

# SolData Digital Module 104DM

## DESCRIPTION

### Purpose

The digital module can be used with a pyranometer, a thermocouple, a UV detector or other sensor. The module provides a digital display which can be programmed to show the physical units desired. Add-on features are available for e.g. 0-20 mA current loop output or relays which can activate two on/ off switches for alarms or for initiation of control functions.

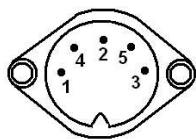
### Pyranometer application

A SolData pyranometer typically has a calibration factor of

$$K = 160 \text{ mV}/(\text{kW}/\text{m}^2)$$

The 104DM module is normally supplied programmed and ready to use including a 5 pole DIN connector which is used to connect the pyranometer cable to the instrument. The pin connections are as follows:

**Pin 5: ground**  
**Pin 1: signal input**



If a change in the setup (e.g. to program a change in the calibration factor) is required, then briefly press the **OK**-button on the right hand side of the display. Next choose VOLT as input type. Selections are made by pressing the **arrow-up** and **arrow-down** buttons followed by **OK**. Choose **0-1** volts as the input interval. Choose **no decimal point**. Choose **0** for DI-LO, so that "0000" is displayed when the input voltage equals zero. If the display is to show millivolts, then **9999** should be selected for DI-HI. One will usually want the display to show the value of the solar irradiance directly in  $\text{W}/\text{m}^2$ , i.e. that the display shows 1000, when the input voltage equals the value of  $K$ . This can be accomplished by using the formula:

$$\text{DI-HI} = 1000000/K$$

For example, if  $K = 160$ , then one should set  $\text{DI-HI} = 1000000/160 = 6250$ . With this selection



*A continuous display of the solar irradiance directly in watts per square meter can be achieved by using the SolData type 104DM display module shown above.*

1000 mV will yield "6250" on the display, and 160 mV will show "1000".

### Digital thermometer application

If the display module is to be used instead as a digital thermometer display, then standard K-type thermocouple wire can be used. Connect the K-type thermocouple wire as described below:

- 1) Remove the two screws from the bottom of the instrument housing and take off the lid.
- 2) Feed the thermocouple wire for connection to the instrument through the hole on the rear panel marked "K-type TC".
- 3) Connect the leads to screw terminal connections 43 (plus) and 41 (minus).

Program the unit by briefly pressing OK. Then choose TEMP, OK, °C, OK, TC. K, OK, 111.1, OK, 0 20, OK, 0, OK, 50, 0 mA, OK, NO, OK. Here a display interval of from 0 to 50°C has been chosen, but other ranges can of course be selected instead. If the 0-20 mA output add-on option is available, then it is connected to the DIN connector terminals 2 (plus) and 5 (minus). Use the cable provided to make your connection to a datalogger. Zero mA will correspond to 0°C, and 20 mA will correspond to 50°C.

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