

PC-ADP Firmware Version 17.4

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SonTek/YSI has released PC-ADP firmware version 17.4. This firmware corrects an issue in all previous firmware versions affecting autonomous deployments in 2011 and beyond. If you have any questions about these new features, please contact SonTek/YSI.

- Section 1 describes changes in version 17.4.
- Section 2 describes PC-ADP system requirements.
- Section 3 gives information for updating your system to firmware version 17.4.
 - Note: All production systems shipped on or after January 18, 2011 have version 17.4 already installed and do not require you to update the firmware.
- Section 4 gives contact information for SonTek/YSI.

1 Changes in firmware version 17.4

The only change is to correct the issue preventing autonomous deployments in 2011 and beyond.

2 PC-ADP System Requirements

The present firmware version must be verified prior to the upgrade. This can be done using SonUtils. If needed, download *SonUtils* version 4.20 (or later) from the SonTek/YSI website (<http://www.sontek.com/software.html> – All Software tab). Install *SonUtils* on your computer following the instructions provided.

Connect the PC-ADP to a COM port on your computer. Run *SonUtils* and select the appropriate COM port in the upper left portion of the screen. Click the **Break** icon to establish communications with the system. The PC-ADP should return a message starting with:

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Then send the command **VER**. This will display the present firmware version.

If it returns **ADP 17.0** or later, proceed with the instructions below. If the firmware is earlier than 17.0, please contact support@sontek.com with the system serial number. The system may need to return to the factory for a hardware upgrade.

3 Installing the Firmware Update

Note: All production systems shipped on or after January 18, 2011 have version 17.4 already installed and do not require you to update the firmware.

- Connect the PC-ADP to an available **COM** port of your computer.
- Run *SonUtils*. Select the correct **COM** port in the upper left portion of the *SonUtils* window.
- Click the **Break** icon to establish communications with the system. You should see a wake up message from the PC-ADP in the *SonUtils* main window.
- Click **Instrument | Update Firmware**.
 - The access code should load automatically.
 - Use the **Binary** transfer mode, and be sure to select the **Verify new firmware** and **Use fast connection** boxes.
 - Click **Start** when ready.
- The software will show an updating display as the new firmware is loaded. Random error messages may appear at the end of the upload process. This is normal. You can send another **VER** command to confirm the new firmware version.

4 Contact Information

We welcome any comments, questions, or suggestions you have regarding PC-ADP firmware version 17.4.

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