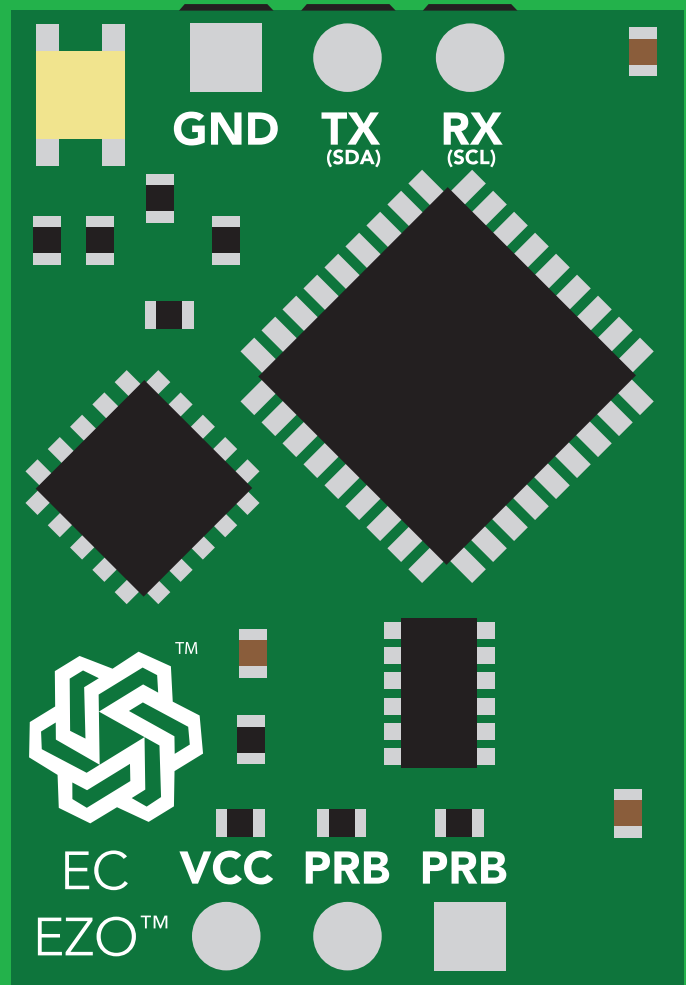


# Conductivity EZO™

## Circuit

Reads	<p>Conductivity = <math>\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}</math>          Total dissolved solids = ppm          Salinity = PSU          Specific gravity          (sea water only) = 1.00 – 1.300</p>
Range	0.07 – 500,000+ $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$
Accuracy	+/- 2%
Max rate	1 reading per sec
Supported probes	K 0.1 – K 10 any brand
Calibration	1 or 2 point
Temp compensation	Yes
Data protocol	UART & I <sup>2</sup> C
Default I <sup>2</sup> C address	100 (0x64)
Operating voltage	3.3V – 5V
Data format	ASCII



**PATENT PROTECTED**



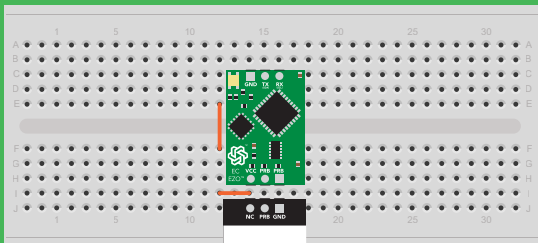
# STOP

**SOLDERING THIS DEVICE VOIDS YOUR WARRANTY.**

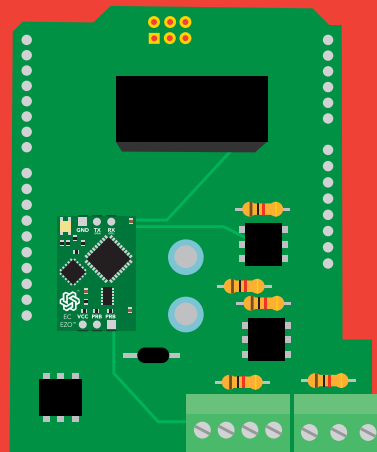
**This is sensitive electronic equipment. Get this device working in a solderless breadboard first. Once this device has been soldered it is no longer covered by our warranty.**

**This device has been designed to be soldered and can be soldered at any time. Once that decision has been made, Atlas Scientific no longer assumes responsibility for the device's continued operation. The embedded systems engineer is now the responsible party.**

**Get this device working in a solderless breadboard first!**



**Do not embed this device without testing it in a solderless breadboard!**



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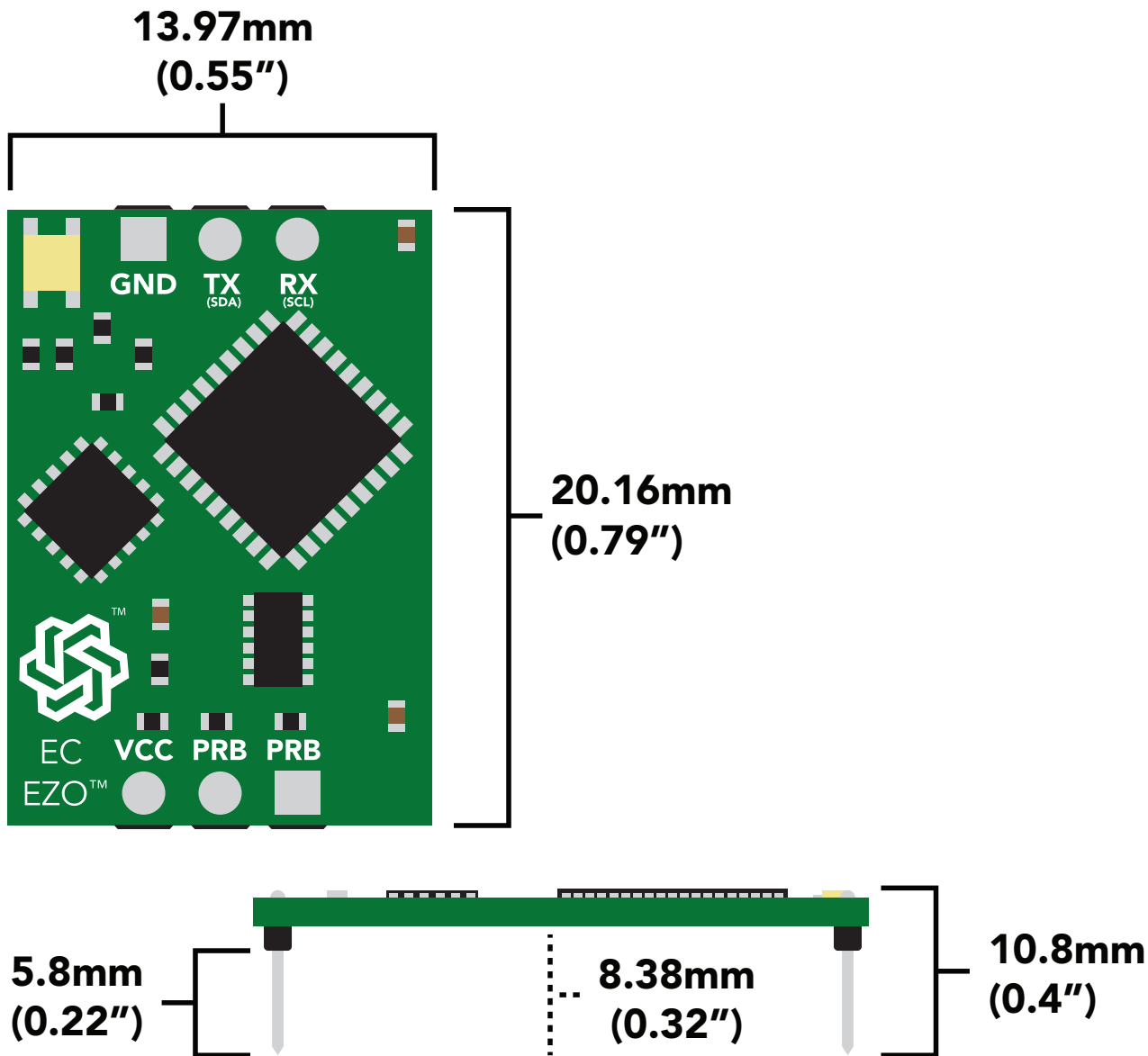
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# EZO™ circuit dimensions



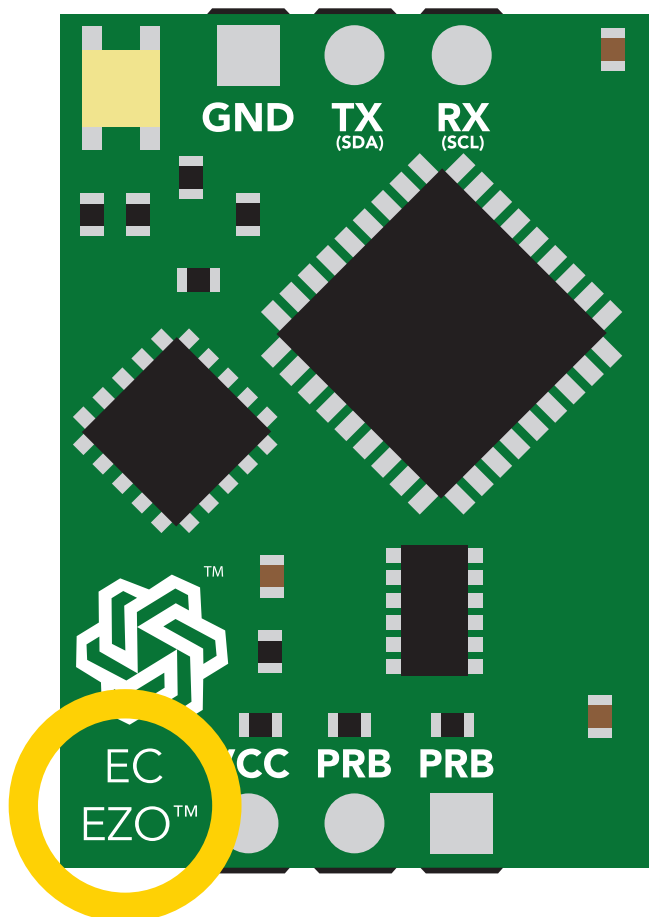
## Power consumption

	LED	MAX	STANDBY	SLEEP
5V	ON	50 mA	18.14 mA	0.7 mA
	OFF	45 mA	15.64 mA	
3.3V	ON	35 mA	16.85 mA	0.4 mA
	OFF	34 mA	15.85 mA	

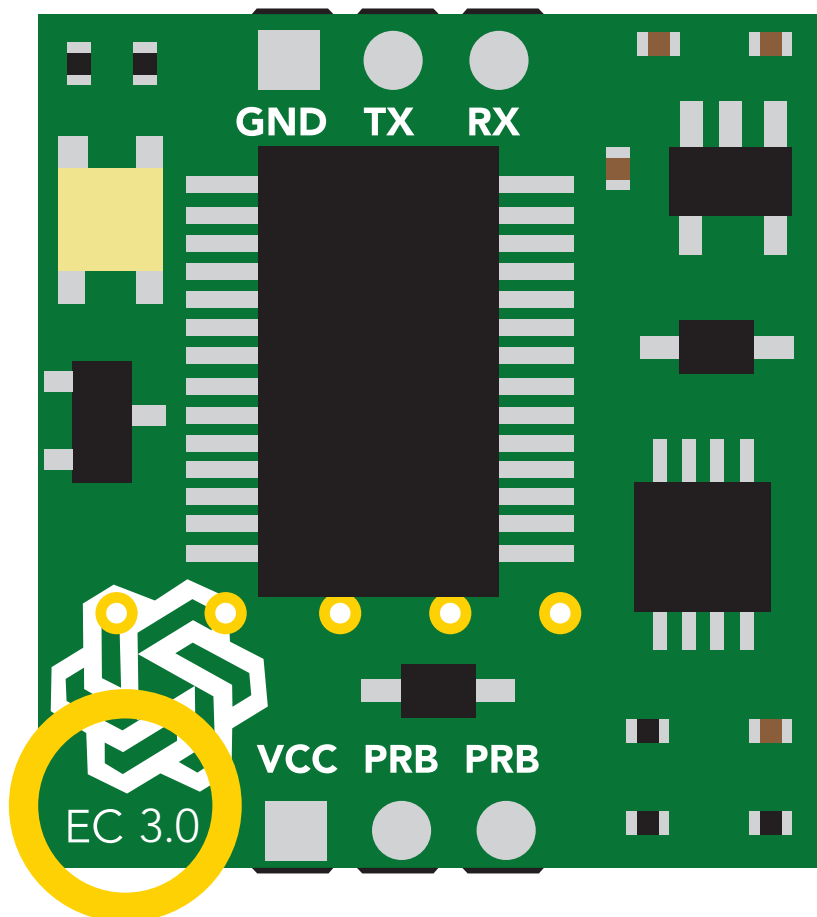
## Absolute max ratings

Parameter	MIN	TYP	MAX
Storage temperature (EZO™ Conductivity)	-60 °C		150 °C
Operational temperature (EZO™ Conductivity)	-40 °C	25 °C	125 °C
VCC	3.3V	5V	5.5V

# EZO™ circuit identification



EZO™ Conductivity circuit



Legacy Conductivity circuit



Viewing correct datasheet



Viewing incorrect datasheet

[Click here to view legacy datasheet](#)

# Conductivity probe range

The EZO™ Conductivity circuit is capable of connecting to any two-conductor conductivity probe, ranging from:

**K 0.1**



**K 10**

Atlas Scientific™ has tested 3 different K value probe types

**K 0.1**



accurate reading range

**0.07µS – 50,000µS**

**K 1.0**



accurate reading range

**5µS – 200,000+µS**

**K 10**



accurate reading range

**10µS – 1S**

Atlas Scientific™ does not know what the accurate reading range would be for conductivity probes, other than the above mentioned values. Determining the accurate reading range of such probes, i.e. **K 2.6**, or **K 0.66**, is the responsibility of the embedded systems engineer.

# Resolution

The EZO™ Conductivity circuit, employs a method of scaling resolution. As the conductivity increases the resolution between readings decreases.

The EZO™ Conductivity circuit will output conductivity readings where the first **4 digits** are valid and the others are set to 0. This excludes conductivity readings that are less than 9.99. In that case, only 3 conductivity digits will be output.

0.07 – 99.99

Resolution = **0.01 $\mu$ S**

100.1 – 999.9

Resolution = **0.1 $\mu$ S**

1,000 – 9,999

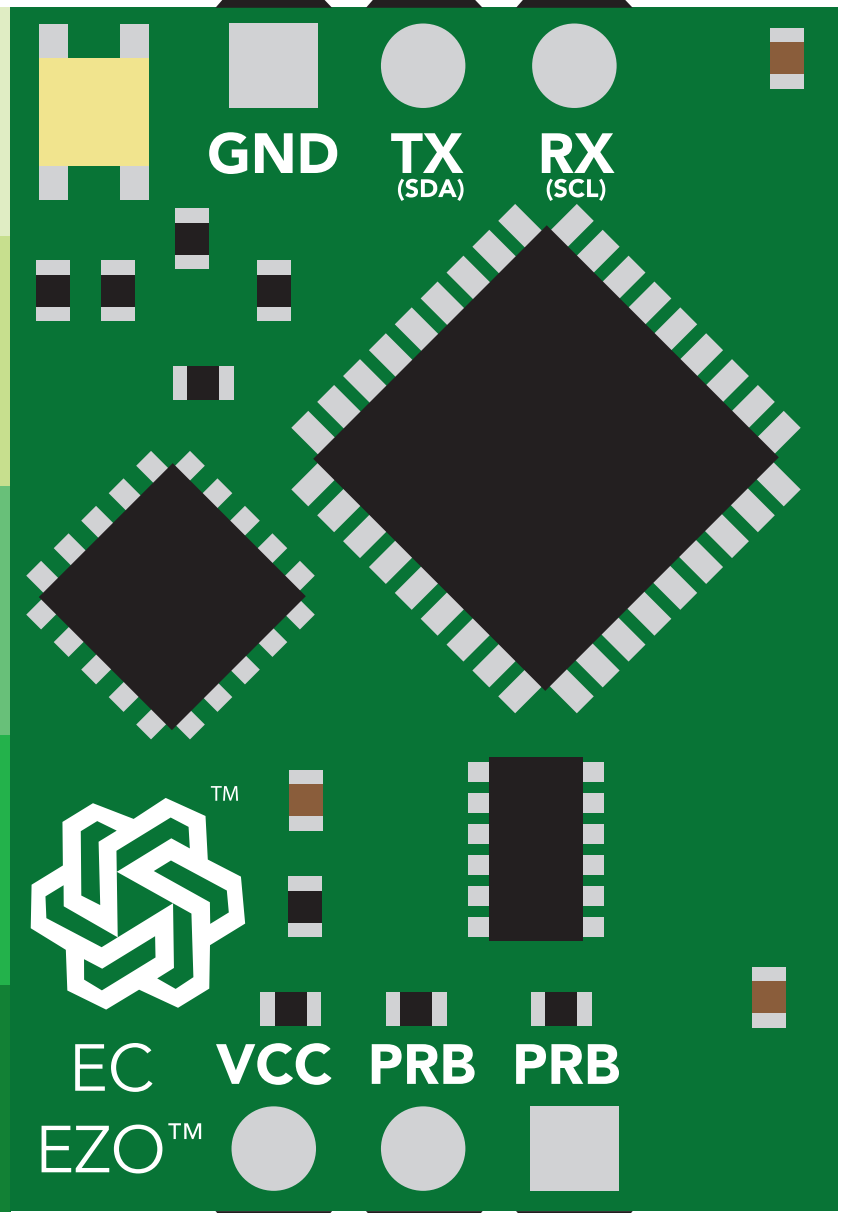
Resolution = **1.0 $\mu$ S**

10,000 – 99,990

Resolution = **10 $\mu$ S**

100,000 – 999,900

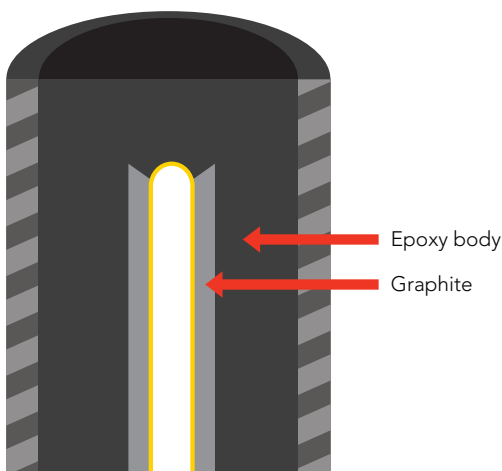
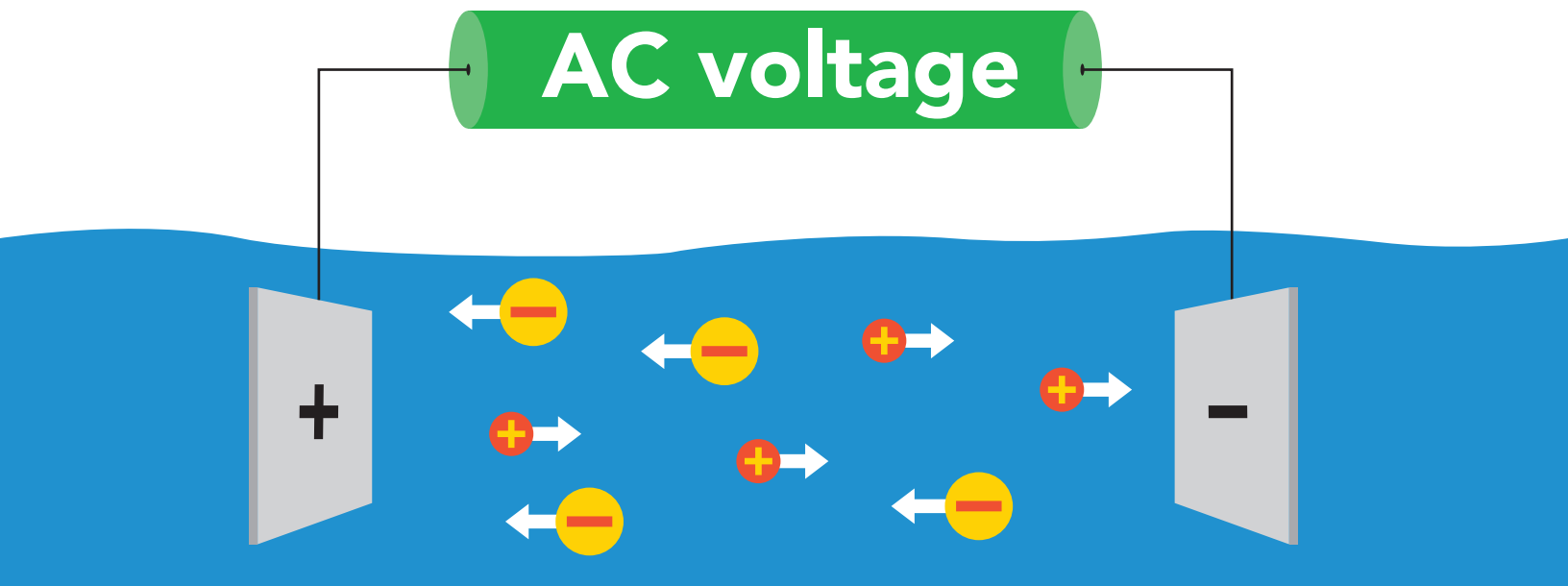
Resolution = **100 $\mu$ S**



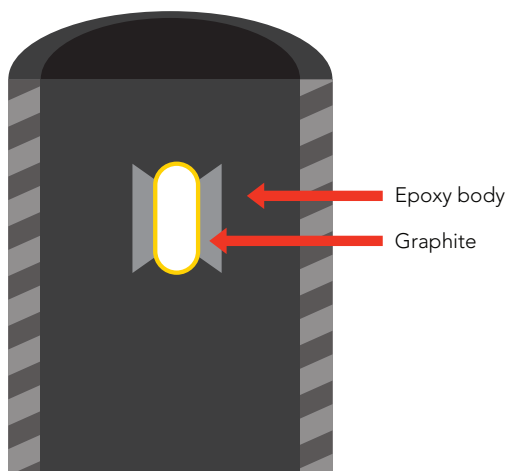
# Operating principle

An E.C. (**electrical conductivity**) probe measures the electrical conductivity in a solution. It is commonly used in hydroponics, aquaculture and freshwater systems to monitor the amount of nutrients, salts or impurities in the water.

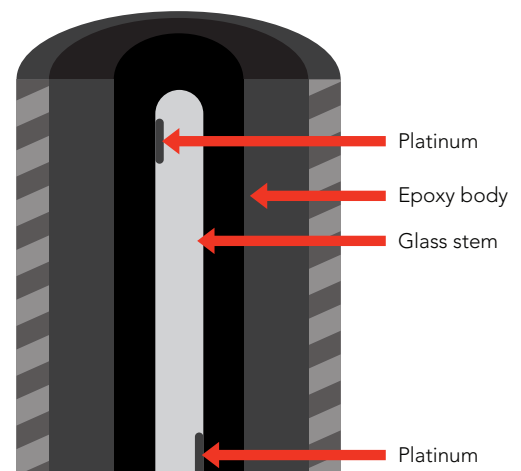
Inside the conductivity probe, two electrodes are positioned opposite from each other, an AC voltage is applied to the electrodes causing cations to move to the negatively charged electrode, while the anions move to the positively electrode. The more free electrolyte the liquid contains, the higher the electrical conductivity.



**K 0.1**  
Graphite electrode



**K 1.0**  
Graphite electrode



**K 10**  
Platinum electrode



# Output units

By default, EZO™ Conductivity circuits with firmware version 2.10 and above will *only* output EC. To enable these parameters see page 31 for UART, and 56 for I<sup>2</sup>C.

The EZO™ Conductivity circuit also has the capability to read:

- Conductivity =  $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$**
- Total dissolved solids = ppm**
- Salinity = PSU**
- Specific gravity (sea water only) = 1.00 – 1.300**

These parameters must be individually enabled within the device. See page 31 to enable each parameter in UART mode, and on page 56 for I<sup>2</sup>C mode.

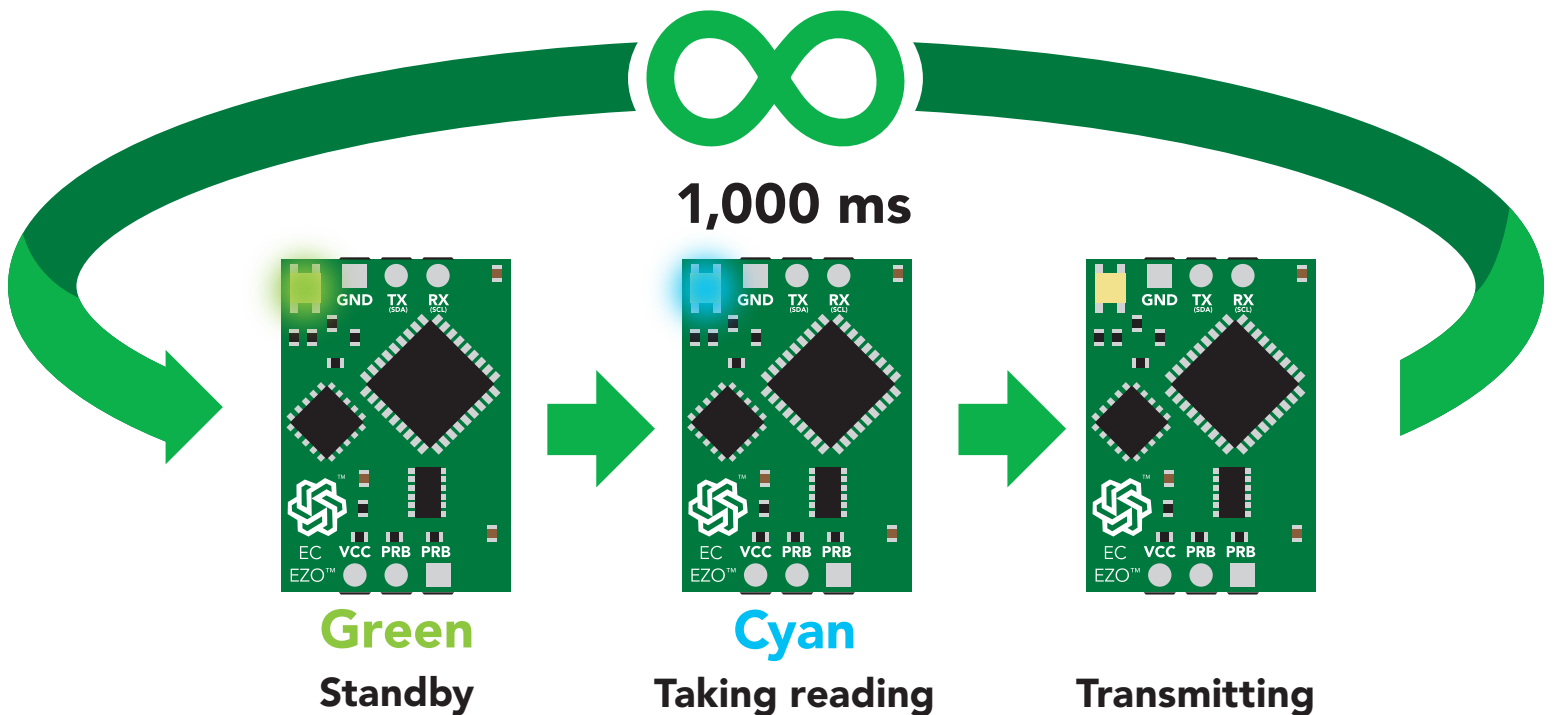
Once these parameters have been enabled, output will be a CSV string.

## Example

EC,TDS,SAL,SG

## Default LED blink pattern

This is the LED pattern for Continuous Mode (*default state*)  
This can only happen when the device is in **UART** mode.

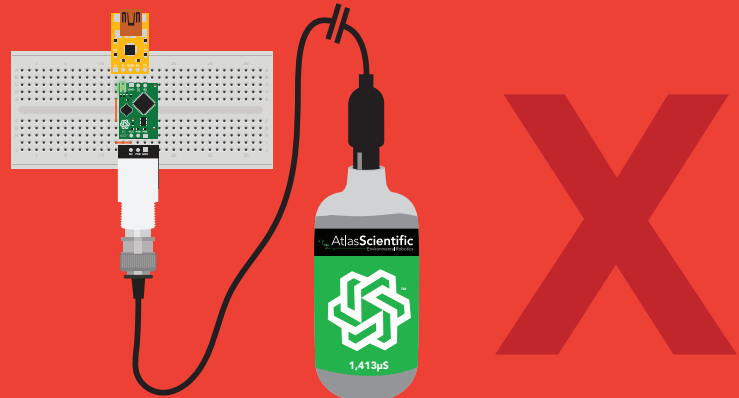
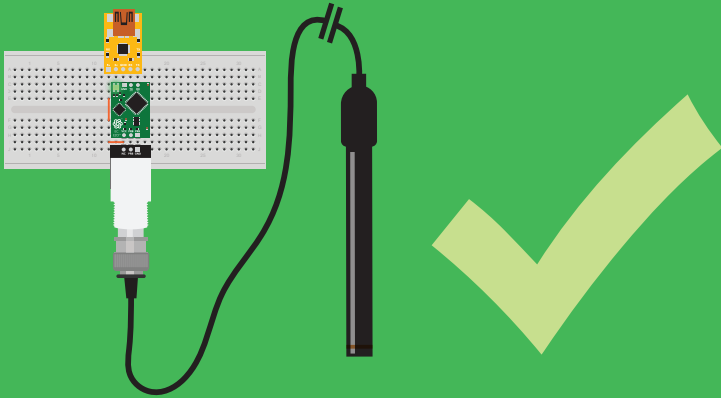


# Calibration theory

The most important part of calibration is watching the readings during the calibration process. It's easiest to calibrate the device in its default state (UART mode, continuous readings). Switching the device to I<sup>2</sup>C mode after calibration **will not** affect the stored calibration. If the device must be calibrated in I<sup>2</sup>C mode be sure to request readings continuously so you can see the output from the probe.

## Pre-calibration setup

First, take readings from dry conductivity probe.



## Set probe type

If you are not using a K 1.0 conductivity probe (*default*), you need to set the probe type by using the "**K,n**" command. (*where n = K value of your probe*)

## Dry calibration

Issuing the "**Cal,dry**" command fine tunes the internal electrical properties of the device. This calibration only needs to be done once. Even though you may see reading of 0.00 before issuing the "**Cal,dry**" command, it is still a necessary component of calibration.

17.00 → "**Cal,dry**" → 0.00 ✓ **Correct**

00.00 → "**Cal,dry**" → 0.00 ✓ **Correct**

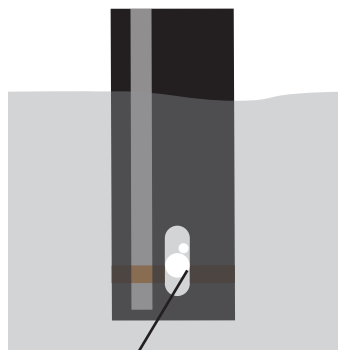
# Temperature compensation

Temperature has a significant effect on conductivity readings. The EZO™ Conductivity circuit has its temperature compensation set to 25° C as the default. If the calibration solution is not within 5° of 25° C, check the temperature chart on the side of the calibration bottle, and calibrate to that value.

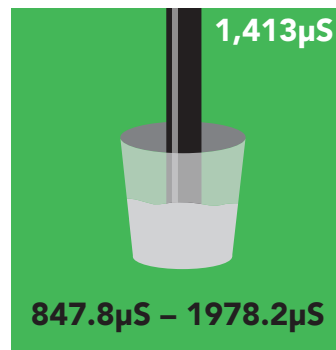


# Low point/single point calibration

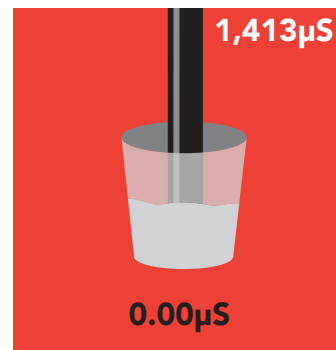
Pour a small amount of the calibration solution into a cup. Shake the probe to make sure you do not have trapped air bubbles in the sensing area. You should see readings that are off by **1 – 40%** from the stated value of the calibration solution. Wait for readings to stabilize (small movement from one reading to the next is normal).



**Trapped air**  
(shake to remove)



**+/- 40%**



**check probe connection,  
you cannot calibrate to 0.**

Once the readings stabilize, issue the low point or single point calibration command.

Low point calibration: "**Cal,low,1413**" (Readings will **NOT** change)

Single point calibration: "**Cal,1413**" (Readings **will** change, calibration complete).

# High point calibration

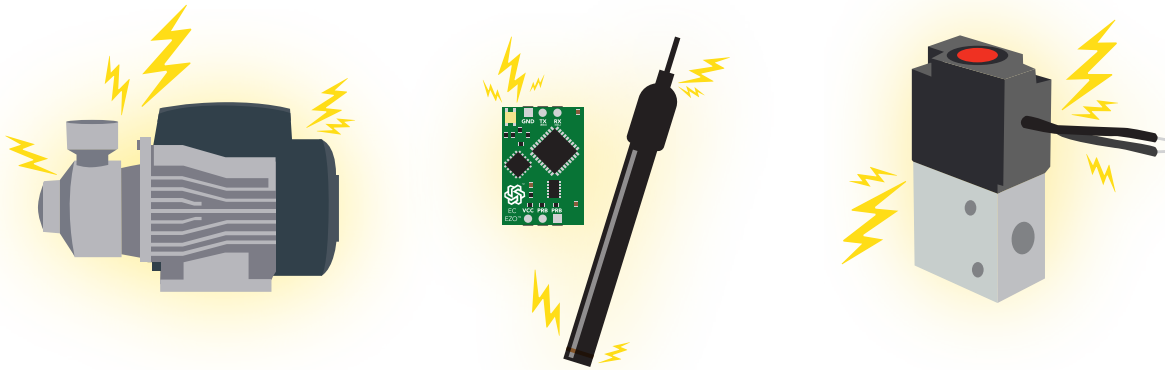
Shake the probe to remove trapped air and adjust the temperature as done in the previous step. Once the readings have stabilized issue the high point calibration command.

High point calibration: "**Cal,high,12880**" (Readings **will** change, calibration complete).

# Power and data isolation

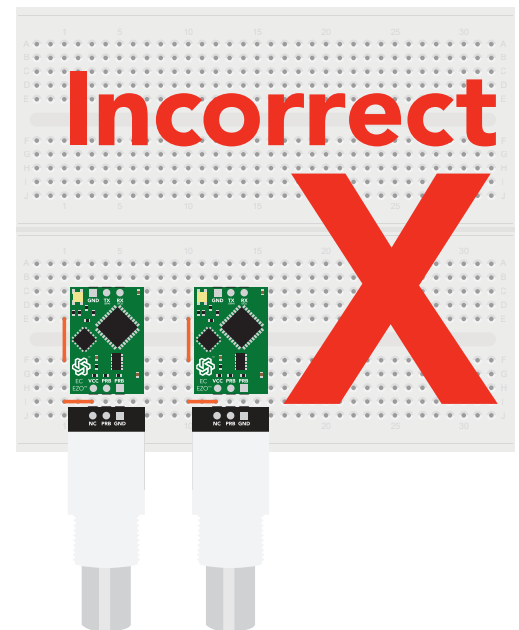
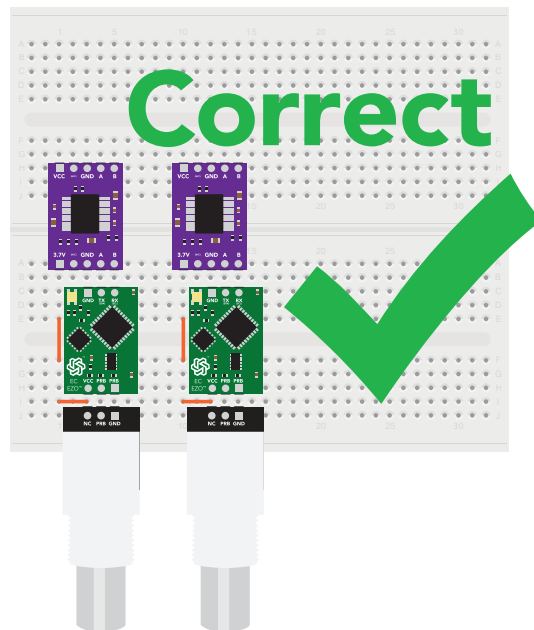
The Atlas Scientific EZO™ Conductivity circuit is a very sensitive device. This sensitivity is what gives the Conductivity circuit its accuracy. This also means that the Conductivity circuit is capable of reading micro-voltages that are bleeding into the water from unnatural sources such as pumps, solenoid valves or other probes/sensors.

When electrical noise is interfering with the Conductivity readings it is common to see rapidly fluctuating readings or readings that are consistently off. To verify that electrical noise is causing inaccurate readings, place the Conductivity probe in a cup of water by itself. The readings should stabilize quickly, confirming that electrical noise was the issue.



When reading from two EZO™ Conductivity circuits, it is **strongly recommended** that they are electrically isolated from each other.

Basic EZO™  
Inline Voltage Isolator

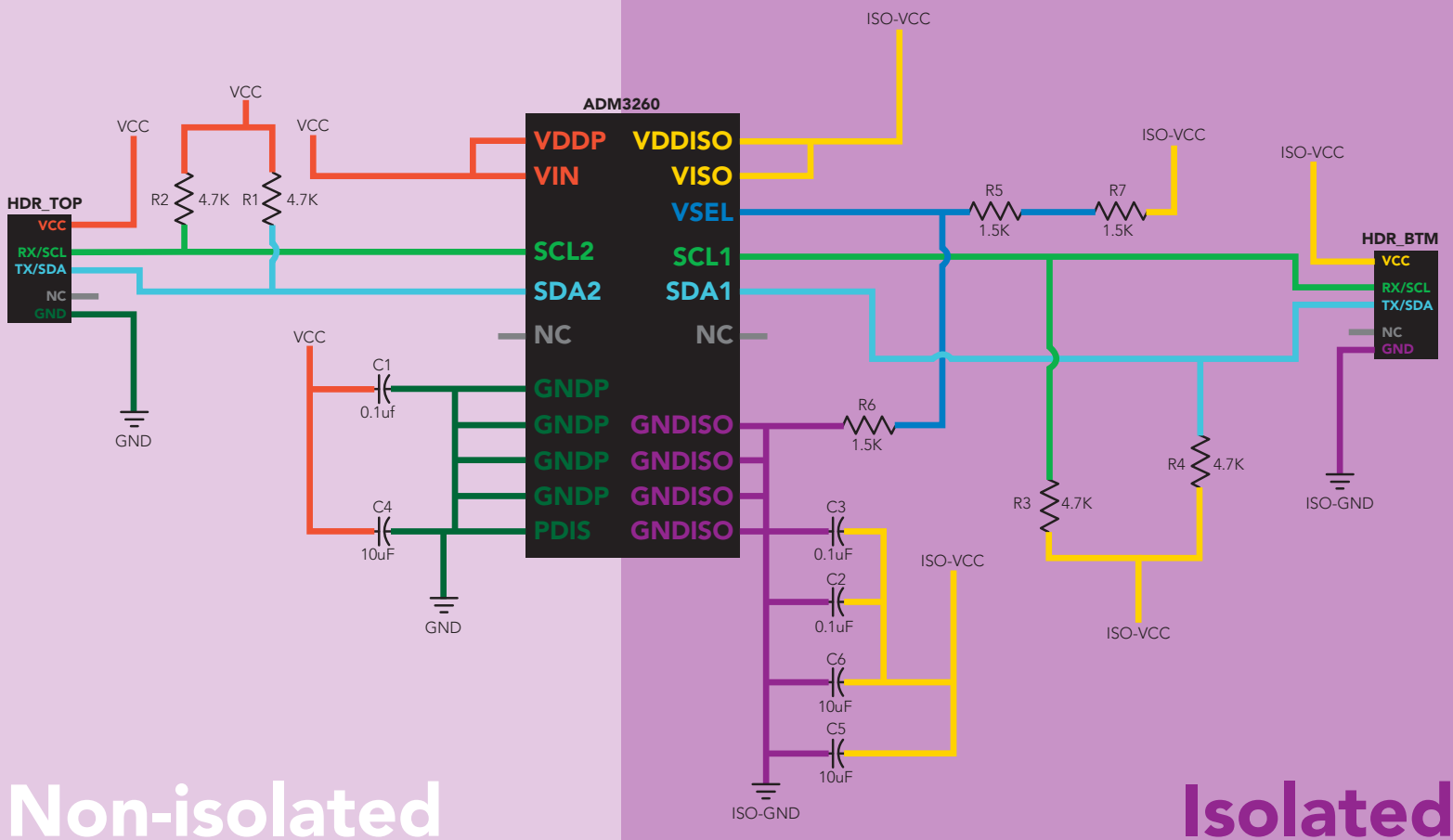


Without isolation, Conductivity readings will effect each other.

This schematic shows exactly how we isolate data and power using the [ADM3260](#) and a few passive components. The ADM3260 can output isolated power up to 150 mW and incorporates two bidirectional data channels.

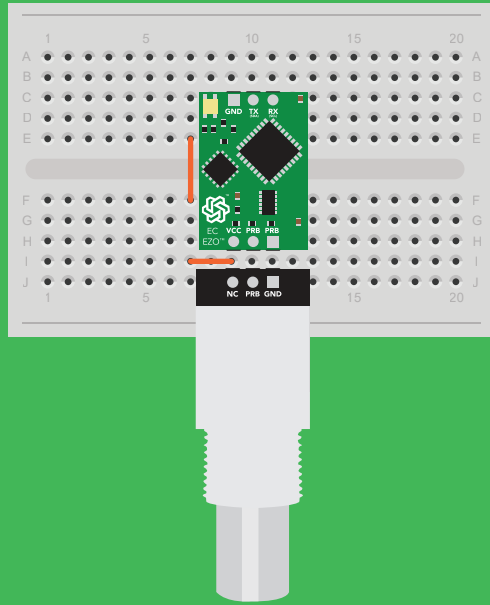
This technology works by using tiny transformers to induce the voltage across an air gap. PCB layout requires special attention for EMI/EMC and RF Control, having proper ground planes and keeping the capacitors as close to the chip as possible are crucial for proper performance. The two data channels have a 4.7kΩ pull up resistor on both the isolated and non-isolated lines (R1, R2, R3, and R4) The output voltage is set using a voltage divider (R5, R6, and R7) this produces a voltage of 3.7V regardless of your input voltage.

**Isolated ground is different from non-isolated ground, these two lines should not be connected together.**

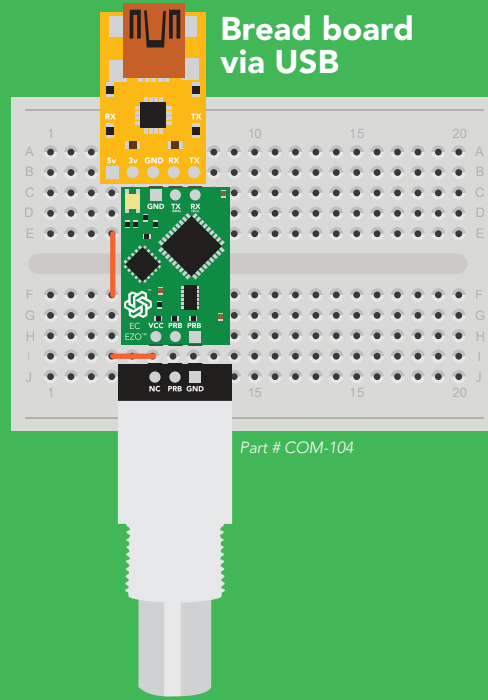


# ✓ Correct wiring

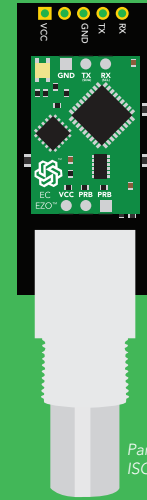
Bread board



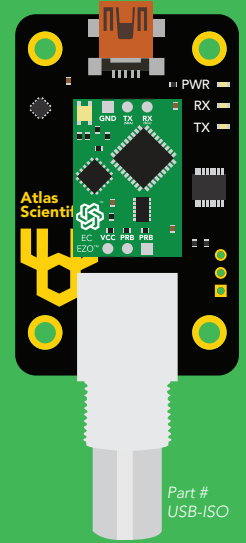
Bread board via USB



Carrier board

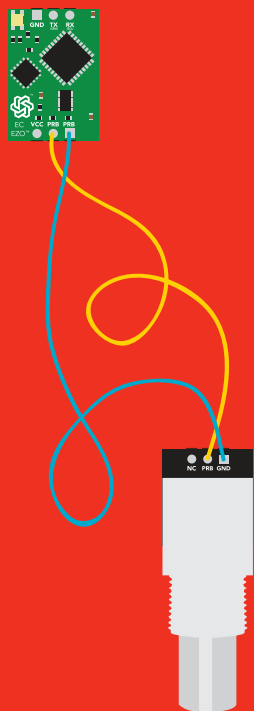


USB carrier board

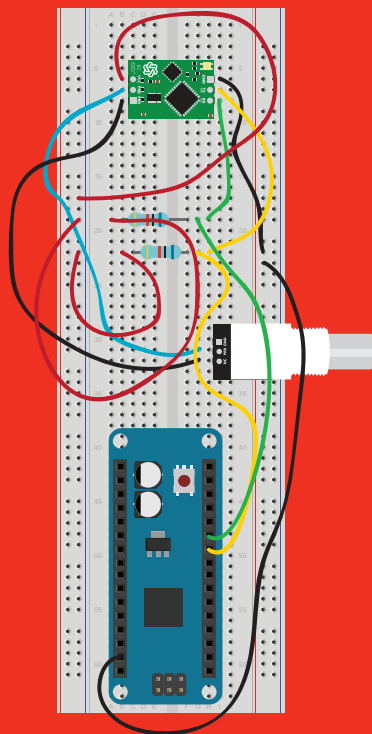


# X Incorrect wiring

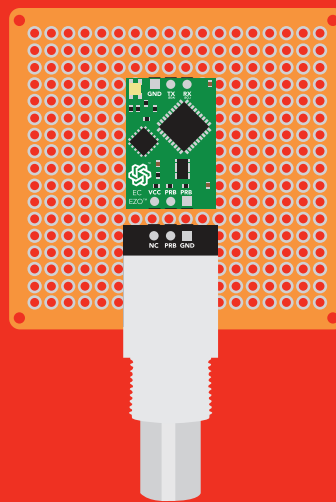
Extended leads



Sloppy setup

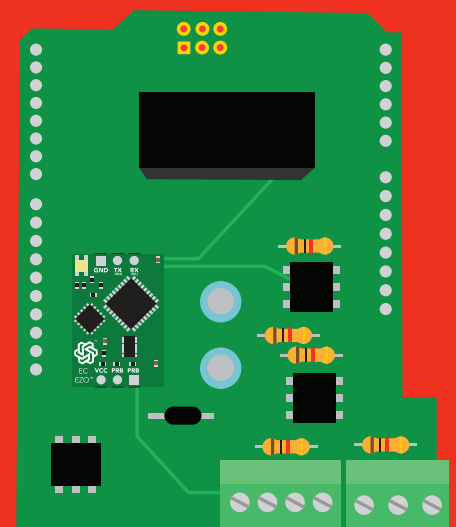


Perfboards or Protoboards



**NEVER**  
use Perfboards  
or Protoboards

\*Embedded into your device



**\*Only after you are familiar  
with EZO™ circuits operation**

# ✓ Available data protocols

# UART

Default

# I<sup>2</sup>C

# X Unavailable data protocols

# SPI

# Analog

# RS-485

# Mod Bus

# 4–20mA

# UART mode

## Settings that are retained if power is cut

- Baud rate
- Calibration
- Continuous mode
- Device name
- Enable/disable parameters
- Enable/disable response codes
- Hardware switch to I<sup>2</sup>C mode
- LED control
- Protocol lock
- Software switch to I<sup>2</sup>C mode

## Settings that are **NOT** retained if power is cut

- Find
- Sleep mode
- Temperature compensation



# UART mode

8 data bits      no parity  
1 stop bit        no flow control

**Baud** 300  
1,200  
2,400  
**9,600 default**  
19,200  
38,400  
57,600  
115,200

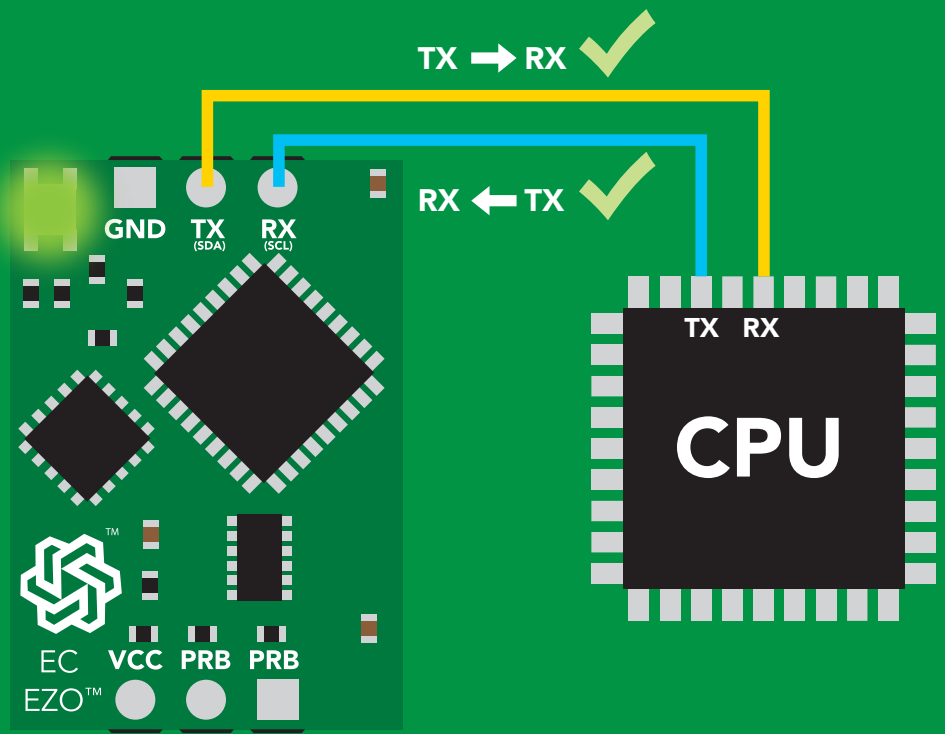
**RX**  
Data in



**TX**  
Data out



**Vcc** 3.3V – 5.5V

# Data format

## Reading

Conductivity =  $\mu\text{S/cm}$   
Total dissolved solids = **ppm**  
Salinity = **PSU**  
Specific gravity (sea water only) = **1.00 – 1.300**

**Units**            **EC, TDS, SAL, SG**

**Encoding**      **ASCII**

**Format**         **string**

**Terminator**

**Data type**

**Decimal places**    **3**

**Smallest string**    **3 characters**

**Largest string**     **40 characters**

**carriage return**

**floating point**

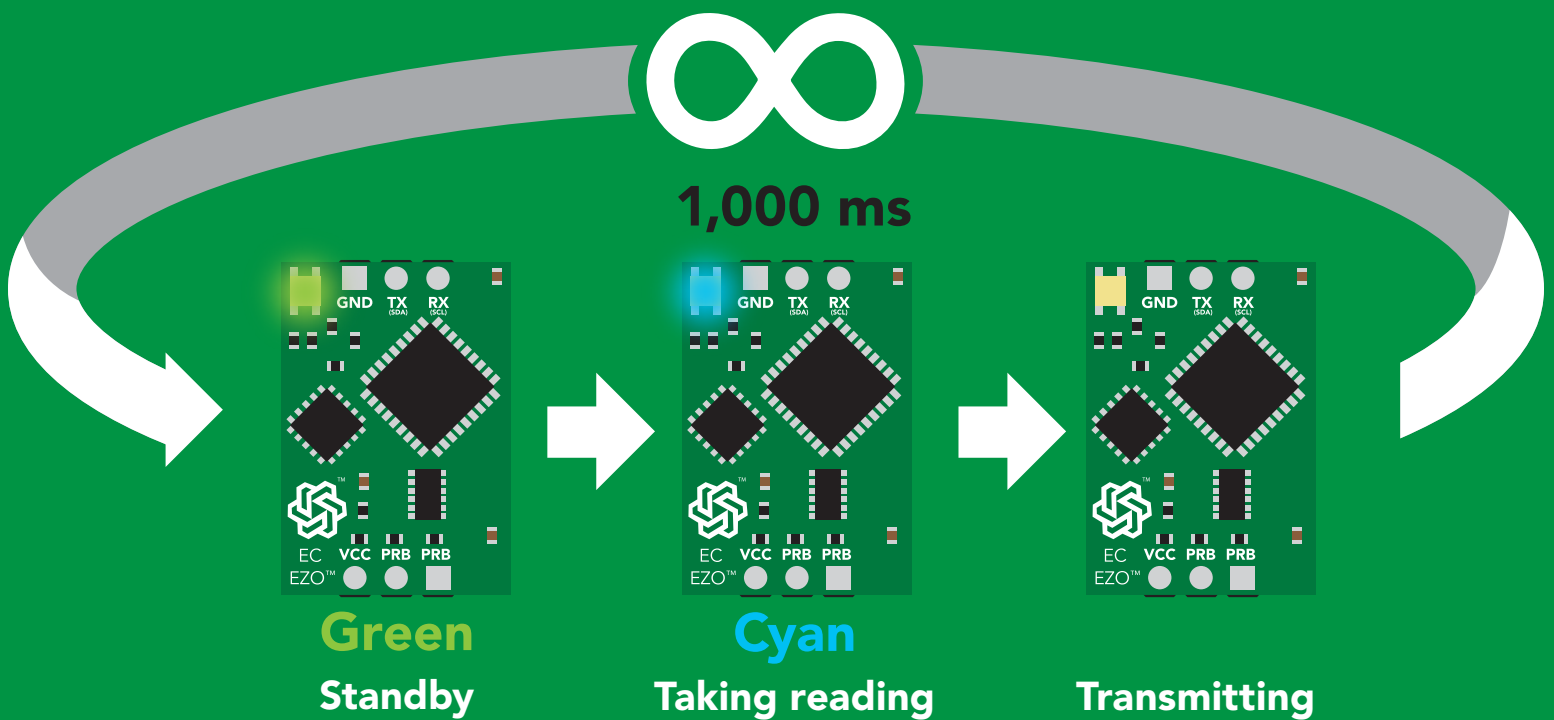
**3**

**3 characters**

**40 characters**

# Default state

Mode	UART
Baud	9,600
Readings	continuous
Units	$\mu\text{S/cm}$
Speed	1 reading per second
LED	on



# Receiving data from device

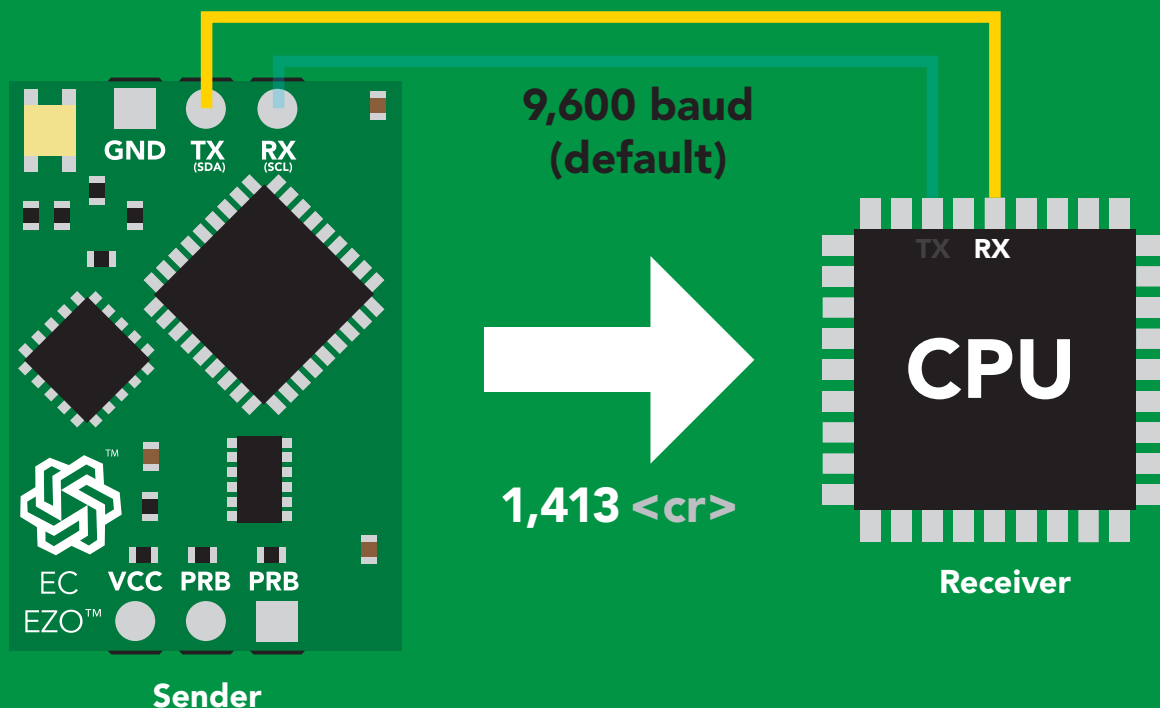
2 parts

ASCII data string

Command

Carriage return <cr>

Terminator



## Advanced

ASCII: 1 , 4 1 3 <cr>

Hex: 31 2C 34 31 33 0D

Dec: 49 44 52 49 51 13

# Sending commands to device

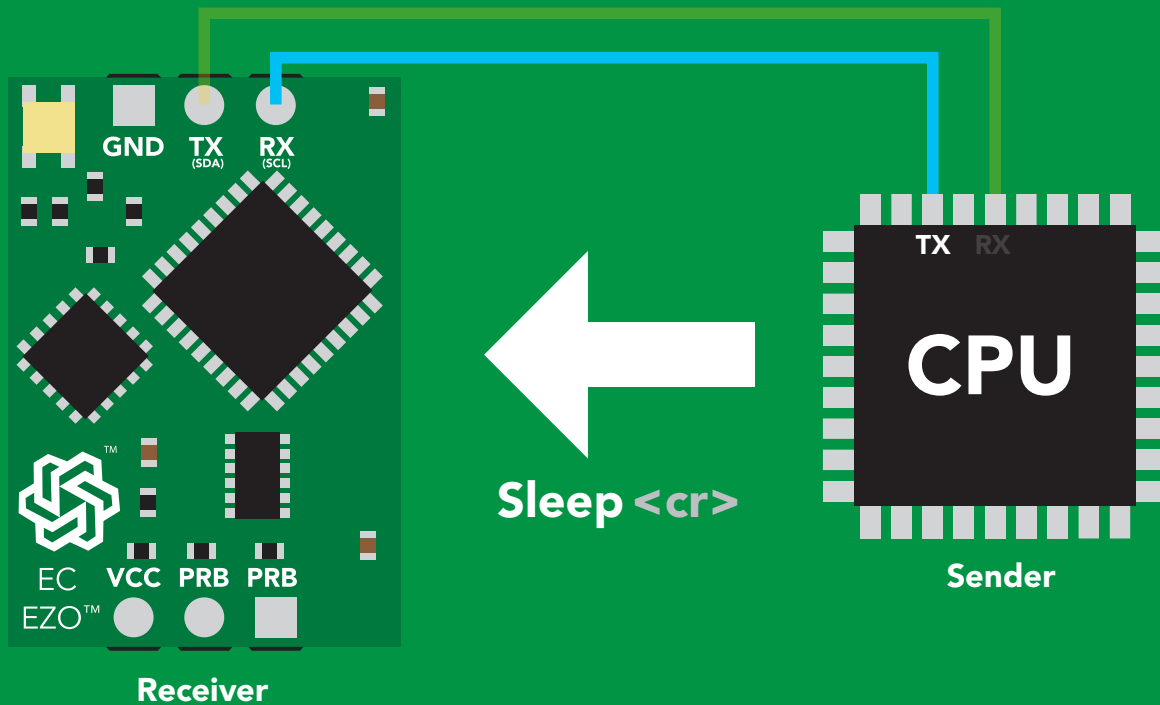
2 parts

**Command (not case sensitive)**

ASCII data string

**Carriage return <cr>**

Terminator



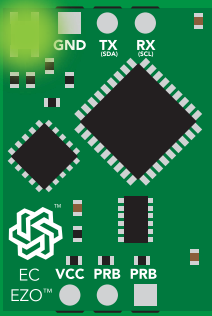
## Advanced

ASCII: **S I e e p** <cr>

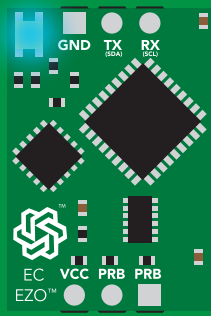
Hex: **53 6C 65 65 70** **0D**

Dec: **83 108 101 101 112** **13**

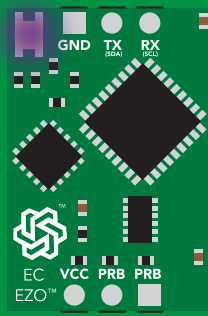
# LED color definition



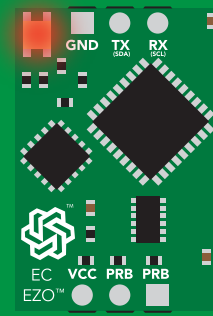
**Green**  
UART standby



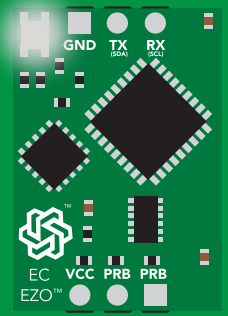
**Cyan**  
Taking reading



**Purple**  
Changing  
baud rate



**Red**  
Command  
not understood



**White**  
Find

**5V**

LED ON  
**+2.5 mA**

**3.3V**

**+1 mA**

# UART mode

## command quick reference

All commands are ASCII strings or single ASCII characters.

Command	Function		Default state
Baud	change baud rate	pg. 37	9,600
C	enable/disable continuous reading	pg. 25	enabled
Cal	performs calibration	pg. 27	n/a
Export/import	export/import calibration	pg. 28	n/a
Factory	enable factory reset	pg. 39	n/a
Find	finds device with blinking white LED	pg. 24	n/a
i	device information	pg. 33	n/a
I2C	change to I <sup>2</sup> C mode	pg. 40	not set
K	Set probe type	pg. 29	K 1.0
L	enable/disable LED	pg. 23	enabled
Name	set/show name of device	pg. 32	not set
O	enable/disable parameters	pg. 31	all enabled
Plock	enable/disable protocol lock	pg. 38	disabled
R	returns a single reading	pg. 26	n/a
Sleep	enter sleep mode/low power	pg. 36	n/a
Status	retrieve status information	pg. 35	enable
T	temperature compensation	pg. 30	25°C
*OK	enable/disable response codes	pg. 34	enable

# LED control

## Command syntax

L,1 <cr> LED on **default**

L,0 <cr> LED off

L,? <cr> LED state on/off?

## Example

## Response

L,1 <cr>

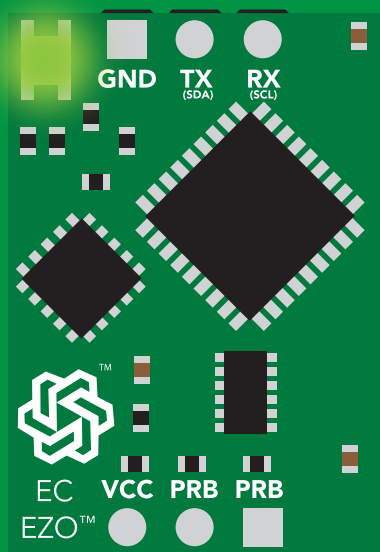
\*OK <cr>

L,0 <cr>

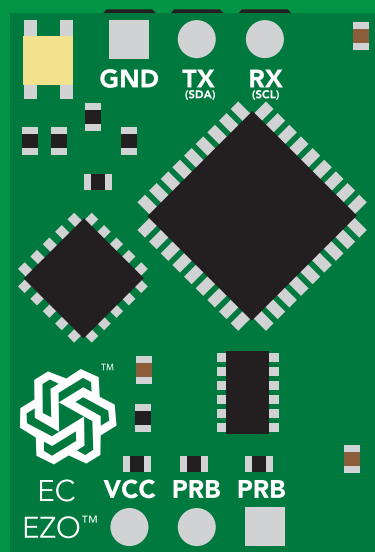
\*OK <cr>

L,? <cr>

?L,1 <cr> or ?L,0 <cr>  
\*OK <cr>



L,1



L,0

# Find

## Command syntax

This command will disable continuous mode  
Send any character or command to terminate find.

**Find <cr>** LED rapidly blinks white, used to help find device\*

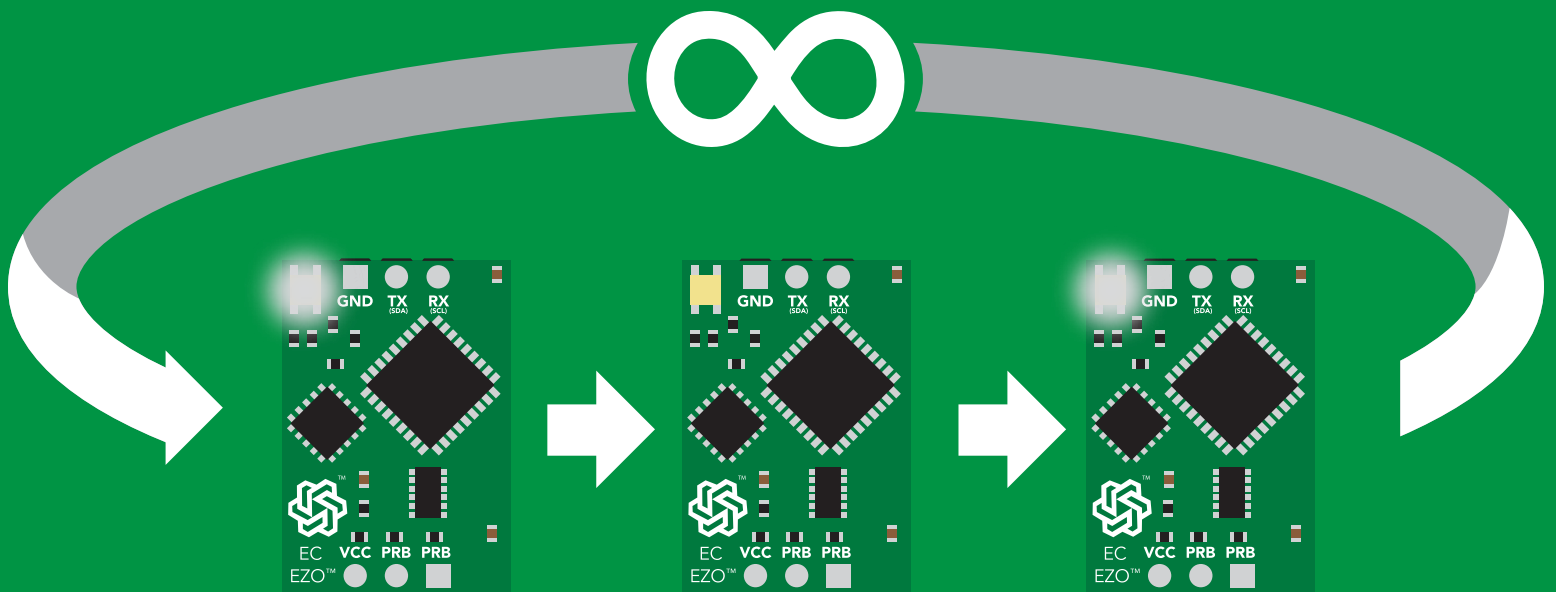
\*This command is only available for  
firmware version 2.10 and above.

## Example

## Response

Find <cr>

\*OK <cr>





# Continuous reading mode

## Command syntax

- C,1 <cr>** enable continuous readings once per second **default**
- C,n <cr>** continuous readings every n seconds (n = 2 to 99 sec)\*
- C,0 <cr>** disable continuous readings
- C,? <cr>** continuous reading mode on/off?

\*This command is only available for firmware version 2.10 and above.

## Example

## Response

**C,1 <cr>**

**\*OK <cr>**  
**EC,TDS,SAL,SG (1 sec) <cr>**  
**EC,TDS,SAL,SG (2 sec) <cr>**  
**EC,TDS,SAL,SG (3 sec) <cr>**

**C,30 <cr>**

**\*OK <cr>**  
**EC,TDS,SAL,SG (30 sec) <cr>**  
**EC,TDS,SAL,SG (60 sec) <cr>**  
**EC,TDS,SAL,SG (90 sec) <cr>**

**C,0 <cr>**

**\*OK <cr>**

**C,? <cr>**

**?C,1 <cr> or ?C,0 <cr> or ?C,30 <cr>**  
**\*OK <cr>**

# Single reading mode

## Command syntax

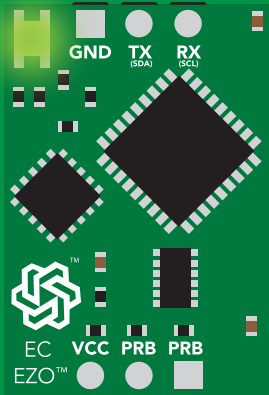
R <cr> takes single reading

### Example

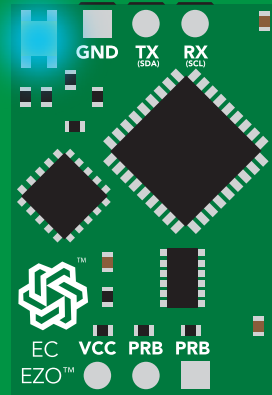
R <cr>

### Response

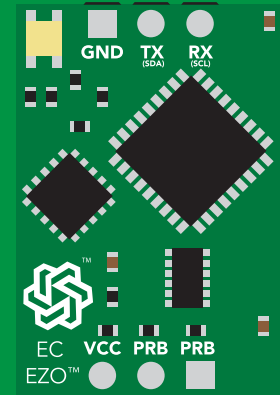
1,413 <cr>  
\*OK <cr>



**Green**  
Standby



**Cyan**  
Taking reading



**Transmitting**



600 ms

# Calibration

## Command syntax

Dry calibration must always be done first!

Cal,dry	<cr>	dry calibration
Cal,n	<cr>	single point calibration, where n = any value*
Cal,low,n	<cr>	low end calibration, where n = any value
Cal,high,n	<cr>	high end calibration, where n = any value
Cal,clear	<cr>	delete calibration data
Cal,?	<cr>	device calibrated?

\*This command is only available for firmware version 2.10 and above.

## Example

## Response

Cal,dry <cr>	*OK <cr>
Cal,84 <cr>	*OK <cr>
Cal,low,1413 <cr>	*OK <cr>
Cal,high,12880 <cr>	*OK <cr>
Cal,clear <cr>	*OK <cr>
Cal,? <cr>	?CAL,0 <cr> or ?CAL,1 <cr> or ?CAL,2 <cr> one point two point *OK <cr>

# Export/import calibration

## Command syntax

**Export:** Use this command to save calibration settings  
**Import:** Use this command to load calibration settings to one or more devices.

**Export** <cr> export calibration string from calibrated device\*  
**Import** <cr> import calibration string to new device\*  
**Export,?** <cr> calibration string info\*

\*This command is only available for firmware version 2.10 and above.

## Example

## Response

**Export,?** <cr>

**10,120** <cr>

### Response breakdown

**10, 120**

↑            ↑  
# of strings to export    # of bytes to export

Export strings can be up to 12 characters long, and is always followed by <cr>

**Export** <cr>

**59 6F 75 20 61 72** <cr> (1 of 10)

**Export** <cr>

**65 20 61 20 63 6F** <cr> (2 of 10)

**(7 more)**

⋮

**Export** <cr>

**6F 6C 20 67 75 79** <cr> (10 of 10)

**Export** <cr>

**\*DONE**

Disabling \*OK simplifies this process

**Import, n**  
**(FIFO)**

**Import, 59 6F 75 20 61 72** <cr> (1 of 10)

# Setting the probe type

## Command syntax

K 1.0 is the default value

`K,n <cr>` n = any value; floating point in ASCII

`K,? <cr>` probe K value?

## Example

`K,10 <cr>`

## Response

`*OK <cr>`

`K,? <cr>`

`?K,10 <cr>`

`*OK <cr>`



K 0.1



K 1.0



K 10

# Temperature compensation

## Command syntax

Temperature is always in Celsius

`T,n <cr>` n = any value; floating point or int

`T,? <cr>` compensated temperature value?

## Example

`T,19.5 <cr>`

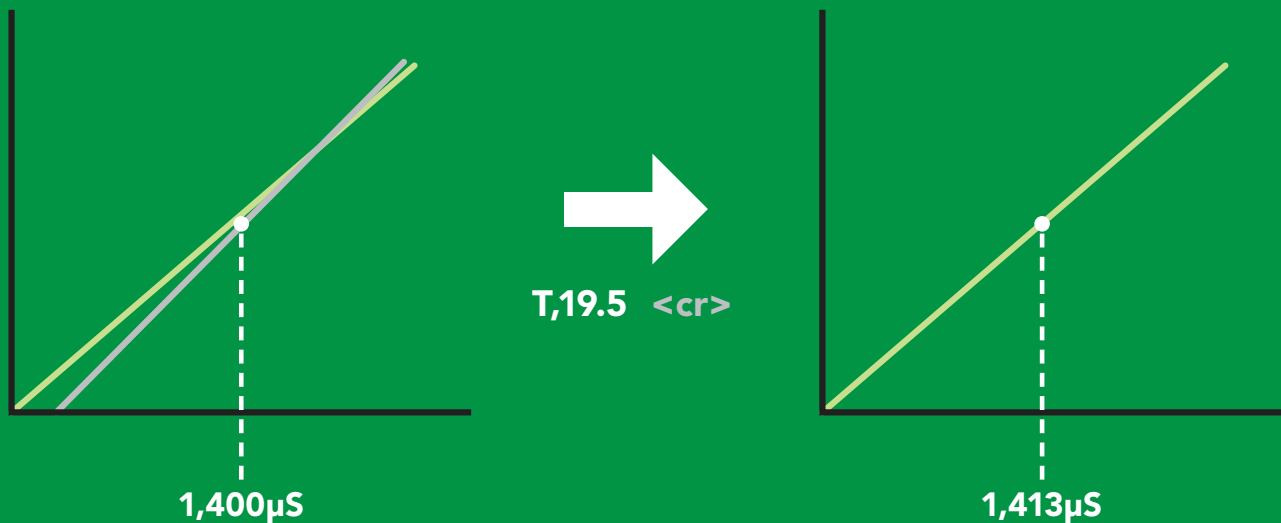
## Response

`*OK <cr>`

`T,? <cr>`

`?T,19.5 <cr>`

`*OK <cr>`



# Enable/disable parameters from output string

## Command syntax

O, [parameter],[1,0] <cr> enable or disable output parameter  
O,? <cr> enabled parameter?

## Example

O,EC,1 / O,EC,0 <cr>

O,TDS,1 / O,TDS,0 <cr>

O,S,1 / O,S,0 <cr>

O,SG,1 / O,SG,0 <cr>

O,? <cr>

## Response

\*OK <cr> enable / disable conductivity

\*OK <cr> enable / disable total dissolved solids

\*OK <cr> enable / disable salinity

\*OK <cr> enable / disable specific gravity

?,O,EC,TDS,S,SG <cr> if all are enabled

### Parameters

EC conductivity  
TDS total dissolved solids  
S salinity  
SG specific gravity

### Followed by 1 or 0

1 enabled  
0 disabled

**\* If you disable all possible data types your readings will display "no output".**

# Naming device

## Command syntax

Name,n <cr> set name

Name,? <cr> show name

n =

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16

Up to 16 ASCII characters

### Example

### Response

Name,zzt <cr>

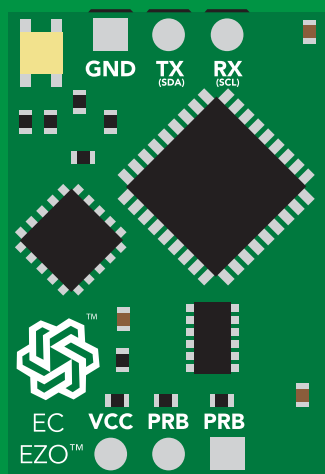
\*OK <cr>

Name,? <cr>

?Name,zzt <cr>

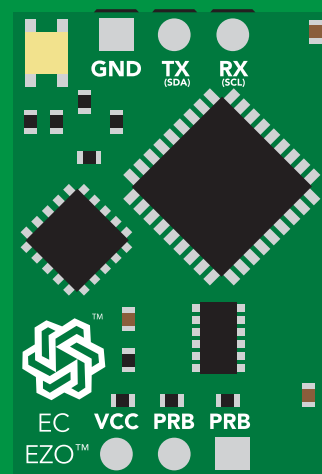
\*OK <cr>

Name,zzt



\*OK <cr>

Name,?



Name,zzt <cr>

\*OK <cr>



# Device information

## Command syntax

```
i <cr> device information
```

### Example

```
i <cr>
```

### Response

```
?i,EC,2.10 <cr>  
*OK <cr>
```

## Response breakdown

?i,	EC,	2.10
	↑	↑
	Device	Firmware

# Response codes

## Command syntax

- \*OK,1** <cr> enable response **default**
- \*OK,0** <cr> disable response
- \*OK,?** <cr> response on/off?

## Example

## Response

**R** <cr>

**1,413** <cr>  
**\*OK** <cr>

**\*OK,0** <cr>

no response, **\*OK** disabled

**R** <cr>

**1,413** <cr> **\*OK** disabled

**\*OK,?** <cr>

**?\*OK,1** <cr> or **?\*OK,0** <cr>

## Other response codes

- \*ER** unknown command
- \*OV** over volt ( $VCC \geq 5.5V$ )
- \*UV** under volt ( $VCC \leq 3.1V$ )
- \*RS** reset
- \*RE** boot up complete, ready
- \*SL** entering sleep mode
- \*WA** wake up

These response codes  
cannot be disabled

# Reading device status

## Command syntax

Status <cr> voltage at Vcc pin and reason for last restart

### Example

```
Status <cr>
```

### Response

```
?Status,P,5.038 <cr>  
*OK <cr>
```

## Response breakdown

?Status,	P,	5.038
	↑	↑
	Reason for restart	Voltage at Vcc

### Restart codes

P	powered off
S	software reset
B	brown out
W	watchdog
U	unknown

# Sleep mode/low power

## Command syntax

Send any character or command to awaken device.

Sleep <cr> enter sleep mode/low power

## Example

## Response

Sleep <cr>

\*SL

Any command

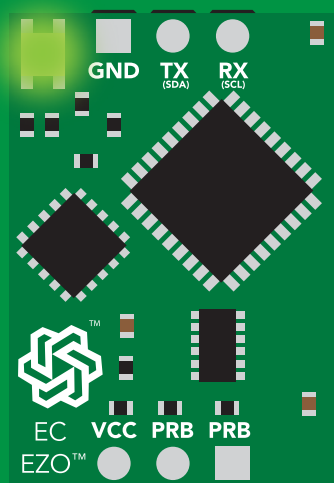
\*WA <cr> wakes up device

5V

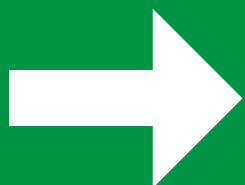
STANDBY	SLEEP
18.14 mA	0.7 mA

3.3V

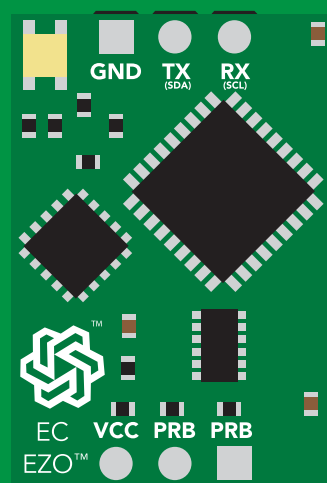
16.85 mA	0.4 mA
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Standby  
18.14 mA



Sleep <cr>



Sleep  
0.7 mA

# Change baud rate

## Command syntax

Baud,n <cr> change baud rate

### Example

Baud,38400 <cr>

\*OK <cr>

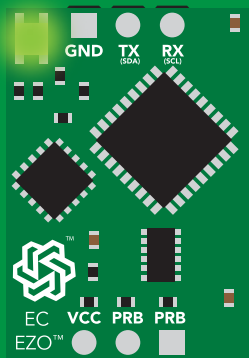
Baud,? <cr>

?Baud,38400 <cr>

\*OK <cr>

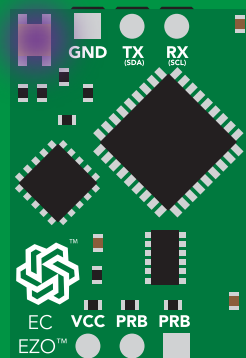
n =

- 300
- 1200
- 2400
- 9600 default**
- 19200
- 38400
- 57600
- 115200



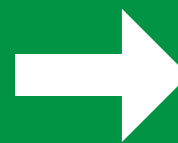
Standby

Baud,38400 <cr>

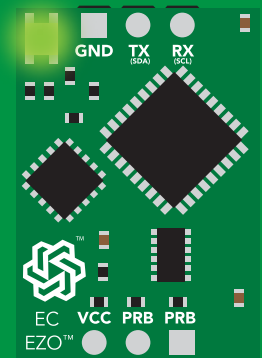


Changing  
baud rate

\*OK <cr>



(reboot)



Standby

# Protocol lock

## Command syntax

Locks device to UART mode.

Plock,1 <cr> enable Plock

Plock,0 <cr> disable Plock **default**

Plock,? <cr> Plock on/off?

## Example

## Response

Plock,1 <cr>

\*OK <cr>

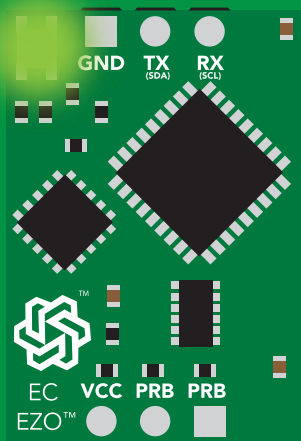
Plock,0 <cr>

\*OK <cr>

Plock,? <cr>

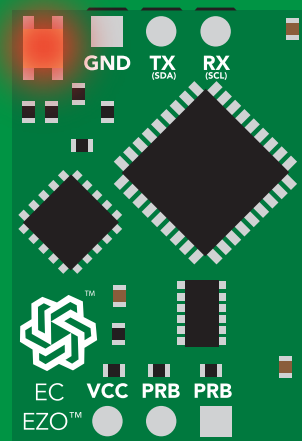
?Plock,1 <cr> or ?Plock,0 <cr>

Plock,1



\*OK <cr>

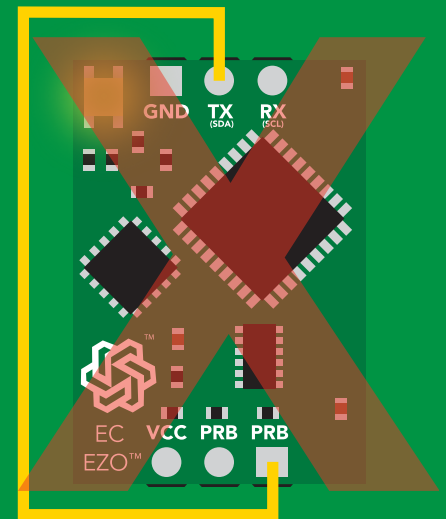
I2C,100



cannot change to I<sup>2</sup>C

\*ER <cr>

Short



cannot change to I<sup>2</sup>C

# Factory reset

## Command syntax

Clears calibration  
LED on  
"\*OK" enabled

Factory <cr> enable factory reset

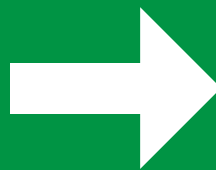
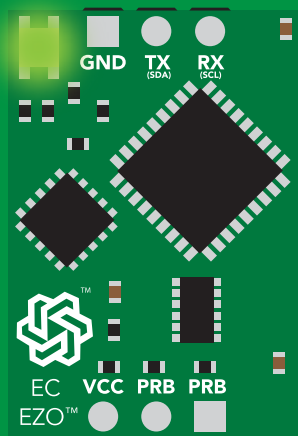
### Example

### Response

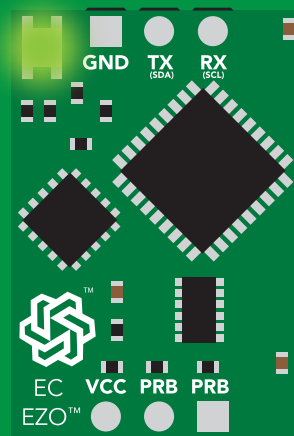
Factory <cr>

\*OK <cr>

Factory <cr>



(reboot)



\*OK <cr>

\*RS <cr>

\*RE <cr>

Baud rate will not change

# Change to I<sup>2</sup>C mode

## Command syntax

Default I<sup>2</sup>C address 100 (0x64)

I2C,n <cr> sets I<sup>2</sup>C address and reboots into I<sup>2</sup>C mode

n = any number 1 – 127

## Example

## Response

I2C,100 <cr>

\*OK (reboot in I<sup>2</sup>C mode)

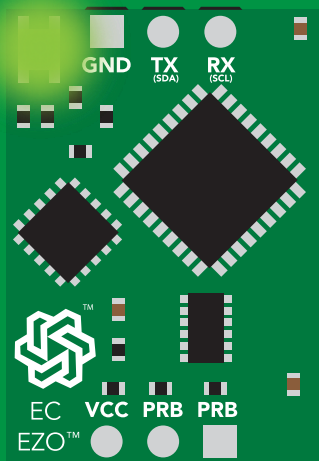
## Wrong example

## Response

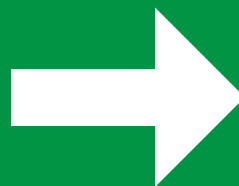
I2C,139 <cr> n ≠ 127

\*ER <cr>

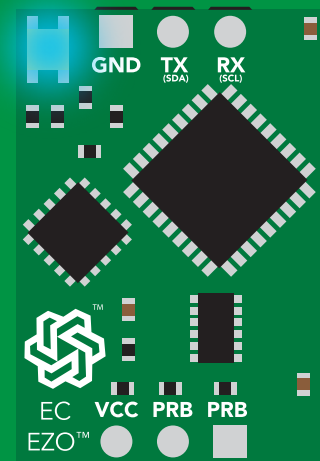
I2C,100



**Green**  
\*OK <cr>



(reboot)



**Blue**  
now in I<sup>2</sup>C mode

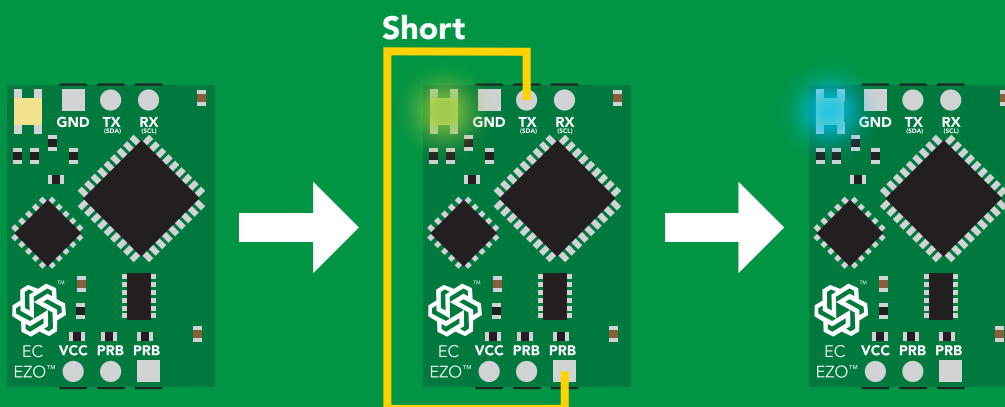


# Manual switching to I<sup>2</sup>C

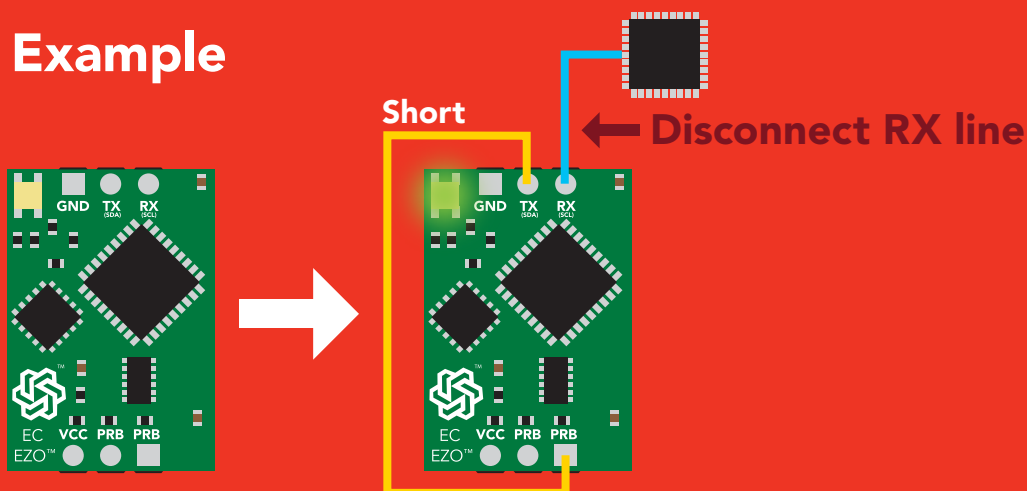
- Make sure Plock is set to 0
- Disconnect ground (power off)
- Disconnect TX and RX
- Connect TX to the right PRB
- Confirm RX is disconnected
- Connect ground (power on)
- Wait for LED to change from Green to Blue
- Disconnect ground (power off)
- Reconnect all data and power

Manually switching to I<sup>2</sup>C will set the I<sup>2</sup>C address to 100 (0x64)

## Example



## Wrong Example



# I<sup>2</sup>C mode

The I<sup>2</sup>C protocol is **considerably more complex** than the UART (RS-232) protocol. Atlas Scientific assumes the embedded systems engineer understands this protocol.

To set your EZO™ device into I<sup>2</sup>C mode click [here](#)

## Settings that are retained if power is cut

- Calibration
- Change I<sup>2</sup>C address
- Enable/disable parameters
- Hardware switch to UART mode
- LED control
- Protocol lock
- Software switch to UART mode

## Settings that are **NOT** retained if power is cut

- Find
- Sleep mode
- Temperature compensation

# I<sup>2</sup>C mode

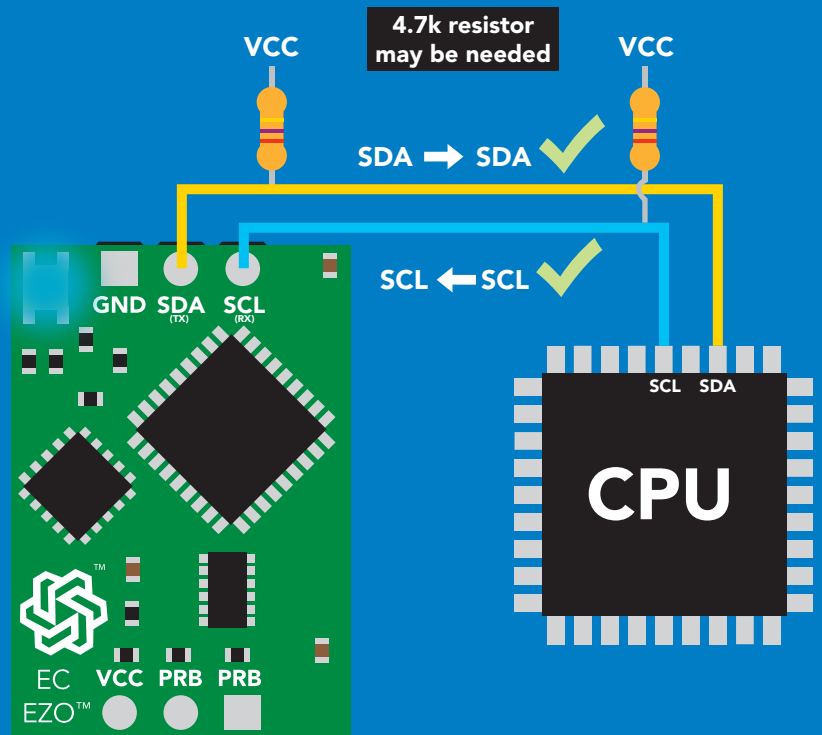
I<sup>2</sup>C address (0x01 – 0x7F)  
**100 (0x64) default**

V<sub>cc</sub> 3.3V – 5.5V

Clock speed 100 – 400 kHz

SDA

SCL



## Data format

**Reading** Conductivity =  $\mu\text{S/cm}$   
Total dissolved solids = ppm  
Salinity = PSU  
Specific gravity  
(sea water only) = 1.00 – 1.300

**Units** EC, TDS, SAL, SG

**Encoding** ASCII

**Format** string

**Data type** floating point

**Decimal places** 3

**Smallest string** 3 characters

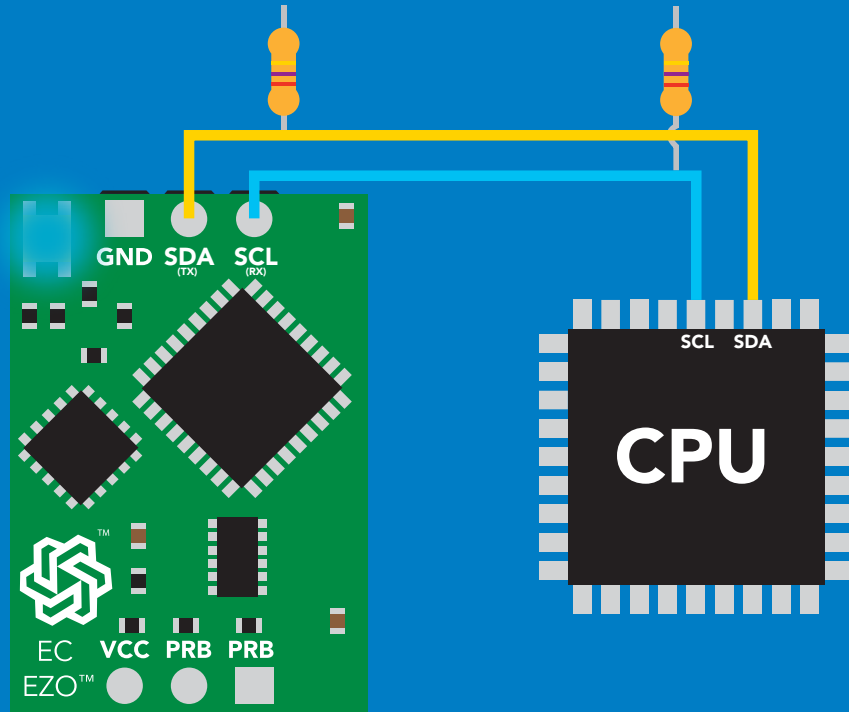
**Largest string** 399 characters

# Sending commands to device

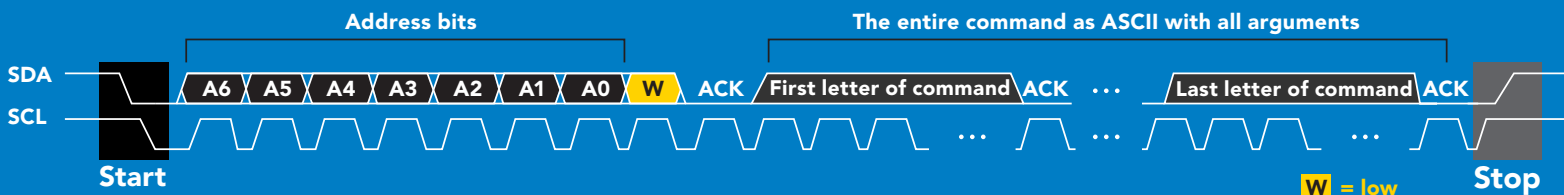
5 parts



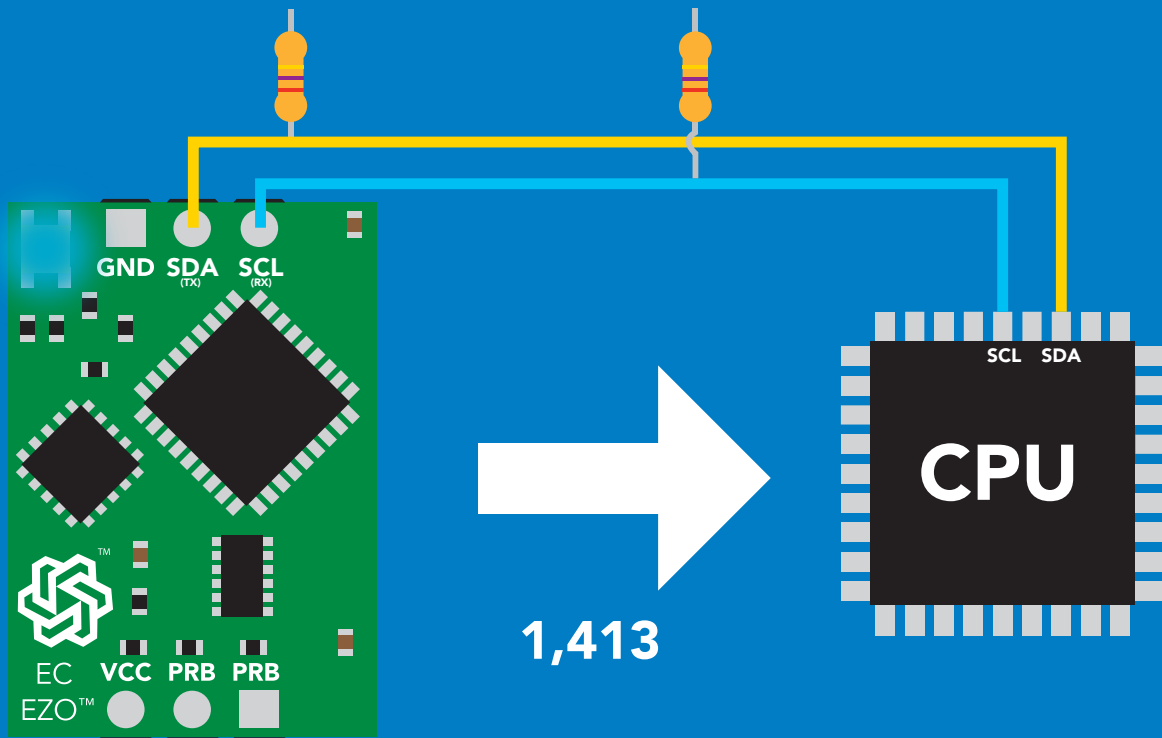
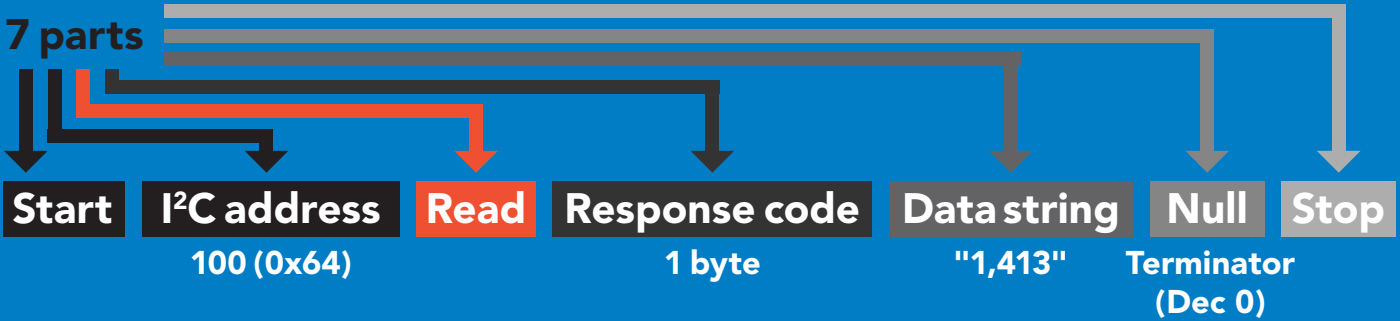
## Example



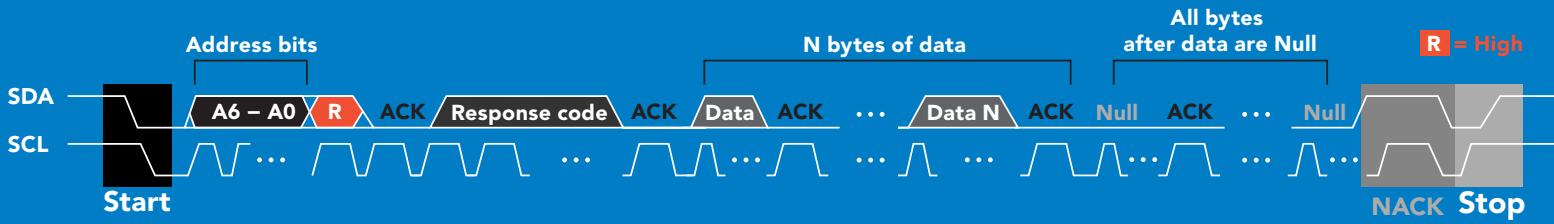
## Advanced



# Requesting data from device



## Advanced

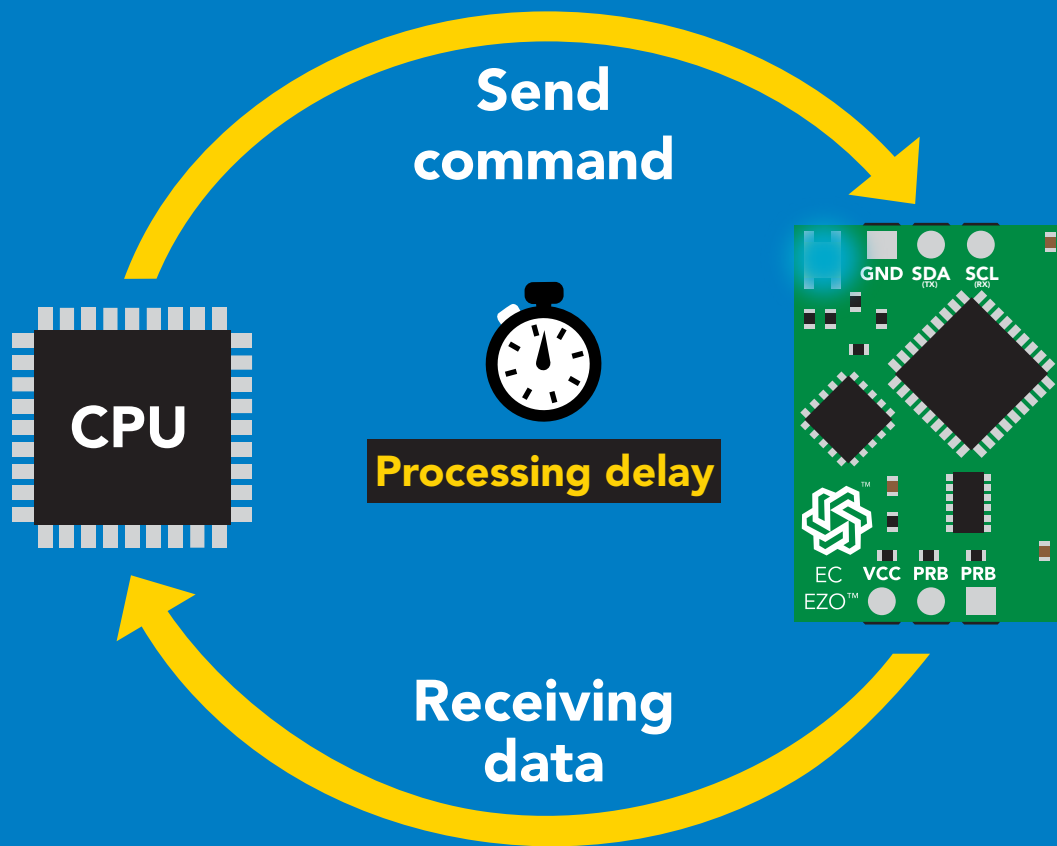


1	49	44	52	49	51	0	= 1,413
Dec	ASCII					Dec	

# Response codes

After a command has been issued, a 1 byte response code can be read in order to confirm that the command was processed successfully.

*Reading back the response code is completely optional, and is not required for normal operation.*



## Example

```
I2C_start;  
I2C_address;  
I2C_write(EZO_command);  
I2C_stop;
```

**delay(300);**



**Processing delay**

```
I2C_start;  
I2C_address;  
Char[ ] = I2C_read;  
I2C_stop;
```

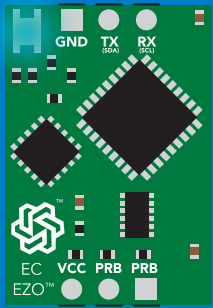
The response code will always be 254, if you do not wait for the processing delay.

### Response codes

Single byte, not string

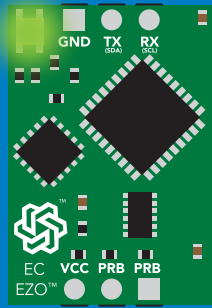
<b>255</b>	<b>no data to send</b>
<b>254</b>	<b>still processing, not ready</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>syntax error</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>successful request</b>

# LED color definition



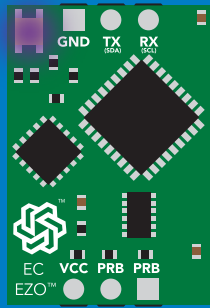
**Blue**

**I<sup>2</sup>C standby**



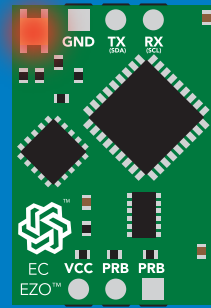
**Green**

**Taking reading**



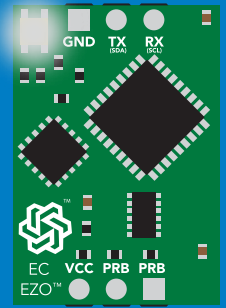
**Purple**

**Changing  
I<sup>2</sup>C ID#**



**Red**

**Command  
not understood**



**White**

**Find**

**5V**

LED ON  
**+2.5 mA**

**3.3V**

**+1 mA**

# I<sup>2</sup>C mode

## command quick reference

All commands are ASCII strings or single ASCII characters.

<b>Command</b>	<b>Function</b>	
<b>Baud</b>	switch back to UART mode	<b>pg. 63</b>
<b>Cal</b>	performs calibration	<b>pg. 52</b>
<b>Export/import</b>	export/import calibration	<b>pg. 53</b>
<b>Factory</b>	enable factory reset	<b>pg. 62</b>
<b>Find</b>	finds device with blinking white LED	<b>pg. 50</b>
<b>i</b>	device information	<b>pg. 57</b>
<b>I<sup>2</sup>C</b>	change I <sup>2</sup> C address	<b>pg. 61</b>
<b>K</b>	Set probe type	<b>pg. 54</b>
<b>L</b>	enable/disable LED	<b>pg. 49</b>
<b>O</b>	enable/disable parameters	<b>pg. 56</b>
<b>Plock</b>	enable/disable protocol lock	<b>pg. 60</b>
<b>R</b>	returns a single reading	<b>pg. 51</b>
<b>Sleep</b>	enter sleep mode/low power	<b>pg. 59</b>
<b>Status</b>	retrieve status information	<b>pg. 58</b>
<b>T</b>	temperature compensation	<b>pg. 55</b>



# LED control

## Command syntax

300ms  processing delay

- L,1 LED on **default**
- L,0 LED off
- L,? LED state on/off?

## Example

## Response

L,1

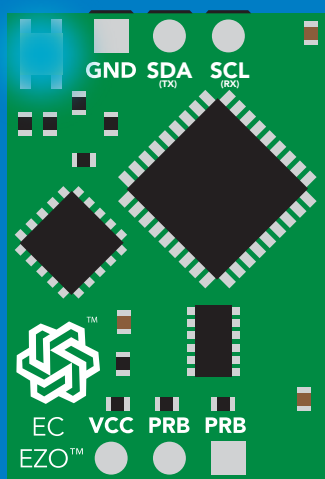
 **Wait 300ms** **1** **0**  
Dec Null

L,0

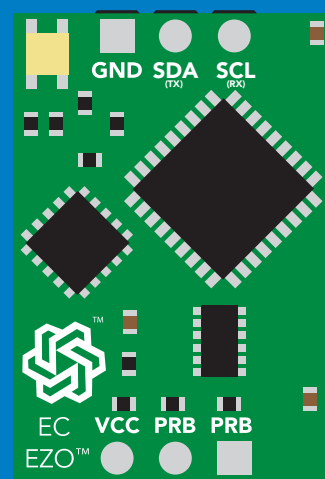
 **Wait 300ms** **1** **0**  
Dec Null

L,?

 **Wait 300ms** **1** **?L,1** **0** or **1** **?L,0** **0**  
Dec ASCII Null Dec ASCII Null



L,1



L,0

# Find

300ms  processing delay

## Command syntax

This command will disable continuous mode  
Send any character or command to terminate find.

Find <cr> LED rapidly blinks white, used to help find device\*

\*This command is only available for  
firmware version 2.10 and above.

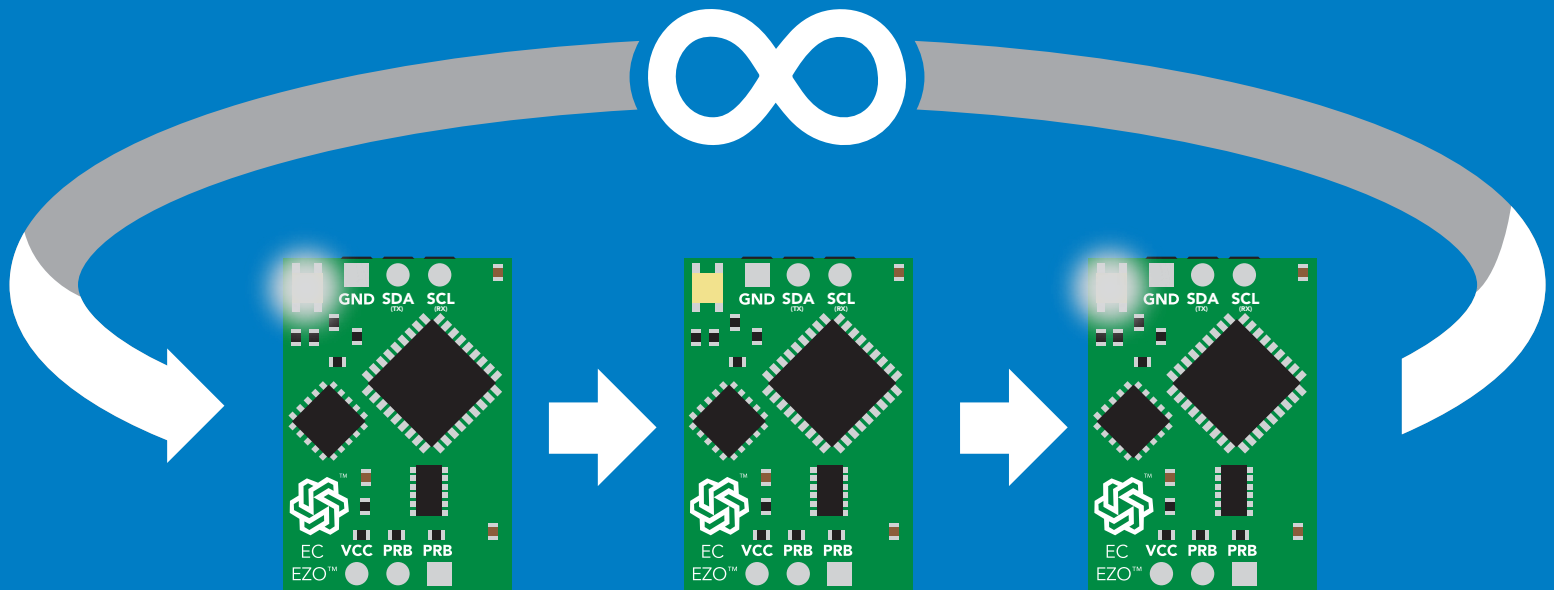
## Example

Find <cr>

  
Wait 300ms

1	0
Dec	Null

## Response



# Taking reading

## Command syntax

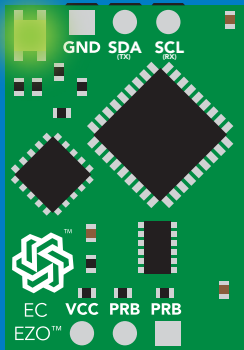
600ms  processing delay

R return 1 reading

## Example

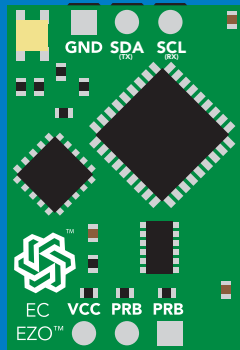
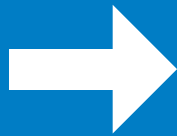
## Response

R  **1** **1,413** **0**  
Wait 600ms Dec ASCII Null

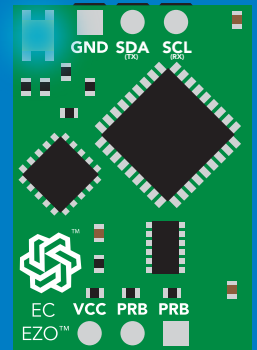
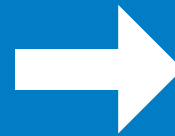


Green

Taking reading



Transmitting



Blue

Standby

# Calibration

600ms  processing delay

## Command syntax

Dry calibration must always be done first!

Cal,dry	dry calibration
Cal,n	single point calibration, where n = any value*
Cal,low,n	low end calibration, where n = any value
Cal,high,n	high end calibration, where n = any value
Cal,clear	delete calibration data
Cal,?	device calibrated?

\*This command is only available for firmware version 2.10 and above.

## Example

## Response

Cal,dry

 **1** **0**  
Wait 600ms Dec Null

Cal,84

 **1** **0**  
Wait 600ms Dec Null

Cal,low,1413

 **1** **0**  
Wait 600ms Dec Null


Cal,high,12880

 **1** **0**  
Wait 600ms Dec Null

Cal,clear

 **1** **0**  
Wait 300ms Dec Null

Cal,?

 **1** **?CAL,0** **0** or **1** **?CAL,1** **0** or **1** **?CAL,2** **0**  
Wait 300ms Dec ASCII Null Dec ASCII Null Dec ASCII Null  
one point two point

# Export/import calibration

## Command syntax

**Export:** Use this command to save calibration settings  
**Import:** Use this command to load calibration settings to one or more devices.

**Export** export calibration string from calibrated device\*  
**Import** import calibration string to new device\*  
**Export,?** calibration string info\*

300ms  processing delay

\*This command is only available for firmware version 2.10 and above.

## Example

## Response

**Export,?**

 **1** **10,120** **0**  
Wait 300ms Dec ASCII Null


### Response breakdown

**10, 120**  
↑ ↑  
# of strings to export # of bytes to export

Export strings can be up to 12 characters long

**Export**

(8 more)

 **1** **59 6F 75 20 61 72** **0** (1 of 10)  
Wait 300ms Dec ASCII Null

**Export**

 **1** **65 20 61 20 63 6F** **0** (10 of 10)  
Wait 300ms Dec ASCII Null

**Export**

 **1** **\*DONE** **0**  
Wait 300ms Dec ASCII Null

**Import, n**  
**(FIFO)**

**Import, 59 6F 75 20 61 72** (1 of 10)  
ASCII

# Setting the probe type

## Command syntax

300ms  processing delay

K,n n = any value; floating point in ASCII

K 1.0 is the default value

K,? probe K value?

## Example

## Response

K,10

 Wait 300ms  
1 Dec 0 Null

K,?

 Wait 600ms  
1 Dec K,10 ASCII 0 Null



K 0.1



K 1.0



K 10

# Temperature compensation

300ms  processing delay

## Command syntax

Temperature is always in Celsius

T,n n = any value; floating point or int  
T,? compensated temperature value?

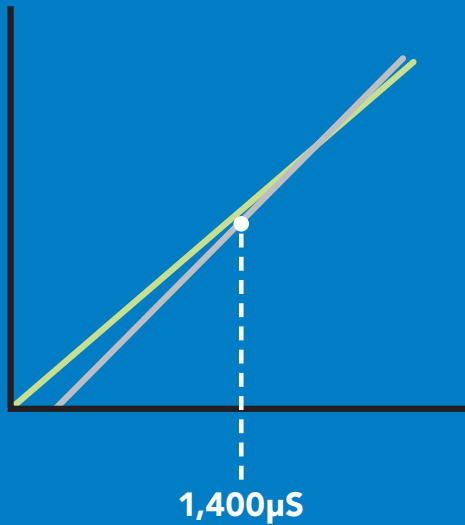
## Example

T,19.5

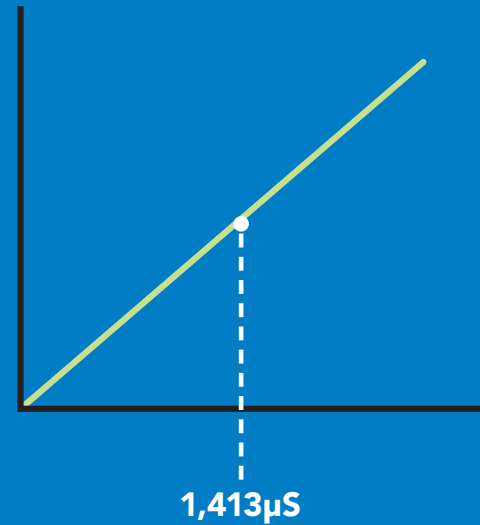
 Wait 300ms  
1 Dec 0 Null

T,?

 Wait 300ms  
1 Dec ?T,19.5 ASCII 0 Null



→  
T,19.5 <cr>



# Enable/disable parameters from output string

## Command syntax

300ms  processing delay

O, [parameter],[1,0]

enable or disable output parameter

O,?

enabled parameter?

## Example

## Response

O,EC,1 / O,EC,0

 **1** **0** enable / disable conductivity  
Wait 300ms Dec Null

O,TDS,1 / O,TDS,0

 **1** **0** enable / disable total dissolved solids  
Wait 300ms Dec Null

O,S,1 / O,S,0 enable / disable salinity

O,SG,1 / O,SG,0 enable / disable specific gravity

O,?

 **1** **? , O, EC, TDS, S, SG** **0** if all are enabled  
Wait 300ms Dec ASCII Null

### Parameters

EC conductivity  
TDS total dissolved solids  
S salinity  
SG specific gravity

### Followed by 1 or 0

1 enabled  
0 disabled

**\* If you disable all possible data types your readings will display "no output".**



# Device information

Command syntax

300ms  processing delay

i device information

## Example

## Response

i



Wait 300ms

1

Dec

?i,EC, 2.10

ASCII

0

Null

## Response breakdown

?i, EC, 2.10  
↑     ↑  
Device Firmware

# Reading device status

Command syntax

300ms  processing delay

Status voltage at Vcc pin and reason for last restart

## Example

## Response

Status

 **1** **?Status,P,5.038** **0**  
Wait 300ms Dec ASCII Null

## Response breakdown

**?Status,** **P,** **5.038**  
Reason for restart Voltage at Vcc

### Restart codes

- P powered off
- S software reset
- B brown out
- W watchdog
- U unknown

# Sleep mode/low power

## Command syntax

Sleep enter sleep mode/low power

Send any character or command to awaken device.

### Example

### Response

Sleep

no response

Do not read status byte after issuing sleep command.

Any command

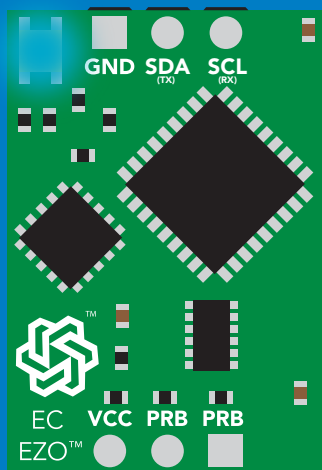
wakes up device

5V

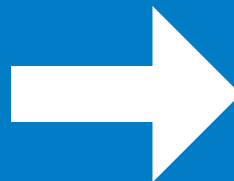
STANDBY	SLEEP
18.14 mA	0.7 mA

3.3V

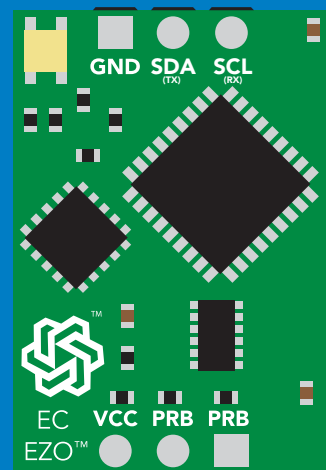
16.85 mA	0.4 mA
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Standby



Sleep



Sleep

# Protocol lock

## Command syntax

300ms  processing delay

Plock,1 enable Plock

Plock,0 disable Plock

Plock,? Plock on/off?

Locks device to I<sup>2</sup>C mode.

default

## Example

## Response

Plock,1

  
Wait 300ms


1	0
Dec	Null

Plock,0

  
Wait 300ms

1	0
Dec	Null

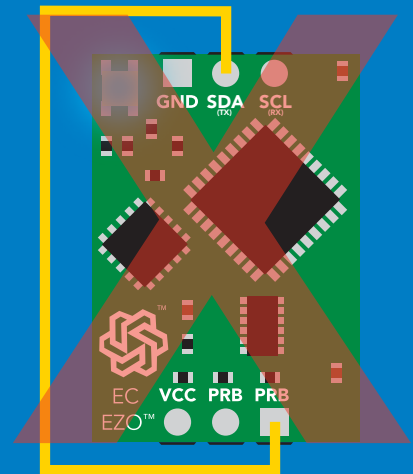
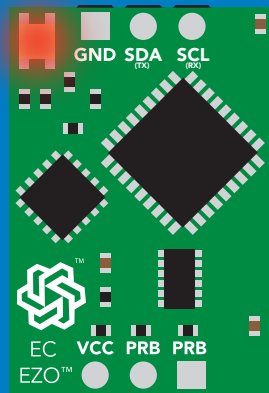
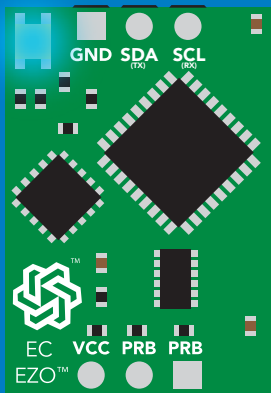
Plock,?

  
Wait 300ms

1	?Plock,1	0
Dec	ASCII	Null

Plock,1

Serial, 9600



cannot change to UART

cannot change to UART

# I<sup>2</sup>C address change

Command syntax

300ms  processing delay

I2C,n sets I<sup>2</sup>C address and reboots into I<sup>2</sup>C mode

Example

Response

I2C,101

device reboot

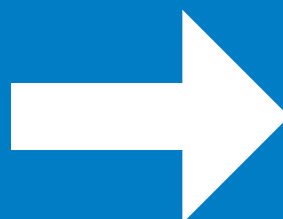
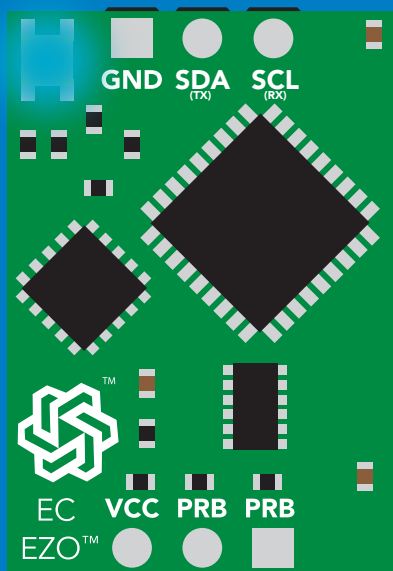
## Warning!

Changing the I<sup>2</sup>C address will prevent communication between the circuit and the CPU, until your CPU is updated with the new I<sup>2</sup>C address.

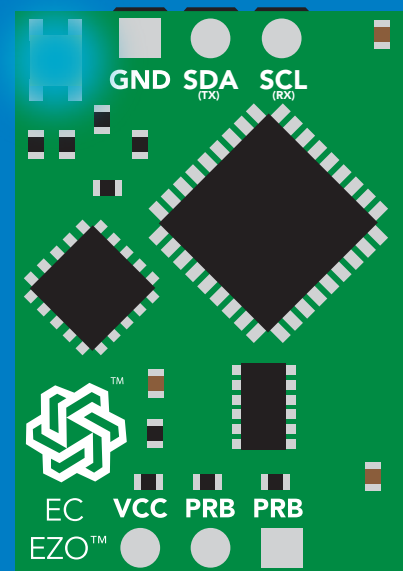
Default I<sup>2</sup>C address is 100 (0x64).

n = any number 1 – 127

I2C,101



(reboot)



# Factory reset

## Command syntax

Factory reset will not take the device out of I<sup>2</sup>C mode.

Factory enable factory reset

I<sup>2</sup>C address will not change

## Example

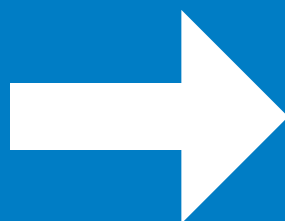
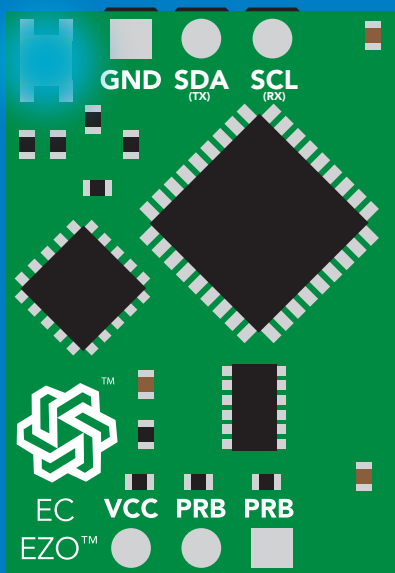
## Response

Factory

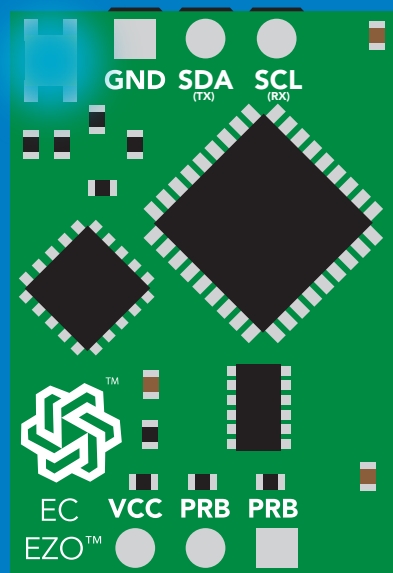
device reboot

Clears calibration  
LED on  
Response codes enabled

## Factory



(reboot)



# Change to UART mode

## Command syntax

Baud,n switch from I<sup>2</sup>C to UART

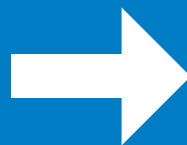
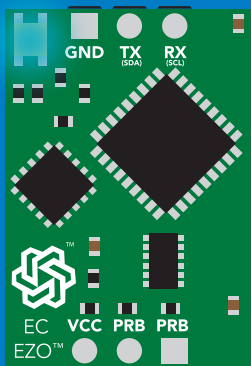
### Example

Baud,9600

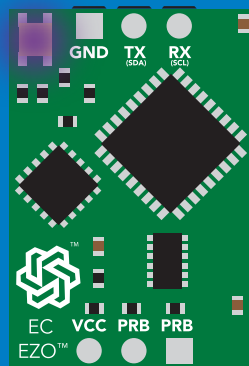
### Response

reboot in UART mode

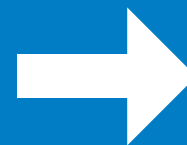
n = [ 300  
1200  
2400  
9600  
19200  
38400  
57600  
115200



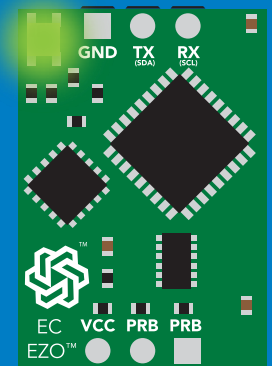
Serial,9600



Changing to  
UART mode



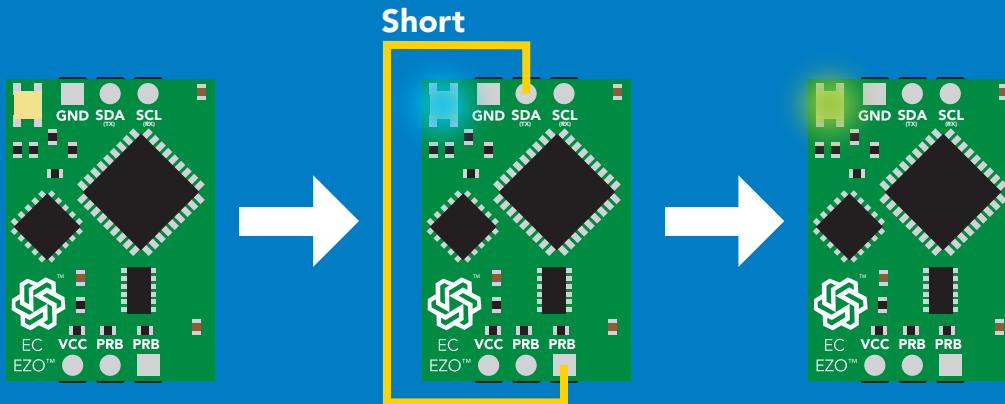
(reboot)



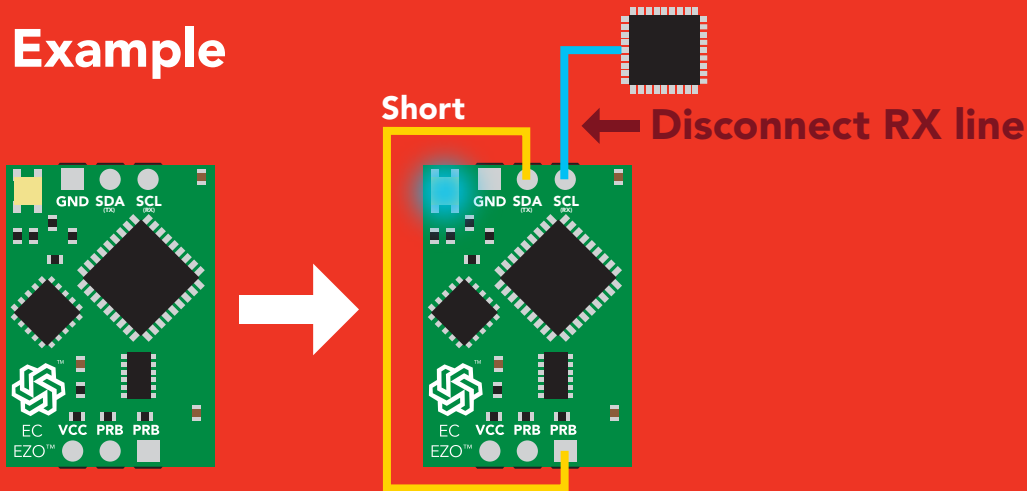
# Manual switching to UART

- Make sure Plock is set to 0
- Disconnect ground (power off)
- Disconnect TX and RX
- Connect TX to the right PRB
- Confirm RX is disconnected
- Connect ground (power on)
- Wait for LED to change from Blue to Green
- Disconnect ground (power off)
- Reconnect all data and power

## Example

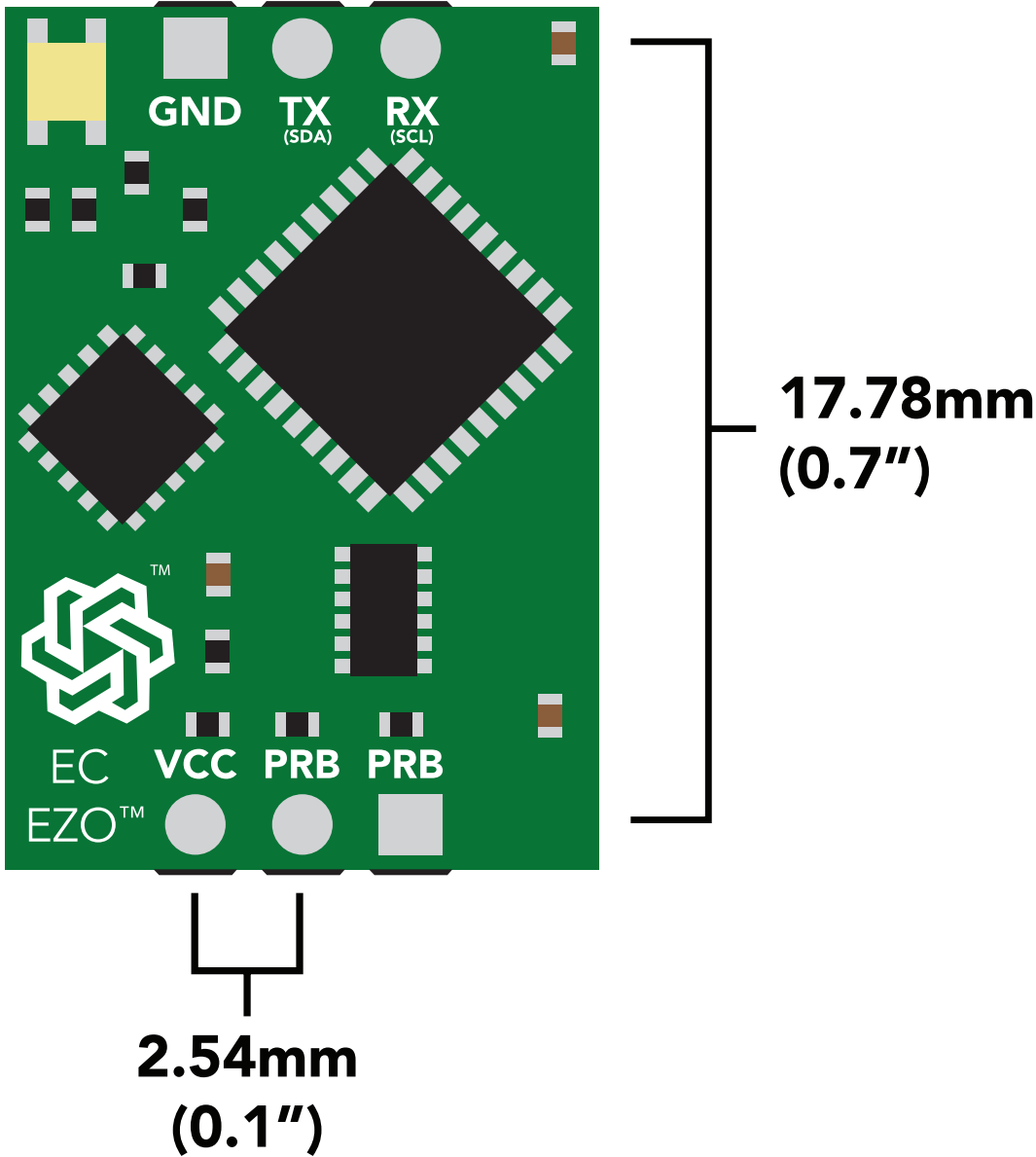


## Wrong Example





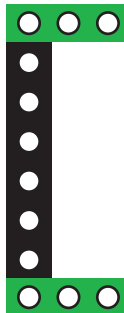
# EZO™ circuit footprint



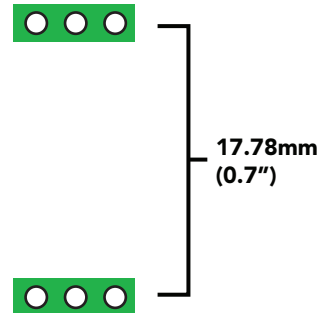
**1** In your CAD software place an 8 position header.



**2** Place a 3 position header at both top and bottom of the 8 position.



**3** Delete the 8 position header. The two 3 position headers are now 17.78mm (0.7") apart from each other.



# Datasheet change log

## Datasheet V 4.8

Revised definition of response codes on pg 46.

## Datasheet V 4.7

Revised cover page art.

## Datasheet V 4.6

Updated calibration processing delay time on pg.52.

## Datasheet V 4.5

Revised Enable/disable parameters information on pages 31 & 56.

## Datasheet V 4.4

Updated High point calibration info on page 11.

## Datasheet V 4.3

Updated calibration info on pages 27 & 52.

## Datasheet V 4.2

Revised Plock pages to show default value.

## Datasheet V 4.1

Corrected I<sup>2</sup>C calibration delay on pg. 52.

## Datasheet V 4.0

Revised entire datasheet.

# Firmware updates

V1.0 – Initial release (April 17, 2014)

V1.1 – (June 2, 2014)

- Change specific gravity equation to return 1.0 when the uS reading is < 1000 (previously returned 0.0)
- Change accuracy of specific gravity from 2 decimal places to 3 decimal places
- Don't save temperature changes to EEPROM

V1.2 – (Aug 1, 2014)

- Baud rate change is now a long, purple blink

V1.5 – Baud rate change (Nov 6, 2014)

- Change default baud rate to 9600

V1.6 – I2C bug (Dec 1, 2014)

- Fix I2C bug where the circuit may inappropriately respond when other I2C devices are connected.

V1.8 – Factory (April 14, 2015)

- Changed "X" command to "Factory"

V1.95 – Plock (March 31, 2016)

- Added protocol lock feature "Plock"

V1.96 – EEPROM (April 26, 2016)

- Fixed glitch where EEPROM would get erased if the circuit lost power 900ms into startup

V2.10 – (April 12, 2017)

- Added "Find" command.
- Added "Export/import" command.
- Modified continuous mode to be able to send readings every "n" seconds.
- Default output changed from CSV string of 4 values to just conductivity; Other values must be enabled.

V2.11 – (April 28, 2017)

- Fixed "Sleep" bug, where it would draw excessive current.

V2.12 – (May 9, 2017)

- Fixed glitch in sleep mode, where circuit would wake up to a different I<sup>2</sup>C address.

# Warranty

Atlas Scientific™ Warranties the EZO™ class Conductivity circuit to be free of defect during the debugging phase of device implementation, or 30 days after receiving the EZO™ class Conductivity circuit (which ever comes first).

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The debugging phase as defined by Atlas Scientific™ is the time period when the EZO™ class Conductivity circuit is inserted into a bread board, or shield. If the EZO™ class Conductivity circuit is being debugged in a bread board, the bread board must be devoid of other components. If the EZO™ class Conductivity circuit is being connected to a microcontroller, the microcontroller must be running code that has been designed to drive the EZO™ class Conductivity circuit exclusively and output the EZO™ class Conductivity circuit data as a serial string.

**It is important for the embedded systems engineer to keep in mind that the following activities will void the EZO™ class Conductivity circuit warranty:**

- **Soldering any part of the EZO™ class Conductivity circuit.**
- **Running any code, that does not exclusively drive the EZO™ class Conductivity circuit and output its data in a serial string.**
- **Embedding the EZO™ class Conductivity circuit into a custom made device.**
- **Removing any potting compound.**

# Reasoning behind this warranty

Because Atlas Scientific™ does not sell consumer electronics; once the device has been embedded into a custom made system, Atlas Scientific™ cannot possibly warranty the EZO™ class Conductivity circuit, against the thousands of possible variables that may cause the EZO™ class Conductivity circuit to no longer function properly.

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- 2. All Atlas Scientific™ devices have been designed to run indefinitely without failure in the field.**
- 3. All Atlas Scientific™ devices can be soldered into place, however you do so at your own risk.**

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