMAINING	
1000	
<input type="button" value="START RECORD"/> <input type="button" value="STOP RECORD"/>	
PANEL ID	
<input type="text"/>	
<input type="button" value="SELECT RECORD FILE"/> <input type="button" value="SHOW GRAPH"/>	
<input type="text" value="d:\RecordFile.dat"/>	

**Step 2:**

If you want to automatically record several data frames, please select **AUTO LIMITED** under **RECORD MODE**. Enter a time interval for recording under **RECORD-TIME INTERVAL [sec]**, in this example: 1, i.e. a new value is called from the sensor every second). Then enter the maximum number of values you wish to record in the **RECORD VALUES [MAX 32767]** field. Please note: Recording can also be stopped earlier by clicking **STOP RECORD**, the data recorded so far will not be lost.

The **TOTAL RECORD TIME** field indicates how long recording will take (in days, hours, minutes, and seconds) if all data are recorded.

**Step 3:**

By pressing the button **SELECT RECORD FILE** a file can be selected in which the data frame will be stored. If you select an already existing file name, you will be asked whether you want to overwrite the existing file or not.

**Step 4:**

Pressing the **START RECORD** button starts automatic data recording.

The recorder starts to record data, and the button **START RECORD** is red to indicate that recording is active. The respective data frames are shown in the display windows.

In the two display fields **RECORDED** and **REMAINING** you can check how many data frames have been recorded, and how many frames remain to be recorded.

**Please note:**

**During recording the two input fields RECORD-TIME INTERVAL and VALUES TO BE RECORDED are inactive.**

**Step 5:**

When as many data frames as set under **RECORD VALUES [MAX 32767]** have been recorded, or when the **STOP AUTO RECORD** button is pressed, a pop-up window will appear which confirms that the file is stored.

If you want to record an unlimited number of data, select the **AUTO UNLIMITED** function under **RECORD MODE**. Then select the desired recording interval and press **START RECORD**.

If you want to record data "manually", select the **MANUAL RECORDING** function under **RECORD MODE**.

You can start reading data from the sensor by pressing the **GO** button. These data are visualised in the display window. Pressing the **CAPTURE DATA FRAME** button saves a data frame in the file that was selected under **SELECT RECORD FILE**. The **RECORDED** field shows the sum of the frames already recorded.

If **AUTO TRIGGERED** is selected under **RECORD MODE**, and **ANA OUT = IN0 L→H** is selected, the sensor will automatically send a data frame after each rise of the input when **START RECORD** is pressed. This data frame is captured and recorded by the recorder.

Pressing the **STOP RECORD** button terminates the automatic sending function of the sensor again.

**Please note:**

**When you press START RECORD, the file that is selected under SELECT RECORD FILE will be deleted. With RECORD FRAME MANUALLY, the file will be created if it does not already exist. If the file already exists, the data are added to the existing file.**

## 2.5 Tab CALIB

### 2.5.1 Calibration

The sensors are factory-calibrated. If the **CALIB** parameter is set to **FCAL** (Factory **CAL**ibration), the sensor operates with this factory calibration.

As an alternative the user can himself calibrate the sensor to different surfaces (**User CAL**ibration).

If **CALIB=UCAL** is selected, the sensor operates with the calibration made by the user.

Calibration is performed by using different surfaces with known color coordinates and brightness values. A ColorChecker™ table is available as an alternative. This table has 24 color fields according to the CIE STANDARD.

A click on **CALIB** will open the following window:

The screenshot shows the 'CALIB' window with the following sections:

- PARAMETER:** Make sure that you have adjusted the sensor with proper parameter values.
- REFERENCE:** COLOR SPACE OF REF SETVALUE: L\* a\* b\*. Button: ASSIGN ACTUAL XYZ VALUE OF REF.
- SETVALUE TABLE:** C SPACE: L\* a\* b\*. ROWS: 1.
- ACTUAL XYZ VALUE TABLE:** Button: ASSIGN TO ROW. No.: 1. Inc. [ ]
- Buttons: CALC CF, SEND CF, GET CF.
- Bottom left: RAM [x], EE [ ], FILE [ ]. Buttons: SEND, GO, GET, STOP.
- MAIN AREA:**
  - Tabs: CALIB REF, CALIB DATA, SENSOR DATA. Scroll all [x]. CLOSE [ ]
  - REFERENCE SETVALUE:**

L*	a*	b*
0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
  - ACTUAL XYZ VALUE OF REF:**

X SI	Y SI	Z SI
0	0	0
  - CALCULATED XYZ OF REF:**

X	Y	Z
0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
  - ACTUAL XYZ VALUE OF REF (Xn Yn Zn):**

Xn	Yn	Zn
95,05	100	108,9
4096	4096	4096
  - Buttons: ? PARA, ? REFERENCE, ? SETVALUE, ? ACTUAL VALUE, ? FINISH.
  - Text: Make sure that you have adjusted the sensor with proper parameter values.
  - Recommended settings: PMODE=DOUBLE (be aware that you have set proper double parameter sets), LED MODE = AC.
- RAW DATA:** RAW X: 1481 (red), RAW Y: 1309 (green), RAW Z: 1376 (blue).

**REFERENCE** 📁 📄 ⏪

COLOR SPACE OF REF SETVALUE L\* a\* b\*

ASSIGN ACTUAL XYZ VALUE OF REF

REFERENCE SETVALUE			ACTUAL XYZ VALUE OF REF		
L*	a*	b*	X SI	Y SI	Z SI
0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0	0	0
CALCULATED XYZ OF REF			Xn Yn Zn		
X	Y	Z	Xn 95,05	Yn 100	Zn 108,9
0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	4096	4096	4096

Please perform the following steps in sequence:

- Place a white reference surface before the sensor.
- Click on **GO** to start data exchange between sensor and PC software.
- **POWER, GAIN, and INTEGRAL** must be set such that the highest signal of **RAW X, Y, Z** is approx. 3000 digits. It is important to select the correct color space **C SPACE OF REF SETVALUE**.
- The color coordinates and the brightness value of the reference surface must be known and must be entered in the **REFERENCE SETVALUE** table. The corresponding tristimulus values **X, Y, Z** are calculated automatically and are written to the **CALCULATED XYZ OF REF** table.
- With **ASSIGN ACTUAL XYZ VALUE OF REF** the tristimulus values **RAW X, Y, Z** acquired by the sensor are written to the **ACTUAL XYZ VALUE OF REF** table, and the tristimulus values **Xn, Yn, Zn** of a completely matt white body are calculated automatically.
- **Xn, Yn, Zn** are needed for calculating the color coordinates and the brightness value in almost all color spaces.

Use the file and disk symbol if you want to write the REFERENCE settings to a file or read them from a file. A click on the reset symbol will reset the tables.

**SETVALUE TABLE** 📁 📄 ⏪

C SPACE L\* a\* b\* ROWS 24

	L*	a*	b*
1	38.0800	12.0900	14.3900
2	66.3800	13.2200	17.1400
3	51.0600	0.3800	-22.0600
4	43.3000	-16.5200	21.4600
5	56.3600	12.8400	-25.2900
6	71.6000	-30.7100	1.1700
7	61.7000	27.5400	58.2300
8	41.2200	17.9500	-43.1600
9	51.5700	43.0000	14.7500
10	30.7700	25.7400	-23.3800
11	72.5800	-28.1700	58.6100
12	71.6000	12.4500	66.5800

Several different surfaces are needed for sensor calibration.

The number of surfaces must be entered in **ROWS**.




The color coordinates and brightness values must be known.

These must be entered in the **SETVALUE TABLE**.

The corresponding color space must be selected under **C SPACE**.

Use the file and disk symbol if you want to write the **SETVALUE** settings to a file or read them from a file. A click on the reset symbol will reset the tables.



**ACTUAL XYZ VALUE TABLE**   

No.:  Inc

Now the surfaces corresponding with the **SETVALUES** must be placed before the sensor.

With **ASSIGN TO ROW** the tristimulus values **RAW X, Y, Z** that are currently determined by the sensor are written to the row in the **ACTUAL XYZ VALUE TABLE** that is selected under **No.:**.

**ACTUAL XYZ VALUE TABLE**

	X	Y	Z
1	394	345	248
2	1290	1224	913
3	641	760	1173
4	389	454	237
5	853	911	1488
6	1166	1633	1492
7	1313	929	293
8	467	518	1338
9	901	607	524
10	280	248	495

Use the file and disk symbol if you want to write the **ACTUAL XYZ VALUE TABLE** to a file or read it from a file. A click on the reset symbol will reset the tables.

With a click on the **CALC CF** button the corresponding calibration factors that are determined from the tables **SETVALUE TABLE** and **ACTUAL XYZ VALUE TABLE** are calculated.

**SEND CF** saves the **ACTUAL XYZ VALUE TABLE** and the calculated calibration factors in the sensor's EEPROM.

A click on **GET CF** will display the tables saved in the sensor and the reference parameters in the **SENSOR DATA** tab.

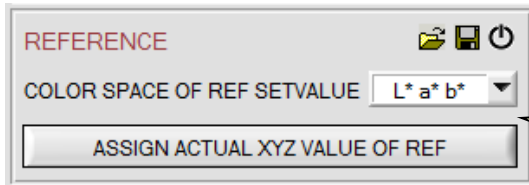
With **CALIB=UCAL WB** or **FCAL WB** white light balancing can be performed through input IN0. For this purpose the reference surface used for calibration must be placed before the sensor, and input IN0 must then be activated. The calculated white light calibration factors are displayed in the **CALIB FACTORS OF WHITE BALANCE** table in the **SENSOR DATA** tab.

To get the white light calibration factors for **CALIB=UCAL WB**, press **GET CF** in the **CALIB** tab.

To get the white light calibration factors for **CALIB=FCAL WB**, double-click with the right mouse button on the frame in which **GET CF** is contained, and enter GETCF as password.

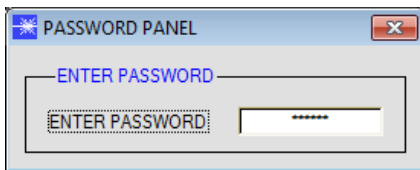
## 2.5.2 Offset calibration

To avoid an increase of the electronic offset when using the integral function (**INTEGRAL** parameter), this offset can be eliminated by way of offset calibration or zero-point calibration. The corresponding tab is password-protected to prevent inadvertent incorrect settings.



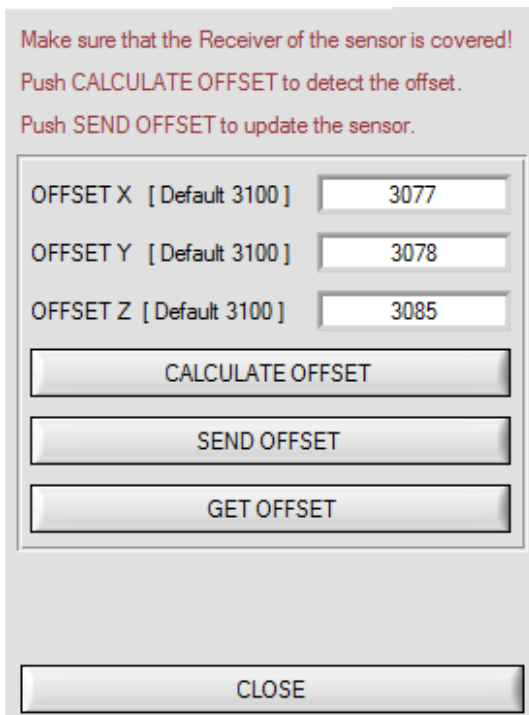
Offset calibration can be accessed by double-clicking with the right mouse button exactly at any frame in the **CALIB** tab.

e.g. here:  
 Double-click with the right mouse button



You will then be prompted to enter a password.  
 The password is: mellon

Now please follow the instructions provided in the tab.



### ATTENTION!

It is extremely important for offset calibration that the receiver is not exposed to any extraneous light. Please make sure that you cover the receiver of the sensor e.g. with a black cloth that is impervious to light.

**This is absolutely necessary for proper offset calculation.**

Now press **CALCULATE OFFSET**. The offset values for red, green, and blue should be approximately 3080 plus/minus 40.

The offset values can then be sent to the sensor by pressing **SEND OFFSET**.

**GET OFFSET** can be used to check whether the data have been sent.

## 2.6 Tab SCOPE

The SCOPE tab visualises an oscilloscope.

Depending on **TRIG MODE**, the display shows the **XYZ** signals, the color space, the output analog signal (depending on the **ANA OUT** settings), and the status of the digital outputs.

A click on **GET CYCLE TIME** displays the current sensor scan frequency in [Hz] and [ms]. The current scan frequency must be determined for the correct calculation of **deltaX[ms]**. For determining the correct scan frequency please give the sensor a time of 8 seconds before you click on **GET CYCLE TIME**.

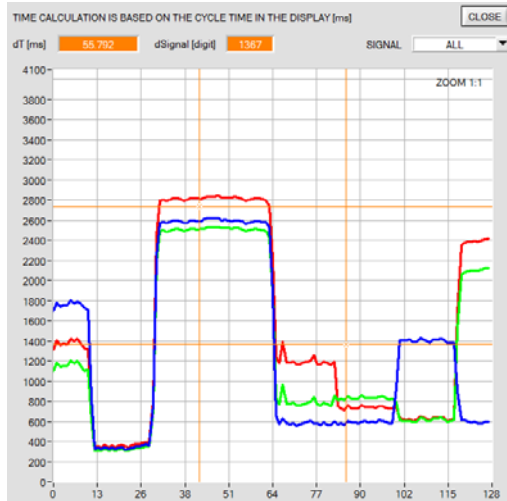
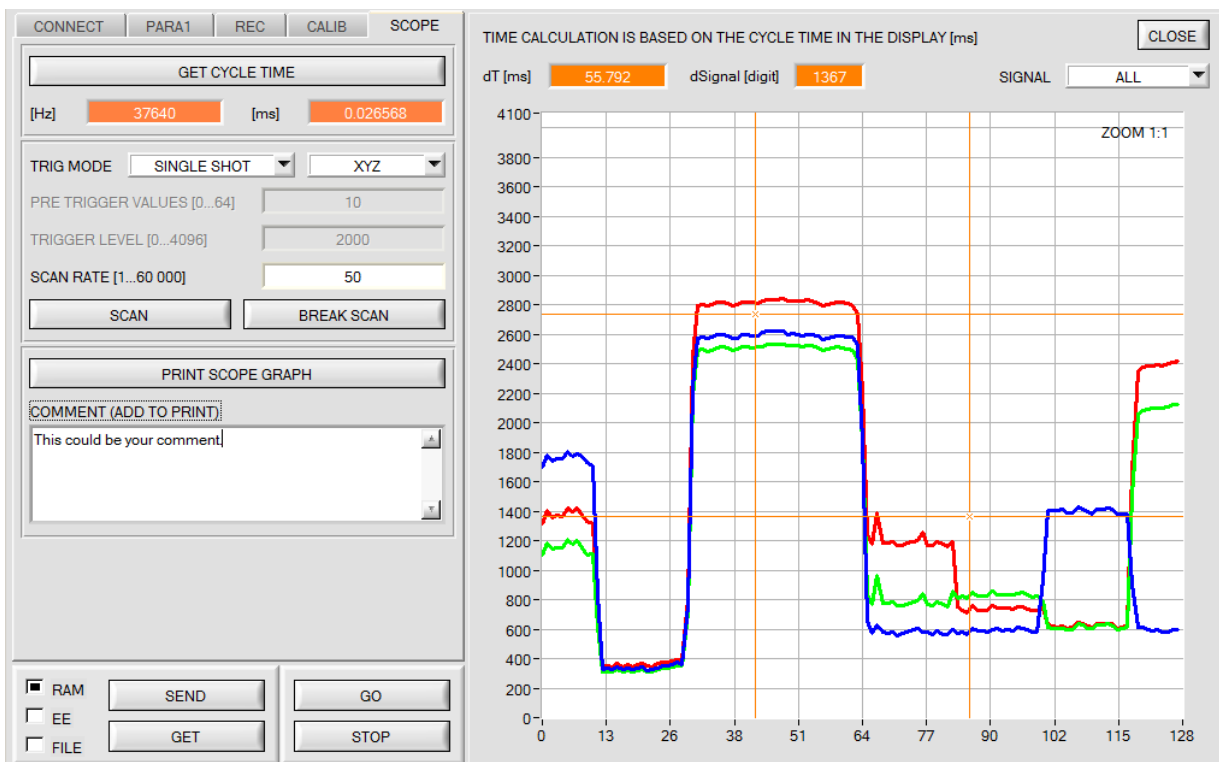
In **TRIG MODE = SINGLE SHOT** a data frame is recorded and displayed in the graph when you click on **SCAN**.

In **TRIG MODE = FALLING EDGE** and **RIISING EDGE** triggered recording can be started by clicking on **SCAN**. A trigger start can be defined with **TRIGGER LEVEL**.

Triggering is performed either to **Z** or to the brightness value of the color space, depending on the signal that should be recorded. In the graph this is the blue line.

**TRIG MODE= EXTERN IN0** can be used to start recording externally through input IN0.

**SCAN-RATE** can be used to delay or accelerate recording. This corresponds with the **TIMEBASE** function known in oscilloscopes. **PRE TRIGGER VALUES** can be used to define how many values should still be displayed before the actual trigger start.



The zoom function in the graph can be activated by holding the control key (CTRL) and drawing a window with the mouse.

A click on **ZOOM 1:1** cancels the zoom function again.

The two orange cursors can be moved with the mouse. The two displays **deltaX[ms]** and **deltaY[digit]** will be updated. **deltaX[ms]** shows the time between the cursors in X direction.

**deltaY[digit]** shows the difference between the two cursors in digits or in Volt in Y direction.

**SIGNAL** can be used to display individual curves.

**PRINT SCOPE GRAPH** prints the current screen together with the text in the **COMMENT** text field.

## 2.7 Tab XYZOFF

An offset for X Y Z can be defined with **CALIB = XYZ OFFSET** and **XYZ OFFSET IN0**.

For defining the offset, the surface that should be compensated must be placed under the sensor, and **GO** mode must be activated.

Then the sensor parameters must be set.

In the **XYZOFF** tab the raw signal is shown in the corresponding displays and bars.

When you click on **ASSIGN XYZ OFFSET** the current raw signals are copied to the input fields.

With **SEND XYZ OFFSET** these values are sent to the sensor's EEPROM (non-volatile memory). With **GET XYZ OFFSET** the values can be loaded from the sensor.

The offset values are effective when they have been saved in the sensor and when **CALIB = XYZ OFFSET** has been selected.

If you select **CALIB = XYZ OFFSET IN0**, the offset values also can be updated through input IN0.

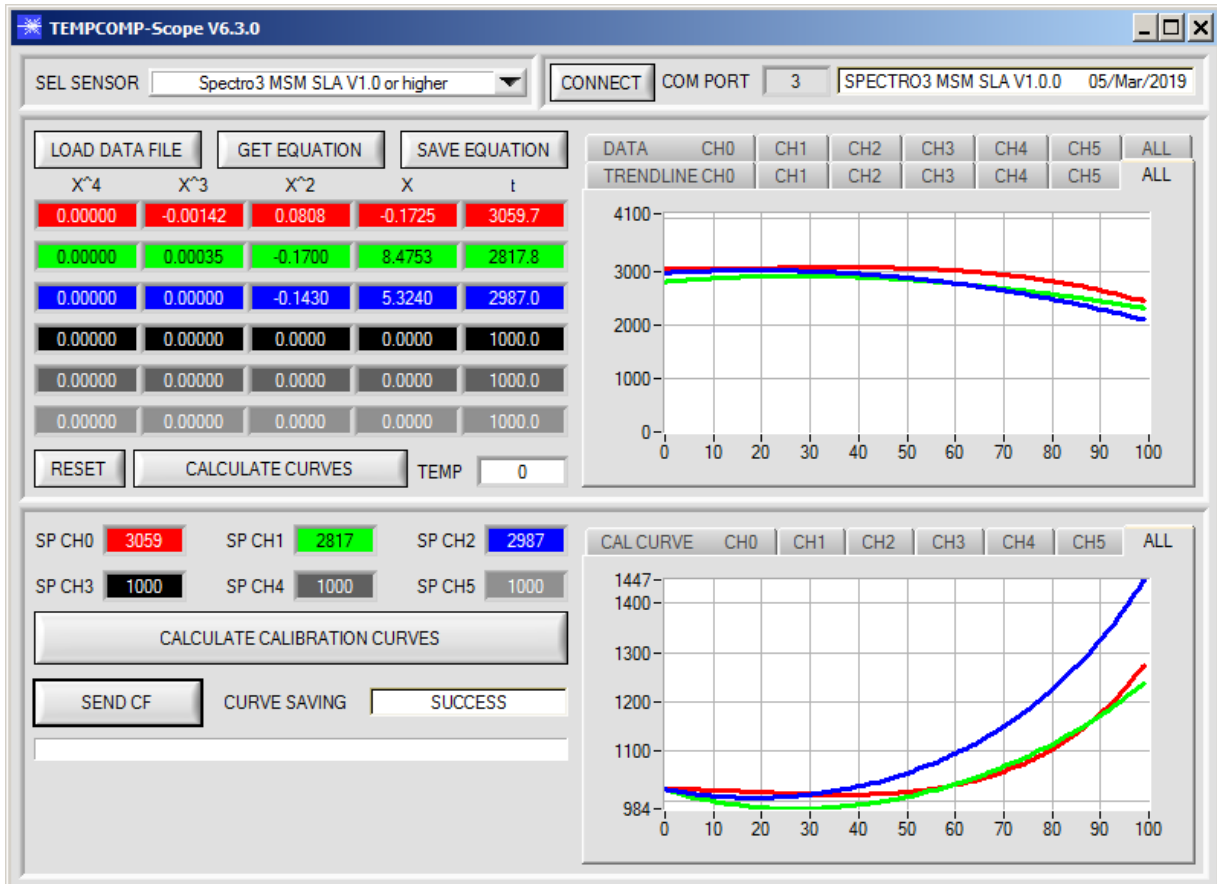
**Attention!** Through IN0 the offset values only are saved in the sensor's RAM (volatile memory).



### 3. Operation of the TEMPCOMP-Scope software

If a firmware update should go wrong and the temperature characteristics that are stored in the EEPROM should be lost, these characteristics must be created anew. For this purpose you will need a file with the corresponding data. This file can be obtained from your supplier.

To perform temperature compensation please start the corresponding **TEMPCOMP-Scope software** that is included on the supplied CD. Please make sure that you have a functioning sensor connection. It may be necessary to select the connection with **CONNECT**. Set the correct sensor under **SELECT SENSOR**, if this is not done automatically.

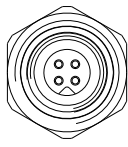


- Step 1: Load the temperature compensation file that you have received from your supplier with **GET EQUATION** or **LOAD DATA FILE**.
- Step 2: Press **CALCULATE CURVES** to display the data in the graph.
- Step 3: Select the sensor-internal operating temperature (not in °C) that the sensor has at an ambient temperature of 20°, if this has not already been done automatically. The value should be included in the file designation.
- Step 4: Press **CALCULATE CALIBRATION CURVES** to calculate the mean straight line.
- Step 5: Pressing the **SEND CF** button saves the mean straight lines in the **EEPROM** of the sensor.
- Step 6: Temperature compensation is successfully finished if the **SUCCESS** status message is then displayed.

Comment! If you do not immediately have the temperature compensation file at hand, simply start the **TempComp-Scope software**. Establish a connection, if it is not already established, and simply press **SEND-CF**. The sensor then functions as before, but it is not temperature-compensated.

## 4. Connector assignment of the SPECTRO-3-MSM-SLA color sensor

Connection of SPECTRO-3-MSM-SLA to PC:

<b>4-pole fem. M5 connector (type Binder 707)</b> <b>SPECTRO-3-MSM-SLA/PC-RS232</b>		
Pin-No.:		Assignment:
1		+24VDC (+Ub)
2		0V (GND)
3		Rx0
4		Tx0

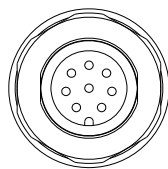
**Available connecting cables:**

cab-las4/PC-...

cab-4/USB-...

cab-4/ETH-...

Connection of SPECTRO-3-MSM-SLA to PLC:

<b>8-pole M12 connector (type Binder 763/713)</b> <b>SPECTRO-3-MSM-SLA/PLC</b>		
Pin No.:	Color:	Assignment:
1	White	0V (GND)
2	Brown	+24VDC ( $\pm 10\%$ )
3	Green	IN0
4	Yellow	Not connected
5	Grey	Not connected
6	Pink	ANA OUT Analog X, x, a*, u*, u' or C* (0...10V or 4...20mA)
7	Blue	ANA OUT Analog Y, y, b*, v*, v' or h* (0...10V or 4...20mA)
8	Red	ANA OUT Analog Z, Y or L* (0...10V or 4...20mA)

**Connecting cable:**

cab-M12/8-...-shd (shielded)

## 5. RS232 communication protocol

The sensors of the SPECTRO-3-MSM-SLA series operate with the following **parameters** that are sent to the sensor or read from the sensor in the stated sequence.

Info! 1 **bytes** = 8bit      1 **word** = 2 **byte**      1 **long** = 2 **word** = 4 **byte**

Parameter	Type	Meaning
<b>Para1:</b> POWER	word	Transmitter intensity (0 ... 1000) Attention intensity in thousandth!
<b>Para2:</b> PMODE	word	Power Mode: SINGLE, DOUBLE coded to (0,1)
<b>Para3:</b> GAIN	word	Amplification of the integrated receiver AMP1, AMP2, AMP3, AMP4, AMP5, AMP6, AMP7, AMP8 coded to (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8)
<b>Para4:</b> INTEGRAL1	word	Raw signal integration (1...250)
<b>Para5:</b> INTEGRAL2	word	Mean signal integration (1...250)
<b>Para6:</b> AVERAGE	word	Signal averaging 1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32, 64, 128, 256, 512, 1024, 2048, 4096, 8192, 16384 or 32768
<b>Para7:</b> LED MODE	word	Control for the internal light source DC, AC coded to (0,1)
<b>Para8:</b> C SPACE	word	Color Space: xyY, L*a*b*, L*u*v*, L*C*h*, L*u'v' coded to (0,1,2,3,4)
<b>Para9:</b> CALIB	word	Calibration Mode: OFF, FCAL, UCAL, FCAL WB, UCAL WB, XYZ OFFSET, XYZ OFFSET IN0 coded to (0,1,2,3,4,5,6)
<b>Para10:</b> ANALOG OUTMODE	word	Function of the analogue outmode: OFF, X Y Z, COLOR SPACE, CS REF coded to (0,1,2,3)
<b>Para11:</b> ANA OUT SIGNAL	Word	Function of the analog output: U, I coded to (0,1)
<b>Para12:</b> ANA OUT	word	Function of analogue out: CONT, IN0 L--->H coded to (0,1)
<b>Para13:</b> ANA ZOOM	word	Zoom factor at ANALOG OUTMODE = CS REF: x1, x2, x4, x8, x16, x32, x64, x128 Coded to (0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7)
<b>Para14:</b> POWER DP1	word	Transmitter intensity of Double Parameter Set 1 (0 ... 1000) Attention intensity in thousandth!
<b>Para15:</b> GAIN DP1	word	Amplification of the integrated receiver of Double Parameter Set 1 AMP1, AMP2, AMP3, AMP4, AMP5, AMP6, AMP7, AMP8 coded to (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8)
<b>Para16:</b> INTEGRAL DP1	word	Signal integration of Double Parameter Set1 (1...250)
<b>Para17:</b> POWER DP2	word	Transmitter intensity of Double Parameter Set 2 (0 ... 1000) Attention intensity in thousandth!
<b>Para18:</b> GAIN DP2	word	Amplification of the integrated receiver of Double Parameter Set 2 AMP1, AMP2, AMP3, AMP4, AMP5, AMP6, AMP7, AMP8 coded to (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8)
<b>Para19:</b> INTEGRAL DP2	word	Signal integration of Double Parameter Set2 (1...250)
<b>Para20:</b> COR VAL X	word	Correction Value for X multiplied by 128
<b>Para21:</b> COR VAL Y	word	Correction Value for Y multiplied by 128
<b>Para22:</b> COR VAL Z	word	Correction Value for Z multiplied by 128
<b>Para23:</b> COR VAL X 3 <sup>rd</sup> root	word	3 <sup>rd</sup> root of COR VAL X = $(\text{COR VAL X} * 128)^{(1/3)} * 1024$
<b>Para24:</b> COR VAL Y 3 <sup>rd</sup> root	word	3 <sup>rd</sup> root of COR VAL Y = $(\text{COR VAL Y} * 128)^{(1/3)} * 1024$
<b>Para25:</b> COR VAL Z 3 <sup>rd</sup> root	word	3 <sup>rd</sup> root of COR VAL Z = $(\text{COR VAL Z} * 128)^{(1/3)} * 1024$

Upon request, the data acquired and processed by the sensor are sent by the sensor in the following sequence.

Info! 1 **bytes** = 8bit      1 **word** = 2 **byte**      1 **long** = 2 **word** = 4 **byte**

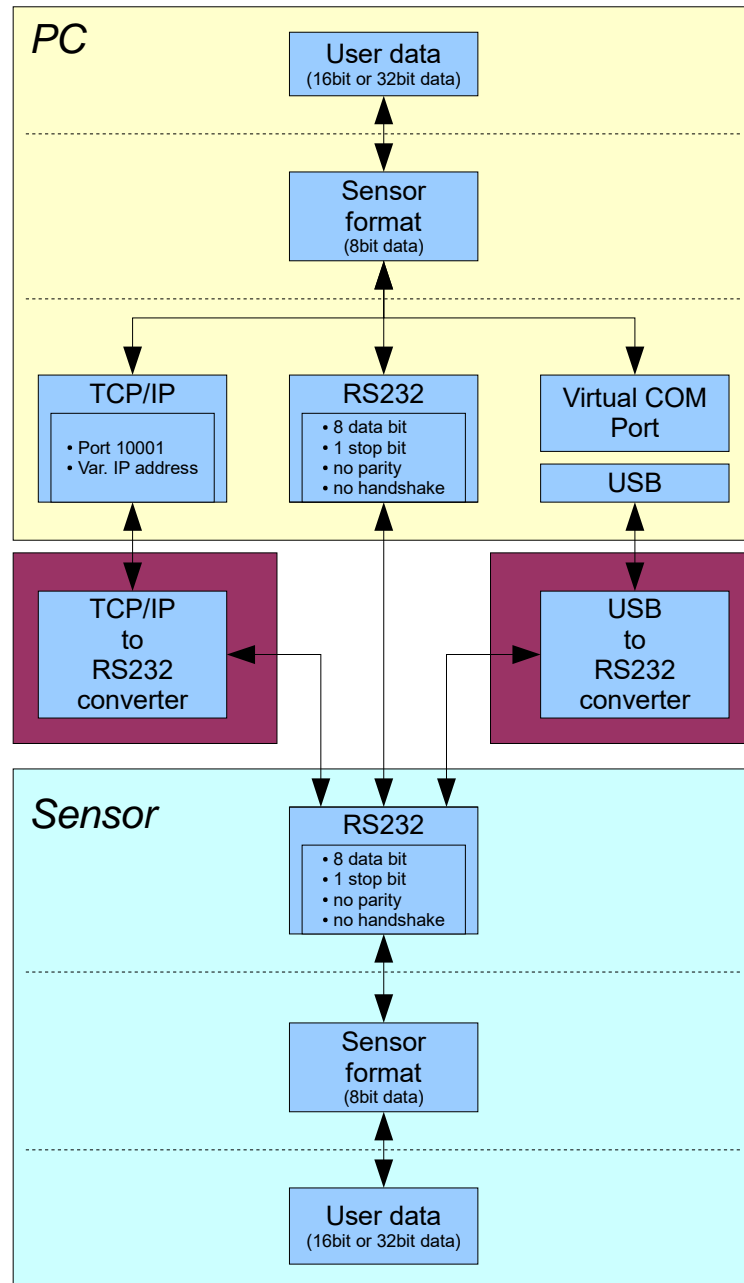
DATA VALUE	Type	Meaning
<b>DatVal1:</b> CSX	long	Color Space X chromaticity coordinate (x, a*, u*, C* or u'). Must be divided by 65536.
<b>DatVal2:</b> CSY	long	Color Space Y chromaticity coordinate (y, b*, v*, h* or v'). Must be divided by 65536.
<b>DatVal3:</b> CSI	long	Color Space Lightness variable (Y or L*). Must be divided by 65536.
<b>DatVal4:</b> REF CSX	long	Reference CSX when ANALOG OUTMODE = CS REF. Must be divided by 65536.
<b>DatVal5:</b> REF CSY	long	Reference CSY when ANALOG OUTMODE = CS REF. Must be divided by 65536.
<b>DatVal6:</b> REF CSI	long	Reference CSI when ANALOG OUTMODE = CS REF. Must be divided by 65536.
<b>DatVal7:</b> X	word	Calibrated and temperature compensated tristimulus value of channel X
<b>DatVal8:</b> Y	word	Calibrated and temperature compensated tristimulus value of channel Y
<b>DatVal9:</b> Z	word	Calibrated and temperature compensated tristimulus value of channel Z
<b>DatVal10:</b> RAW X	word	None Calibrated tristimulus value of channel X
<b>DatVal11:</b> RAW Y	word	None Calibrated tristimulus value of channel Y
<b>DatVal12:</b> RAW Z	word	None Calibrated tristimulus value of channel Z
<b>DatVal13:</b> DIG IN	word	DIG IN is 1 when input IN0 is HI
<b>DatVal14:</b> TEMP	word	Temperature in the sensor ( <b>not</b> in °C or °F)
<b>DatVal15:</b> DP SET	word	Double Parameter Set

<b>DatVal16:</b> SAT	<i>word</i>	Saturation (SAT=0: no Saturation, SAT>0: Saturation of one or more channels)
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Digital serial communication is used for the exchange of data between the software running on the PC and the sensor.

For this purpose the control unit features an EIA-232 compatible interface that operates with the (fixed) parameters **"8 data bits, 1 stop bit, no parity bit, no handshake"**.

Five values are available for the baudrate: 9600baud, 19200baud, 38400baud, 57600baud and 115200baud. As an option the PC software also can communicate through TCP/IP or USB. In these cases transparent interface converters must be used that allow a connection to the RS232 interface.





A proprietary protocol format that organises and bundles the desired data is used for all physical connection variants between PC software and control unit. Depending on their type and function the actual data are 16- or 32-bit variables and represent integer or floating-point values. The protocol format consists of 8-bit wide unsigned words ("bytes"). The actual data therefore sometimes must be distributed to several bytes.

The control unit always behaves passively (except if another behaviour has been specifically activated). Data exchange therefore always is initiated by the PC software. The PC sends a data package ("frame") corresponding to the protocol format, either with or without appended data, to which the control unit responds with a frame that matches the request.

The protocol format consists of two components:

A "header" and an optional appendant ("data").

The header always has the same structure.

The first byte is a synchronisation byte and always is 85<sub>dez</sub> (55<sub>hex</sub>).

The second byte is the so-called order byte. This byte determines the action that should be performed (send data, save data, etc.).

A 16-bit value (argument) follows as the third and fourth byte. Depending on the order, the argument is assigned a corresponding value.

The fifth and sixth byte again form a 16-bit value. This value states the number of appended data bytes. Without appended data both these bytes are 0<sub>dez</sub> or 00<sub>hex</sub>, the maximum number of bytes is 512.

The seventh byte contains the CRC8 checksum of all data bytes (data byte 0 up to and incl. data byte n).

The eighth byte is the CRC8 checksum for the header and is formed from bytes 0 up to and incl. 6.

The header always has a total length of 8 bytes. The complete frame may contain between 8 and 520 bytes.

Byte0 Header	Byte1 Header	Byte2 Header	Byte3 Header	Byte4 Header	Byte5 Header	Byte6 Header	Byte7 Header	Byte8 Data	Byte9 Data	...	Byte n+6 Data	Byte n+7 Data
0x55	<order>	<ARG> (lo byte)	<ARG> (hi byte)	<LEN> (lo byte)	<LEN> (hi byte)	CRC8 (Data)	CRC8 (Header)	Data1 (lo byte)	Data1 (hi byte)	...	Data n/2 (lo byte)	Data n/2 (hi byte)

The following **orders** can be sent to the sensor.

Number	ORDER (header byte no. 2)	Example
0	Sensor answers with order=0 if a communication error occurs. ARG=1: Invalid order number was sent to the sensor ARG=2: General communication error (wrong baudrate, overflow, ...)	
1	Write parameter to the RAM of the sensor	order=1
2	Read parameter from the RAM of the sensor	order=2
3	Load parameter and actual Baudrate from RAM to EEPROM of the sensor	order=3
4	Load parameter from EEPROM to RAM of the sensor	order=4
5	Read CONNECTION OK and serial number from sensor	order=5
6	Free	
7	Read Firmware String and firmware number from sensor	order=7
8	Read data values from sensor	order=8
108	Read 3 data values from sensor	order=108
30	Start and Stop triggered sending of data frames	order=30
105	Get cycle time from sensor	order=105
190	Write new baud rate to the sensor	order=190

## CRC8 checksum

The so-called "Cyclic Redundancy Check" or CRC is used to verify data integrity. This algorithm makes it possible to detect individual bit errors, missing bytes, and faulty frames. For this purpose a value - the so-called checksum - is calculated over the data (bytes) to be checked and is transmitted together with the data package. Calculation is performed according to an exactly specified method based on a generator polynomial. The length of the checksum is 8 bit (= 1 byte). The generator polynomial is:

$$X^8+X^5+X^4+X^0$$

To verify the data after they have been received, CRC calculation is performed once again. If the sent and the newly calculated CRC values are identical, the data are without error.

The following pseudo code can be used for checksum calculation:

**calcCRC8** (data[ ], table[ ])

**Input:** data[ ], n data of unsigned 8bit

table[ ], 256 table entries of unsigned 8bit

**Output:** crc8, unsigned 8bit

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crc8 := AAhex
for I := 1 to n do
    idx := crc8 EXOR data[ i ]
    crc8 := table[ idx ]
endfor
return crc8
    
```

**table[ ]**

0	94	188	226	97	63	221	131	194	156	126	32	163	253	31	65
157	195	33	127	252	162	64	30	95	1	227	189	62	96	130	220
35	125	159	193	66	28	254	160	225	191	93	3	128	222	60	98
190	224	2	92	223	129	99	61	124	34	192	158	29	67	161	255
70	24	250	164	39	121	155	197	132	218	56	102	229	187	89	7
219	133	103	57	186	228	6	88	25	71	165	251	120	38	196	154
101	59	217	135	4	90	184	230	167	249	27	69	198	152	122	36
248	166	68	26	153	199	37	123	58	100	134	216	91	5	231	185
140	210	48	110	237	179	81	15	78	16	242	172	47	113	147	205
17	79	173	243	112	46	204	146	211	141	111	49	178	236	14	80
175	241	19	77	206	144	114	44	109	51	209	143	12	82	176	238
50	108	142	208	83	13	239	177	240	174	76	18	145	207	45	115
202	148	118	40	171	245	23	73	8	86	180	234	105	55	213	139
87	9	235	181	54	104	138	212	149	203	41	119	244	170	72	22
233	183	85	11	136	214	52	106	43	117	151	201	74	20	246	168
116	42	200	150	21	75	169	247	182	232	10	84	215	137	107	53

**Example order=1:** Write parameter to the RAM of the sensor.

Example is with 5 parameter (Para1=500, Para2=0; Para3=3200, Para4=3300, Para5=1)  
 Have a look at the **TABLE PARAMETER** to check out how much parameter you have to send.

DATA FRAME PC → Sensor

Byte1 Header	Byte2 Header	Byte3 Header	Byte4 Header	Byte5 Header	Byte6 Header	Byte7 Header	Byte8 Header
0x55	<order>	<ARG> (lo byte)	<ARG> (hi byte)	<LEN> (lo byte)	<LEN> (hi byte)	CRC8 (Data)	CRC8 (Header)
85 (dec)	1	0	0	10	0	130	107
ARG=0			LEN=10				

Byte9 Data	Byte10 Data	Byte11 Data	Byte12 Data	Byte13 Data	Byte14 Data	Byte15 Data	Byte16 Data	Byte17 Data	Byte18 Data
Para1 (lo byte)	Para1 (hi byte)	Para2 (lo byte)	Para2 (hi byte)	Para3 (lo byte)	Para3 (hi byte)	Para4 (lo byte)	Para4 (hi byte)	Para5 (lo byte)	Para5 (hi byte)
244	1	0	0	128	12	228	12	1	0
Para1=500		Para2=0		Para3=3200		Para4=3300		Para5=1	

DATA FRAME Sensor → PC

Byte1 Header	Byte2 Header	Byte3 Header	Byte4 Header	Byte5 Header	Byte6 Header	Byte7 Header	Byte8 Header
0x55	<order>	<ARG> (lo byte)	<ARG> (hi byte)	<LEN> (lo byte)	<LEN> (hi byte)	CRC8 (Data)	CRC8 (Header)
85 (dec)	1	0	0	0	0	170	224
ARG=0			LEN=0				

If you receive an argument greater 0, ARG parameter where out of range and have been set to a default value.

**Example order=2:** Read parameter from the RAM of the sensor.

Example is with 5 parameter (Para1=500, Para2=0; Para3=3200, Para4=3300, Para5=1)  
 Have a look at the **TABLE PARAMETER** to check out how much parameter you will receive.

DATA FRAME PC → Sensor

Byte1 Header	Byte2 Header	Byte3 Header	Byte4 Header	Byte5 Header	Byte6 Header	Byte7 Header	Byte8 Header
0x55	<order>	<ARG> (lo byte)	<ARG> (hi byte)	<LEN> (lo byte)	<LEN> (hi byte)	CRC8 (Data)	CRC8 (Header)
85 (dec)	2	0	0	0	0	170	185
ARG=0			LEN=0				

DATA FRAME Sensor → PC

Byte1 Header	Byte2 Header	Byte3 Header	Byte4 Header	Byte5 Header	Byte6 Header	Byte7 Header	Byte8 Header
0x55	<order>	<ARG> (lo byte)	<ARG> (hi byte)	<LEN> (lo byte)	<LEN> (hi byte)	CRC8 (Data)	CRC8 (Header)
85 (dec)	2	0	0	10	0	130	50
ARG=0			LEN=10				

Byte9 Data	Byte10 Data	Byte11 Data	Byte12 Data	Byte13 Data	Byte14 Data	Byte15 Data	Byte16 Data	Byte17 Data	Byte18 Data
Para1 (lo byte)	Para1 (hi byte)	Para2 (lo byte)	Para2 (hi byte)	Para3 (lo byte)	Para3 (hi byte)	Para4 (lo byte)	Para4 (hi byte)	Para5 (lo byte)	Para5 (hi byte)
244	1	0	0	128	12	228	12	1	0
Para1=500		Para2=0		Para3=3200		Para4=3300		Para5=1	

**Example order=3:** Load parameter and actual Baudrate from RAM to EEPROM of the sensor.

DATA FRAME PC → Sensor

Byte0 Header	Byte1 Header	Byte2 Header	Byte3 Header	Byte4 Header	Byte5 Header	Byte6 Header	Byte7 Header	
0x55	<order>	<ARG> (lo byte)	<ARG> (hi byte)	<LEN> (lo byte)	<LEN> (hi byte)	CRC8 (Data)	CRC8 (Header)	
85 (dec)	3	0	0	0	0	170	142	
ARG=0			LEN=0					

DATA FRAME Sensor → PC

Byte0 Header	Byte1 Header	Byte2 Header	Byte3 Header	Byte4 Header	Byte5 Header	Byte6 Header	Byte7 Header	
0x55	<order>	<ARG> (lo byte)	<ARG> (hi byte)	<LEN> (lo byte)	<LEN> (hi byte)	CRC8 (Data)	CRC8 (Header)	
85 (dec)	3	0	0	0	0	170	142	
ARG=0			LEN=0					

**Example order=4:** Load parameter from EEPROM to RAM of the sensor.

DATA FRAME PC → Sensor

Byte0 Header	Byte1 Header	Byte2 Header	Byte3 Header	Byte4 Header	Byte5 Header	Byte6 Header	Byte7 Header	
0x55	<order>	<ARG> (lo byte)	<ARG> (hi byte)	<LEN> (lo byte)	<LEN> (hi byte)	CRC8 (Data)	CRC8 (Header)	
85 (dec)	4	0	0	0	0	170	11	
ARG=0			LEN=0					

DATA FRAME Sensor → PC

Byte0 Header	Byte1 Header	Byte2 Header	Byte3 Header	Byte4 Header	Byte5 Header	Byte6 Header	Byte7 Header	
0x55	<order>	<ARG> (lo byte)	<ARG> (hi byte)	<LEN> (lo byte)	<LEN> (hi byte)	CRC8 (Data)	CRC8 (Header)	
85 (dec)	4	0	0	0	0	170	11	
ARG=0			LEN=0					

**Example order=5:** Read CONNECTION OK from sensor.

DATA FRAME PC → Sensor

Byte0 Header	Byte1 Header	Byte2 Header	Byte3 Header	Byte4 Header	Byte5 Header	Byte6 Header	Byte7 Header	
0x55	<order>	<ARG> (lo byte)	<ARG> (hi byte)	<LEN> (lo byte)	<LEN> (hi byte)	CRC8 (Data)	CRC8 (Header)	
85 (dec)	5	0	0	0	0	170	60	
ARG=0			LEN=0					

DATA FRAME Sensor → PC

ARG determines the serial number of the sensor

Byte0 Header	Byte1 Header	Byte2 Header	Byte3 Header	Byte4 Header	Byte5 Header	Byte6 Header	Byte7 Header	
0x55	<order>	<ARG> (lo byte)	<ARG> (hi byte)	<LEN> (lo byte)	<LEN> (hi byte)	CRC8 (Data)	CRC8 (Header)	
85 (dec)	5	170	0	0	0	170	178	
ARG=170			LEN=0					

**Example order=7:** Read Firmware String from sensor

DATA FRAME PC → Sensor

Byte0 Header	Byte1 Header	Byte2 Header	Byte3 Header	Byte4 Header	Byte5 Header	Byte6 Header	Byte7 Header
0x55	<order>	<ARG> (lo byte)	<ARG> (hi byte)	<LEN> (lo byte)	<LEN> (hi byte)	CRC8 (Data)	CRC8 (Header)
85 (dec)	7	0	0	0	0	170	82
ARG=0				LEN=0			

DATA FRAME Sensor → PC

ARG determines the firmware number of the sensor

Byte0 Header	Byte1 Header	Byte2 Header	Byte3 Header	Byte4 Header	Byte5 Header	Byte6 Header	Byte7 Header	Byte8 Data	Byte9 Data	Byte10 Data	Byte11 Data
0x55	<order>	<ARG> (lo byte)	<ARG> (hi byte)	<LEN> (lo byte)	<LEN> (hi byte)	CRC8 (Data)	CRC8 (Header)	ASCII	ASCII	ASCII	ASCII
85 (dec)	7	0	0	72	0	183	38	F	I	R	M
ARG=0				LEN=72							

Byte12 Data	Byte13 Data	Byte14 Data	Byte15 Data	Byte16 Data	Byte17 Data	Byte18 Data	Byte19 Data	Byte20 Data	Byte21 Data	Byte22 Data	Byte23 Data
ASCII	ASCII	ASCII	ASCII	ASCII	ASCII	ASCII	ASCII	ASCII	ASCII	ASCII	ASCII
W	A	R	E		S	T	R	I	N	G	

Byte24 Data	Byte25 Data	Byte26 Data	Byte27 Data	Byte28 Data	Byte29 Data	Byte30 Data	Byte31 Data	Byte32 Data	Byte33 Data	Byte34 Data	Byte35 Data
ASCII	ASCII	ASCII	ASCII	ASCII	ASCII	ASCII	ASCII	ASCII	ASCII	ASCII	ASCII
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Byte36 Data	Byte37 Data	Byte38 Data	Byte39 Data	Byte40 Data	Byte41 Data	Byte42 Data	Byte43 Data	Byte44 Data	Byte45 Data	Byte46 Data	Byte47 Data
ASCII	ASCII	ASCII	ASCII	ASCII	ASCII	ASCII	ASCII	ASCII	ASCII	ASCII	ASCII
T	:	K	W	x	x	/	x	x			

Byte48 Data	Byte49 Data	Byte50 Data	Byte51 Data	Byte52 Data	Byte53 Data	Byte54 Data	Byte55 Data	Byte56 Data	Byte57 Data	Byte58 Data	Byte59 Data
ASCII	ASCII	ASCII	ASCII	ASCII	ASCII	ASCII	ASCII	ASCII	ASCII	ASCII	ASCII

Byte60 Data	Byte61 Data	Byte62 Data	Byte63 Data	Byte64 Data	Byte65 Data	Byte66 Data	Byte67 Data	Byte68 Data	Byte69 Data	Byte70 Data	Byte71 Data
ASCII	ASCII	ASCII	ASCII	ASCII	ASCII	ASCII	ASCII	ASCII	ASCII	ASCII	ASCII

Byte72 Data	Byte73 Data	Byte74 Data	Byte75 Data	Byte76 Data	Byte77 Data	Byte78 Data	Byte79 Data	Byte80 Data	Byte81 Data
ASCII	ASCII	ASCII	ASCII	ASCII	ASCII	ASCII	ASCII	ASCII	ASCII

**Example order=8:** Read data values from sensor.

DATA FRAME PC → Sensor

Byte0 Header	Byte1 Header	Byte2 Header	Byte3 Header	Byte4 Header	Byte5 Header	Byte6 Header	Byte7 Header
0x55	<order>	<ARG> (lo byte)	<ARG> (hi byte)	<LEN> (lo byte)	<LEN> (hi byte)	CRC8 (Data)	CRC8 (Header)
85 (dec)	8	0	0	0	0	170	118
ARG=0				LEN=0			

DATA FRAME Sensor → PC

8 Header Bytes and all **DATA VALUES** (See Table DATA VALUE)

**Example order=108:** Read 3 data values from sensor.

DATA FRAME PC → Sensor

Byte0 Header	Byte1 Header	Byte2 Header	Byte3 Header	Byte4 Header	Byte5 Header	Byte6 Header	Byte7 Header
0x55	<order>	<ARG> (lo byte)	<ARG> (hi byte)	<LEN> (lo byte)	<LEN> (hi byte)	CRC8 (Data)	CRC8 (Header)
85 (dec)	108	0	0	0	0	170	105
ARG=0				LEN=0			

DATA FRAME Sensor → PC

8 Header Bytes and 3 **DATA VALUES** (DatVal1, DatVal2, DatVal3. See Table DATA VALUE)

**Example order=30:** Start and Stop triggered sending of data frames

**Start** triggered sending of data frames

DATA FRAME PC → Sensor

<ARG> determines which data should be send when Trigger goes HI

ARG = 1 --> The HEADER and all DATA VALUES will be send

ARG = 2 --> The HEADER and only the color space coordinates CSX, CSY, CSY will be send

Byte0 Header	Byte1 Header	Byte2 Header	Byte3 Header	Byte4 Header	Byte5 Header	Byte6 Header	Byte7 Header
0x55	<order>	<ARG> (lo byte)	<ARG> (hi byte)	<LEN> (lo byte)	<LEN> (hi byte)	CRC8 (Data)	CRC8 (Header)
85 (dec)	30	1	0	0	0	170	82
ARG=1				LEN=0			

DATA FRAME Sensor → PC

Byte0 Header	Byte1 Header	Byte2 Header	Byte3 Header	Byte4 Header	Byte5 Header	Byte6 Header	Byte7 Header
0x55	<order>	<ARG> (lo byte)	<ARG> (hi byte)	<LEN> (lo byte)	<LEN> (hi byte)	CRC8 (Data)	CRC8 (Header)
85 (dec)	30	1	0	0	0	170	82
ARG=1				LEN=0			

**Stop** triggered sending of data frames

DATA FRAME PC → Sensor

ARG = 0 --> stops triggered sending.

Byte0 Header	Byte1 Header	Byte2 Header	Byte3 Header	Byte4 Header	Byte5 Header	Byte6 Header	Byte7 Header
0x55	<order>	<ARG> (lo byte)	<ARG> (hi byte)	<LEN> (lo byte)	<LEN> (hi byte)	CRC8 (Data)	CRC8 (Header)
85 (dec)	30	0	0	0	0	170	159
ARG=0				LEN=0			

DATA FRAME Sensor → PC

Byte0 Header	Byte1 Header	Byte2 Header	Byte3 Header	Byte4 Header	Byte5 Header	Byte6 Header	Byte7 Header
0x55	<order>	<ARG> (lo byte)	<ARG> (hi byte)	<LEN> (lo byte)	<LEN> (hi byte)	CRC8 (Data)	CRC8 (Header)
85 (dec)	30	0	0	0	0	170	159
ARG=0				LEN=0			

**Example order=105:** Get cycle time from sensor

DATA FRAME PC → Sensor

Byte0 Header	Byte1 Header	Byte2 Header	Byte3 Header	Byte4 Header	Byte5 Header	Byte6 Header	Byte7 Header	
0x55	<order>	<ARG> (lo byte)	<ARG> (hi byte)	<LEN> (lo byte)	<LEN> (hi byte)	CRC8 (Data)	CRC8 (Header)	
85 (dec)	105	0	0	0	0	170	130	
ARG=0			LEN=0					

DATA FRAME Sensor → PC

Byte0 Header	Byte1 Header	Byte2 Header	Byte3 Header	Byte4 Header	Byte5 Header	Byte6 Header	Byte7 Header	Byte8 Data	Byte9 Data	Byte10 Data	Byte11 Data
0x55	<order>	<ARG> (lo byte)	<ARG> (hi byte)	<LEN> (lo byte)	<LEN> (hi byte)	CRC8 (Data)	CRC8 (Header)	lo word lo byte	lo word hi byte	hi word lo byte	hi word hi byte
85 (dec)	105	0	0	8	0	206	163	40	28	2	0
ARG=0			LEN=8			CYCLE COUNT = 138280					

Byte12 Data	Byte13 Data	Byte14 Data	Byte15 Data
lo word lo byte	lo word hi byte	hi word lo byte	hi word hi byte
144	1	0	0
COUNTER TIME = 400			

$$\text{Cycle Time [Hz]} = \text{CYCLE COUNT} / (\text{COUNTER TIME} * 0,01)$$

$$\text{Cycle Time [ms]} = (\text{COUNTER TIME} * 0,01) / \text{CYCLE COUNT}$$

**Example order=190:** Write new baud rate to the sensor.

DATA FRAME PC → Sensor

Byte0 Header	Byte1 Header	Byte2 Header	Byte3 Header	Byte4 Header	Byte5 Header	Byte6 Header	Byte7 Header	
0x55	<order>	<ARG> (lo byte)	<ARG> (hi byte)	<LEN> (lo byte)	<LEN> (hi byte)	CRC8 (Data)	CRC8 (Header)	
85 (dec)	190	1	0	0	0	170	14	
ARG=1			LEN=0					

New baud rate is determined by argument.

ARG=0: baud rate = 9600

ARG=1: baud rate = 19200

ARG=2: baud rate = 38400

ARG=3: baud rate = 57600

ARG=4: baud rate = 115200

ARG=5: baud rate = 230400

ARG=6: baud rate = 460800

DATA FRAME Sensor → PC

Byte0 Header	Byte1 Header	Byte2 Header	Byte3 Header	Byte4 Header	Byte5 Header	Byte6 Header	Byte7 Header	
0x55	<order>	<ARG> (lo byte)	<ARG> (hi byte)	<LEN> (lo byte)	<LEN> (hi byte)	CRC8 (Data)	CRC8 (Header)	
85 (dec)	190	0	0	0	0	170	195	
ARG=0			LEN=0					

## **A. Firmware update via software Firmware Loader**

### **A.1 Manual software Firmware Loader V1.1**

This manual describes the installation of the Firmware Loader PC software and as a support for starting up the Firmware Loader software explains the individual functional elements of the graphic Windows® user interface.

The software allows the user to perform an automatic firmware update. The update will be carried out through the RS232 interface.

An initialisation file (xxx.ini) and a firmware file (xxx.elf.S) are required for performing a firmware update. These files can be obtained from your supplier. In some cases an additional firmware file for the program memory (xxx.elf.p.S) is also needed, and this file will be automatically provided together with the other two files.

**Important!** For a firmware update the two or three files must always be located in the same folder.

A plausibility check is performed after the initialisation file has been loaded with the Firmware Loader. If the initialisation file was changed or damaged, it will not be possible to perform a firmware update.

When the plausibility check is successfully completed, the instructions contained in the initialisation file will be carried out step by step.

The complete memory contents of the micro-controller in the sensor will be deleted in a firmware update. This means that both the program in the program memory and the data in the data memory will be lost.

The new firmware automatically writes the correct data to the program memory again.

However, the parameter settings, temperature curves, linearization curves, etc. that are stored in the data memory (EEPROM) will be deleted.

**With the Firmware Loader V1.1 the data will be saved in the EEPROM, and can be written back again after successful firmware update.**

**For this purpose the software creates an EEPROM backup file.**



## A.2 Installation of the software Firmware Loader V1.1

Hardware requirements for successful installation of the Firmware Loader software:

- Microsoft® Windows® 7, 8, 10
- IBM PC AT or compatible
- VGA graphics
- Microsoft® compatible mouse
- Serial RS232 interface at the PC or USB slot or RJ45 connector
- Cable ***cab-las4/PC (cab-las5/PC)*** for the RS232 interface or ***cab-4/USB (cab-5/USB)*** USB converter or ***cab-4/ETH (cab-5/ETH)*** Ethernet converter

Please install the software as described below:

1. The software can be installed directly from the installation DVD. To install the software, start the SETUP program in the SOFTWARE folder of the DVD.
2. The installation program displays a dialog and suggests to install the software in the C:\"FILENAME" directory on the hard disk. You may accept this suggestion with **OK** or **[ENTER]**, or you may change the path as desired. Installation is then performed automatically.
3. During the installation process a new program group for the software is created in the Windows Program Manager. In the program group an icon for starting the software is created automatically. When installation is successfully completed the installation program displays "Setup OK".
4. After successful installation the software can be started with a left mouse button double-click on the icon.

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**Please read this chapter before you start!**

**In this example a software update is performed from SPECTRO3 V4.0 to SPECTRO3 V4.1.**

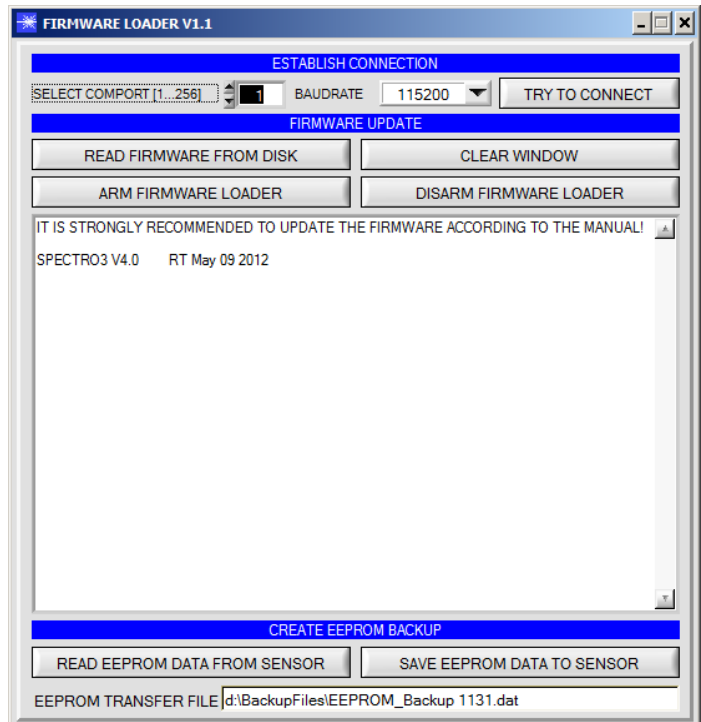
**Step 1:**

When the Firmware Loader software is started, this window opens on the Windows® user interface.

Immediately after starting, the software attempts to establish a connection to the connected sensor. If the sensor should not be connected at **COM PORT 1**, please select the corresponding **COM PORT**.

Please make sure that the correct **BAUDRATE** is selected.

Now try to establish a connection by clicking on **TRY TO CONNECT**. When the connection has been established, the sensor sends back information about the current firmware.



**Step 2:**

Press the **READ FIRMWARE FROM DISK** button and load the **xxx.ini** file.

The uploaded initialization file will be displayed in the status window.

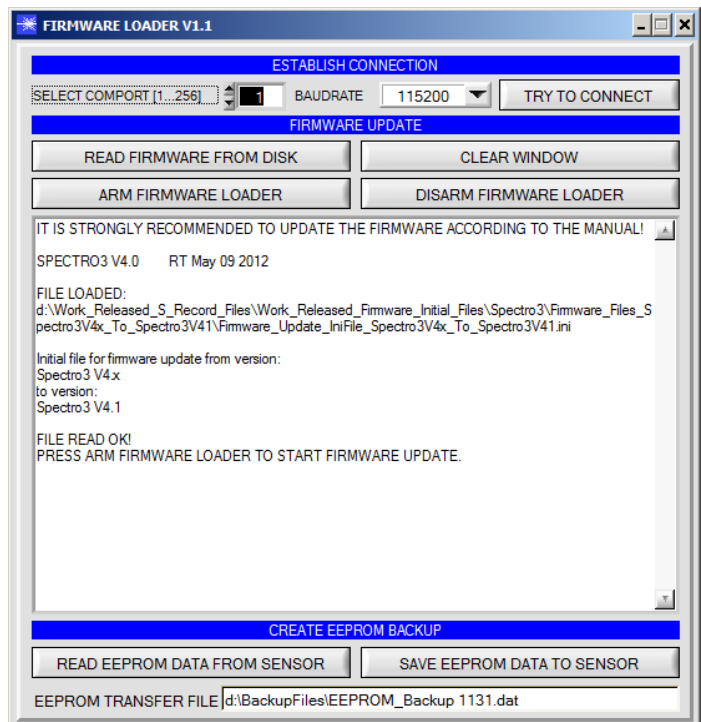
As described above, a plausibility check of the initialisation file will be performed first.

If the file is OK, the following message will be displayed:

**File read OK!**

Press **ARM FIRMWARE LOADER** to start the firmware update.

Please read the comments that are shown in the display window. These comments allow you to make sure that you have loaded the correct initialisation file.



**Step 3:**

Now click on the **ARM FIRMWARE LOADER** button. The program now attempts to send a software command that interrupts the normal program run and jumps to the start address of the boot sector.

If this is successful, the sensor displays a prompt for loading the S-Record file to the sensor.

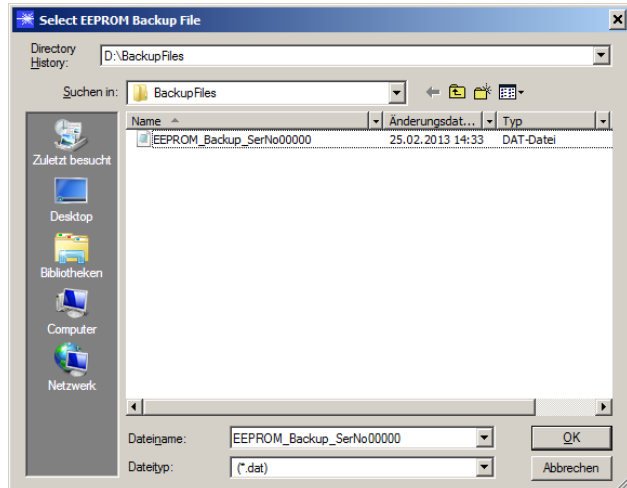
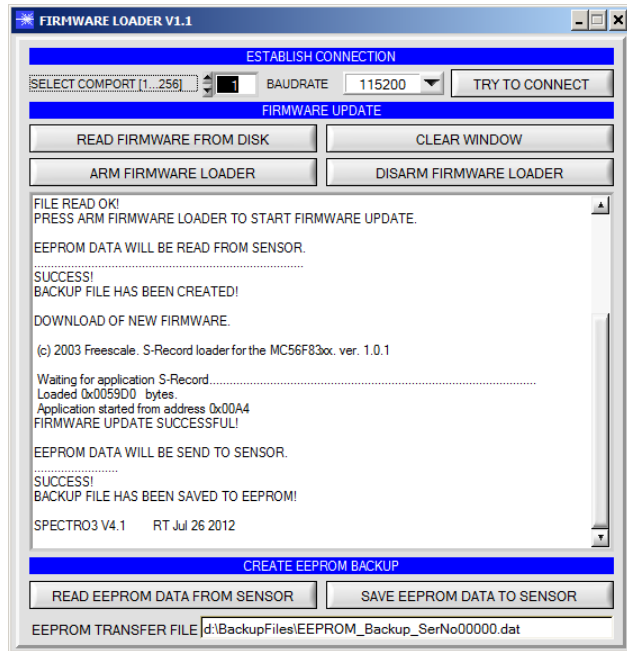
When you press the **ARM FIRMWARE LOADER** button the firmware update will be performed automatically.

In the course of the update process you will only be prompted to enter a name for the EEPROM backup file. If the firmware update should run perfectly until the EEPROM data are read out, but should then go wrong for any reason whatsoever, the EEPROM backup file can always be written back with **SAVE EEPROM DATA TO SENSOR**.

The file name for your **EEPROM backup file** should be chosen such that the names for several sensors cannot be mixed up. Using a file name that contains the sensor serial number might be advisable. Saving this file for future updates also might be a good idea.

After a successful update the sensor displays the status line of the new firmware.

The complete update process may take up to 1 minute.



If, contrary to expectations, there should be any trouble with the update of the program memory, it will still be possible to perform an update, even though it may look like the sensor was "killed".

Please make sure that you have selected the correct **COM PORT** and the correct **BAUDRATE**.

You will not get any connection when you click on **TRY TO CONNECT**.

Load the corresponding **xxx.ini** file from the hard disk.

Then click on the **ARM FIRMWARE LOADER** button.

The program will try to send the software command for the update. This will not work, however, and you will get a **CONNECTION FAILURE** message.

However, the Firmware Loader software now is "armed" for 30 seconds.

If you perform a hardware reset within these 30 seconds, the firmware update will be performed.

After a successful update the sensor displays the status line of the new firmware.

The complete update process may take up to 1 minute.

INFO! In case that the sensor was "killed", the sensor will work with a **BAUDRATE** of 115200.

You may at any time create an EEPROM backup file for archiving it on your hard disk.

To do this, click on **READ EEPROM DATA FROM SENSOR**. You will be prompted to choose an initialization file in case that there has not yet been loaded any. Afterwards you will be asked to enter a file name. The selected name will be shown in the **EEPROM TRANSFER FILE** display.

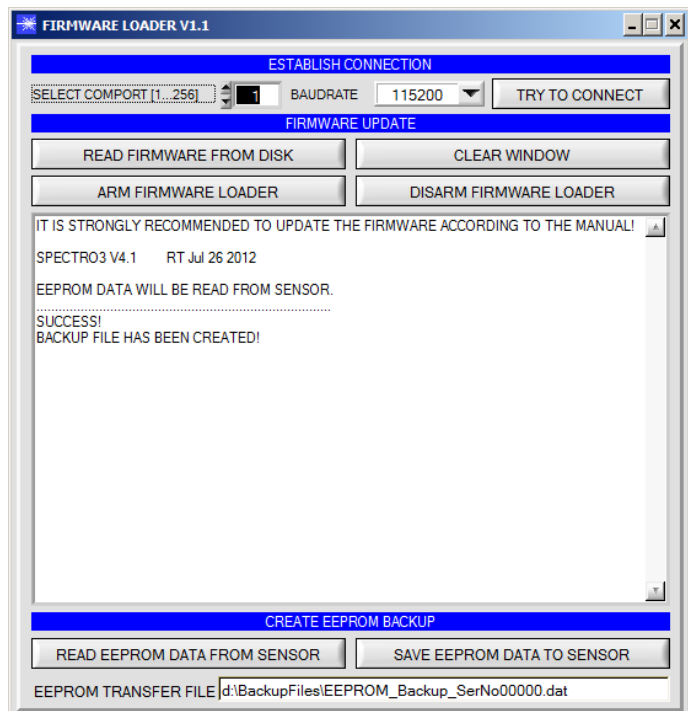
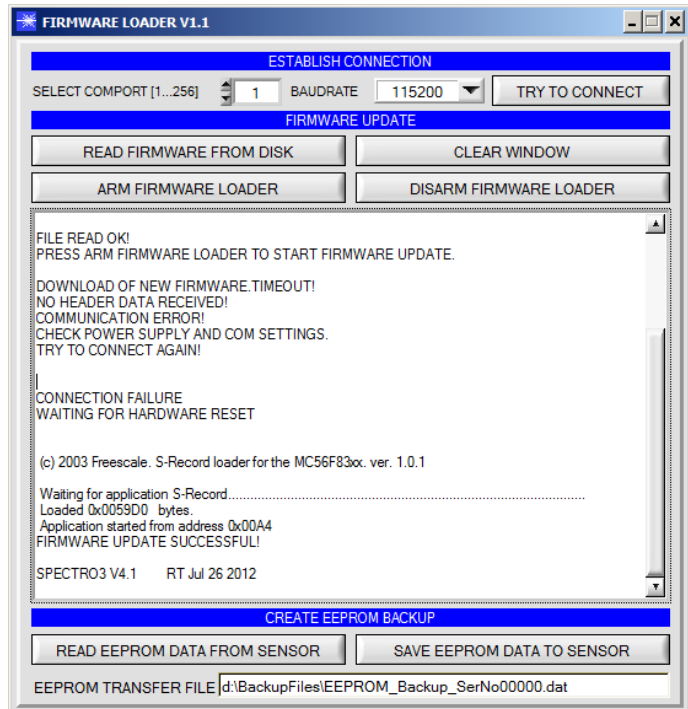
The file name for your **EEPROM backup file** should be chosen such that the names for several sensors cannot be mixed up. Using a file name that contains the sensor serial number might be advisable.

The Firmware Loader then reads all the EEPROM data from the data memory and saves these data in the selected file.

Upon successful completion the following message will be displayed:

**Success!**  
**Backup File has been created!**

If something should go wrong in a firmware update, any you have created the **backup file**, the saved **EEPROM backup file** can at any time be uploaded to the sensor again with **SAVE EEPROM DATA TO SENSOR**.



**CLEAR WINDOW** resets the display window.

If you should not get any response for a longer time, or if messages should be displayed in the status line, **DISARM FIRMWARE LOADER** can be used to cancel the firmware update process.

However, you should always wait for approx. 1 minute before you press this button.

