



Wireless RainSensor™ Models TWRS and TWRFS Installation and Operation Guide

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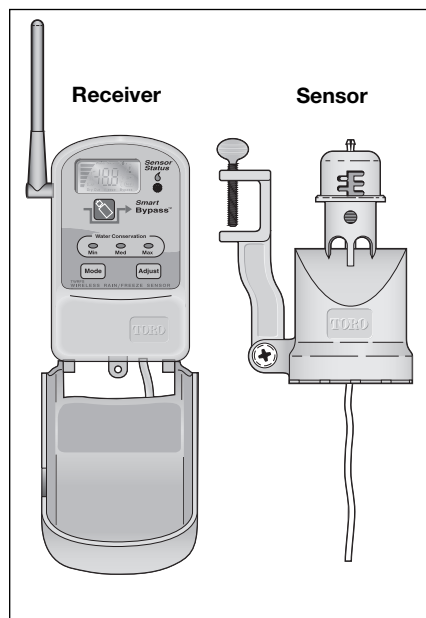
Introduction

The Toro Wireless RainSensor, models TWRS and TWRFS (rain/freeze sensor), working in conjunction with your irrigation controller, will automatically suspend watering when a predetermined rainfall amount or temperature is met.

The Wireless RainSensor system consists of two components: A digital, programmable receiver and a remote sensor module. The receiver installs next to the controller and connects to the 24 VAC power source and sensor terminals (if included) or splices into the valve common circuit. The sensor module is attached to a rain gutter, roof edge, fence, etc. within 500 feet (line of sight) of the receiver. Sensor information is sent to the receiver using an ultra high-frequency radio signal.

To compensate for variations in soil type and sensor location, the receiver is easily programmed to delay the controller from resuming operation up to 4 days. This feature also enables controller operation to be placed in "Rain Delay" mode from 1 to 5 days when inclement weather conditions are expected.

Now, take a moment to browse completely through this guide before starting the installation. Since the Wireless RainSensors is an accessory for your irrigation controller, it will be helpful have the controller user's guide on hand for reference.

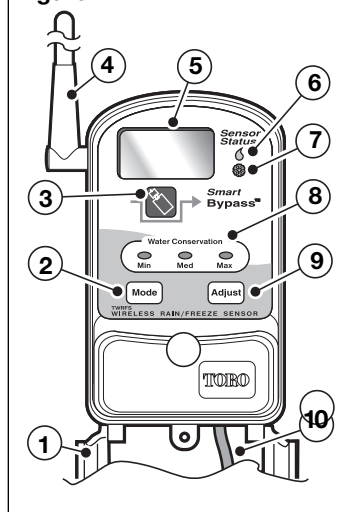


RainSensor Component Overview

Receiver Module

- 1 -Weather-resistant Cover - Provides protection from rain and dust. (Keep closed when not using the receiver).
- 2 -Setup Button - Accesses the various setup and operating features.
- 3 -Smart Bypass™ Button - Pressed to bypass sensor control after it has been activated.
- 4 -Antenna - Position antenna straight up for optimum signal reception.
- 5 -Liquid Crystal Display (LCD) - Provides visual reference for setup and operation.
- 6 -Rain and Freeze Sensor Status Indicators - Illuminate when the RainSensor is active and watering is on hold.
- 7 -Water Conservation LED's - Indicate the water conservation level selected.
- 9 -Adjust Button - Pressed to adjust or select values within the setup and operating features.
- 10-Connection Cable - Multi-wire cable for connection to controller.

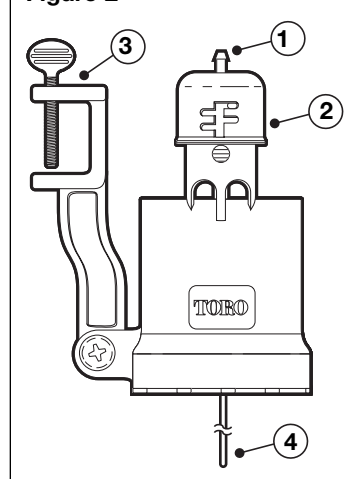
Figure 1



Sensor Module

- 1 -Test Spindle - Pressed to manually activate the RainSensor system.
- 2 -Rain Threshold Adjustment - Adjustable cap enables the rainfall threshold to be set for 1/8", 1/4", 1/2" or 3/4" of accumulated rainfall before the sensor is activated.
- 3 -Quick-Clip™ Mounting Bracket - Simplifies installation of the sensor module to a rain gutter, edge of roof, fence post, etc.
- 4 -Antenna Wire - Position antenna straight down for optimum signal transmission.

Figure 2



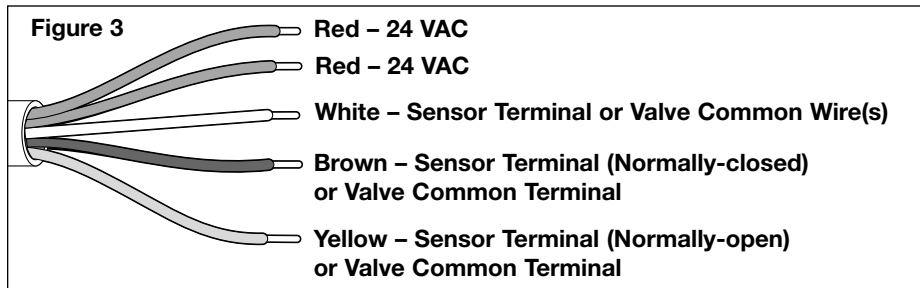
⚠ CAUTION: The receiver requires 24 VAC for operation. Connecting the receiver to a 120/240 VAC power source will result in severe damage. The sensor module must not be installed inside a rain gutter or any water collection vessel. Allowing the sensor to become submerged will result in severe damage.

⚠ Important: Installation of this equipment must comply with all applicable national and local building and electrical codes. Consult local codes prior to installation.

Install and Connect the Receiver

1. Install the receiver module next to the controller using the stainless steel screws or double-sided foam tape provided. Position the antenna straight up.
2. Make sure power to the controller has been disconnected.
3. Route the connection cable into the controller cabinet.

Note: The Wireless RainSensor can operate with either normally-open or normally-closed sensor circuits. Refer to the controller specifications for the sensor type required. If the controller is not equipped for direct sensor connection, skip step 4 and continue at step 5.



4. Locate the controller's sensor connection terminals (generally labeled "SENSOR" or "SEN") and connect the receiver wires as follows:
For normally-open circuit: Attach the WHITE and BROWN wires.
For normally-closed circuit: Attach the WHITE and YELLOW wires.
Note: Disregard plus (+) and minus (–) polarity labels on the sensor terminals (if present). Cut or tape back the unused wire.
5. Remove the valve common wire(s) from the terminal labeled "COM", "C" or "VC."
6. Attach the BROWN receiver wire to this terminal.
7. Twist the WHITE receiver wire to the valve common wire(s) and secure with the provided wire nut.
7. Cut or tape back the YELLOW wire.7. Connect the Red power wires to the controller's 24 VAC power source terminals.

Note: The receiver requires a constant source of 24 VAC. The controller may have two terminals dedicated to 24 VAC input, or a 24 VAC Hot Post and common terminal. Either connection is acceptable. The receiver will not function properly if connected to a 24 VAC source that is switched on and off, such as a master valve or pump start circuit.

Initial Receiver Testing

1. Apply power to the controller. The receiver will display two dashes (flashing) indicating that power is present.
2. While holding the sensor module at close range to the receiver, lightly press and hold down the sensor test spindle. The receiver will display the following:

- The Sensor Status  LED will turn on.

The signal indicator and strength strength bar scale will be indicated

The current outside air temperature (°F) – (TWRFS models only).

Figure 4



Figure 5



3. Select an installation site for the sensor module as close to the receiver as possible to avoid interference of the wireless signal (within 500' line of sight).

Note: The sensor module must be installed where it has unobstructed exposure to rainfall and the sunlight conditions are similar to those of the landscape being watered. Make sure the sensor module will not be in contact with spray from the sprinklers or runoff from the roof.

4. Before installing the sensor module, test the signal strength again from the selected installation site as follows:

To test the Wireless RainSensor operation with the irrigation system controller, activate a watering zone which is visible from the sensor module location.

Note: The manual activation cycle of some controllers bypasses the sensor inputs. If the Receiver is connected to the controller's sensor inputs, you will need to run an automatic/timed watering program for these types of controllers.

With the sprinklers on, manually activate the sensor module by pressing and holding the test spindle. The sprinklers should shut off within a short time. If they do not shut off, recheck the receiver wiring connections at the controller. If the controller has a sensor control or bypass switch, make sure the switch is set to the position that will enable the sensor circuit to be active

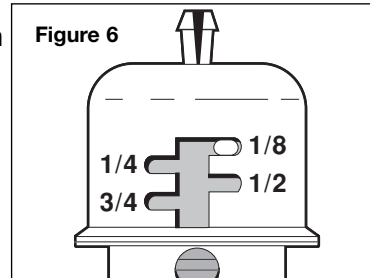
5. Prior to installing the sensor module check the current setting on the Rainfall Adjustment Cap. The sensor module can be adjusted to detect average rainfall amounts of 1/8", 1/4", 1/2" or 3/4" before signaling the receiver.

To adjust, turn the cap from the current setting and engage the stationary pins with the desired slot position. Be sure to align the slot and pin properly as this adjustment does not require excessive force.

The cap indicates measurements in inches on one side of the cap and millimeters on the opposite side.

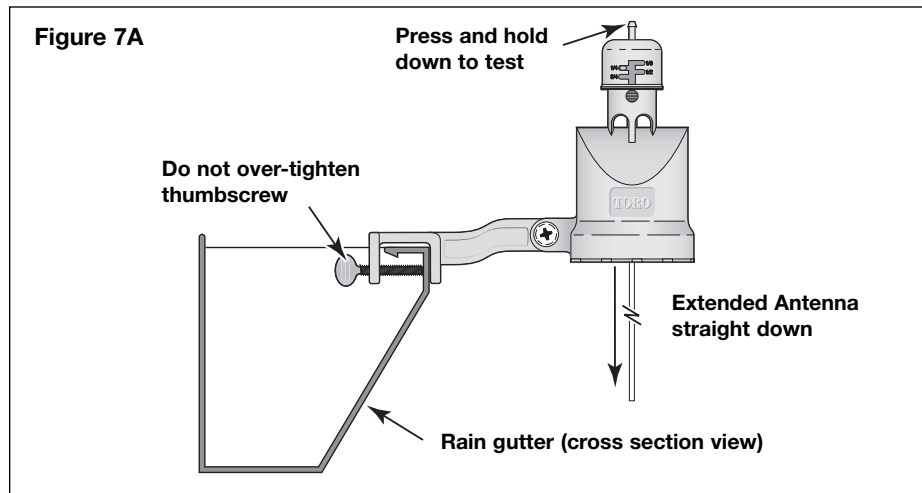
Note: Avoid using the 1/8" setting in high-humidity conditions.

Figure 6

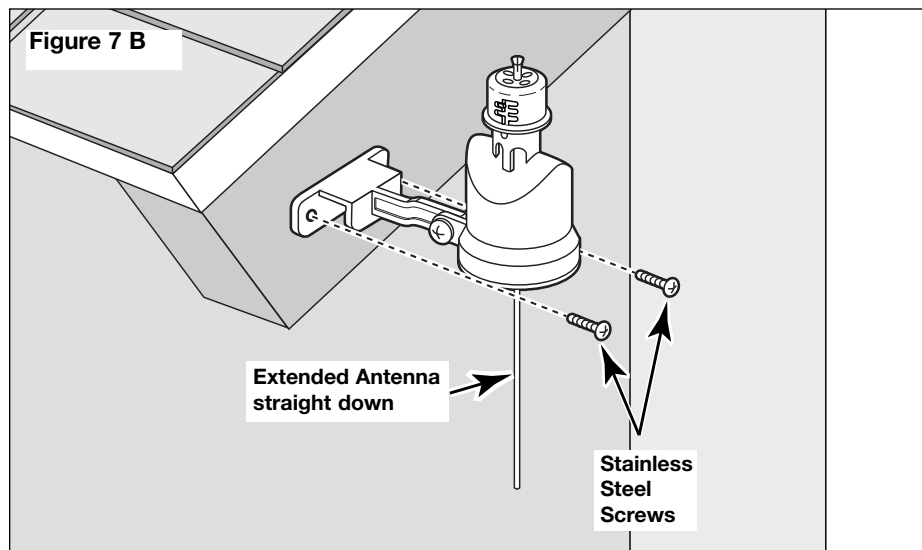


Installing the Sensor Module

1. The sensor module should be mounted vertically with the antenna wire extending straight down. Avoid installations where the antenna wire would contact any metal object.



A rain gutter is an ideal location for the sensor module. Simply position the bracket with the thumbscrew under the gutter lip and tighten to secure (do not over-tighten) See Figure 7A.



The sensor module can also be mounted on any suitable solid structure such as the side of the roof, a shed or fence using the two supplied stainless steel screws. See Figure 7B.

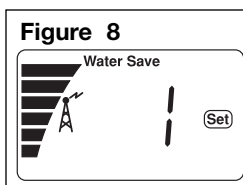
2. Once securely fastened, adjust the sensor module on the mounting bracket as needed to align the sensor module housing vertically.

Receiver Setup

Select Water Conservation Mode

This feature extends the delay period from the time the sensor mechanically resets until automatic irrigation resumes. Note the matrix provided in the receiver cover. Select the type of soil and the installed location of the sensor module to find the initial conservation setting: Minimum (1), Medium (2) or Maximum (3).

1. Press the Setup button. The display will indicate the current water conservation setting. "Set" will be flashing and "Water Save" will be displayed See Figure
2. Press the Adjust button to select 1, 2 or 3.

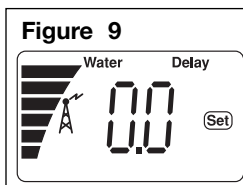


Set Water Delay

This feature provides a rain delay function when rain delay operation is not included in the controller's feature set.

Watering can be postponed from 1 to 5 days. The sensor module will override rain delay.

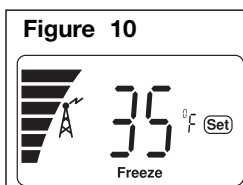
1. Press the Setup button two times. The display will indicate the current number of rain delay days set. "Set" will be flashing and "Water Delay" will be displayed.
2. Press the Adjust button to select 0.0 to 5.0.



Set Temperature Threshold (TWRFS models only)

This feature enables the temperature threshold to be set from 35°F to 45°F or 2°C to 7°C. When the selected temperature is observed, the sensor will signal to stop irrigation.

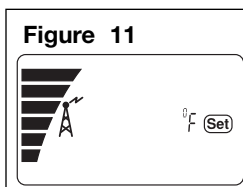
1. Press the Setup button three times. The display will indicate the current temperature threshold setting.
2. Press the Adjust button to select the temperature.



Set Temperature Scale (TWRFS models only)

This setting enables the temperature scale to be set in Fahrenheit or Celsius.

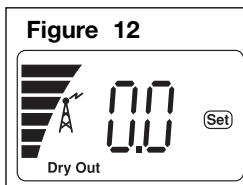
1. Press the Setup button four times. The display will indicate the current temperature scale
2. Press the Adjust button to select the alternate scale



Set Dry Out Days

This setting is similar to Water Conservation but enables the dry out rate to be set in half days. The possible settings are: 0.5, 1.0, 1.5, 2.0, 2.5, 3.0, 3.5 and 4.0 days.

1. Press the Setup button five times. The display will indicate the current Dry out day setting.
2. Press the Adjust button to select the desired day amount.



Signal Strength

This feature enable sensor signal strength to be measured on a digital scale ranging from 0.0 to 10.2 maximum.

1. Press the Setup button 6 times. The display will indicate the strength of the last received signal.

Figure 8

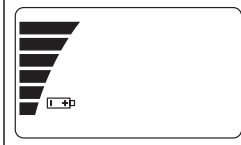


Battery Strength

This feature enable sensor battery strength to be measured on the bar scale.

1. Press the Setup button 7 times. The battery symbol and bar scale will be displayed. The strength of the battery is determined by the height of the bar stack from no bar (dead battery) to six bars (full charge).

Figure 8



Wireless Rain/Freeze Sensor Operation

When the sensor module is activated due to a rainfall (or temperature) threshold being met, the Sensor Status indicator will remain illuminated on the Receiver and the sprinkler system will remain inactive until the moisture-absorbent discs inside the sensor module have dried out. The rate at which the discs dry out will vary dependent on ambient conditions such as temperature, sun exposure, humidity and wind—the same conditions your soil experiences. This allows the Wireless RainSensor to reset when watering is needed again, enabling the sprinkler system to resume normal operation. The Water Conservation or Dry Out day setting will hold off resumption of watering for an extended period as set.

Using the Smart Bypass Feature

Your Wireless RainSensor can be temporarily deactivated by using the built-in Smart Bypass button. Simply press this button once to bypass current RainSensor control. The Sensor Status light will blink until the next time the sensor module dries out and automatically resets. Pressing the Smart Bypass button again resumes the RainSensor control. Pressing the Smart Bypass button while the RainSensor control is not active (dry) will cause the Receiver to ignore the next sensor module signal.

Power Down

To turn the Receiver OFF entirely, press and hold the Smart Bypass button until the Sensor Status Indicator begins blinking rapidly (5–7 seconds). Release the Smart Bypass button and confirm the Power Indicator goes out and flashes periodically. Simply press the Smart Bypass button once to turn the Receiver back on.

Receiver Learn Mode

If it becomes necessary to set the Receiver's address code to that of a new sensor module, press and hold the Smart Bypass button until the Status and Signal indicators blink in unison (10+ seconds). Activate the corresponding sensor module at close range (by pressing down on the Test Spindle) to change the existing Receiver code to that of the new sensor module. The indicators will stop blinking upon learning the new code. Pressing the Smart Bypass button again will exit the learn mode if no valid code is received.

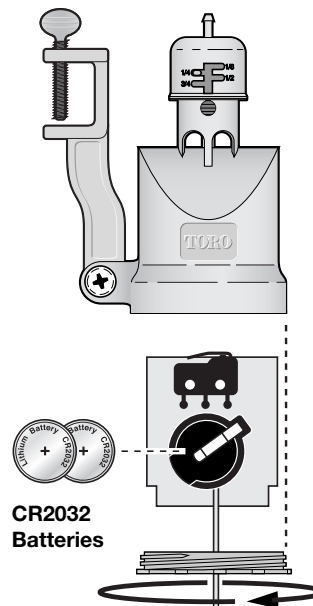
Sensor Module Battery Replacement

1. Carefully unscrew the bottom of the housing. Slide the circuit board out. See Figure 9.
2. Remove the battery cover and batteries. Replace using two 3V CR2032 (or equivalent) batteries. Install with positive (+) side of the batteries facing up.

Note: Properly dispose of used batteries per the battery manufacturer's recommendations.

3. Reassemble the unit in reverse order.

Figure 9



Solving Reception Problems

The Wireless RainSensor operates under Part 15 of the FCC rules. This means that it has to comply with certain standards and is only allowed to transmit up to a certain power level. In rating transmitters of any form, typically a line-of-site value is used in order to show the relative effectiveness of a transmitter and allow a transmitter and receiver to be compared to one another using a fair method. The Wireless RainSensor operates up to 300' line-of-site. This means that in an open field, with no obstructions, the sensor module and Receiver pair will successfully communicate up to 300' apart. However, in almost all installations, there are obstacles between the sensor module and Receiver such as walls, floors, etc.

The obstacles will all affect the transmitted signal and typically reduce the radiated power that will be read by the Receiver. Different objects such as walls and floors affect the transmitted signal differently depending on the material composition, geometry and thickness. Typically, most residential and light commercial construction materials do not reduce the effective transmitted signal enough to pose problems under normal installation conditions. However, there are some installations with very thick, dense walls, or that involve large amounts of radio frequency interference (electrical switching rooms etc.) where the effective range of the Wireless RainSensor may be greatly reduced.

Some helpful tips on mounting the sensor module and Receiver for the best Radio Frequency (RF) performance:

- Always try to keep the antennas straight and fully extended (straight up on the Receiver and straight down on the sensor module).
- Try to maintain a parallel orientation of one antenna to the other. Avoid installing either unit where the antennas are in close proximity to large metal objects.
- Attempt to mount the units as close together as possible to reduce the potential for interference or signal reduction. If the signal strength is not good in one location, try another location - even as little as a few feet of movement can change from a weak spot to a strong spot. Interior locations where cell phones or cordless phones have trouble with reception may indicate areas with poor RF signal transmission.
- If possible avoid an installation where the sensor module is located exactly above the Receiver. Move the sensor module slightly offset to one side. When the RF signal is passing through walls, keep in mind that it has less thickness to penetrate when it passes straight through the wall. In other words, passing diagonally through a wall increases its effective thickness.

Electromagnetic Compatibility

Domestic: This device complies with FCC rules Part 15. Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) This device may not cause harmful interference and (2) this device must accept any interference that may be received, including interference that may cause undesirable operation.

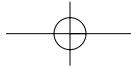
This equipment generates and uses radio frequency energy and if not installed and used properly, that is, in strict accordance with the manufacturer's instructions, may cause interference to radio and television reception. It has been type tested and found to comply with the limits for a FCC Class B computing device in accordance with the specifications in Subpart J of Part 15 of FCC Rules, which are designed to provide reasonable protection against such interference in a residential installation. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

Reorient the receiving antenna, relocate the remote control receiver with respect to the radio/TV antenna or plug the irrigation controller into a different outlet so that the irrigation controller and radio/TV are on different branch circuits.

If necessary, the user should consult the dealer or an experienced radio/television technician for additional suggestions. The user may find the following booklet prepared by the Federal Communications Commission helpful:

"How to Identify and Resolve Radio-TV Interference Problems". This booklet is available from the U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402. Stock No. 004-000-00345-4.

Warning: Changes or modifications to this unit not expressly approved by the party responsible for compliance could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.



Specifications:

Receiver Mounting Options: Stainless steel screws and/or double-sided foam tape.

Sensor module Mounting Options: Quick-Clip™ rain gutter bracket and roof eaves/fascia mounting bracket with stainless steel screws.

Sensor module Range: Up to 300' line-of-site.

Sensor Type: Industry-standard hygroscopic disc stack with adjustable rainfall sensitivity.

Transmitter Battery Type: (2) 3V cells - CR2032 (or equivalent).

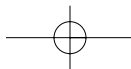
Average Battery Life: Five years

Operating Temperature Range: -20°F to 120°F

Receiver Power Input: 22–28 VACc/VDC, 100mA (from existing controller/timer with Class 2, UL-approved transformer).

Relay Contacts Output: Normally Open (NO) and Normally Closed (NC)
3A at 24 VAC.

Receiver Controls: Sensor Status Indicator, Signal Indicator, Smart Bypass Switch, Power Indicator with low battery/poor communication warning.N



The Toro Promise — Limited Five-Year Warranty

The Toro Company and its affiliate, Toro Warranty Company, pursuant to an agreement between them, jointly warrants, to the owner, each new piece of equipment (featured in the current catalog at date of installation) against defects in material and workmanship for a period described below, provided they are used for irrigation purposes under manufacturer's recommended specifications. Product failures due to acts of God (i.e., lightning, flooding, etc.) are not covered by this warranty.

Neither Toro nor Toro Warranty Company is liable for failure of products not manufactured by them even though such products may be sold or used in conjunction with Toro products.

During such warranty period, we will repair or replace, at our option, any part found to be defective. Your remedy is limited solely to the replacement or repair of defective parts.

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Some states do not allow limitations of how long an implied warranty lasts, so the above limitation may not apply to you.

This warranty gives you specific legal rights and you may have other rights which vary from state to state.

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