# MLRemote®



#### Overview

The **Canary Systems® MLRemote®** is a low-power, pointto-multipoint, programmable wireless datalogging system designed for demanding environments. The system was **purpose designed** for the mining, geotechnical, structural and environmental markets where the monitoring assets consist of numerous types of instruments, distributed over a large area, and are difficult to access.

Use of proprietary "push" communication technology allows for **ultra-long battery life**, between 3 to 5 years for the standard alkaline batteries, up to 10 years when using lithium cells. The unit can easily be placed in a variety of remote locations for long-term monitoring applications. This allows the system can continue to function without needing to recharge or utilize a solar panel, such as when completely snow-covered. With fewer components, MLRemote systems are also less of a target on sites where theft is a concern compared to the larger, more visible, and expensive alternatives.

The **high performance spread spectrum radio** is available in 900MHz or 2.4GHz frequencies, and a range of up to 100km (60 miles) is possible with use of gain antennas and excellent topography. A range of up to 15km (9 miles) is achievable using the antenna for most topography.

## System Details

Numerous sensor types are supported, including vibrating wire, 4-20mA, and linear potentiometer. **Integrated digital outputs** allow for controlling other sensors or peripherals, such as the optional **MLMux5 multiplexer**. The MLMux5 expands the channel capacity of the MLRemote and supports two switching modes, 5-channel by 4-wire switching, or 10-channel by 2-wire switching. Pulse and frequency measurements, along with digital status monitoring, are also supported.

An **integrated serial port** supports digital sensors including MDT Smart Link-485s and HART 4-20mA sensors, among others. A switched power connection also provides for managing power for connected peripherals.

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Gage Type Vibrating Wire

Input Type

Input Units Digits

Gain (dB)

Conversion

Output Units

Output Units

Vibrating Wire Temperature

Histogram Swath (Hz)

End Frequency (100Hz)

Excitation Period (10mS)

Sampling Period (10mS)

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# Enclosure & Integration

The electronics package is designed for outdoor use with a sealed, hardened aluminum, IP65 NEMA 4X rated enclosure. The standard enclosure includes integrated battery holder, antenna, instrument or multiplexer connector and pole mounting for a 2" pole. Internal battery, temperature, and humidity monitoring allows for managing environmental conditions which may affect MLRemote operation.

Each system includes one or more **MLBase™** units. These provide for queuing all inbound and outbound data communications with MLRemotes. Our webbased system configuration and management platform, **MLWebHardware** provides for communicating with each MLBase and managing and organizing all MLRemote communications. It can also serve as a virtual MLBase for certain applications. MLRemote also includes built-in programming and control capabilities via the intuitive MLBasic programming language for very flexible measurement and control applications.

### Specifications

#### Communications

- Standard range: Up to 15km (9 miles)
- Extended range: Up to 100km (60 miles) with gain antennas

#### **Control Outputs**

- Switched Power
- Digital outputs (2) 5VDC logic levels
- Maximum current: 20mA • Precision Output: 2.5VDC Accuracy: <2.5mV
- Current: maximum 100mA

#### Physical

- Module Dimensions (LxWxH):
- 12.5 x 12.5 x 2.5 cm (5" x 5" x 1")
- Enclosure Dimensions (LxWxH):
- 26 x 16 x 9 cm (10.2" x 6.3" x 3.6") • Mounting (LxW):
- 11.3 x 11.3 cm (4.5" x 4.5")
- Assembled Weight: 3.6kg (8 lbs)
- Temperature: -40 to +60 °C 95% humidity

#### **Analog Measurement Inputs**

- Inputs: up to 5VDC
- Minimum resolution: 14-bit

#### Vibrating Wire Input

• Supports differential excitation and signal conditioning front-end

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- Adjustable gain range: 20DB to 65DB
  Nominal input impedance ranges:
- 90 to 180Ω
- Excitation voltage: minimum 5V
- Timing resolution: minimum 1µS
- Sampling frequency: minimum 16384Hz

#### System Measurements

- Battery Voltage Measurable range: 3.5VDC to 26VDC Accuracy: +/-0.1VDC
- Internal temperature Measurement range: -40 to +85 °C Accuracy: 0.5 °C
- Internal humidity Measurement range: 0-100%RH Accuracy: 4.5% Temperature range: -40 to +100 °C

#### **Measurement Inputs**

- Vibrating wire
- Thermistor
- Two digital counters
- (e.g. rain gage, pulse flowmeters)
- -2.5VDC to +5VDC sensors
- 4-20mA sensors

#### Memory

- FLASH Memory 8MB SPI
- Data storage up to 250,000 arrays

#### **Serial Ports**

- Type: RS-232
- Configuration range: 1200-115200bps

#### **Power Requirements**

- 4-16VDC, nominal 12VDC
- Nominal: 35mA
- Quiescent: maximum 25µA

#### Options

- MLMux5
- Expand up to 10 channels

Model	No. Channels	Enclosure Type	Size (LxWxH)	Assembled Weight	Battery	Radio	Receiving	Antenna
MLRemote-Y/O-A/L		Aluminum	26 x 16 x 9 cm 10.2 x 6.3 x 3.6 in	3.6 kg 8 lbs	Alkaline or Lithium	900MHz	RS-232	Directional or Panel Mount
MLRemote-Y24/O24-A/L	1	Aluminum	26 x 16 x 9 cm 10.2 x 6.3 x 3.6 in	3.6 kg 8 lbs	Alkaline or Lithium	2.4GHz	RS-232	Directional or Panel Mount
MLRemote5-Y/O-A/L	5/10	Aluminum	26 x 16 x 9 cm 10.2 x 6.3 x 3.6 in	3.6 kg 8 lbs	Alkaline or Lithium	900MHz	RS-232	Directional or Panel Mount