

# SOIL MOISTURE SENSOR

SEN-Moisture



## 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Dear customer,

thank you very much for choosing our product.

In following, we will introduce you to what to observe while starting up and using this product.

Should you encounter any unexpected problems during use, please do not hesitate to contact us.

With its two long sensors, the soil moisture sensor offers an optimum result and is ideally suited for e.g. an automatic irrigation system.

The soil moisture sensor is easy to operate. The two large exposed pads act as probes for the sensor and serve as a positioning resistor. The more water there is in the ground, the better the conductivity between the pads, resulting in lower resistance and higher output voltage.



**Please note that if the sensor is in damp soil for a longer period of time, the contacts may corrode.**

## 2. COMMISSIONING WITH THE RASPBERRY PI

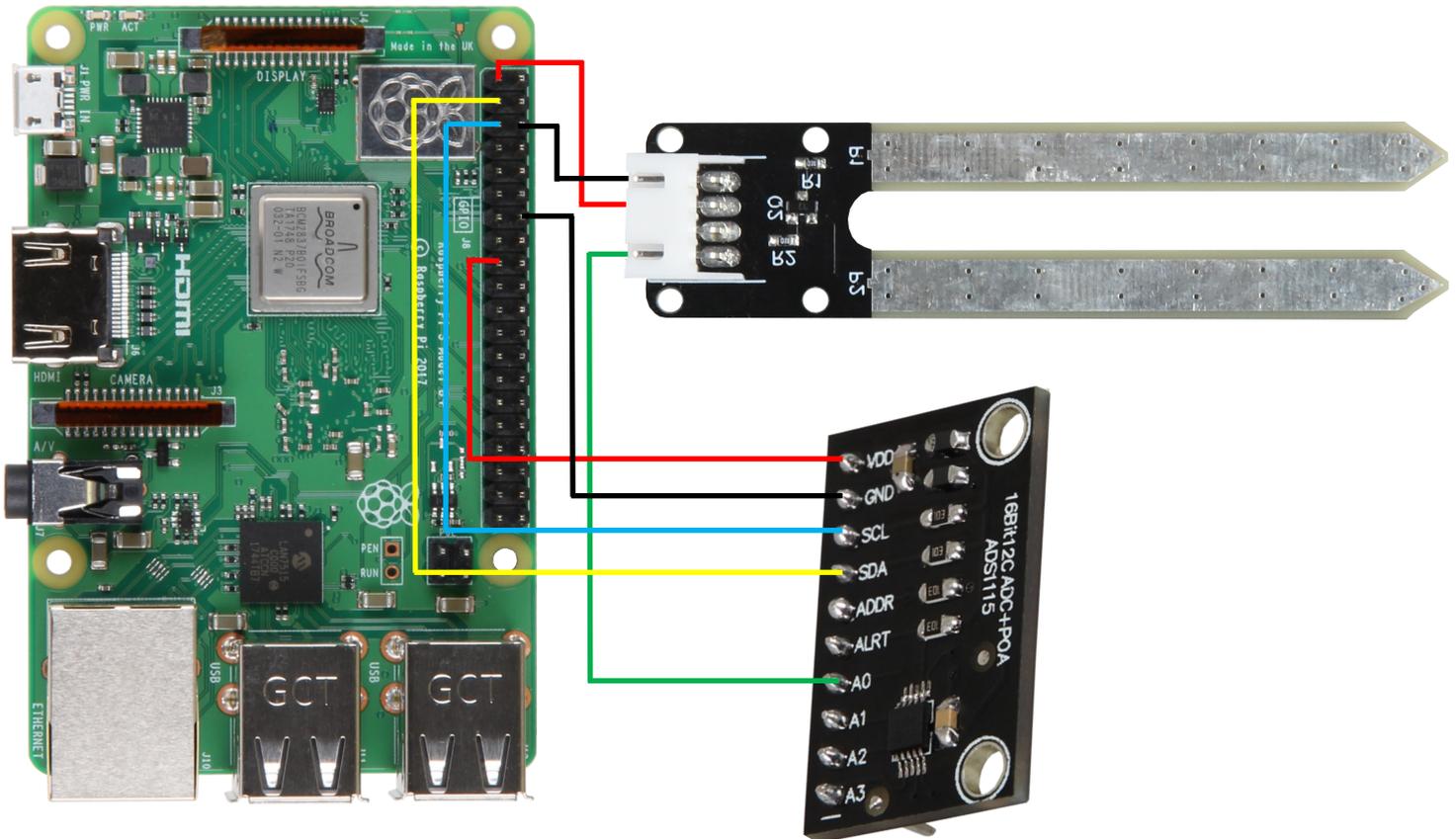
This soil moisture sensor is an analog sensor.



Since the Raspberry Pi has no analog inputs, you must use an analog-to-digital converter.

In this example the ADC COM-KY053 from Joy-it is used.

### Wiring:



Raspberry Pi	ADC	Moisture
GND (Pin 6, 14)	GND	GND (Pin 1)
3v3 (Pin 1, 17)	VDD	VCC (Pin 2)
-	-	NC (Pin 3)
-	A0	Signal (Pin 4)
SCL (Pin 5)	SCL	-
SDA (Pin 3)	SDA	-

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### Installation:

To be able to use the ADC, you must first enable I2C.

Enter the following command:

```
sudo raspi-config
```

Navigate to **Interfacing Options** -> **I2C** and enable the I2C interface.

You must also install the Python library of the ADC.

Enter the following command:

```
sudo pip3 install adafruit-circuitpython-ads1x15
```

### Code example:

The higher the analog input voltage, the higher the measured humidity.

The range of values is from 0 to 3.3

In the following code example, the analog value of the sensor is read out every 5 seconds and output in the console.

```
from time import sleep
import board
import busio
import adafruit_ads1x15.ads1115 as ADS
from adafruit_ads1x15.analog_in import AnalogIn
import RPi.GPIO as GPIO

# Create the I2C bus
i2c = busio.I2C(board.SCL, board.SDA)

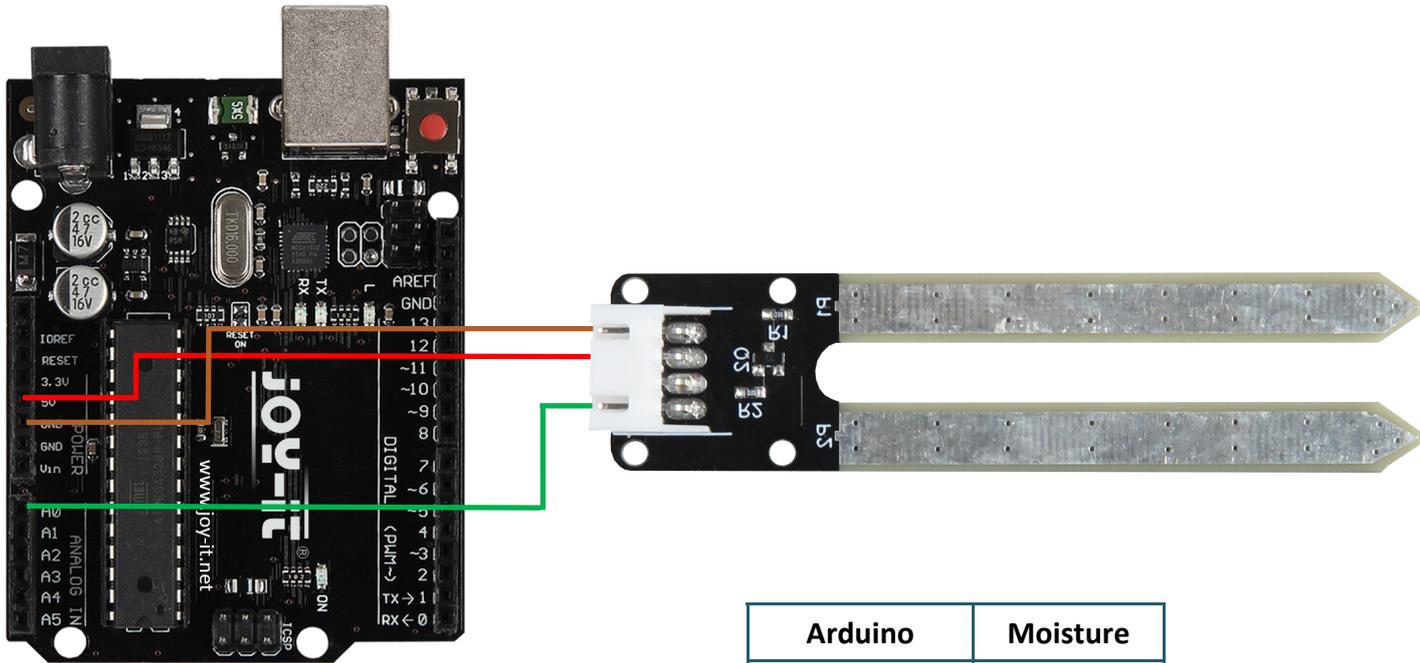
# Create the ADC object using the I2C bus
ads = ADS.ADS1115(i2c)

# Create single-ended input on channels
chan0 = AnalogIn(ads, ADS.P0)
chan1 = AnalogIn(ads, ADS.P1)
chan2 = AnalogIn(ads, ADS.P2)
chan3 = AnalogIn(ads, ADS.P3)

try:
    while True:
        print("{:>5.3f}".format(chan0.voltage))
        sleep(5)
except KeyboardInterrupt:
    GPIO.cleanup()
```

### 3. COMMISSIONING WITH THE ARDUINO

#### Wiring:



Arduino	Moisture
GND	GND (Pin1)
5V	VCC (Pin2)
NC	NC (Pin3)
Analog Pin A0	Signal (Pin4)

#### Code example:

The higher the analog input signal, the higher the measured humidity.

The range of values is from 0 to 1023

In the following code example, the analog value of the sensor is read out every 5 seconds and displayed in the serial monitor.

Before uploading, make sure that you have set the correct board and port in your Arduino IDE.

```
void setup() {  
  Serial.begin(9600);  
  pinMode(A0, INPUT);  
}  
void loop() {  
  
  Serial.println(analogRead(A0));  
  delay(5000);  
}
```

## 4. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Our information and take-back obligations according to the Electrical and Electronic Equipment Act (ElektroG)

**Symbol on electrical and electronic equipment:**



This crossed-out dustbin means that electrical and electronic appliances do not belong in the household waste. You must return the old appliances to a collection point.

Before handing over waste batteries and accumulators that are not enclosed by waste equipment must be separated from it.

### **Return options:**

As an end user, you can return your old device (which essentially fulfils the same function as the new device purchased from us) free of charge for disposal when you purchase a new device.

Small appliances with no external dimensions greater than 25 cm can be disposed of in normal household quantities independently of the purchase of a new appliance.

### **Possibility of return at our company location during opening hours:**

Simac GmbH, Pascalstr. 8, D-47506 Neukirchen-Vluyn, Germany

### **Possibility of return in your area:**

We will send you a parcel stamp with which you can return the device to us free of charge. Please contact us by e-mail at [Service@joy-it.net](mailto:Service@joy-it.net) or by telephone.

### **Information on packaging:**

If you do not have suitable packaging material or do not wish to use your own, please contact us and we will send you suitable packaging.

## 5. SUPPORT

If there are still any issues pending or problems arising after your purchase, we will support you by e-mail, telephone and with our ticket support system.

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Ticket system: <http://support.joy-it.net>

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