

# ML3

## Soil Moisture and Temperature Sensor

The new ThetaProbe has extra features, improved performance and a new design. With its 1 % accuracy the ThetaProbe continues to set the standard for soil moisture as well as temperature measurement.



The ML3 with the addition of a thermistor sensor enables the simultaneous logging of soil temperature with soil moisture. A new cabling system makes it simple to extend or replace the cables. With a choice of 1 m, 5 m, 10 m and 25 m extensions, flexible configurations are now possible.

ML3 cables and connectors are buriable (environmentally protected to IP 68). The sensors's salinity response has been improved - its output has been characterised at EC values up to 2000 mS.m $^{-1}$ . The temperature range has also been improved with tests demonstrating that the ML3 can operate at temperatures as low as -40 °C.<sup>(1)</sup>

### **Data logging and readout**

The ML3 can be logged by any logger that can provide 5 to 15 V DC excitation power and will accept the 0 to 1 V output signal.



Soil moisture with ±1 % accuracy



Built-in temperature measurement



Adaptable cable system



White body



Improved performance in saline soils

## **Water content**

| Accuracy       | ±0.01 m³.m³   |
|----------------|---|
| Range          | 0 to 0.5 m <sup>3</sup> .m <sup>-3</sup>                        |
| Salinity range | <ul> <li>&lt; 0.035 m³.m⁻³</li> <li>50 to 500 mS.m⁻¹</li> </ul> |

## **Temperature**

| Accuracy | • ±0.5 °C, 0 to +40 °C           |
|----------|----------------------------------|
| •        | • ±0.75 °C, -20 °C to +60 °C (2) |

#### General

| Output      | 0 to 1.0 V differential |
|-------------|-------------------------|
| Power       | 5 to 15 V, 20 mA for 1s |
| Sample vol. | ~60 x 30 mm diameter    |

<sup>(1)</sup> Non-flexing cables

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>(2)</sup> Figures apply to sensor only and exclude logger or cabling error



| Size            | 170 x 40 mm diameter    |
|-----------------|-------------------------|
| Operating range | −20 °C to +60 °C        |
| Environmental   | IP 68, −40 °C to +70 °C |