

# Manual

# MWS 5MV

Microprocessor Weather Station  
with datalogger



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**MWS 5MV Microprocessor Weather Station Version 3.44 or newer**

## 1 Caution

### 1.1 Intended Use

REINHARDT-Weather stations and sensors are exclusively built for stationary operation on a fixed 1" pipe for automatically collecting climatic parameters outside.

Any use other than described above may cause damage of the product or or other danger.

Do not mount the weather station in reach of children and pets.

Carefully read the complete operating manual. It contains important information about the installation and operation.

### 1.2 Safety Regulations

The instruments are manufactured according to modern technical standards and can be operated without danger when used as directed.



Damage caused by non-observance of this operating manual can lead to forfeiture of warranty. We shall not assume any liability for subsequent damage.

We shall not assume any liability for damage of items or persons caused by improper handling or non-observance of the safety instructions! In such cases any guarantee claims shall become null and void.



Dear customer, the following safety and hazard notices not only serve the protection of your health but also the protection of the appliance. Please read the following points carefully.

The supply voltage is converted by isolated transformers into voltages of maximum 24VDC. Please do only use the supplied power supply units.



The weather station includes pointed and sharp-edged parts (i.e. windvane and edges of the sensor's housing), which may cause injuries when handled without care.



Do not leave the packaging material lying around. These parts are dangerous toys in the hands of children.



Handle the product with care. Blows or impact, or dropping it even from a small height will damage it.

### 1.3 Mounting

The weather station is mounted on a 1" water-pipe with thread. This pipe must be fixed very well to stand high wind speeds above 150 km/h when the weather station is mounted.

The weather station is to be fixed well onto the 1" pipe with the pipe clip or the screws. The stability of the weather station on the pipe must be established. Really check this after mounting the weather station!



**Please mount the weather station on a place you easy can reach for maintenance purposes for the station can not be guaranteed to be absolutely maintenance free!!**

You also find advice for mounting the weather station on your weatherCD.

## 2 Setting Up the Weather Station

### 2.1 Installation of Hardware

MWS 5MV Weather Station has been designed for measuring the most important weather parameters such as temperature, humidity, barometric pressure, wind direction and wind speed. All parameters can be displayed graphically, digitally or as an "instrument". There is also a statistics and a history function.

Mount the weather station on a 1 " pipe. Orient the North-marker to North and clamp MWS 5MV in place with the two pre-mounted high quality steel screws. Take care that the pipe is mounted as perpendicularly as possible, otherwise the windvane will not work properly and will preferably rotate in one direction.

N.B.

*The wind vanes of the MWS 5MV weather station are very sensitive sensory equipment which can easily be destroyed by mechanical influence.*

*Therefore do keep the packing of your weather station. Whenever you want to ship your weather station later, this packing guarantees that the weather station is not damaged in transport !! Time and again we have noticed that the units are damaged by wrong packing. This is very annoying for the customer because he has to pay for all costs that may arise.*

*Please ask for a quotation of an original packing if it is no longer available to you (see last page).*

The weather station must be set up at a place which is exposed to wind, because otherwise wind direction and wind speed cannot be measured correctly. (Please see "Directions of Deutscher Wetterdienst").

Connect the enclosed cable as follows:

Connect the 9pole connector to a free serial interface of your PC (COM1 or COM2 under the Windows-version COM3 or COM4 as well).

Plug the power supply into a power outlet 230V / 50Hz.

Note on Security



*Please note that you must in any case use the power supplies which we have provided or which are technically identical with your MWS 5MV weather station. Nominal value must be between 10 V and 20 V DC voltage; it must be possible to apply at least 100 mA (with optional heating element another 15 or 24 V DC 1.5 A). Please note also that all the power supplies we provide are only made for use in dry rooms.*

There are another two sockets for additional sensors and for an optional GPS-receiver. Power supply of the additional sensors can be provided by the weather station or by their own power supply. The output voltage of the additional sensors must not exceed +4.095 V, sensors with pulse output must be TTL-compatible.

## 2.2 Software Installation

Insert the WeatherCD into your CD-drive.

You need an HTML-capable browser (Netscape, Internet-Explorer or else).

If Autostart is activated, the CD starts on its own, if not, you execute START.HTM in the CD root directory. (If you want to install the software packages directly, you will find the paths for the single installations in the install.html file.)

Now you follow the instructions of the WeatherCD.

NOTE



The software installations of the 16bit-versions neither change the registry nor any INI-files of your

WINDOWS-system. The 32-bit versions create the HKEY\_CURRENT\_USER\Software\Reinhardt GmbH\Wetter\... key in the registry which is only created when running and is not deleted when the software is de-installed.

Please note the instructions given on the CD for mounting the MWS 5MV.

Then the weather station can be used 20 seconds after it is plugged in.

## 3.1 Starting the Software

Start the software by double-clicking the program icon (Under the DOS-version you enter START).

Select the interface (COM1..COM4), everything else should be left at default-settings. Then the weather software starts.

An error message should appear on screen which tells you that the time of the MWS 5MV-clock is not correct. After every start, the software checks the clock of MWS 5MV and compares it to your computer clock. If it differs more than 10 minutes, the programs asks if the MWS 5MV-clock is to be set. Needless to say, the clock of the connected PC must give the correct time, as MWS 5MV is set to the PC-clock.

Choose "JA" for setting the clock of MWS 5MV.

If your MWS 5MV holds a GPS-receiver, it provides the correct time for MWS 5MV.

NOTE



*The UTC-time it provides can differ in one or more hours from the local time. Therefore also set the PC to UTC-time, as otherwise, there will be problems on the time axis of the weather data.*

Data recording to hard disk is started in the selected time interval (5 minutes by default). The software should run for at least one memory interval so that at least one data file is stored on the hard disk. This is important for reading out the datalogger later. (If there is no data file on the hard disk, the datalogger cannot be read out as the software does not find a start date.)

NOTE



*Under the DOS-version, do start the software from the respective directory (e.g. MWS5MV) and not with a Path such as e.g. C:\MWS5MV\START.BAT, as otherwise problems, even abort, are inevitable.*

*MWS 5MV only starts recording data to its datalogger after the time has been set. This guarantees that the datalogger holds only data with the correct time. On the other hand this also means that after a power failure data are only written on the datalogger after the clock has been reset! If you need unbroken data, you should use your MWS 5MV with a UPS (Uninterruptable Power Supply) or the optional GPS-receiver which automatically provides MWS 5MV with the correct time.*

If the software is not started, there might be a faulty data file on the hard disk or not enough free memory. This causes an abort.

If the software finds a faulty data file, there is an error message. Abort with "j" then and delete the faulty file.

There is a little DOS-tool called CHKMWS.EXE for checking the data files. You can check the MWS 5MV-files for errors and possibly save the data file.

(For more details on the software components see the manual of the respective software).

## 3 Technical details

The standard datalogger of MWS 5MV can store data of more than 20 days, with data compression up to more than 30 days. These specifications refer to a memory interval of 5 minutes and the sensors set by default. Smaller memory intervals and more sensors reduce the period of time which is covered with the datalogger, larger intervals and less sensors extend it.

### 3.1 In case of power failure

The datalogger of MWS 5MV is kept up in case of power failure (EEPROMS), but no new data are stored.

In case of power failure, the clock of MWS 5MV does not run on and must be reset after power returns. This can be established automatically by an optional GPS-receiver (i.e. Garmin GPS-35) or manually by restarting the software.

After power has returned, data are only stored in the datalogger after the clock was reset.

Missing data are indicated by measure values of -99999 in the datafile. The software then recognizes in the values of -99999 that data are missing and creates a gap in the graphical displays.

*You may also set MWS 5MV in such a way that it writes into the datalogger in the set memory interval as soon as operating voltage is applied. Then the datalogger contains data with the wrong time and cannot be read out by the delivered software. You will need your own application then !*

### 3.2 Maintenance

Because of its elaborated sensors, MWS 5MV needs no maintenance.

*Our warranty ends if there is any intervention into hardware or software from your side.*

MWS 5MV-weather station has been developed for stationary use under normal climatic conditions (temperate zone). Use under extreme conditions such as e.g. on board of a ship, mobile use on a measuring vehicle etc. has not been tested. It is therefore not recommended to set up the weather station where it is exposed to salt or salt water ( e.g. on roads, on the coast etc.).

It can be used on a measuring car under certain conditions although the measured values of the wind sensors cannot be reproduced.

## 3.3 The sensors

### 3.3.1 The Temperature Sensor

Temperature measurement is based on a precision PT100. The resulting measured value is linearised by the software. By standard, the temperature sensor is mounted on the lower side of the weather station. A white laquered pagoda protects against radiation and prevents a buildup of heat.

Range: from -40 °C to + 60 °C, measuring accuracy  $\pm 0.3$  °C, (display also possible in Kelvin or °Fahrenheit)

### 3.3.2 The Humidity Sensor

is a fast responding capacitive sensor (monolithic) which is based on a dielectric with variable humidity (capacitance). In proportion to humidity the electronics create a signal with changing frequency which is evaluated by the microprocessor. The sensor is also mounted on the lower side of the weather station. A Gore-Tex cover protects it from pollution or destruction by dust or insects.

The humidity sensor can be used in a temperature range between -40 °C to + 60 °C. It is linearized to an accuracy of 2 %. Range: from 10 to 100 %, measuring accuracy  $\pm 2$  %, display also as dewpoint measurement in °C or °F

#### NOTE



*This sensor is very responsive to static charge and air pollution (dust, aggressive gases, but also salt).*

*Please note that under unfavourable conditions (i.e. microbic stress caused by moulds, bacteria) this sensor ages faster than under normal conditions.*

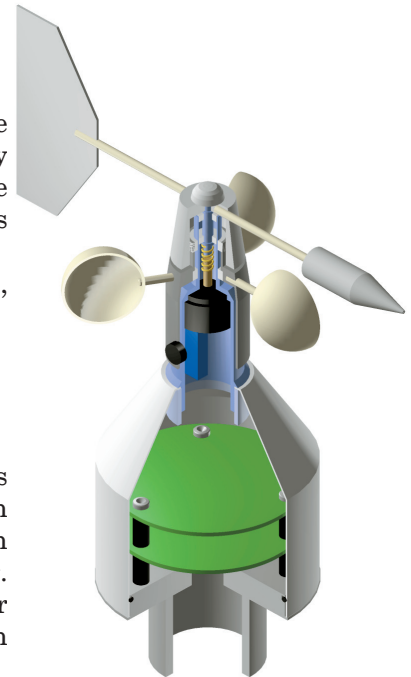
### 3.3.3 The Pressure Sensor

is a monolithic, laser-trimmed sensor for absolute pressure which is linearized to 5 hPa for the whole temperature range, i.e., the barometer is temperature compensated. Another temperature linearisation reduces the deviation to less than 2 hPa over the whole temperature range. The measuring signal is elaborated by an instrumental amplifier. The sensor can be used in the temperature range of -40 °C to + 60 °C.

Measuring range: from 600 hPa to 1100 hPa with  $\pm 0.8$  hPa accuracy; display can be reduced to 0 m above sea level (input of the local altitude in [m], display also in mm mercury column or Inch mercury column).

This sensor can be used at altitudes from 50m below zero up to altitudes of 3000m. Other altitudes are possible on request.

This sensor can be transported by air cargo!



## 3.3.4 The Wind Speed Sensor

is made up of an anemometer with magnetic scanning. Wind speed is measured without touch using a Hall-sensor. A peak detector finds every wind peak and hands them on the measuring software. An average value is determined within the respective memory intervals.

Range: in km/h from 0 to 150 km/h with  $\pm 2$ km/h measuring accuracy, (display also in m/s, miles/h, Knot or Beaufort), starting speed  $< 0.5$  m/s.

As we have a very comfortable, 3-fold way of measuring wind speed with current wind speed (WG), average wind speed (WD) and wind peaks (WS), you can conform your wind measurement to your very needs.

Please note that dependent on the current winds, the 3 different methods of measuring wind speed can result in very differing graphs: When measuring WG, only a current value is written in the selected measuring interval, when measuring WD and WS, there is continuous evaluation and the whole measuring period is monitored.

## 3.3.5 The Wind Direction Sensor

There is a weather vane with a precision magnetical encoder and a rotation angle of  $360^\circ$  for measuring wind direction. Wind direction is given in  $^\circ$ , with  $90^\circ$  being East,  $180^\circ$  being South,  $270^\circ$  being West and  $0^\circ$  being North.

Range: in  $360^\circ$ , measuring accuracy  $5^\circ$ , starting speed  $< 0.6$  m/s.

Please note, that in North direction (changing from  $360^\circ$  to  $0^\circ$ ) wrong values may occur! This is caused by switching from maximum to minimum value of winddirection. To get highly accurate winddirection measurement, you should use the sensor with the identifier WV (main winddirection). This sensor is averaged over a storage interval so that these rare faulty values don't lead to wrong measurement.

## 3.3.6 Rain / Precipitation Sensor (Option)

A self-emptying bucket is tilted by the collected rain. All the water that has been collected on the normed area of  $200 \text{ cm}^2$  is led through a funnel to the bucket. The bucket tilts whenever a certain quantity of water has been collected. The tilting creates pulses which are counted. Out of the pulses, the software calculates the rain that has fallen per  $\text{m}^2$ . The current intensity of rain is also found and displayed.

Range: from 0 to  $5000 \text{ ltr/m}^2$ ,

Measuring accuracy  $\pm 0.2 \text{ ltr/m}^2$

## 3.3.7 Light Intensity Sensor (Lux-Sensor) (Option)

measures light intensity in Lux. Measuring range is from  $370\text{nm}..680\text{nm}$ .

Range: from 0 to  $150000 \text{ lx}$

Measuring accuracy  $\pm 6\%$

## 3.3.8 Ultraviolet-radiationsensor (UV-Sensor) (Option)

measures ultraviolet radiation in a wide spectrum in  $\text{mW/m}^2$ . The spectral range is  $210\text{nm}..380\text{nm}$ .

Range: 0 to  $15000 \text{ mW/m}^2$

Measuring accuracy:  $\pm 10\%$

## 3.3.9 Additional Sensor

Any kind of sensors can be integrated as additional sensors. The information signal must be applied as voltage in the range between 0 V and + 4.095 V or it has to be adapted to MWS 5MV by a special amplifier. Negative or higher voltages are blocked, but out of security reasons, should be avoided in any case!

The sensor signals are linearised by software.

We deliver an additional temperature sensor for measuring soil or water temperature.

Additional sensors can be voltage supplied by the weather station as long as their current consumption is below 25 mA.

### NOTE

*If current consumption exceeds this value, we cannot grant that MWS 5M weather station works properly !!!*

If they need higher currents, the sensors must have an external power supply and its ground has to be connected to the MWS 5MV-ground (Pin 1 of the 7-pole connector socket). You can call for adjustment instructions of the additional inputs at any time.

## 3.3.10 Connecting an Additional Sensor

Additional sensors are connected to MWS 5M at the 8-pole socket.

The socket is allocated as follows:

- Pin1 : GND
- Pin2 : Input for precipitation sensor (TTL-pulse)
- Pin3 : Input for external solar sensor (analog 0..4.095V)
- Pin4 : Input for external lightning sensor (TTL-Pulse)
- Pin5 : Input for analog additional sensor 1 (0..4.095V)
- Pin6 : Input for analog additional sensor 2 (0..4.095V)
- Pin7 : Input for analog additional sensor 3 (0..4.095V)
- Pin8 : Output operating voltage (9..20VDC) maximum 25mA

## 3.4 Sensor Accuracy

Temperature:	± 0.3 °C
Humidity:	± 2.0 % (at 10°C..35°C)
Pressure:	± 0.8 hPa (at 0°C..50°C), ±2 hPa below 0°C
Rain/precipitation:	± 0.2 mm
Wind direction:	± 5° (at -10°C..50°C)
Start speed:	< 0.5m/s (at -10°C..50°C)
Wind speed:	± 2 km/h (at -10°C..50°C)
Start speed:	< 0.6 m/s (at -10°C..50°C)
Global radiation:	+/- 40W (at 10°C..40°C)
UV-radiation:	+/- 10%
Light intensity:	+/- 6%
Additional sensor:	± 1 % of final value (at 0°C..50°C)

### 3.4.1 Measuring Ranges

Temperature:	from -40 ° to + 60 °, resolution 0.1 °
Relative humidity:	from 0 to 100 % resolution 0.1 %
Dewpoint:	from -40 ° to + 60 °, resolution 0.1 °
Barometric pressure:	from 950 hPa to 1050 hPa in 0.1 hPa resolution
Absolute pressure:	from 600 hPa to 1100hPa in 0.1 hPa resolution
Precipitation:	from 0 to 5000 mm with 0.1mm resolution
Wind direction:	0 to 360 °, resolution 0.1 °
Wind speed:	in km/h from 0 to 150 km/h with 0.1 km/h resolution
Global radiaion	from 0 to 1300 W/m <sup>2</sup> (Spectral range 0.3..2.8µm)
Light intensity:	from 0 to 150000 Lux (Spectral range 370..680nm)
UV-radiation:	from 0 to 15000 mW/m <sup>2</sup> (Spectral range 210..380nm)
Additional inputs:	0- 4.095 V

<b>Supply</b>	9-20 V, max. 110 mA, standard equipment
<b>Dimensions</b>	
Size:	Outer diameter 90 mm, height 240 mm
Weight:	ca. 1.0 kg

The housing must be mounted centrally on a 1" pipewith 1"thread. Standard cabling is 10 m - longer cabling on request.

## 3.5 Adjustment of Additional Sensors

You will find the adjustment value pairs of your weather station in the MWS5\_M.XXX, with XXX a three-digit number.

Additional sensor 1 has got identification ZA, additional sensor 2 has got identification ZB and additional sensor 3 has got identification ZC. The pairs of values of ZA start with !L5, those of ZB with !L7 and those of ZC with !L9.

By default, we have adjusted the additional inputs in mV.

Now you connect the additional sensor to the 8-pole socket or to the collector.

Start a terminal program (e.g. Windows-terminal) and configure as follows: 9600 Baud, 8bit, no parity, 1 Stopbit.

Under Windows-Terminal "Settings" - "Terminal-Settings" you turn on CR->CR/LF when transmitting (This creates a #10 by pressing the Enter-key).

You now change into the adjustment mode of the weather station. All sensors will be output with your frequency.

Here you can find out which voltage is created by your additional sensor at a respective analog value. Expose a temperature sensor to 0°C aus, wait until the sensor has adapted to this temperature and then you see the respective voltage of the sensor. You proceed with e.g. 30°C etc. Note these pairs of values and replace the respective lines in the adjustment file. It is most important that the first pair of values (e.g. !L5,1,F...) must contain the lowest voltage and the last pair of values must contain the highest voltage.

At least 3 pairs of values must be determined per sensor (e.g. !L5,1F,... to L5,3,W..).

All pairs of values which are not needed must contain voltage 65535!!

After you have determined the necessary adjustment values and entered them in the adjustment file, you can transmit the changed file to MWS 5M as follows:

Start program MWS5MCFG and then enter the name of your adjustment file. The new adjustment files are transmitted now.

This does only work at COM1 or COM2!

*Do not in any case change the pairs of values of the other sensors as this would lead to wrong measurements of your weather station.*

You will find the necessary parameters for controlling the weather station via Terminal-Program in the technical appendix under Control Parameters.

## 3.6 Power Supply

9-20 VDC, ca. 110 mA, standard equipment.

Board-versions from 2.6 and newer have got an internal swichting regulator which allows powersupplies from 4V..20VDC at about 100mA at 12VDC. (Available from March 2005).

*Please note, that the fan is designed to run with power supplies from 9..20VDC. Lower voltages are possible with special fans, but current consumption then will increase.*

## 3.7 Data Format

The data format of the transmitted data looks like this:

Example of a datastring :

15:24:32, 15.09.03, TE22.09, DR952.25, WR78.91, FE35.58, WG0.00, WS4.11, WD494.29, WC22.09, WV80.79,

Every 2 seconds, MWS 5M transmits a data record which starts with time and date. Separated by comma, the single measured values with sensor identification come in the following order:

Temperature (TE), barometer (DR), wind direction (WR), prevailing wind direction (WV), humidity (FE), wind speed (WG), wind peak (WS), average wind (WD), windchill (WC).

The datastring ends with <CR><LF>, since firmware 2.16 each datastring which is written in the internal logger includes an additional ASCII #31 in front of <CR><LF> for data-synchronisation with the software.

By default, the data are transmitted with 9600BAUD, 8bit, no parity and a stopbit. (For evaluation with your own software, you can set several output modi - see appendix)

On harddisk, a data file is created every month with a format which is similar to that of the transmitted data. The data files receive the extension .MWS

Example : The file of November 2005 is called 11\_05.MWS when using 16-bit versions of the software and 11\_2005.MWS with 32-bit software.

In case of missing data (cause by power fail, etc.) the software writes data with measuring values of -99999 to ensure integrity of the time axis. The software construes these values (-99999) as missing data and creates measurement gaps in the graphical displays.

***Please note:*** The 32-bit software-versions are able to read the data of the 16-bit software-version but not vice versa!

## 3.8 System requirements

### 3.8.1 System requirements (16bit versions)

The MWS 5MV-software needs a computer with at least SX-386 Processor 4MB RAM (2MB of which must be free (XMS)).

You need a free COM-Port (COM1 or COM2, with Windows-versions COM3 or COM4 as well).

If you use COM3 or COM4, please note that it is only possible to switch interrupts for COM3 and COM4 with special interface boards! If you do not have such a board, there will be problems if you use devices at the same time on COM2 and COM4 or COM1 and COM3, because the interfaces use the same interrupts by default.

COM3 and COM4 are only available with the WINDOWS-version!

We recommend a mouse (MS-compatible).

*For further hard- and software bases, please do see the README - File(s)!!*

### 3.8.2 System requirements (32bit-Versions)

At least a computer mit Pentium1 / 200 processor and 32MB RAM.

Runs with WIN98 SE and later.

## 3.8.3 System Requirements for DOS-Versions

- MS-DOS Vers. 4.0 and later
- HIMEM.SYS Driver in CONFIG.SYS
- FILES = 30 Entry in CONFIG.SYS (at least 30)
- if possible, no EMM386.EXE; if absolutely necessary with extension call RAM (DEVICE = EMM386.EXE RAM in CONFIG.SYS)
- Minimum 1.6MB free XMS-memory

### 3.8.3.1 SMARTDRIVE

If you have installed SMARTDRIVE, you must limit its memory demand by changing the respective line in AUTOEXEC.BAT:

```
C:\DOS\SMARTDRV.EXE /X... change into  
C:\DOS\SMARTDRV.EXE 1500 /X...
```

Limitation to 1500kB is recommended with 4MB main memory; if there are 8MB and more, a limitation to 4 MB will be sufficient.

If the memory for SMARTDRV is not limited MWS 5-software may abort under certain circumstances with the error message RAM full and the computer may crash.

Using the F1-key or the "?" in the menu bar, you can call the Online-Help at any time.

## 4 Connections and Pin assignments

### 4.1 Cables

#### 4.1.1 Data Cable - Allocation of the Connection Cable for MWS 5M

7 pole connector (MWS 5MV-connection)		9-pole interface connector
Pin 1 (GND)	←————→	Pin 5 (GND)
Pin 2 (GND - used for MWS 9-5)		
Pin 3 (RXD-MWS 5M)	←————→	Pin 3 (TXD-PC)
Pin 4 (TXD-MWS 5M)	←————→	Pin 2 (RXD-PC)
Pin 5 (VCC 12VDC)		
Pin 6 (R- with RS422 /485)		
Pin 7 (T- with RS422 /485)		

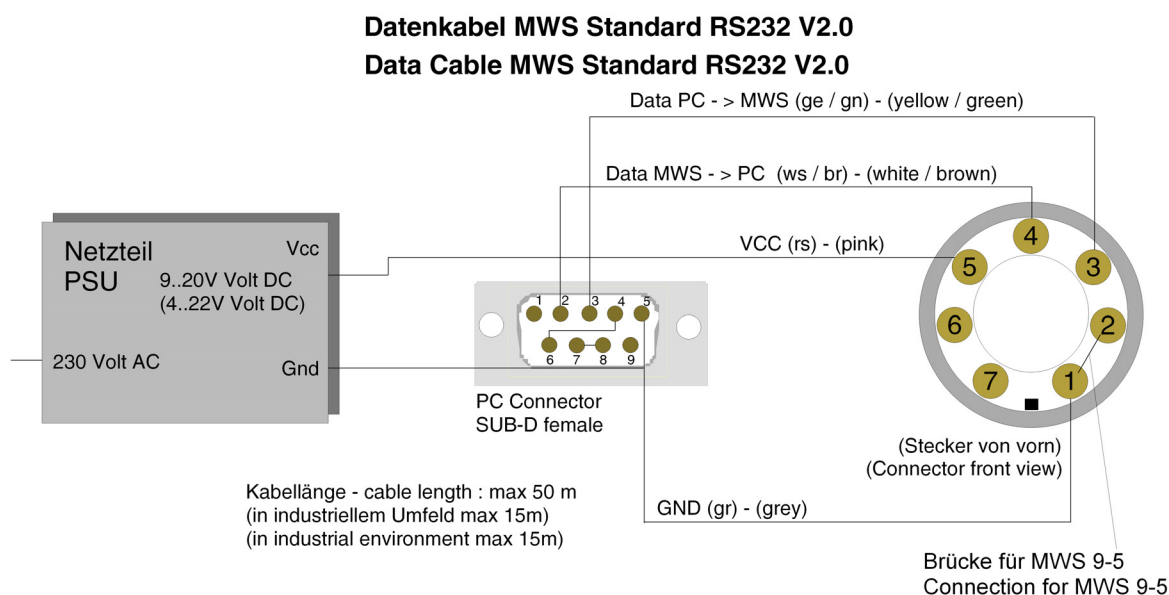
Connect Pin 4 and 6  
Connect Pin 7 and 8

The data cable can be lengthened to up to 50 m. under optimum conditions and with suited cable (not in industrial environment!!)

In case you lengthen the data cable, please take care that the connections in the connector at the computer must be wired.

(Connect Pin 4 to Pin6 and Pin7 to Pin8).

#### 4.1.1.1 Connection Diagram Standard data cable



**Caution:** If you want to use the station for data recording without connected computer, you should disable the COM-port (command !S4) and then connect pin 2 (RXD) and pin3 (TXD) of the 9-pole plug. You may build a connector with these 2 pins shorted and plug it onto the 9-pole female of your RS232 data cable. Never let the RS-232 female unconnected, for disturbances on the cable may lead to malfunction of the weatherstation then! To connect a PC again, remove the shorting plug, connect the standard cable to the PC and enable the COM-port with !S0

## 4.1.2 Allocation of the Connection Cable for MWS 5M Heating

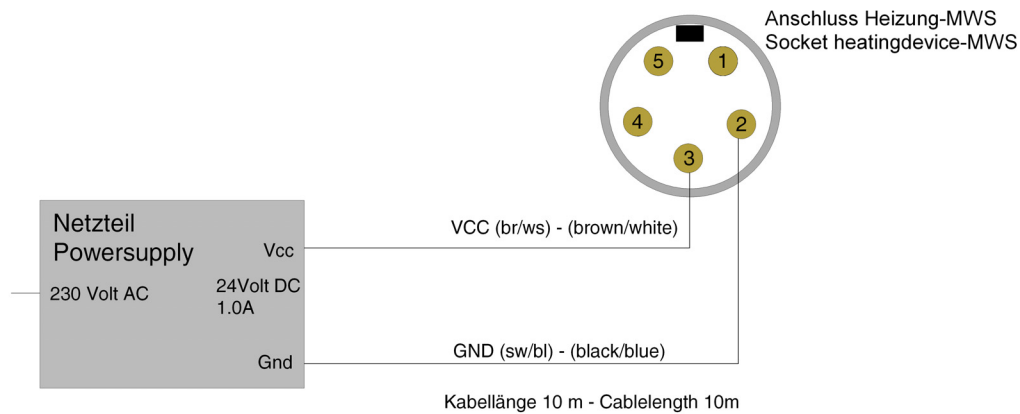
5 pole connector  
(MWS 5MV-Heating and GPS-connection)

Pin 1	free		
Pin 2	(GND Heating)	←————→	GND-PSU 24VDC
Pin 3	(VCC Heating)	←————→	VCC-PSU 24VDC
Pin 4	free		
Pin 5	free		

### 4.1.2.1 Connection Diagram Cable for heating device

#### MWS Anschlusskabel für Heizung - Connectioncable for Heatingdevice

(alle Ansichten auf die Lötseite - all views onto solder side)



## 4.1.3 Allocation of the Connection Cable for GPS-Receiver (Garmin GPS35) :

5 pole connector  
(MWS 5MV-Heating and GPS-connection)

Pin 1	(GND GPS)	←————→	Garmin GPS35 GND
Pin 2	free		
Pin 3	free		
Pin 4	(Signal GPS)	←————→	Garmin GPS35 Out
Pin 5	(VCC GPS-10..24VDC)	←————→	Garmin GPS35 VCC

#### NOTE

The cable for the heating is 10 m long and can neither be lengthened nor shortened.  
A GPS-receiver is connected to an MWS 5M with heating via the combined socket for GPS and heating with 2 separate cables and a special adaptor.

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## 4.1.4 Allocation of the Connection Cable for MWS 5M with RS422 / 485-port

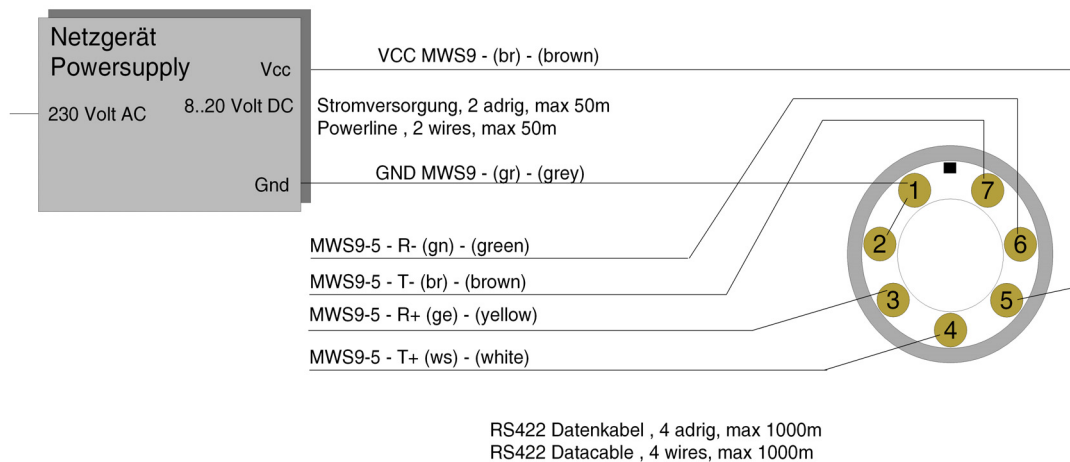
7 pole connector  
(MWS 5M-power supply and data-connection)

Pin 1	(GND)	←—————→	PSU-GND (grey)	- old:(green)
Pin 2	(+5V from USB-Port)			
Pin 3	(R+ of MWS 5M)	←—————→	wire (yellow)	
Pin 4	(T+ of MWS 5M)	←—————→	wire (white)	
Pin 5	(VCC 12VDC)	←—————→	PSU-VCC (pink)	- old:(brown)
Pin 6	(R- of MWS 5M)	←—————→	wire (green)	- old:(pink)
Pin 7	(T- of MWS 5M)	←—————→	wire (brown)	- old:(grey)

### MWS Datenkabel RS422 - MWS Datacable RS422

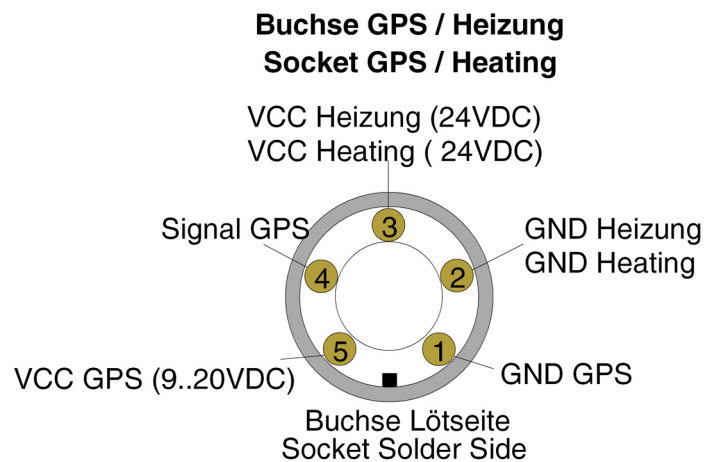
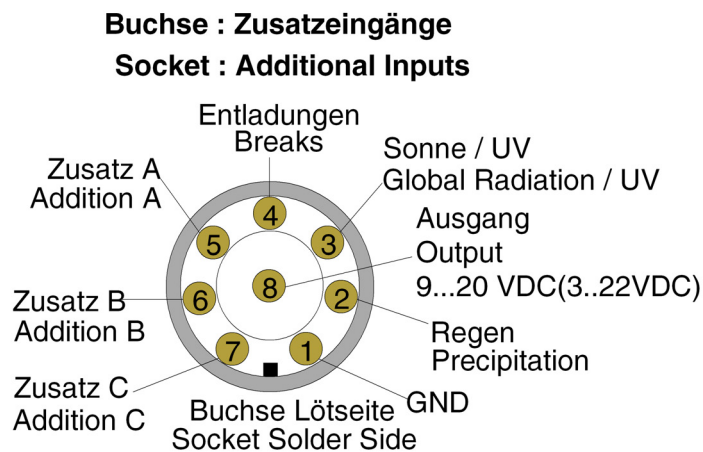
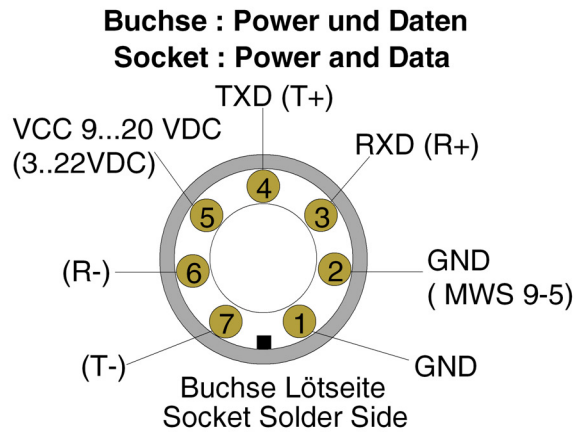
(Stand 07.10.2008)

(alle Ansichten auf die Lötseite - all views onto solder side)



## 4.2 Pin assignments

### 4.2.1 Allocation of the MWS 5MV-Connection Sockets



## 5 Excerpts from the Directions of DWD for Automatic Weather Stations

### 2.2 Regulations for Installation

#### 2.2.1 Demands on Location

When you choose a place for the weather station, there must be no impediments, its horizon must be free. Soil and plants must be representative for its surroundings.

For measuring wind it is compulsory that there are no obstacles. Measuring the duration of sunshine especially is based on a free horizon.

When transmitting stations such as directional radio or installations for air traffic control are near, there must be additional shielding.

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All preventive measures will prove useless if radio medium frequency transmitters are around.

#### 2.2.2 Measuring field

The measuring field ought to be 10 x 10m, but at least 6 x 6m...

### 3. Sensors

#### 3.1 Measuring air temperature 200cm

By standard, air temperature is measured 2m above ground...

In order to keep radiation errors as low as possible, air temperature ought to be measured in a weather hut...

#### 3.4 Measuring relative air humidity 200cm

By standard, relative air humidity is measured 2m above ground...

#### 3.5 Measuring precipitation 100cm

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The collecting area is 200cm<sup>2</sup>. The Hornersche Wippe (see-saw) tilts when it is filled with 2cm<sup>2</sup>, i.e. 0.1 mm precipitation.

#### 3.7 Measuring windspeed

A cup anemometer is used for measuring wind speed. Its rotational speed is proportional to the horizontal wind speed.

#### 3.8 Measuring wind direction

A wind vane with a perpendicular rotary shaft is used for measuring wind direction. Its orientation in the wind results from the pressure difference on both sides of the vane.

By standard wind direction and wind speed is measured 10m above ground

## 6 Trouble Shooting

If the weather station is placed and mounted as described, there should be no problems in recording data.

When having problems with data transmission, you may decrease the Baud-rate or shorten the cable. You should use low capacitive cable when using cable length over 15m (RS232).

Using the weatherstation in industrial environment can cause big problems in data transmission or even storing in the logger, when disturbance scatters into the cable. In this case you should use shielded cable or use RS422 Interface.

If the sensor has got any kind of malfunction (i.e. no windvalues, no rain measurement,...), you've got the possibility to reset the Sensor without plugging off the cable. The command for resetting the Sensor is !\*. The Sensor then stops triggering the watchdog and a complete reset is performed after 1.6 seconds. The Sensor now will startup in the same way like the cable is plugged in the first time. For this the clock needs to be set again!

### 6.1 Fault Protocol File (16 bit versions)

Important in case of fault

Whenever you restart the software, all versions of the weather software later than V1.06 create a protocol file of the data transmissions between PC and weather station. With DOS-versions this file is called DIAGNOSE.LOG, with WINDOWS-versions DIAG\_WS.LOG.

This file can help you, so do save it **in any case**, as it is overwritten whenever you restart the software.

Please see the files .DOC or .DOK too. You will find important new information on the MWS 9-5-software which is not yet in this manual.

### 6.2 Protocol-files (32 bit versions)

#### 6.2.1 Log-file in case of error (ErrLog.txt)

Softwareversions for sensors without logger same or newer than V2.26 write a log-file (**ErrLog.txt**) in case of errors (dataerrors or transmission problems), in which the timepoint and kind of the error is stored. Older versions displayed an error-message like **!p** or **data error**, which was displayed permanently until the user clicked it away. This caused the problem that no further data were written for the time the message was visible although the error did not exist any longer.

In version same or newer V2.26 also an error message appears, but this message is deleted automatically when the error is removed. In this case an entry is written into the log-file.

#### 6.2.2 Logfile when starting up (log.dat)

When the software for weatherstations and sensors with logger is started, the communications between the computer and the weatherstation is stored in a log-file (**log.dat**). With this file you may get important hints in case of problems.

**Caution!** This log-file is overwritten each time, when the software is restarted. To keep this file, store it in another place or rename it.  
software.

## 6.3 RS422/RS485 port

Using RS422/RS485 needs special treatment:

After applying power to the weather station or after power fail the TX-wire of the weather station is disabled (set to TRI-state) due to safety reasons, this means that the weather station sends NO data.

To enable the weather station, you need to transmit a ? (ASCII 63) to the weather station. Only then the weather station begins to send data.

When using the enclosed REINHARDT software this will be performed automatically!

Otherways you may use the tool ENA422.EXE which allows to send a string to the weather station over the COM-port.

To do this, at first the COM-port settings need to be set with the tool „MWS5MSET.EXE“, for writing the INI-file „WS\_CFG.INI“ for the COM-port.

Then you can send the required ? to the weather station with „ENA422 P-?“ .

**CAUTION:**

Firmware versions from 2.17 or later activate the COM-port immediately!

Thus with RS422 data will be sent without enabling of the COM-port.

With RS485 the port also is active immediately after power is applied, but of course no data will be visible on the data lines for with RS485 data are only sent on request.

Initialisation of the weather station and memory check are performed as well, like with all other COM-port configurations, but you won't see any data on the COM-port for the output is TRI-state!

While initialisation, which will need up to 2 minutes, the weather station will not accept any command!

To send a command to a weather station with RS485, you always must insert the device address of the weather station between the ! or the ? and the command, otherways the weather station won't accept the command! Default address of weatherstations with RS485 is 1.

The command for reading the latest datastring is ?1U (opposite to ?U with all other COM-port configurations)!

## 7 Options

### 7.1 Option LCD-Display

The optional LCD-display for MWS5M/MWS 9/ weather and climate sensors displays the weather data and, if you like, also time, date and up to 4 comment lines in an automatic run.

#### 7.1.1 Ways of displaying the data

Display can be in parallel to recording with the PC or even without a PC.  
If the display is connected to a PC, you connect the standard-MWS5-cable to the display and connect it to the COM-Port of the PC (connection cable LCD - PC).

#### NOTE



*For use of the LCD-display, you need a power supply with a special wiring (Standard supply with 12VDC voltage applied to pin 1 of the 9-pole interface connector! ).  
Never connect this cabling with its special wiring to the interface of your PC, as the 12 V at pin 1 of the interface connector might destroy the PC-interface !!!*

#### 7.1.2 Changing the Configuration

A terminal program helps to display all sensors, time, date and comment lines on the LCD display. Turn the switch on the rear of the LCD to "SET" in order to set this.

After you have switched the SET-mode, you ought to plug in and out the voltage supply of the display (9-pole connector) for initialising.

Start a terminal program with data of interface and Baud-rate and make your settings (e.g. terminal #2 9600).

When you are in the SET-mode and make your settings, both display and terminal program will send the message "Keine Wetterdaten" about every 5sec, as in the SET-mode the connection to the weather station is interrupted.

When you set the display, please wait for the message "Keine Wetterdaten" after the data are transmitted (#10 - Line feed) before you enter the following parameter; otherwise the display possibly does not react on your new entry.

After you have made all your settings, you turn the switch to "STANDARD" and initialise the display by plugging in and out the voltage supply. It takes about 20sec (max.), until the display receives data from the weather station and displays them.

If a MWS5MV weather station is connected to your display, time and date will be adopted from MWS5MV.

#### NOTE

*While you make your settings in the SET-mode, no data are transmitted from the weather station to PC or display !!*

## 7.1.3 Commands for Controlling the Display

### 7.1.3.1 Control parameters

<i>Fade out sensor</i> (maximum 1 character)	:	!S<SENSORNUMBER>,a #13
<i>Fade in sensor</i> (maximum 1 character)	:	!S<SENSORNUMBER>,e #13
<i>Text in clear for sensor</i> (maximum 10 characters)	:	!T<SENSORNUMBER>,<TEXT> #13
<i>Unit for sensor</i> (maximum 5 characters)	:	!E<SENSORNUMBER>,<UNIT> #13
<i>Output position of a sensor</i>	:	!K<SENSORNUMBER>,<IDENTIFICATION> #13
<i>Input of comment lines</i> (maximum 21 characters)	:	!W<LINENUMBER (0..3)>,<TEXT> #13
<i>Setting speed</i> (factors 0 to 10 are possible; rate of change is calculated as follows: Time = Factor * 2.55 + 4.55 seconds)	:	!D<Factor> #13
<i>Selecting the clock</i>	:	!U<I / E / K> #13 (internal, external, no)
<i>Setting Time / Date</i>	:	!U<SSMMSSTTMMJJ> #13
<i>Status query</i>	:	?S#13
<i>Little help</i>	:	?H #13

Default sensor numbers (maximum 2 characters):

00	:	Time
01	:	Date
02	:	Temperature
03	:	Windchill
04	:	Pressure
05	:	Humidity
06	:	Solar Energy
07	:	UV-Radiation
08	:	Precipitation
09	:	Wind Speed
10	:	Wind Peak
11	:	Average Wind
12	:	Wind Direction
13	:	Leaf Moisture
14	:	Lightning / Breaks
15	:	Additional Sensor A
16	:	Additional Sensor B

#### NOTE

You create a "#10" (Line feed) by holding down the ALTGR-key and typing 10 (number part of your keyboard) and then leave go the ALTGR-key or by holding down the STRG (CTRL)-key and using the ENTER-key!

External failures (power failure, HF-interference, operating error, ...) can in the worst case reset the microcontroller to its default values. This means that baud rate and display rate may change so that the changed values could give the wrong impression that there is a defect. Baud rate by default is 4800 BAUD and the maximum display interval is about ca 30 sec.

## 8 Technical Appendix

### 8.1 Control parameters for calibrating an additional sensor

**PLEASE NOTE:**

<#13> stands for ASCII-character 13, (Carriage Return).

The command can also be closed with <#13><#10> (<CARRIAGE RETURN> - <LINE FEED>, i.e. <CR><LF>).

**Changing from Measured Value output and Adjustment Mode (voltage output):**

!' 'W' <#13>

**Transmitting the linearisation data:**

!' 'L' <SENSORNUMBER> '!' <INDEX : 1..6> '!' 'F'  
<VOLTAGE(mV)> <#13>

!' 'L' <SENSORNUMBER> '!' <INDEX : 1..6> '!' 'W'  
<ANALOGVALUE> <#13>

E.g.: You measure 3054 V at 24.5 °C for additional sensor A in the 3rd position of your adjustment table, it will look like this :

!L14,3,F3054 <#13>

!L14,3,W24.5 <#13>

## 8.2 Controlling the Microcontroller

### 8.2.1 Input parameters of MWS5MV-Microprocessor

**Reset ( Versions same or newer than 2.28):**

!' \*' <#13>

**Changing the BAUD-Rate:**

!' 'B' <X> <#13> ; 0 < X < 8 :

BAUD-Rate for X = 0 : 300  
1 : 600  
2 : 1200  
3 : 2400  
4 : 4800  
5 : 9600 (Default)  
6 : 19200  
7 : 38400  
8 : 76800

**Continue reading the logger the output after an interruption**

!' 'C' <#13>

NOTE:

*After voltage is applied, the sensor ALWAYS is set to 9600 BAUD. If the Baud-rate has been changed by mistake, you can set the sensor to its correct baud-rate during the RAM-test (.....) .*

**Input-flags for control (e.g. immediate store), !Fx, 0 <= x <= 255**

Bit 7 - DEBUG\_OUTPUT (In reading out RAM, it also edits @ -  
Note : Not in the Page mode)

Bit 6 - Output of device address (DA) with <CR><LF> in front of every data record

Bit 5 - Resets the lightning-input once every day (Version 2.24 and later)

Bit 4 - Connection of serial Reinhardt-sensors to the GPS-input (Version 2.24 and later)

Bit 3 - ALTERNATIVE SENSORS (Version 2.13 and later)

(outputs alternative sensors (valuePort A and GPS-satellites) instead of the Standard-sensors in position 31 (PW-FAIL WD) and 32 (PW-Fail))

Bit 2 - De-activates internal GPS-determination of local altitude

Bit 1 - Does not take local altitude from the GPS-receiver

Bit 0 - Immediate Store - Stores immediately after plugging in inspite of incorrect time

Example :

!' 'F0' <#13> ; Writes into the datalogger only after the clock is set

!' 'F1' <#13> ; Writes into the datalogger at once (incorrect time)

!' 'F12' <#13> ; Does not take local altitude from the GPS and outputs alternative sensors

**Changing from measured value output and adjustment mode (output of frequency):**

!' 'W' <#13>

**Fading in/out single sensors (All available sensors are listed on a following page.)**

!' 'KX,A0' <#13> ; No output of sensor with output-number X

!' 'KX,A1' <#13> ; Output of sensor with output-number X

**Sensor attenuation for turn sensor on / off**

!' 'KX,M0' <#13> ; Sensor with output-number X is not attenuated

!' 'KX,M1' <#13> ; Sensor with output-number X is attenuated

'!' 'L' <SENSORNUMBER> '!' <INDEX : 1..6> '!'  
'F' <VOLTAGE(mV)> <#13>

'!' 'L' <SENSORNUMBER> '!' <INDEX : 1..6> '!' ' '  
'W' <ANALOGVALUE><#13>

### Setting the general averaging size

'!' 'MX' <#13> ; 1 <= X <= 255 ; X = 0 : averaging off

### Setting local altitude for correct display of barometric pressure

'!' 'O' <LOCALALTITUDE(m)> <#13>

### Resetting windpeak and average wind

(only if storage interval is set to 0 (deactivated))

'!' 'P' <#13>

### Setting the compression quality

'!' 'QX' <#13>; 2 <= X <= 255 ;

X = 0 : highest compression, (1 complete set/ day)

X = 1 : every record is complete (compression off)

X = 2 : every 2nd record is complete

X = 3 : every 3rd record is complete ...

### Resetting the rain/precipitation measurement

'!' 'R' <X> <#13> X means every hour on the hour for rain reset, if storage interval > 0

'!' 'R' <#13> Resets rain to 0, if storage interval = 0

### Turning on / off the interface (Protocol-Select)

**NOTE: These settings are very complicated and sensitive.**

**In case of wrong operation, the sensor can be obstructed irreparably.**



'!' 'SX' <#13> Suppresses the data output to the interface

**X is the decimal value of the following binary list for the various protocols.**

Binary list of the protocol-parameter for X.

X (binary) =

xxxxxx00b : RS232 - MWS 9-5 transmits a data record every 2 sec

xxxxxx01b : RS422 - MWS 9-5 transmits a data record every 2 sec

xxxxxx10b : RS485 - MWS 9-5 is addressed and transmits on request

xxxxxx11b : Profibus - MWS 9-5 is addressed and transmits on request

xxxxx1xxb : MWS 9-5 transmits on request only (RS232 + RS422)

xxxx1xxx b : MWS 9-5 transmits when writing on datalogger and on request

xxx0xxxxb : Output in ASCII-format and German date

xxx1xxxxb : Output in ASCII-format and American date

xx1xxxxxb : Output in compressed format

By combination (addition) of single binary values, you can combine the parameters.

Example for MWS9-5 with RS422 transmits on request only :

X for RS422 (binary) = xxxxxx01

X for transmits on request (binary) = xxxxx1xx

adds --> = xxxxx101 --> Decimal = 5 --> !S5<#13>

**CAUTION: With RS485 after the ! or ? always the device address must be inserted! Other ways the command won't be accepted! (Standard@ = 1)**

### Set date and time:

!' 'U' <TIME DATE in format HHMMSSDDMMYY> <#13>

Example: !U092030100501#13 sets the clock to 9 o'clock 20min and 30sec on 10.5.01

**Set memory interval for the RAM:**

!' 'Z' <INTERVAL in 10 Second-Steps> <#13>

oder

!' 'ZD' <INTERVAL in 2 Second Steps> <#13>

Example: !Z1#13 stores a data file every 10 seconds

!Z3#13 stores every 30 seconds

!ZD5#13 every 10 seconds

!ZD1#13 every 2 seconds

!Z12#13 every 2minutes ...etc

(Maximum Z249 = 41 minutes 30 seconds)

**Time zone with GPS-reception (deviation from UTC-time):**

!' 'ZZ' <full hours> <#13>

## 8.2.2 Querying the Microprocessor

**Call the current data file:**

'?' 'U' <#13>

**Read out stored data from address 00H and following**

'?' 'Y' <#13>

**Read out stored data at a certain time:**

'?' 'D' <TIME DATE in format HHMMSSDDMMYY> <#13>

**Call all the stored data:**

'?' 'D' '000000000000' <#13>

**Interrupt the data output:**

<#13>

**Continue the data output after the moment of interrupt:**

!' 'C' <#13>

**Call linearisation data, sensor configuration and system information:**

!' '?' <#13>

**Since  $\mu$ P Version 2.39 the command !? can be combined with a sensor-number, i.e.:**

!' '?0' <#13>

Only the info about the main configuration will be sent.

!' '?1' <#13>

Only the info about the configuration of the sensors will be sent.

!' '?2' <#13>

Only the info about the sensor 2 (temperature) will be sent.

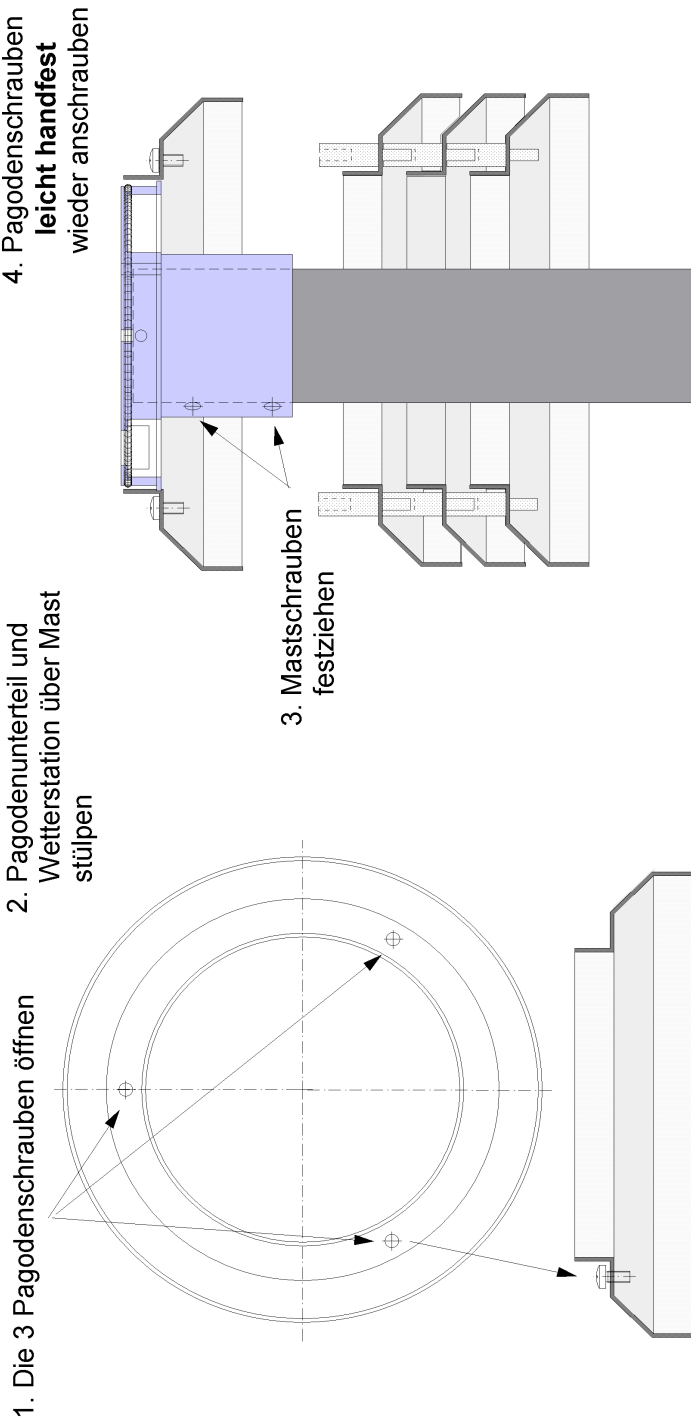
...and so on.

## 8.2.3 Order of the MWS5M Sensors

<i>Output-Number</i>	<i>Sensornumber</i>	<i>Sensor</i>	<i>default</i>
1	1	Time	on
2	0	Date	on
3	2	Temperature	on
4	3	Global radiation	off
5	4	Pressure	on
6	5	Addition1	off
7	7	Addition2	off
8	9	Addition3	off
9	6	Global radiation external	off
10	8	Wind direction	on
11	18	Prevailing wind direction	on
12	10	Humidity	on
13	11	Rain	off
14	12	Average rain	off
15	13	Wind speed	on
16	14	Wind peak	on
17	15	Average wind	on
18	16	Lightning	off
19	17	Windchill	on
20	19	GPS Local altitude	off
21	20	GPS X-coordinate	off
22	21	GPS Y-coordinate	off
23	22	GPS speed	off
24	25	Internal temperature	off
25	26	Internal reference voltage	off
26	27	Operating voltage	off
27	28	Voltage heating control	off
28	29	Leaf moisture	off
29	30	Powerfail Watchdog	off
30	31	Powerfail voltage regulator	off

9 Instructions for Mounting the MWS5M Weather Station

Anleitung zum Befestigen der Wetterstation



## 10 Packing MWS 5MV properly

In case you want to ship your MWS 5MV, you must use the original packing. This packing was especially designed for MWS 5MV. It is the best protection against damage or destruction during transport. In this packing it will not even be damaged if it falls from 1 m height onto a stone floor.

Do not fill the packing with polystyrene flakes. They could damage the wind vanes when the package is closed as there might be high pressure.

## 11 Exchange Connectors

In case you have to replace connectors, please contact:

Fa. Adam, Tel: ++49 (0)8131 - 2808 51

The connectors belong to Series 711.

Below you will find the order numbers:

5way connector (heating / GPS) : **99-0095-102-05**

7way connector (data and power-supply) : **99-0475-102-07**

8way connector (additional sensors) : **99-0479-102-08**

Of course, you can order the connectors from REINHARDT.

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