

# CABLE FREE WEATHER STATION

**MODEL: WMR918**

**USER'S MANUAL**

## SECTION 1 INTRODUCTION

Congratulations on your purchasing the WMR918 Cable Free Weather Station. An all-purpose easy-to-use system, the WMR918 lets you monitor the following weather elements:

- Air temperature
- Relative humidity
- Barometric pressure
- Wind speed and direction
- Rainfall

**The WMR918 is also equipped with:**

- RF calendar clock with daily alarm
- Weather forecast within 32 to 48 km (20- to 30-mile) radius
- Weather alarms
- Memory for maximum and minimum readings
- Simple, touch-screen operation
- RS232 PC connection jack
- *HiGlo* backlight

### STANDARD PACKAGE

**The original WMR918 comes complete with the following:**

- Main unit (WMR918)
- Anemometer (WGR918)
- Thermo-hygrometer (THGR918)
- Rain gauge (PCR918)
- Baro-thermo-hygrometer (BTHR918)
- 12V AC adapter

The anemometer, thermo-hygrometer and rain gauge are powered by separate solar transmitters (STR918).

The WMR918 can support up to seven different remote instruments. You can also connect up to three optional thermo or thermo-hygro sensors to the system.

**Optional items include:**

- Thermo-hygro sensor (THGR228/THGR238)
- Thermo sensor (THR228/THR238)

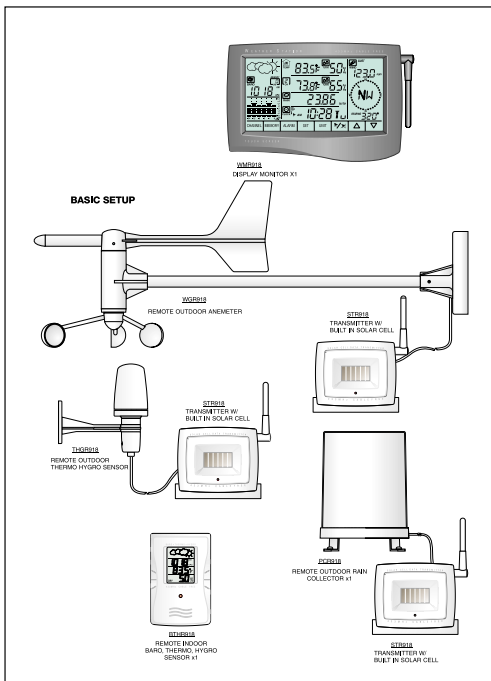
Contact an authorized dealer for optional items.

## SECTION 2 INSTALLATION

The WMR918 operates at 433MHz. No wire installation is required among units.

The WMR918 has an effective range of 100 meters in an open area. Position the units within the range and be sure the transmission path is clear of interference and obstacles.

**Note:**The anemometer, thermo-hygrometer and rain gauge should be installed outdoors and in locations that best measure the weather elements the instruments are designed for. As for the baro-thermo-hygrometer, it must be installed indoors. If you have any optional thermo or thermo-hygro sensors, they can be installed outdoors or indoors.

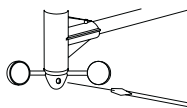


### THE ANEMOMETER

The anemometer measures wind speed and direction.

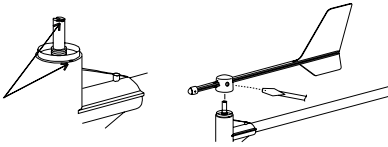
**To install it,**

1. Place the wind cup over the thinnest shaft on the anemometer's T-bar.

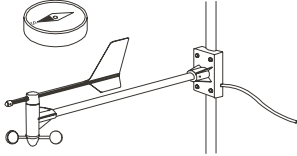


2. Tighten the screw on the base of the wind cup.

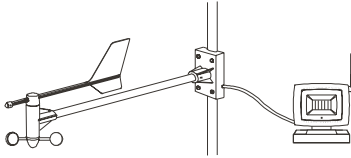
3. Align the red markings on the wind vane's shaft.



4. With the aid of a compass, face the red marking south before mounting the anemometer.



5. Mount the anemometer and its solar transmitter safely in place.



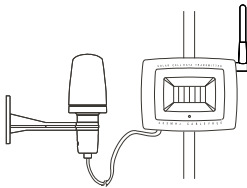
The wind speed and direction window on the main unit should read 180° if the main unit is installed.

### THE THERMO-HYGROMETER

The thermo-hygrometer measures outdoor temperature and humidity.

**To install it:**

Mount the thermo-hygrometer and its solar transmitter safely in place.



### THE RAIN GAUGE

The rain gauge measures the total amount and rate of rainfall.

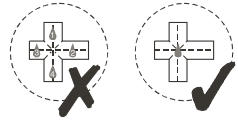
**To install it:**

1. Open the cover of the rain collector.
2. Remove the fiber tape from around the bucket assemblies.

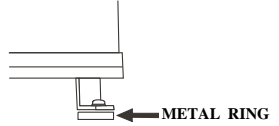


3. Mount the rain gauge and its solar transmitter safely in place.
4. Put drops of water on the cross at the base on the rain collector to check the leveling.

Water stay at position 1 - 4 means the gauge is not leveled



5. Use metal ring to adjust the leveling of the rain collector if necessary.



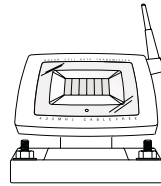
6. Close the cover of the rain collector.

### THE SOLAR TRANSMITTERS

The solar transmitters make use of solar energy to power the instruments they are connected to.

**Note:** It is recommend to insert two UM3 or "AA"-sized super lithium batteries for weather condition under 0 °C.

For the solar transmitters to function properly, make sure the solar receptors on the transmitters are exposed to sunlight and the connectors of the connection cable are securely plugged in.



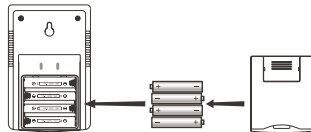
### THE BARO-THERMO-HYGROMETER

The baro-thermo-hygrometer measures the atmospheric pressure, temperature and humidity.

The sensor uses four UM4 or "AAA"-sized batteries.

**To install it,**

1. Insert alkaline batteries accordingly.



2. Mount the unit where you want to monitor the readings. Or you can make use of its table stand to place it on a flat surface.



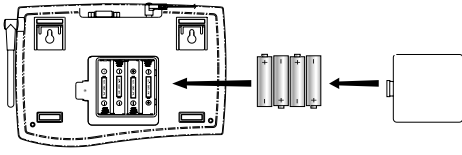
THE MAIN UNIT

The main unit gives you all the readings and controls. It should be placed indoors.

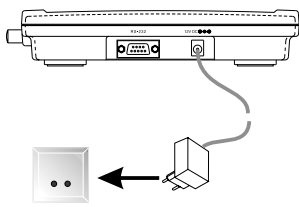
The main unit is powered up by the 12V AC adapter.

To install it,

1. Position the main unit and other units within effective range (100 meters).
2. Insert four UM3 or "AA"-sized alkaline batteries for backup purpose.



3. Mount the main unit safely in place. Or use its table stand to place it on a flat surface.
4. Connect the AC power adapter to the main unit and a wall socket.



5. Press the [RESET] button on the main unit to initiate operation.

The main unit will start searching for signals for about four minutes. Upon successful reception, the readings will be displayed. The main unit will update the readings at regular intervals.

**Note:** That if the main unit is operating solely on battery power, the EL backlight and RS232 connection will be disabled.

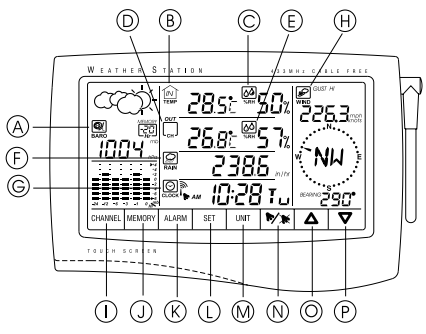
LOW-BATTERY WARNING

There are low-battery indicators [ ] for the main unit, rain gauge, baro-thermo-hygrometer, thermo-hygrometer and optional remote thermo and thermo-hygro sensors. Replace the batteries when the respective indicators light up.

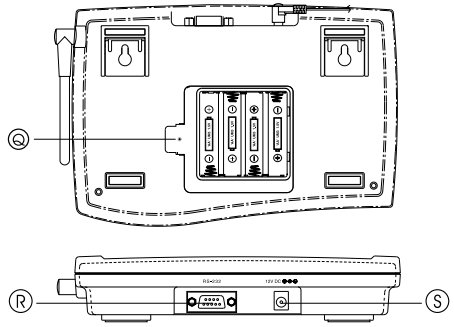
**Note:** The readings collected from the thermo-hygrometer and any optional remote thermo and thermo-hygro sensors share the same display window. When the battery level of the thermo-hygrometer is low, the low-battery indicator will turn on. If it is one of the optional remote sensors, the low-battery indicator will blink. To locate the channel in question, press the window to scan through all available devices. The low-battery indicator will stop blanking if the battery level is low for that one.

SECTION 3 OPERATION

THE MAIN UNIT



- A. WEATHER FORECAST AND BAROMETRIC READING WINDOW
- B. INDOOR TEMPERATURE WINDOW
- C. INDOOR HUMIDITY WINDOW
- D. OUTDOOR/CHANNEL TEMPERATURE WINDOW
- E. OUTDOOR/CHANNEL HUMIDITY WINDOW
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- H. WINDSPEED AND DIRECTION WINDOW
- I. CHANNEL BUTTON
- J. MEMORY BUTTON
- K. ALARM BUTTON
- L. SET BUTTON
- M. UNIT BUTTON
- N. ALARM ON/OFF BUTTON
- O. [s] BUTTON
- P. [t] BUTTON
- Q. [RESET] BUTTON
- R. RS232 SERIAL PORT
- S. DC 12V JACK



## HiQlo BACKLIGHT

The main unit, when connected to the AC power, is equipped with an automatic backlight. Every time you press a window on the main unit, the HiQlo backlight will come on for a few seconds. This function will be disabled for sole battery operation. The HiQlo backlight will also come on for a few seconds when the alarm is triggered.

## THE RF CALENDAR CLOCK

The calendar clock is radio-controlled. It automatically synchronizes its current time and date when it is brought within an approximate 1500km radius of the radio signal generated from Frankfurt, Germany (DCF77).

You can also set the calendar clock manually.

### To do so,

1. Press the RF calendar clock and alarm window.
2. Press and hold [τ] to disable the radio reception function.
3. Press and hold [SET] till the digit flash.
4. Use [s] and [τ] to change to the desired setting.
5. Press [SET] for the next item setting.
6. Repeat from Step 4 to finish all the settings for:
  - Clock display formats (12hr or 24hr)
  - Display language of the day-of-the-week
  - Clock
  - Calendar display formats (Month-Day, Day-Month)
  - Calendar

### For the display language, you can choose:

- English (E)
  - German (D)
  - French (F)
  - Italian (I)
  - Spanish (S)
7. Press [SET] to confirm.

The calendar clock and alarm window has three displays: clock with seconds, clock with day-of-the-week and calendar. To change from one display to another, press the window once.

## THE DAILY ALARM

### To set the daily alarm,

1. Press the RF calendar clock and alarm window.
2. Press [ALARM] and the (t.o) indicator will be display to indicate you are in the alarm mode.
3. Press and hold [SET] till the hour digit flash.
4. Use [s] and [τ] to change to the desired setting.
5. Press [SET] for minutes setting.
6. Use [s] and τ] to change to the desired setting.
7. Press [SET] to confirm.

**Note:** the window will show "--:--" if no alarm is armed.

Once set, the alarm clock will be activated automatically and the alarm indicator will light up. When an alarm goes off, press any button to stop it. The alarm is still active and will go off again the next day.

### To deactivate the function,





1. Press the RF calendar clock and alarm window.
2. Press [ALARM ON/OFF]. The alarm indicator will disappear.

## ABOUT RADIO CONTROLLED CLOCK RECEPTION

Whenever the WMR918 is brought within range of the radio signal with its radio reception function activated, it will search for the clock signal at a predefined time on each day while the manual calendar clock settings will be overridden.

While receiving the signal the radio reception indicator will blink. A complete reception generally takes two to 10 minutes, depending on the strength of the radio signal.

The indicator will stop blinking when the reception is complete. The status of reception will be shown:

	- Strong
	- Weak
	- No signal
	- Receiving

### To disable the radio reception function:

1. Press the RF calendar clock and alarm window.
2. Press and hold [τ] to disable the function. The radio reception indicator will disappear.





### To enable the function again,

1. Press the RF calendar clock and alarm window.
2. Press and hold [s] to enable the function. The radio reception indicator will blink.

## WEATHER FORECAST

The weather forecast is displayed in the weather forecast and barometric reading window.

There are four readings for the forecast: sunny, slightly cloudy, cloudy and rainy.

<b>Indicator displays on the unit</b>				
<b>Forecast</b>	Sunny	Slightly Cloudy	Cloudy	Rainy

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## INDOOR BAROMETRIC READING

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The atmospheric pressure reading is displayed in the weather forecast and barometric reading window.

The pressure reading can be displayed in mb (millibars), hPa (Hecto-Pascal), inHg (inch mercury) or mmHg (millimeter mercury).

### To select the display unit,

1. Press the weather forecast and barometric reading window.
2. Press [UNIT] repeatedly for the desired setting.

The pressure history for the past 24 hours is displayed in a six-column bar chart.

### To display the pressure reading for a particular hour within the past 24 hours,

1. Press the weather forecast and barometric reading window.
2. Press [s] and [t] for the desired hour.

### To set the sea-level pressure,

1. Press the weather forecast and barometric reading window repeatedly till the "sea-level" icon is displayed.
2. Press [s] and [t] for the current (0 Hr) pressure.
3. Press and hold [SET].
4. Press [s] and [t] to change to the desired setting.
5. Press [SET] to confirm.

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## INDOOR AND DEW POINT TEMPERATURES

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The current indoor and dew point temperatures, taken by the indoor baro-thermo-hygrometer, are displayed on the indoor temperature window. They can be displayed in degree Centigrade (°C) or Fahrenheit (°F).

### To select the display unit,

1. Press the indoor temperature window.
2. Press [UNIT] repeatedly for the desired setting. The selected unit will apply to all temperature displays in this window.

**Note:** The unit of all temperature related display will be changed simultaneously.

To display the dew point temperature, press the indoor temperature window until the "DEW" indicator is displayed.

### To display maximum, minimum temperatures,

1. Press the indoor temperature window or repeatedly until "DEW" icon appear.
2. Press [MEMORY] repeatedly for the desired record. The time and date of the record will also be displayed alternatively with "STAMP" icon in the clock window.

The display will automatically return to the current temperature or dew temperature whatever is displayed before if the unit is left untouched for about one minute.

### To clear the memory,

1. Press the indoor temperature window or repeatedly until "DEW" icon appear.
2. Press and hold [MEMORY] till the key tone is heard.
3. Press [MEMORY] to check the memory is clear.

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## INDOOR HUMIDITY

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The current indoor relative humidity, taken by the indoor baro-thermo-hygrometer, is displayed on the indoor hygrometer window.

### To display the maximum, minimum and current humidity,

1. Press the indoor humidity window.
2. Press [MEMORY] repeatedly for the desired record. The time and date of the record will also be displayed alternatively with "STAMP" icon in the clock window.

### To clear the memory,

1. Press the indoor humidity window.
2. Press and hold [MEMORY] till the key tone is heard.
3. Press [MEMORY] to check the memory is clear.

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## OUTDOOR AND CHANNEL TEMPERATURES

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The temperature readings taken by the outdoor thermo-hygrometer and separate thermo or thermo-hygro sensors are displayed on the outdoor and channel temperature window.

As this window can display up to four different sets of data, specify the instrument or channel you want to read.

### To do so,

1. Press the outdoor/channel temperature window.
2. Press [CHANNEL] to go from the outdoor reading taken by the outdoor thermo-hygrometer to those taken by individual sensors (Channel 1, 2 or 3).

The outdoor thermo-hygrometer is also capable of detecting the dew point temperature as well as the wind chill reading. To display such information, press the window repeatedly.

The temperatures can be displayed in degree Centigrade (°C) or Fahrenheit (°F).

### To select the display unit,

1. Press the outdoor/channel temperature window.
2. Press [UNIT] repeatedly for the desired setting. The selected unit will apply to all temperature displays in this window.

**Note:** The unit of all temperature related display will be changed simultaneously.

### To display the maximum, minimum temperatures,

1. Press the outdoor/channel temperature window or repeatedly until "DEW" icon appear.
2. Press [CHANNEL] for the outdoor thermo-hygrometer or the desired channel.
3. Press [MEMORY] repeatedly for the desired record. The time and date of the record will also be displayed alternatively with "STAMP" icon in the clock window.

To display the dew point temperature for a channel, press the window again when the channel temperature is located.

### To clear the memory,

1. Press the outdoor/channel temperature window or repeatedly until "DEW" icon appear.
2. Press [CHANNEL] for the outdoor thermo-hygrometer or the desired channel.
3. Press and hold [MEMORY] till the key tone is heard.
4. Press [MEMORY] to check the memory is clear.

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## OUTDOOR AND CHANNEL HUMIDITY

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The relative humidity readings taken by the outdoor thermo-hygrometer and separate thermo-hygro sensors are displayed on the outdoor/channel humidity window.

As this window can display up to four different sets of data, specify the instrument or channel you want to read.

### To do so,

1. Press the outdoor/channel humidity window.
2. Press [CHANNEL] to go from the outdoor reading taken by the thermo-hygrometer to those taken by individual sensors (Channel 1, 2 or 3).

### To display the maximum, minimum and current humidity,

1. Press the outdoor/channel humidity window.
2. Press [CHANNEL] for the outdoor thermo-hygrometer or the desired channel.
3. Press [MEMORY] repeatedly for the desired record. The time and date of the record will also be displayed alternatively with "STAMP" icon in the clock window.

### To clear the memory,

1. Press the outdoor/channel humidity window.
2. Press [CHANNEL] for the outdoor thermo-hygrometer or the desired channel.
3. Press and hold [MEMORY] till the key tone is heard.
4. Press [MEMORY] to check the memory is clear.

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## AUTO SCANNING FUNCTION

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The auto scanning function is available for the outdoor/channel window for both the temperature and humidity.

### To use it,

1. Press the outdoor/channel temperature or humidity window.
2. Press and hold [S]. The main unit will start scanning from the active temperature and humidity display. Each channel will be displayed for about 4 seconds.

To exit the auto scanning routine, press any window or control button.

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## RAINFALL

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The rate of rainfall can be displayed in mm/hr or in/hr.

### To select the display unit,

1. Press the rainfall window.
2. Press [UNIT] for the desired setting.

To display the yesterday's rainfall and the total rainfall from the last cleared date,

1. Press the rainfall window.
2. Press [MEMORY] for the desired record. Yesterday rainfall will be displayed with "YESTERDAY" shown in the rainfall window. Total rainfall will be displayed with "TOTAL" shown in the rainfall window. The time and date of the record will be displayed alternatively with "SINCE" icon in the clock window for total rainfall.

**Note:** Yesterday's rainfall record will be updated when the real time clock runs from 11:59:59 pm to 12:00:00 am. And it is counted for 12:00:00 am of one day to 12:00:00 am on the next day.

If the rain sensor detects no rainfall for about two consecutive hours, the current rate of rainfall will be displayed as zero.

### To clear the total rainfall,

1. Press the rainfall window.
2. Press and hold [MEMORY] till the key tone is heard.

The yesterday's rainfall record will not be affected when you clear the total rainfall.

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## WIND SPEED AND DIRECTION

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The current wind speed and direction are displayed in the wind speed and direction window.

To display the average wind speed, press the window till the "AVERAGE" icon is displayed.

The wind speed can be displayed in m/s, kph, mph or knots.

### To select the display unit,

1. Press the wind speed and direction window.
2. Press [UNIT] for the desired setting.

### To display the maximum speed and direction for gust wind in record,

1. Press the wind speed and direction window.
2. Press [MEMORY]. The time and date of the record will also be displayed alternatively with "STAMP" icon in the clock window.

### To clear the record,

1. Press the wind speed and direction window.
2. Press and hold [MEMORY].

As for the wind direction, it is displayed in a digital compass with bearing readouts.

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## WEATHER ALARMS

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Weather alarms are used to alert you to certain weather conditions. Once activated, the alarm will go off when a certain set criterion is met.

### You can set alarms for:

- Indoor, outdoor and channel high temperatures
- Indoor, outdoor and channel low temperatures
- Indoor, outdoor and channel dew point approaching
- Indoor, outdoor and channel high humidity
- Indoor, outdoor and channel low humidity
- High rainfall rate
- Pressure drop
- High gust wind
- Low wind chill

### To set a weather alarm,

1. Press the window containing the weather element you want to set.
2. Press [ALARM]. The current alarm setting will be displayed.

3. Press and hold [SET].
4. Press [s] and [t] for the desired setting.
5. Press [SET].

For temperatures and humidity, the high and low alarms can be set in sequence. After entering the value for one alarm, you will be prompted to enter the value for the other.

A weather alarm is activated once set. When the set criteria is met, an alarm will go off and the current reading will flash together with the corresponding indicator.

If that happens in the outdoor/channel temperature or humidity window, the "OUT" indicator will flash to show that the criteria set for the outdoor thermo-hygrometer has been met. If it is one of the separate sensors, the [CHANNEL] indicator will flash. Press the window repeatedly to locate the channel in question.

When a weather alarm goes off, press any button to stop the alarm. The alarm is still active until you deactivate the function or the criteria is no longer met.

#### To do so,

1. Press the window containing the weather element you want to set.
2. Press [ALARM].
3. Press [ALARM ON/OFF] to deactivate the function.

To turn on the function again, simply follow the same procedure and press [ALARM ON/OFF].

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### DISCONNECTED SIGNALS

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If without obvious reason the display for the main unit goes blank or "--" are displayed, press and hold [CHANNEL] to enforce an immediate search.

#### If that fails, check:

- All weather instruments are still in place.
- The batteries of the main unit and individual weather instruments are still good. Replace them if necessary. Press and hold [CHANNEL] to enforce an immediate search afterwards.
- The transmission is within range and path is cleared of obstacles and interference. Shorten the distance if necessary.

Then press and hold [CHANNEL] again. The main unit will start searching for all previously locked weather instruments.

If you want to add a new sensor, press the reset button on the new sensor and then press channel to enforce the main unit to search.

**Note:** 1. Do not reset the sensors after the main unit has locked those sensors, otherwise the main unit will no longer receive the signal from those sensors.

2. If you have disconnected signals, you cannot clear the memory.

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### THE RESET BUTTON

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This button is only used when the system is operating in an unfavorable way or malfunctioning. Use a blunt stylus to hold down the button. The main unit will return to all default settings and start searching for signals again.

Before resetting the main unit, you should do the same for all weather instruments to ensure correct transmission and reception of signals. Then press reset on the main unit.

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### SPECIFICATIONS

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#### Temperature

Proposed Operating Range : Indoor ..... -5°C to 50°C  
( 23°F to 122°F )  
: Outdoor ..... -20°C to 60°C  
( -4°F to 140°F )

Resolution : 0.1°C (0.2°F)  
(indoor and outdoor)

#### Relative Humidity

Measuring Range : 2 to 98% RH  
(indoor and outdoor)

Resolution : 1% RH  
(indoor and outdoor)

#### Dew Point Temperature

Measuring Range : Indoor ..... 0°C to 49°C  
( 32°F to 120.2°F )

: Outdoor ..... 0°C to 59°C  
( 32°F to 138.2°F )

Resolution : 1°C (2°F)  
(indoor and outdoor)

#### Barometric Pressure / Trend

Measuring Range : 795 to 1050 mb  
(23.48 to 31.01 inHg)

Resolution : 1 mb (0.03 inHg)

#### Wind Speed

Measuring Range : 0 to 56 m/s (0 to 125.3 mph)

Resolution : 0.2 m/s (0.4 mph) (typical)

#### Wind Direction

Measuring Range : 0° to 359° (Degrees)

Digital Resolution : 1° (typical)

Graphical Resolution : 10°

#### Wind Chill Temperature

Measuring Range : -52°C to 60°C (-61.6°F to 140°F)

Resolution : 1°C (2°F)

#### Rainfall

Daily and Cumulative : 0 to 9999 mm (0 to 393.7 in)

Measuring Range

Rainfall Rate : 0 to 999 mm/hr (0 to 39.37 in/hr)

Measuring Range

Daily and Cumulative : 1 mm (0.04 inch)

Resolution

Rainfall Rate Resolution : 1mm/hr (0.04 m/h) typical

#### **WMR918:**

Weight : 505 g

Dimension : 204 (L) x 139 (W) x 39 (H)

Power : 12V AC / DV adapter

Power backup : 4 x UM3 - "AA" size alkaline battery

**WGR918 :**

Weight	: 430 g
Dimension	: 295 (L) x 116.5 (W) x 550 (H)
Power	: solar cell (STR918)

**THGR918 :**

Weight	: 111.5 g
Dimension	: 113.5 (L) x 42.5 (W) x 107.5 (H)
Power : Main	: solar cell (STR918)

**PCR918 :**

Weight	: 276 g
Dimension	: $\approx$ 113.5 x 145 (H)
Power : Main	: sole cell (STR918)

**BTHR918 :**

Weight	: 78.4 g
Dimension	: 180 (L) x 70 (W) x 19 (H)
Power	: 4 x UM4 - "AAA" size alkaline battery

**STR918 :**

Weight	: 184.8 g
Dimension	: 112 (L) x 76 (W) x 120 (H)
Power back up	: 2 x UM3- "AA" size alkaline battery (recommend super lithium battery for weather condition under °C)

**PRECAUTIONS**

- Read the user's manual thoroughly.
- Do not subject the units to extreme force, shock, dust, temperatures or weather conditions.
- Do not tamper with the units' internal components.
- Do not mix fresh and old batteries, or batteries of different specifications.

**NOTE ON COMPLIANCE**

This product complies to standards and specifications of ICT, FCC and article number 334 of PTT.

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

**NOTE:** This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications.

However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is needed.
- Consult the dealer of an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

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