




Operating Software

for datalogger **MINILOG** and **T-Logg**

as of version V3.4    **Operating Manual**

# MINISOFT

-  Please carefully read these instructions before use!
-  Please consider the safety instructions!
-  Please keep for future reference!



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## 1 General Note

Read this document carefully and get used to the operation of the device before you use it. Keep this document within easy reach near the device for consulting in case of doubt.

Mounting, start-up, operating, maintenance and removing from operation must be done by qualified, specially trained staff that have carefully read and understood this manual before starting any work.

The manufacturer will assume no liability or warranty in case of usage for other purpose than the intended one, ignoring this manual, operating by unqualified staff as well as unauthorized modifications to the device. The manufacturer is not liable for any costs or damages incurred at the user or third parties because of the usage or application of this device, in particular in case of improper use of the device, misuse or malfunction of the connection or of the device.

The manufacturer is not liable for misprints.

## 2 Safety

### 2.1 Intended Use

The MINISOFT is intended for reading out MINILog and T-Logg dataloggers and for saving reports.

### 2.2 Safety signs and symbols

Warnings are labeled in this document with the followings signs:



**Caution!** This symbol warns of imminent danger, death, serious injuries and significant damage to property at non-observance.



**Attention!** This symbol warns of possible dangers or dangerous situations which can provoke damage to the device or environment at non-observance.



**Note!** This symbol point out processes which can indirectly influence operation or provoke unforeseen reactions at non-observance.

### 2.3 Safety guidelines

Please do always use current operating systems with latest hot-fixes and service packs and always use the latest Software version. Depending on the bought software version an update to the latest version is for free.



**Attention!** Support is only possible when using a current operating system with the latest service pack, the latest software version. There will be no support from GHM Messtechnik GmbH when using an operating system that is no longer supported by Microsoft.

## 3 Product Specification

### 3.1 Scope of supply

The scope of supply includes:

- Installation CD

### 3.2 System requirements

- CD-ROM-drive
- Mouse, keyboard
- 1.0 GHz processor (suggested 1.6 GHz dual core processor)
- 1 GB RAM, 150 MB hard disc
- Resolution: at least 1024x764
- Interface converter
  - für T-Logg:
    - or free USB-interface for USB 100 SL, USB 100
  - for MINILog
    - free serial port for EBW 1, EBW 2, EBW 64, EBW 64E, EBW 240
    - or free USB-interface for EBW 3
- Windows Vista, Windows 7 or Windows 8 / 8.1  
Windows Server 2003, Windows Server 2008 / 2008 R2  
(Software will run from Windows 98 SE)

## 4 Handling

The handling of the software is based on standard Windows programs. Some basic Windows knowledge is required to run this software successfully.

## 5 Significance of Computer Time



**Attention!** Each instrument with logger function includes a real time clock which can be adjusted to the computer time. To adjust the device time correctly it is absolutely necessary to prove the computer time. When required, this time can be corrected by changing the referring system settings.

## 6 Delivery State of the Data Loggers



**Attention!** During delivery the dataloggers are in a so called 'sleep state': there are no indications on the display and the current consumption is at its minimum. As soon as communication with the software has been started the device will 'wake up', the display changes between the current measuring value and 'stop', the data logger is ready for operation. So far no data are recorded! To do so a new logger recording has to be initiated.

## 7 Operation Of Loggers With MINISOFT – Step By Step

Make all necessary connections and start the MINISOFT program.  
(Don't forget the supply of the converter if it is necessary!)

**Keep in mind:** MINISOFT just supports Logger of the type T-Logg ... and MINILOG, if you want to operate **EASYLOG**'s, too, You will need the software GSOFT40k!

### Step 1: Link to Connected Loggers

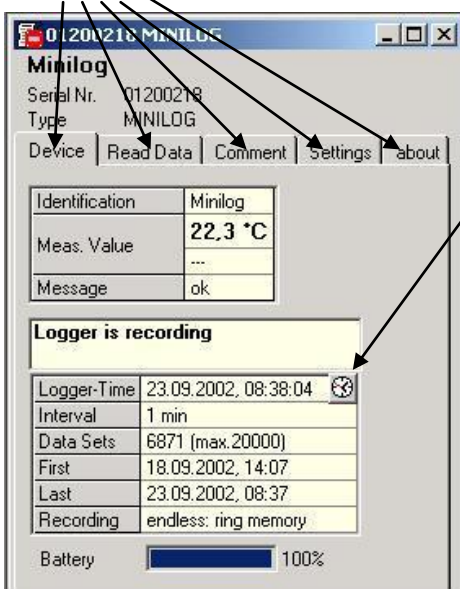
In order to be able to operate loggers you have to 'connect' them: Select 'Connect' in the 'Logger' menu. If there had been configured more than one connection, a choice of the connection will appear – choose the desired one.

A list of the loggers found of the last access will be displayed. The search for connected loggers may be repeated by 'New Search' Select loggers with which you want to operate (tick by mouse-clicking on the relevant loggers). 'Ok' connects the loggers selected in one 'logger window' each. If no loggers can be found please check your set-up and your interface configuration ('Logger Connection' in 'Configuration' menu).

### Step 2: The Logger Window

The logger window displays all the important data of the relevant logger.

Select register of logger window to be displayed by mouse-click!



#### Register 'Device'

(not available if logger window has been opened from file!)

The information displayed will be regularly updated.

This symbol is shown for loggers with internal real-time clock. Use symbol to set real-time clock to PC time.

#### Register 'Read Data'

(for logger windows from file: 'data')  
Logger data that have been loaded in the PC from a file or from a connected logger will be displayed in form of a table. To display a 'legend' activate the item 'Show Legends' in the 'Logger' menu.

**Hint:** Use mouse to change window size to be able to indicate more data simultaneously.

#### Register 'Comment'

Use this register to enter a comment regarding the logger data. The comment will be memorized in a file.

#### Register 'Settings'

Display of all editable logger settings

#### Register 'about'

Display of all other logger settings and information's

Please note the following for the **Register 'Settings'**: If the logger already contains recorded data the settings can only be changed if the data in the logger memory are deleted!

**Hint:** Instead of making your selection via menu, simply click on the 'toolbar':



Put your mousepointer on the symbols (without clicking) to get a short description of the function.

**Detailed description: chapter 0**

### Step 3: Start New Logger Recording

To start a new logger recording select 'Start New Logger Recording' from the 'Logger' menu. (Unless you have already done so: link to connected loggers, see above).

**Note:** *Data that have already been recorded will be lost after a new logger recording has been started! Read the logger data and save them into a file, if necessary! (p.r.t. step 6)*  
**Alarm limits and identification will have to be entered prior to the start (p.r.t. step 2).**  
**Upon logger start the logger time will automatically be updated to the current time.**

Select logger to be started

Enter time as of which logger is to be started (p.r.t. chapter 9)

Selection of starting conditions (p.r.t. chapter 9)

Type of memory

(endless: ...: permanent recording, if memory is full, the data at the beginning of the memory will be overwritten)

Interval: 2s...5h (depending on logger).

ex...: ,15 min' -> logger recording measuring value at 15 min intervals

**Further description: chapter 9**

### Step 4: Read Logger Data

Link to connected loggers unless you have already done so (see above).

To read out data of a logger recording select 'Read Logger Data' from 'Logger' menu; the relevant window will be opened. If more loggers are connected that may contain data, you can either read 'all data' of the loggers selected or select a common period of time.

The data that have been read out will be displayed in the register 'Read Data' in the table.

### Step 5: Stop Logger Recording

If the logger is not used for a longer period of time the battery service life can be extended by stopping the logger. Once stopped the logger is only measuring if connected to a level converter (logger supply via level converter). To stop logger select 'Stop Logger Recording' from the 'Logger' menu (unless you have already done so: link logger, see above).

**Please note: Older logger versions will loose their recorded data as soon as logger is stopped !**

### Step 6: File Operation: Saving And Loading


It is possible to attach a comment (logger window register 'Comment') to the data read in via the logger so that they can be stored in data files: menue 'File - Save' or 'File - Save As'.

Data that have been saved can be displayed again by means of the 'File Open' command.

**Attention:** *Do not mix up with 'File - Save View' or 'Open View' - p.r.t. chapter 13.*

**Hint:** *The files saved at last will be displayed in the menue 'File' and can be opened by means of a mouseclick.*

### Step 7: Erasing Loggerdata

All recorded data in logger memory can deleted with the symbol  on toolbar.

**Attention:** *all recorded data will be erased!*



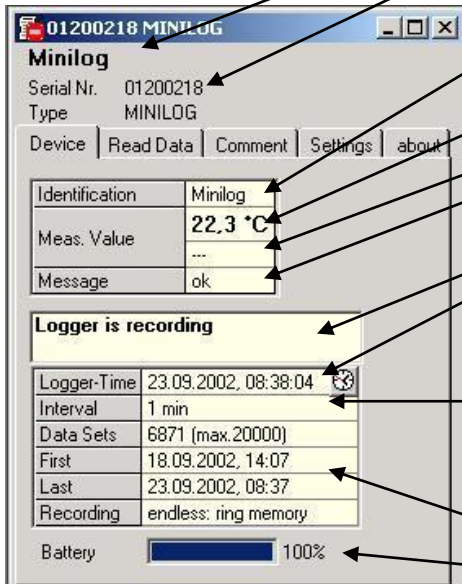
## 8 The Logger Window – In Details

You have a choice between 5 different registers:

- *Device* (not available if logger window has been read from file)
- *Read Data* (or *Data*, if logger window has been read from file)
- *Comment*
- *Settings*
- *About*

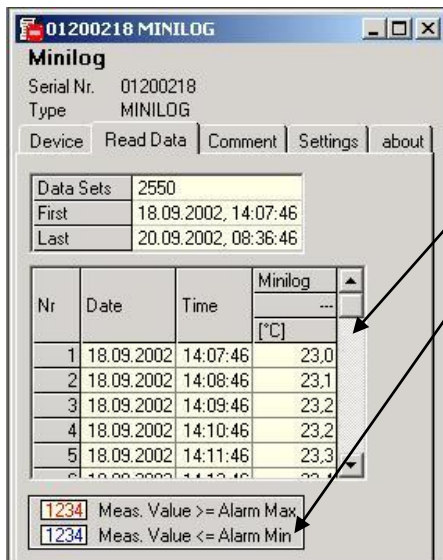
Headlines displayed above the registers: - Window title (can be edited in register 'Settings')  
- logger serial number and type

### 8.1 Device



- **Identification:** (only if supported by logger) can be altered under 'Extras' and will be stored in the logger
- **Measuring value:** current meas. value, continuously updated
- **Measuring type** (if supported by logger)
- **Message:** read out of messages referring to the measuring values (p.r.t. chapter 15)
- **Logger state messages:** displays state of the logger recordings.
- **Logger-time:** if the logger is equipped with a real-time clock this will be indicated here (may be set to computer time by means of clock symbol); if not, the computer time will be displayed.
- **Interval:** intervals at which measurements are made and stored in the logger memory, e.g. ,15 min': a measurement is carried out every 15 min, the result is stored in the logger (will be stated in case of a new logger recording start)
- **First..Last:** time of the first and last measuring value taken
- **Battery:** state of the logger battery, we recommend to return the logger to manufacturer's for a battery change if the value falls below 100%.

### 8.2 Read Data



If there are logger data in the memory they can be read out (menue 'logger – read out logger data') and be viewed in form of a table.

• **Scrollbar:** use scrollbar to go through the table

• **Legend:** explanations regarding the data (only possible if menue 'Logger – Show Legends' has been activated).

**Hint:** *The logger window size can be adjusted as you wish by means of the mouse. To be able to display more data simultaneously simply change window size!*

### 8.3 Comment



As soon as the logger data have been read you may enter your comments here.

The comment can be printed together with the tables.

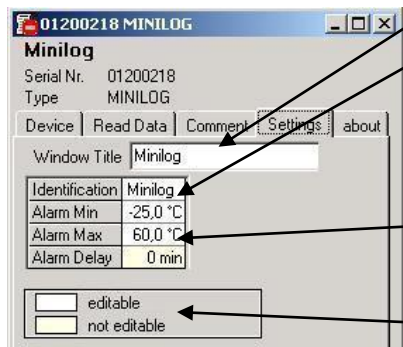
If logger data are saved as a file, the comment will also be saved in the same file automatically.

This is an important function to help you describe logger data so that you will be able to identify and assign them even after a longer period of time.

## 8.4 Settings

Display of all the editable properties and settings of the logger.

**Please note: If the logger contains recorded data the settings can only be changed if the data are deleted!!**



The **Window Title** can be edited here

**Identification** (up to 16 digits, older logger types do not support an identification, '---' will be displayed then)

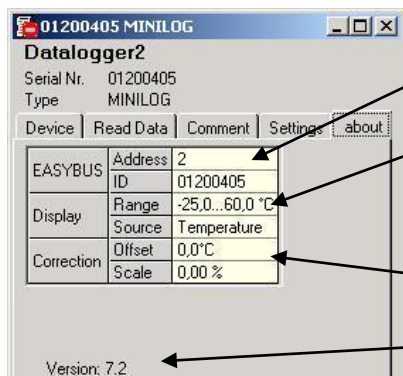
The identification is displayed at the top of the logger window and will help you to identify the logger. We, therefore, recommend to choose an identification with regard to the logger position, e.g. 'cooling area' or 'climate room 1'.

**Alarm- Min, -Max, -Delay:**

input of alarm delay as a multiple of a minute, older logger types do not support an alarm delay, the display then is always 0 min.

**Legend:** description regarding settings (only available if menue 'Logger – Show Legends' has been activated).

## 8.5 About



Display of all the remaining properties and settings of the logger.

**Address:** cannot be changed via MINISOFT or is static at a T-Logg (To set the address of a MINISOFT please use our EASYBus-Configurator software)

Display data

- **Range**

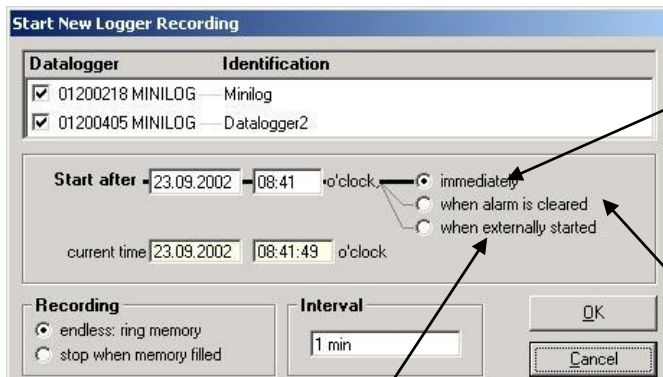
- **Type of measurement:** older logger types do not support a type of measurement display, '---' will be displayed then.

**Correction:** if supported by logger

The **Version** number of the logger

## 9 Start of the Recordings And Starting Conditions

When starting a new logger recording you have a choice between various starting conditions:



**Start at a certain point of time or immediately:**

Logger recording starts as soon as the time set has been reached. If the time is not changed the loggers selected will start immediately. (this selection is sufficient for most applications)

**Start when alarm is cleared:** the

logger recording will only start if all alarms have been cleared even if the time set has already been reached. Alarm is given eg. if the meas. value is smaller than the min. alarm limit set

**Start when externally started:** the logger recording will only be started externally, even if the time set has been reached. An external start can be carried out on site with the help of the ,EBSK-1' starting key. (not

**Please note: The logger time will be set to computer time after every new start.**

### Application Examples:

#### Start a recording at a certain point of time:

Set logger, start new logger recording via the option 'immediately' and the point of time desired.

The logger display alternates between the measuring value and ,St.dE' (= start with delay). Disconnect logger and take to place of application.

Recording starts as soon as the point of time has been reached, ,St.dE' disappears.

#### Place of logger application not in the vicinity of a computer, recording to start at place of application:

Set logger at computer, start new logger recording series via the option 'when externally started' The logger display alternates between the measuring value and ,St.Et' (= wait for 'external start'). Disconnect logger and start at the place of application by pressing the button of the starting key ,EBSK-1': Logger recording starts, ,St.Et' disappears.

#### Application is not in the vicinity of a computer but in a cooling area with ~ -10°C. Recording to start after logger has been placed there.

Set max. alarm limit of logger to 0°C; set min. alarm limit to -20°C. Start new logger recording series via the option 'when alarm is cleared'. At room temperature (>0°C !) the logger will be at max. alarm (logger window: register 'Device' – 'Message'); the display alternates between the measuring value and ,St.Al' (= wait for ,start alarm'). Disconnect logger and place it in cooling area.

As soon as the logger temperature in the cooling area falls below 0°C the alarm will be cleared and the logger starts recording, ,St.Al' disappears (no computer required at the place of application).

## 10 Measuring Value Diagrams

The logger data and logger windows loaded can also be displayed as diagrams.

To do so select 'Create New Diagram' from the 'Diagram' menu.

A selection of all possible graphs will be displayed. Select the graphs desired and acknowledge selection by pressing 'Ok'. The diagram will be opened.

**System limitations:** - max. 2 different units (°C, %RH, etc.) per diagram  
- max. 15 graphs per unit

**Y-Axes:** if you select graphs with different units, two Y-axes will be displayed.

**Zoom Left/Right Y-Axis:**  
choose here if the mouse zoom function is to be applied to the left or right Y-axis.

**Zoom Back:**  
cancel last zoom action

**Change Name:**  
The name of the diagram (here: 'Diagramm 1') can be changed

**Add/Delete Labels:** to describe measuring points (see below)

**Settings:**  
manual zoom, grid and color settings

**Zoom all:**  
Show max. diagram area

**Scrollbar:** if a zooming action has been carried out the scrollbar can be used to 'go through' the diagram.




**Add/Delete Series:**  
the number of graphs displayed can be changed (see below)

**Display Points:**  
Display (marking) of measuring points

**Cursor:** if activated a crosshair cursor will be displayed to show the individual measuring points. The measuring point data will be displayed in the

**Legend:** if activated a short description of the graph will be displayed.

### Adding Data Labels

To add a comment to a specific measuring point select menu item "Diagram/Add Data Label" or click on the corresponding symbol. By moving the mouse over the diagram the  symbol will appear as mousepointer. A text line that can be filled freely will be placed at the position desired by a mouseclick

### Adding Series

To be able to display additional measuring series in a diagram, select the menu item "Diagram / Add Series" or click on the corresponding symbol of the diagram window. The data source selection will appear again for you to select an additional measuring series.

### 'Zoom': Enlarge a Area of the Display

If 2 units are displayed : Use the  and  symbols to select the Y-axis desired.

Place mouse at the beginning of the area desired, keep left mouse key pressed, move mouse to the end of the area desired, release mouse key: the part selected will be enlarged (zoomed). Use "Diagram – Zoom Back" to get back to the original view. Use "Diagram – Zoom All" to get back to the entire diagram.

Use scrollbar to move the zoomed part to the left or right or upwards and downwards. To display exact parts of the screen we recommend using the "Diagram – Settings". This function can be used to enter the exact position (entering of figures and time settings) of the segment to be displayed.

### Copying Data To Clipboard

Diagrams can be copied to the clipboard, from where they can be inserted to other applications again.

Click on the desired diagram and press the key combination **Strg and C** -> The diagram will be copied to the clipboard as a bitmap.



## 11 How to Print Data

The selected window (logger window with data or diagram) can be printed via 'File – Print' provided a printer has been installed to the computer. Use 'File – Printer Setup' to change printer parameters or to choose another printer.

If the diagram is not printed: for some types of graphics cards it may happen that the diagram will not be printed if the color depth is set to 16 bit. In such a case please reduce or increase the color depth of your screen display.

## 12 How to Export Data

Logger data can be stored as ASCII (=text) – files so that they can be used with a word processing or calculation program. To do so please select the desired logger window and select 'File – Export'. Another window will be displayed for you to select the settings required. Normally the pre-set values will be sufficient.

## 13 How to Work With "Views"

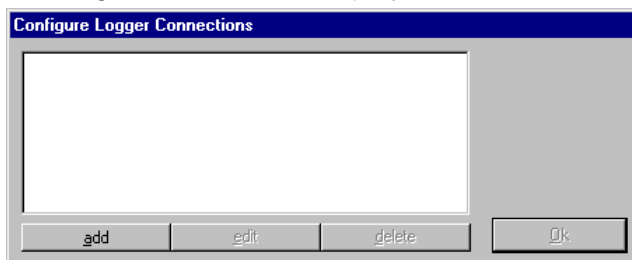
Use your mouse to position logger and diagram windows on the screen as desired. The resulting view can be saved via "File / Save View". If, later on, the view is downloaded via "File / Open View", the complete view, including diagrams and settings, will re-appear.

Limitations:

- The connected data loggers' settings at the bus must be identical to the settings at the time the memorizing functions was carried out.

## 14 Configure Logger Connections

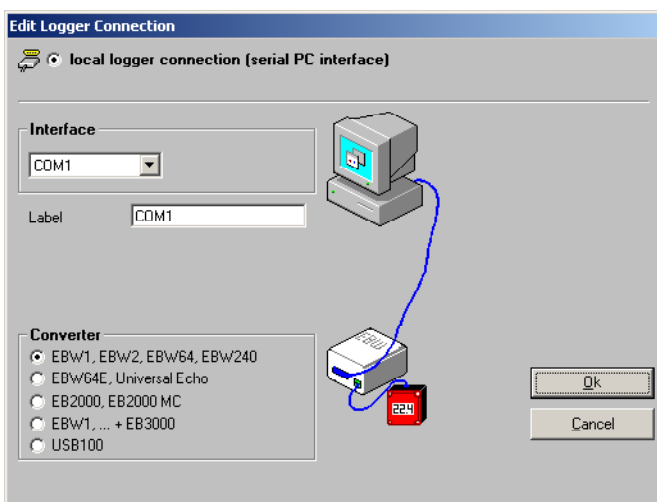
If the software is started the first time or if the menu 'Configuration' / 'Logger Connection' is selected, the following window will be displayed:



Choose 'add' to add a logger connection to the connection list.

There can be added as much connection as needed, the settings can be altered anytime afterwards by selecting the desired connection and clicking on 'edit'. A correct setup is necessary for the proper functioning of the software!

After clicking 'add' the following window will appear:



- Local logger connection means:  
The logger(s) are connected directly to the PC via EASYBUS converter (as shown in picture)
- Remote logger connection means:  
The logger(s) are situated somewhere completely else, where they are connected via easybus converter to an industrial analog or GSM modem (as shown on next page).  
The PC also is supplied with an analog modem, so the loggers can be operated and read out via 'telephone' (for details see below).

Choose the referring setup of the connection, afterwards there can be added as much more as necessary!

## Configuration Of a Remote Logger Connection:

When configuring a remote logger connection there has to be entered a random label (or name) at the point 'Remote Logger Connection' and the phonenummer of the industry modem at which the loggers are connected.

This industry modem has to be a specialized device, adopted to the EASYBUS data transfer (e.g. MODEM 3500 GSM). For the modification of the most important modem settings the software 'MODKonfig' is available. The modem at the PC can be any commercially available analog modem. For this one there isn't any setup-work necessary.

The only restriction in remote logger connection is, that the logger addresses has to be in the right order (1,2,3...), otherwise the loggers cannot be detected properly. The MODKonfig software supplies the function 'prepare EASYBus for remote operation'. This function allows to check if the loggers are in right order (and to reorder them on demand) already before the EASYBus is installed at its final location.

**Attention!** If the analog PC modem is connected to a telephone equipment/central there maybe entered additional numbers/sign to get connect to the standard telephone net..

**Note!** **As long as loggers are connected via modem, there is a telephone connection active! To keep control over telephone bills keep in mind to hang up the phoneline after the operation. Active phone connections can be disconnected for example after closing the referring logger windows. The state of the phoneline is displayed in the status line at the bottom of the MINISOFT.**

## 15 State And Error Messages

### Messages in the Logger Window Register "Device"

**logger recording stopped:** The logger is in the 'sleeping mode'. No recordings are made.

**logger is recording:** The logger is active.

**min. alarm:** Values have fallen below the min. alarm limit.

**max. alarm:** Values exceeding the max. alarm limit.

**low battery:** We recommend battery change at the manufacturer's.

**measuring range overrun:** Values exceeding the max. permissible measuring value, measuring data no longer valid (measuring value – display: "error").

**measuring range underpin:** Values below min. permissible measuring value, measuring data no longer valid (measuring value – display: "error").

**system error:** Sensor or measuring electronics is defective. We recommend to return the device to the manufacturer's for repair, measuring data are no longer valid (display "—").

### Logger – Error Messages During Recording

The following error messages have been filed in the logger memory and will be displayed in accordance with the table view selected (e.g. 16352,0).

**low battery:** We recommend battery change at the manufacturer's.

**measuring range overrun:** Values exceeding the max. permissible measuring value.

**measuring range underrun:** Values falling below min. permissible measuring value.

**recording error:** The data logger operation has been interrupted.  
Please note that once this message has occurred all data recorded so far will not be valid.