

2-D Sonic Wind Sensor with SDI-12 Output for RAWS-F Stations



Overview

The WindSonic4-QD is a two-dimensional ultrasonic anemometer for measuring wind speed and direction. This sensor provides an alternative to the 034B-QD, a traditional mechanical cup and vane anemometer. Unlike mechanical

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WindSonics are manufactured by Gill Instruments Ltd.

Detailed Description

The WindSonic4 uses two pairs of orthogonally oriented transducers to sense the horizontal wind. The transducers bounce the ultrasonic signal from a hood, thus minimizing the effects of transducer shadowing and flow distortion.

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Specifications

Operating Humidity	< 5% to 100% RH	
Operating Temperature	-35° to +70°C	
Storage Temperature	-40° to +80°C (typical)	
Input Voltage	9 to 30 Vdc	
Typical Current Drain	< 10 mA (@12 V)	
Measurement Frequency	40 Hz block averaged to a 1 Hz output frequency	
Outputs Parameters	Polar (direction and speed) or orthogonal (U _x and U _y wind)	

Output Signal	SDI-12 version 1.3
Diameter	14.2 cm (5.6 in.)
Cable Length	2.74 m (9 ft)
Length	16.0 cm (6.3 in.)
Weight	0.5 kg (1.1 lb)
Wind Direction	

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Range	0° to 359° (no dead band)
Accuracy	±3°
Resolution	1°



Wind Speed		Accuracy	±2% (@ 12 m/s)
Range	0 to 60 m/s	Resolution	0.01 m/s

