

Go Direct[®] Cyclic Voltammetry System

(Order Code GDX-CVS)



Go Direct Cyclic Voltammetry System is a potentiostat that students can use to easily control and apply potential to a chemical system and measure the response as electrical current. It has three modes of data-collection: cyclic voltammetry, bulk electrolysis, and open-circuit potentiometry. It includes a stand, scintillation vials, and disposable screen-printed electrodes. Free Vernier Instrumental Analysis™ software and free experiments are available for download.

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What's Included

- Go Direct Cyclic Voltammetry System
- Screen printed electrodes (25)
- Scintillation vials (4)
- Cyclic voltammetry system stand
- *Electrochemistry Experiments with the Go Direct Cyclic Voltammetry System* (free e-book download)
- Micro USB Cable

Compatible Software

See www.vernier.com/manuals/gdx-cvs for a list of software compatible with the Go Direct Cyclic Voltammetry System.

Getting Started

Please see the following link for platform-specific connection information:

www.vernier.com/start/gdx-cvs

Bluetooth Connection

1. Install Instrumental Analysis on your computer, Chromebook™, or mobile device. See www.vernier.com/ia for software availability.
2. Charge your sensor for at least 2 hours before first use.
3. Turn on your sensor by pressing the power button once. The Bluetooth[®] LED will blink red.

USB Connection

1. Install Instrumental Analysis on your computer or Chromebook. See www.vernier.com/ia for software availability.
2. Connect the sensor to the USB port.
3. Launch Instrumental Analysis.
4. Select Voltammetry to enter data-collection mode. You are now ready to continue your experiment.

4. Launch Instrumental Analysis.
5. Click or tap Connect an Instrument.
6. Click or tap Connect located next to your Go Direct Cyclic Voltammetry System from the list of Discovered Wireless Instruments. Your sensor's ID is located near the barcode on the sensor. The Bluetooth LED will blink green when it is successfully connected.
7. Click or tap Done.
8. Select Voltammetry to enter data-collection mode. You are now ready to continue your experiment.

Connecting the Sensor

See the following link for up-to-date connection information:

www.vernier.com/start/gdx-cvs

Connecting via Bluetooth

Ready to connect	Red LED next to Bluetooth icon flashes when the sensor is awake and ready to connect. At the same time, the red LED next to the power icon is steady.
Connected	Green LED next to Bluetooth icon flashes when the sensor is connected via Bluetooth.

Connecting via USB

Connected	Red LED next to power icon on steady when sensor is connected to Graphical Analysis via USB. LED next to Bluetooth icon off.
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Powering the Sensor

Turning on the sensor	Red LED is on steady when connected to AC power.
Putting the sensor in sleep mode	Red LED is off when disconnected from AC power.

Using the Product with Instrumental Analysis

Preparing your Instrument for Data Collection

1. Insert a screen-printed electrode (SPE) into the SPE connector on the Cyclic Voltammetry System (see Figure 1). Avoid touching the black electrode part

of the SPE.

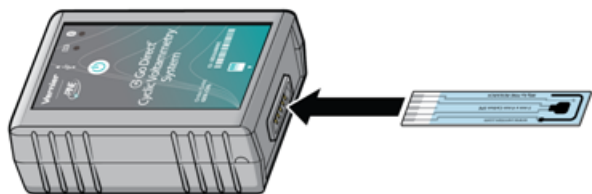


Figure 1

2. Fill the scintillation vial about halfway full (~10 mL) with your sample. Insert the scintillation vial into the clip on the stand. Carefully guide the Cyclic Voltammetry System with the SPE attached downward into the vial and snap the instrument into place, as shown in Figure 2.



Figure 2


Selecting Experiment Type

The three options for Experiment Types are

- Cyclic Voltammetry
- Bulk Electrolysis
- Open Circuit Potentiometry

1. Connect the sensor following the steps in the Getting Started section of this user manual. The Voltammetry Settings menu should be open automatically.
2. Select the desired experiment type. Cyclic Voltammetry is selected by default. The default parameters are appropriate for measuring a cyclic voltammogram for common samples in a buffer solution. You may want to adjust these settings according to the student instructions in the *Electrochemistry Experiments with the Go Direct Cyclic Voltammetry System* e-book.
3. Click or tap Collect to begin data collection. The run will stop automatically or you can choose to end it early.
4. Name your sample appropriately. To do this, click or tap on the y-axis label. Click or tap on Data Set Options next to the data set you wish to rename.

Click or tap Rename Data Set. Enter a name for the sample and click or tap Rename.

5. Analyze the voltammogram by selecting the desired peak. Click or tap Graph Tools, , and choose View Statistics. You may also wish to analyze your data using the peak integral function also located under the Graph Tools menu.
6. When you are ready to change your sample, carefully remove the Cyclic Voltammetry System from the stand by pulling back on the top tab (Figure 3).

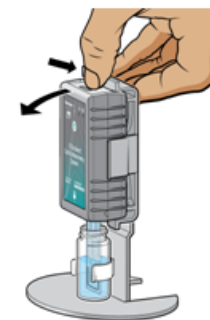




Figure 3

7. With the SPE still inserted in the Cyclic Voltammetry System, rinse the SPE with buffer solution, and dry it by gently blotting the electrode surface with a piece of paper towel. **Important:** Do not invert the Cyclic Voltammetry System with a damp SPE attached. You want to avoid getting liquid inside the SPE connector.
8. Repeat Steps 2–7 for as many samples as you test. To change the parameters between runs, click or tap Voltammetry Settings, .
9. When you are finished with you experiment, discard the solution and SPE as instructed. Click or tap on the File Menu to Save or Export your data.

Changing the Settings in Instrumental Analysis

Click or tap the slider, , to show the Voltammetry Settings dialog. You will set the Experiment type you wish to perform here. There are multiple parameters listed in the dialog box that will vary based on the experiment you have selected.

Cyclic Voltammetry

In this experiment type, the electrode potential ramps linearly with time in a preset waveform, often through the electroactive species' standard potential, which allows for the investigation of the resulting electrochemical species generated at the electrode surface. The rate of voltage changes over time during each of the segments in the waveform is known as the experiment's sweep rate. The potential is measured between the working electrode and the reference

electrode on the SPE, while the current is measured between the working electrode and the counter electrode on the SPE.

- **Number of Segments:** You will be able to choose from a 1, 2, or 3 segment CV. This is the number of segments in the potentiostat's waveform. The number of segments determines the number of potentials you must set. One segment will be linear sweep voltammetry with simply an initial and final potential setting. A two segment CV will have an initial and final potential, along with one switching potential. A three segment CV will have an initial and final potential, along with two switching potentials.
- **Potentials:** You will need to set each potential to dictate the potentiostat's waveform, including the Initial and Final Potentials, along with applicable Switching Potentials. To illustrate the importance of these settings, let us use the example of a 3-segment CV. First, set the number of segments to 3. The Initial Potential is the potential at which you wish the voltammogram to start. In this example, we will set it to 0 mV. From here, the potential must sweep in either a negative or positive direction from the initial potential; therefore, in this case, Switching Potential 1 cannot be 0 mV. Setting Switching Potential 1 to +750 mV means the CVS will sweep in a positive direction from 0 mV to +750 mV. Note: You cannot sweep more than 2000 mV in one direction and it is not recommended to sweep more than 1600 mV in one direction. From Switching Potential 1, the CVS must sweep in a positive or negative direction to Switching Potential 2. Setting Switching Potential 2 to -500 mV means the CVS will now sweep from +750 mV to -500 mV. The Final Potential is where the CVS will conclude the experiment acquisition.
- **Sweep Rate:** The Sweep Rate is the rate at which the individual segments sweeps will occur in mV/s.
- **Current Range:** The Current Range sets the allowed current range for the CV. The High Current Range is $\pm 1000 \mu\text{A}$, Medium is $\pm 100 \mu\text{A}$, Low is $\pm 10 \mu\text{A}$, and Lowest is $\pm 1 \mu\text{A}$. Setting to a lower current range will increase resolution of your CV; however, if the current range is set too low, the CV cannot proceed. Note: The range values are not absolute, you may be able to get some additional current on any particular setting but this will vary from instrument to instrument.

Bulk Electrolysis

In this setting, the potentiostat holds the potential of the working electrode at one value and measures the resulting current over time. In this type of experiment, the analyte is converted from its original oxidation state to a new oxidation state either through reduction or oxidation. Analyzing the resulting data can help determine the electric charge passed over time. The experimental parameters to set are the potential (mV), rate (s), and duration (s).

Open-Circuit Potentiometry

This experiment is a passive experiment whereby the counter electrode circuitry of the potentiostat is bypassed. In this mode, only the resting potential measured

between the reference and working electrode is measured. This is not to say that the chemical system is at equilibrium. In fact, some systems may be far from equilibrium and their passive potential changes as a function of homogeneous reactions. What makes OCP unique is that is a purely electrolytic measurement, thermodynamically. The experimental parameters to set are the rate (s) and duration (s).

Using the Internal Resistor

The system contains an internal resistor that is a 1000Ω resistor. Click or tap the [+] for the CVS and enable the Use Internal Resistor option. You can engage this internal resistor to troubleshoot the instrument or to do a demonstration of Ohm's law as described in our experiment titled "Cyclic Voltammetry Basics: Ohm's Law". Note: Do not attach an external SPE when using the Internal Resistor.

Cleaning your SPE

While this is not common, you may wish to clean your SPE before running certain experiments. Click or tap the [+] for the CVS to enable the Clean SPE process. It will run a 2-segment CV with Initial Potential of 1000 mV, Switching Potential 1 of -1000 mV, and Final Potential of 1000mV. The Sweep Rate is 100 mV/s and Current Range set to High. This process takes about 30 seconds to complete. You can choose to repeat it if you wish. The recommended cleaning solution for most applications is 0.1 M H_2SO_4 .

Specifications

Methods	Cyclic Voltammetry Bulk Electrolysis Open Circuit Potentiometry
USB specification	2.0
Wireless specification	Bluetooth 4.2
Maximum wireless range	30 m
Dimensions	9 cm length, 6 cm height, 3 cm depth
Current ranges (4 total)	High: $\pm 1000 \mu\text{A}$ Medium: $\pm 100 \mu\text{A}$ Low: $\pm 10 \mu\text{A}$ Lowest: $\pm 1 \mu\text{A}$
Operational Potential Range	-2000 mV to +2000 mV vs REF
Practical Potential Range (typical of using the Vernier screen-printed electrodes in aqueous solutions. Results may vary when using other electrodes and solvents.)	-1200 mV to +1200 mV vs REF

Cyclic Voltammetry

- Minimum Sweep Rate: 1 mV/s
- Maximum Sweep Rate: 2000 mV/s
- Recommended Maximum Sweep Span: 1600 mV
- Available Number of Sweep Segments: 1, 2, or 3

Bulk Electrolysis

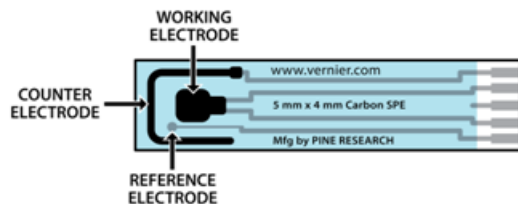
- Minimum Sampling Rate: 2 samples per second
- Maximum Sampling Rate: 200 samples per second

Open Circuit Potential

- Minimum Sampling Rate: 2 samples per second
- Maximum Sampling Rate: 200 samples per second

How the Sensor Works

The Go Direct Cyclic Voltammetry System is a potentiostat that uses a screen-printed electrode as its three-electrode system. The three electrodes are labeled below and include the working electrode, the reference electrode, and the counter electrode.



The Go Direct Cyclic Voltammetry System potentiostat allows you to measure the rate of an electron transfer reaction or redox reaction. In this system, you make a circuit out of a solution containing a molecule of interest (analyte), change the voltage (electrode potential) on one of the electrodes, and see what voltage is required to transfer electrons (cause current to flow) between the electrode and the molecule of interest. Incorporating the analyte into a circuit simply requires inserting the screen-printed electrode into the analyte solution. The three electrodes incorporated on this SPE are connected to the potentiostat, which is controlling the voltage (potential) of each electrode.

Voltammetry is a sensitive analytic technique that informs us about the thermodynamics and kinetics of electron transfer for a given analyte. A faster reaction will produce a proportionally larger current passing through the working electrode. A positive current corresponds to oxidation reactions at the working electrode where some molecules or atoms will lose electrons, and a negative current corresponds to reduction reactions. Note that if an oxidation reaction is observed on the working electrode, then a reduction reaction must happen on the counter electrode. The positive current on the working electrode must be equal in magnitude to the negative current on the counter electrode.

Care and Maintenance

Battery Information

The Go Direct Cyclic Voltammetry System contains a small lithium-ion battery. The system is designed to consume very little power and not put heavy demands on the battery. Although the battery is warranted for one year, the expected battery life should be several years. Replacement batteries are available from Vernier (order code: GDX-BAT-300).

Storage and Maintenance

To store the Go Direct Cyclic Voltammetry System for extended periods of time, put the device in sleep mode by holding the button down for at least three seconds. The red LED will stop flashing to show that the unit is in sleep mode. Over several months, the battery will discharge but will not be damaged. After such storage, charge the device for a few hours, and the unit will be ready for use.

Exposing the sensor to temperatures below -15°C or over 45°C will damage the sensor. Additionally, temperatures over 35°C (95°F) will reduce the battery's lifespan. If possible, store the device in an area that is not exposed to temperature extremes.

Water Resistance

Important: The Go Direct Cyclic Voltammetry System is neither waterproof, nor is it water resistant and should never be immersed in water.

If any liquid gets into the device, immediately power the unit down (press and hold the power button for more than three seconds). Disconnect the sensor and charging cable, and remove the battery. Allow the device to dry thoroughly before attempting to use the device again. Do not attempt to dry using an external heat source.

Note: Damage due to liquids is not covered under warranty.

Troubleshooting

For troubleshooting and FAQs, see www.vernier.com/ti/5835

Repair Information

If you have followed the troubleshooting steps and are still having trouble with your Go Direct Cyclic Voltammetry System, contact Vernier Technical Support at support@vernier.com or call 888-837-6437. Support specialists will work with you to determine if the unit needs to be sent in for repair. At that time, a Return Merchandise Authorization (RMA) number will be issued and instructions will be communicated on how to return the unit for repair.

Accessories/Replacements

Item	Order Code
Screen printed electrodes (25)	CVS-SPE25
Screen printed electrodes (100)	CVS-SPE100

Item
Cyclic voltammetry system stand
Micro USB Cable
USB-C to Micro USB Cable

Order Code
CVS-STAND
CB-USB-MICRO
CB-USB-C-MICRO

Warranty

Vernier warrants this product to be free from defects in materials and workmanship for a period of one year from the date of shipment to the customer. This warranty does not cover damage to the product caused by abuse or improper use. This warranty covers educational institutions only. This warranty does not cover consumable parts.

Disposal

When disposing of this electronic product, do not treat it as household waste. Its disposal is subject to regulations that vary by country and region. This item should be given to an applicable collection point for the recycling of electrical and electronic equipment. By ensuring that this product is disposed of correctly, you help prevent potential negative consequences on human health or on the environment. The recycling of materials will help to conserve natural resources. For more detailed information about recycling this product, contact your local city office or your disposal service.

Battery recycling information is available at www.call2recycle.org

Do not puncture or expose the battery to excessive heat or flame.



The symbol, shown here, indicates that this product must not be disposed of in a standard waste container.

Federal Communication Commission Interference Statement

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful 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 or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

FCC Caution

This device complies with Part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions:

- (1) this device may not cause harmful interference and
- (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation

RF Exposure Warning

The equipment complies with RF exposure limits set forth for an uncontrolled environment. The antenna(s) used for this transmitter must not be co-located or operating in conjunction with any other antenna or transmitter. You are cautioned that changes or modifications not expressly approved by the party responsible for compliance could void your authority to operate the equipment.

IC Statement

This device complies with Industry Canada license-exempt RSS standard(s). Operation is subject to the following two conditions:

- (1) this device may not cause interference, and

(2) this device must accept any interference, including interference that may cause undesired operation of the device.

Industry Canada - Class B This digital apparatus does not exceed the Class B limits for radio noise emissions from digital apparatus as set out in the interference-causing equipment standard entitled "Digital Apparatus," ICES-003 of Industry Canada. Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) this device may not cause interference, and

(2) this device must accept any interference, including interference that may cause undesired operation of the device.

To reduce potential radio interference to other users, the antenna type and its gain should be so chosen that the equivalent isotropically radiated power (e.i.r.p.) is not more than that permitted for successful communication.

RF exposure warning: The equipment complies with RF exposure limits set forth for an uncontrolled environment. The antenna(s) used for this transmitter must not be co-located or operating in conjunction with any other antenna or transmitter.

Le présent appareil est conforme aux CNR d'Industrie Canada applicables aux appareils radio exempts de licence. L'exploitation est autorisée aux deux conditions suivantes :

(1) l'appareil ne doit pas produire de brouillage, et

(2) l'appareil doit accepter toute interférence radioélectrique, même si cela résulte à un brouillage susceptible d'en compromettre le fonctionnement.

Cet appareil numérique respecte les limites de bruits radioélectriques applicables aux appareils numériques de Classe B prescrites dans la norme sur le matériel interférant-brouilleur: "Appareils Numériques," NMB-003 édictée par Industrie Canada. L'utilisation est soumise aux deux conditions suivantes:

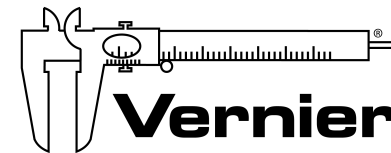
(1) cet appareil ne peut causer d'interférences, et

(2) cet appareil doit accepter toutes interférences, y comprises celles susceptibles de provoquer un dysfonctionnement du dispositif.

Afin de réduire les interférences radio potentielles pour les autres utilisateurs, le type d'antenne et son gain doivent être choisis de telle façon que l'équivalent de puissance isotrope émise (e.i.r.p.) n'est pas plus grand que celui permis pour une communication établie.

Avvertimento d'esposizione RF: L'equipement est conforme aux limites d'exposition aux RF établies pour un environnement non supervisé. L'antenne (s) utilisée pour ce transmetteur ne doit pas être jumelée ou fonctionner en conjonction avec toute autre antenne ou transmetteur.

Note: This product is a sensitive measurement device. For best results, use the cables that were provided. Keep the device away from electromagnetic noise sources, such as microwaves, monitors, electric motors, and appliances.



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