

Plant Moisture indicator Educational Soldering Kit





The moisture indicator is a device dedicated to monitoring the moisture of soil in the potted plants. The kit is relatively easy to assemble, practical and very easy to use. It has an interesting design that will definitely grab the attention of all houseplants lovers, especially those, who occasionally forget to water them.

Specifications

- humidity sensor two electrodes stuck in the soil
- indicator flashing LED diode
- adjustment of indicator's sensitivity for minimal moisture in the soil
- power supply: 3VDC (CR2032 battery not included)





Figure 2. Position of the elements on the printed circuit board

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Begin by soldering the elements onto the circuit board in order from smallest to largest.

When assembling the elements marked with "!" pay attention to their polarity and placing of the notch.

You may find the frames with symbols of these elements on the circuit board, as well as photos of the assembled kit helpful.



Suggested order of assembly:

R1:	resistor 10Ω (black-brown-black-gold)
R2:	resistor 0Ω (black)
PR1:	potentiometer 500kΩ
T1:	BC547 or BC548 !
C1:	capacitor 10μF !
LED1:	5mm flashing LED diode !
SW1:	switch
Probe:	Goldpin connector
battery socket	+ CR2032 battery (battery not included)





Assembly instructions



Touch the tip of the soldering iron to the end of the element near the soldering field

Next, apply tin solder

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After the cone forms, remove tin solder first, and then the soldering iron

The whole process should take approx. 2-3 seconds.

The cleanness of the soldered surfaces, right amount of flux in the solder, adequately high temperature (320-360°C), and sufficient amount of solder are necessary to complete a correct bonding.

Too much tin solder can result in forming a ball instead of a cone or joining of two adjacent soldering points.

Inadequate temperature, amount of tin solder or impurities can lead to so called "cold solder joints, i.e. solder and the flux can' t moisten the two surfaces and the resulting solder point is fragile and in time will oxidize, break, and stop working.



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• The product itself and all parts thereof (including packing material) are not suitable toys for childern! (choking hazard, risk of electric shock, ...)

Failures in modern electronic component are very rare as 95% of non-working kits are due to poor soldering or components placed in the wrong location or orientation so please check your work carefully.



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