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Introduction

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The Simarine radar tank level sender STR-2 is a versatile solution for accurately monitoring the level of liquid in your tank. The STR-2 sender is an NMEA2000-compatible device that uses the standard “Fluid Level” NMEA2000 PGN to transmit tank level information across the NMEA2000 network. This data can be displayed on multifunction displays or used by any other NMEA2000-compatible equipment. In addition, the STR-2 sender can be monitored via the dedicated mobile application using Bluetooth communication.

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Overview

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Self-Calibration and Advanced Calibration

The sender automatically performs a basic calibration between **empty** and **full** states.
For tanks with **irregular shapes**, you can calibrate it manually by inputting the calibration points to achieve maximum measurement precision.

Invalid Measurement Detection

If the sender detects an invalid measurement - such as when the tank is **tilted beyond the permissible angle** - the device will temporarily stop updating the output.
Until a new valid measurement is available, all analogue outputs will continue to provide the **last known correct value.**

Power interruption

In the event of a power interruption, **all sender configurations are preserved**. When power is restored, the sender automatically resumes normal operation and continues providing accurate level measurements without requiring any additional setup.

Recalibration and Factory Reset

If calibration was performed incorrectly or requires adjustment, the sender can be **recalibrated**. This process requires performing a **factory reset** and repeating the full calibration procedure from the beginning.

Mounting Instructions

The mounting adhesive creates a very strong bond between the tank surface and the sender.
For this reason:

- Choose the mounting position carefully.
- Avoid relocating the sender after installation, as adhesion strength will be significantly reduced.
- To remove the sender, you may need to use an **X-Acto knife or another sharp tool** to carefully separate it from the bottom edge of the device. Do not apply excessive force - this may damage the casing. **Mechanical damage voids the warranty.**

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Preparation

3. Preparation

!	**Ensure the mounting point is chosen carefully.** Removing the sender after initial installation will degrade the effectiveness of the adhesive bond during reinstallation at any new location. Before mounting the sender, ensure that all the mounting conditions listed under the “INSTALLATION– Step 1” section of this document are met. The wall thickness of the tank must not exceed 10 mm.
!	**It is crucial that the mounting surface is thoroughly cleaned before mounting the sender.** After cleaning the mounting surface, allow it to dry completely before mounting the sender. This also applies to brand-new tanks.
!	**Do not provide power to the sender until after the installation and the wiring as per this manual.**

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Installation

4. Installation

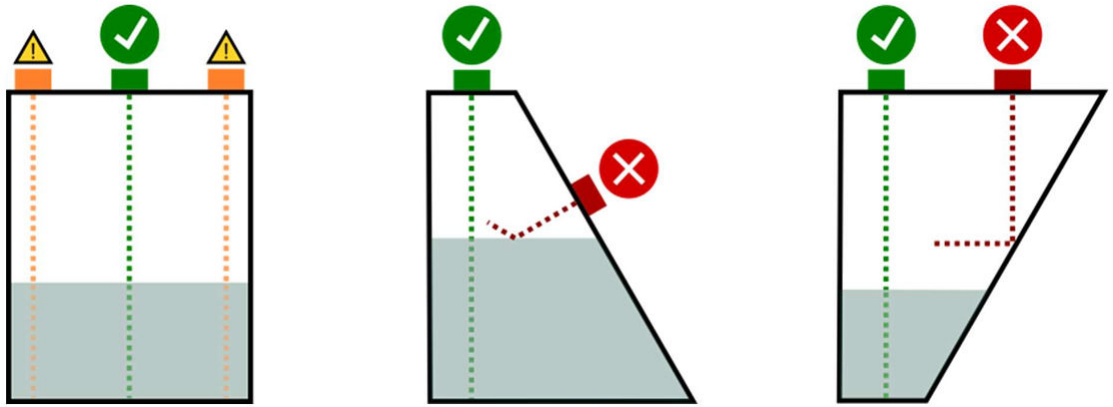
Do not begin mounting the sender before carefully reading the important preparation instructions on the previous page.

STEP 1: Carefully select the mounting point where you will mount the sender to:

- Ensure that the sender will be mounted on the top of the tank (preferably in the centre).

- Ensure that the sender will be mounted perpendicularly to the surface of the liquid in the tank.

- Ensure that the sender will have a direct, perpendicular “line of sight” of the bottom of the tank.



Good mounting point.

Try to find a better mounting spot if possible.

Invalid mounting point - the sender will not work.

STEP 2: Use the included alcohol preparation pad to ensure the mounting surface is thoroughly cleaned before installation.

STEP 3: Let the cleaned mounting surface dry completely.

STEP 4: When ready to mount the sender, peel off the bottom side of the adhesive tape from the sender and firmly press the sender to the mounting point on the tank. Please note that the adhesive requires 24 hours to achieve full bonding strength with the tank, but the wiring and configuration may be carried out immediately.

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Connecting the Sender

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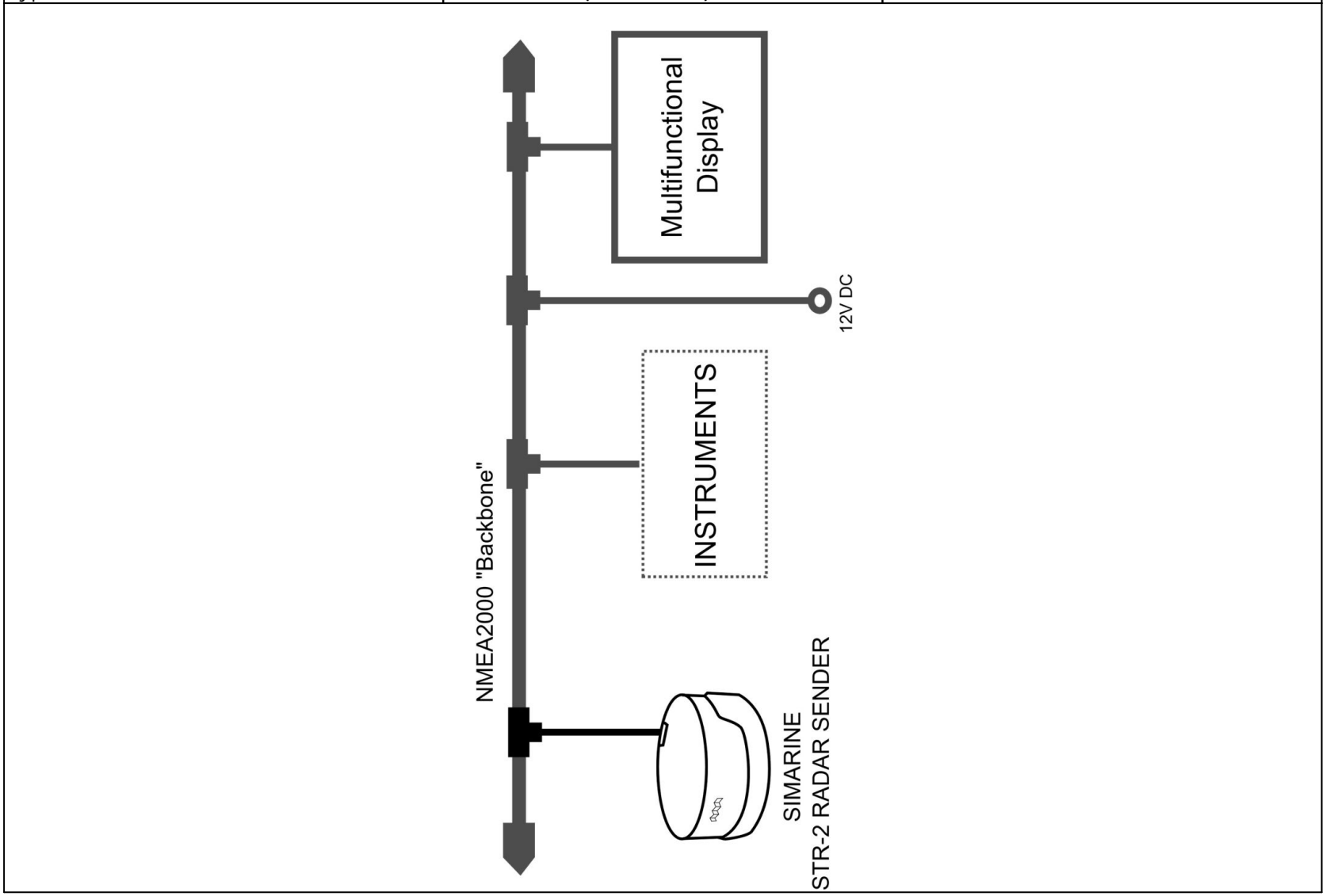

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Sender Configuration

6. Sender Configuration

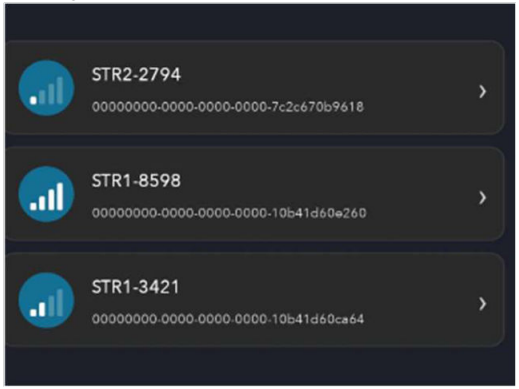
!	Do not configure the sender before it is mounted in its final position and the tank is completely empty. If the sender has been initialized beforehand, you must reset it to factory defaults and repeat the configuration process

6.1 First Time Configuration

Before configuring the sender, ensure that you have the latest version of the phone application installed and that Bluetooth is enabled. The sender must be mounted in its final location, and the tank must be empty. When you are ready to begin the configuration, launch the application.

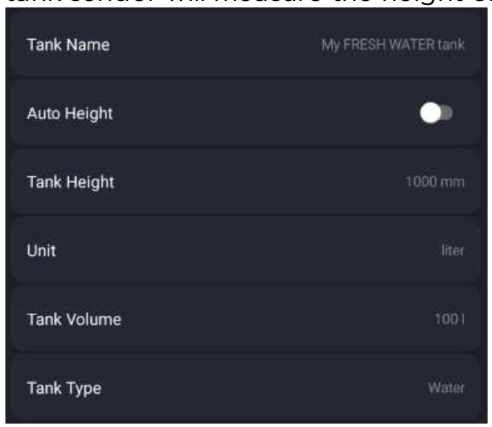
STEP 1: Press "Scan for devices"

STEP 2: Select the tank sender that you want to configure.



STEP 3: Name the tank sender, enter the height, the volume and the type of the tank.

It is possible to enable the Auto Height option in which case the tank sender will measure the height of the tank automatically.



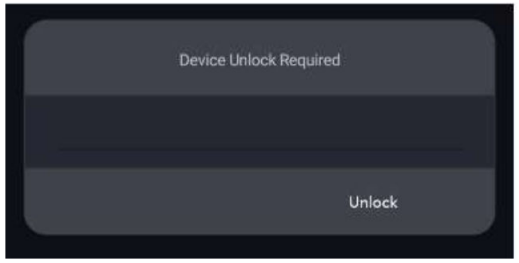
Press "Save" button to confirm the configuration.

How to configure the sender when the tank is not completely empty

If the tank is not completely empty, calibration is still possible as long as the distance between the sender and the liquid surface is at least 150 mm. If this distance is smaller, the sender cannot accurately measure the tank characteristics and the calibration **will not be correct**.

Adding a sender that is already configured

When adding a sender that has already been configured, the passkey is required. The passkey is located on the top of the sender. If you need to reconfigure a sender that has previously been configured, you must first perform a factory reset.



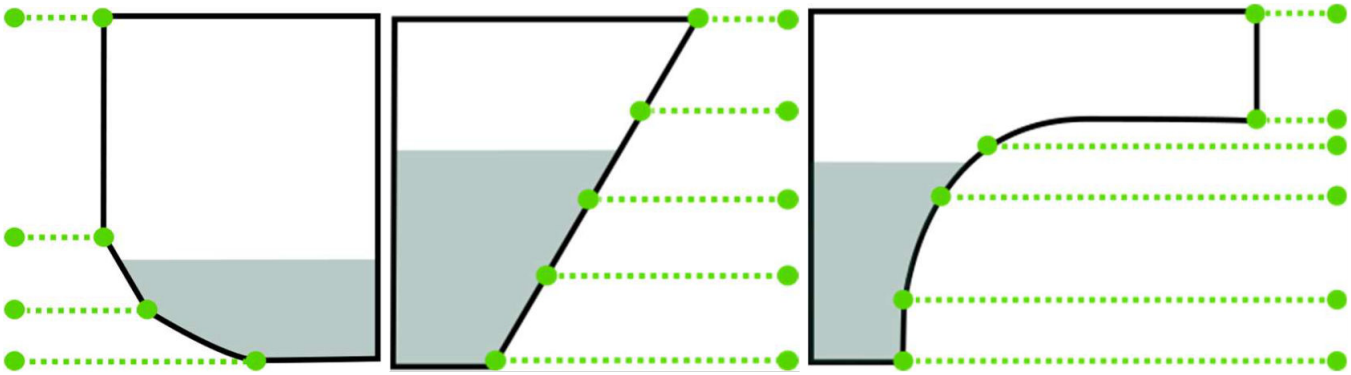
6.2 Manual Calibration of an irregular-shaped tank

By default, the automatic calibration configures the sender so that tank level calculations are based on two calibration points: **Empty** and **Full**. This method is ideal for rectangular tanks.

Adding more than two calibration points to tanks with regular, uniform shapes provides no additional benefit.

To achieve maximum precision when monitoring tanks with irregular shapes, you can manually configure multiple calibration points.

Below is an example showing multiple calibration points for tanks of various shapes. As a rule of thumb, add a calibration point for every significant change in the tank's shape. Be sure to also read the practical tip for calibrating irregular-shaped tanks further down on this page.



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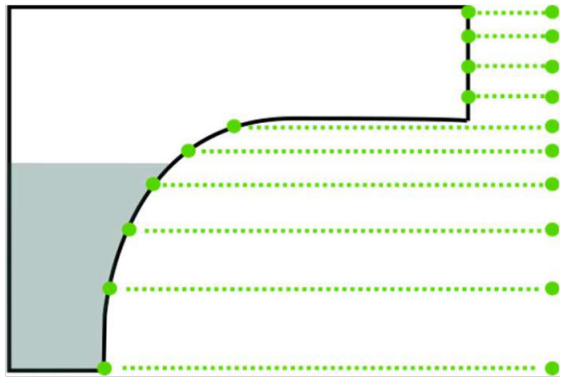
Practical tip for calibrating an Irregular-shaped tank

To simplify the calibration process—even for irregular-shaped tanks—it is helpful to know that adding calibration points at fixed volume intervals can provide equally accurate, or even superior, results.

For example, adding a calibration point every 10 L in a 100 L tank results in 10 calibration points.
This method removes the tank's shape from the equation, as the calibration points automatically redistribute according to the measured liquid level.



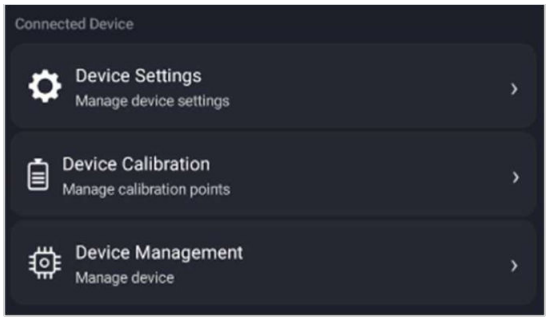
Calibrating a tank using the fixed volume intervals – (Recommended method)
10 calibration points (volume interval: 10L)

6.3 Manual Calibration

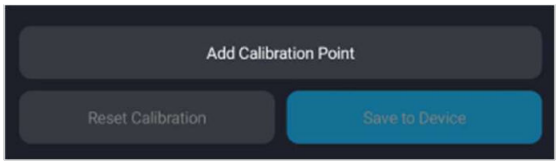
For each calibration point, you must define both the height of the point and the corresponding volume of liquid. The height can be entered manually, or you can use the current height detected by the sender. This is especially useful when using the recommended fixed-volume-interval calibration method.

The first calibration point should be set at the bottom of the tank (the empty calibration point).

STEP 1:
In the top-left corner of the application, tap the gear open the menu. From the menu select “Device Calibration”.



STEP 2: Choose “Add Calibration Point”



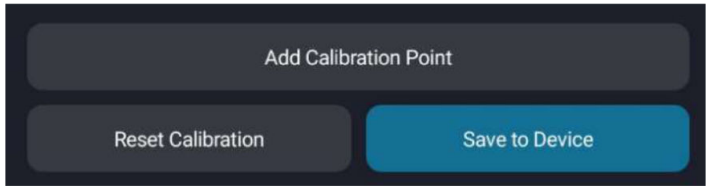
STEP 3:
Enter the volume for the calibration point and the distance from the bottom of
the tank.
If the tank is filled to the corresponding calibration point (for example, 0 L indicates an empty tank), you may select “Use Current Sensor Value.” The system will then automatically apply the distance currently measured by the sender.

Press “Save” button to confirm the configuration.

STEP 4:
Repeat the process and add at least 2 calibration points.
For the recommended calibration method using fixed volume intervals (as described on the previous page), continue adding calibration points at the chosen fixed interval (e.g., 10 L).
Create one calibration point for each interval until you reach the full-tank calibration point.

By starting with an empty tank, you can use current sender value for each calibration point, by selecting “Use Current Sensor Value”.

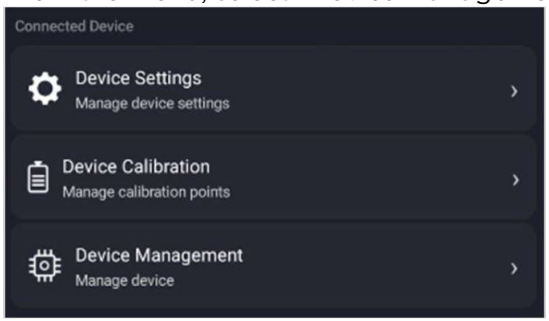
Once you are done configuring the calibration points, select “Save to Device”.



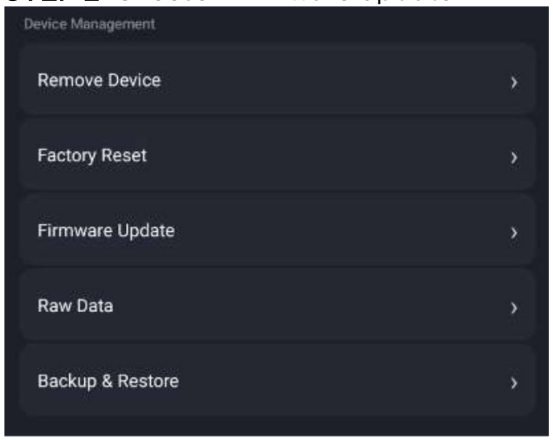
6.4 Firmware upgrade

Before upgrading the firmware, make sure you have installed the latest version of the phone application.

STEP 1:
In the top-left corner of the application, tap the gear icon to open the menu.
From the menu, select “Device Management.”



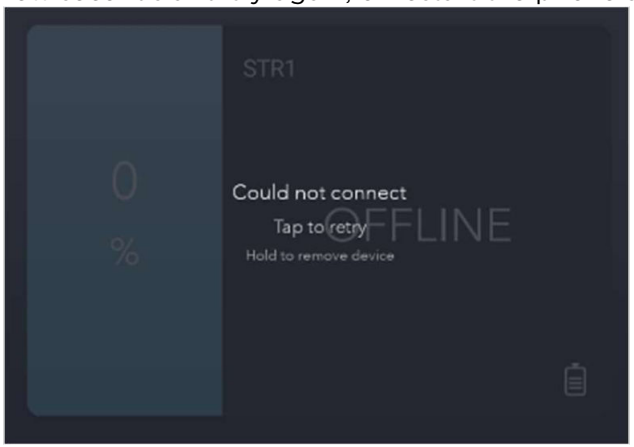
STEP 2: Choose "Firmware update"



STEP 3: Confirm the update. The process may take a few minutes to complete.

STEP 4:
Please wait for the device to reboot.

STEP 5:
After the reboot, the application will attempt to reconnect to the sender.
Because the reboot process can take some time, the application may fail to reconnect on the first attempt. If this happens, wait a few seconds and try again, or restart the phone application.



6.5 Factory Reset

Resetting the sender to factory default settings erases all stored configurations. This function should be used when the sender has not been calibrated properly and requires reconfiguration.

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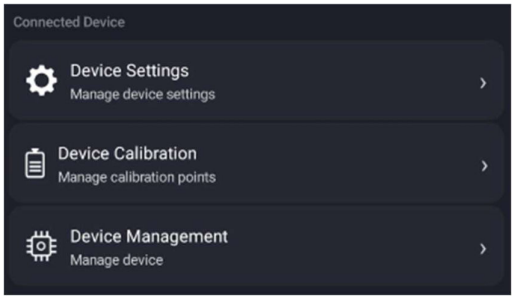
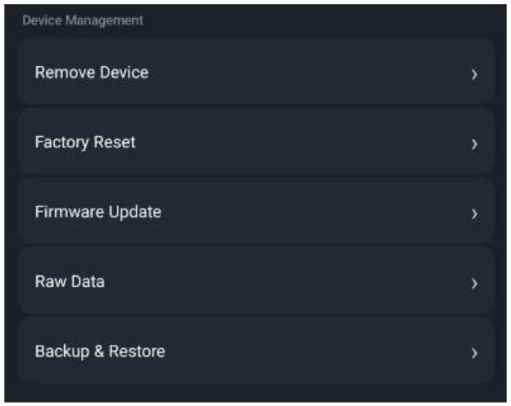
In the top-left corner of the application, tap the gear icon to open the menu.
From the menu, select “Device Management”



STEP 2: Choose "Factory Reset".



STEP 3: Confirm the reset.

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Technical specification

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IP rating	IP67
Operating	
Operating voltage	8 - 35 VDC
Operating temperature range	-20°C – 70°C (-4°F – 158°F)
Tank size	
Minimum tank size	150 mm (15cm or 5.91 inch)
Maximum tank size	2000mm (2m or 78.74 inch)
Maximum wall thickness	10mm (0.39 inch)
Sampling frequency	1 Hz
Accuracy	± 2 %
Digital monitoring	
Connectivity	NMEA2000 (M12, 5pin, male connector) Bluetooth (Phone app)

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