

FT0073 Wireless Indoor/Outdoor 8-Channel Thermo-Hygrometer with Three Remote Display User Manual

1 Introduction

Thank you for your purchase of the FT0073 Wireless Indoor/Outdoor 8-Channel Thermo-Hygrometer with Three Remote Display. The following user guide provides step by step instructions for installation, operation and troubleshooting.

2 Getting Started



Note: The power up sequence must be performed in the order shown in this section (insert batteries in the remote transmitter(s) first, Display Console second).

The FT0073 weather station consists of a display console (receiver), and three thermo-hygrometers (remote transmitters).

2.1 Parts List

QTY	Item
1	Display Console Frame Dimensions (LxHxW): 11.5 x 12.5 x 2.4cm LCD Dimensions (LxW): 9.5 x 8.0cm
3	Thermo-hygrometer transmitter (FT007TH) Dimensions (LxHxW): 11 x 4.5 x 2.1cm

2.2 Recommend Tools

Hammer and nail for hanging remote thermo-hygrometer transmitter(s).

2.3 Thermo-Hygrometer Sensor Set Up



Note: Do not use rechargeable batteries. We recommend fresh alkaline batteries for outdoor temperature ranges between -20 °C and 60 °C and fresh lithium batteries for outdoor temperature ranges between -40 °C and 60 °C.

1. Remove the battery door on the back of the transmitter(s) by removing the set screw, as shown in Figure 1 .

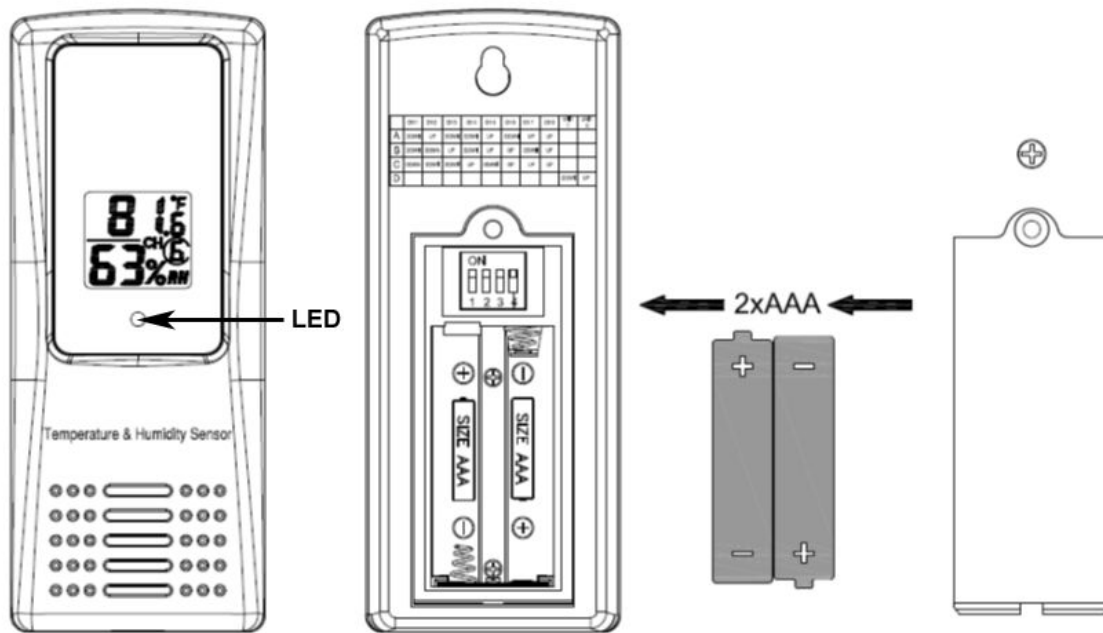


Figure 1

2. **BEFORE** inserting the batteries, locate the dip switches on the inside cover of the lid of the transmitter.
Figure 2 displays all four switches in the OFF position (factory default setting).



Figure 2

3. **Channel Number:** The FT0073 supports up to eight transmitters, and includes three transmitters. To set each channel number (the default is Channel 1), change Dip Switches 1, 2 and 3, as referenced in Table 1.
4. **Temperature Units of Measure:** To change the transmitter display units of measure (°F vs. °C), change Dip Switch 4, as referenced in Table 1.

DIP SWITCH				FUNCTION
1	2	3	4	
DOWN	DOWN	DOWN	---	Channel 1
DOWN	DOWN	UP	---	Channel 2
DOWN	UP	DOWN	---	Channel 3
DOWN	UP	UP	---	Channel 4
UP	DOWN	DOWN	---	Channel 5
UP	DOWN	UP	---	Channel 6
UP	UP	DOWN	---	Channel 7
UP	UP	UP	---	Channel 8
---	---	---	DOWN	°F
---	---	---	UP	°C

Table 1

5. Insert two AAA batteries.
6. After inserting the batteries, the remote sensor LED indicator will light for 4 seconds, and then flash once per 60 seconds thereafter. Each time it flashes, the sensor is transmitting data.
7. Verify the correct channel number (CH) and temperature units of measure (°F vs. °C) are on the display, as shown in Figure 3.

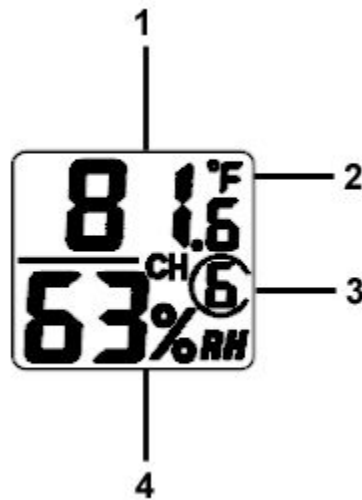


Figure 3

- (1) temperature
- (2) temperature units (°F vs. °C)
- (3) channel number
- (4) relative humidity

8. Close the battery door. Make sure the gasket (around the battery compartment) is properly seated in its trace prior to closing the door. Tighten the set screw.
9. Repeat for the additional remote transmitters, verifying each remote is on a different channel.

2.4 Display Console Set Up

1. Move the transmitters(s) about 1-3 meters away from the display console (if the transmitters are too close, they may not be received by the display console). With multiple transmitters, make sure all transmitters are powered up and displaying different channels on the display.
2. Remove the battery door on the back of the display, as shown in Figure 4. Insert four AAA (alkaline or lithium, avoid rechargeable) batteries into the back of the display console.

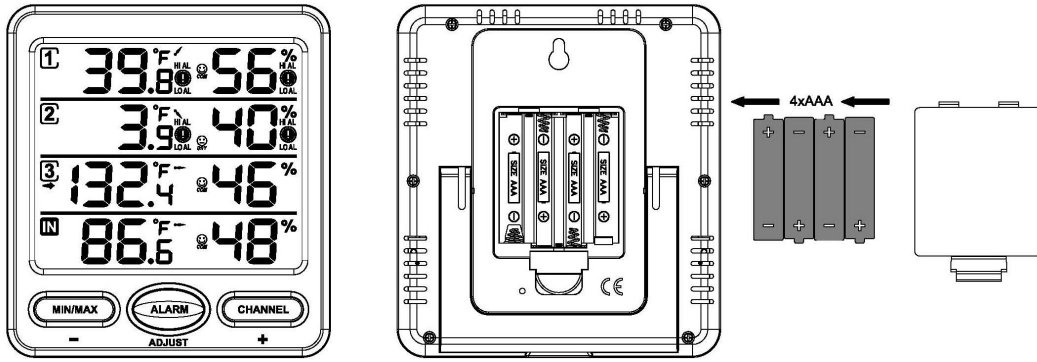


Figure 4

All of the LCD segments will light up for a few seconds to verify all segments are operating properly.

3. Replace the battery door, and fold out the desk stand and place the console in the upright position.

The console will instantly display indoor temperature and humidity as designated by the **IN** icon. The three remote temperature and humidity sensor channels will update on the display within a few minutes on the appropriate channel.

While in the search mode, the remote search icon  will be constantly displayed.

If you have more than three remote sensors (additional channels 4-8 are supported), the display will automatically toggle between sensors until all sensors have reported in.

Do not touch any buttons until all of the remote sensors have reported in, or the radio search icon  is no longer on, otherwise the remote sensor search mode will be terminated. When the remote sensors have been received, the console will automatically switch to the normal mode, and all further settings can be performed.

If the remotes do not update, please reference the troubleshooting guide in Section 8.

2.4.1 Display Console Layout

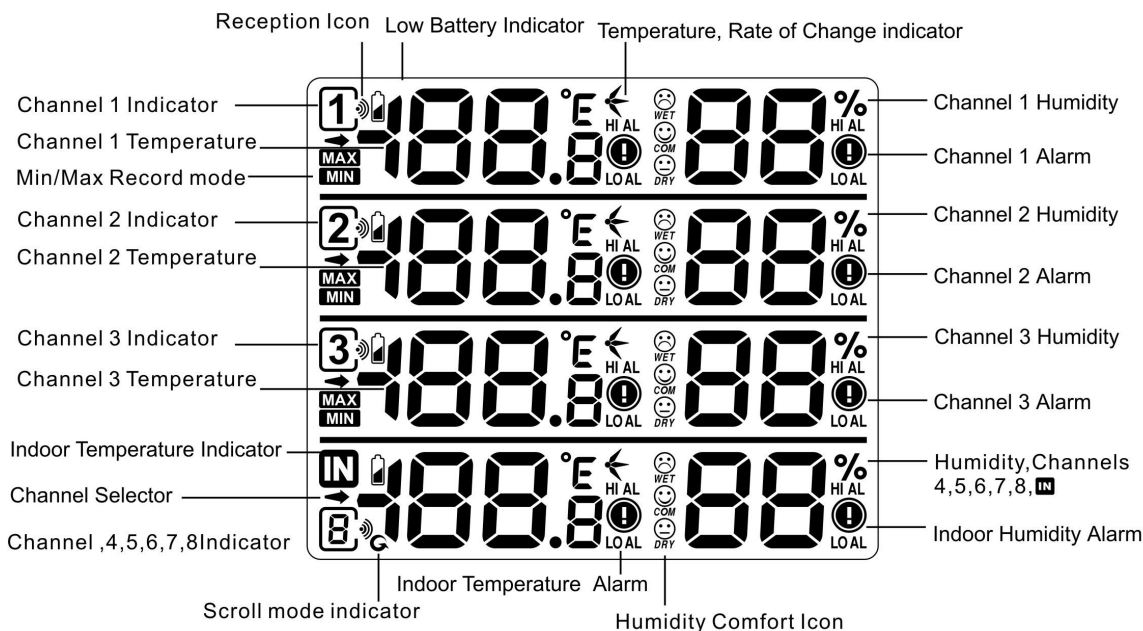


Figure 5

2.4.2 Sensor Operation Verification

Verify the humidity sensors match closely with the console and the sensors are in the same location (about 1-3 meters apart). The sensors should agree within 10% (the accuracy is $\pm 5\%$). Allow about 30 minutes for all sensors to stabilize. The humidity can be adjusted or calibrated later to match each other a known source.

Verify the temperature sensors match closely with the console and sensor array in the same location (about 1-3 meters apart). The sensors should be within 2°C (the accuracy is $\pm 1^{\circ}\text{C}$). Allow about 30 minutes for all sensors to stabilize. The temperature can be adjusted or calibrated later to match each other or a known source.

3 Remote Sensor Installation

If you mount one or more of the sensors outside, it is recommended you mount the sensor(s) on a north facing wall, in a shaded area. Direct sunlight and radiant heat sources will result in inaccurate temperature readings. Although the sensors are water resistant, it is best to mount in a well protected area, such as under an eave. Use a screw or nail (not included) to affix the remote sensor to the wall, as shown in Figure 6.

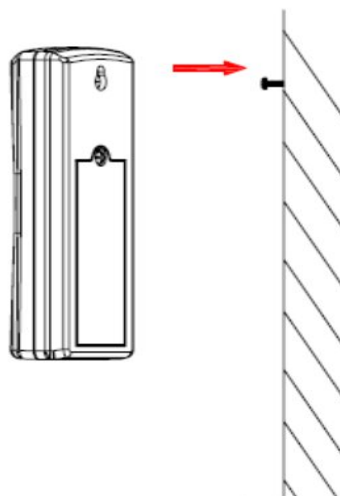


Figure 6

4 Display Features

4.1 Comfort Icon

The comfort icon is based on humidity ranges specified in Figure 7. The icon is displayed for indoor humidity, remote channel 1-3 humidity and optional remote channels 4 through 8 humidity.

RH<45%	RH 45%~65%	RH >65%
Dry	Comfortable	Wet

Figure 7

4.2 Rate of Change Icon

The rate of change icon detects rapid changes in temperature. If the arrow points upward, the temperature is increasing at a rate of +2°C per 30 minutes (or greater). If the arrow points downward, the temperature is decreasing at a rate of -2°C per 30 minutes (or less).

5 Console Operation

Note: The console has three buttons for easy operation: **MIN/MAX/-** button, **ALARM/ADJUST** button, and **CHANNEL/+** button.

5.1 Channel Selection

Press the **CHANNEL/+** button to switch the display between the Channel 1 temperature and humidity, Channel 2 temperature and humidity, Channel 3 temperature and humidity, indoor temperature and humidity , remote sensors 4 through 8, and scroll mode . The channel indication arrow will point at the selected channel. In scroll mode, the indoor temperature and humidity, and Channels

4-8 will alternately be displayed in five second intervals.

5.2 High and Low Alarm

You can set a high and low temperature and humidity alarm on the **Channel 1, Channel 2, Channel 3** and **Indoor** temperature and humidity. If the alarm is exceeded, a audible alert will occur and the alarm value will flash. To silence the alarm, press any button.

To set the alarm, or adjust the high and low alarm settings, press the **CHANNEL/+** button until the channel indication arrow  points at the selected channel.

5.2.2 Alarm Defaults

Channel	Default Condition	HI ALARM (temperature) °C	LOW ALARM (temperature) °C	HI ALARM (humidity) %	LOW ALARM (humidity) %
1,2,3	OFF	60	-20	90	30
Indoor	OFF	35	10	80	40

5.2.2 Setting the Min and Max Alarm

With the indicator arrow  pointing at the appropriate channel, press and hold the **ALARM** button for 3 seconds, and the temperature **HIGH** alarm will flash. Press the **CHANNEL/+** button to increase the **HIGH** alarm and the **MIN/MAX/-** button to decrease the **HIGH** alarm. Press and hold the + or - button to change rapidly. While the alarm value is flashing, press and hold the **ALARM** button for three seconds to toggle the alarm on and off the alarm. The alarm icon will appear  when set, and disappear when disabled.

Press (do not hold) the **ALARM** button again to enter the **LOW** temperature alarm. The **LOW** alarm for temperature will flash. Press the **CHANNEL/+** button to increase the **LOW** alarm and the **MIN/MAX/-** button to decrease the **LOW** alarm. Press and hold the + or - button to change rapidly. While the alarm value is flashing, press and hold the **ALARM** button for three seconds to toggle the alarm on and off the alarm. The alarm icon will appear  when set, and disappear when disabled.

Press (do not hold) the **ALARM** button again to enter the **HIGH** humidity alarm. The humidity **HIGH** alarm will flash. Press the **CHANNEL/+** button to increase the **HIGH** alarm and the **MIN/MAX/-** button to decrease the **HIGH** alarm. Press and hold the + or - button to change rapidly. While the alarm value is flashing, press and hold the **ALARM** button for three seconds to toggle the alarm on and off the alarm. The alarm icon will appear  when set, and disappear when disabled.

Press (do not hold) the **ALARM** button again to enter the **LOW** humidity alarm. The humidity **LOW** alarm will flash. Press the **CHANNEL/+** button to increase the **LOW** alarm and the **MIN/MAX/-** button to decrease the **LOW** alarm. Press and hold the + or - button to change rapidly. While the alarm value is flashing, press and hold the **ALARM** button for three seconds to toggle the alarm on and off the alarm. The alarm icon will appear  when set, and disappear when disabled.

When complete, press the **ALARM** button again, and the display will return to normal mode. When a temperature or humidity alarm condition has been triggered, the alarm will sound for 120 seconds, and flash until the temperature or humidity condition is no longer valid. Press any key to silence the alarm.

The alarm will reactivate automatically once the value has exceeded the alarm limit again. To avoid repeated alarms, you should disable the alarm function or set it to a new value.

5.2.2 Viewing the High and Low Alarms

With the indicator arrow  pointing at the indoor or channel 1-3, press the **ALARM** button once to view the High alarm, and press the **ALARM** button again to view the Low alarm limits at all.

5.3 Reset Max/Min

With the indicator arrow  pointing at the appropriate channel, press the **MIN/MAX/-** button once to check the MAX values, press and hold the **MIN/MAX/-** button for 3 seconds to restore the MAX values to the current value.

Press the **MIN/MAX/-** button once again to check the MIN values, press and hold the **MIN/MAX/-** button for 3 seconds to restore the MIN values to the current value.

When complete, press the **MIN/MAX/-** button again, and the display will return to normal mode.

5.4 Temperature Units of Measure

The default temperature units of measure are degrees Fahrenheit. To toggle between degrees Celsius and degrees Fahrenheit, press and hold the **MIN/MAX** button for 3 seconds while in normal mode.

5.5 Sensor Search Mode

If any of the sensor communication is lost, dashes (--.) will be displayed on the screen. To reacquire the signal:

1. If a specific channel is lost, press the **CHANNEL/+** button until the channel indication arrow  is pointing at the appropriate channel.
Press and hold the **CHANNEL/+** button for 3 seconds, and the remote search icon  will be constantly displayed for up to 10 minutes.
Once the signal is reacquired, the remote search icon  will turn off, and the current value will be displayed.
2. If new sensors are added, subtracted, or multiple sensor channels are lost, press the **CHANNEL/+** button until the channel indication arrow  is pointing at the indoor temperature and humidity **IN**. Press and hold the **CHANNEL/+** button for 3 seconds, and the remote search icon  will be constantly displayed for up to 10 minutes. Once the signal is reacquired, the remote search icon  will turn off, and the current value will be displayed.

5.6 Best Practices for Wireless Communication

Wireless communication is susceptible to interference, distance, walls and metal barriers. We recommend the following best practices for trouble free wireless communication.

1. **Electro-Magnetic Interference (EMI).** Keep the console several feet away from computer monitors and TVs.
2. **Radio Frequency Interference (RFI).** If you have other 433 MHz devices and communication is intermittent, try turning off these other devices for troubleshooting purposes. You may need to relocate the transmitters or receivers to avoid intermittent communication.
3. **Line of Sight Rating.** This device is rated at 300 feet line of sight (no interference, barriers or walls) but typically you will get 100 feet maximum under most real-world installations, which include passing through barriers or walls.
4. **Metal Barriers.** Radio frequency will not pass through metal barriers such as aluminum

siding. If you have metal siding, align the remote and console through a window to get a clear line of sight.

5.7 Adjustment or Calibration

 **Note:** The calibrated value can only be adjusted on the console. The remote sensor(s) always displays the un-calibrated or measured value.

 **Note:** The measured humidity range is between 10 and 99%. Humidity cannot be accurately measured outside of this range. Thus, the humidity cannot be calibrated below 10% or above 99%.

The purpose of calibration is to fine tune or correct for any sensor error associated with the devices margin of error. The measurement can be adjusted from the console to calibrate to a known source.

Calibration is only useful if you have a known calibrated source you can compare it against, and is optional. This section discusses practices, procedures and sources for sensor calibration to reduce manufacturing and degradation errors. Do not compare your readings obtained from sources such as the internet, radio, television or newspapers. They are in a different location and typically update once per hour.

The purpose of your weather station is to measure conditions of your surroundings, which vary significantly from location to location.

5.8.1 Humidity Calibration

Prior to entering the calibration mode, press the **CHANNEL/+** button to select the humidity sensor you wish to adjust.

To enter the humidity calibration mode, press and hold the **ALARM/ADJUST** and **MIN/MAX/-** buttons at the same time for 5 seconds and the humidity value will begin flashing. Press the **CHANNEL/+** button to increase the humidity and the **MIN/MAX/-** button to decrease the humidity reading in 1% increments. To rapidly increase (or decrease) the humidity reading, press and hold the **CHANNEL/+** or **MIN/MAX/-** button.

To return the humidity to the actual or uncalibrated measurement, press the **ADJUST** button.

Once the displayed humidity equals the calibrated source, press and hold the **ADJUST** button for three seconds, or wait 15 seconds for timeout, and the humidity value will stop flashing.

 **Discussion:** Humidity is a difficult parameter to measure electronically and drifts over time due to contamination. In addition, location has an adverse affect on humidity readings (installation over dirt vs. lawn for example).

5.8.2 Temperature Calibration

Prior to entering the calibration mode, press the **CHANNEL/+** button to select the temperature you wish to adjust.

To enter the temperature calibration mode, press and hold the **ALARM/ADJUST** and **CHANNEL/+** buttons at the same time for 5 seconds and the temperature value will begin flashing. Press the **CHANNEL/+** button to increase the temperature and the **MIN/MAX/-** button to decrease the temperature reading in 0.1° increments. To rapidly increase (or decrease) the temperature reading, press and hold the **CHANNEL/+** or **MIN/MAX/-** button.

To return the temperature to the actual or uncalibrated measurement, press the **ADJUST** button.

Once the displayed temperature equals the calibrated source, press and hold the **ADJUST** button for three seconds, or wait 15 seconds for timeout, and the temperature value will stop flashing.

 **Discussion:** Temperature errors can occur when a sensor is placed too close to a heat source (such as a building structure, the ground or trees).

To calibrate temperature, we recommend a mercury or red spirit (fluid) thermometer. Bi-metal (dial) and other digital thermometers are not a good source and have their own margin of error. Using a local weather station in your area is also a poor source due to changes in location, timing (airport weather stations are only updated once per hour) and possible calibration errors (many official weather stations are not properly installed and calibrated).

Place the sensor in a shaded, controlled environment next to the fluid thermometer, and allow the sensor to stabilize for 48 hours. Compare this temperature to the fluid thermometer and adjust the console to match the fluid thermometer.

6 Glossary of Terms

Term	Definition
Accuracy	Accuracy is defined as the ability of a measurement to match the actual value of the quantity being measured.
Hygrometer	A hygrometer is a device that measures relative humidity. Relative humidity is a term used to describe the amount or percentage of water vapor that exists in air.
Range	Range is defined as the amount or extent a value can be measured.

7 Specifications

7.1 Wireless Specifications

- Line of sight wireless transmission (in open air): 100meters, 30meters under most conditions.
- Frequency: 433 MHz
- Update Rate: 60 seconds

7.2 Measurement Specifications

The following table provides specifications for the measured parameters.

Measurement	Range	Accuracy	Resolution
Indoor Temperature	0 to 60 °C	± 1 °C	0.1 °C
Outdoor Temperature	-40 to 60 °C	± 1 °C	0.1 °C
Indoor Humidity	10 to 99 %	± 5% (only guaranteed between 20 to 90%)	1 %
Outdoor Humidity	10 to 99%	± 5% (only guaranteed between 20 to 90%)	1 %

7.3 Power Consumption

- Base station (display console) : 4 x AAA 1.5V Alkaline or Lithium batteries (not included)
- Remote sensor : 2 x AAA 1.5V Alkaline or Lithium batteries (not included)

- Battery life: Minimum 12 months for base station with one sensor and excellent reception. Intermittent reception and multiple sensors may reduce the battery life.
Minimum 12 months for thermometer-hygrometer sensor (use lithium batteries in cold weather climates less than -20 °C)

8 Troubleshooting Guide

Problem	Solution
Wireless remote (thermo-hygrometer) not reporting in to console. There are dashes (---) on the display console.	If any of the sensor communication is lost, dashes (---) will be displayed on the screen. To reacquire the signal, press and hold the CHANNEL/+ button for 3 seconds, and the remote search icon  will be constantly displayed. Once the signal is reacquired, the remote search icon  will turn off, and the current values will be displayed. The maximum line of sight communication range is 100meters and 30meters under most conditions. Move the sensor assembly closer to the display console. If the sensor assembly is too close (less than 1 meter), move the sensor assembly away from the display console. Make sure the remote sensor LCD display is working and the transmitter light is flashing once per 60 seconds. Install a fresh set of batteries in the remote thermo-hygrometer. For cold weather environments, install lithium batteries. Make sure the remote sensors are not transmitting through solid metal (acts as an RF shield), or earth barrier (down a hill). Move the display console around electrical noise generating devices, such as computers, TVs and other wireless transmitters or receivers. Move the remote sensor to a higher location. Move the remote sensor to a closer location.
Temperature sensor reads too high in the day time.	Make sure the thermo-hygrometer is mounted in a shaded area on the north facing wall.
Indoor and Outdoor Temperature do not agree	Allow up to one hour for the sensors to stabilize due to signal filtering. The indoor and outdoor temperature sensors should agree within 2 °C(the sensor accuracy is ± 1 °C). Use the calibration feature to match the indoor and outdoor temperature to a known source.
Indoor and Outdoor Humidity do not agree	Allow up to one hour for the sensors to stabilize due to signal filtering. The indoor and outdoor humidity sensors

Problem	Solution
	should agree within 10 % (the sensor accuracy is ± 5 %). Use the calibration feature to match the indoor and outdoor humidity to a known source.
Display console contrast is weak	Replace console batteries with a fresh set of batteries.