



User's Manual Computerized Sky Master Pro System (Model SMP-PRO-R2, SMP-R2)



**All In One Unit
No Com Cable
or Controller
Needed.**



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User's Manual

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A. Overview

The Astro-Smart Sky Master Pro weather stations are a cost-effective solution for astronomers to:

- Monitor and control based on the weather and sky conditions.
- Incorporate weather and environmental information and imaging data
- Trigger adjustments on sensors.
- Rain Sensor heating option to aid in false alarms from dew of to warm up to remove snow.
- 3rd party interfaces to ASCOM and SW GUI software vendors. Sequence Generator Pro, Sky Roof, Boltwood File Output and more.
- Automate observatory activity such as closing a roof or shutter when raining
 - All models have two relay options, an integrated +5V output, or a separate 12V relay unit. Either relay may be triggered to control an observatory dome, custom dome closure relay or power utility. All units support an optional GPS sensor available from Astro-Smart.
- All models have a Windows application to view, monitor and graph Sky Master Pro data, and an ASCOM driver to integrate with ASCOM compliant astronomy applications.
- All units come turn key with sky quality, clouds, brightness, rain/snow and barometer with temperature, humidity and pressure. Other options include wind speed and direction anemometer, wireless communication and GPS.

There are two available models: [**SMP-PRO-R2, SMP-R2**](#).

The [**SMP-PRO-R2, SMP-R2**](#) has a complete turnkey astronomical observatory weather station system which includes sensors such as Cloud and Sky Quality Meter Sensor, Lux Sky Brightness Sensor, Rain Sensor, Wind Speed and Direction Sensor, Barometric(Pressure, Temperature and Humidity) Sensor that are housed in the R2 enclosure with one data/control cable from the R2 housing to the [**SMP-PRO-R2, SMP-R2**](#). Additional options for the [**SMP-PRO-R2, SMP-R2**](#) include GPS Sensor, Rain sensor heating along with Relay output control to operate an Observatory Dome, Custom Dome Closure Relay or Power Utility. Custom data/control lengths between [**SMP-PRO-R2, SMP-R2**](#) and R2 enclosure sensor cluster are available upon request. The [**SMP-PRO-R2, SMP-R2**](#) can be setup with your home observatory or telescope mount for trouble-free operation controlled by the user supplied computer interface.



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The main difference between [PRO and R](#) family is the [PRO](#) family comes with a 8 line OLED or 4 line LCD for standalone display of sensor and relay information along with remote control capabilities where the [R](#) family has the same capabilities as the [PRO](#) family minus the display.

The new [SMP-R2-RF](#) product is a combined all in one controller and R2 sensor enclosure unit which has no need for a control cable as it uses a RF link for control cable of distances upto 650 ft from a PC or notebook controlled by Software GUI, ASCOM or 3rd party software package supporting boltwood file output.

The imaging sensors such as the Sky Brightness Sensor is measured and displayed in LUX, while the SQM Sky Quality meter sensor is used to determine if imaging, visual or technical work is appropriate. The SQM features of the include a graphical reporting system on the software GUI which graphically maps **NELM(Naked Eye Limiting Magnitude)** and **MPSAS (Magnitude Per Square Arc Sec)** over a programmable measurement scale as low as 1 sample every 3 seconds. The Cloud Sensor is IR based and informs the user whether cloud formations or clear conditions are present necessary for imaging or visual work. The other sensors are self-explanatory and add to the overall SKY Master Product Capability.

The relay option out has two options for the [SMP-PRO, SMP-R](#) family based on the needs of the user. If the user already has a relay output for Dome control, option 1 includes a +5V output when relay activated due to sensor readings using a 3.5mm audio jack output along with a LED output. If a relay is required, option 2 provides a +12V relay 10Amp output using a +/- AR binding posts along with LED output when activated. The basic configuration is to mount your sensor configuration to the location desired on your observatory or telescope mount. Then, connect to your PC with the USB cable and power supply provided and launch the GUI interface provided to read sensor readings and the user can let the system control when the dome should close based on user rules or sensors equipped or can be done manually by the user using the GUI interface.

Typical Configurations for the [SMP-PRO-R2, SMP-R2](#) are shown below used with a generic observatory with a role off roof or Dome control from remote computer with various sensors.



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B. SMP Family Purchase Configurations.

SMP-PRO-R2 (OLED)

ASTRO-SMART's ASTRONOMICAL WEATHER STATION (SMP-R2-PRO)

Computerized Dew Analyzer Pro
Model: SMP-R2-PRO

R2 Sensor Fusion Enclosure

- Wind
- Rain/Snow
- Pressure/Temp Humidity
- Sky Quality SQM
- Sky Brightness LUX
- GPS
- Relay Outputs

Environment Data

- Temperature: 25.60°C
- Humidity: 75%
- Dew Point: 17.30°C
- Pressure: 1017.98 mPa
- Cloud Cover: 100%
- Seeing: 3.52" @WH@
- Sky Quality: 18.64 mag⁻²
- Sky Temperature: 24.81°C
- Sky Brightness: 1318.62 Lux
- Wind Speed: 1.6 m/s
- Wind Gusts: 2.5 m/s
- Wind Direction: 225°
- Rain Rate: 0.0 mm/hr
- Average Period: 0.05 hrs

AS Setup

Astro-Smart ASCOM
Observing Conditions

Trace on Setup SMP-PRO.R

Current Port: COM1

Buttons: [OK] [Cancel]



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SMP-PRO-R2 (LCD)

ASTRO-SMART'S ASTRONOMICAL WEATHER STATION (SMP-R2-PRO)

Environment Data

- Temperature: 26.60°C
- Humidity: 75%
- Dew Point: 17.30°C
- Pressure: 1017.88 hPa
- Cloud Cover: 100%
- Seeing: 3.52" @ 1000ft
- Sky Quality: 18.64 mag⁻²
- Sky Temperature: 24.81°C
- Sky Brightness: 1318.62 lux
- Wind Speed: 1.6 m/s
- Wind Gusts: 2.5 m/s
- Wind Direction: 225°
- Rain Rate: 0.0 mm/hr
- Average Period: 0.00 hrs

Astro-Smart ASCOM Observing Conditions

Trace on: Setup SMP-PRO-R

Control Panel: COM1, COM2, COM3, COM4

R2 Sensor Fusion Enclosure

- Wind
- Rain/Snow
- Pressure/Temp Humidity
- Sky Quality SQM
- Sky Brightness LUX
- GPS
- Relay Outputs

Data Display

```

AMB<DEGC>: 27.33
HUMID<%>: 51.65
DPT<DEGC>: 16.50
NPH<INHG>: 29.62
SKY CONDITIONS: SM<MG/S>: 9.25
NEL<VE>: -4.41
LDR<LUX>: 51346
CLOUDS/WIND/PATH: CLOUDY SKIES?
WIND<MPH>: 3.49
RAINING?: NO
  
```



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SMP-R2

ASTRO-SMART'S ASTRONOMICAL WEATHER STATION (SMP-R2)

The diagram illustrates the Astro-Smart SMP-R2 system. On the left, a screenshot of the 'SKY MASTER PRO' software interface shows various data fields and control buttons. In the center, a monitor displays the 'Computerized Sky Master Pro' software running on a laptop. To the right, the 'R2 Sensor Fusion Enclosure' is shown, which houses the sensors. Below the enclosure is a dome-shaped telescope. On the far right, a vertical list of sensors is provided in blue ovals:

- Wind
- Rain/Snow
- Pressure/Temp Humidity
- Sky Quality SQM
- Sky Brightness LUX
- GPS
- Relay Outputs

At the bottom center, a screenshot of the 'Astro-Smart ASCOM Observing Conditions' window is shown, with the 'Setup SMP-PRO-R' button highlighted.



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SMP-R2-RF

ASTRO-SMART's ASTRONOMICAL WEATHER STATION (SMP-R2 -RF)

PC USB RF LINK

R2 Sensor Fusion Enclosure

Wireless Range(650 ft)

- Wind
- Rain/Snow
- Pressure/Temp Humidity
- Sky Quality SQM
- Sky Brightness LUX
- GPS
- Relay Outputs

AS Setup
Astro-Smart ASCOM Observing Conditions

Environment Data

Temperature:	25.60°C
Humidity:	75%
Dew Point:	17.30°C
Pressure:	1017.98 hPa
Cloud Cover:	100%
Seeing:	3.52" (FWHM)
Sky Quality:	18.84 mag/2"
Sky Temperature:	24.81°C
Sky Brightness:	1318.62 lux
Wind Speed:	1.6 m/s
Wind Gusts:	2.5 m/s
Wind Direction:	225°
Rain Rate:	0.0 mm/hr
Average Period:	0.00 hrs

Main Sequence SOFTWARE

The Astro-Smart **SMP family controllers** are designed to be user friendly, serviceable, elegant and reliable and include the following features shown below:



C. Features

The Astro-Smart **SMP family controllers** has these innovative and unique features:

1. ***Worry Free Warranty Program For Life Of Product Sale.***

Full Computerized Sky Master PRO System Solution With Standalone Controllable and or USB Remote Control Software Solution GUI And ASCOM Environmental Observation Conditions Driver. Tested with Sequence Generator Pro ASCOM Environmental Observing Conditions plug in.

2. ***Data Logging, Historical Data Graphing and Retrieval Capability with Parameter Setting Flash Storage And Retrieval. Email Alarm Event capability, dynamic sampling and Boltwood output file support. Tested with Diffraction Limited Clarity II, AAG SkyRoof .***

3. ***Alarms and Relay Control Rule Sets for Sky and Atmospheric Conditions.***

4. ***8 Line OLED Display or 4 Line LCD Display On SMP-PRO-R2***

5. ***SQM Sky Quality Meter Sensor And LUX Sky Brightness Sensor to measure Star Magnitude Per Arc Sec(MSPAS) and Naked Eye Star Magnitude(NELM). 0.2 mag/square arc sec accuracy. The LUX sky brightness sensor has a reporting range of 0.0001 to 100K LUX.***

6. ***IR Cloud Sensor to measure Cloud Sky Conditions.***

7. ***Optional Wind Speed and Direction Sensor in meters/sec or MPH +/- 5% for speed and 16 division scale wind direction accuracy for all measurements. 3.5mm jack style interface. 4 wind sensors to choose from.***

8. ***BAROMETER Pressure Sensor measurement in mbars or inch of Mercury, Temperature and Humidity Sensor to measure Atmospheric Conditions. +/- 1% accuracy for all measurements.***

9. ***Rain Sensor and Rain Sensor Heating Option. User selectable rain Voltage trigger threshold.***

10. ***Optional GPS Sensor to measure precise location(Lat,Lon,#Satellites,Date,Time and Altitude) to 1 meter displaying Geo Location Data plus NEMA output option for 3rd party programs.***

11. ***Optional Relay Output Dome Roof Control or power utility with LED indicator. Option 1. +5V to user relay on activation with 3.5mm jack style interface. Option 2. 120/240 VAC 10Amp or 12/24 VDC 10 Amp relay on activation with +/- AR terminal post style interface. User specified or standard length of sensor cable available. Can couple relay activation with rain and IR cloud sensor or just***



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rain sensor data. Tested with Interactive Astronomy SkyRoof, ASCOM Dome Hub and Boltwood Saftey Monitor for Dome and Telescope mount control.

Optional Wireless Remote control interface options available for telescope or observatory. The SMP-

13. *PRO, SMP-R interface supports Wireless Bluetooth (<200ft) and ISM (<650ft) backhauls.*
14. *Input Requirements: 12VDC – 2Amps.*
15. *Overvoltage, Overcurrent and Reverse current Protection.*
16. *High quality design employs multi-layer PCB form factor and only the best quality components with conformal coatings for outdoor use.*
17. *Price point set below development cost for such a system while providing more features.*
18. *Dimensions SMP Family Controller (5.2" Length x 3" Width x 1.9" Height)*
Dimensions R2 Full Sensor Fusion Enclosure (6" Length x 4.5" Width x 1.3" Height). This
19. *enclosure houses all the sensors connected via communications cable to your SMP Family Controller.*

D. Contents of Box

1. [SMP-PRO-R2, SMP-R2](#) indoor unit.
2. R2 Enclosure for all R2 variety purchases. Cable length needs to be specified from indoor controller to R and R2 outdoor unit with turn key sensor package. SMP-R2-RF does not require a data cable and comes with RF interface.
3. CD with SMP Family Controller GUI Software, ASCOM Drivers, User manual and video tutorials.
4. One USB-B interface Cable.
5. 12VDC / 2 Amp AC/DC Power Supply.



E. Hardware Installation and Operation Warnings

1. Start by determining an appropriate location to mount the R2 full sensor fusion module outdoor unit. Choose a location with a clear view of the sky. The outdoor unit can be mounted on the side of your observatory or on a 4x4 pressure treated post. When mounting the outdoor unit ensure you allow air flow to the underside of the outdoor unit for proper temperature, humidity and pressure readings.
2. If the wind option is purchased with pre drilled PVC kit, the PVC mounting package ensures enough space between the anemometer (wind speed and direction unit) and the outdoor unit. When using the wind option, mount the outdoor unit and wind unit with enough height and clearance to get clean air flow.
3. Installation of *SMP-PRO-R2 or SMP-R2* with chosen single data/control cable between your controller and R2 Full Sensor Fusion module. Cable length vary between 6 and 50 feet but can be custom. The R2 Full Sensor Fusion module has all sensors installed. If the wind option is purchased, the R2 has a wind plug port that can be used for connection to your wind mount. These cable lengths are standard 6 feet in length. Use the mounting clips to secure your R2 enclosure and wind sensor to the PVC mounting package or to your desired platform. After all connections are made to your R2 enclosure, plug in your power connection followed by your USB cable to your *SMP-PRO-R2 or SMP-R2* controller near your computer location. Then turn on the unit with power on switch. Other options are available for *R2 family* such as GPS(internal to unit), rain sensor heating, wind and direction sensors and wireless option. In the *R2 family* instance the GPS, rain sensor heating and wireless options are installed in the *SMP-R2 family controller*. The rain sensor heating option comes with an additional power supply plugged in to the *R2* enclosure when heating of the rain sensor is desired. You are now ready for communicate to your system via GUI or ASCOM driver interface.
4. Relay Installation for your *SMP-R2-PRO or SMP-R2* unit.
 - a) **Relay Output Option 1 and 2:** Mount inside. Connect from SMP-R2-PRO Relay output with 3.5mm jack 12ft cable to Relay 2 box. The relay 2 box can have any length AC run to operate an AC source such as an alarm, light, or operation of observatory door triggered by cloudy or raining conditions settable by the user.

Once, R2 enclosure is installed, then plug in USB cable to computer. Then turn on 12VDC power.



F. Installation of the Sky Master Pro Windows Software

There are 2 versions of the SMP-PRO Windows application software. The standard version comes free with your SMP-R2 family order, which allows the user to loop read , query and control the SMP-R2 family controller with data logging capability. The optional super pro SMP-PRO software adds real time data acquisition, dynamic sampling rate, data retrieval mapping, present and historical data graphing with .log , .csv , .png data plot outputs and adds Boltwood data file output capability for third party integration applications.

Your Sky Master Pro family controller can be monitored or controlled from your computer. There are two options for monitoring your Sky Master Pro – using the Sky Master Pro Windows app, or by using the ASCOM driver. To install the Sky Master Pro Windows app: (Win XP, Win 7, Win 8, Win 10). The ASCOM driver is the same and available for use with your product no matter what Windows app you are running.

1. Install the Sky Master Pro GUI software from the provided DVD/CD. Once, installed, all logging, preset and selected com port data will be stored on your hard drive folder **C:\Sky_Master_Pro_Data**.
2. Install the Sky Master Pro software by running the setup .msi on your software DVD or download. By default, the app is installed in the **C:\Program Files (x86)\Astro-Smart\Sky_Master_Pro_Standard_Setup\Astro-Smart** folder.
For compatibility, select run as administrator control after installed before running if required but should not be necessary.
3. Once your software is installed, power up the controller first with the power toggle switch and wait a few seconds before connecting the USB cable to your computer. Note on PRO units using a display, the power button needs to be on before connecting the USB cable in order to initialize the display. Otherwise, recycle the power switch or press the reset button to see display activity. Determine the COM (serial) port used by your Sky Master Pro controller. In Windows, you can use Device Manager to display the available COM ports. Once, selected future sessions will remember what com port you selected on running the application.
4. During installation, the ASCOM driver is not installed. We'll see how to install and use this ASCOM driver in later Section.
5. You can Launch the app several ways. During install you can add a desktop shortcut along with windows menu driven app shortcut or directly from installed location on your computer at **C:\Program Files (x86)\Astro-Smart\Sky_Master_Pro_Standard_Setup\Astro-Smart\Sky_Master_Pro_Standard_SW.exe**. The app is located under the menu start button under **Sky_Master_Pro_Standard_SW** .
6. In the Control group, select the COM port that your Sky Master Pro connects with.



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7. Click the **Open Port/Read Sky Master Pro** button. If your Sky Master Pro successfully connects, you'll see the Data Port Status section change. The Status will update with the current action, and the Progress Bar will indicate data is being transferred. If you do not see the Data Port Status change to "Port Read Complete" verify the COM port for SMP controller is correct.
8. Specific to the [*SMP-R2-RF*](#) version of product, one can control DEW heating via PWM control on rain/snow sensor via the software GUI if the dew heating option is purchased. This can be seen using the pro version of software in picture below.
9. You can send email alarms based on the sensor readings such as rain, wind speed, relay and IR cloud conditions. This can be seen using the pro version of software in picture below.

Once connected, you'll screens similar to the following below:





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SKY MASTER PRO Standard SW

Settings About

Control

COM10 Com Port Exit Reset SMP-PRD

Open Port/Read Sky Master Pro Loop_Read Write_Boltwood

Clear Data Refresh Ports

SW Build Close Com Port Send Command

GEN_03_06_20 Super Pro SW Sky Master Pro

Variable Sample Rate(secs) 900 sec = 15 min max 10

Data Port Status

Port Read Complete Status

Loop Read OFF Polling

SKY Volts: 0.0000
 SQM Magnitude: 21.327
 SQM NELM: 6.294
 Wind_Dir(Deg): 45
 Firmware Ver:42UNVSMP2082719
 IR_Sky_temp(DegC): 15.87
 IR_Ambient_Temp(DegC): 21.63
 IR Clear Setpoint: 15
 IR Clouds Setpoint: 5
 SKY LUX: 0.00
 SKY Volts: 0.0000
 SQM Freq(Hz): 5.00
 SQM Irradiance(W/cm2):
 GPS Date: 2/18/2020
 GPS Time: 2:47:21
 GPS Satellites: 0
 GPS Longitude: 180.00
 GPS Latitude: 80.00
 GPS Altitude: 0
 GPS fix: Not Fixed
 Baro Pressure(Hg): 30.12
 Baro Temp(DegC): 20.17
 Humidity(%): 86.77
 DewPt(DegC): 17.89
 Wind_Dir(Deg): 45

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Sky Quality SQM Sky Brightness LUX
 Pressure/Temp Humidity
 Wind Rain/Snow Relay Outputs GPS

Done qOcbILUGde SMP TagR

Sky Master Pro Data

Relay Dome Output Panel

Relay ON Relay OFF Disable Relay Relay Messaging Output Relay InActive Relay Status Relay Open

Cloud Sensor Data

IR Amb Temp (DegC, DegF)	IR Sky Temp (DegC, DegF)	Temp Diff (DegC, DegF)	Clouds Setpoint	ClearSky Setpoint	Sky Cloud Conditions
21.63 70.93	15.87 60.57	5.76 10.36	5 Set	15 Set	Partly Cloudy Skies!

Wind Speed, Barometer and Rain Sensor Data

Pressure(Hg)	WindSpeed (MPH)	Wind_Dir (Deg)	Temperature (DegC, DegF)	Dew Point (DegC, DegF)	Humidity (%)	Rain Sense (Volts)	Rain Thres (Volts)	Weather Conditions
30.12	0.00	45	20.17 68.31	17.89 64.2	86.77	3.86	1.00	Not Raining

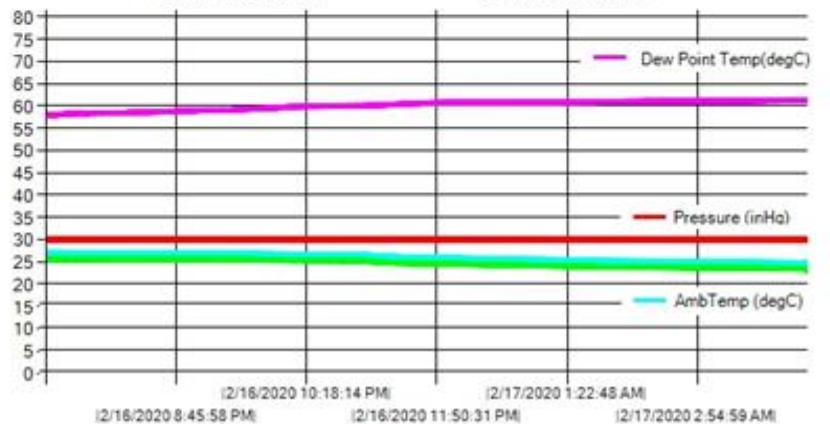
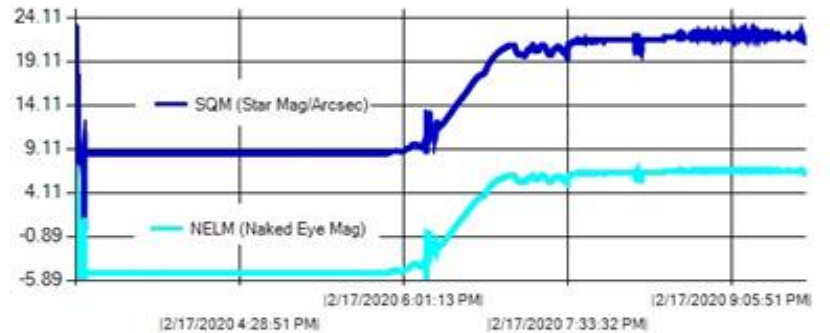
SQM Sensor Data

SKY LUX	SQM Mag	SQM Frequency(Hz)	Visible Stars To Naked Eye And Atmospheric	Sky Imaging Conditions
0.00	21.327	5.00	SQM-> <= 6000 Stars! Superb for Imaging Objects	Superb Seeing
SKY (Volts)	SQM NELM	SQM Irradiance(uW/cm2)	Minimal Atmospheric Reflectivity	
0.0000	6.294	0.002174		

LUX-> Dark

GPS Sensor Data

Longitude	Latitude	Date	Time	Satellites	Altitude(m)	GPS Fix	NEMA Output
78.54W	24.76N	2/18/2020	2:47:21	0	0	GPS Not Fixed	





The screenshot displays the SKY MASTER PRO SW interface. On the left, there are control panels for 'Control' (COM2, Open Port, SW Build), 'Relay Done Output Panel', 'Cloud Sensor Data', 'Wind Speed, Barometer and Rain Sensor Data', 'SQM Sensor Data', and 'GPS Sensor Data'. The main area shows a 'Sky Master Pro Data' section with various sensor readings and a 'Configure_Offsets' dialog box. The dialog box contains settings for Humidity Offset Value, Temperature Offset Value, Rain Voltage Threshold (1.0), and DEW PWM Setting (25). It also includes buttons for 'Turn DEW Control ON/OFF' and 'Couple Rain And Cloud Sensors'. A message box at the bottom of the dialog says 'DEW PWM ON. Read Sky Master Pro For Update.' The background shows several graphs: Dew Point Temp (green), SQM (Star Mag/Arc) (blue), IR_Amb Temp (degC) (yellow), IR_SKY Temp (degC) (cyan), Rain Voltage (Volts) (dark blue), and Raining_Flag (red). The interface also features the Astro-Smart logo and website information.



The screenshot shows the SKY MASTER PRO SW interface with a 'Configure_Email_Alarms' dialog box open. The dialog box contains the following fields and options:

- Email Host: mail.gmail.com (Example: mail.twc.com)
- SMTP Outgoing Port: 446 (Example: 587)
- Email From Address: astro-smart@cf1.r.com (Example: astro-smart2016@gmail.com)
- Email Password: 1234 (Example: Your password)
- Email To Address: astro-smart@cf1.r.com (Example: astro-smart2016@gmail.com)
- Enable Rain Alarm: "Checked = Yes, Unchecked = No"
- Enable Clouds Alarm: "Checked = Yes, Unchecked = No"
- Enable Wind Alarm: "Checked = Yes, Unchecked = No"
- Wind Speed Alarm Threshold: 10.0 (Example: ##)
- Enable Relay Alarm: "Checked = Yes, Unchecked = No"

Buttons at the bottom of the dialog: Save Email Settings, Clear Settings, Exit.

The background interface shows various sensor data including Cloud Sensor Data, Wind Speed, Barometer and Rain Sensor Data, SQM Sensor Data, and GPS Sensor Data.



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The screenshot displays the 'SKY MASTER PRO Standard SW' interface. It features a top navigation bar with 'Settings' and 'About' tabs. The main area is divided into several sections:

- Control Panel:** Includes a 'Com Port' dropdown set to 'COM10', 'Exit' and 'Reset SMP-PRO' buttons, 'Open Port/Read Sky Master Pro' and 'Clear Data' buttons, 'Loop_Read' checkbox, 'SW Build' information (GEN_12_17_18 Standard Sky Master Pro), 'Close Com Port' and 'Send Command' buttons, 'Data Port Status' section with 'Port Read Complete' status, 'Progress Bar', 'Done' button, 'o+V+oU SMP Tag#' field, and 'Loop Read OFF' button with 'Polling' checkbox.
- Firmware Ver: 31UNVSM2-12072018:** A list of sensor readings including IR_Sky_temp (29.51), IR_Ambient_Temp (26.99), IR_Clear_Setpoint (25), IR_Clouds_Setpoint (2), SKY LUX (1024.4264), SKY Volts (4.6409), SQM Freq (1.00), SQM Magnitude (23.074), SQM NELM (7.046), SQM Irradiance (0.000435), GPS Date (12/16/2018), GPS Time (16:45:18), GPS Satellites (9), GPS Longitude (80.35W), GPS Latitude (45.87N), GPS Altitude (12), GPS fix (Fixed), Baro Pressure (30.12), Baro Temp (26.97), Humidity (56.42), DewPt (17.56), WindSpeed (0.00), and Wind_Dir (0).
- SKY MASTER PRO:** A sub-section with the Astro-Smart logo, website URL (www.Astro-Smart.com), and copyright notice (c) 2010-2018. It includes a diagram of the device with callouts for Sky Quality SQM, Sky Brightness LUX, Pressure/Temp Humidity, Wind, Rain/Snow, Relay Outputs, and GPS.
- Relay Dome Output Panel:** Features 'Relay ON', 'Relay OFF', and 'Disable Relay' buttons, 'Relay Messaging' (Output Relay InActive), and 'Relay Status' (Relay Open).
- Cloud Sensor Data:** A table showing IR Amb Temp (26.99), IR Sky Temp (80.58), Temp Diff (29.51, 85.12), Clouds Setpoint (2), ClearSky Setpoint (25), and Sky Cloud Conditions (Partly Cloudy Skies!).
- Wind Speed, Barometer and Rain Sensor Data:** A table showing Pressure (30.12), WindSpeed (5.76), Wind_Dir (270), Temperature (26.97, 80.55), Dew Point (17.56), Humidity (63.61, 56.42), Rain Sensor (3.44), and Weather Conditions (Not Raining).
- SQM Sensor Data:** A table showing SKY LUX (1024.4264), SQM Mag (23.074), SQM Frequency (1.00), SKY (Volts) (4.6409), SQM NELM (7.046), SQM Irradiance (0.000435), and Sky Imaging Conditions (Superb Seeing).
- GPS Sensor Data:** A table showing Longitude (80.35W), Latitude (45.87N), Date (12/16/2018), Time (16:45:18), Satellites (9), Altitude (12), GPS Fix (GPS Fixed), and NEMA Output.

Other features of the GUI and examples can be seen by demonstration on our website to browse support pages, video tutorials of this product and others.

http://www.astro-smart.com/index.php?p=1_49_Video-Overviews

Enhancements to the software will be made based on user input on a continual basis and can be uploaded from our site for your convenience.



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G. Quick Tour Of Your PC Control Remote User Interface Summary

Your **SMP family controllers** can be monitored or controlled from your computer. Just connect the USB cable and in the device manager of your operating system, you must know what port is used when connected. The settings will be automatic and the host PC install program provided will list all available serial ports to connect. You just pick the correct one. A video tutorial is listed in the support page of our website to go thru the basic operations of this feature. Some basic features are listed below.

In the following pictures you can see the **SMP family controller** software GUI interface snapshots. The first snapshot below shows the standard GUI interface which captures all **SMP family controllers** sensor data along with formulating results of sky condition information to user and the state of open/close dome relay based on GUI set rules and sensor input. The second snapshot shows cloud sensor configuration preset saves and set points along with the ability to save a user log as per third snapshot.



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SKY MASTER PRO Standard SW
Settings About

Control

COM10

Loop_Read

SW Build: GEN_12_17_18 Standard Sky Master Pro

Data Port Status

Port Read Complete

SMP Tag#

Firmware Ver: 31UNVSM2-12072018

IR_Sky_temp(DegC): 29.51
 IR_Ambient_Temp(DegC): 26.99
 IR Clear Setpoint: 25
 IR Clouds Setpoint: 2
 SKY LUX: 1024.4264
 SKY Volts: 4.6409
 SQM Freq(Hz): 1.00
 SQM Magnitude: 23.074
 SQM NELM: 7.046
 SQM Irradiance(W/cm2):
 GPS Date: 12/16/2018
 GPS Time: 16:45:18
 GPS Satellites: 9
 GPS Longitude: 80.35W
 GPS Latitude: 28.06N
 GPS Altitude: 12
 GPS fix: Fixed
 Baro Pressure(Hg): 30.12
 Baro Temp(DegC): 26.97
 Humidity(%): 56.42
 DewPt(DegC): 17.56
 WindSpeed(MPH): 0.00
 Wind_Dir(Deg): 0

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Sky Quality
SQM

Sky Brightness
LUX

Pressure/Temp
Humidity

Relay
Outputs

Wind

Rain/Snow

GPS

Sky Master Pro Data

Relay Dome Output Panel

Relay ON Relay Messaging:

Cloud Sensor Data

IR Amb Temp (DegC, DegF)	IR Sky Temp (DegC, DegF)	Temp Diff (DegC, DegF)	Clouds Setpoint	ClearSky Setpoint	Sky Cloud Conditions
26.99 80.58	29.51 85.12	2.52 4.54	2 <input type="button" value="Set"/>	25 <input type="button" value="Set"/>	Partly Cloudy Skies!

Wind Speed, Barameter and Rain Sensor Data

Pressure(Hg)	WindSpeed (MPH)	Wind_Dir (Deg)	Temperature (DegC, DegF)	Dew Point (DegC, DegF)	Humidity(%)	Rain Sensor (Volts)	Weather Conditions
30.12	5.76	270	26.97 80.55	17.56 63.61	56.42	3.44	<input type="button" value="Not Raining"/>

SQM Sensor Data

SKY LUX	SQM Mag	SQM Frequency(Hz)	Approx Stars Visible To Naked Eye And Atmospheric	Sky Imaging Conditions
1024.4264	23.074	1.00	=< 6000 Stars! Superb for Imaging Objects Minimal Atmospheric Reflectivity	<input type="button" value="Superb Seeing"/>
SKY (Volts): 4.6409	SQM NELM: 7.046	SQM Irradiance(uW/cm2): 0.000435		

GPS Sensor Data

Longitude	Latitude	Date	Time	Satellites	Altitude(m)	GPS Fix	NEMA Output
80.35W	45.87N	12/16/2018	16:45:18	9	12	<input type="button" value="GPS Fixed"/>	<input type="button" value=""/>



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SKY MASTER PRO Standard SW

Settings About

Save Sky Master Pro Readings To Log File

Cloud Sensor Presets

Configure Presets

Open Port/Read Sky Master Pro

Clear Data

Refresh Ports

SW Build

Close Com Port

GEN_07_04_18 Standard Sky Master Pro

Send Command

Data Port Status

Port Read Complete

Status

Progress Bar

Done

L2zC7H

SMP Tag#

Loop Read OFF

Folling

IR_Ambient

IR Clear Setpoint: 10

IR Clouds Setpoint: 1

SKY LUX: 1318.62

SKY Irradiance(W/cm2): .04

SKY Volts: 5.0118

SQM Freq(Hz): 80.00

SQM Magnitude: 18.326

SQM NELM: 4.238

GPS Date: 07/04/2018

GPS Time: 12:24:12

GPS Satellites: 10

GPS Longitude: 77.35

GPS Latitude: 43.06

GPS Altitude: 12

GPS fix: Fixed

Baro Pressure(Hg): 30.06

Baro Temp(DegC): 24.38

Humidity(%): 75.3

DewPt(DegC): 16.19

WindSpeed(MPH): 4.03

Wind_Dr(Deg): 225

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Sky Quality SQM

Sky Brightness LUX

Pressure/Temp Humidity

Relay Outputs

Wind

Rain/Snow

GPS

Sky Master Pro Data

Relay Dome Output Panel

Relay ON

Relay OFF

Relay Messaging

Output Relay Active

Relay Status

Relay Closed

Cloud Sensor Data

IR Amb Temp (DegC, DegF)	IR Sky Temp (DegC, DegF)	Temp Diff (DegC, DegF)	Clouds Setpoint	ClearSky Setpoint	Sky Cloud Conditions
24.03 75.25	23.99 75.18	.04 .07	1 Set	10 Set	Cloudy Skies!

Wind Speed, Barometer and Rain Sensor Data

Pressure(Hg)	WindSpeed (MPH)	Wind_Dr (Deg)	Temperature (DegC, DegF)	Dew Point (DegC, DegF)	Humidity(%)	Rain Sensor (Volts)	Weather Conditions
30.06	4.03	225	24.38 75.88	16.19 61.14	75.3	4.91	Not Raining

SQM Sensor Data

SKY LUX	SQM Mag	SQM Frequency(Hz)	Approx Stars Visible To Naked Eye And Atmospherics	Sky Imaging Conditions
1318.62	18.326	80.00	<= 250 Stars! Ok for Visual Objects Moderate Atmospheric Reflectivity	Average Seeing
SKY (Volts)	SQM NELM	SKY Irradiance(uW/cm2)		
5.0118	4.238	0.035088		

GPS Sensor Data

Longitude	Latitude	Date	Time	Satellites	Altitude(m)	GPS Fix	NEMA Output
77.35	43.06	07/04/2018	12:24:12	10	12	GPS Fixed	

Configure Sky Master Pro Presets

Preset Label	Cloudy SetPoint Value	Clear SetPoint Value	Save Preset	Upload
Fall	5	10	Save Preset 1	Upload
Winter	8	12	Save Preset 2	Upload
			Save Preset 3	Upload
			Save Preset 4	Upload

Clear Presets

Exit

Message Box

About Focus_Smart_Standard_SW

Astro-Smart Sky Master PRO

Version: 2.0

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OK

User can Save upto 4 cloudy and clear presets during the year for the cloud sensor with ability to save sky conditions to log file.

The user will need to calibrate what cloudy and clear conditions are based on user location. Ex: In Fall, if 5 degrees or less represents the ambient and IR sky object temperature difference for a cloudy sky, the user enters this value. If the difference for a clear sky is 10 degrees, enter this value. By calibrating in this way, the system can perform clear and cloudy sky detection.



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Sky_Master_Pro_Data_20180203222738279.log - Notepad
File Edit Format View Help
SKY MASTER PRO Settings
07-04-2018-14-50

Firmware Version: D2UNIVPK2-07042018
Selected Com Port: COM32
Weather Conditions: Not Raining
windspeed(MPH): 3.14
wind_Dir(Deg): 225
Barometric Pressure(inHg): 30.06
Barometric Pressure(mbars):
Temperature(Deg C): 24.82
Humidity(%): 73.35
DewPoint(Deg C): 16.09
IR_Sky_Temp(Deg C): 24.23
IR_Ambient_Temp(Deg C): 24.33
IR_Clouds_Setpoint: 1
IR_Clear Skys Setpoint: 10
SQM Frequency(Hz): 60.00
SQM magnitude(Star Magnitude/ArcSec): 18.638
SQM NELM(Naked Eye Star Magnitude): 4.490
SKY LUX(Lumens/m2): 1318.62
SKY Irradiance(uwatts/m2): 0.026316
SKY Volts: 5.0118
GPS Date: 07/04/2018
GPS Time: 12:24:12
GPS #Sats: 10
GPS Longitude: 77.35
GPS Latitude: 43.06
GPS Altitude(m): 12
GPS Fix: Fixed
Preset1-> Fall:(Clouds) 5:(clear) 10
Preset2-> winter:(Clouds) 8:(clear) 12
Preset3-> :(Clouds) :(clear)
Preset4-> :(Clouds) :(clear)

```

Name	Type
Presets.txt	Text Document
Sky_Master_Pro_Data_20180203222738279.csv	Microsoft Excel
Sky_Master_Pro_Data_20180203222738279.log	LOG File



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The screenshot displays the Sky Master Pro Standard SW interface, which is divided into several functional areas:

- Settings About:** Contains control buttons (COM10, Open Port/Read, Clear Data, Refresh Ports, SW Build, Close Com Port, Send Command, Data Port Status, Port Read Complete, Done, Loop Read OFF, Polling) and a central information panel with the Astro-Smart logo, website (www.Astro-Smart.com), and copyright (c) 2010-2018. It also features a diagram of the device with labels for Sky Quality SQM, Sky Brightness LUX, Pressure/Temp Humidity, Wind, Rain/Snow, Relay Outputs, and GPS.
- Configure_Offsets:** Allows users to adjust Humidity Offset Value, Temperature Offset Value, Rain Voltage Threshold, and Couple Rain And Cloud Sensors. It includes input fields for integer and decimal values, and buttons for 'Save Value' and 'Upload'.
- Configure Sky Master Pro Presets:** A table for saving configurations based on seasonal atmospheric changes.

Preset Label	Cloudy SetPoint Value	Clear SetPoint Value	Buttons
Fall	2	26	Save Preset 1, Upload
			Save Preset 2, Upload
			Save Preset 3, Upload
			Save Preset 4, Upload
- About Sky_Master_Pro_Standard_SW:** A window showing the software version (2.0), copyright (Dale DiDomenico 2017-2055), and company name (Astro-Smart LLC). It also includes a copyright notice: "This Product is protected by Copyright Law. All rights reserved. Unauthorized use, distribution, or duplication is prohibited. This product is subject to U.S. laws governing export and re-export owned by Astro-Smart LLC."

In the configuration offsets and presets tabs shown above, the user can do the following:

1. Save upto 4 presets for IR cloud data based on seasonal atmospheric changes.
2. User can change Humidity and Temperature offsets, change Rain Threshold Voltages to trip relay closure based on rain mist or drops based on calibrated threshold values set by user.
3. The user can couple Rain and Cloud Sensors to relay closure or just rain sensor data.



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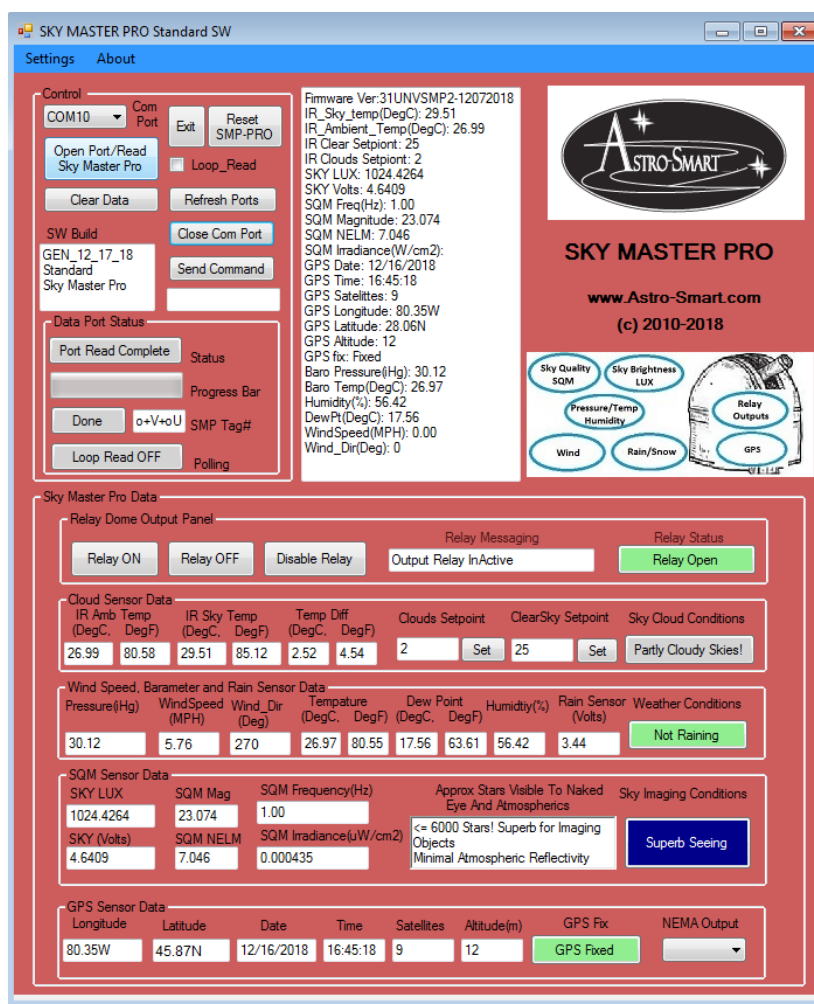
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H. GUI Interface Description Summary Using the Sky Master Pro Software.

Your Sky Master Pro app is a comprehensive app that gives you near real time information from your Sky Master Pro station. Your Sky Master Pro station sensors send data to the controller on-demand, or every 8-10 seconds with the looping read function. You can use the information from your Sky Master Pro station to determine if conditions are ideal for visual astronomy or for astro-imaging. See Section I for information about using the ASCOM driver.

1. First, we'll cover basic operation and station information shown in the Sky Master Pro Windows app. We'll use the following diagram to explain the data and operation of the Sky Master Pro app.





2. **“Settings” Menu Item** – The settings menu allows you to:
 - a. Store a copy of the presets, current offsets and log file information. After selecting this command, you should see 3 files in C:\Sky_Master_Pro_Data directory. Comport.txt, Offsets.txt and Presets.txt along with a foldername with timestamp for log information. Inside this folder you will see timestamp data in excel .csv and .log files.
 - b. Configure the presets, offsets and offsets and rain voltage. You must perform item a first before configuring as you will get an error for missing files read from your computer.
3. **“About” Menu Item** – The About menu displays a dialog indicating the software title, version, and copyright information.
4. **Control** – The control group contains buttons used to connect with your SKY MASTER PRO and display status of the connection.
 - a. **COM Port** – this is the COM (Serial) port that your SKY MASTER PRO is connected to.
 - b. **Exit** – This closes the Sky Master Pro app
 - c. **Reset SMP Pro** – this performs a reset (reboot) of your Sky Master Pro device.
 - d. **Open Port / Read Sky Master Pro** – this initiates a connection with your Sky Master Pro, and reads the current sensor data.
 - e. **Loop_Read** – Enable this checkbox to have the Sky Master Pro continuously monitor the data. The Sky Master Pro data will be updated every 10 seconds.
 - f. **Clear Data** – this clears the current Sky Master Pro data in the app.
 - g. **Refresh Ports** – if you are unable to locate the COM Port used by your Sky Master Pro, click Refresh Ports to get the updated list of COM ports for your computer.
 - h. **Close COM Port** – Click to remain in the Sky Master Pro app, but disconnect from the Sky Master Pro controller.
 - i. **SW Build** – a display of the current Sky Master Pro app version information.
 - j. **Send Command** – sends a direct command to your Sky Master Pro controller. Not normally needed for operation.
 - k. **Boltwood File** – Enable this checkbox to save data to boltwood file format which can be read by 3rd party software packages.
5. **Data Port Status** – displays information about the current connection with the Sky Master Pro
 - a. **Status** – the current state of the data port process.
 - b. **Progress Bar** – an indicator that shows when data is being transferred from the Sky Master Pro controller.
 - c. **SMP Tag#** - a unique identifier for your Sky Master Pro.
 - d. **Polling** – indicates whether the system is continuously reading data from your Sky Master Pro controller.
6. **Sky Master Pro Data** – this section contains four groups. Depending on the sensors you have enabled for your Sky Master Pro, some data may not be shown, or may show zeros (0.00, or 0.0, etc).



- a. **Relay Dome Output Panel** – if you have the relay option, this allows you to control the relay and see its state.
 - i. **Relay On** – a button that you can click to enable the relay (close the contacts) and disables all sensors applicable to relay.
 - ii. **Relay Off** – a button that you can click to disable the relay (open the contacts) and arms all sensors applicable to relay.
 - iii. **Relay Disable** - a button that you can click to disable the relay (open the contacts) and disables all sensors applicable to relay.
 - iv. **Relay Messaging** – the status of the current relay output control.
 - v. **Relay Status** – an indicator showing the state of the relay (Open or Closed)
- b. **Cloud Sensor Data** – this section contains information about cloud temperature. Based on the difference between the ambient temperature and the sky temperature, your Sky Master Pro determines whether there is cloud cover.
 - i. **IR Amb Temp** – the infrared temperature of the ambient air around your outdoor unit. The temperature is reported in °C and °F.
 - ii. **IR Sky Temp** – the infrared temperature of the sky above the outdoor unit. The temperature is reported in °C and °F.
 - iii. **Temp Diff** – the difference between the ambient and sky temperatures. The temperature difference is reported in °C and °F.
 - iv. **Clouds Setpoint** – the current setpoint (e.g. temperature differential) which determines that it's cloudy out. The “Set” button allows you to reset the Sky Master Pro's current Cloud Setpoint.
 - v. **Clear Setpoint** – the current setpoint (e.g. temperature differential) which determines that it's clear out. The “Set” button allows you to reset the Sky Master Pro's current Clear Setpoint.
 - vi. **Sky Cloud Conditions** – an indicator of the current cloud conditions.
- c. **Wind Speed, Barometer and Rain Sensor Data** – this section contains information about wind, barometric pressure, humidity and rain.
 - i. **Pressure (Hg)** – the current barometric pressure as reported in inches of mercury.
 - ii. **Wind Speed** – the current wind speed as reported in miles per hour. If you do not have a wind speed indicator, this will show 0.0.
 - iii. **Wind_Dir (deg)** – the current wind direction as reported in degrees from 0 to 360 degrees with a resolution of 22 degrees reporting upto 16 different wind angles. For example, if the wind were coming from due West, the Sky Master Pro would report 270. See the below diagram for wind degrees:

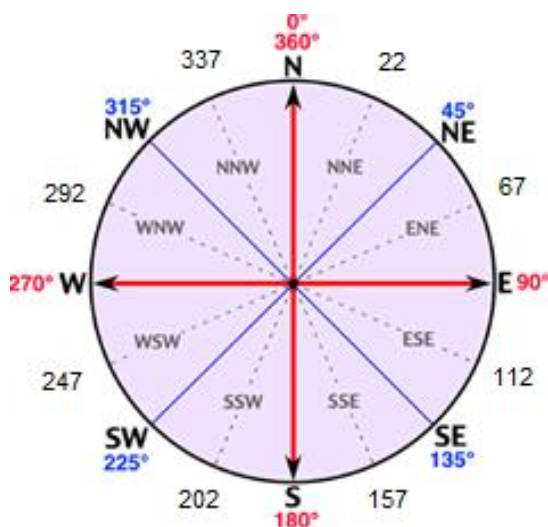


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- iv. **Temperature** – the current ambient temperature indicated by your outdoor unit. The temperature is reported in °C and °F.
- v. **Dew Point** – the temperature at which dew begins to form on the ground or on objects exposed to the sky. The dew point is reported in °C and °F.°
- vi. **Humidity** – the current relative humidity of the ambient air around your outdoor unit in %.
- vii. **Rain Sensor Volts** – indicates the current flowing through the rain sensor. By default, 5 volts flow through the sensor when it is not wet. As the sensor gets wet, the voltage drops due to the increased resistance of the water on the sensor. A voltage near 0 indicates the sensor is covered completely in water – such as during a heavy downpour.
- viii. **Weather Conditions** – an indication of rain, based on the rain sensor volts.
- d. **SQM Sensor Data** - _ SQM (or sky quality measurement) is an evaluation of the ability to see astronomical targets such as stars, planets, the milky way or faint objects such as galaxies or nebulas.
 - i. **Sky LUX** – the brightness of the sky. When the Sky LUX is 0.0000 – it is nearly pitch-black skies with no moon or ambient light pollution. By comparison a LUX of 4,100 might be reported at mid-afternoon on a partly cloudy day.
 - ii. **SQM Mag** – the brightness of the sky in magnitudes spread out across one square arcsecond of the sky. For example; a SQM of 20.00 is equivalent to the light of a 20th magnitude star being spread over one square arcsecond of the sky. A SQM Mag of 17 would be typical of heavy light pollution or a moonlit sky, where a SQM Mag of 22 would be typical of a very remote dark sky location on a moonless night.



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- iii. **SQM Frequency (Hz)** – the frequency produced by the sensor. Bright skies produce a frequency up to 500 kHz. Dark skies produce a frequency as low as 4 Hz.
- iv. **Sky (Volts)** – the voltage reported by the sensor. This value is used to calculate the displayed Sky LUX.
- v. **SQM NELM** – the “naked eye limiting magnitude”. This measurement is subject to the seeing abilities of the individual person observing the sky. But, for an average person with 20/20 vision, this indicates the faintest magnitude stars visible to the naked eye. For example, an NELM of 6 indicates a person could see magnitude 6 stars, but not fainter magnitude 7 stars.
- vi. **SQM Irradiance** – the radiant flux as measured in μ Watts per square centimeter.
- vii. **Approx Stars Visible to Naked Eye and Atmospheric** – a “forecast” for how good the night skies are and how many stars may be visible.
- viii. **Sky Imaging Conditions** – a “forecast” for the Seeing. Typically, good seeing produces limited star movement or scintillation from high altitude wind, clouds or moisture.
- e. **GPS Sensor Data** – if equipped with a GPS, this section reports the data from the GPS sensor.
 - i. **Longitude** – your longitude in degrees. If no GPS is connected, it will report “0”.
 - ii. **Latitude** – your latitude in degrees. If no GPS is connected, it will report “0”.
 - iii. **Date** – the current date as reported by the GPS. If no GPS is connected, it will 01/01/2018.
 - iv. **Time** – the current time as reported by the GPS. If no GPS is connected, it will report 00:00:00.
 - v. **Satellites** – the number of GPS satellites currently in view and connected with the outdoor unit GPS sensor.
 - vi. **Altitude (m)** – the current altitude in meters as reported by the GPS sensor.
 - vii. **GPS fix** – an indicator that the GPS sensor has connected with enough satellites to get an accurate reading of the current latitude and longitude.
 - viii. **NEMA Output** – a toggle to enable or disable NEMA data stream output from the GPS sensor to be used by other computers or software.
 - ix.
7. A video with additional information is available at: http://www.astro-smart.com/index.php?p=1_49_Video-Overviews.



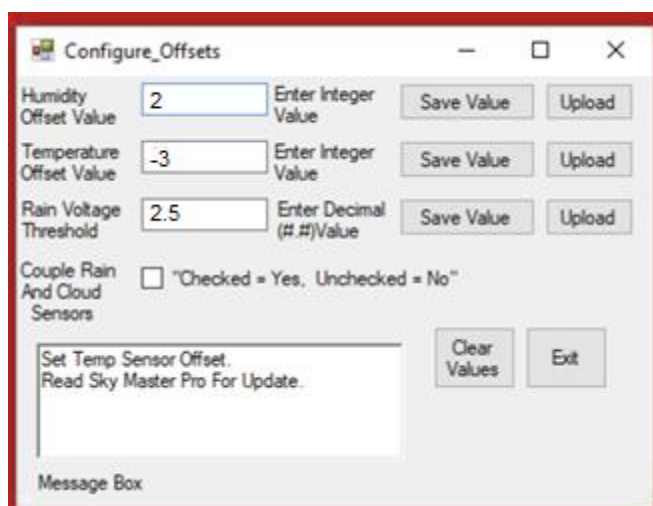
I. Configuration/Calibration of your Sky Master Pro Sensor Thresholds.

Now that you've successfully connected, it's time to calibrate and configure your Sky Master Pro's sensor thresholds. These have been done at factory but location and user preference changes may warrant new threshold settings. You'll configure and calibrate the sensor thresholds by setting the offset values for temperature, humidity, rain alarm voltage threshold and the cloud sensor clear and cloudy condition setpoints.

1. **Humidity Offset.** First, let's configure the humidity offset. Offsets are used to accurately determine the current humidity.
 - a. Using a calibrated weather station, or by viewing on online weather station source that provides local weather information such as weather.gov or wunderground.net, determine your current humidity. For this example, assume that the humidity is actually 94%.
 - b. Since, the Sky Master Pro has varying cable lengths for sensors that affect readings, you have the ability to calibrate with an offset, this screen shows that the Sky Master Pro is currently reporting the humidity to be 92%.

Wind Speed, Barometer and Rain Sensor Data									
Pressure(Hg)	WindSpeed (MPH)	Wind_Dir (Deg)	Temperature (DegC, DegF)		Dew Point (DegC, DegF)		Humidity(%)	Rain Sensor (Volts)	Weather Conditions
18.43	5.76	270	23.23	73.81	10.95	51.71	92	0.22	Not Raining

- c. To calculate the humidity offset, subtract the Sky Master Pro's reported humidity (92) in our case) from the actual humidity (94%) to get your humidity offset. In this example, the offset would be 2. Enter this number into the Humidity Offset Value. Use a negative integer if the Sky Master Pro reports a humidity that's higher than the actual humidity. Use a positive integer if the Sky Master Pro reports a lower humidity than the actual humidity.



- d. Click “Save Value” to save this to the C:\Sky_Master_Pro_Data\Offsets.txt file. Click “Upload” to save this to your controller. Note that the Message Box will indicate when the value is saved to the controller. You can verify the correct humidity by clicking “Open Port/Read Sky Master Pro” button and review the humidity value reported back.
 - e. Verify the correct humidity by clicking “Open Port/Read Sky Master Pro” button and review the reported humidity.
2. **Temperature Offset.** Just as you set the offset for humidity, you’ll do the same for temperature.
- a. Using the same method you used to determine the current actual temperature in the previous step, determine the actual current temperature in °C for your location.
 - b. Subtract the Sky Master Pro’s reported temperature in °C from the actual temperature to get your temperature offset. Round to the nearest whole number and enter this number into the Temperature Offset Value. Use a negative integer if the Sky Master Pro reports a temperature that’s higher than the actual temperature. Use a positive integer if the Sky Master Pro reports a lower temperature than the actual temperature.
 - c. Click “Save Value” to save this to the C:\Sky_Master_Pro_Data\Offsets.txt file. Click “Upload” to save this to your controller. Note that the Message Box will indicate when the value is saved to the controller.
 - d. Verify the correct temperature by clicking “Open Port/Read Sky Master Pro” button and review the reported temperature.



3. **Cloud Presets.** Now that your Sky Master Pro knows the correct temperature, you can configure the cloud presets. There are four cloud presets. These presets tell your Sky Master Pro the difference between the ambient temperature and the sky temperature under both clear conditions and cloudy conditions. You'll need to set a preset for each season, but to start we can configure each of the four presets to be the same. Just remember to update the values each season. I have included an example of some presets throughout the year. You'll need to capture information under a night sky – both a clear night sky and a cloudy night sky to properly configure the cloud presets.
- In the Sky Master Pro app, click on Settings | Cloud Sensor Presets -> Configure Presets
 - Set each label to correspond to a season – as in the screen below. Start with the current season in the first row.

Preset Label	Cloudy SetPoint Value	Clear SetPoint Value		
Spring	3	15	Save Preset 1	Upload
Summer	3	22	Save Preset 2	Upload
Fall	2	28	Save Preset 3	Upload
Winter	2	30	Save Preset 4	Upload

Clear Presets Exit

Message Box

- Now that it's night, check the weather outside. Is it cloudy? Is it clear?



- d. **If cloudy night**, calibrate your Clouds Setpoint as per below. If it's what you would consider a really cloudy night meaning you can't see through the clouds and see stars this is a cloudy night to calibrate against. So, assuming it's a cloudy night and the GUI reports the following below, we use this data to set the Clouds Setpoint. Note the "Temp Diff" value in °C reports 3.24 deg C and my current setpoint for clouds is 2. This means the following.

IR Amb Temp		IR Sky Temp		Temp Diff		Clouds Setpoint	ClearSky Setpoint	Sky Cloud Conditions		
(DegC)	(DegF)	(DegC)	(DegF)	(DegC)	(DegF)					
27.55	81.59	30.79	87.42	3.24		2	Set	26	Set	Partly Cloudy Skies!

- i. Anything 2 deg C and below if considered cloudy in the Temp Diff between IR sky object and ambient temp reading will report "Cloudy Skys".
 - ii. Anything between 2 for Clouds setpoint and below 26 for Clear Skys setpoint will report "Partly Cloudy Skys".
 - iii. Anything > than 26 degC for Temp Diff between IR sky and ambient temp will report "Clear Skys"
- So, to set this threshold for this reading you consider cloudy skys, you want to change the Clouds Setpoint to 3 or 4 in order to report "Cloudy Skys". To do this you just edit the text box for Clouds Setpoint and hit the set button. So, if your next reading shows a temp delta of 4 and your setpoint for clouds was 3, you should see a reporting of "Cloudy Skys".
- e. **If Clear night**, lets set the Clear Sky Setpoint keeping in mind a clear night has absolutely no clouds, all stars are visible. As before conforming to the rules as described in c. above observe and calculate the setpoint value using the "Temp Diff" value between IR sky and ambient temperatures. Set the "**Clear SetPoint Value**" field. It's often best to add 1 to the Clear Setpoint value, and subtract 1 from the Cloudy SetPoint value. This helps account for some variability in the sky conditions and allows your Sky Master Pro to more accurately report partly cloudy conditions.
 - f. Click "Save Preset 1" to save these values to the C:\Sky_Master_Pro_Data\Presets.txt file
 - g. Once you have both your Cloudy and Clear SetPoints configured and saved to the Presets.txt file, you'll need to save it to your Sky Master Pro controller.
 - h. Click "Upload" to save this value in your Sky Master Pro controller.
 - i. Enter the same SetPoint values for the other three seasons. Save the Presets, and upload them. The four seasons are there for your future reference. By leaving the set points for each season, you can return to this screen and update your settings as the seasons change. You need to click "upload" to actually force the preset to be loaded in your controller.
 - j. Click "Exit"



4. **Rain Voltage Threshold.** You configure this value to determine how sensitive the Sky Master Pro controller is to rain. This is set at factory to 2.5 volts which means any voltage below this value indicates a raining condition and will close the contacts of the relay as the default state of the controller is to use the rain sensor to close relay contacts. If you want to disable the relay from using rain sensor or cloud input, hit the relay disable button in the GUI which will instruct the controller to show rain conditions on GUI but not activate any relays. To couple relay with sensors again, either reboot the controller or hit the Relay Off button. Under dry conditions, the Rain sensor voltage shows close to 5 volts. When the sensor is wet, the voltage drops close to 0 Volts.

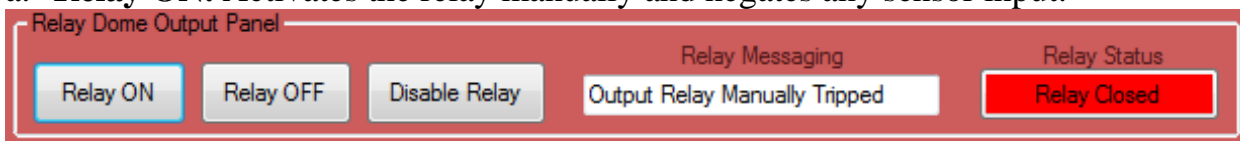
For example, if the sensor was fully wet from rain, it would show a voltage less than 5 volts. For example, if at least one rain drop falls on the sensor, the high resolution of the spiral sensor should report close 1 volt or less.

- a. To determine the right threshold value, use a spray bottle to spray a fine mist of water on the sensor. It's helpful to turn on "Loop_Read" to get a frequent update of the Rain Sensor voltage. Notice the Rain sensor voltage after one spray. Repeat spraying the sensor to approximate the amount of rain you want the Sky Master Pro to consider "Raining".
- b. The rain sensor will also consider dew or frost as a threshold trigger for the rain sensor. This must be considered and potentially recalibrated upon any of these conditions occurring. Because the rain sensor is not heated, dew or frost can form on the sensor when the temperature is below the dew point or frost point. To help ensure against false rain detection, recalibrate the trigger threshold sensitivity above the voltage detected under these false alarms.
- c. Click "Save Value" to save this to the C:\Sky_Master_Pro_Data\Offsets.txt file. Click "Upload" to save this to your controller. Note that the Message Box will indicate when the value is saved to the controller.
- d. **Couple Rain and Cloud Sensors.** The rain sensor can also be coupled with rain sensor and IR cloud activity to trip. If this check box is checked in the GUI under the offset sub menu, either a rain trip threshold or a Cloudy Condition will activate the relay. Currently, the coupling of Cloud sensors means a "Cloudy Reported Condition".



5. **Notes on Relay Use on GUI as discussed in 4.** The following is a summary of the GUI switches on regarding relay control per below.

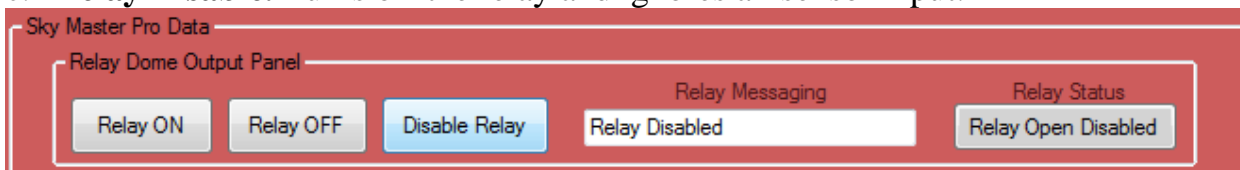
a. **Relay ON.** Activates the relay manually and negates any sensor input.



b. **Relay OFF.** Turns off the relay and turns on all sensor input.



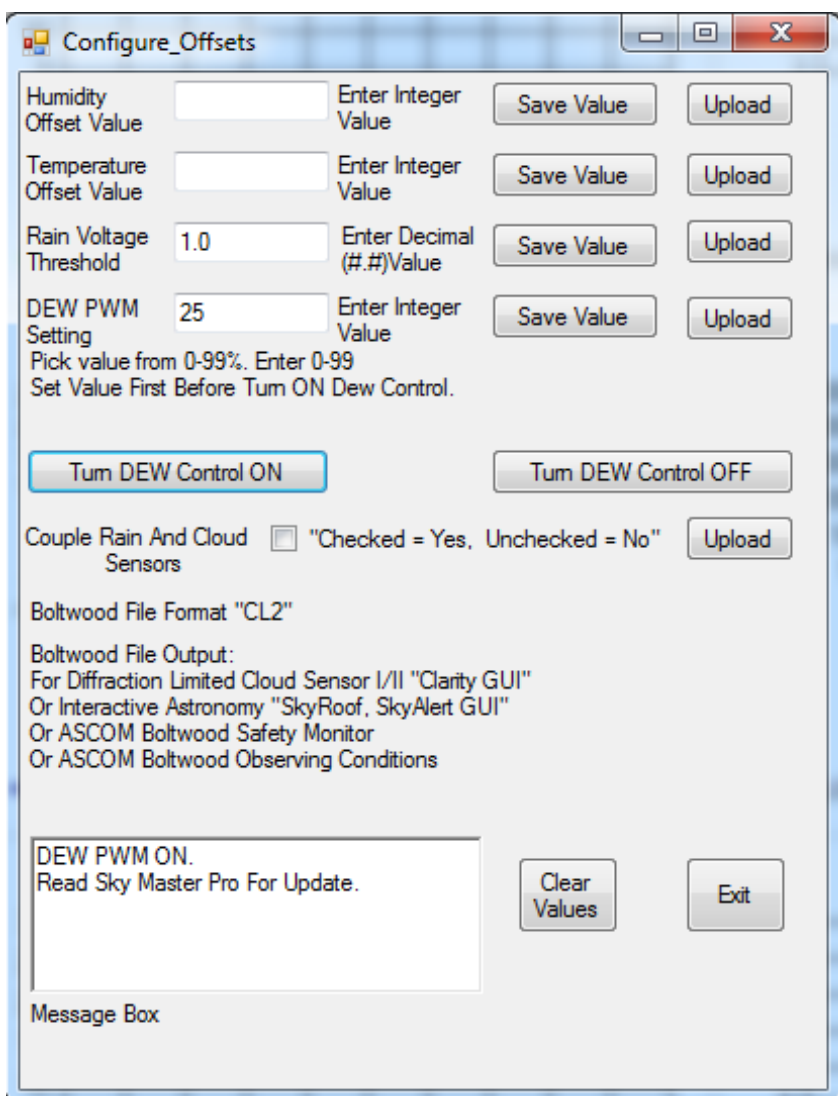
c. **Relay Disable.** Turns off the relay and ignores all sensor input.





6. Dew Control using the SMP-R2-RF version of product.

The SMP-R2-RF product can control dew heating on rain/snow sensor using the Software GUI as shown below. Simply, store and PWM wanted for the sensor and turn it on or off during operation. The PWM % applied for heating can be from 0-100%.





J. Astro-Smart ASCOM Software Interface With (Sequence Generator Pro).

The screenshot displays the Astro-Smart ASCOM software interface, which is integrated with Sequence Generator Pro. The main window, titled 'SKY MASTER PRO Standard SW', features a control panel on the left with buttons for 'Open Port/Read Sky Master Pro', 'Clear Data', 'Refresh Ports', 'SW Build', 'Close Com Port', 'Send Command', 'Data Port Status', and 'Loop Read OFF'. The central area shows the 'SKY MASTER PRO' logo and a list of system parameters including firmware version, IR sky and ambient temperatures, cloud setpoint, sky lux, sky irradiance, sky volts, SQM frequency and magnitude, SQM NELM, GPS date and time, GPS satellites, altitude, longitude, latitude, baro pressure, baro temperature, dew point, humidity, wind speed, rain rate, and wind direction.

Below the main data area is the 'Sky Master Pro Data' section, which includes a 'Relay Dome Output Panel' with 'Relay ON' and 'Relay OFF' buttons, and a 'Relay Messaging' field. It also contains several data tables:

Cloud Sensor Data		IR Sky Temp		Temp Diff		Clouds Setpoint	Clear Sky Setpoint	Sky Cloud Conditions
IR Amb Temp (DegC, DegF)	IR Sky Temp (DegC, DegF)	Temp Diff (DegC, DegF)	Clouds Setpoint	Clear Sky Setpoint	Sky Cloud Conditions			
24.03 / 75.25	23.99 / 75.18	.04 / .07	1	Set 10	Set	Cloudy Skies!		

Wind Speed, Barometer and Rain Sensor Data		Temperature		Dew Point		Humidity (%)		Rain Sensor	Weather Conditions
Pressure (Hg)	Wind Speed (MPH)	Wind Dir (Deg)	Temperature (DegC, DegF)	Dew Point (DegC, DegF)	Humidity (%)	Rain Sensor (Volts)	Weather Conditions		
30.06	4.03	225	24.38 / 75.88	16.19 / 61.14	75.3	4.91	Not Raining		

SQM Sensor Data			Approx Stars Visible To Naked Eye And Atmospherics		Sky Imaging Conditions
SKY LUX	SQM Mag	SQM Frequency (Hz)	Approx Stars Visible To Naked Eye And Atmospherics		Sky Imaging Conditions
1318.62	18.326	80.00	=< 250 Stars! Ok for Visual Objects		Average Seeing
5.0118	4.238	0.035088	Moderate Atmospheric Reflectivity		

GPS Sensor Data		Date	Time	Satellites	Altitude (m)	GPS Fix	NEMA Output
Longitude	Latitude	07/04/2018	12:24:12	10	12	GPS Fixed	

Other visible windows include 'Logitech Webcam Software' showing environment data (Temperature: 25.60°C, Humidity: 75%, Dew Point: 17.30°C, Pressure: 1017.98 hPa, Cloud Cover: 100%, Seeing: 3.52" (FWHM), Sky Quality: 18.64 mag/m², Sky Temperature: 24.81°C, Sky Brightness: 1318.62 lux, Wind Speed: 1.6 m/s, Wind Gusts: 2.5 m/s, Wind Direction: 225°, Rain Rate: 0.0 mm/hr, Average Period: 0.00 hrs), 'AS Setup' for 'Astro-Smart ASCOM Observing Conditions', and 'About Sequence Generator Pro' which lists the software's authors (Main Sequence Software, Ken Pendlebury and Jared Wellman), special thanks to various astronomical tools and solvers, and release information (Name: Sequence Generator, Version: 3.0.2.82). The 'About' window also lists requirements (Windows 7, 8, 8.1 or 10, Microsoft .NET Framework 4, ASCOM Platform 6.1 SP1) and support information (forum.mainsequencesoftware.com).



The screenshot displays the main interface of the Sequence Generator Pro software. The top-left pane shows a 'Target List' with 'Target 1' selected. The 'Target Data' section indicates 'Selected: Target 1' and 'Running: None'. The 'Equipment' section lists various components like Camera, Filter Wheel, Focuser, Telescope, Flat Box, Rotator, Observatory, Safety, and Environment, each with a dropdown menu and a settings icon. The 'Sequence Status' section shows 'Remaining time: 00:00:00' and 'Elapsed time: 00:00:00'. The 'Target Status' section shows 'Total events complete: 0/1' and 'Total frames complete: 0/1'. The 'Event' list at the bottom shows five events with their respective settings. Two windows are open: 'Environment Data' showing weather and sky conditions, and 'AS Setup' for configuring the ASCOM observing conditions, including a 'Comm Port' dropdown menu.

Environment Data

- Temperature: 25.60°C
- Humidity: 75%
- Dew Point: 17.30°C
- Pressure: 1017.98 hPa
- Cloud Cover: 100%
- Seeing: 3.52" (FWHM)
- Sky Quality: 18.64 mag/m²
- Sky Temperature: 24.81°C
- Sky Brightness: 1318.62 lux
- Wind Speed: 1.6 m/s
- Wind Gusts: 2.5 m/s
- Wind Direction: 225°
- Rain Rate: 0.0 mm/hr
- Average Period: 0.00 hrs

AS Setup

Astro-Smart ASCOM Observing Conditions

Trace on Setup SMP-PRO/R

Comm Port: COM31 (selected)

DONE Cancel

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Release Information:
Name: Sequence Generator
Version: 3.0.2.82

Requirements:
Windows 7, 8, 8.1 or 10
Microsoft .NET Framework 4
ASCOM Platform 6.1 SP1

Support:
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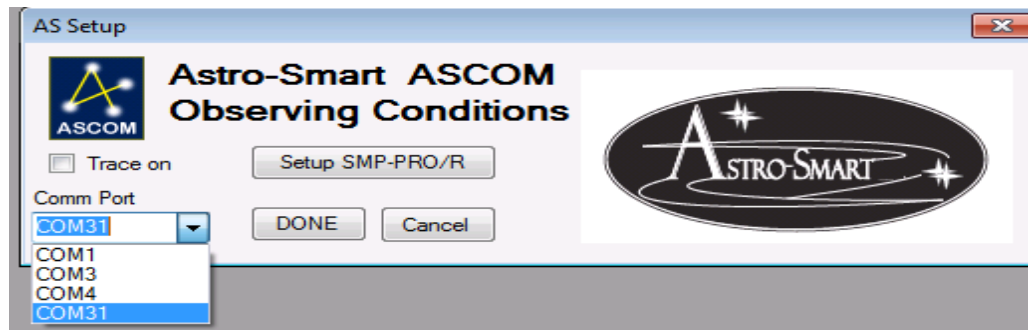


Steps to load ASCOM driver.

1. Load ASCOM setup installer on CD.
2. Select Astro-Smart Observing Conditions Driver under Sequence Generator Pro Environmental interface.
3. Select com port attached to **SMP family controller** unit and click on Done button which should close Astro-Smart configuration window.
4. Connect ASCOM driver via chain link icon next to wrench icon for Astro-Smart Driver.
5. Environmental Data should appear for **SMP family controller** unit and update every 8-10 secs.

ASCOM Example Using Sequence Generator Pro.

1. Start Sequence Generator PRO.
2. Open Environmental ASCOM interface Setup Tab.
3. Select ASCOM Astro-Smart Observing Conditions and choose the following ASCOM driver.
4. Pull down the com port and highlight the correct port the SMP-PRO/R is connected to.





5. At this point you have a few choices to either select the com port and connect to Sequence Generator Pro or enter the setup mode via SMP-Pro/R GUI for any last minute setting changes.

Case 1: Ready to Enter Sequence Generator Pro.

Select the com port and click done which will close the AS setup window. In this case, simply click the chain link icon in sequence generator pro to connect to SMP-Pro/R where environmental data should appear from the SMP-Pro/R unit and update every 8-10 secs.

Case 2: Enter Setup Mode First before entering Sequence Generator Pro.

Enter the Setup Mode which is a direct link to SMP-Pro/R GUI software. You may want to do this for any last minute checks of data reads or to set or change any cloud and clear sky delta set point settings. Here you then press Setup SMP-PRO/R button and the Focus Smart Controller Pro interface is invoked as shown below. Use this interface as described above connecting with com port, changing any settings, closing port and then Exit the application when all settings are set to your liking. This will return you to Sequence Generator Pro where you can select the com port and click Done and proceed as in case 1.

K. Other 3rd Party ASCOM And Boltwood File Software Interfaces(Sky Roof).

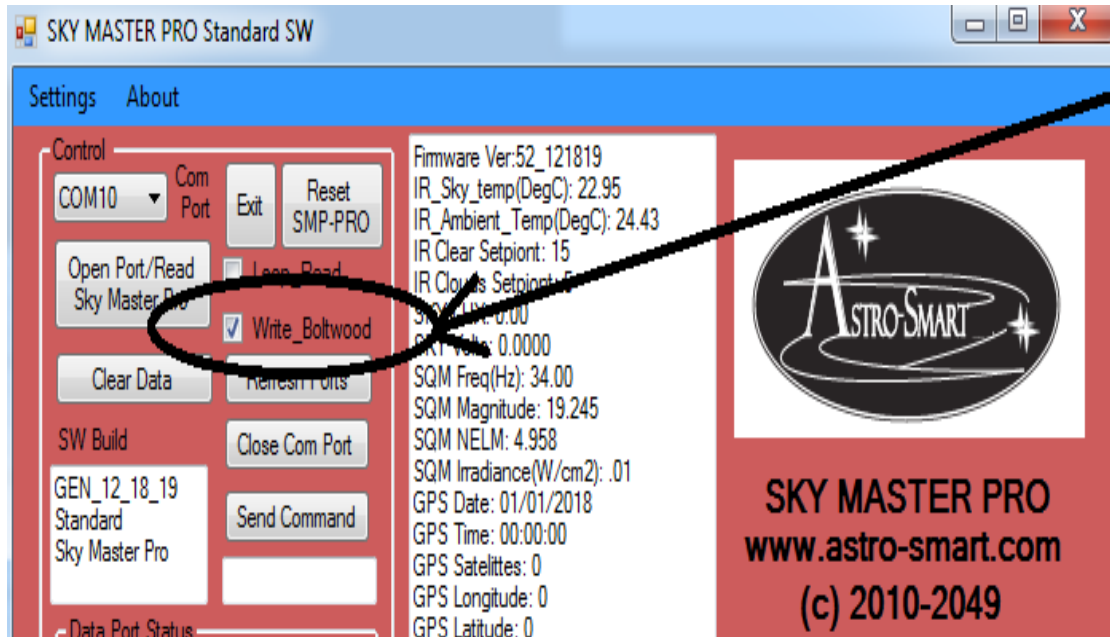
The Astro-Smart interface allows Boltwood File output which is very useful in control applications based on the environmental data collected from the SMP-R2 Family systems. By setting up a rule base conditions, the user can control telescope mount and dome control interfaces. The Boltwood File format uses Diffraction Limited's Clarity II format which interfaces with a variety of 3rd party interfaces for control of your observatory telescope mount, Dome controls or other switch control interfaces. Available in Super Pro Version of software.



The screenshot displays four windows from the Astro-Smart software:

- Settings:** Contains various configuration options for the program, including program settings (Roof, Mount), actions/alerts (Close roof if conditions are met), park check settings, dew heater controls, scripting, graphic options, and SRO Roof File settings.
- SkyRoof (Simulator):** Shows the SkyRoof Control Panel with status indicators for 'Closed' and 'Scope Unparked'. It also displays weather conditions: Ambient 20°C, Sky Temp 25°C, Dew Point 55°C, Sky Cond Very Cloudy, Dampness Dry, Wind Spd 2.5 m/s, Humidity 50%, and Lightness Daylight. Alerts for Dry, Humid, Temp, Cloudy, Wind, and Dew are shown.
- Safety Test:** Displays safety monitoring options for 'Unsafe' conditions, with 'Monitor' checked and 'Disconnect' buttons available.
- Weather Driver Test:** Shows a table of weather data being monitored and updated.

Name	Value	LastUpdate	Description
CloudCover	100	2:14	0% = clear, 50% = light cloud, 100% = heavy cloud
DewPoint	55	2:14	Dew Point in deg C
Humidity	50	2:14	relative humidity, percent
RainRate	0	2:14	0 is dry, 1 or 2 is wet, 10 or 20 is raining
SkyTemperature	25	2:14	Sky Temperature in deg C
Temperature	20	2:14	Temperature in deg C
WindSpeed	2.5	2:14	Wind speed in m/sec



Check the CL2 Boltwood File and weather data file gets written in following path.
C:\Sky_Master_Pro_Data\Weather.txt



L. Blue Tooth Interface.

Bluetooth Module Instructions :(SMP-R2/R systems without BT ON/OFF Switch)

Connection Steps:

1. Insert the supplied Bluetooth USB module in your computer USB Port or use your existing Bluetooth capable computer solution. The standard CSR 4.0 module provided is a Class 2 and works with all versions of windows within range of 33-50 feet. If blue tooth range maximum is required, an upgrade to Class 1 can be acquired from Astro-Smart with a range of 168 feet.
2. Open device manager on your computer and wait or verify that your Bluetooth drivers are installed. This will take a moment if your OS needs to grab them from the internet. You should see Bluetooth radio drivers and ICONs in device manager. If your computer does not automatically load the blue tooth com port drives, open the HC06 BT icon in the BT service window and click properties. Open the services tab and make sure your serial port SPP rev B box is enabled by checking the box if not already checked. This should start your computers install of the serial port BT drivers to use with your SMP-R2/R system. Now, you need to add the HC06 Bluetooth device in your SMP-R2/R system to computer serial ports in next step.
3. Open Bluetooth devices from your OS ribbon or from control panel to add this device by doing a search for Bluetooth devices. You should see HC06 or other Bluetooth devices. Select and chose Add device.
4. Now, pair the device to your computer. Select Pair Code Option and enter 1234. The device should report pairing successful and now you must wait for the drivers to create serial ports for Bluetooth, which can now be used in unison with your hardline serial port connection. If done successfully, you can open 2 SMP-R2/R SW instances to talk and control your SMP-R2/R simultaneously depending on the options installed on your SMP-R2/R system. In some cases, due to memory resource limitations on chosen SMP-R2/R options installed, simultaneous operation of USB and BT will not be possible. In this instance, only one or the other interface can be used at any given time. This will apply to SMP-R2/R systems that have a BT ON/OFF switch, Reset switch and BT LED added interfaces. The BT usage for these systems are discussed in next section.



5. Once, Bluetooth serial ports installed, you will see 1 or 2 ports. If 1 port, then used that port. If 2 ports, one is for Incoming and the 2nd is for outgoing. Please, use the first lower incoming port when connecting with your SMP-R2/R.
6. You are now ready to use the SW program to receive and transmit data. In the SW SMP-R2/R program connect to the Bluetooth incoming serial port. Press the real time read control button and data and graphing should appear as usual when just using the serial to USB connector.
7. Now, hit the Rest SMP-PRO button on your SMP-PRO GUI interface with com port open and your SMP-PRO should reset.

Bluetooth Module Instructions :(SMP-R2/R systems with BT ON/OFF Switch)

Please, see video tutorial on this procedure as well at.

http://www.astro-smart.com/index.php?p=1_49_Video-Overviews

Connection Steps:

1. Remove Power and USB cable from your SMP-R2/R system.
2. Re-apply power to your SMP-R2/R system.
3. Turn on the BT power switch in upward position on your SMP-R2/R system located on the back-interface panel.
4. Notice the BT LED on the front panel of your SMP-R2/R system starts flashing. This indicates the BT module in your SMP-R2/R system is ready to link to your computer but not linked yet.
5. Insert the supplied Bluetooth USB module in your computer USB Port or use your existing Bluetooth capable computer solution. The standard CSR 4.0 module provided is a Class 2 and works with all versions of windows within range of 33-50 feet. If blue tooth range maximum is required, an upgrade to Class 1 can be acquired from Astro-Smart which has a range of 168 feet.
6. Open device manager on your computer and wait or verify that your Bluetooth drivers are installed. This will take a moment if your OS needs to grab them from the internet. You should see Bluetooth radio drivers and ICONs in device manager. If your computer does not automatically load the blue tooth com port drives, open the HC06 BT icon in the BT service window and click properties. Open the services tab and make sure your serial port SPP rev B



box is enabled by checking the box if not already checked. This should start your computers install of the serial port BT drivers to use with your SMP-R2/R system. Now, you need to add the HC06 Bluetooth device in your SMP-R2/R system to your computers serial ports in next step.

7. Open Bluetooth devices from your OS ribbon or from control panel to add this device by doing a search for Bluetooth devices. You should see HC06 or other Bluetooth devices. Select and chose Add device.
8. Now, pair the device to your computer. Select Pair Code Option and enter 1234. The device should report pairing successful and now you must wait for the drivers to create serial ports for Bluetooth. If your computer does not automatically load the blue tooth com port drives, open the HC06 BT icon in the BT service window and click properties. Open the services tab and make sure your serial port SPP rev B box is enabled by checking the box if not already checked. In some cases, due to memory resource limitations on chosen SMP-R2/R options installed, simultaneous operation of USB and BT will not be possible. In this instance, only one or the other interface can be used at any given time. This will apply to SMP-R2/R systems that have a BT ON/OFF switch, Reset switch and BT LED added interfaces.
9. Once, Bluetooth serial ports installed, you will see 1 or 2 ports. If 1 port, then used that port. If 2 ports, one is for Incoming and the 2nd is for outgoing. Please, use the first lower incoming port when connecting with your SMP-R2/R.
10. You are now ready to use the SW program to receive and transmit data. In the SW SMP-R2/R program connect to the Bluetooth incoming serial port. Press the Open Port Read SMP-PRO button on the SW GUI interface.
11. If successful, data should fill in the interface as usual when just using the serial to USB connector and the BT LED on front panel should change from flashing to a solid state indicating you have a locked BT data connection with your computer.
12. Now, hit the Reset SMP-PRO button on your SMP-PRO GUI interface with com port open and your SMP-PRO should reset.
13. Troubleshooting. If data is not received, it may be necessary to hit the momentary hard line reset button on your SMP-R2/R system in which case the LCD front panel will reset its messages and your SMP-R2/R system should execute at normal. Once, the system is normally operating, try the BT software connection again in steps 10-12 above.



M. RF Interface.

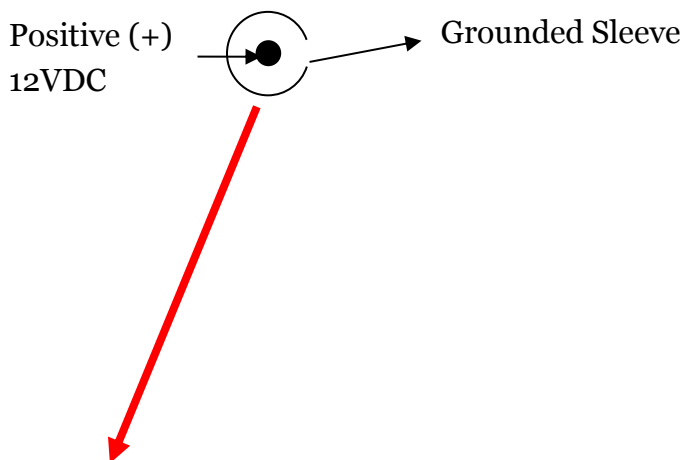
When using the SMP-R2-RF system, please note RF dongle module driver installation instructions as per below.

1. WIN7 Family OS:
 - i. OS should detect all modules and no need for installation. The drivers will be recognized for the com port as either Silicon Labs CP210x or Prolific PL2303 type.
2. WIN10 Family OS:
 - i. OS should detect all modules and no need for installation, which have CP210X style hardware dongles.
 - ii. Dongles with Prolific PL2303 type need to install a driver provided with instructions per video link below.
 - iii. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aWquKi_e-3A

N. Specifications

The [SMP-PRO-R2, SMP-R2](#) requires the following:

- At a minimum of 12 Volts DC at 2 amps a 2.1 mm DC power connector on your AC/DC supply.
- Center positive voltage, sleeve ground, sees Figure 1.





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Figure 1 DC power plug

- **Note:** Astro-Smart recommends you buy our certified tested power supplies for this product. Users can buy and connect their own power supplies to this product, but they do so at their own risk.

O. SMP Family Controllers Front Panel And Connector Diagram

- **Computerized Sky Master Pro (Model- [SMP-PRO-R2](#), [SMP-R2](#)) Configuration . See Figure 2 , 3 and 4 below.**

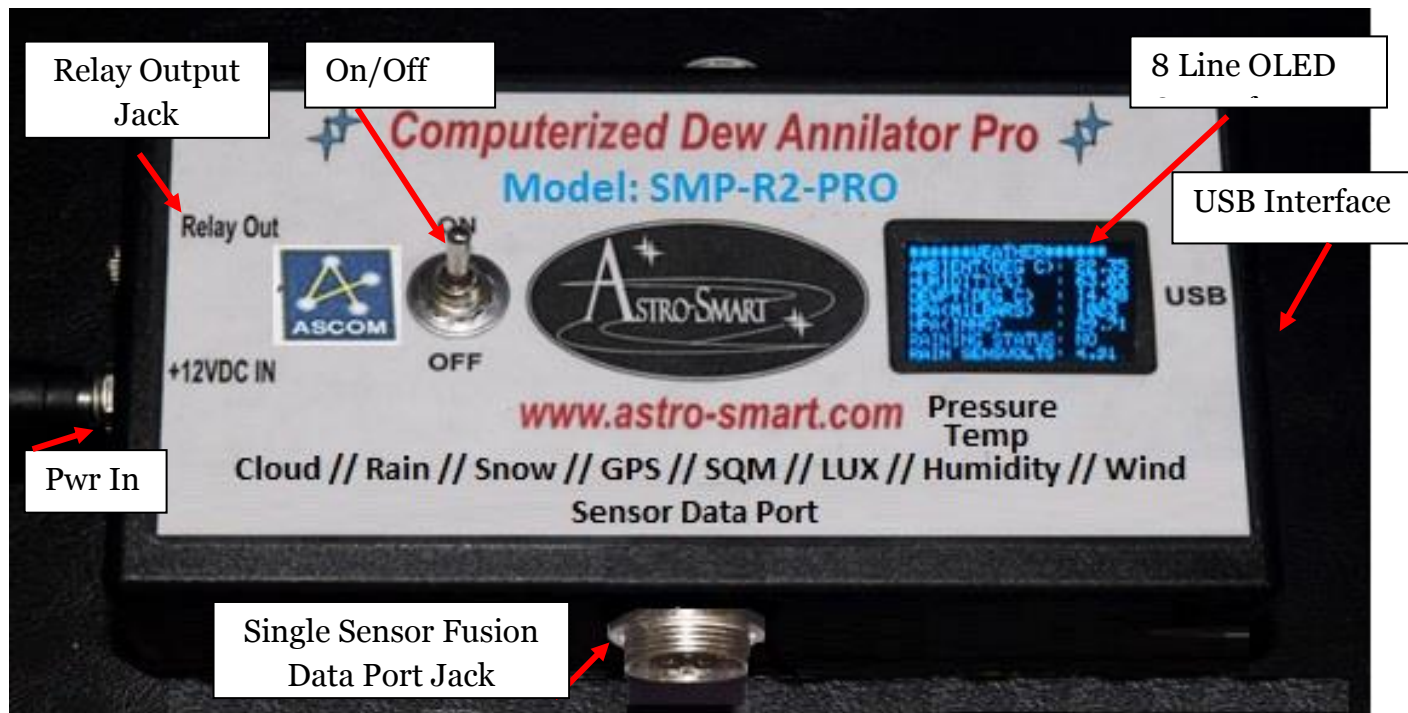


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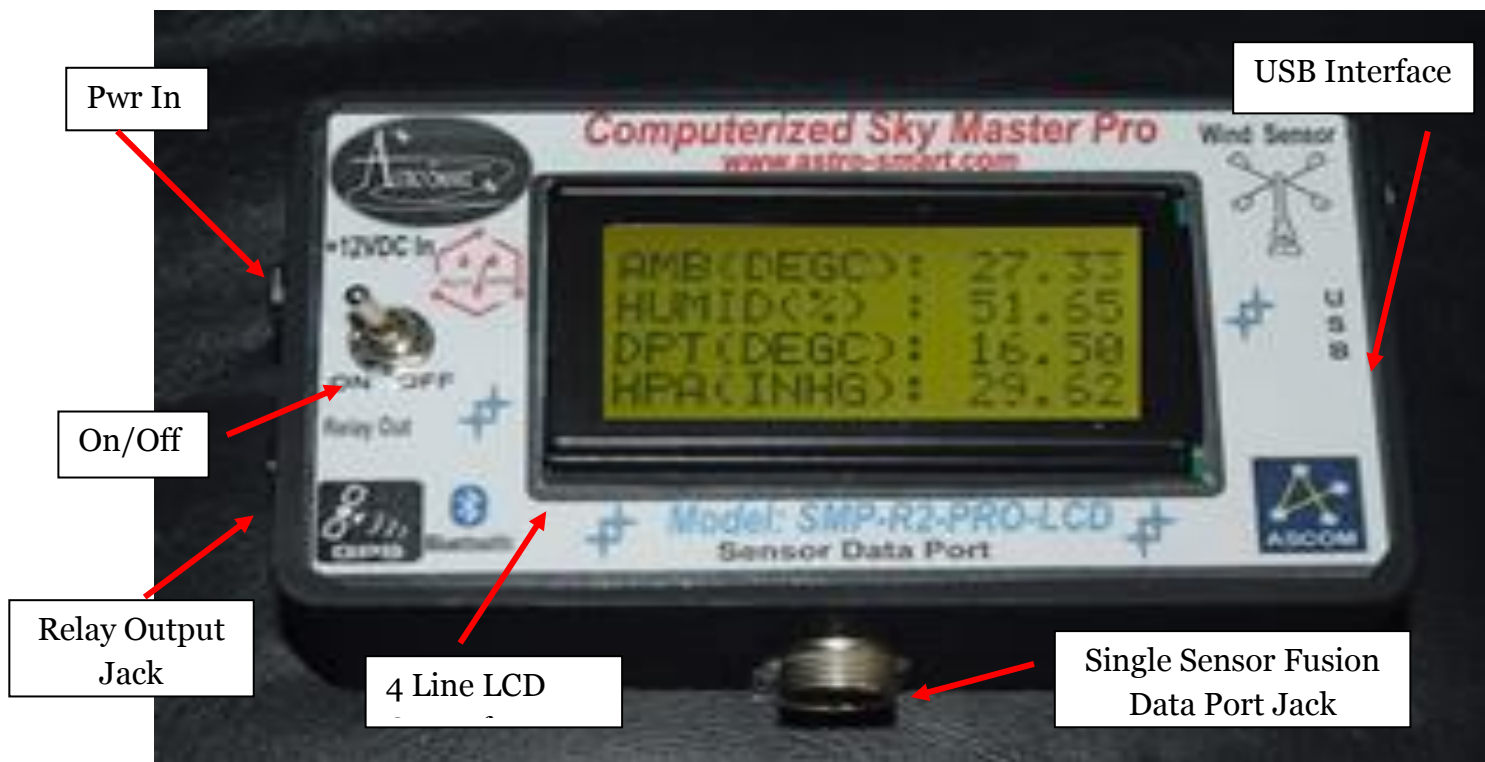
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OLED Display Data: Rolling Display With Programmable Window



Figure 2 SMP-PRO-R2(OLED) Break-Out Overview Model (2018).



Example LCD Display Data: Rolling Display Window. 6 Panes Of Various Scrolling Sensor Data.

Date: 01/23/2019	SATILLITES: 8	CLOUDS/WIND/RAIN	SKY CONDITIONS
Time: 19:25:29	ALTITUDE : 8M	CLOUDY SKIES!	SM(MAG/S): 9.25
LAT : 25.06 N	RAINSENSEU: 3.98	WIND(MPH): 3.49	NELM(EYE): -4.41
LON : 83.35 W	RAINTRIGGV: 1.00	RAINING? : NO	LDR(LUX) : 51346
IRAMB-DEGC: 26.0	AMB(DEGC): 25.29	CLOUDS/WIND/RAIN	SKY CONDITIONS
IRSKY-DEGC: 31.2	HUMID(%): 50.40	PARTLY CLOUDY!	SM(MAG/S): 19.78
CLEARSKYSP: 15	DPT(DEGC): 14.25	WIND(MPH): 7.17	NELM(EYE): 3.89
CLOUDSKYSP: 5	HPA(INHG): 29.51	WIND(DEG): 225	LDR(LUX) : 0.03
GPS DISABLED			
RAINSENSEU: 4.18			
RAINTRIGGV: 1.00			
RAINING? : NO			

Figure 3 SMP-PRO-R2 (LCD) Break-Out Overview Model (2019).



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Figure 4 SMP-R2 Break-Out Overview Model (2018).



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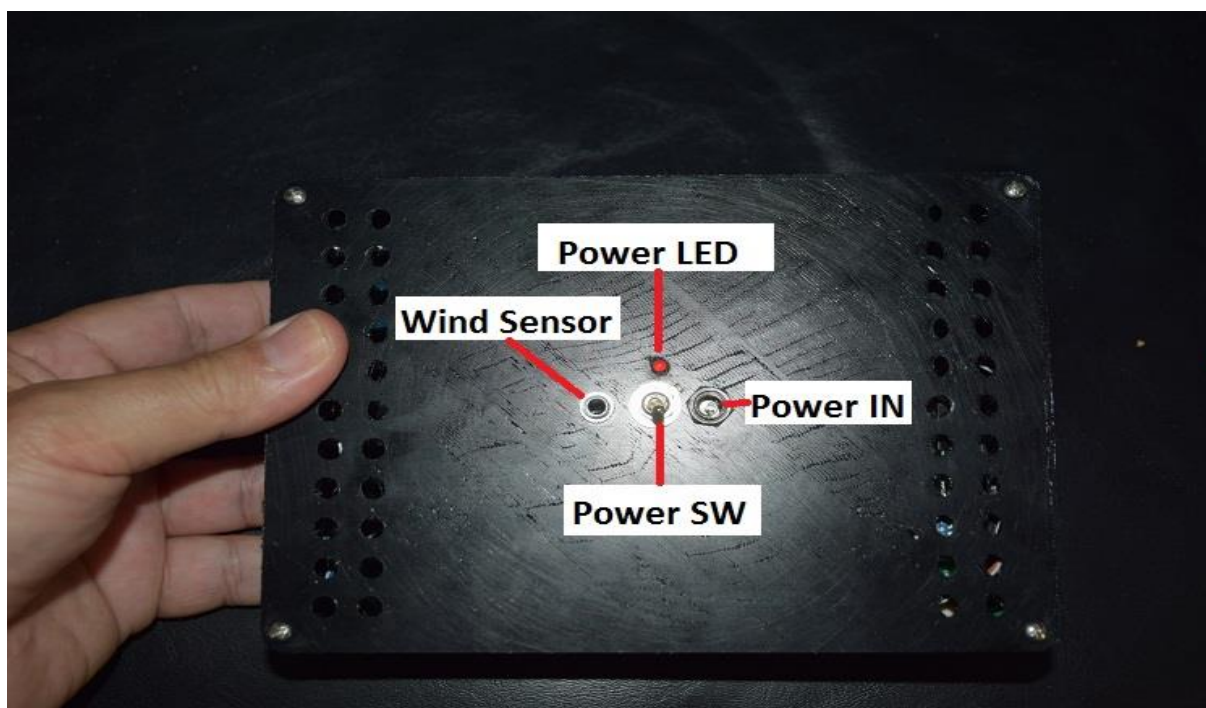


Figure 5 SMP-R2-RF Break-Out Overview Model (2020).

An online video demo of operation can be found on our website at :
http://www.astro-smart.com/index.php?p=1_24



P. R2 Full Sensor Enclosure Front Panel And Connector Diagram

- The ***R2 Full Sensor Fusion Enclosure*** to be used with **Computerized Sky Master Pro** (Model- ***SMP-PRO-R2, SMP-R2***) Configuration is shown below in Figure 6 below.

Figure 6 R2 Full Sensor Fusion Enclosure Break-Out Overview Model (2018).





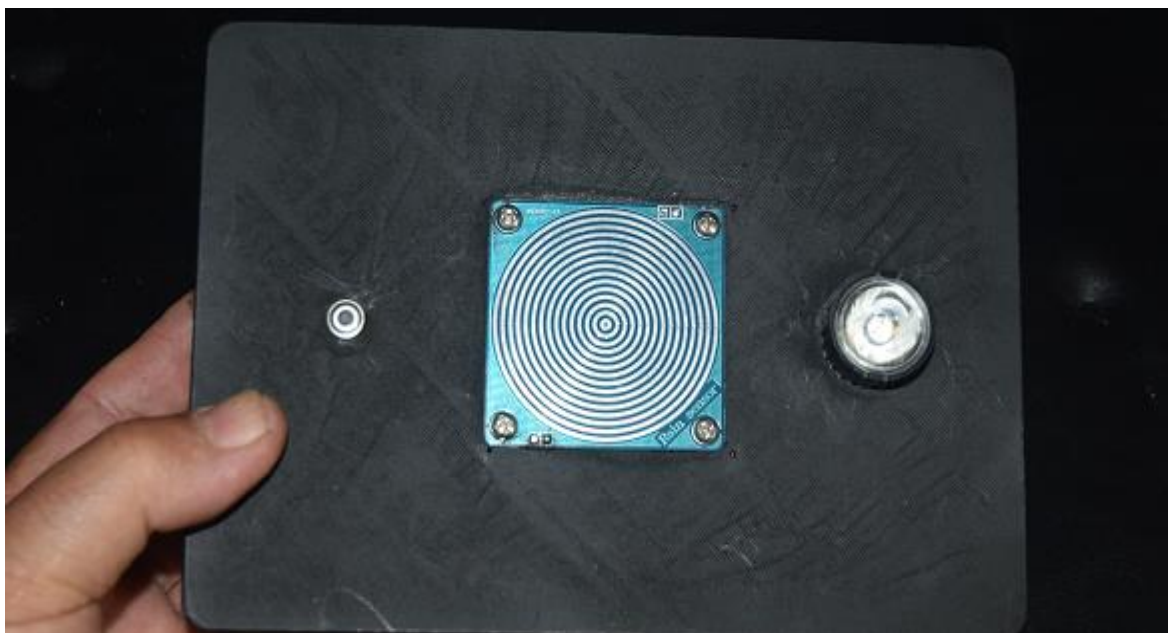
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Figure 7 R2 Full Sensor Fusion Enclosure Model (2019).



The version above now has all connections underneath the sensor housing which are protected from the elements. This cable harness can be shrouded through pipe mounting as part of PVC mounting kit option. This way the data cable and wind sensor cable can be routed to R2 Enclosure inside the piping mounting conduit.



Q. Accessories



Another convenient accessory that Astro-Smart offers for your [SMP-PRO-R2](#), [SMP-R2](#) is the R2 full sensor fusion enclosure, which houses a 5 sensor cluster for Wind, Rain, SQM, Sky Lux Brightness, Cloud and Barometer Sensors. The R2 needs only one wire harness connection to the [SMP-PRO-R2](#), [SMP-R2](#) controller.



Wind Option 1



Wind Option 2



Wind Option 3



Wind Option 4

Shown above are the (4) four wind sensor options mounted with the R2 enclosure for use with [SMP-PRO-R2](#), [SMP-R2](#) controllers. The wind sensors plug into the R2 via wind connection port. This mounting enclosure feeds the single wire harness through PVC conduit to [SMP-PRO-R2](#), [SMP-R2](#) with pre drilled mounting holes. Each anemometer shown above is available separately as well for other mounting option alternatives.



Another accessory for the [SMP-PRO-R2](#), [SMP-R2](#) that Astro-Smart offers is the single data/control cable which comes in 6, 12, 18, 25 or 50 feet in length to the R2 full sensor fusion Enclosure. Custom lengths are also available.



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As part of your R2 enclosure sensor package that Astro-Smart offers for your [SMP Family Controller](#) is the SQM(Sky Quality Meter) Standard sensor ([4SQMS](#)) plus sky brightness in Lux which comes standard. This sensor informs the user of the quality of the sky conditions for imaging, visual or technical work communicating with the user GUI interface which gives the user immediate feedback on sky conditions letting the user know if imaging, visual, technical work or a poor night for setting up your telescope. The SQM standard sensor provides dual graphing of MPSAS(Magnitude per square arc second) and NELM(Naked Eye Limiting Magnitude. Sky lux brightness measuring from .0001 to 100K lux..



As part of your R2 enclosure sensor package that Astro-Smart offers for your [SMP Family Controller](#) is the Cloud Sensor ([4SMP-C](#)). This very sensitive IR sensor informs the user of the atmospheric conditions on whether is cloudy, partly cloudy or clear for imaging, visual or technical work communicating with the user GUI interface which gives the user immediate feedback on sky cloud conditions letting the user know if imaging, visual, technical work or a poor night for setting up your telescope. This sensor package comes standard with R2 enclosure.



As part of your R2 enclosure sensor package that Astro-Smart offers for your [SMP Family Controller](#) is the Rain and Snow Sensor ([4SMP-R](#)). This sensor informs the user of rain fall when observing remotely. The rain sensor can be used for informative purposes to close your observatory until rain has abated. This sensor package comes standard with R2 enclosure.



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As part of your R2 enclosure sensor package that Astro-Smart offers for your [SMP Family Controller](#) is Dew Heating Control for Rain and Snow Sensor ([4SMP-R](#)). This ad on gives the ability to add heat to the rain sensor element to abate dew false alarms. Internal Temperature of the R2 Enclosure is used for feedback. The Dew control module gives the user ability to adjust heat as well to the dew strap on rain sensor located on R2 enclosure locally near the R2 Controller with digital readout.



As part of your R2 enclosure sensor package that Astro-Smart offers for your [SMP Family Controller](#) is the Barometer Sensor ([4SMP-B](#)). This sensor informs the user of barometric pressure, temperature and humidity when observing remotely. This sensor package comes standard with R2 enclosure.



Another convenient accessory for your [SMP Family Controller](#) that Astro-Smart offers is the Relay Output Option 1 or 2. Option 1 is a +5V plus LED indicator activated output which is embedded in the SMP-PRO/R to a user supplied relay device. Option 2 as shown above provides a 120/240 VAC or 12VDC 10 Amp relay output for high current signaling devices for users needing a relay to drive a dome, roof or signaling device when SMP-Pro/R alarms such as raining conditions occur. This relay is sold as an option.



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Another convenient accessory that Astro-Smart offers for your [SMP Family Controller](#) is the GPS Sensor ([4SMP-G](#)). This sensor informs the user of precise location(latitude, longitude, time, date, # of satellites, altitude) and supports NEMA output for 3rd party software applications when observing remotely. If ordered for the [SMP-PRO-R2](#), [SMP-R2](#) systems, the GPS module is embedded inside the controller and is sold as an option.



Another convenient accessory for your [SMP Family Controller](#) that Astro-Smart offers is a Display upgrade to 8 line OLED or 4 line LCD Display. Come standard with any SMP-R2 PRO purchase.

COMMUNICATION Upgrade Options:



Another convenient accessory add-on that Astro-Smart offers is the USB-3/2 7 Port Astro-Hub optional add on interface specifically designed for the [SMP family controller](#). For dedicated communication distances less than 50 feet with USB-3 equipment and 80 feet for USB-2 equipment to your computer. The Astro-Hub can be used with your [SMP family controller](#) and other telescope equipment such as cameras, focusers, mount, etc to your computer or other backhaul interface (ie ethernet or wireless options)([USB-3/2-Astro-Hub](#)).



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Another convenient accessory add-on that Astro-Smart offers is a RF Bluetooth, WIFI or ISM Wireless interface specifically designed for the [SMP family controller](#). For dedicated wireless communication distances less than (200

feet)Bluetooth, (300 feet) WIFI and (650 feet) ISM to your computer, the embedded Wireless upgrade option is right for you. You just connect with your wireless capable PC or use supplied wireless adapter and enjoy a wireless connection that's wire free unit separation. This add on gives the user ability for simultaneous use of supplied standard serial/USB port interface plus the addition of the Wireless assigned serial port which can run two remote software applications at once if desired.

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R. Astro-Smart's Product Goals:

Astro-Smart is the innovator of this elegant and convenient sky master sensor and control system *solution to your telescope mount or observatory needs*. The **Computerized Sky Master System Controller Pro(SMP) family controllers** are an economical yet superior Automation solution made available to the amateur or professional Astronomer. The **SMP family controllers** are designed for use with any make or model observatory and or telescope mount where the user needs information of the night sky.

Since, the inception of this unique product at Astro-Smart, the **SMP family controllers** was many years in the making, over long periods in astronomy using existing products on the market identifying their weaknesses and limitations making the product you see before you. The **SMP family controllers** are finally here!!! The Astro-Smart **SMP family controllers** are designed to be user friendly, serviceable, elegant and reliable. The intent is to make the product better as time progresses, so please always feel free to email me for GUI or feature recommendation updates at dale@astro-smart.com.



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