

# CyberComm Pro 2.4

Data Acquisition Software

Installation & User Guide

# CyberScan pH 1500

Bench pH, mV, REL mV Meter



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## PREFACE

Thank you for selecting the CyberScan pH 1500 benchtop meter. This meter comes with the CyberComm Pro DAS Software which allows you easy access and communication via a computer with connection to the meter.

The instruction manual serves to explain the use of the CyberComm Pro step-by-step installation and user guide to help you familiarize with the software's features and functions. It is structured sequentially with illustration of active software screens and diagrams that explains the various functions and menus available.

This manual is written to cover as many anticipated applications and uses of the CyberComm Pro software along with CyberScan pH 1500 bench meter only. If there are doubts in the use of the software, please do not hesitate to contact Technical Support at [techsupport@eutechinst.com](mailto:techsupport@eutechinst.com) or call us at (65) 6778-6876 for assistance.

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# 1 DATA ACQUISITION IN WINDOWS VERSION

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## 1.1 The CyberComm DAS Package

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The CyberComm Data Acquisition Software (DAS) package is a user-friendly data acquisition package that provides a convenient way to capture data for future analysis. This CyberComm Pro is only able to run on Windows<sup>®</sup> Operating System (refer to 1.2 System Requirements for details). Communication between your meter and PC is bi-directional as the meter functions can be remotely controlled by the DAS. Data type stored is in the ASCII format.

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## 1.2 System Requirements

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To run the CyberComm Pro DAS software, the following items are required:

1	IBM Compatible PC Pentium and above
2	Windows Operating Systems 95 and above
3	VGA/SVGA Monitor
4	RS232C Serial Communication Cable

### 1.2.1 Setting the Communication Parameters

The meter is capable of different communication configurations for baud rate, parity and stop bits. The values chosen for these parameters of the meter must match those chosen for the computer, same goes for the serial printer if it is connected.

## 2 INSTALLATION OF CYBERCOMM DATA ACQUISITION SOFTWARE (DAS)

### 2.1 Loading of CD-ROM

See **Figure 1**.

Before running the program, check that the pH 1500 meter is properly connected to the computer. It is preferable to connect to either one of the COM (serial) ports available on a computer. Note the number of the COM port that you have connected to the meter as this will be required in setting up the CyberComm DAS later.

- a) Turn on the computer (PC).
- b) Insert the CD-ROM provided into a CD-ROM drive of your PC.
- c) To install the DAS, use the **My Computer** to view the file contents in your CD\_ROM drive. Locate and click onto the **SETUP** file under the CyberComm directory. Double-click again on this file and the program automatically starts installation. Alternatively you can use the Add/Remove Programs feature in Control Panel to install the CyberComm and follow the instruction accordingly. If in doubt, please refer to your Microsoft Operating Manual for further details.

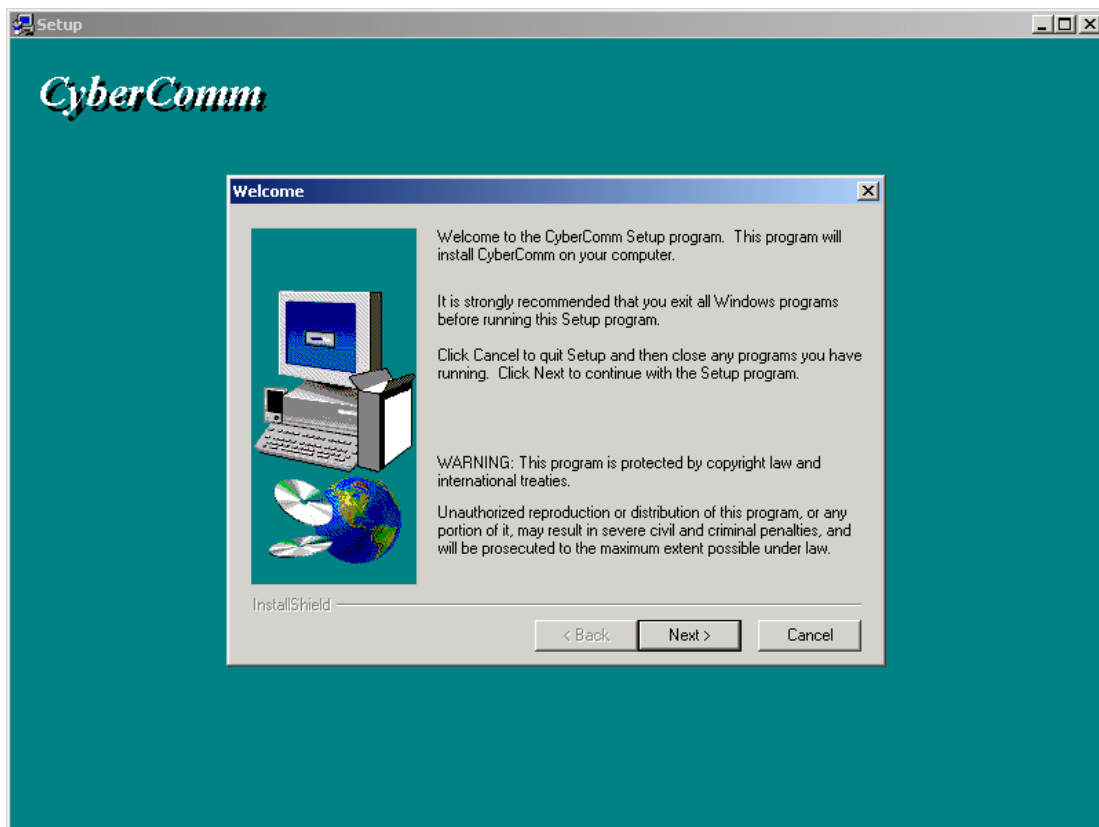


Figure 1: CyberComm Pro Installation/ Welcome Screen

## 2.2 User Name and Organisation Entry

The CyberComm program (as below) prompts you to enter the name of the user and organization.

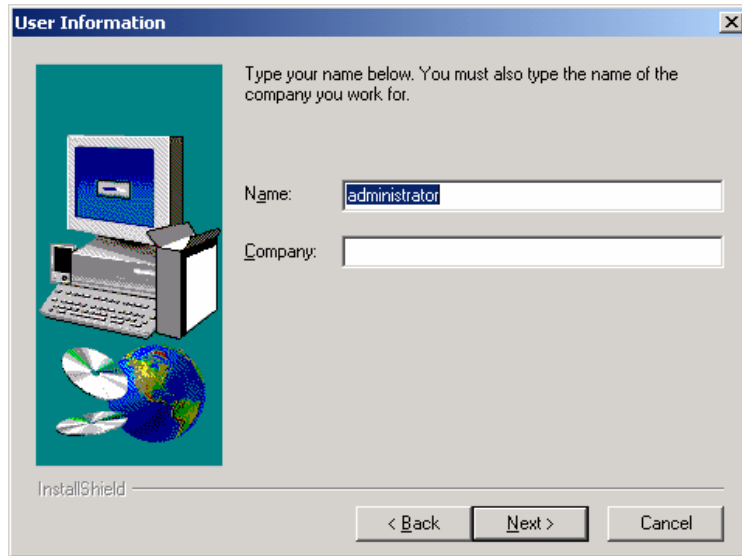


Figure 2: CyberComm Pro Installation/ User Information

See **Figure 2**.

Follow the instruction in the subsequent menu for your desired location of this file to be saved. Make relevant changes until the setup is completed (shown below). Click on the **Finish** button.

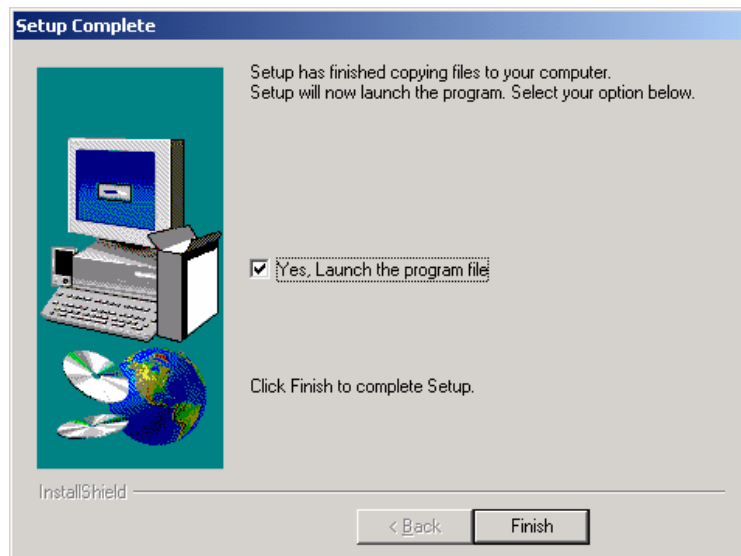


Figure 3: CyberComm Pro Installation/ Setup Complete

See **Figure 3**.

"Launch the program file" if you wish to use it instantaneously. Note: The file is now stored in your designated hard-disk location. Create a shortcut of this file later if you wish.

## 2.3 Splash Screen

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See **Figure 4**.

Upon clicking the Finish button, a splash screen pops up (shown below). The meter's communication protocol setting i.e. baud rate, parity and stop bits must be properly set before you power the meter on. **DO NOT** press any key on the meter while the program is running.

Go to the URL stated to download the latest FREE version of the CyberComm Pro software.



**Figure 4: Start up Menu**

Click **OK** to go to the following CyberComm Pro Main Menu.

### 3 CYBERCOMM PRO MAIN MENU



Figure 5: CyberComm Main Menu

See **Figure 5**. Select Communications Settings and set the appropriate requirements before connecting the meter.

#### 3.1 Communication Settings (File)

See **Figure 6**.

To make changes, use the drop-down menu of each parameter to set to desired values to match the meter's settings. After selecting proper communication parameters, select **OK** button to proceed. Otherwise click **CANCEL** if no change is made. To restore to factory default settings, click onto the **Restore Defaults**.

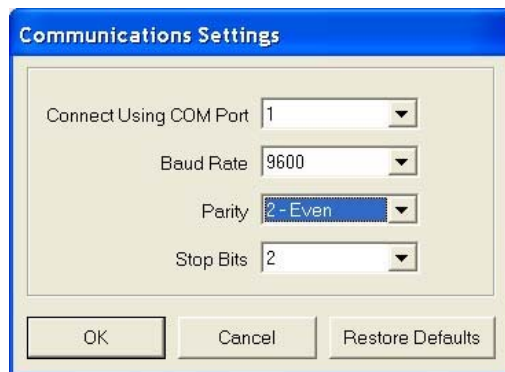


Figure 6: Communications Settings

- a) *Connect Using*  
Select COM Port from the drop down menu; **1, 2, 3, 4** or **5** depending on port connected to meter.
- b) *Baud Rate*  
Select Baud Rate from the drop down menu. **4800, 9600, 19200** and **38400**.
- c) *Parity*  
Select Parity from the drop down menu: *None (0)*, *Odd (1)* or *Even (2)*.
- d) *Stop Bits*  
Select Stop Bits from the drop down menu; **1** or **2**.

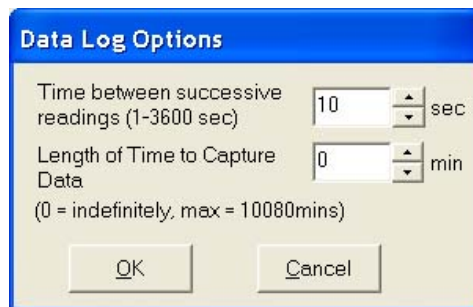
### 3.2 Data Log Options (File)

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See **Figure 7**.

- a) *Time between successive readings (1-3600 sec)*. Default is **10** sec.  
Select the time lag preferred between each successful reading using the arrow keys.
- b) *Length of Time to Capture Data*. Default is **0** min. (0= indefinitely, units = min)  
Select the total length of time preferred to capture data using the arrow keys.  
The data capture will automatically stop upon reaching the set amount of time.

**Maximum** default time is **10080 minutes (1 week)**.



**Figure 7:Data Log Options**

Click **OK** to exit and save settings. The screen will return to the Main Menu (Figure 5).

After matching the Communication Settings and setting the Data Log Options between your computer and the CyberScan pH 1500 meter using CyberComm Pro, you can now capture data into your computer for analysis and storage purposes.

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**EXAMPLE:**

Set *Time between successive readings* to be '10 sec', *Length of Time to Capture Data* to be '5 min'. You will be able to retrieve the recorded data in every 10 seconds during a 5 minutes duration measurement. See Section 5: Retrieve Recorded Data.

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### 3.3 Connect to Meter (File)

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See **Figure 10**.

From the Main Menu, select **Connect to Meter** to start the link between your computer and the meter. The complete main window the CyberComm Pro will start after connection to the meter:

## 4 MAIN WINDOW (AFTER CONNECTING METER TO COMPUTER)

### 4.1 CyberComm Pro Manuals (Help)

See **Figure 8 and 9**.

The main menu appears with the **File** and **Help** drop down menus, each having a list function settings shown below. Soft copies of the CyberComm Pro Software User Guide Manuals are available in the program itself. Select the manual option with reference to the meter you are using.



Figure 8: Running CyberComm Pro/ Complete Main Menu (Connected to meter)

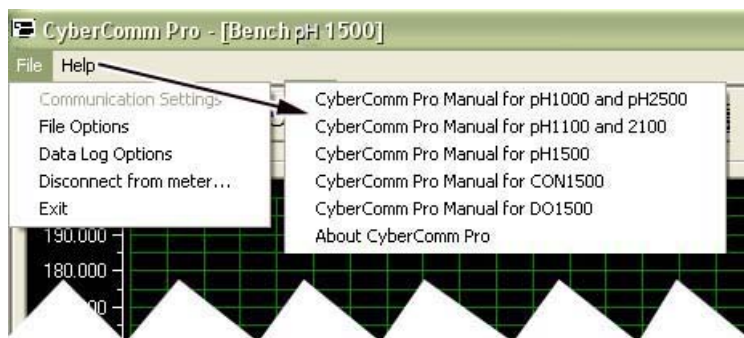


Figure 9: CyberComm Pro Main Menu (Partial)

**4.1.1 File Options (File)**

See **Figure 10**.

Select File Options from the **File** drop down menu. Enter the relevant information for useful future references and type a file name/or file location that you wish to store these details. Click **OK** upon completion to save information.

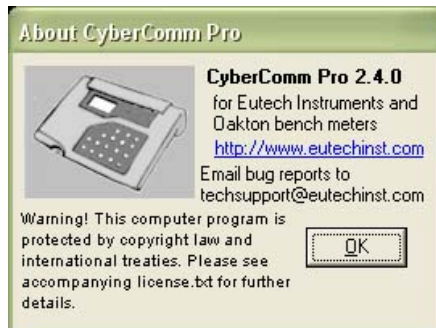


**Figure 10: File Options**

**4.1.2 About CyberComm Pro (Help)**

See **Figure 6**.

By selecting **About CyberComm Pro** from the **Help** drop down menu, the dialogue box will be shown as below. It tells you the version of the CyberComm Pro Program you are using. Select **OK** button to exit.



**Figure 11: About CyberComm Pro**

## 4.2 Sub menus & Function Icons on the CyberComm Program

See Figure 12.

The figure shows the CyberComm Pro software Main Menu after linking with the meter. From this menu, most of the meter key functions can be emulated except calibration of pH probe and CAL EDIT key function. This Sub Menu has following features:

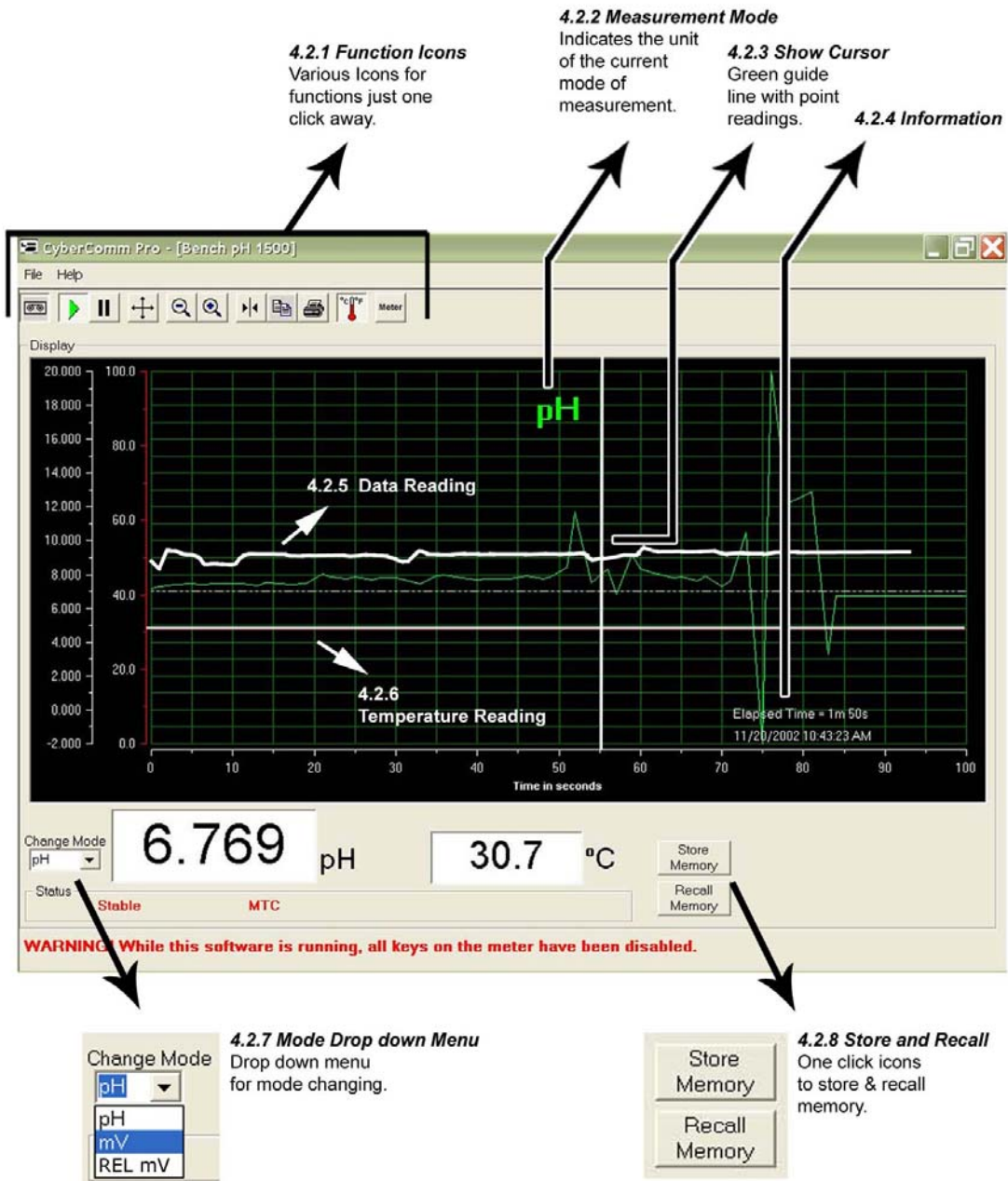


Figure 12: Running CyberComm Pro/ Complete Main Menu (Connected to meter)

### 4.2.1 Function Icons

See **Figure 13**. See also **Figure 12**.

The function icons on the main menu each serve a vital role in the CyberComm Pro software, providing user friendly one click access.



Figure 13: Function Icon Panel (extracted from Figure 11)

Icon no.	Function Name	Description
1	Record	Click on this icon to start recording meter readings, readings will be shown on the CyberComm Pro main menu. Data captured will also be stored to the hard disk. A pop-up menu will prompt you whether to overwrite saved data should you already have recorded data reading. New data should be saved under another file name. <b>See Figure 14.</b>
2	Resume Tracking	Works together with the 'Pause Tracking' icon. Click on either to <b>Resume</b> or <b>Pause</b> the meter tracking. Tracking means that the current reading is always visible and the graph window will scroll to show the current reading like a chart recorder.
3	Pause Tracking	Refer to Icon 2.
4	Scroll/Zoom	Use this function to drag along single axis at a time to expand selected region of the reading curve
5	Zoom Out	Click to enlarge screen image
6	Zoom In	Click to minimise screen image.
7	Show Cursor	Shows a green guide line on the graph. You are able to drag the guide across the readings to get the exact or extrapolated readings at any point on the curve.
8	Copy to clipboard	Copy the entire graph to the clipboard. You can then paste it to other applications.
9	Print	A print screen will pop up and the graph will become black and white in colour for a print preview of your readings. <b>See Figure 15.</b>
10	Show/Hide Temperature	Choose to view your readings with or without the temperature curve by clicking this icon.
11	Meter Settings	Parameter Settings. See <b>Figures 16</b> for details.

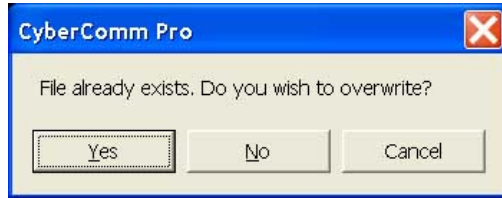


Figure 14: Record overwrite prompt

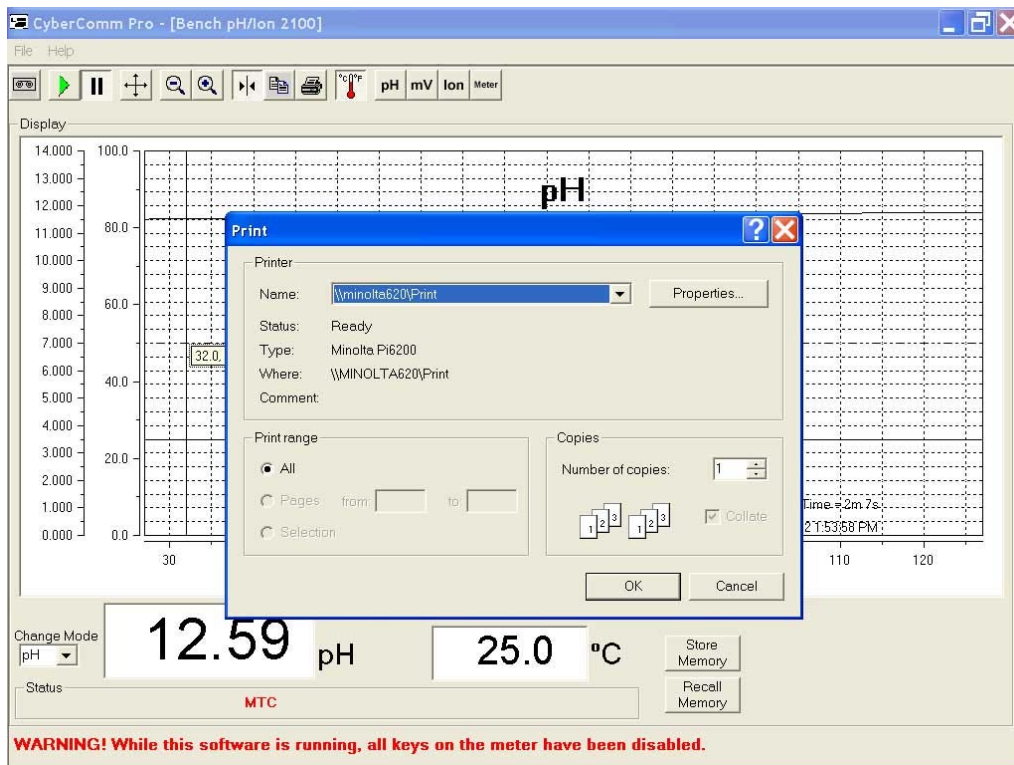


Figure 15: Print screen

Icon 11: Meter Settings

See **Figure 16**.

Program your meter functions via this icon on CyberComm Program.

- a) pH Resolution  
Select from 1 to 3 decimal places.
- b) Temperature Scale  
Select °C or °F as required.
- c) Stability  
Check box to enable the Stability Indicator
- d) Good Laboratory Practice Settings  
Enter the relevant information for useful future references.
- e) Reset pH calibration settings to default  
Check box & click apply to reset pH calibration settings.

**Figure 16: Meter Settings**

Click on **OK** or **Apply** to save settings whenever there are changes.

### **Continue from Section 4.2**

Refer back to **Figure 12** on pg 13.

#### **4.2.2 Measurement Mode**

This indicates the current mode of measurement of the meter, you can change the mode by selecting from the drop down menu to choose between the various parameters; pH, mV and REL mV.

#### **4.2.3 Show Cursor**

Use the 'Show cursor' function from the icon panel and a green guide line will show any point on the reading curve having the exact measurement according to the mode chosen. Drag this guide along the horizontal time axis and you can read the pH, mV or concentration values at any point in time.

#### **4.2.4 Information**

This information will always be on the graph, showing the Elapsed Time of the measurement being carried out, the date and time which marks the start of the first data captured.

#### **4.2.5 Data Reading**

The data captured from the meter is plotted on the graph while the measurement is being carried out.

#### **4.2.6 Temperature Reading**

This curve shows the temperature in which the measurement is carried out simultaneously. You can choose to view the reading with or without the temperature curve by clicking on the 'Show/Hide Temperature' icon on the icon panel.

#### **4.2.7 Mode Drop down Menu**

Change Mode of Measurement by selecting the preferred parameter from this drop down menu.

### 4.2.8 Store and Recall

#### a) Store Memory

The two large icons enable you to store the reading during any point during the measurement. You may want to store one reading at different times, under different mode. (E.g.: a **pH** reading then subsequently a **mV** or **REL mV** reading)

#### b) Recall Memory

See **Figure 17**.

The 'recall memory' icon then enables you to see the readings that you stored in a pop up box.

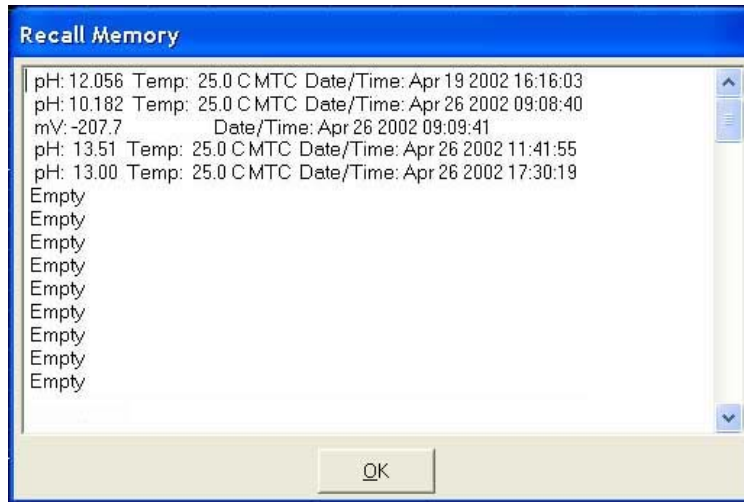


Figure 17: Recall Memory/ Recorded Readings and Information

### 4.3 To quit CyberComm Program

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See **Figure 18**.

Choose **Exit** from drop down menu of **File** or Click the 'X' button on the top right hand corner of the window. A pop-up menu will prompt you to save settings; select **Yes** if you want the settings you set to be available for next usage.

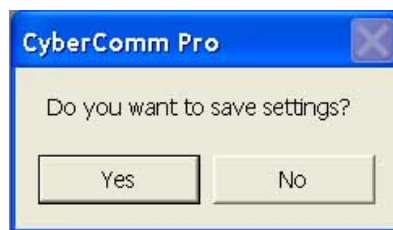


Figure 18: CyberComm Pro/ Exit Screen with options to save settings

## 5 RETRIEVE RECORDED DATA

You are able to view the *Recorded Data Readings* in a Microsoft Excel® spreadsheet or on your Notepad®/ WordPad® etc.

### Steps to record and retrieve data in a measurement

1. Follow the steps in Section 3.2: Data Log Options (File) and enter the required information before a measurement you want to keep record of. Key in the desired time interval and measurement duration.
2. Start the meter measurement mode and CyberComm Pro running, the measurement will stop at the designated duration selected in Step 1.
3. The *Recorded Data* will automatically be saved at the designated folder selected in Section 4.1.1: File Options (File) as a **‘.csv’** file.
4. Retrieve the *Recorded Data* file in Microsoft Excel® or Notepad®/ WordPad® etc. Open from the designated folder the **‘.csv’** file and data would be shown as the following.

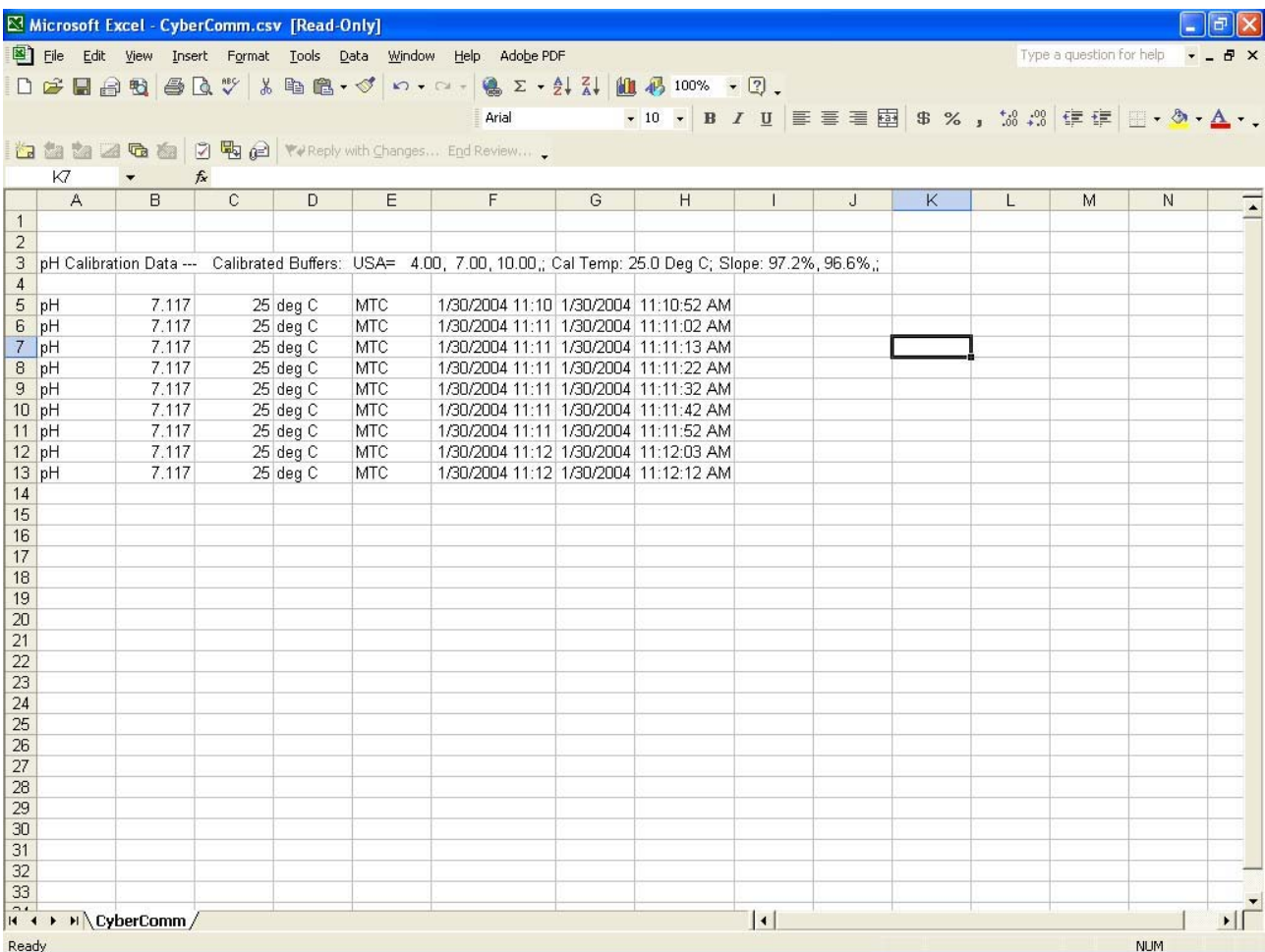


Figure 19: Recorded Data in every 10 seconds displayed in Microsoft Excel®

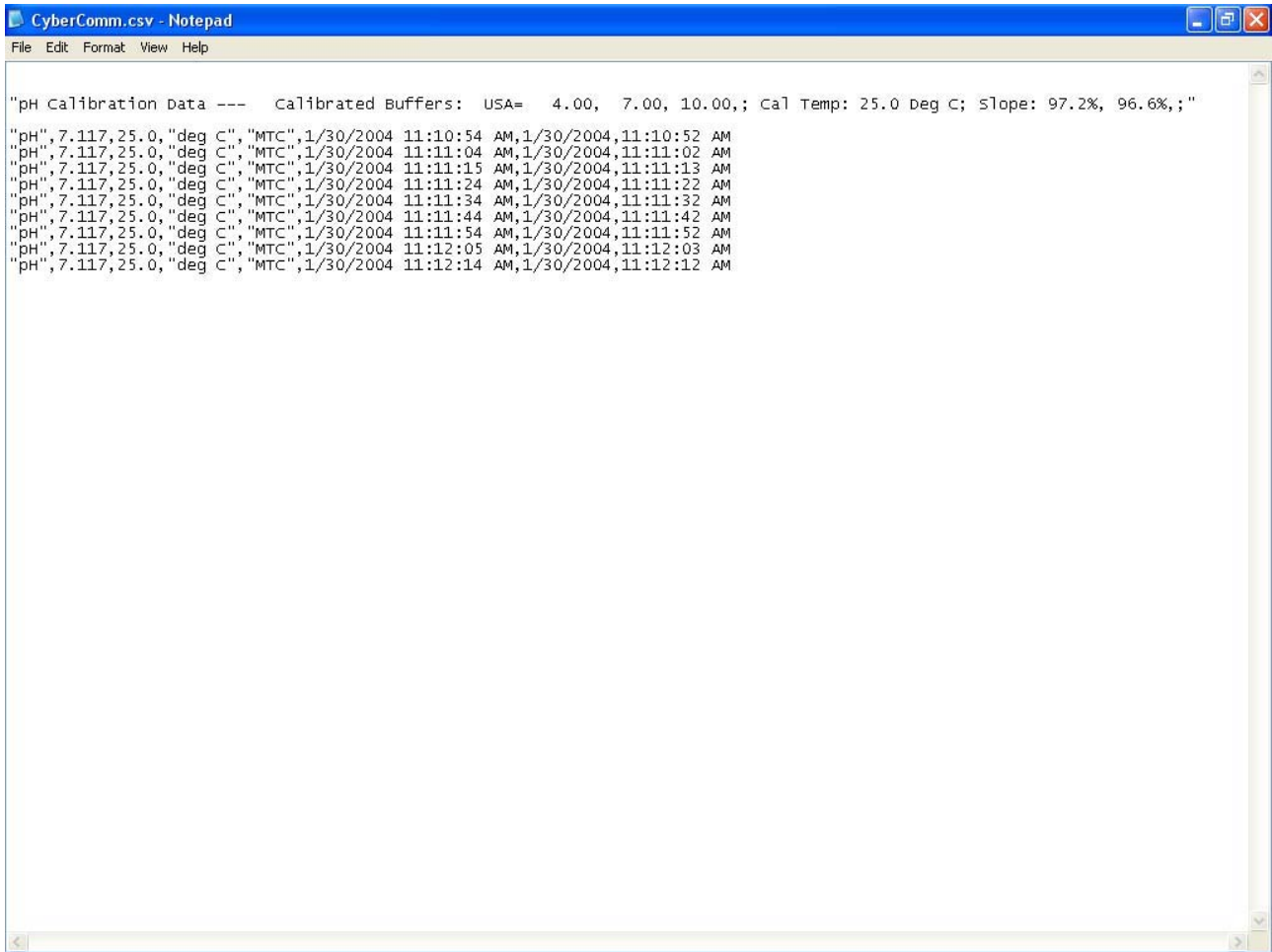


Figure 20: Recorded Data in every 10 seconds displayed in Microsoft Notepad®



### 6.3 Paste data in Microsoft Excel®, WordPad and Notepad

Follow steps instructed in Section 6.1: Steps to export data readings from CyberComm Professional: and paste the data copied from the CyberComm Pro to a new document.

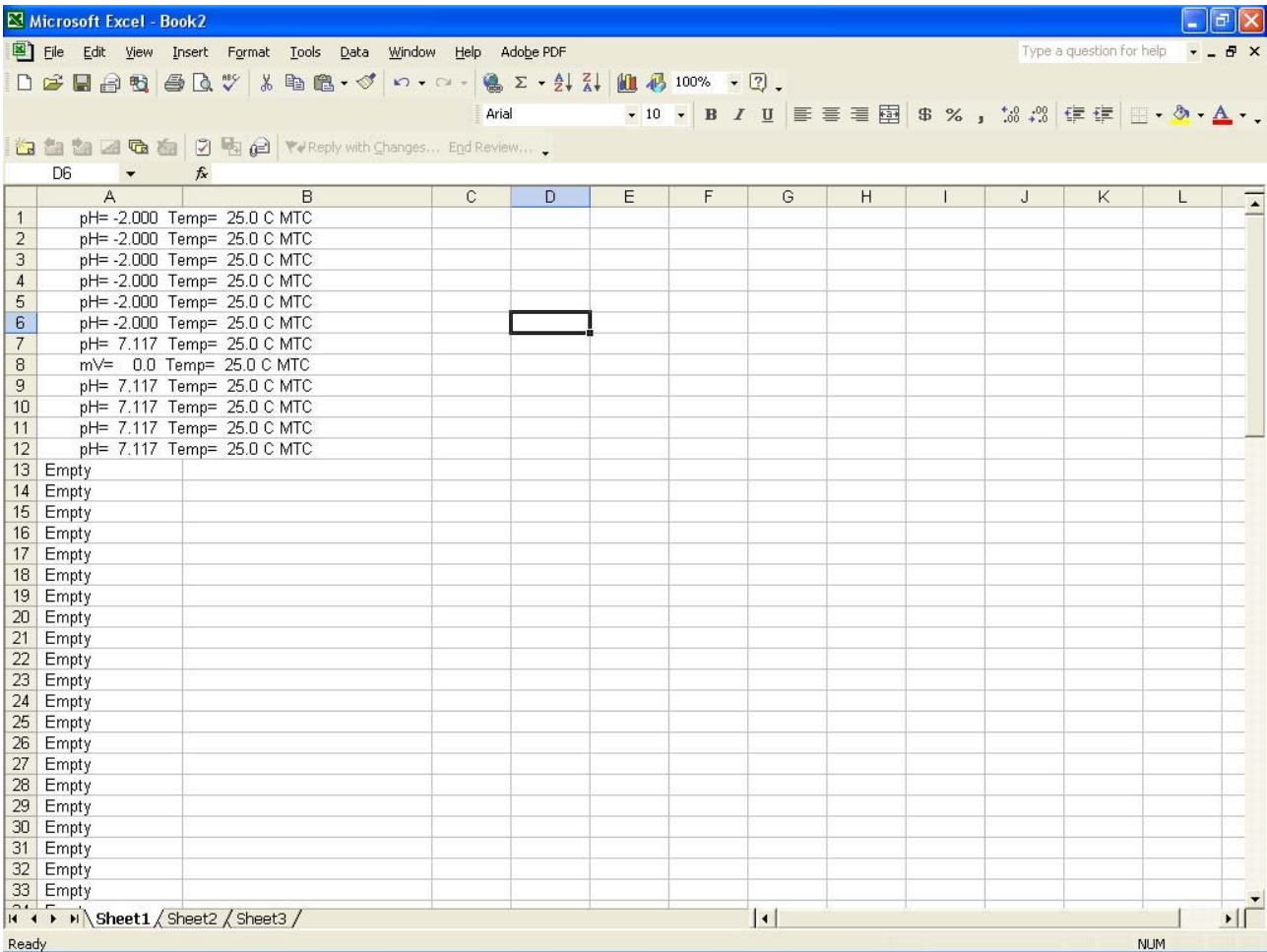


Figure 22: Paste data readings in a Microsoft Excel® document



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## 7 PRINT READINGS

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### 7.1 Printing using a serial printer

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Connect the CyberScan pH 1500 meter to the serial printer via RS232C cable (refer to the list of accessories). The configuration of the RS232C port is as shown below.

Pin Number	Description
1	-
2	Transmit Data
3	Receive Data
4	DSR (Data Send Ready)
5	GND (Ground)
6	-
7	-
8	RTS (Request to Send)
9	-

### 7.2 Setting Up the Printer

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If the printer has a 25-pin connector, a 25-pin to 9-pin converter will have to be used. Use the following configuration:

Pin of Meter	Pin Number of Printer
2 (TXD)	3 (RXD)
4 (DSR)	20 (DTR)
5 (GND)	7 (GND)

### 7.3 Connecting the Cable to the Computer

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- a) If the computer has a 9-pin connector, insert the cable (EC-CA01M09F09) provided into the socket of the computer, taking note of the gender of the two connectors.
- b) If the computer has a 25-pin connector, use a 9-pin to 25-pin, male/ female converter with 9 pins and 25 holes for connection. This converter can be obtained from any computer store.

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