# AMS-850
# FL-2400 User's Manual

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# 1. Overview

AMS-850 is the software that allows you to download data from the 4-Channel Fluorescent Fiber Optic Thermometer (FL-2400), as well as easily create and print graphs, tables, and CSV files. AMS-850 is compatible with the software for Compact Thermo Logger (AM-8000 series), but some of its functions are not available on the FL-2400.

OS : Microsoft Windows 7
Microsoft Windows 8.1
Microsoft Windows 10
Requires a PC of specifications sufficient to run the above operating systems.

※ All PCs under the recommended environment are not guaranteed to work successfully with AMS-850.
※ AMS-850 can be used only by the user that has a system administrative right (Administrator).
※ AMS-850 does not support Mac OS.
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# 2. Simple Guide to Operation

- **Upon first use of AMS-850 (installation)**

(1) Turn on the power to the measuring instrument and set the CD-ROM in your computer.
(2) Install AMS-850.
(3) Launch AMS-850 and set up the communication port.
※ For details, refer to Chapter 6, "Installation."

- **To display the data contained in a file**

(1) Choose Open from the File menu.
(2) Specify a file name to open.
(3) In the View menu, you can choose between Display the Graph and Display the data list display.
※ For details, refer to Section 8.5, "Loading and Displaying an Existing File."

- **To open a saved file in Excel**

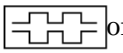
(1) Choose Create Text file from the File menu.
(2) Specify a file name.
(3) Specify the range of data you wish to be converted into a CSV file and click OK. A text file will be created, which can then be opened in Excel.
※ For details, refer to Section 8.9, "Using Data in Spreadsheet Software."

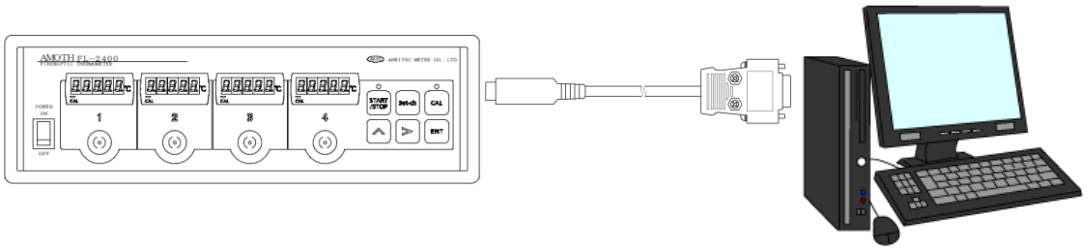
- **To draw a graph in real time**

(1) Connect the measuring instrument to the computer with the communication cable.
(2) Turn on the power to the measuring instrument.
(3) Choose Remote setting from the Communication menu.
(4) Set the timing with which to obtain data, and other measurement parameters here.
(5) Choose Set Real-time data autosaving from the Settings menu and then set the destination folder in which to save files and other items.
(6) Choose Real Measurement from the Communication menu.
(7) Specify the destination folder in which to save data.
(8) Set the vertical and horizontal axes of a graph and other items.
※ For details, refer to Section 8.4, "Making Real Measurement Method."

# 3. Connecting the Measuring Instrument

## 3.1 When Using RS-232C Cable for connection

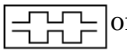
For connection to the PC side, plug the RS-232C cable into the connector marked with  or .



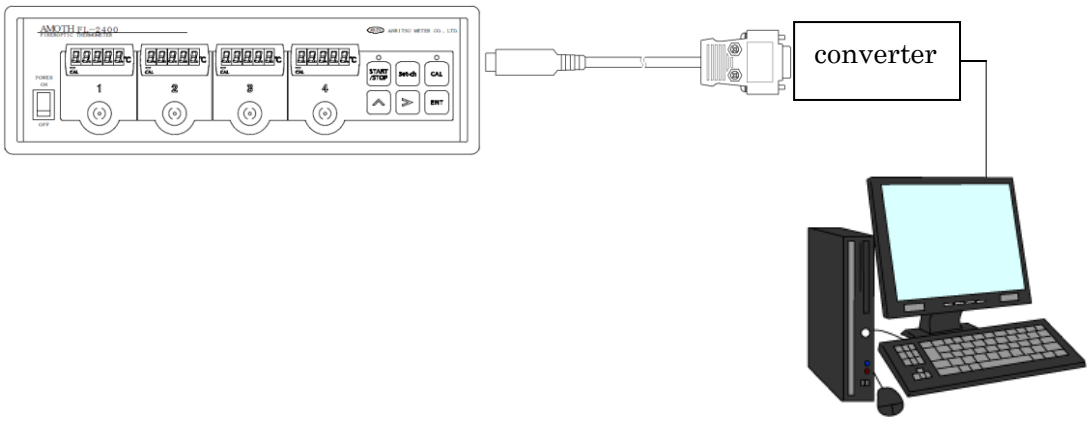
**CAUTION**

If the measuring instrument does not need to communicate with the PC, be sure to isolate it from the PC (by removing the communication cable). If the measuring instrument remains connected to the PC while you run other software applications on the PC, the measuring instrument may operate erratically or malfunction.

## 3.2 PC without a RS-232C port

If your PC is not equipped with a  or connector, use the provided USB-RS232C converter.

Read the user's manual for the provided USB-RS232C converter. Follow the instructions in the manual to connect the converter to your PC, and then use the dedicated FL-2000 cable to connect the FL-2400.



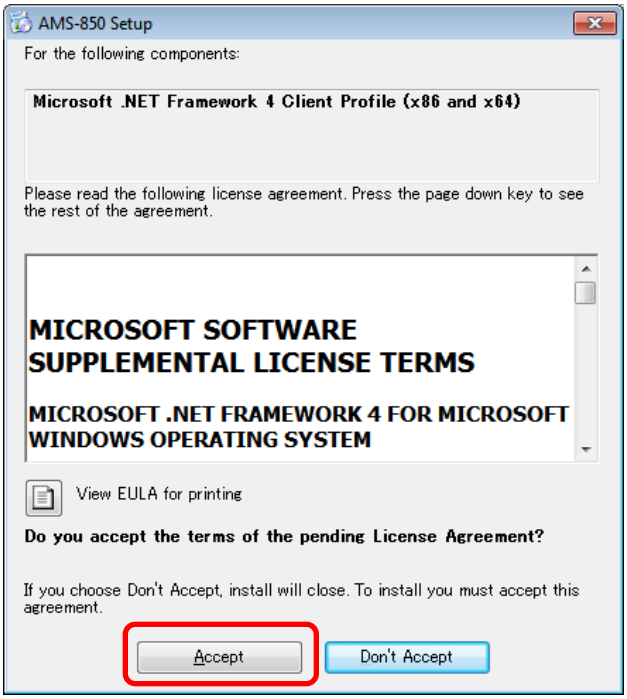
# 4. Installation

Close all of the currently active software applications. AMS-850 may not be installed correctly if another software application is running.

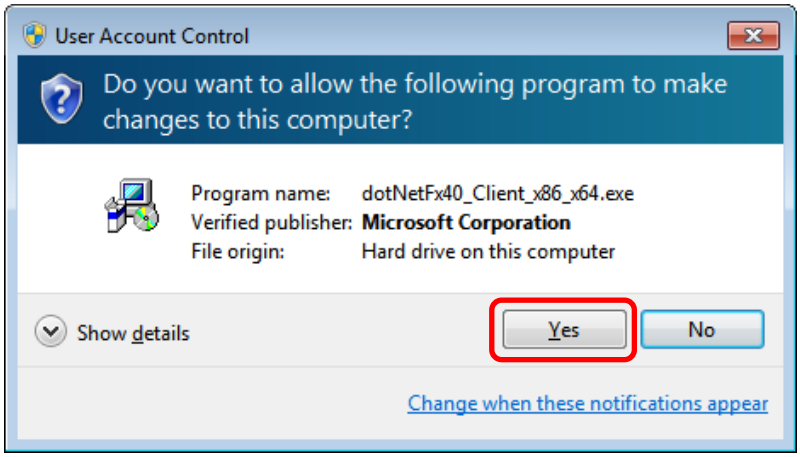
## 4.1 Installing AMS-850

(1) Set the AMS-850 CD-ROM into the CD-ROM drive of your computer.
After a few moments, the [Install Program] window opens.
※ If the window does not open automatically, select My Computer on the Desktop and then double-click the CD-ROM icon.

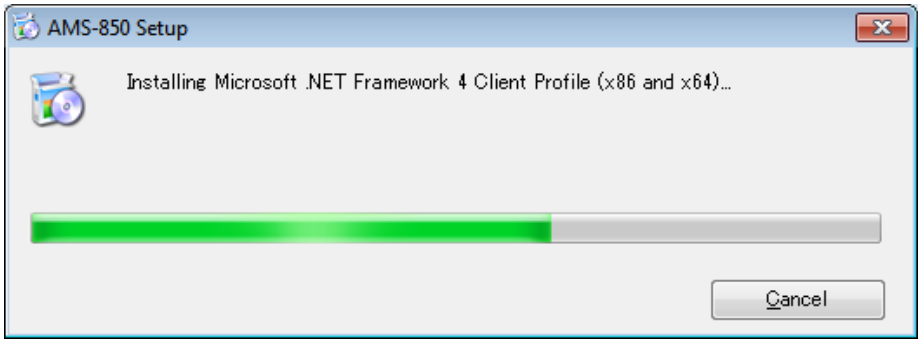
(3) Microsoft .NET Framework 4 is required on your computer to work the AMS-850.
If it is not installed on your computer, Setup screen is displayed.
Read the contents, click [Accept] if there is no problem.



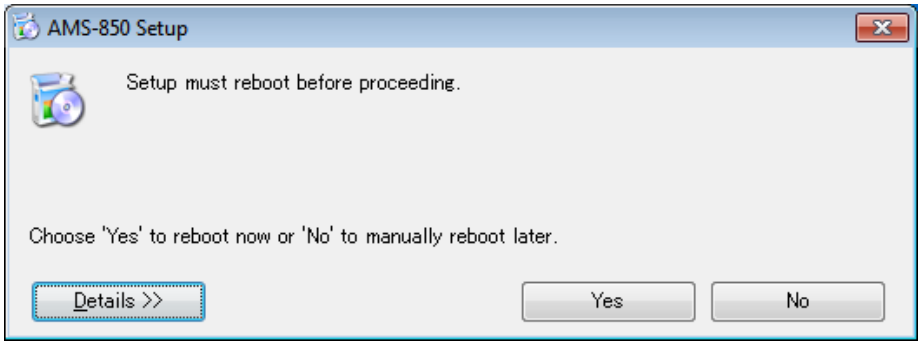
Click【Yes】.



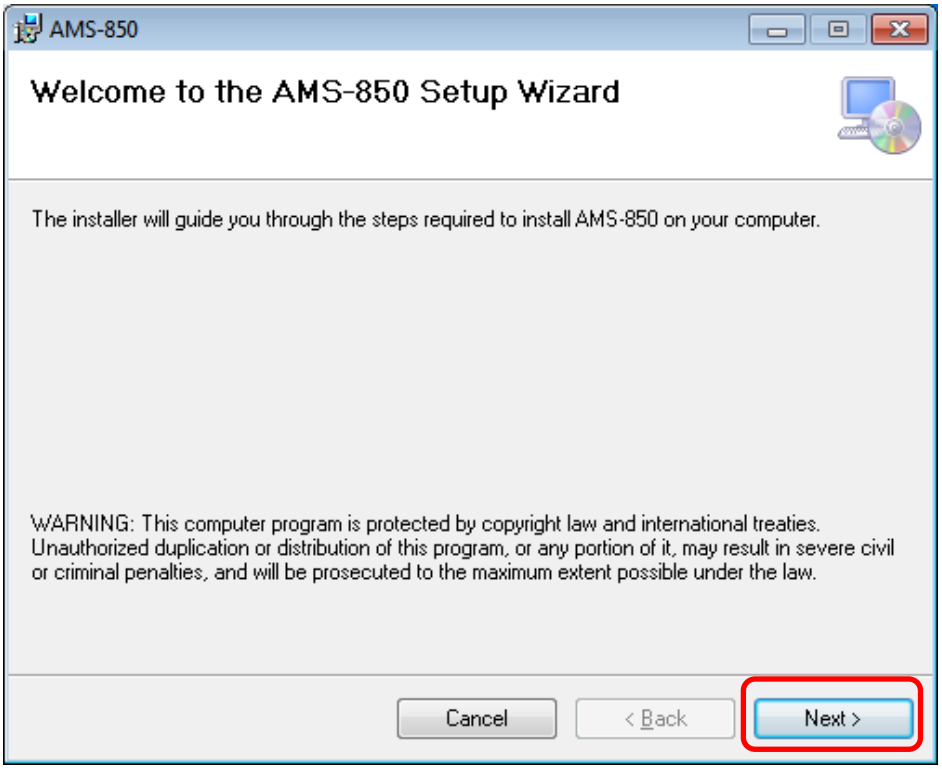

Setup starts.

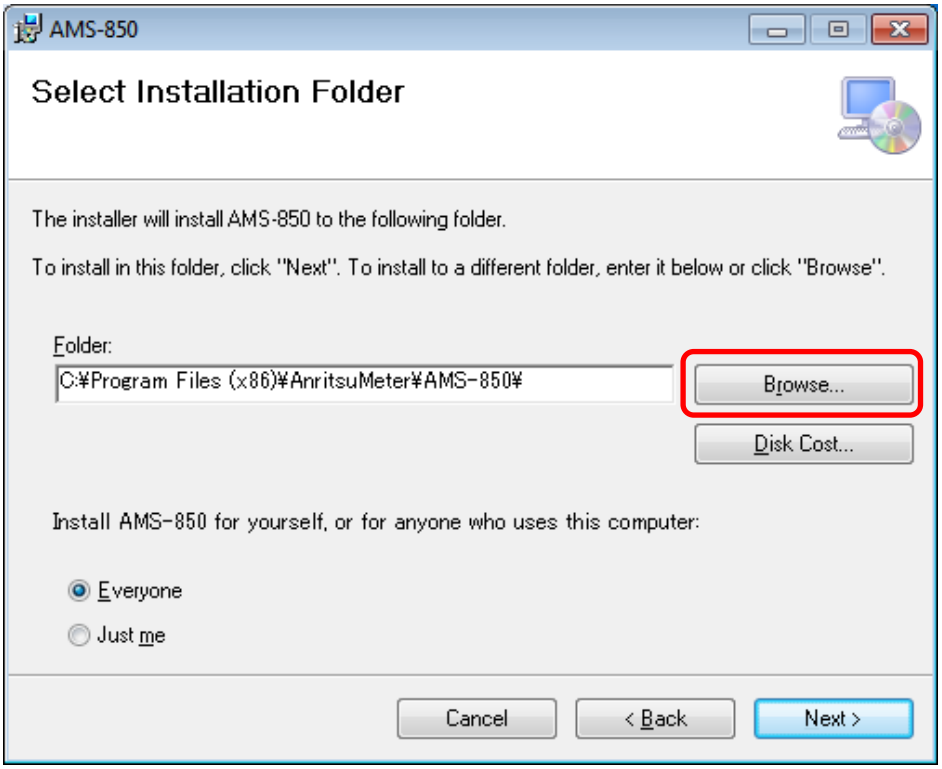


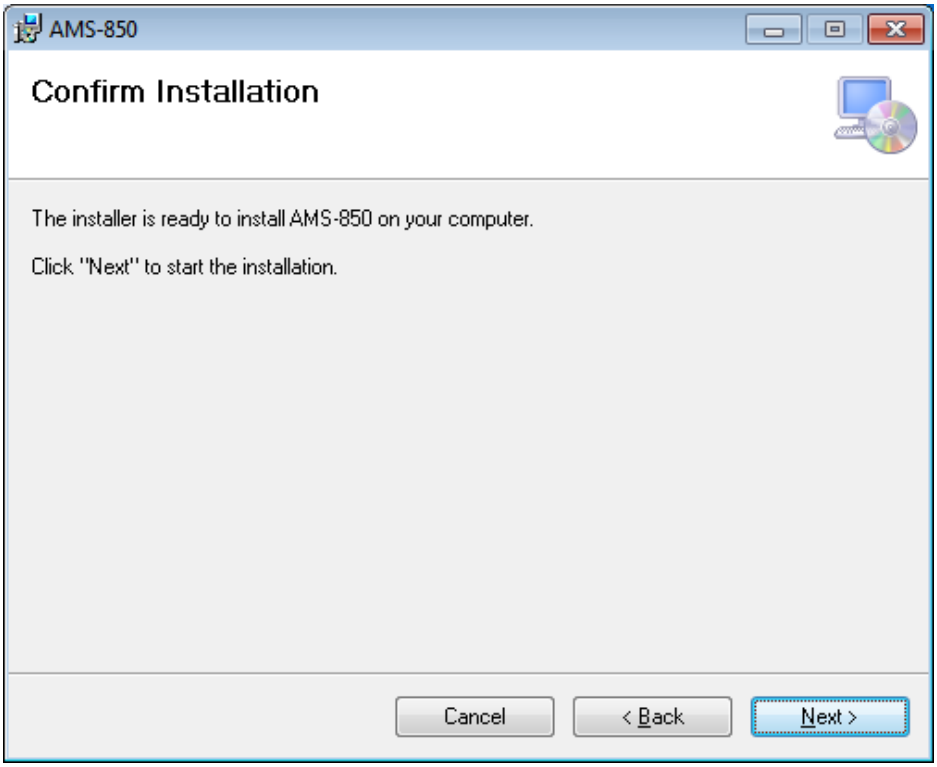

Restart when finished.



(4) Follow the instructions to complete the installation.




AMS-850
Confirm Installation
The installer is ready to install AMS-850 on your computer.
Click "Next" to start the installation.
Cancel
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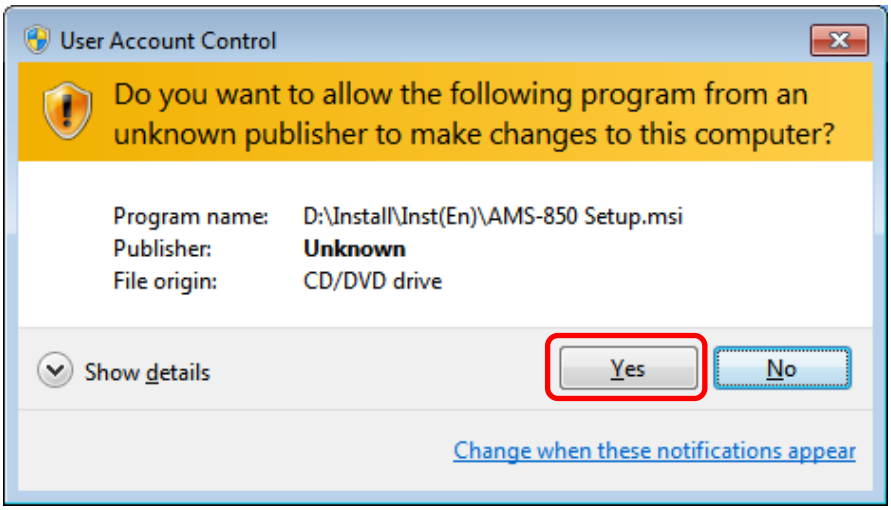
Click【Yes】.


User Account Control
Do you want to allow the following program from an unknown publisher to make changes to this computer?
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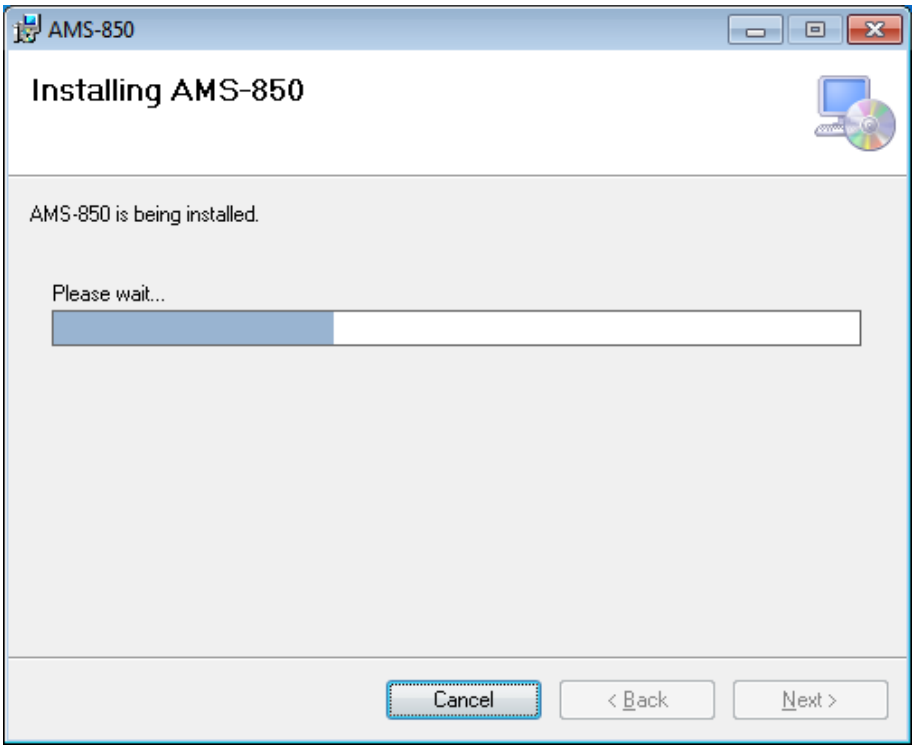
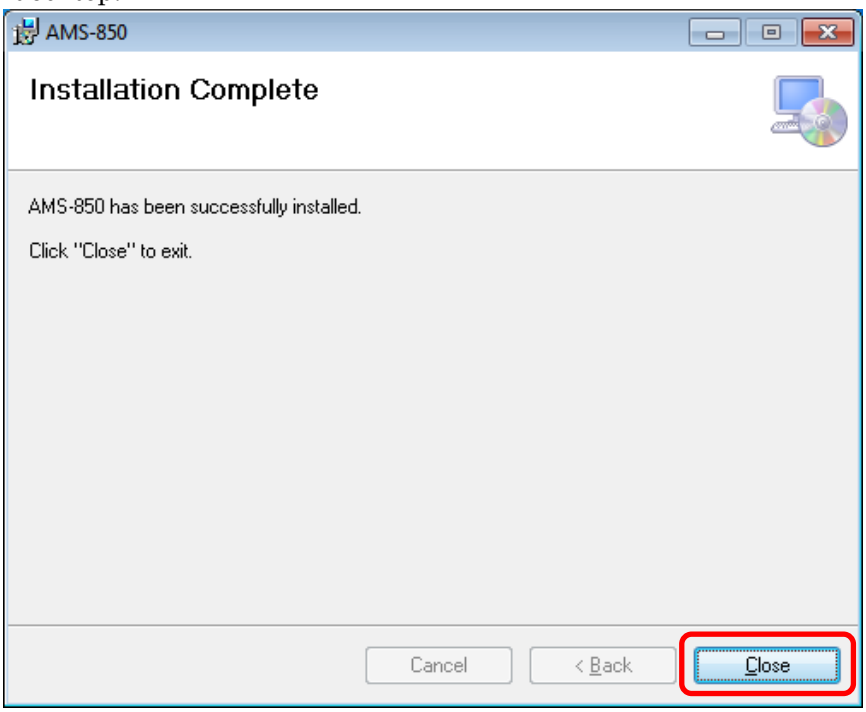
Publisher: Unknown
File origin: CD/DVD drive
Show details
Yes
No
Change when these notifications appear




(5) AMS-850 installation is complete, Click [Close].
AMS-850 is registered in the Start menu. Then, the shortcut is created on the desktop.

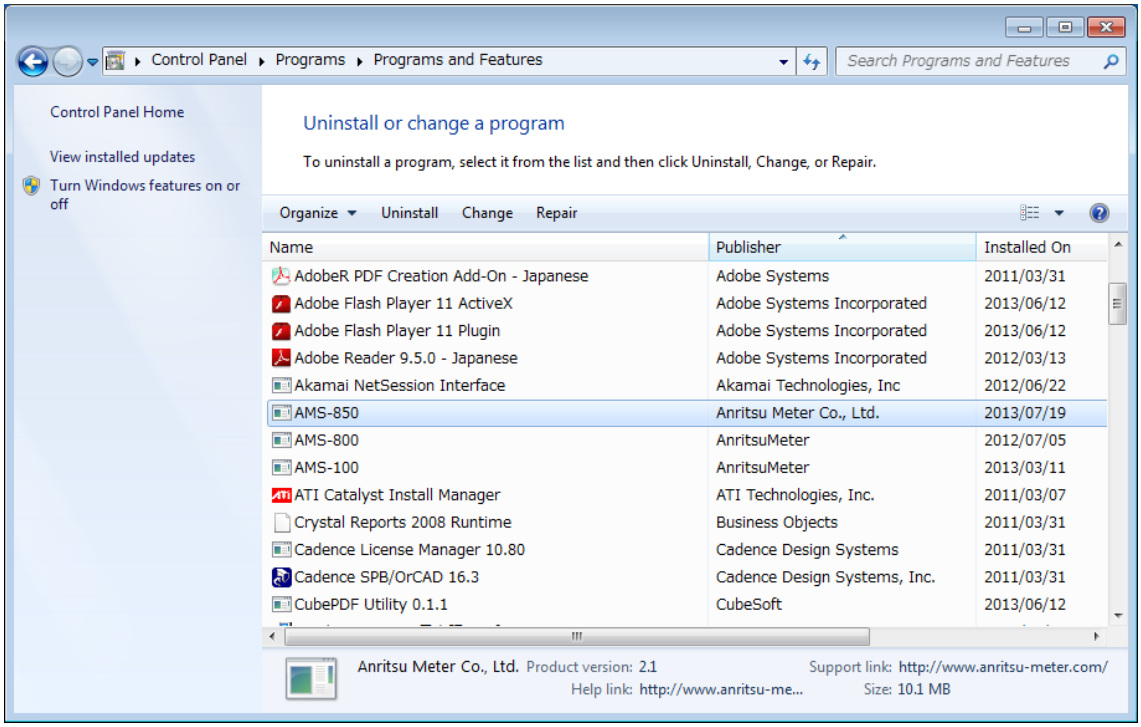



※ Make sure the software is installed by a user with administration privileges. For details, consult your system administrator.

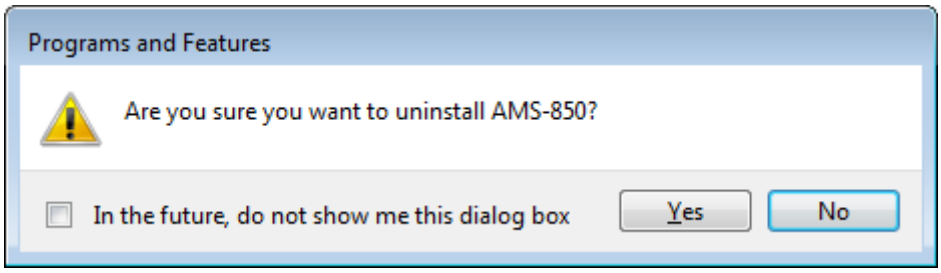
## 4.2 Uninstalling AMS-850

(1) From the [Start] menu, select [Settings] and then [Add/Remove Programs].

(2) Select AMS-850, and then click [Change/Remove(C)].



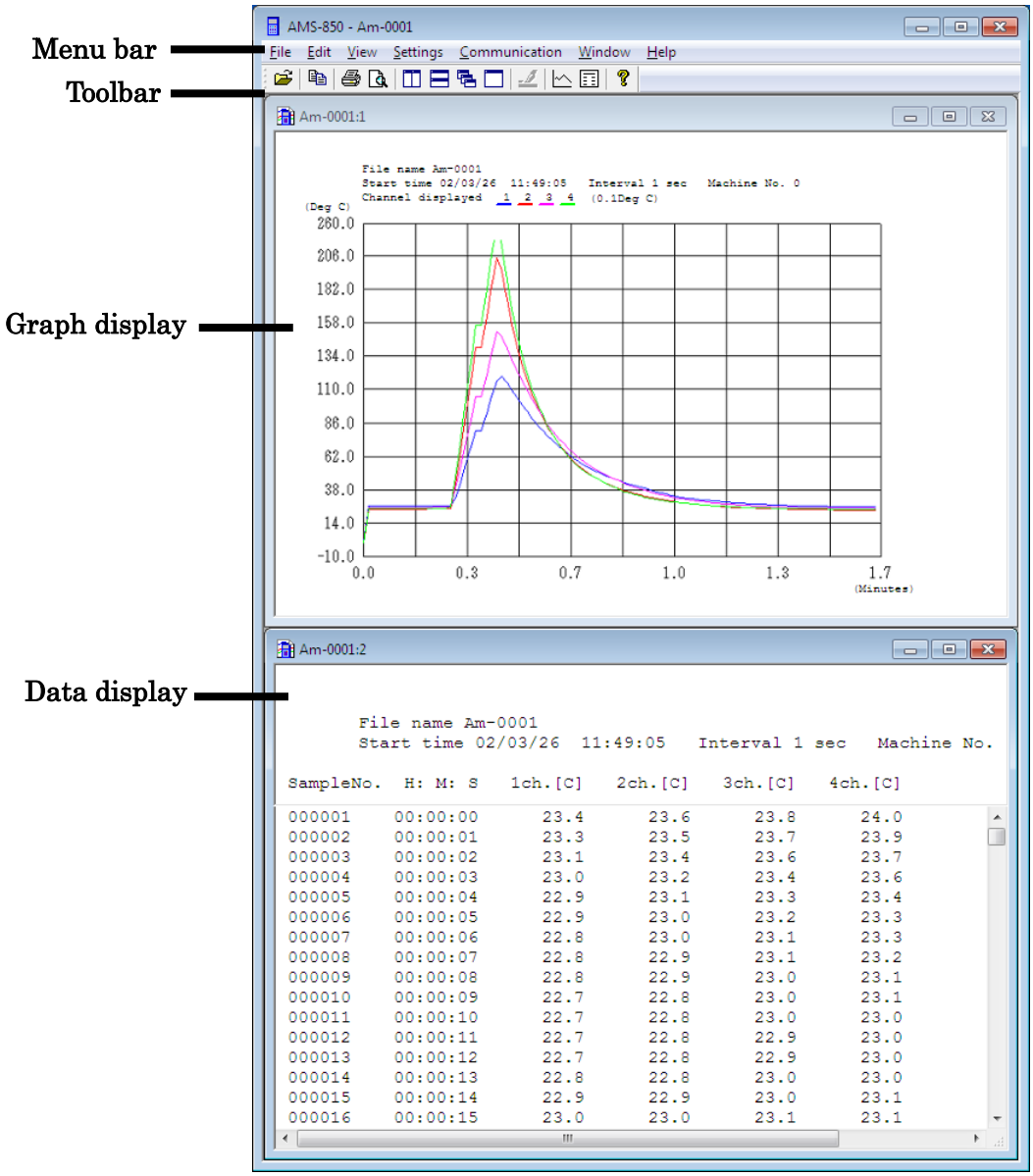

(3) Click [Yes (Y)] to remove AMS-850.




※ The saved data files will remain in their respective folders even after AMS-850 is uninstalled.

# 5. Screen Configuration

## 5.1 Names and Functions of the Main Screen




**Menu bar:** Allows you to set functions and perform measurements.
**Toolbar:** Contains the frequently used functions that have been turned into buttons.
**Graph display:** Displays measurement data as a graph.
**Data display:** Displays measurement data in list form.

## 5.2 Operation Method

<Operation with a mouse>

Clicking the left mouse button on an item in the menu bar or toolbar allows you to select the item.

In the data display or graph display screen, furthermore, you can use the mouse to scroll the screen.

<Operation from the keyboard>

You can use the keyboard to select items in the menu bar or toolbar as you do with the mouse.

The English letters corresponding to menu items have an underscored letter, as in File, thus can be typed in using the keyboard to select a menu or perform an operation, as shown below.

- Menu bar: ALT (GRPH) + English letter (e.g., File, Communication)
- Pulldown menu: English letter (e.g., Open, Print)
- TAB key: Moves to the subsequent input point (for example, between items in a dialog box).

**<Entering alphanumeric characters>**

Numbers must be entered in half-width characters when setting up graphs and other performing other operations.

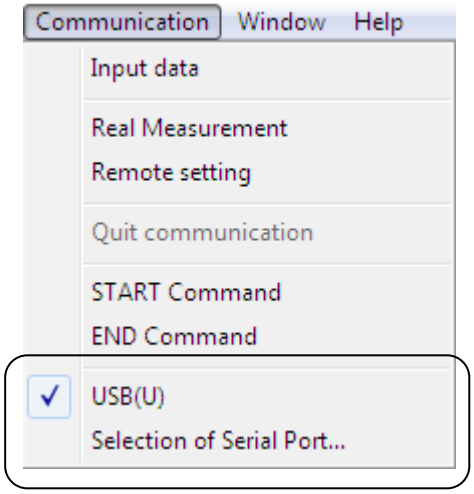
You can use either half-width or full-width characters for file names and notes.

Do not use special characters for file names.

# 6. Using the Software

## 6.1 Setting the Communication Port

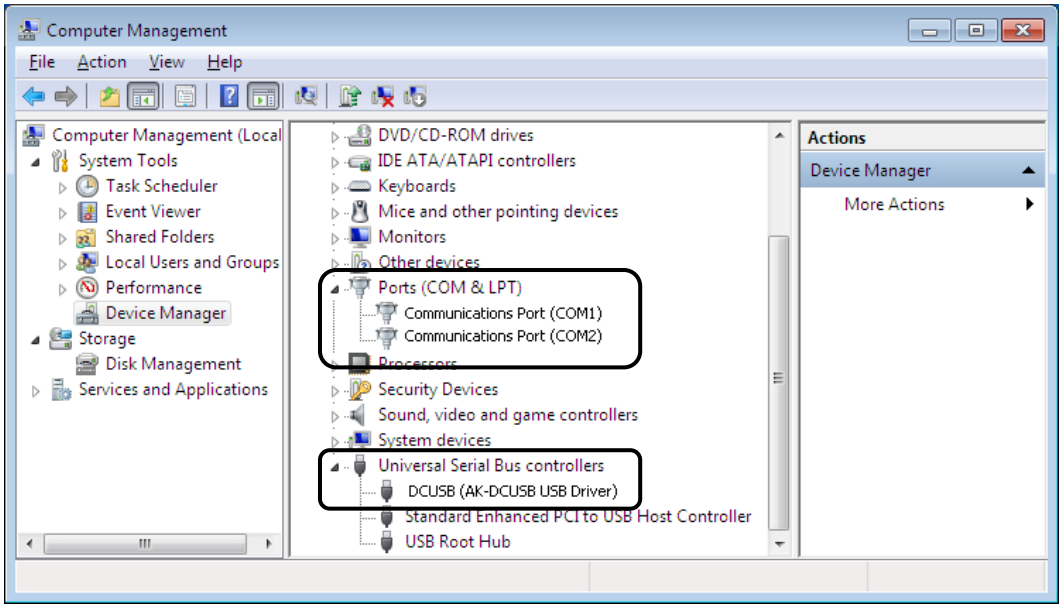
- In the Communication menu, select the port on your computer that is to be used for communication with the measuring instrument.
  When you are using USB, select USB here.




※ If you do not know which serial port number to use or you wish to check whether the USB cable is connected, follow the procedure below:

① From the【Start】menu of Windows, choose【Settings and】then【Control Panel】.

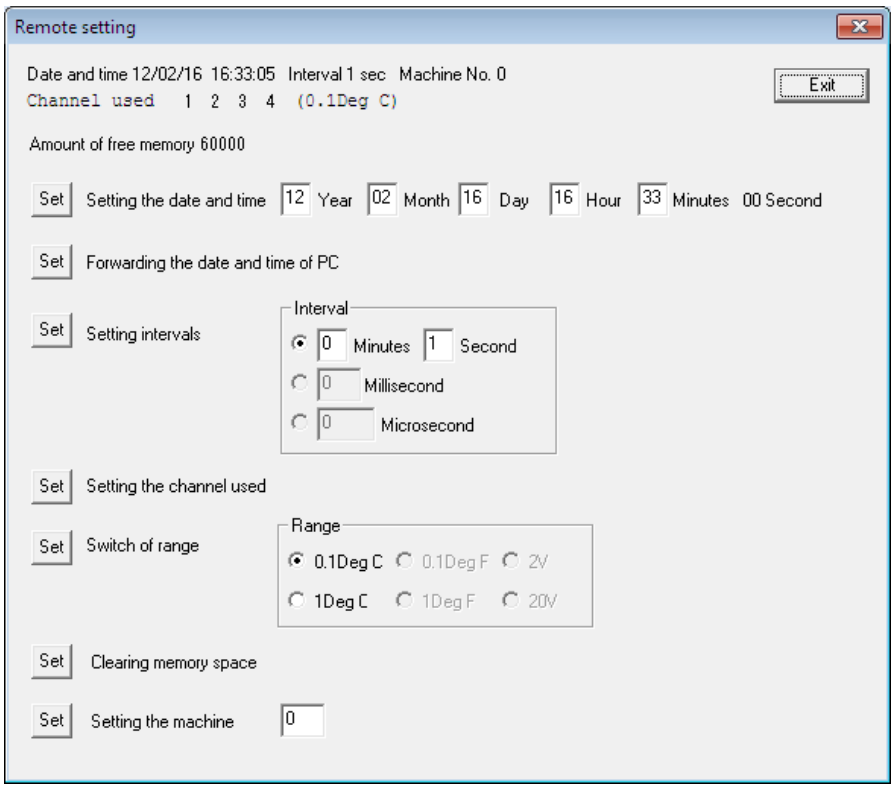
② Select [System], and then click the System Properties [Hardware] tab to open [Device Manager]. Select [Ports (COM & LPT)], and then check the COM port number.



## 6.2 Making or Changing Settings on the Measuring Instrument

(1) Connect the measuring instrument to the computer with the communication cable, and turn on the power to the measuring instrument.

(2) Choose Remote setting from the Communication menu.




### A. Setting the clock

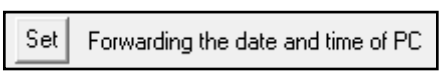
**<For manual setting>**

Enter numeric values in the date and time input columns and click the "Set" button located to the left of the input columns.

※ For years, enter the two low-order digits of the calendar year.

※ The set date and time are only applied while the FL-2400 is on. The settings are reset when the FL-2400 is turned off.

**<When making use of the computer clock >**



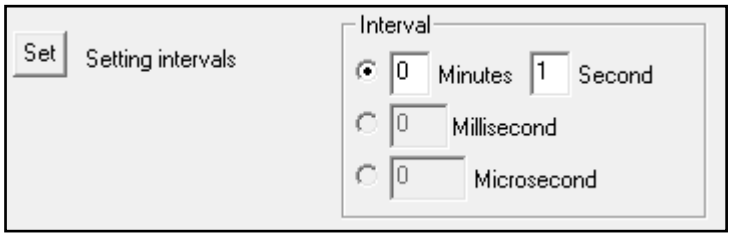

Click the "Set" button located to the left of the label "Forwarding the date and time of PC." The internal date and time of the PC will be set in the measuring instrument.

※ The set date and time are only applied while the FL-2400 is on.

※ The settings are reset when the FL-2400 is turned off.

## B. Setting real measurement intervals

The FL-2400 allows you to specify Real Measurement intervals in seconds. You cannot specify time intervals in milliseconds or microseconds.

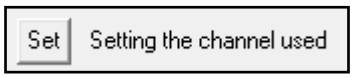



**※ The set interval is only applied while the FL-2400 is on. The value is reset when the FL-2400 is powered off. The FL-2400 display is updated every second during measurement, regardless of the currently set interval.**

## C. Setting the channels used for measurement

Set the channels you wish to be used for measurement.

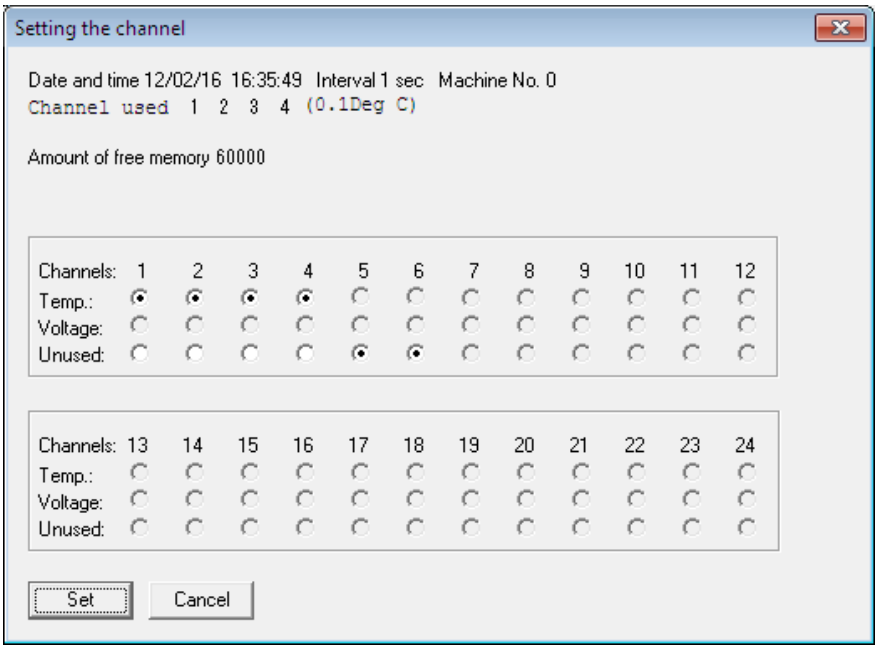
**※ The FL-2400 only allows you to set the Temperature mode for channels 1 to 4. You cannot set the Voltage mode.**




① Clicking the "Set" button for Setting the channel used brings up a channel setup screen.

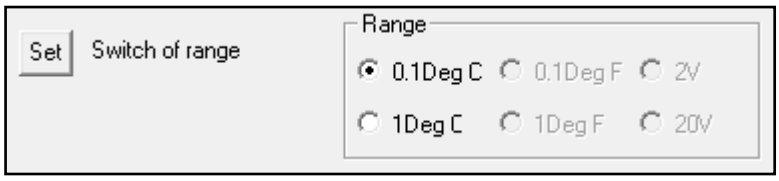
② For channels 1 to 4, select Temp or Unused, and then click [Set].

③ Channels 1 to 6 can be enabled, but channels 5 and 6 must be always set to Unused.



## D. Setting resolutions

Not available on the FL-2400.

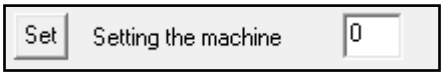



## E. Clearing memory

Not available on the FL-2400.

## F. Setting machine No.

Not available on the FL-2400.



## 6.3 Real Measurement Method

This method displays a graph during measurement. The data is saved to a file.

※ The FL-2400 is not equipped with a function which stores the date and time when the device is turned off. The values remain “00 (year) 01 (month) 01 (day) 00 (hour) 00 (minutes) 00 (seconds)” until you turn on the device and then set the date and time. To set the date and time on the FL-2400, see paragraph (a) Setting the clock of Section 6.2 Making or Changing Settings on the Measuring Instrument. The set date and time are only applied while the FL-2400 is on.

(1) Make sure the interval to be measured is set.
This value can be specified by selecting the [Communication (C)] menu, [Remote setting (R)], and then [Set Interval].

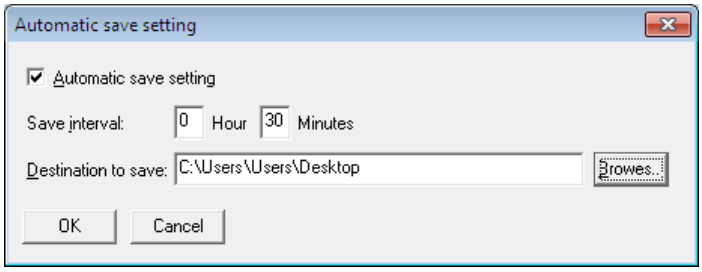
※ **The interval set on the FL-2400 is temporarily stored on the instrument and used as the time interval for logging data. The set interval is only applied while the FL-2400 is on. The value is reset when the FL-2400 is turned off.**

※ **The FL-2400 display is updated every second during measurement, regardless of the currently set interval.**

(2) Connect the measuring instrument to the computer with a communication cable, and turn on the power to the measuring instrument.

(3) Choose Set Real-time data autosaving from the Settings menu.

※ During real measurement, the data is saved at predetermined intervals. Consequently, even if the power to the PC is suddenly shut down, the data saved up to this point exists as a backup file. The file can be opened in AMS-850 by changing its extension (dat) to the one that corresponds to the measuring instrument you used for measurement (an3).




① Select to enable or disable automatic saving.

② Set the interval in which you wish data to be automatically saved.
The time interval can be set in the range 1 minute to 23 hours 59 minutes.

③ Specify the destination folder into which to save.
The names of the files created by autosaving are named according to date with the extension “dat” added.
Example:C:¥Program Files¥Anritsu-Meter¥AMS-850¥DATA¥050401.dat

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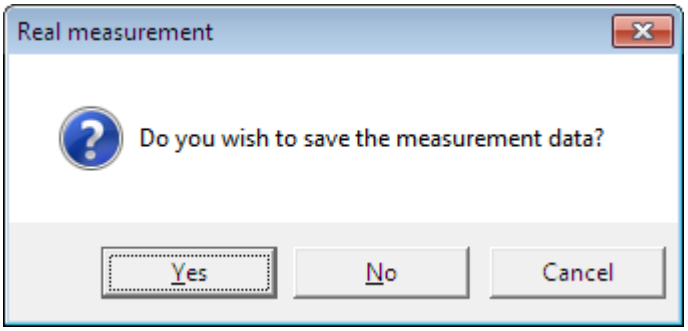
(4) Choose Real Measurement from the Communication menu.



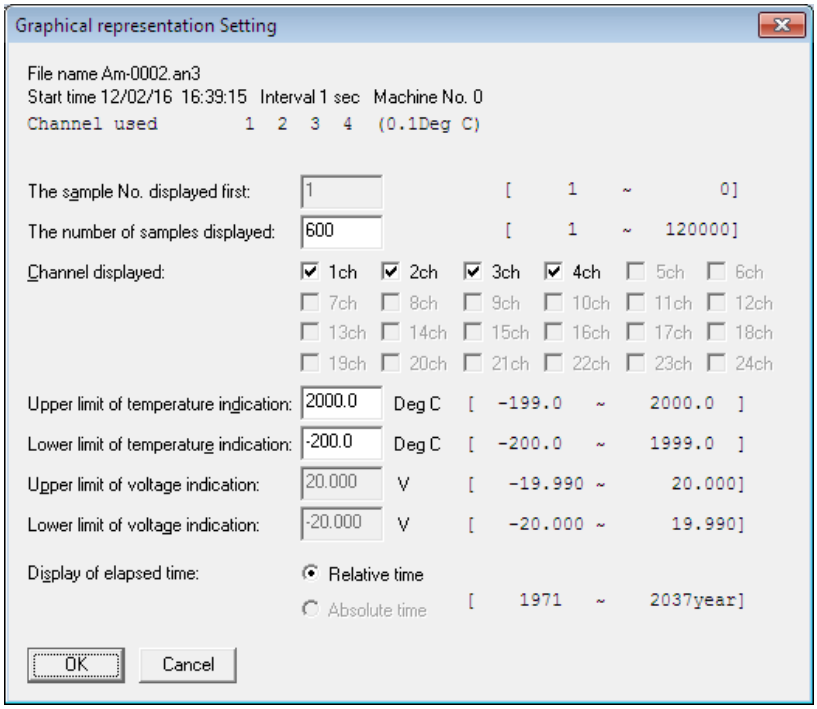

(5) To create a file, click Yes and specify the destination folder into which to save. The files are named "Am-※※※※※.an3" or "Am-※※※※※.an2" (※※※※※ denotes file numbers 0001 to 9999). If the amount of data in a file exceeds the limit, the file number is incremented by 1 and the next data that follows is saved to a new file.

※ The measurement underway is temporarily halted when a new file is created, thus data for several intervals during which time measurement is halted may not be acquired.

The amount of data that can be saved to one file will be 120,000 dates.

※ If measurement is taken over a long time and disk space runs out, measurement is aborted and a message is displayed on the screen.

(6) Set the type of graph you wish to be displayed.



① Set intervals on the horizontal axis according to the number of displayed samples.

To find the number of samples from the time

Number of samples = maximum time on the horizontal axis (in seconds)/ interval (in seconds)

Example: To calculate the number of samples, in order to display the data (measured at 1-second intervals) for 60 minutes

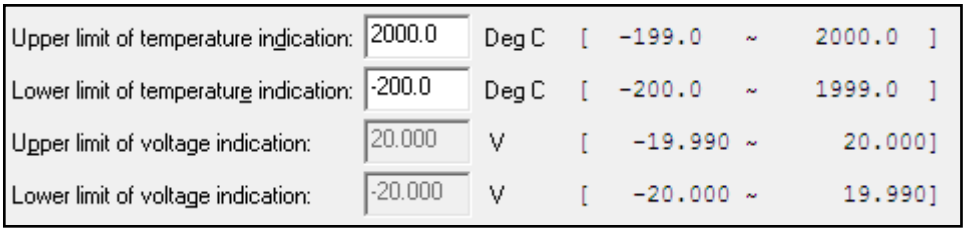
Number of samples = 60 minutes x 60 (seconds) x 1 (second)

= 3600

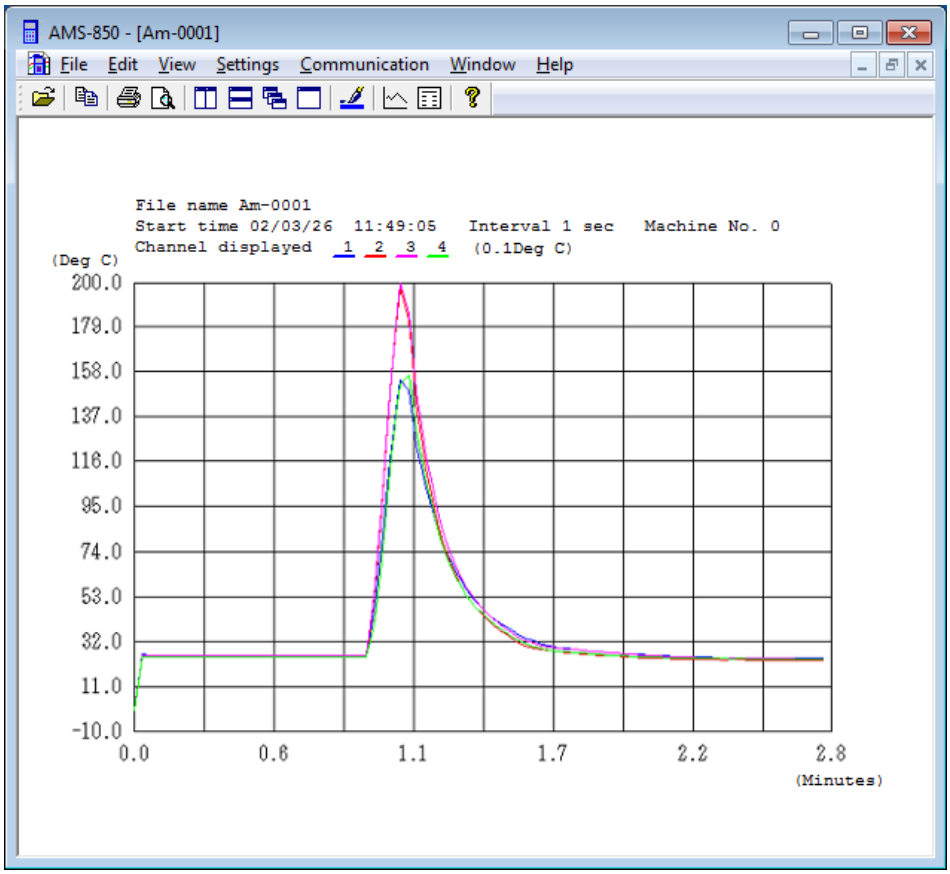
② Select the channels whose data you wish to be graphically displayed.

③ Set the upper-limit and lower-limit display values to set up the vertical axis.

The FL-2400, it cannot be set lower voltage and voltage limit for display



④ When all parameters have been set, click OK.
Measurement will start.




To finish real measurement, choose Quit communication from the Communication menu.

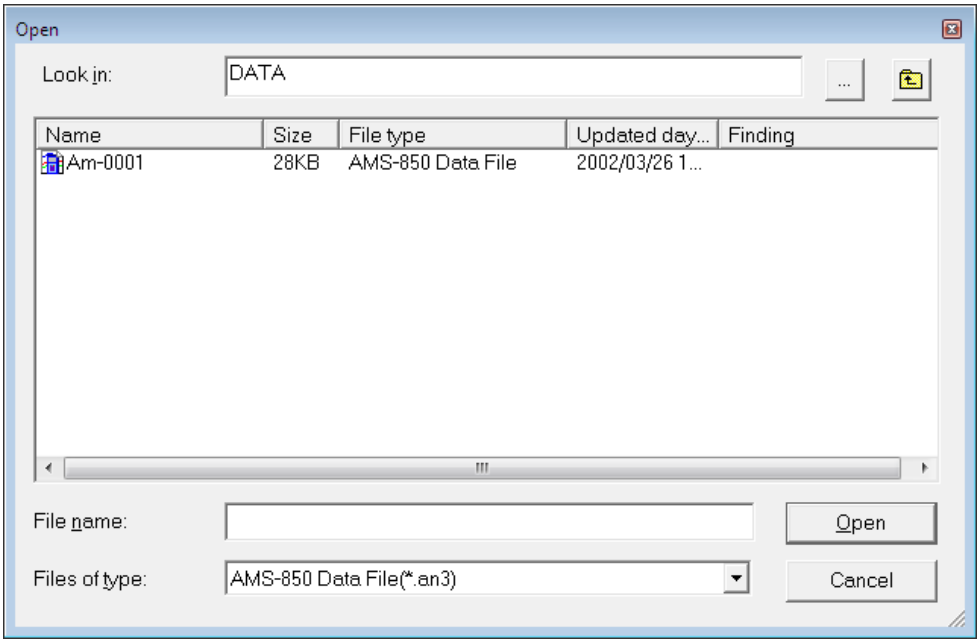
- **Viewing the data preceding the time currently displayed on the screen during measurement**
  ① Choose Scroll the graph from the View menu.
  ② Drag the gauge and move the mouse left or right.
  This will move the horizontal axis of the graph to the desired point.

※ **Real Measurement is dependent on the performance of your PC. Measurement delays or errors may occur, particularly when other software is running.**

## 6.4 Loading and Displaying an Existing File

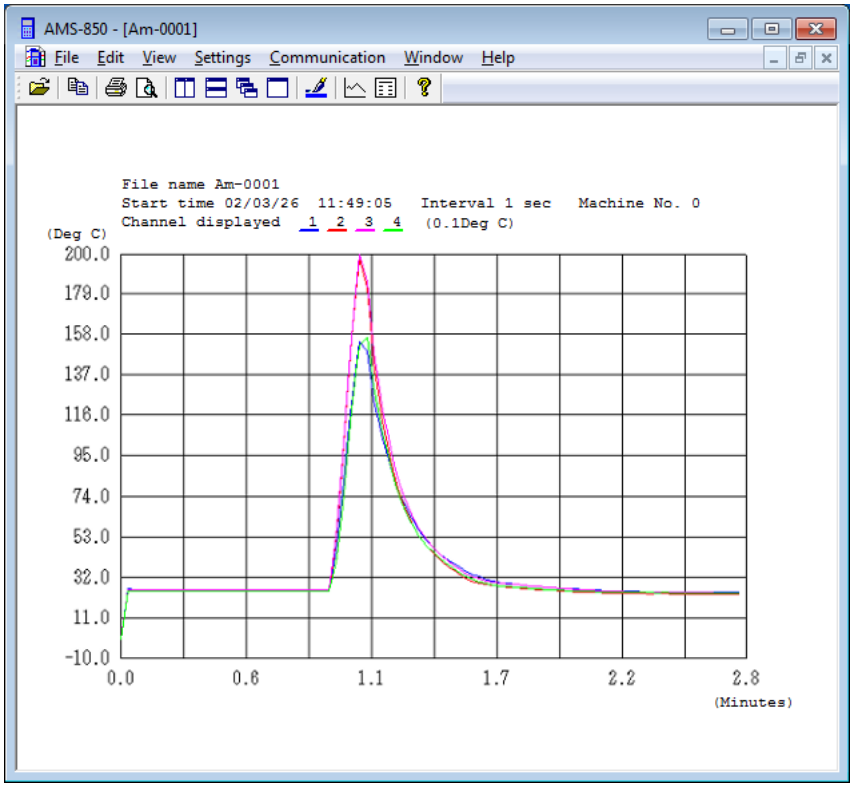
Open one of the files that have already been saved by AMS-850 and display it graphically or as a data list.

① Choose Open from the File menu.

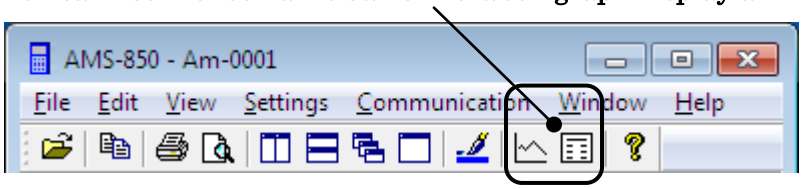



② Specify the file you wish to open and click Open.

※ Check to see that the file name you have selected is shown in the file name column before you click Open.

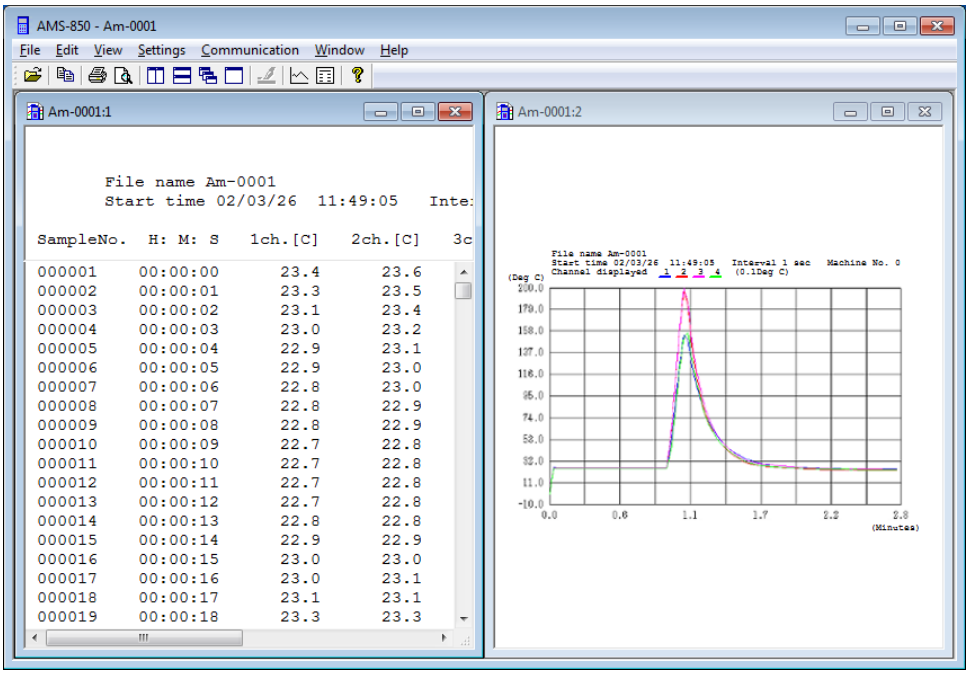


● **You can use the toolbar to switch between graph display and data display.**




**<To display a graph and data simultaneously>**

- While a graph is active, choose New Window from the Window menu. Two instances of the same graph will be opened, so use the toolbar to change one of the two graphs to data display.




※ If you wish to change the display range of the graph or the line color or line type of the graph, refer to Section 8.7, “Graph Display.”

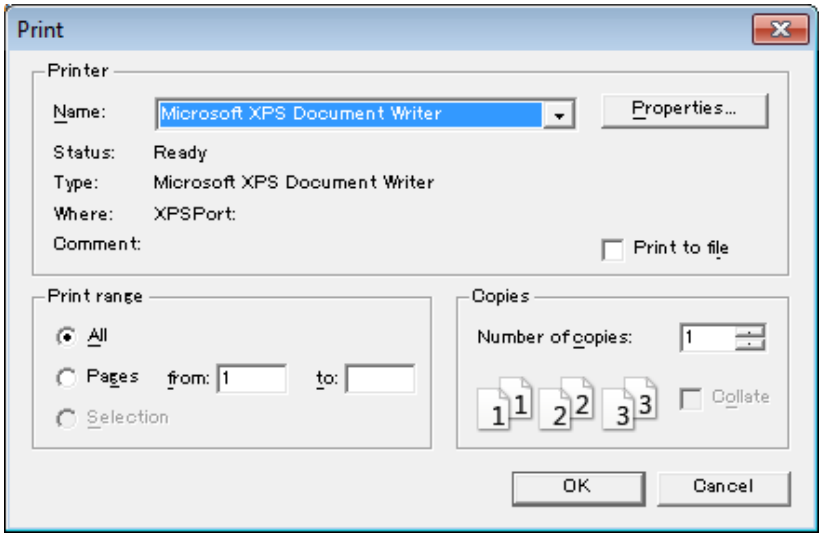
## 6.5 Printing Graphs and Data

You can print the graph or data or remarks being displayed on the screen via a printer.

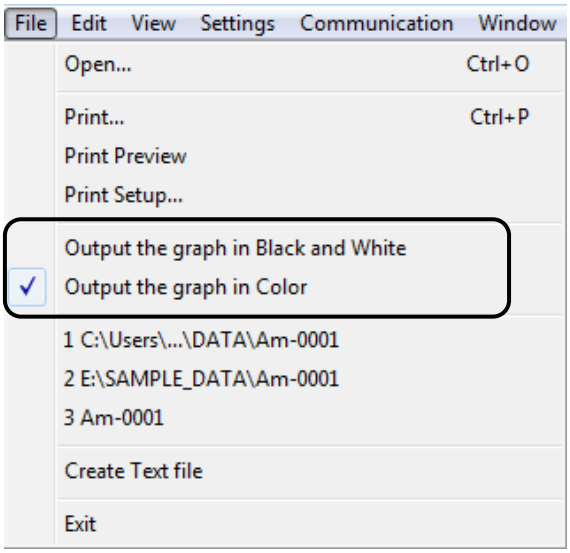
① Activate the target you wish to print (e.g., graph or data).

※ Note that multiple graphs or sets of data displayed on the screen are only printable singularly.

② Choose Print Setup from the File menu, and then set up your printer.

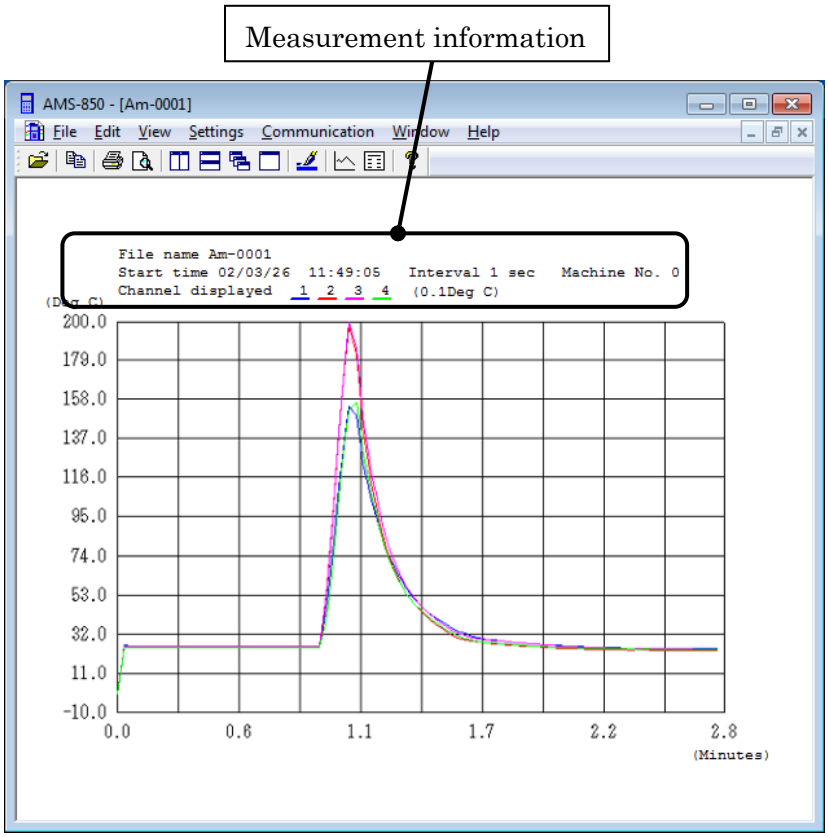



③ In the File menu, select the type of graph to be printed. Select color or black and white (depending on printer type).
Some monochrome-only printers cannot print lightly colored lines. In that case, select to black and white.



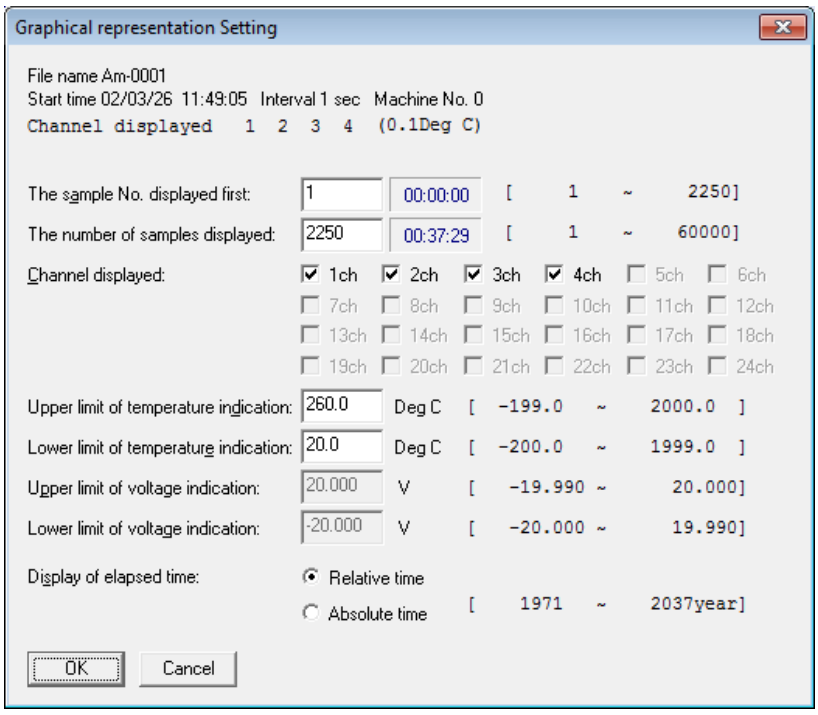

④ Choose Print from the File menu, and then click OK to print.

## 6.7 Graph Display

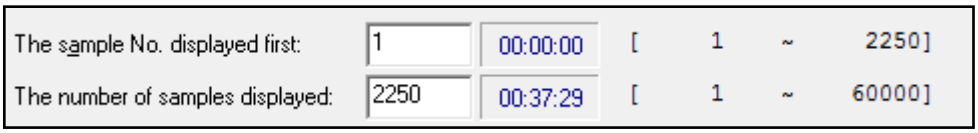



### A. Setting the display range

- Activate the graph and choose Set the graphical representation from the Settings menu.



(a) Changing the scale of the horizontal axis

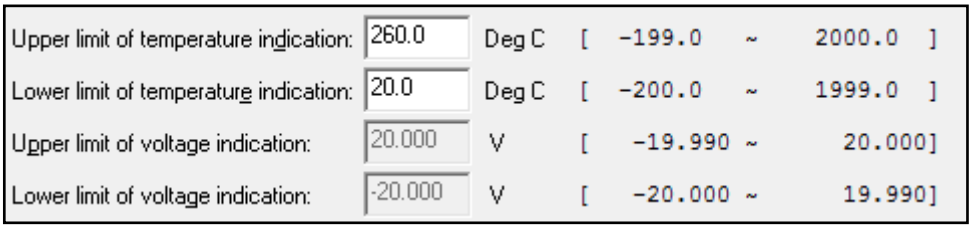



① Set First Sample No. to specify the minimum value on the horizontal axis.

② Set Samples to specify the measurement data sequence number on the horizontal axis.

※ Clicking the time displayed to the right of the input column allows you to edit the approximate value for the start or the end time.

(b) Changing the scale of the vertical axis

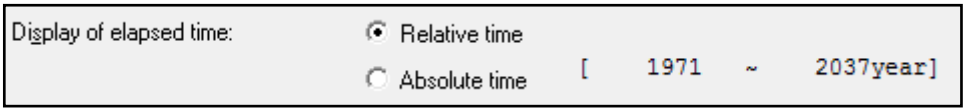



- Set the upper-limit and lower-limit display values to specify the display range on the vertical axis.
  For the temperature display range, set Upper Range (Temp.) and Lower Range (Temp.).

(c) Setting to show or hide channels

- Choose to show or hide channels.

(d) Selecting time display

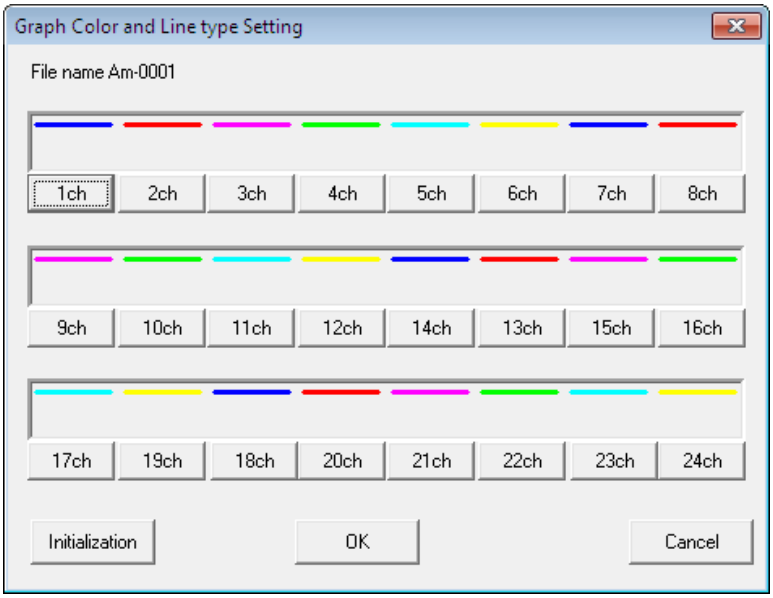



- Select the format of time in which you wish the time to be displayed.
  - Relative time indicates the lapsed time from start of measurement.
  - Absolute time indicates the date and time when measurement was made.

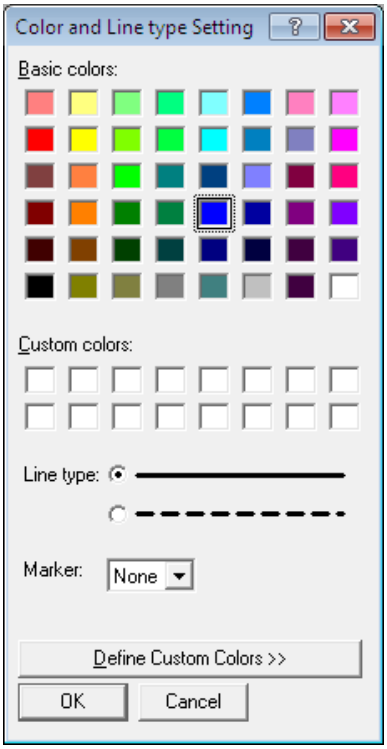
## B. Setting line colors and line types

Graphs can be drawn with different line colors or different line types for each channel.

① Choose Set the graph Color and Line type from the Settings menu.




② Click the button for the channel whose line colors or line types you wish to change.




③ Select your desired color from Basic Colors or Custom Colors.

④ For the line type, select solid line or broken line.

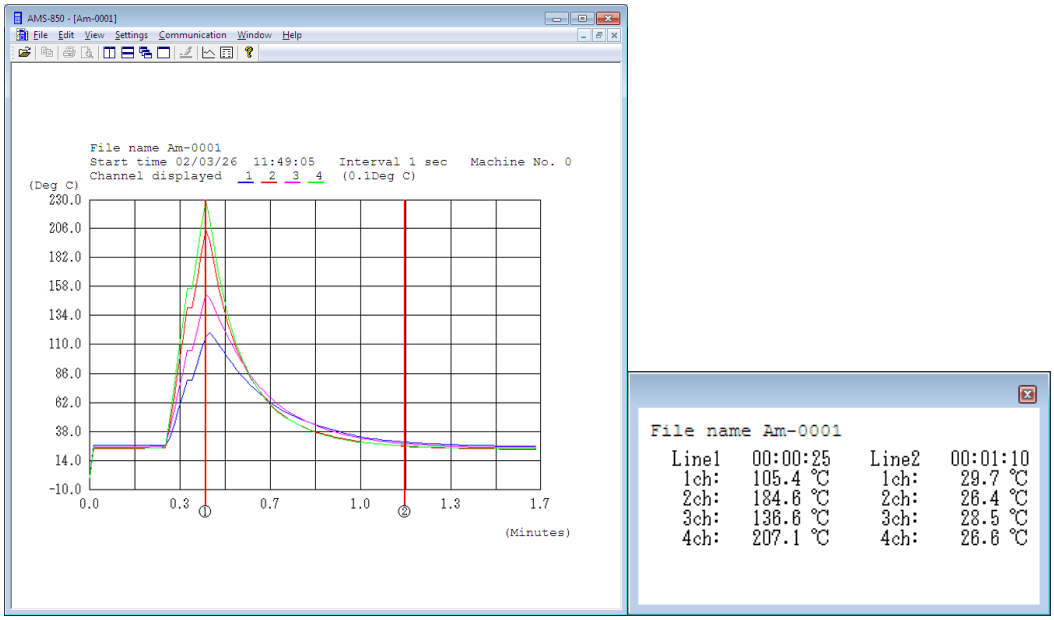
⑤ For the marker, select the one desired.

## C. Enlarged display

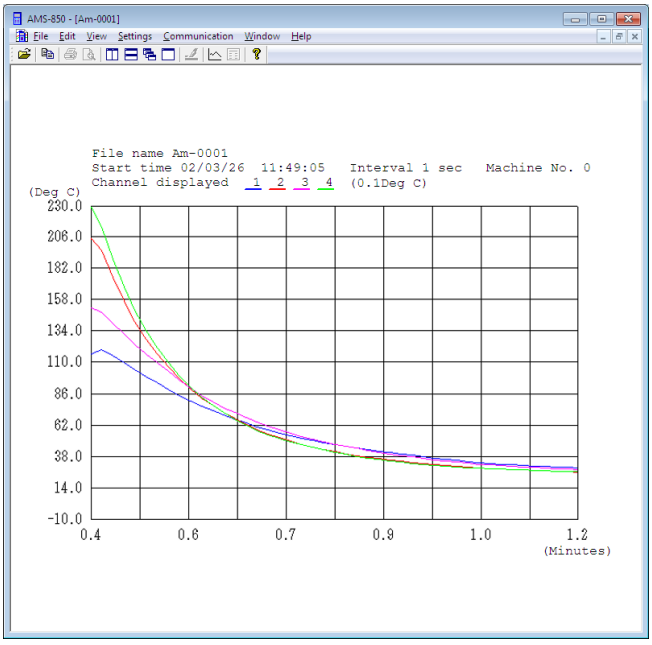
(a) Enlarging

① Choose Enlarge the selection from the View menu.

② Hold down the left mouse button on number (1) or (2) of the red magnification bar while moving the mouse, and the magnification bar will move. Specify the range of the graph you wish to be enlarged. (You also can use the arrow keys to move the magnification bar.)




① Press the right mouse button and then click Zoom.
The range of the graph specified by the magnification bars (1) and (2) will be enlarged.
In addition, data in positions ① and ② are displayed simultaneously.



(b) To reverse the enlarged display

● Choose Restore the display range from the View menu.

The enlarged range of the graph will be returned to its original size.

※ The range that you can move the magnification bars depend on the range of graph display.

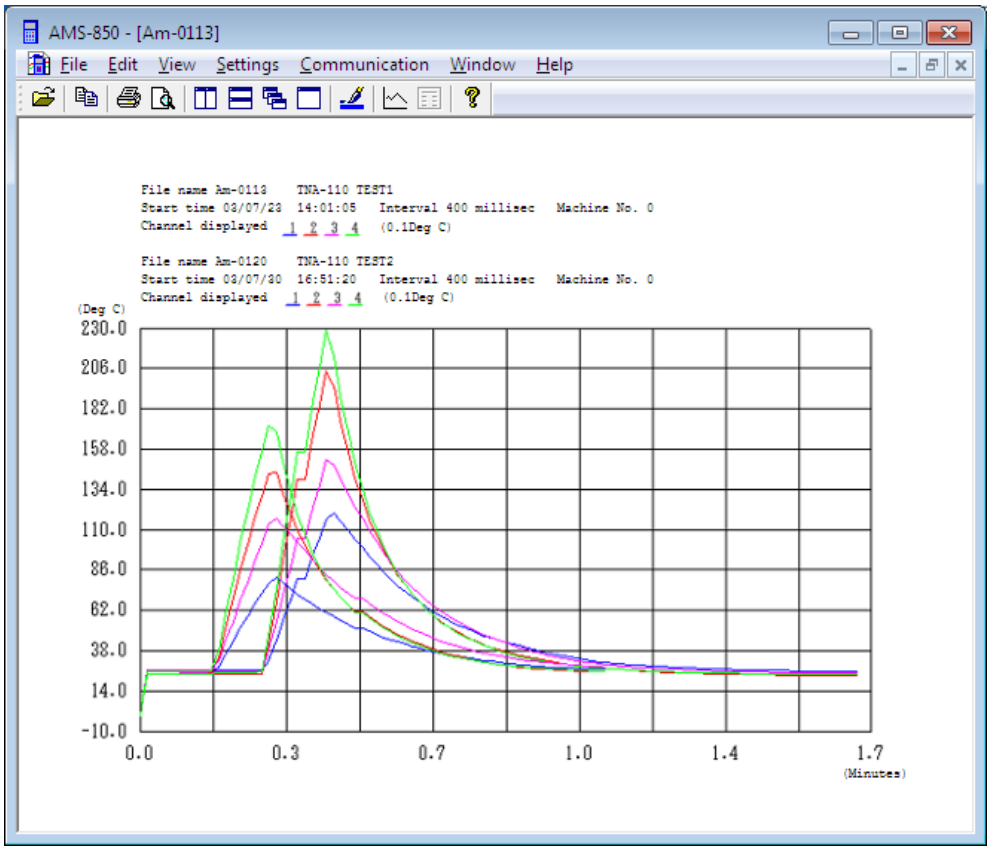
※ For the data files derived from measurements made at millisecond or microsecond intervals, the time data at the positions (1) and (2) are displayed by the unit of the second.
(Ex.Line1 00:01:07.2 -> Line1 67.2)

## D. Merging two graphs

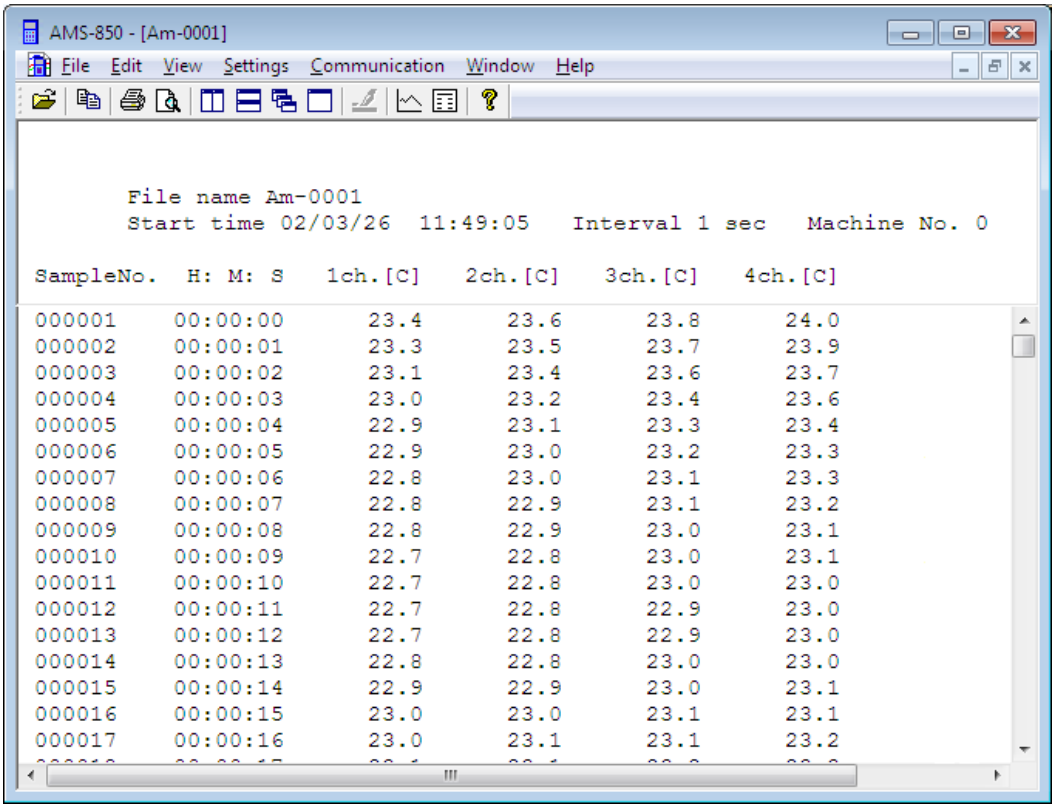
You can merge two different files into a single file for graph display.

① Open the first file (see Section 8.5).

② Choose Merge files from the Edit menu, select the second file in it, and then click File Open.

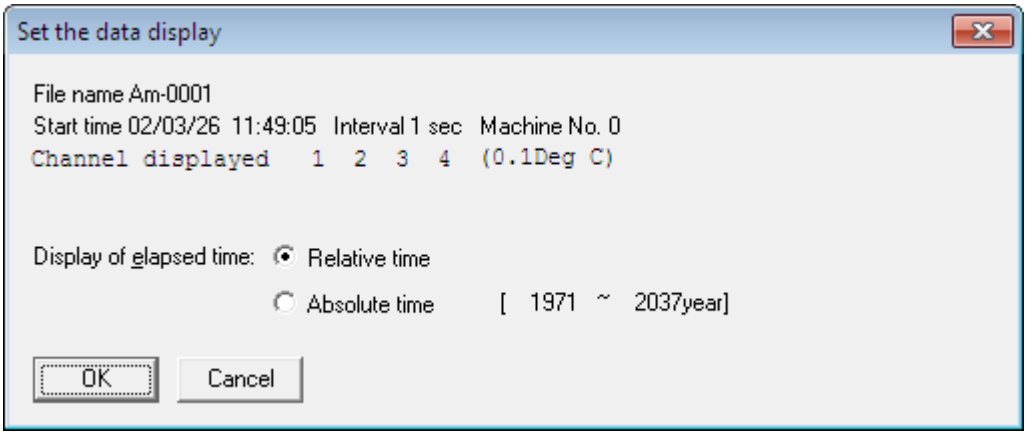


## 6.8 Data Display




### A. Setting the format for time in which you wish the time to be displayed

① Choose Set the Data display from the Settings menu.



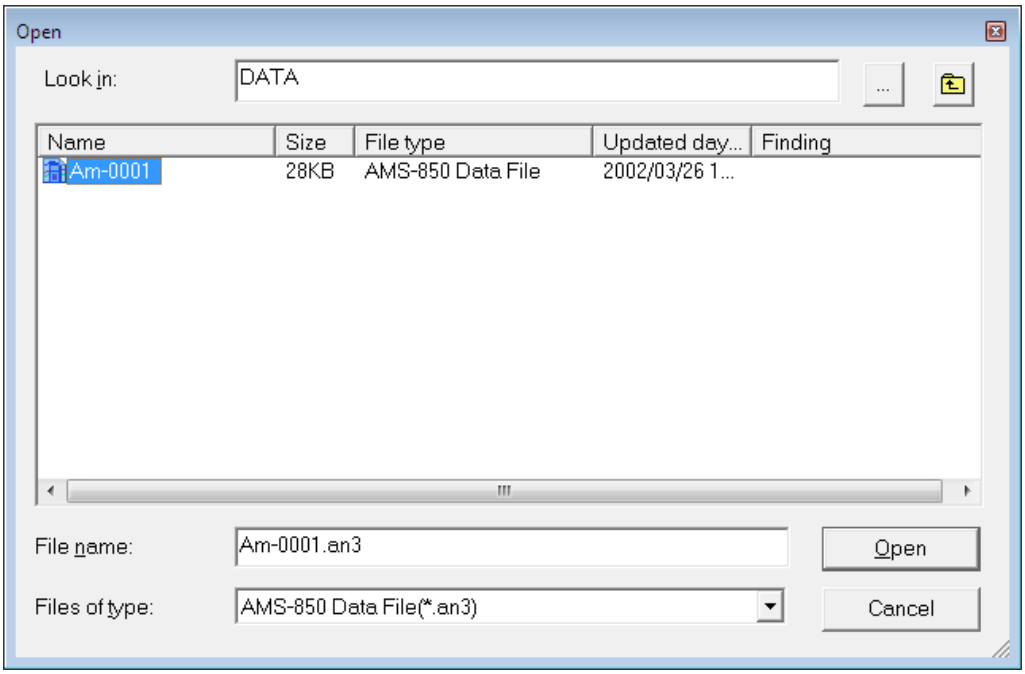

② Select the format of time in which you wish the time to be displayed.

- Relative time indicates the lapsed time from start of measurement.
- Absolute time indicates the date and time when measurement was made.

## 6.9 Using Data in Spreadsheet Software

The data files created by AMS-850 can be converted into CSV files for use in Excel or other spreadsheet software.

(1) Choose Create Text file from the File menu.




(2) Specify the file you wish to convert and click Open.

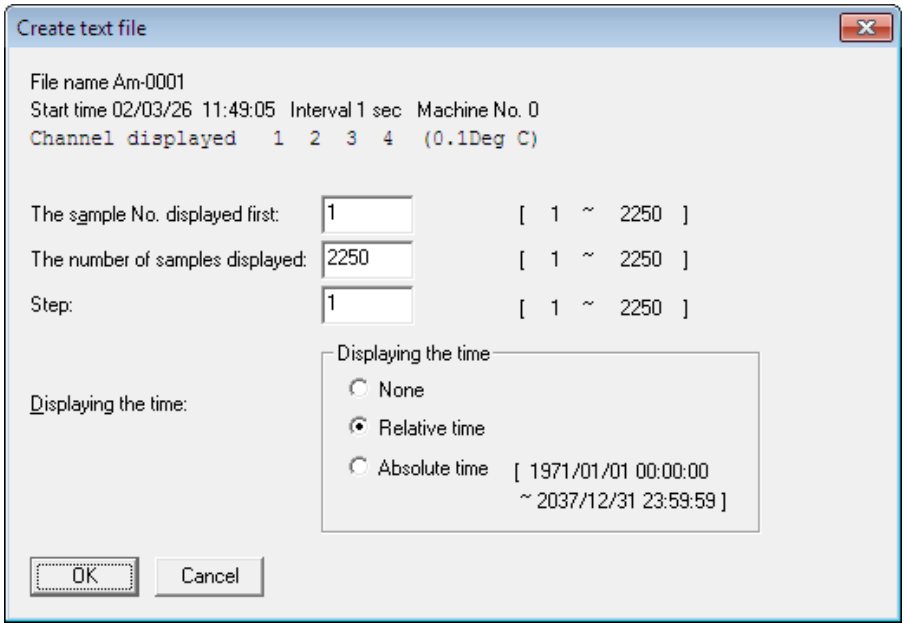
The converted file is created in the same directory as its source file.

This file is named after the source file by changing its extension to ".csv."

Example:

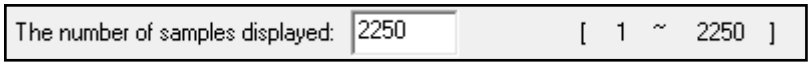
| | |
|---|---|
| Source file | C:¥Data¥Am-0001.an3 |
| Converted file | C:¥Data¥Am-0001.csv |

(3) Set the format in which you wish a text file to be saved.




① Set the sequence number of the data from which you wish a text file to be created.

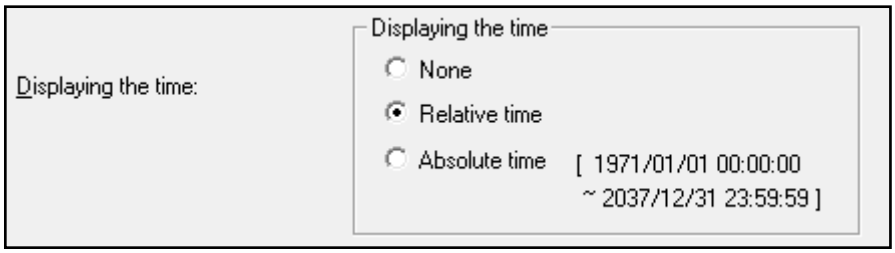
② Set the number of data items present in one file.
The number of data items actually created is
(Number of data items) = number of displayed data items / number of steps




③ To create a text file by interleaving or "thinning out" the source data file, you need to set the increment amount.

※ Depending on the spreadsheet software used, the number of data items that can be loaded is limited. If the source file contains a large amount of data, interleave it following the above procedure or split the file.

④ Select the format of time in which you wish the time to be displayed when a text file is created.




・Relative time indicates the lapsed time from start of measurement.
・Absolute time indicates the date and time when measurement was made.

**※ When Relative time is selected, the time can only be displayed in the range 00:00:00 to 23:59:59 (hours:minutes:seconds). Please note that the data collected during 24 hours or longer is displayed in the above range of time repeatedly.**

**※ Use display in Absolute time for the data collected between 1971/01/01 00:00:00 to 2037/12/31 23:59:59. For the data collected before or after this period, no date and time are displayed.**

⑤ Double-clicking a text file with the mouse launches spreadsheet software.

If you are using Excel, the file will be displayed in a manner similar to the samples shown below. You can create a graph from the file by making use of the functions of Excel.

<Time display: Absolute time>

| | A | B | C | D | E | F | G |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | File name | Am-0001 | | | | | |
| 2 | | | | | | | |
| 3 | Start time | 2 | Year | 3 | Month | 26 | Day |
| 4 | | 11 | Hour | 49 | Minutes | 5 | Second |
| 5 | | | | | | | |
| 6 | Interval | 0 | Hour | 0 | Minutes | 1 | Second |
| 7 | | 0 | Millisecond | 0 | Microsecond | | |
| 8 | | | | | | | |
| 9 | MachineNo. | 0 | | | | | |
| 10 | | | | | | | |
| 11 | | | | | | | |
| 12 | | File name Am-0001 | | | | | |
| 13 | | Start time 02/03/26 11:49:05 Interval 1Sec Machine No.0 | | | | | |
| 14 | | | | | | | |
| 15 | Sample No. | Y/ M/ D | H: M: S | 1ch.[Deg C] | 2ch.[Deg C] | 3ch.[Deg C] | 4ch.[Deg C] |
| 16 | 1 | 2002/3/26 | 11:49:05 | 23.4 | 23.6 | 23.8 | 24 |
| 17 | 2 | 2002/3/26 | 11:49:06 | 23.3 | 23.5 | 23.7 | 23.9 |
| 18 | 3 | 2002/3/26 | 11:49:07 | 23.1 | 23.4 | 23.6 | 23.7 |
| 19 | 4 | 2002/3/26 | 11:49:08 | 23 | 23.2 | 23.4 | 23.6 |
| 20 | 5 | 2002/3/26 | 11:49:09 | 22.9 | 23.1 | 23.3 | 23.4 |
| 21 | 6 | 2002/3/26 | 11:49:10 | 22.9 | 23 | 23.2 | 23.3 |
| 22 | 7 | 2002/3/26 | 11:49:11 | 22.8 | 23 | 23.1 | 23.3 |
| 23 | 8 | 2002/3/26 | 11:49:12 | 22.8 | 22.9 | 23.1 | 23.2 |
| 24 | 9 | 2002/3/26 | 11:49:13 | 22.8 | 22.9 | 23 | 23.1 |

## 6.10 Pasting Data into a Document File

① Open a document file created in Word, etc.

② Launch AMS-850 and open a data file (see Section 6.4).

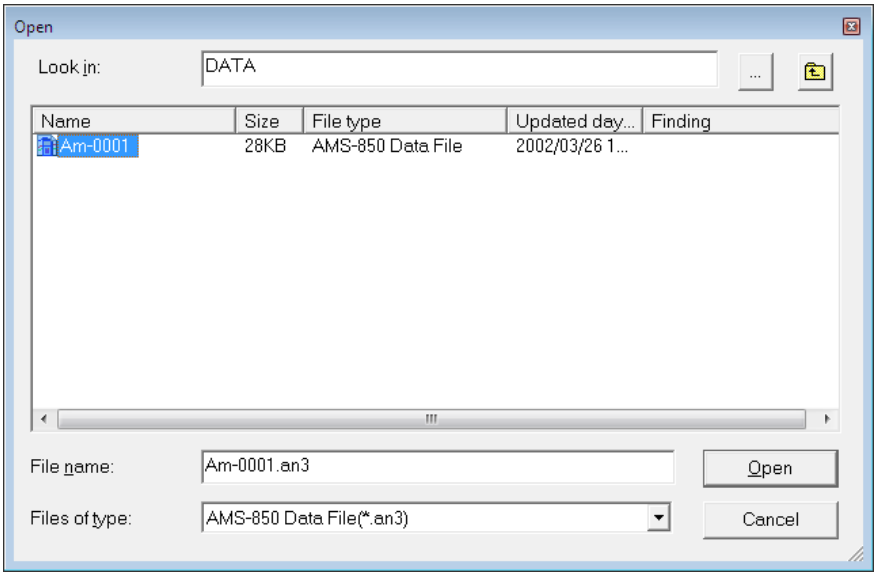
③ Choose Copy from the Edit menu. The screen data will be copied to the clipboard.

④ Move the mouse to your desired position in the document and paste the copied data at that position.

## 6.11 Attaching a Remark to Graphs or Data

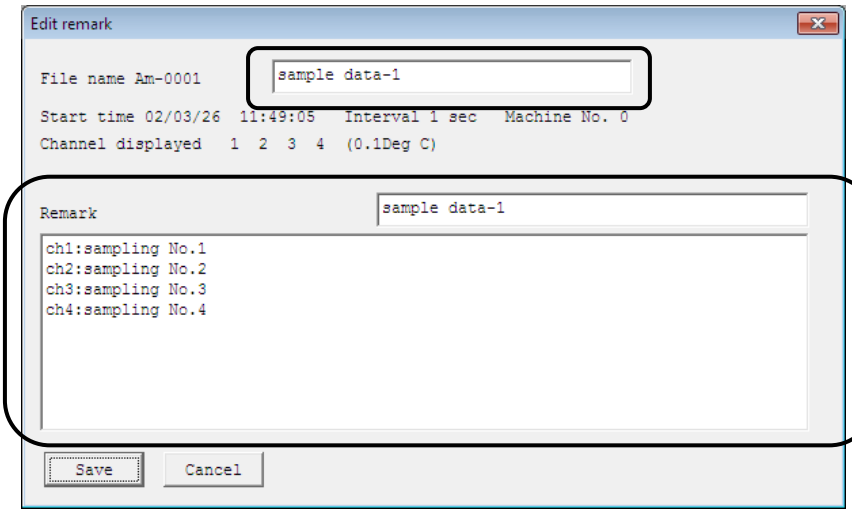
### A. How to create a remark

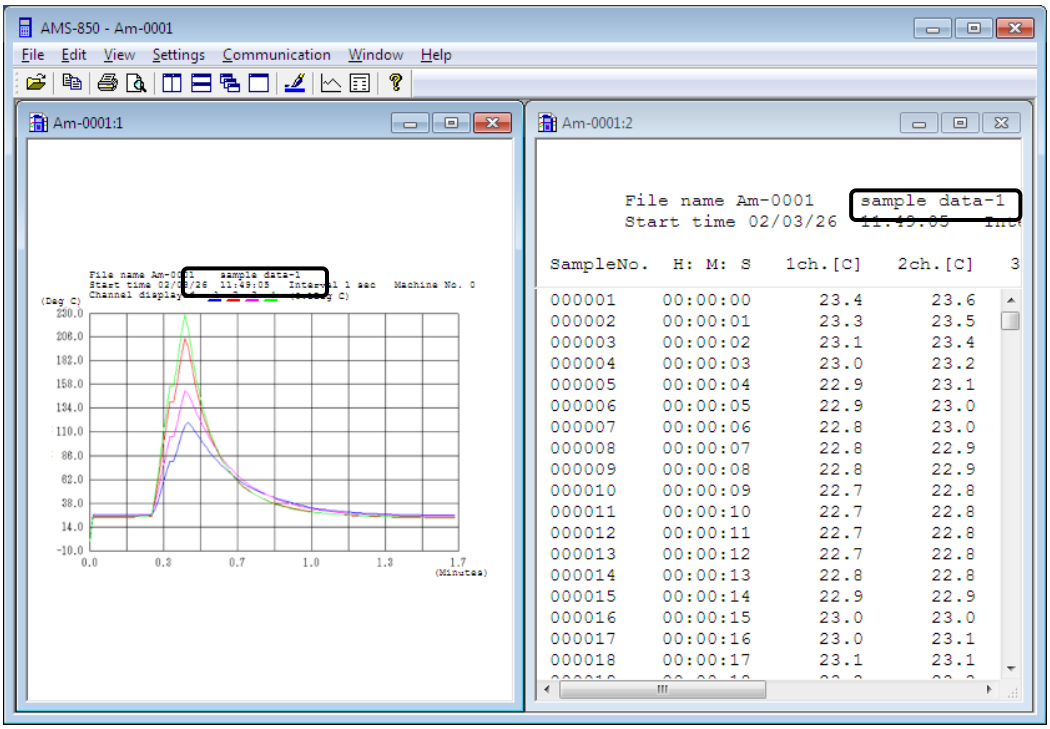
① Choose Edit remark from the Edit menu.




② Specify a file name and click Open.

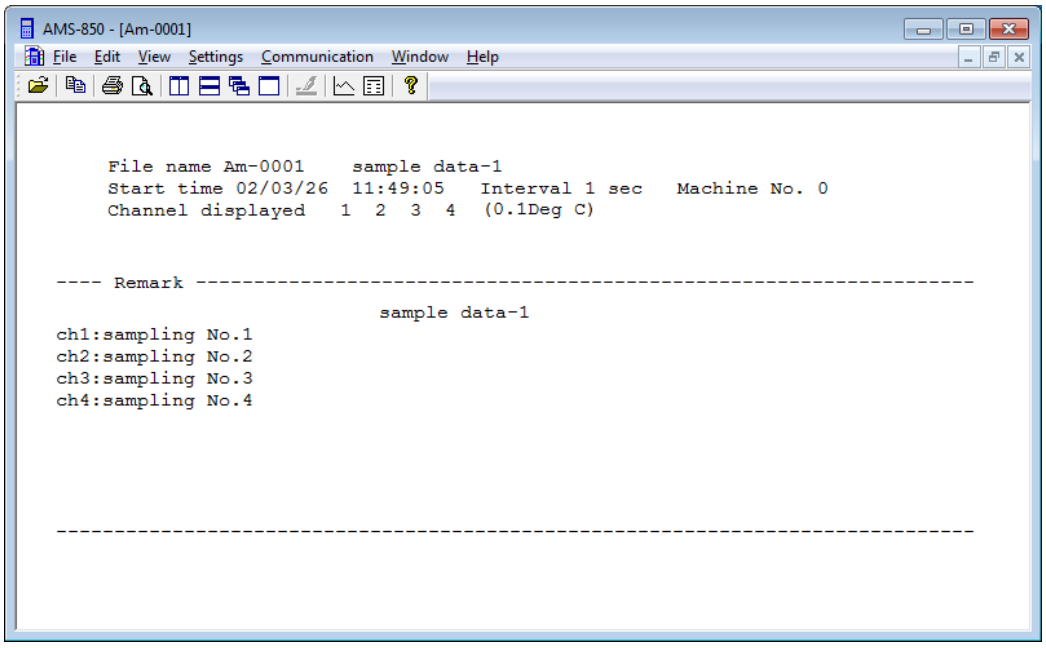
③ Enter a remark representing the content of data recorded in the file or the conditions under which data was recorded.





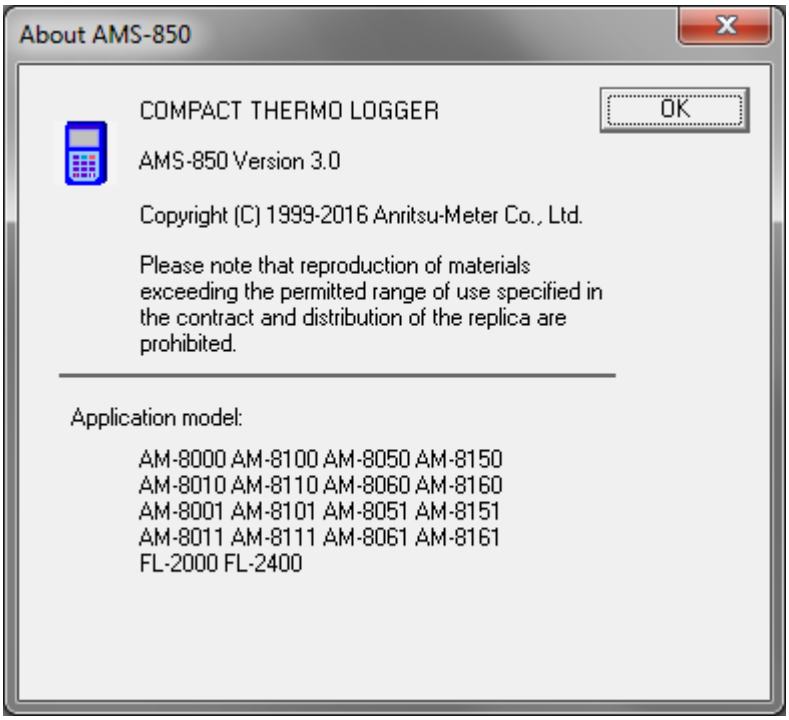

## B. How to check details of the remark

- Choose Display Remark from the View menu.



# 7. Version Information

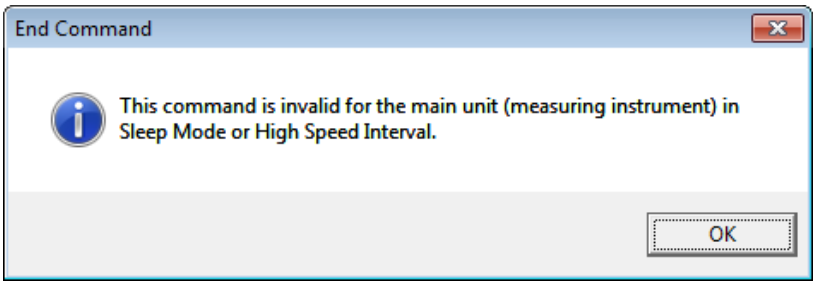
Choosing About AMS-850 from the Help menu allows you to check which version of AMS-850 is installed on your computer.
Note that the software version is subject to change without notice.



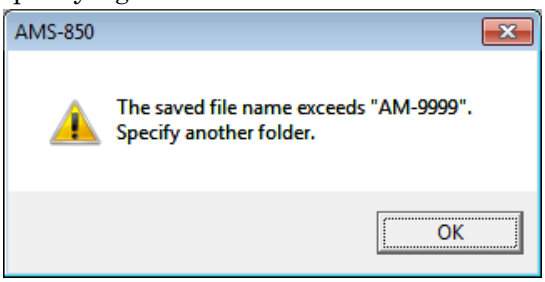
# 8. Error Messages

The following presents typical error messages output in this software application. If one of these error messages is displayed, a handling error or problem on your PC or equipment might have occurred.
Carefully read this manual for details on how to solve the problem. If the problem persists, contact Anritsu Meter.

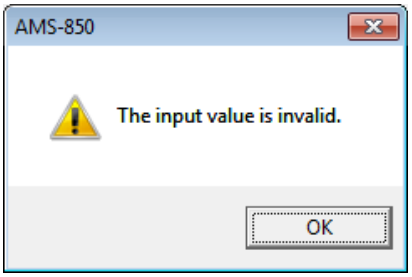
(1) Information displayed when the END command is executed
This information is displayed when [END command (E)] is executed from the [Communication (C)] menu. The FL-2400 accepts the command without any problems.



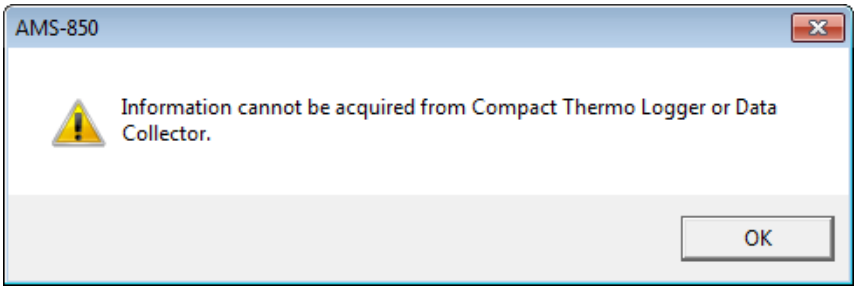

(2) AM-9999 already exists in data storage location
Change the storage location for the measurement data by creating a new folder or specifying a different location.



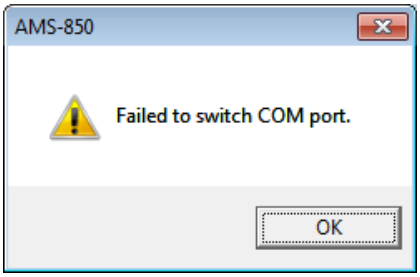

(3) If the value you have entered is incorrect
This error might occur when the input range is exceeded, or when an unrecognizable character is entered for graph display. Check the values and characters entered.



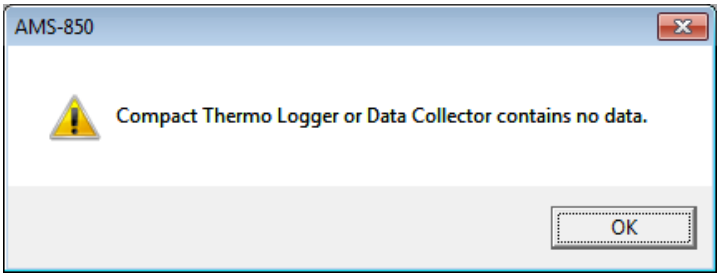
(4) If the measuring instrument cannot be communicated with
Confirm the following: FL-2400 is powered on; communication cables are properly connected; and communication ports are correctly set.



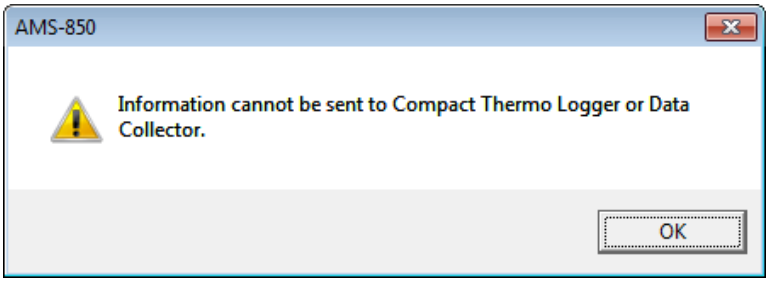

(5) If the measuring instrument is not connected to your PC
Check whether the communication port on your PC is set to USB, or whether there are any problems with the communication port settings.




(6) When [Data input (I)] is executed from [Communication (C)] menu.
The FL-2400 is not equipped with an internal memory function. Thus, it does not accept the data that was entered.




(7) If an invalid value is entered on the FL-2400
This message is displayed when a setting that is not available on the FL-2400 is entered or selected in [Remote setting (R)] in the [Communication (C)] menu. Check the values that were selected or entered.



# 9. Command List

## 9.1 Explanation of the Menu Bar

### <File>

① **Open**

Opens a data file.

② **Print**

Prints graph display, data display, or remarks via printer.

③ **Print Preview**

Previews the print data.

④ **Print Setup**

Sets up a printer.

⑤ **Output the graph in Black and White**

Selects printer output mode for a graph so that the graph will be printed in black and white.

⑥ **Output the graph in Color**

Selects printer output mode for a graph so that the graph will be printed using color.

⑦ **Create Text file**

Converts a data file into text format.

⑧ **Exit (End of Application)**

Quits AMS-850.

### <Edit>

① **Copy**

Copies graph display, data display, or remarks to the clipboard.

② **Edit remark**

Attaches a remark to graphs or data.

③ **Merge files**

Combines graphs in two data files into a single graph for display on the screen.

### <View>

① **Enlarge the Select**

Enlarges the selected range of a displayed graph.

② **Scroll the graph**

Scrolls the horizontal axis of a graph during real measurement.

③ **Restore the display range**

Reverses the enlarged range of a graph to its original size.

④ **Display the Graph**

Displays measurement data graphically.

⑤ **Display the Data**

Displays measurement data in list form.

⑥ **Display Remark**

Displays information on a file, etc. as a remark or caption.

<Settings>

① **Set the graphical representation**

Sets the vertical and horizontal axes of a graph, and other parameters.

② **Set the Data display**

Sets the format of time displayed during data display.

③ **Set the graph Color and Line type**

Sets the line colors, line types, etc. of a graph.

④ **Set Real-time data autosaving**

Sets the destination folder in which the backup data for real measurement is saved.

<Communication>

① **Input Data**

Downloads data from the measuring instrument into a PC.

② **Real Measurement**

Displays the data recorded in the measuring instrument graphically in real time.

③ **Remote setting**

Sets the clock and measurement conditions of the measuring instrument.

④ **Quit communication**

Stops communication.

⑤ **START Command**

Sends the START command to the measuring instrument.

⑥ **END Command**

Sends the END command to the measuring instrument.

⑦ **USB**

Sets the type of communication port interface to USB.

⑧ **Serial Port COM1–6**

Sets a communication port to one of the serial ports on a PC.

<Window>

① **New Window**

Opens a new graph or data list.

② **Cascade**

Displays open graphs or data lists in a cascade.

③ **Tile Vertically**

Tiles the graphs or data lists on the screen vertically, i.e., side by side.

④ **Tile Horizontally**

Tiles the graphs or data lists on the screen horizontally, i.e., one below another.

⑤ **Arrange Icons**

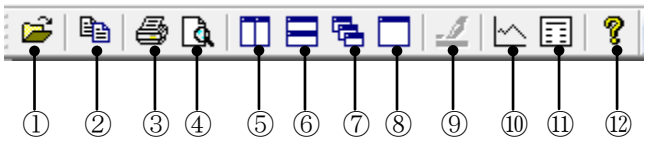
Arranges the icons representing displayed graphs or data lists in order.

**<Help>**

**① About AMS-850**

Shows the version information on AMS-850.

## 9.2 Explanation of the Toolbar




① Opens a data file.
② Copies graphs or data to the clipboard.
③ Prints graphs or data.
④ Previews the data to be printed.
⑤ Tiles the windows horizontally, i.e., one below another.
⑥ Tiles the windows vertically, i.e., side by side.
⑦ Cascades windows in a neat stack with all windows visible.
⑧ Fills the whole screen with a window.
⑨ Sets line colors and line types of a graph.
⑩ Displays measurement data graphically.
⑪ Displays measurement data in list form.
⑫ Displays version information.