

iMiniPlus PDF Logger User Guide



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1 Scope of this document

This document only describes new added functionality of USB and PDF to iMiniPlus logger. With the exception of USB connection and PDF report this logger is essentially iMiniPlus temperature logger. Please refer to iMiniPlus Logger User guide for all other important information for this logger.

2 Why PDF?

This logger has been developed to eliminate the need of installing proprietary software on PC to view logger data. The main application for this was logger shipments to remote areas or places where installation of new software for just occasional downloading data from logger was not justifiable. Portable Document Format developed by *Adobe ® Systems* was chosen since almost all PCs have at least one version of *Adobe ® Reader* installed. The PDF file generated by the logger is not encrypted and only intended to provide the user with a simple and convenient method of examining logger data to make a decision on accepting or rejecting the shipment.

3 Logger profile

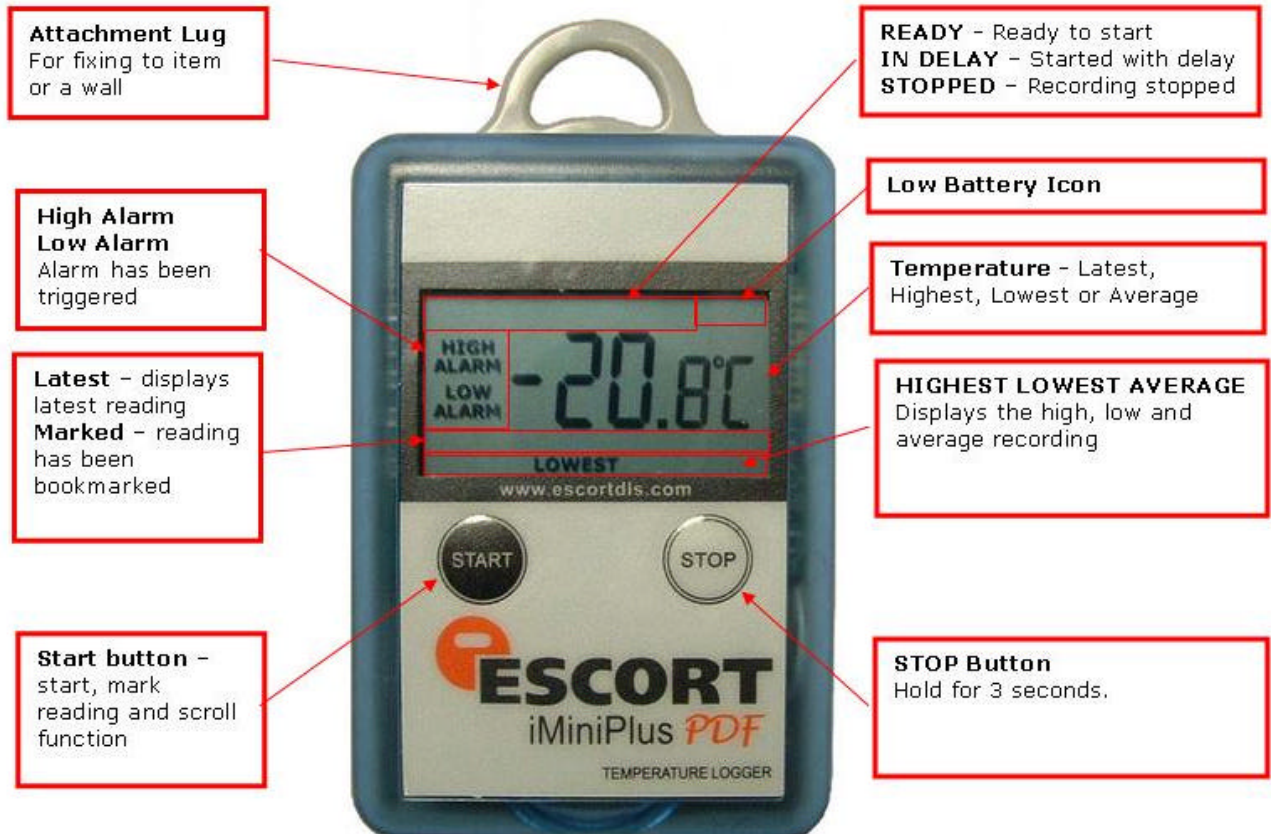
The Escort iMiniPlus PDF Logger is available in two models. Both have the same temperature range of sensor ; D-range (-40°C to +70°C).

One model has the thermistor sensor mounted inside the logger (Product code MU-IN-D-8-L)

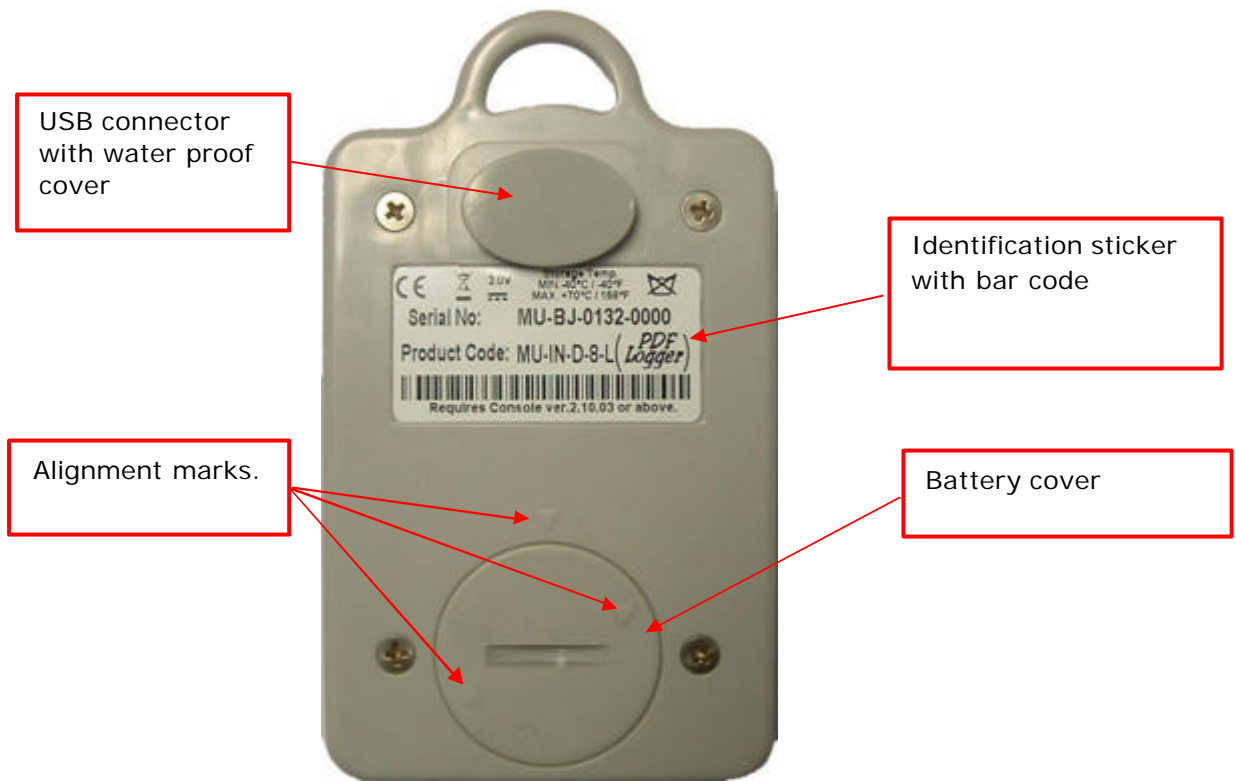
The other model comes with the same sensor as above but encapsulated inside a stainless steel tip on a 1meter PVC cable. This sensor assembly is permanently connected to the body of the iMiniPlus (Product code MU-OE-D-8-L)

The iMiniPlus has a fully functional LCD display and push buttons. A summary of these features and functions is described below.

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The iMiniPlus PDF Logger comes with water-proof covers for the USB connection and the battery.

Make sure that when logger is in use these covers are in place. This is important in wet or dusty environments. If covers are lost please contact your distributor for a replacement.

When replacing the battery align one triangular mark on the battery cover against similar shaped mark on the logger base to avoid damaging plastic lock feature of the battery cover part.

4 What you need to get started



iMiniPlus PDF Logger



***Mini B to A USB
cable***



+



***PC with PDF Reader
software installed***



***Escort Console or
Console Lite
Software installed***

5 FDA 21 CFR Part 11 compliance

The PDF report should not be used to provide traceable and auditable data record. The PDF report can be changed by the user. This is contrary to the FDA 21 CFR Part 11 requirements to data security. In order to produce secure and traceable record, users have to open LRF with Escort Console and create an LCF file. There is no need to physically connect logger to PC and download again with Escort Console if logger finished trip. You can just mail LRF and open it with Escort Console.

6 How iMiniPlus PDF Logger works

iMiniPlus PDF Logger needs to be programmed by Escort Console for logging trip before use.

There is no need to install USB drivers on PC. iMiniPlus PDF Logger is configured as generic USB Mass Storage Device. All operating systems should install this device automatically using default USB drivers.

iMiniPlus PDF does not require any proprietary software installation to download data from logger after logging trip is finished.

iMiniPlus normally generates 3 files once connected to USB.

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- PDF report. This file is used to view logger data. This file is not present if the logger has been configured not to produce it.
- CONTROL.BIN file is used for communication purposes with Escort software
- .LRF file is used by Escort Console to create secure .LCF file for traceable data records.

iMiniPlus PDF Logger does not consume battery power when connected to USB and can not measure or recognize change in Battery status.

iMiniPlus PDF Logger checks battery status every 15 minutes when not connected to USB and updates Battery Low icon on LCD.

Escort Console checks battery status of the logger when programming the logger for new trip.

Please note that battery low detect circuit is only accurate when electronics and battery of the is at room temperatures from 15 °C to 25 °C or from 59 °F to 77 °F. If logger is used in cold environment it may report battery low prematurely on LCD display. In this case remove logger from cold and check again battery status after 15 minutes or when the temperature of electronics has risen to room temperature range.

7 PDF report contents

You can disable PDF report generation by programming logger with Escort Console software. You can also enable or disable certain parts of the report as described by the document named "iMiniPlus PDF Logger User guide - working with Console".

Accuracy of statistical values displayed in PDF report in Fahrenheit temperature scale is ± 0.1 °F.

Accuracy for time out specifications values is ± 1 second.

If first or last reading exceeds specification only half of the log interval is added to the time out of specifications.

Header:

**Escort DLS
Data Logger record**

**MU-BJ-068-001
Monday, 27th April 2009, 9:32:45 AM**

Each header displays logger serial number and date / time information from logger without time zone and daylight saving settings.

Device specification

Device specification	
Product code	MU-IN-D-8-L
Serial Number	MU-BJ-068-001
H/W Version	01.08
Trip Number	2
Description	Sample
Battery	OK
Original time zone	GMT -12:00 Standard time
Start	Friday, 24th April 2009, 4:42:21 PM
Finish	Friday, 24th April 2009, 5:32:16 PM
Sampling	5 seconds
Readings	600 (49 minutes, 55 seconds)
Active	-40.0 to 70.0 °C
Specification	20.0 to 22.0 °C

Device specification part includes:

- Product Code
- Serial Number of the logger
- Hardware version – this is actually firmware version
- Description string programmed to the logger by Escort Console
- Battery status last measured by the logger before it has been connected to PC
- Time Zone and daylight savings programmed to the logger
- Date / Time when logging trip started
- Date / Time when logging trip finished
- Current number of readings and total duration of the trip
- Logger temperature range
- Alarm limits programmed to the logger

Statistics

Statistics	
Highest	25.9 °C
Average	25.2 °C
Lowest	24.8 °C
High Alarm	Activated
Low Alarm	Not activated

Statistics part includes:

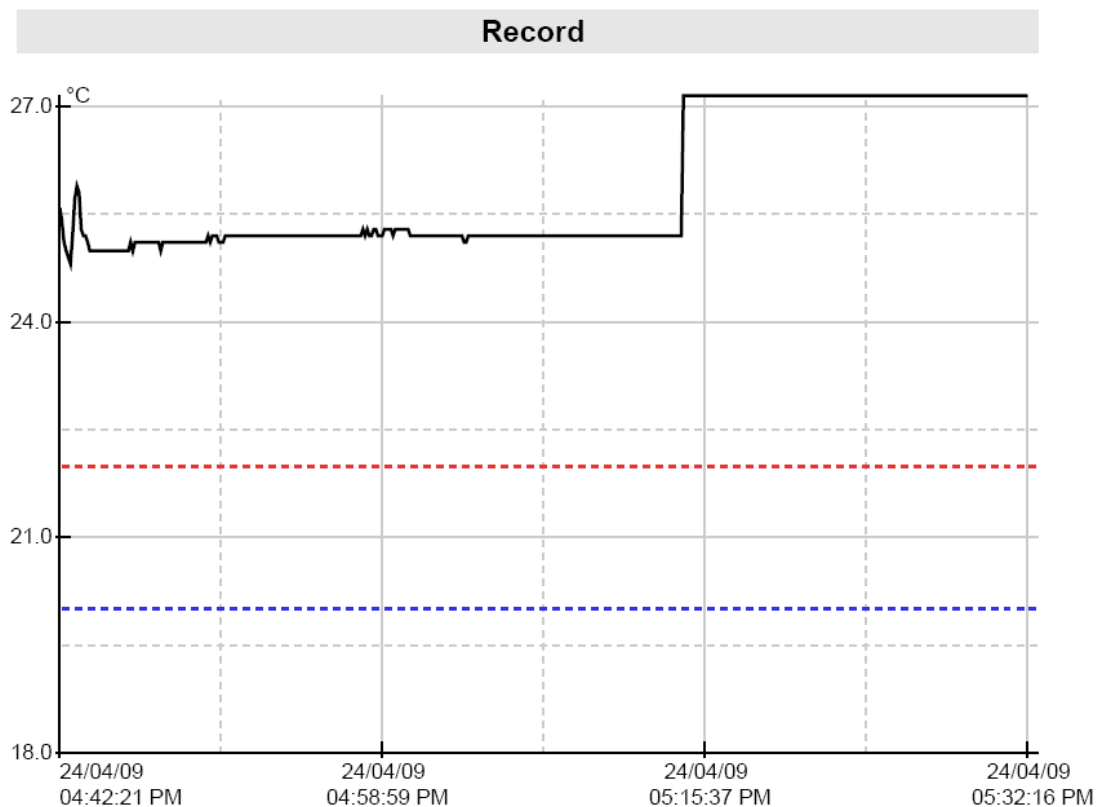
- Highest temperature reading for the current trip
- Average temperature reading for the current trip. *Please note: if the logger is configured for continuous logging, logger memory is getting overwritten and logger only holds the last 8048 readings. Logger computes average that includes all readings even the ones already overwritten. Escort Console computes average based on readings retrieved from logger memory and result may be different.*
- Lowest temperature reading for the current trip

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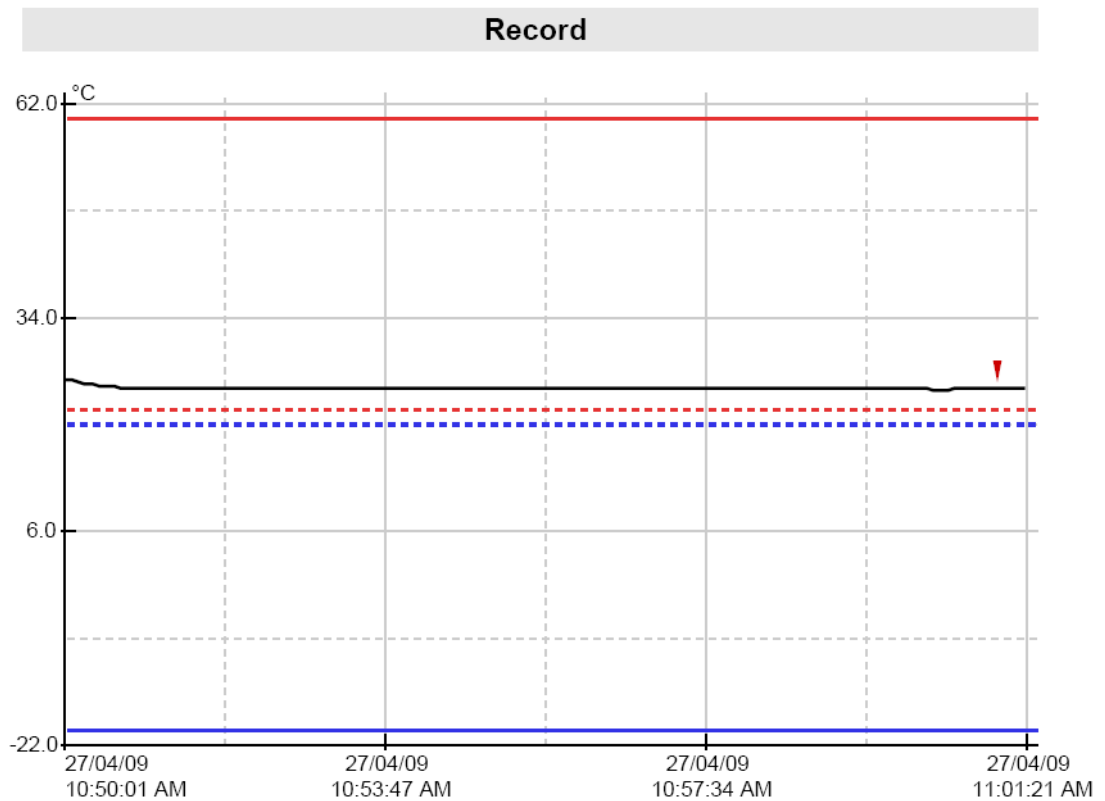
- *High Alarm status*
- *Low Alarm status*
- *Both High and Low Alarm can have the following status:*
 - *Disabled – Alarm was not enabled when logger was programmed*
 - *Activated – Alarm has been programmed and triggered*
 - *Not activated – Alarm was programmed but has not been triggered*

Record

The picture below is an example of a graph section in a report of the logging trip with High Alarm set to 22 °C Low Alarm set to 20 °C and Catastrophe Alarms disabled. Note that only two coloured dashed lines are displayed for primary alarm limits.



The picture below is a graph report of the logging trip with High Alarm set to 22 °C Low Alarm set to 20 °C, High Catastrophe Alarm set to +60 °C Low Catastrophe Alarm set to -20 °C. Note that the graph contains coloured dashed lines for primary alarm limits and solid coloured lines for catastrophe alarm limits. Note that the numerical values of the alarm limits are not shown on a graph. "Specification" field of "Device Specification" section contains information of High and Low Alarm settings. Numerical information about Catastrophe Alarm limits is not available in PDF report.



This part of the report is a graph of readings for the current trip.

This part of the report can be disabled when programming.







You can change date display format to display month first by programming logger.

Date and Time is displayed along the X axis.

Temperature values are displayed up the Y axis.

If Alarms are disabled Alarm limits are not displayed on the graph

Graph Legend

Symbol	Meaning
	Logger readings
	High Alarm Limit
	Low Alarm Limit
	High Catastrophe Alarm Limit
	Low Catastrophe Alarm Limit
	Marked reading

Out of specifications

Out of specification	
24.0 to 24.9 °C	15 seconds
25.0 to 25.9 °C	49 minutes, 40 seconds

Out of specification is a report of how long the logger spent outside of alarm limits

This part of the report can be disabled when programming

Each line in this report can be read as: "Logger has spent 49 minutes and 40 seconds between 25 °C and 25.9 °C"

In this case the value of 1 degree per report line is configured by programmable parameter named "Increment".

Note: if Fahrenheit temperature unit scale is selected, the accuracy of "Out of specification" report summary increment limits are $\pm 0.1^{\circ}\text{F}$ due to the complexity of conversion between Fahrenheit and Celsius. The same report produced by Escort Console may differ from PDF report produced by the logger in term of temperature by $\pm 0.1^{\circ}\text{F}$. Duration of out of specification and the list of readings will read the same.

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List of readings

Index	Date	Time	°C	Index	Date	Time	°C
0111	27/04/09	10:59:11 AM	24.8	0112	27/04/09	10:59:16 AM	24.8
0113	27/04/09	10:59:21 AM	24.8	0114	27/04/09	10:59:26 AM	24.7
0115	27/04/09	10:59:31 AM	24.8	0116	27/04/09	10:59:36 AM	24.8
0117	27/04/09	10:59:41 AM	24.7	0118	27/04/09	10:59:46 AM	24.8
0119	27/04/09	10:59:51 AM	24.7	0120	27/04/09	10:59:56 AM	24.7
0121	27/04/09	11:00:01 AM	24.7	0122	27/04/09	11:00:06 AM	24.7
0123	27/04/09	11:00:11 AM	24.7	0124	27/04/09	11:00:16 AM	24.6
0125	27/04/09	11:00:21 AM	24.6	0126	27/04/09	11:00:26 AM	24.6
0127	27/04/09	11:00:31 AM	24.7	0128	27/04/09	11:00:36 AM	24.8
0129	27/04/09	11:00:41 AM	24.8	0130	27/04/09	11:00:46 AM	24.8
0131	27/04/09	11:00:51 AM	24.8	0132	27/04/09	11:00:56 AM	24.8
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0139	27/04/09	11:01:31 AM	24.9	0140	27/04/09	11:01:36 AM	24.9
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0199	27/04/09	11:06:31 AM	24.8	0200	27/04/09	11:06:36 AM	24.9
0201	27/04/09	11:06:41 AM	24.9	0202	27/04/09	11:06:46 AM	24.8
0203	27/04/09	11:06:51 AM	24.8	0204	27/04/09	11:06:56 AM	24.9
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0209	27/04/09	11:07:21 AM	24.8	0210	27/04/09	11:07:26 AM	24.8
0211	27/04/09	11:07:31 AM	24.8	0212	27/04/09	11:07:36 AM	24.8
0213	27/04/09	11:07:41 AM	24.8	0214	27/04/09	11:07:46 AM	24.9
0215	27/04/09	11:07:51 AM	24.9	0216	27/04/09	11:07:56 AM	24.9
0217	27/04/09	11:08:01 AM	24.9	0218	27/04/09	11:08:06 AM	24.9
0219	27/04/09	11:08:11 AM	24.9	0220	27/04/09	11:08:16 AM	24.9

This part of the report always has two columns.

This part of the report can be disabled when programming

You can change date display format to display month first by programming logger

Marked readings are displayed with asterisk sign.

If logger has full 8048 readings, the list of readings will be 73 pages long.

8 Connecting logger to PC

You need to install Escort Console (please download from www.tiptemp.com) in order to program iMiniPlus PDF.

Please refer to iMiniPlus Logger User guide for information on Escort Console installation. This software runs in Microsoft Windows only.

Second step is unpacking the logger. You will find a USB cable in the box with the logger.



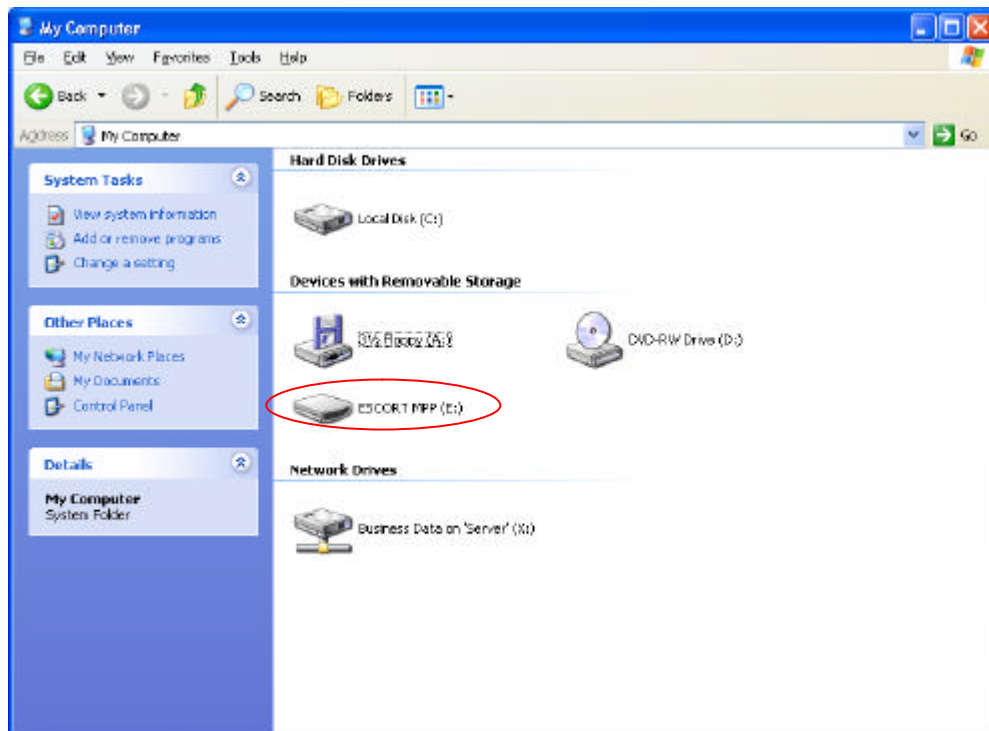
The cable has two different ends. The smaller one is type Mini B and the bigger one is type A. Connect USB cable with Mini B (smaller) connector to the logger and A size to PC or laptop computer as illustrated below.



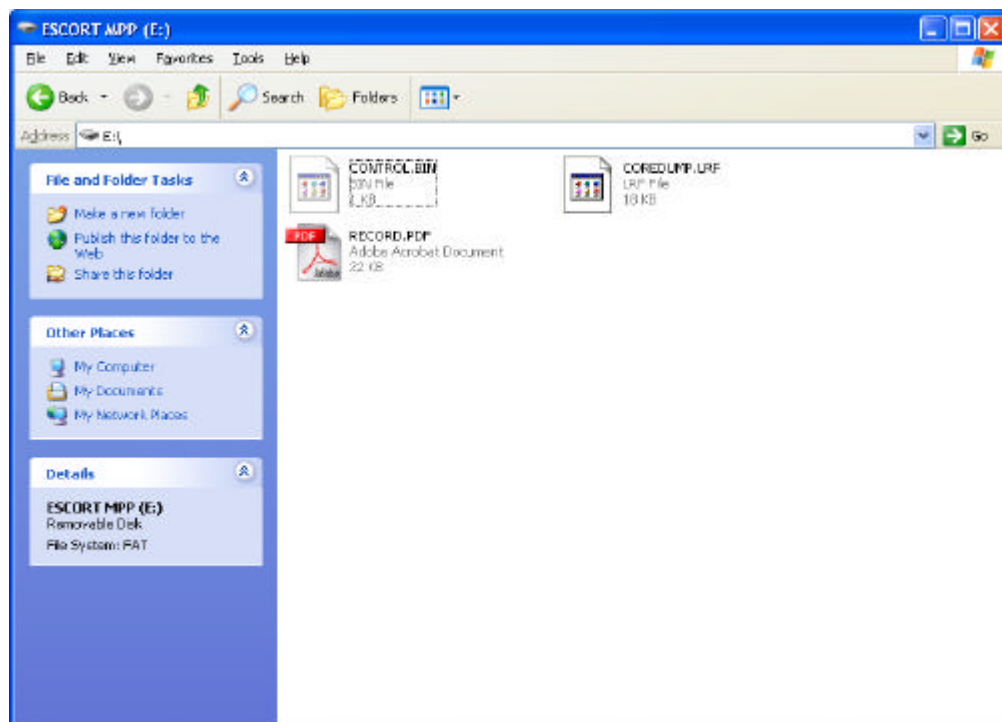
Simply connect the logger to your PC and wait until the Operating System installs device drivers. Please allow Windows sufficient time to install the device. Please do not connect multiple loggers at the same time since it may cause unexpected behaviour.

Once the device is installed, you can see the logger as External Removable Drive named ESCORTMPP in "My Computer" and in Escort Console.

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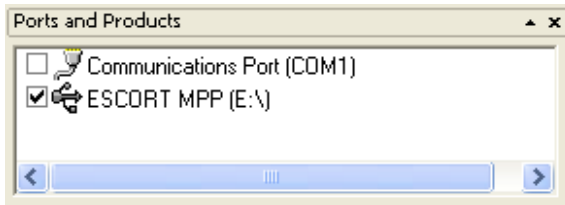


Inside this drive you can see the following:



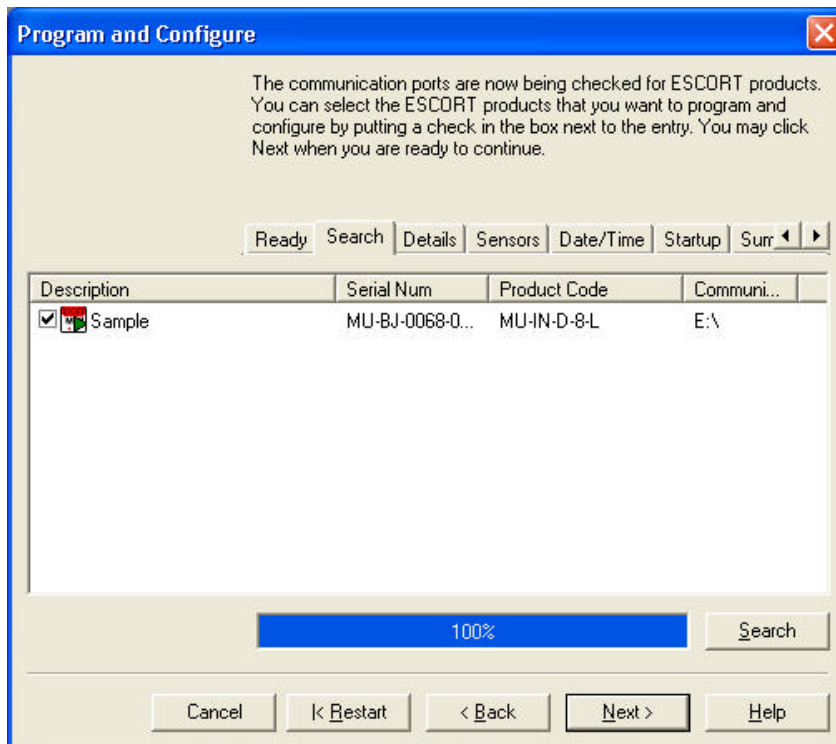
9 Programming logger with Escort Console

You have to use Escort Console Professional version 2.10.03 or later to program the logger.



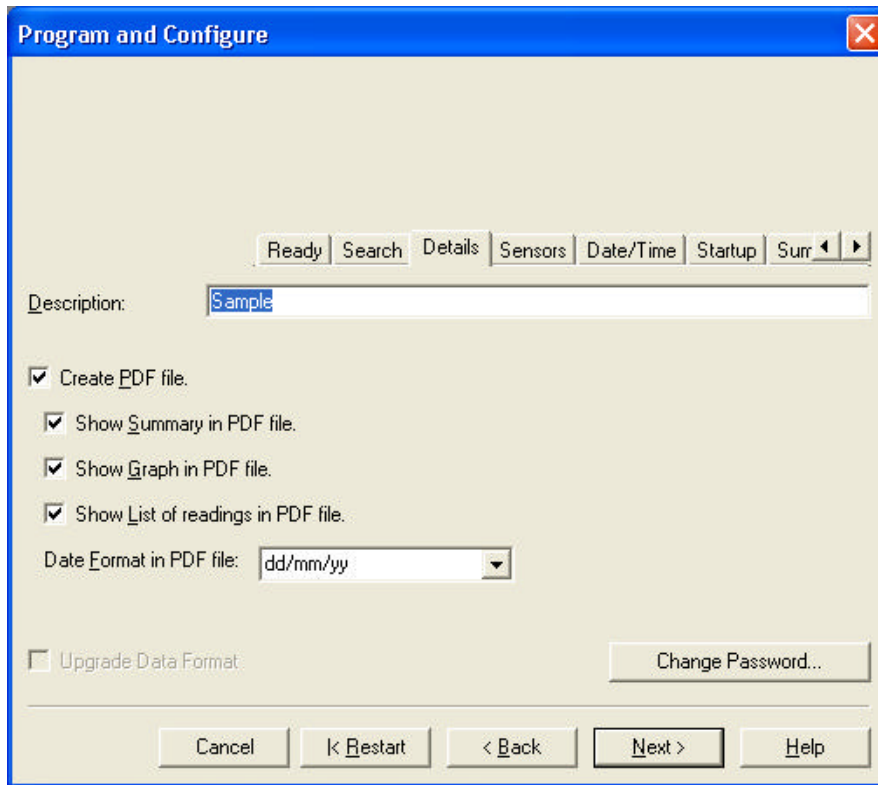
Check this check box and click on "Program and Configure" button on the toolbar.

Program Wizard should start. Then click "Next". Logger should be recognized and displayed.



9.1 Customizing PDF report and changing details

Click on "Next" button. You can see editable "Description" field and options for customizing PDF report:



You can customise PDF report generated by the logger, by checking or unchecking these boxes.

If you check all boxes, the logger will generate a full report that can be several pages long depending on the number of readings.

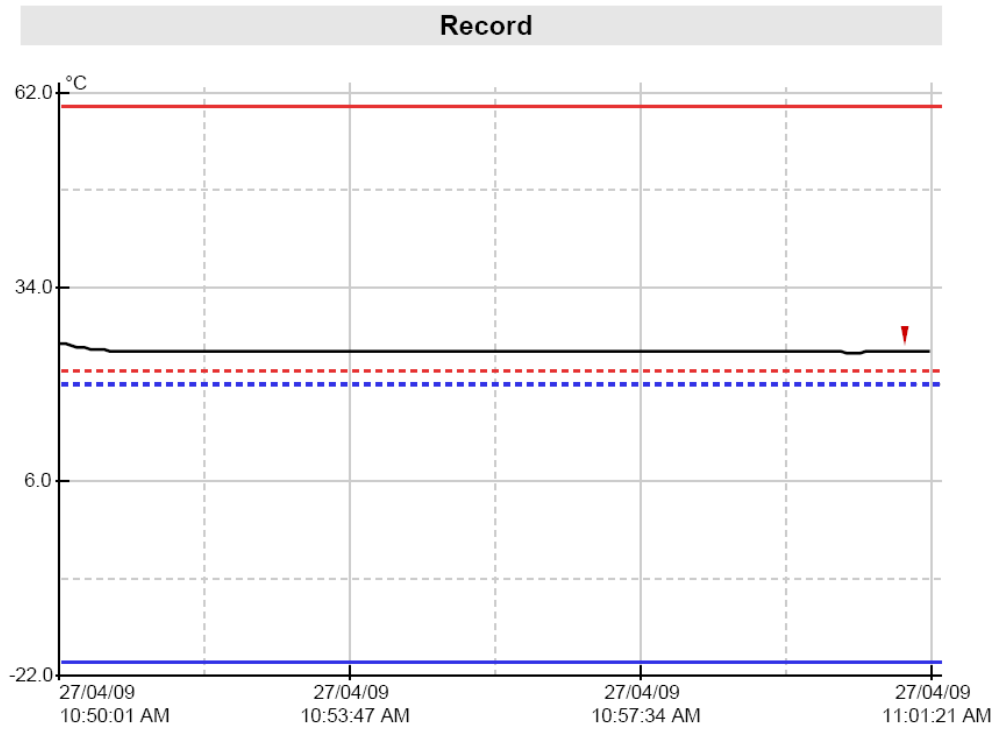
If you uncheck "Create PDF file" checkbox, the logger will not generate PDF report at all. You may need this option to prevent unwanted, unauthorized or incidental access to the data from the logger without Escort Software.

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If you uncheck "Show summary in PDF file" the logger will not generate the section of the report that summarizes alarm violations of the logging trip as shown below:

Out of specification	
24.0 to 24.9 °C	12 seconds
25.0 to 25.9 °C	17 seconds

If you uncheck "Show Graph in PDF" the logger will not generate the graph as shown below:



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If you uncheck "Show list of readings in PDF file", the logger will not generate the list of readings report as shown below:

Escort DLS **MU-BJ-068-001**
Data Logger record **Monday, 27th April 2009, 11:34:35 AM**

Index	Date	Time	°C	Index	Date	Time	°C
0001	27/04/09	10:50:01 AM	25.8	0002	27/04/09	10:50:06 AM	25.8
0003	27/04/09	10:50:11 AM	25.5	0004	27/04/09	10:50:16 AM	25.4
0005	27/04/09	10:50:21 AM	25.2	0006	27/04/09	10:50:26 AM	25.0
0007	27/04/09	10:50:31 AM	25.0	0008	27/04/09	10:50:36 AM	25.0
0009	27/04/09	10:50:41 AM	24.9	0010	27/04/09	10:50:46 AM	24.8
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0041	27/04/09	10:53:21 AM	24.8	0042	27/04/09	10:53:26 AM	24.8
0043	27/04/09	10:53:31 AM	24.8	0044	27/04/09	10:53:36 AM	24.8
0045	27/04/09	10:53:41 AM	24.8	0046	27/04/09	10:53:46 AM	24.7
0047	27/04/09	10:53:51 AM	24.8	0048	27/04/09	10:53:56 AM	24.8
0049	27/04/09	10:54:01 AM	24.7	0050	27/04/09	10:54:06 AM	24.7
0051	27/04/09	10:54:11 AM	24.7	0052	27/04/09	10:54:16 AM	24.7
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0055	27/04/09	10:54:31 AM	24.8	0056	27/04/09	10:54:36 AM	24.8
0057	27/04/09	10:54:41 AM	24.8	0058	27/04/09	10:54:46 AM	24.8
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0063	27/04/09	10:55:11 AM	24.8	0064	27/04/09	10:55:16 AM	24.8
0065	27/04/09	10:55:21 AM	24.8	0066	27/04/09	10:55:26 AM	24.8
0067	27/04/09	10:55:31 AM	24.8	0068	27/04/09	10:55:36 AM	24.8
0069	27/04/09	10:55:41 AM	24.8	0070	27/04/09	10:55:46 AM	24.8
0071	27/04/09	10:55:51 AM	24.8	0072	27/04/09	10:55:56 AM	24.8
0073	27/04/09	10:56:01 AM	24.8	0074	27/04/09	10:56:06 AM	24.8
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0079	27/04/09	10:56:31 AM	24.8	0080	27/04/09	10:56:36 AM	24.8
0081	27/04/09	10:56:41 AM	24.8	0082	27/04/09	10:56:46 AM	24.8
0083	27/04/09	10:56:51 AM	24.8	0084	27/04/09	10:56:56 AM	24.8
0085	27/04/09	10:57:01 AM	24.8	0086	27/04/09	10:57:06 AM	24.8
0087	27/04/09	10:57:11 AM	24.8	0088	27/04/09	10:57:16 AM	24.8
0089	27/04/09	10:57:21 AM	24.8	0090	27/04/09	10:57:26 AM	24.8
0091	27/04/09	10:57:31 AM	24.7	0092	27/04/09	10:57:36 AM	24.7
0093	27/04/09	10:57:41 AM	24.8	0094	27/04/09	10:57:46 AM	24.7
0095	27/04/09	10:57:51 AM	24.7	0096	27/04/09	10:57:56 AM	24.7
0097	27/04/09	10:58:01 AM	24.7	0098	27/04/09	10:58:06 AM	24.7
0099	27/04/09	10:58:11 AM	24.7	0100	27/04/09	10:58:16 AM	24.7
0101	27/04/09	10:58:21 AM	24.7	0102	27/04/09	10:58:26 AM	24.7
0103	27/04/09	10:58:31 AM	24.7	0104	27/04/09	10:58:36 AM	24.7
0105	27/04/09	10:58:41 AM	24.8	0106	27/04/09	10:58:46 AM	24.7
0107	27/04/09	10:58:51 AM	24.7	0108	27/04/09	10:58:56 AM	24.7
0109	27/04/09	10:59:01 AM	24.7	0110	27/04/09	10:59:06 AM	24.8

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You can configure the logger to display date in month / day / year or day / month / year format by choosing one option from drop down box on this tab as shown below:

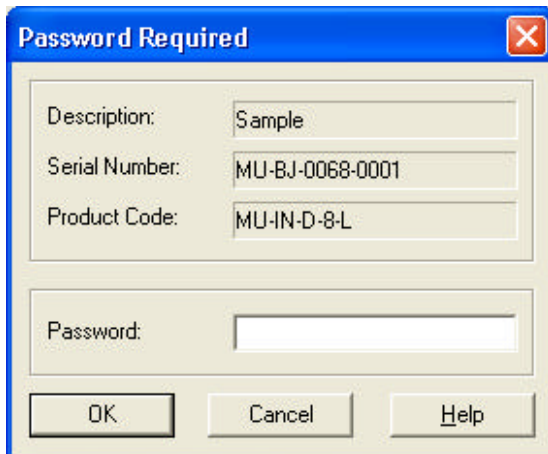
Date Format in PDF file:

dd/mm/yy

mm/dd/yy

9.2 Programming password

The iMiniPlus PDF Logger supports a password option that, when enabled, results in users being required to provide the correct password to gain further access to the iMiniPlus PDF Logger. When the password option is enabled, a window similar to the following picture will be displayed allowing the user to enter the correct password.



The Program and Configure process will only continue successfully if the correct password is supplied by the user. Passwords are digits only, up to 4 characters. You can enter a password to safeguard your logger from unauthorized tampering. Make sure that you keep a note of your password and logger serial number in a safe place. If you lose or forget the password, the logger will have to be returned to your nearest distributor or Escort Data Logging Systems to restore default password.

Change Password – if you have password protected the iMiniPlus PDF Logger or want to add a password for the first time you can do this here.

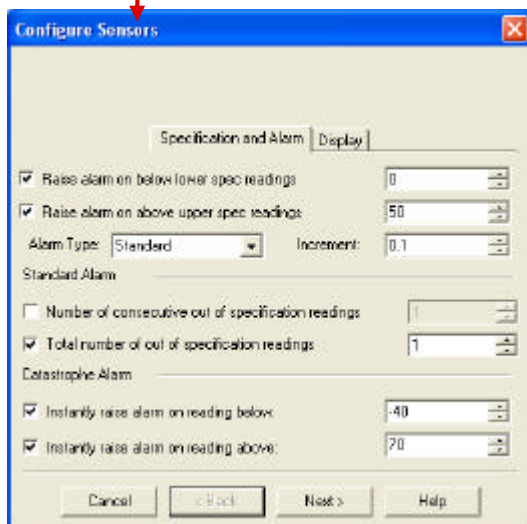
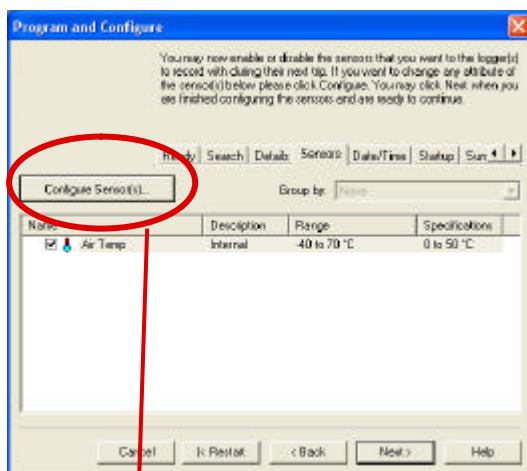


Protect program settings - Tick this option if you want to protect your programming settings for the current logger.

Protect retrieval of readings- Tick this option to disallow viewing of data from the current logger without a password.

After complete the password section, click **OK**
Select the **Next** button or **Sensors** tab.

9.3 Configure Sensors and Alarm Settings



Sensors Tab – this displays the sensor information some of which can be changed by using **Configure Sensor(s)** and others that remain fixed i.e. range -40°C to 70°C. The description **“Internal”** refers to the type of sensor as opposed to **“External”** which will display on the external sensor model.

Configure Sensor(s)... - click on this button to set up the alarm and LCD display parameters.

9.3.1 Specification and Alarm

Raise alarm on below lower spec readings – tick this box if you want to activate the low alarm and select the value in the box immediately to the right. Note if the lower spec value is 0°C, then the alarm is triggered at -0.1°C, not 0.0°C as this value is considered within specification.

Raise alarm on above upper spec readings – tick this box if you want to activate the high alarm and select the value in the box immediately to the right. Note if the upper spec value is 50°C, then the alarm is triggered at 50.1°C, not 50.0°C as this value is considered within specification.

Increment - the grouping size used for listing out-of-specification readings.

Alarm Type

This feature allows the user to specify the conditions that will trigger an alarm.

Standard Alarm

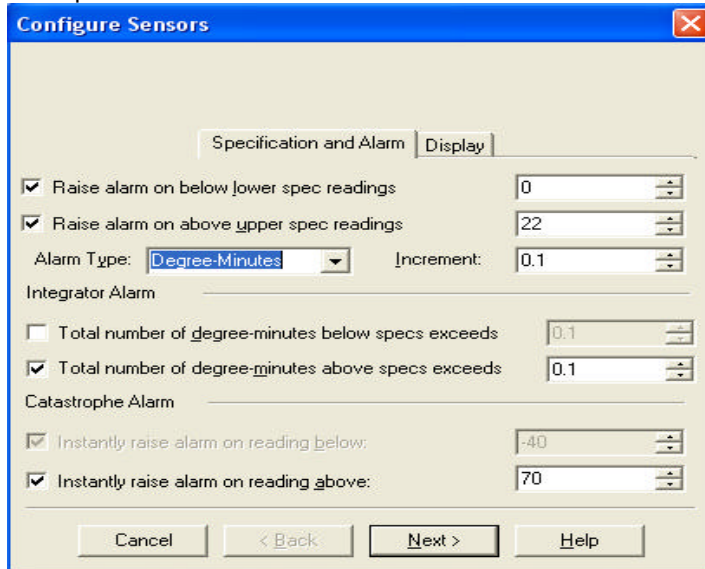
Number of consecutive out of specification readings – the alarm is triggered if the readings are consecutively over or under the specified threshold. For instance if the upper spec is 50°C and the value for the number of consecutive out-of-spec readings is 3 and the logging interval is 10minutes, the readings will need to be in excess of 50°C for 30 minutes before the alarm is triggered. If the readings fluctuate outside upper and lower threshold temperatures, the same rule applies (providing the appropriate “raise alarm” box is ticked). Once the reading(s) return inside alarm limits, the consecutive alarm is reset.

Total number of out of specification readings (cumulative) – the alarm is triggered if the total number of out of spec readings equals or exceeds the entered value. In this case the alarm is NOT reset if readings return to within the specified parameters.

Do not set the Total number of out-of-spec readings value to be less than the Consecutive out-of-spec readings as this will mean that the Consecutive out-of-spec readings alarm will never be triggered.

Degree-Minutes Alarm (Integrator Alarm)

The Degree-Minutes Alarm is a special feature that “integrates” temperature and time parameters into one value.



Total number of degree-minutes below specs exceeds - the alarm is triggered when the total number of temperature degrees times the minute’s duration below the low alarm spec is greater than the value entered.

Total number of degree-minutes above specs exceeds - the alarm is triggered when the total number of temperature degrees times the minute’s duration above the upper alarm spec is greater than the value entered.

Catastrophe Alarm

This alarm is always additional to the Standard and Degree-Minute alarms and there is no delay. Do not set Catastrophe Alarm inside normal alarm limits because other alarms will never be triggered.

Instantly raise alarm on readings below - tick this box if you want to immediately trigger the low alarm and select the value in the box immediately to the right. Note if the lower spec value is 0 °C, then the alarm is triggered at -0.1 °C, not 0.0 C as this value is considered within specification.

Instantly raise alarm on readings above - tick this box if you want to immediately trigger the high alarm and select the value in the box immediately to the right. Note if the upper spec value is 50 °C, then the alarm is triggered at 50.1 °C, not 50.0 °C as this value is considered within specification.

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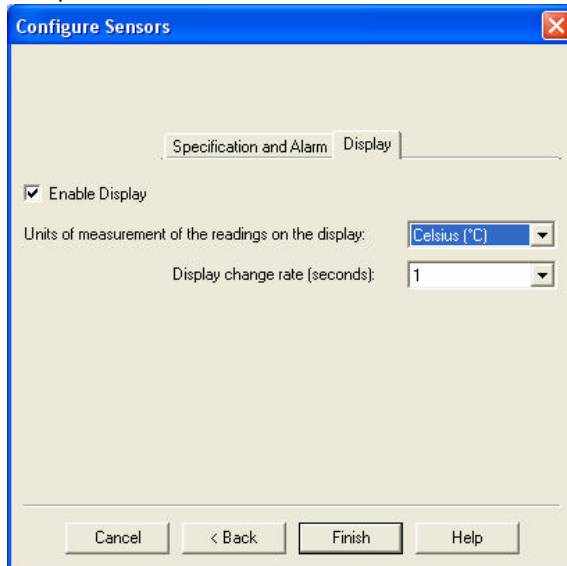
The table below demonstrates arbitrary data from an iMiniPlus PDF Logger and how different alarm sources will be triggered. This is complicated scenario for alarm settings based on:

- Upper spec alarm: +20°C
- Number of Consecutive out of spec readings: 4
- Total number of out of spec readings: 5
- Total number of degree-minutes above specs exceeds: 8
- Instantly raise alarm on readings above: +23°C

<i>Time [min]</i>	<i>T [°C]</i>	<i>Consecutive</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Integrator</i>	<i>Catastrophe</i>
0	19	OFF / 0	OFF / 0	OFF/0	OFF
1	20	OFF / 0	OFF / 0	OFF/0	OFF
2	23	OFF / 1	OFF / 1	OFF/3	ALARM ON
3	21	OFF / 2	OFF / 2	OFF/4	ALARM ON
4	19	OFF / 0	OFF / 2	OFF/4	ALARM ON
5	21	OFF / 1	OFF / 3	OFF/5	ALARM ON
6	22	OFF / 2	OFF / 4	OFF/7	ALARM ON
7	24	OFF / 3	OFF / 5	ALARM ON /11	ALARM ON
8	22	OFF / 4	ALARM ON /6	ALARM ON /13	ALARM ON
9	21	ALARM ON /5	ALARM ON /7	ALARM ON /14	ALARM ON
10	19	ALARM ON/0	ALARM ON /7	ALARM ON /14	ALARM ON

9.3.2 LCD Display

The iMiniPlus PDF Logger LCD can be configured to display or not display the temperature information.



Enable Display

Tick this box if you want to enable the display to show the temperature readings and statistics.

If the box is un-ticked, all other features will be grayed out. The iMiniPlus LCD will show **"d-off"** instead of a temperature value. Additionally you will not be able to scroll through the highest lowest, average and out of spec readings. The word **"LATEST"** will flash and if any alarm had been triggered, **"HIGH ALARM"** or **"LOW ALARM"** will be displayed.

The bookmarking function can still be used when the display is disabled.

When the iMiniPlus is stopped using the Stop button or it stops because it has reached the end of a logging trip, the words **"d-off"** will disappear and the word **"STOPPED"** will appear.

Display Units of measurement

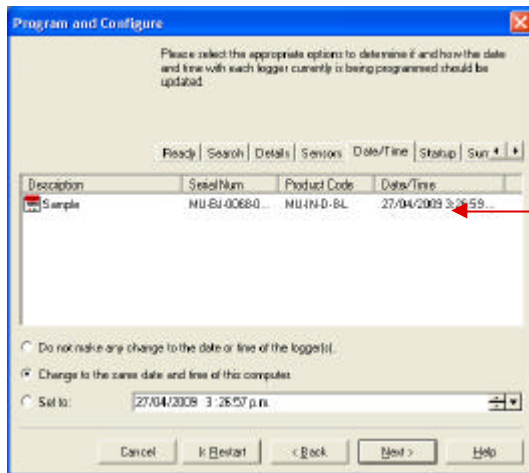
You can select the LCD to display the temperature in Celsius or Fahrenheit.

Display change rate

You can select a frequency or 1, 2, 3 or 4 seconds that the LCD scrolls between the Highest, Lowest, Average and out-of-spec information. Note that the **"LATEST"** reading will only change at a frequency equal to the logging interval. So if the iMiniPlus is programmed to log every 1 minute that will be the rate at which the **"LATEST"** reading changes.

9.4 Checking the time clock

There may be times when the time clock on the iMiniPlus PDF Logger may alter. This is the case when the battery is removed and not replaced within 30seconds.



Date/Time Tab

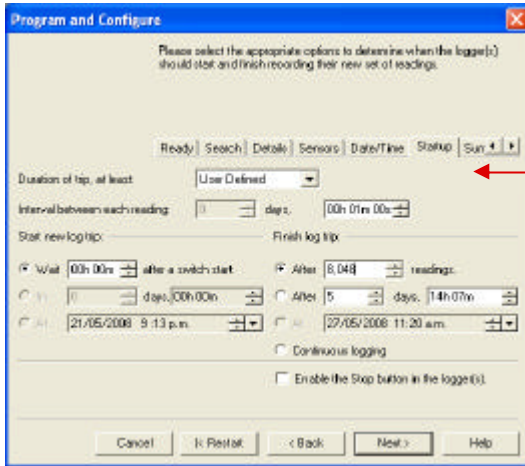
- Check that the date and time is correct.

If you have removed batteries from the iMiniPlus PDF Logger for any length of time make sure you either select:

- **Change to the date and time on this computer (default)**
- **Set to**

The software will always default to the "Change to the date and time on this computer." option.

9.5 Setting the Start, Stop and logging duration



Startup Tab -

Configure the start, recording and stop conditions.

9.5.1 Duration of trip, at least

If you are using the iMiniPlus PDF Logger to record the temperature of a trip (shipment) for instance, you have the option of setting up the parameters yourself or let the Console software calculate these automatically for you.

The software takes the total memory available (8048 readings) and calculates the maximum interval between each reading and the finish log trip time and date based on the trip duration you select. You can select 1 day to 60day trip duration this way.

You will notice that each time you select trip duration, the logging interval will change.

9.5.2 Interval between each reading

This is sometimes called the logging interval or logging rate and is described as the period of time between each logged reading. If the interval is a low number, then the iMiniPlus memory will be filled quickly compared to a high number. If you want to record acute changes in temperature over short periods of time, it is best to select a low number or faster logging interval. If you want a logger to record readings over a long period of time, then you will be best advised to use a lower logging interval or high number.

The fastest logging interval the iMiniPlus PDF Logger can log at is every 5 seconds.

The slowest logging interval the iMiniPlus PDF Logger can log is every 18 hours.

9.5.3 Start new log trip

The only way to start an iMiniPlus PDF Logger is by using the START button. With other Escort products it is possible to have a timed or date start as well as a switch start.

You can also program a delay into the starting process of up to 4 hours 15 minutes. This will show immediately after the Start button is pressed within the iMiniPlus LCD with the words "**IN DELAY**".

9.5.4 Finish log trip

There are several ways to cease a logging trip or period.

You can program the iMiniPlus PDF Logger to log until all the memory is used up (8048 readings) or you may wish to log only 100 readings for instance.

Alternatively you can select a certain number of days at which the iMiniPlus will stop logging. For instance you may only want to record the temperature for a discrete period like a few days, after which you are not interested in any further data recording.

At the prescribed time the iMiniPlus PDF Logger will stop logging and "**STOPPED**" will be displayed on the LCD.

You can also enable the "STOP" button on the logger. This is disabled by default, because in most applications it is better to take too many readings than too few. Downloading the logger (reading the stored results into the computer) does not interfere with a running trip. However, if you Program the logger with new trip settings while it is still running, the previous trip data are lost. In other words, be sure to download and save the previous trip before setting up a new one. In this case "**READY**" is displayed on the LCD.

9.5.5 Continuous logging

If you are intending to place the iMiniPlus in an environment that you want to record temperatures 24/7 (for example, laboratory refrigerator), you can select the iMiniPlus PDF Logger to log continuously. This means that the iMiniPlus PDF Logger will log until the memory is filled up at which time it will start overwriting the first logged data with the latest.

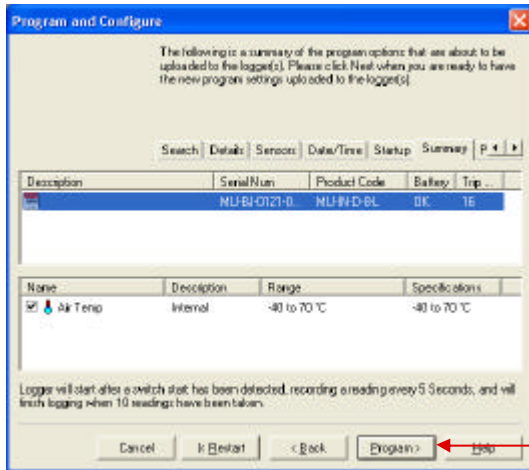
Users must be careful to routinely download data from the iMiniPlus PDF Logger otherwise data may be lost. Careful selection of the logging interval is required in this case.

It is possible to download at anytime while the iMiniPlus PDF Logger is logging, without changing the program settings.

9.5.6 Enable stop button in this logger(s)

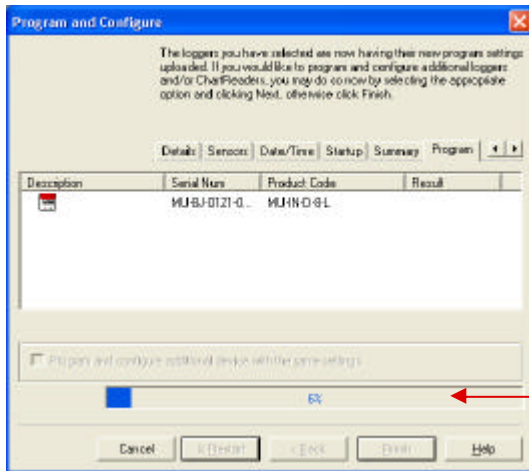
The iMiniPlus PDF Logger Stop button can be activated through programming by simply ticking the appropriate box.

Select **Next** button or **Summary** tab.



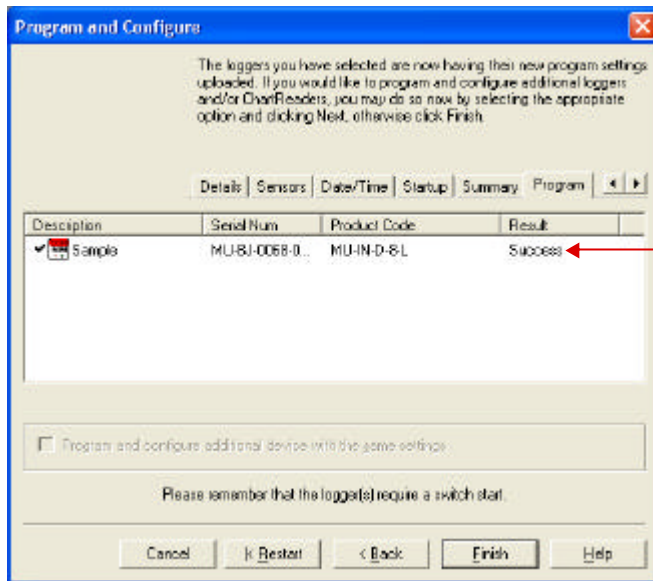
Check that program settings

Select **Program** button or **Program** tab.



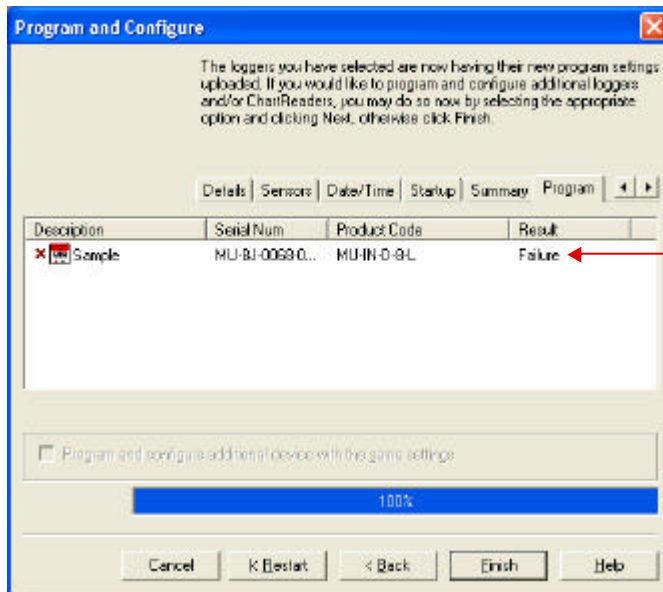
Program conditions are being uploaded to iMiniPlus PDF Logger

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The iMiniPlus PDF Logger has been programmed successfully

Click "Finish" button.



Program conditions have not been successfully uploaded into the iMiniPlus.

If the upload has failed either select the Cancel button to close the software and start again or select the Restart button to start the sequence again. If the iMiniPlus PDF Logger still fails to upload contact your local distributor or Escort Data Logging Systems.

10 Viewing logger data with PDF Reader Software

You can download data from the logger by connecting the logger to a USB port. Once the logger hardware is installed and logger can be recognized by Operating System as Mass Storage Device you can open RECORD.PDF file. You can validate logger data by simply looking at PDF report.

Please note that PDF Reader software is not able to save opened PDF file to other location if logger has been disconnected from PC after PDF report was opened with PDF Reader.

Please note if you can not save PDF Report opened in PDF Reader software using "Save As" menu item you can always copy file using Windows Explorer and paste it to the desired location.

11 Downloading logger readings via Escort Console

You can download data from the logger by connecting the logger to Console.

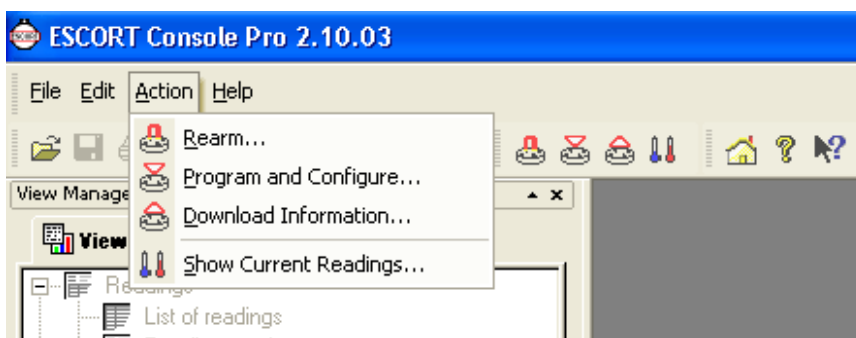
Make sure the USB cable is connected to your PC and to the iMiniPlus PDF Logger.

There are two ways to retrieve the data from an iMiniPlus PDF Logger, both of which will achieve the same result.

1. Click the Download Information icon on the toolbar



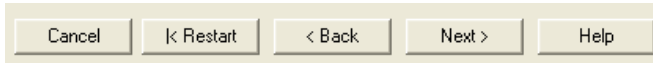
2. Click the "Download Information..." item located under the Action menu.



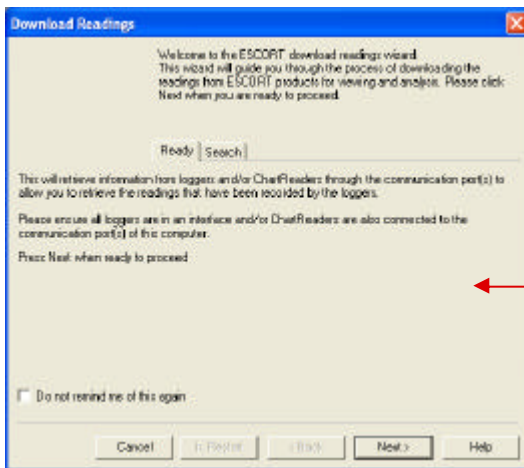
The process of retrieving data stored within an iMiniPlus PDF Logger does not erase it from the memory. If the iMiniPlus is currently recording while you retrieve the information, it will continue to record without interruption. The Download Information feature initiates the Download Wizard.

11.1 Download wizard

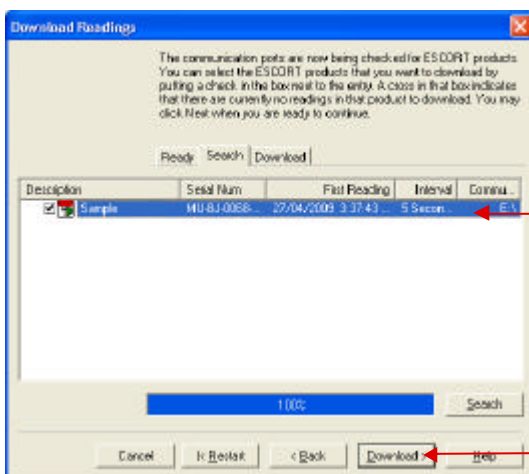
During the progress of the Download Wizard, you will see a series of 5 buttons at the bottom of the wizard box.



The **"Cancel"** button immediately stops and closes the wizard. To start again you will have to select the Download icon. The **"Restart"** button enables you to start the Wizard progress from the beginning without closing the feature. **"Back"** enables you to go back one step in the step-by-step progress and **"Next"** takes you to the next step. The Next button is preceded by the **"Download"** button. The **Help** button will provide description and instruction about the step you are in. Please note that this feature may make reference to other Escort products from time to time. Additionally some Help documentation may not be present due to the software version you are currently using. Consult this iMiniPlus PDF Logger User guide if you are not sure about any description.



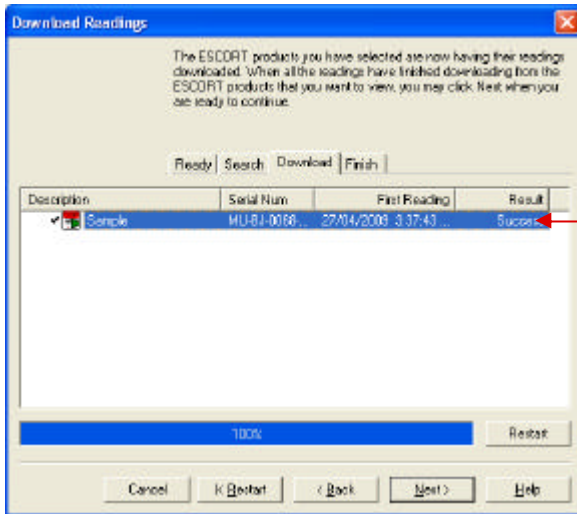
Download Wizard
Start page



Displays
information

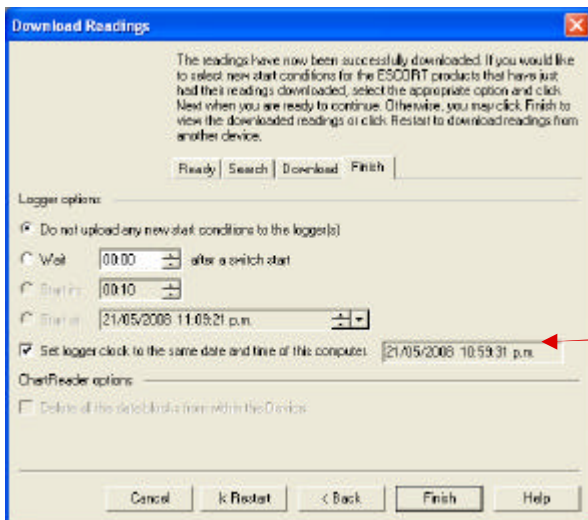
Select
Download>

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Indicates that the Download was successful.

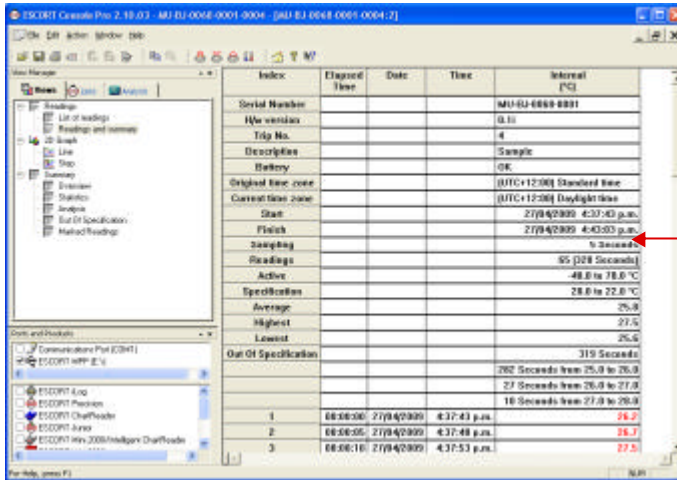
If **FAILURE** appears in the Result and there is a **RED X** next to in the Description this may indicate the iMiniPlus PDF Logger has already been programmed. If this is not the case there is a fault with the iMiniPlus and it will need to be returned to your distributor.



You have the option of programming new start conditions. This may be help for instance when you are have to reset a large number of iMiniPlus loggers for a new application.

Otherwise leave the Logger option at its default setting "Do not upload any new start conditions to the logger(s)"

Click on the Finish button.



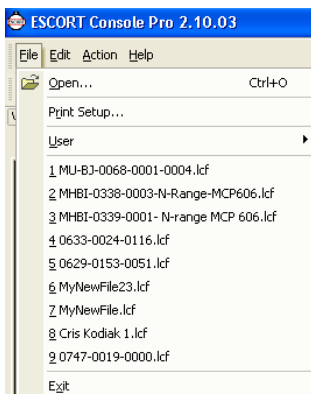
Readings and Summary is displayed.

12 Creating LCF file from LRF file

By its very nature (it was created in order to share information across all operating systems and computers) the PDF "Portable Document Format" is not secure. Logger data saved in Escort's proprietary LCF "Logger Compact Format" is secure.

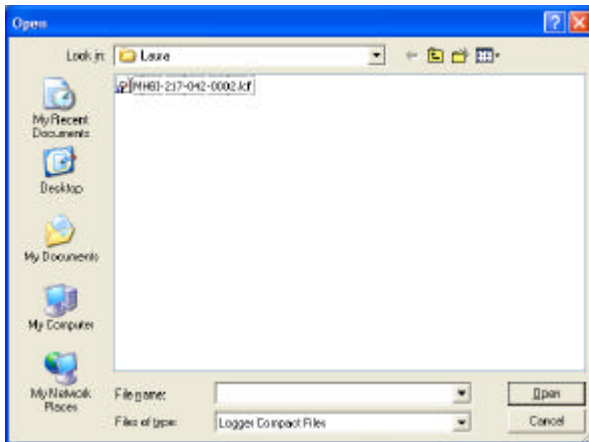
This is a new feature that enables you to create a .LCF file from the .LRF file that is generated by the logger, without the need to communicate with the logger. In other words you can email LRF files and Console will create an LCF file from the LRF file. Then you will be able to add digital signatures to the LCF file, view data, compare information with the received PDF file and securely archive the data for auditing purposes.

To open the LRF file you need to go to File-> Open menu item or use "Ctrl+O" shortcut key.

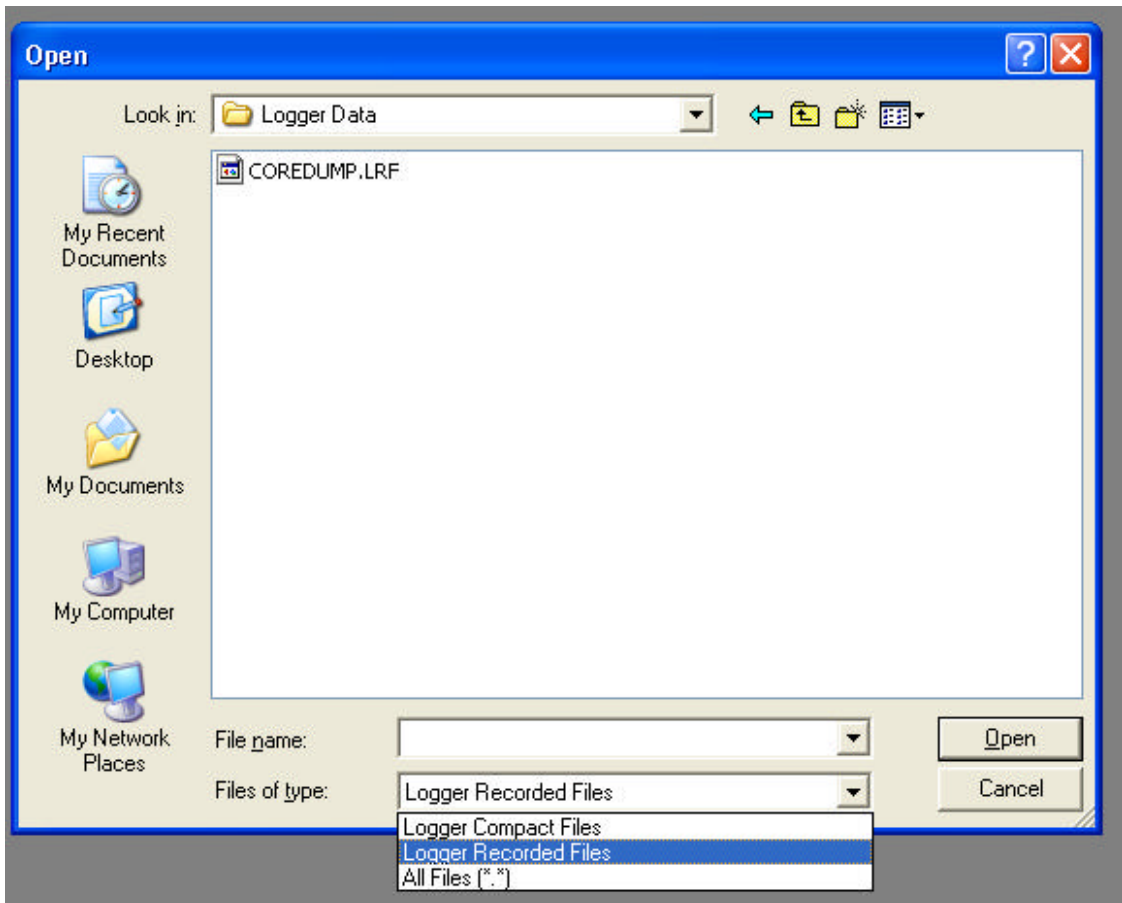


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The following window will be displayed:



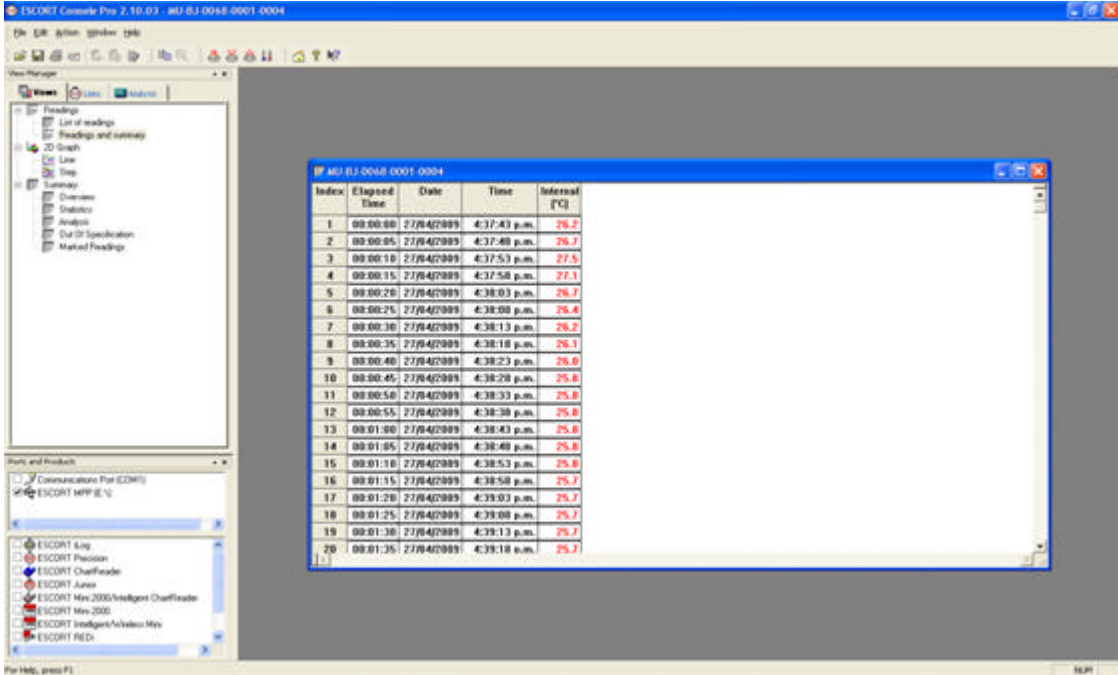
Expand "Files of Type" drop down box and choose "Logger Recorded Files" as shown below:



Navigate to the file you want to open and click on "Open"

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Console should display List of readings as shown below:

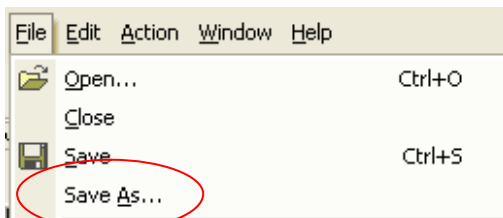


The screenshot shows the ESCORT Console Pro 2.10.03 software interface. The main window displays a table of readings with the following columns: Index, Elapsed Time, Date, Time, and Internal [°C]. The table contains 20 rows of data, with the temperature values ranging from 26.7 to 29.8. On the left side, there is a 'Views' window with a tree view containing items like 'Readings', '2D Graph', 'Statistics', and 'Manual Readings'. Below the 'Views' window is a 'Ports and Products' window showing a list of devices connected to the console.

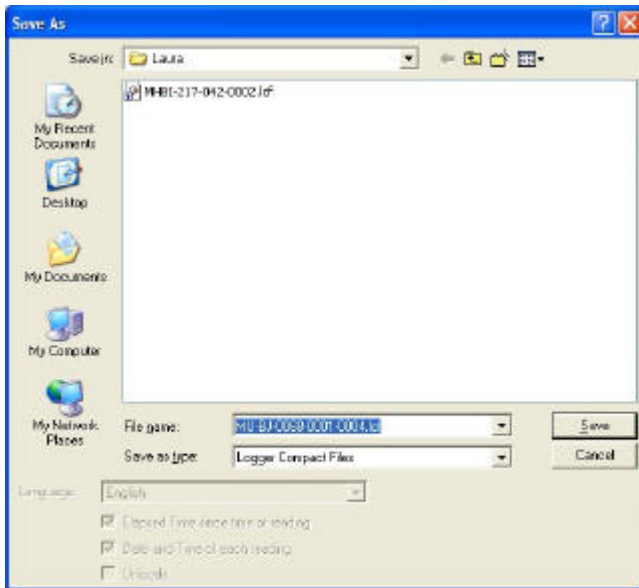
Index	Elapsed Time	Date	Time	Internal [°C]
1	00:00:00	27/04/2009	4:37:43 p.m.	26.7
2	00:00:05	27/04/2009	4:37:48 p.m.	26.7
3	00:00:10	27/04/2009	4:37:53 p.m.	27.6
4	00:00:15	27/04/2009	4:37:58 p.m.	27.1
5	00:00:20	27/04/2009	4:38:03 p.m.	26.7
6	00:00:25	27/04/2009	4:38:08 p.m.	26.4
7	00:00:30	27/04/2009	4:38:13 p.m.	26.2
8	00:00:35	27/04/2009	4:38:18 p.m.	26.1
9	00:00:40	27/04/2009	4:38:23 p.m.	26.0
10	00:00:45	27/04/2009	4:38:28 p.m.	25.8
11	00:00:50	27/04/2009	4:38:33 p.m.	25.8
12	00:00:55	27/04/2009	4:38:38 p.m.	25.8
13	00:01:00	27/04/2009	4:38:43 p.m.	25.8
14	00:01:05	27/04/2009	4:38:48 p.m.	25.8
15	00:01:10	27/04/2009	4:38:53 p.m.	25.8
16	00:01:15	27/04/2009	4:38:58 p.m.	25.7
17	00:01:20	27/04/2009	4:39:03 p.m.	25.7
18	00:01:25	27/04/2009	4:39:08 p.m.	25.7
19	00:01:30	27/04/2009	4:39:13 p.m.	25.7
20	00:01:35	27/04/2009	4:39:18 p.m.	25.7

Now you can view logger data in various forms by clicking on menu items of "Views" window on the left. You can also validate the received PDF report of the logger with Console.

Now you can save data in LCF (Logger Compact File) format by clicking on the "File -> Save As" menu item in the main menu:



The following dialog should be displayed:



Please ensure that file name is unique. By default Console assigns the logger's serial number and trip number to the name of the file. Navigate to the secure location and click on the "Save" button.

13 Does Console work with PDF file?

Escort Console neither opens logger PDF report nor creates one.

Escort Console only works with LRF and LCF files.

In order to ensure that the PDF file has not been tampered with you need to visually compare it with Console view of the LRF file.

14 Device specifications

<i>Parameter</i>	<i>Value</i>
Operating Temperature	D range: -40°C to +70°C (-40°F to +158°F)
Product Code	MU-IN-D-8-L (Internal sensor) MU-OE-D-8-L (External sensor) MU-ST-D-8-L (Single Trip Internal sensor)
Sensors	1 x Internal or 1 x External sensor options
Accuracy	Celsius: from -40 °C to -10 °C ±0.5°C from -10 °C to +70°C ±0.3°C Fahrenheit: from -40 °F to +14 °F ±1°F from +14 °F to +158 °F ±0.6°F
Resolution	Display resolution of ±0.1°F or ±0.1°C
IP Rating	IP65 (with plastic cap over USB connector)
Size	83mm x 57mm x 17 (Case excluding lug)
Weight	70 grams
Temperature response time	Internal Sensor – T90 of 20 minutes in moving air External Sensor – T90 of 5 minutes in moving air
Time and date	Real time clock accurate to ±1minute per month

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<i>Parameter</i>	<i>Value</i>
Sampling frequency	5 seconds – 18hours
Power source	User replaceable 3V lithium coin cell
Typical battery life	1 – 2 years operating life from a user-replaceable battery (depending on usage)
Software	No software is needed to view log trip report ESCORT Console version 2.10.03 or later for programming and secure download Available free at www.escortdls.com
Warranty	24 months (excluding batteries)
Case material	Polycarbonate/ABS
Data Security	Password protected (programmable using Escort Console software) encrypted binary file is generated along with PDF
Liquid crystal display	Operating temperature -20°C to +70°C (-4°F to +158°F) 1 st button press - High, low, average readings 2 nd button press - Time spent under/ over specifications
Buttons	“START” and “STOP”
Communications	USB

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