



## Global Solar Radiation Sensor

### **Mod. RSG e RSG1**



Manual



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## 1.2 Functioning and features

The sensor is made of a **thermopile transducer** and it can be classified as First Class or Second Class, according to ISO9060 and to standard classification for pyranometers, which defines specific performance and construction features, ensuring high accuracy and sensibility. The transducer is protected by a quartz glass dome (K5), which ensures high **sensibility in 0.3µm ÷ 3µm spectrum**. The sensor is made according to WMO standards (World Meteorological Organization).

The sensor has the following outputs: natural from thermopile, 0÷2Vdc or 4÷20mA or digital RS485/Modbus rtu. The global solar radiation sensor or Pyranometer is made with materials of high reliability and duration, which allow to maintain in time initial characteristics of sensibility and accuracy.

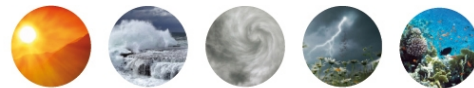
The thermopile sensing element, after sun irradiation, produces a voltage signal, which is proportional to the heating of the hot junctions. That signal is, typically:

$$10 \times (\text{mV}) / (\text{KW} \times \text{m}^2)$$

The mechanical robustness and the use of materials such as **anodized aluminum** and **stainless steel**, guarantees an excellent resistance to corrosion due to atmospheric agents, assuring long duration in time. The sensor is equipped with **electrical discharger**.

| Sensor type                          | Wind speed  |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| <b>Type</b>                          | RSG (for different models see their own datasheets)                                   |
| <b>Compliance</b>                    | WMO   |
| <b>Measuring range</b>               | 0÷2000 W/m <sup>2</sup>   |
| <b>Spectral range</b>                | 0.3µm ÷ 3µm   |
| <b>Typical sensibility</b>           | 10 µV/(W/m <sup>2</sup> ) on 2 <sup>π</sup> sr  |
| <b>Typical output constant</b>       | 10 mV / (kW/m <sup>2</sup> )  |
| <b>Resolution</b>                    | < 8 W/m <sup>2</sup>  |
| <b>Response time</b>                 | < 25sec   |
| <b>Offset at zero</b>                | < 20 W/m <sup>2</sup> (at 200 W/m <sup>2</sup> )<br>< ±6 W/m <sup>2</sup> (ΔT = 5K/h) |
| <b>Long term stability (1 year)</b>  | < ±2%   |
| <b>Response to the Cosine law</b>    | < ±22 W/m <sup>2</sup>  |
| <b>Temperature response (ΔT 50K)</b> | < 8%  |
| <b>Non linearity</b>                 | < ±2%   |
| <b>Tilt response in 0 ÷ 90°</b>      | < ±4%   |
| <b>Expected daily uncertainty</b>    | < 10%   |
| <b>transducer type</b>               | Thermopile  |
| <b>Output signal</b>                 | 10µV/W/m <sup>2</sup> from termopile<br>0÷2Vdc, 4÷20mA or RS485 ModBus                |
| <b>Operation intervals</b>           | -40 ÷ +80°C   |
| <b>Output impedance</b>              | < 40 ohm  |
| <b>Protections</b>                   | for short circuit and lightning   |
| <b>Made of</b>                       | anodized aluminum and stainless steel screws  |
| <b>Power supply and consumption</b>  | (self-powered for N type, 10÷30Vdc <0,1W for other types)                             |
| <b>Weight</b>                        | < 600g  |

Features written in the table can be modified. For updating always see the latest version of the datasheet.



### 1.3 Available electrical outputs and interfacing

The sensor is usually available with 4 different outputs (pre-configured in factory), that correspond to 4 order codes, respectively (named XXX the sensor code):

XXX – **N** : Sensor with natural output from thermopile [  $\mu\text{V}$  ]

XXX – **A** : Sensor with voltage output 0-2Vdc = 0...2000W/m<sup>2</sup> [ $\text{W/m}^2 = (\text{V} \cdot 1000)$ ]

XXX – **B** : Sensor with current output 4-20mA = 0...2000W/m<sup>2</sup> non loop [ $\text{W/m}^2 = \{2000 \cdot (\text{mA} - 4)\} / 16$ ]

XXX – **C** : Sensor with digital output RS485 or ModBus- see below.

The supply includes the solder connector or a cable with ends for terminal block

In case of sensors with digital output, there are two cases:

- **RS485 Interface (Half duplex)**

- Standard communication settings are:

|           |             |
|-----------|-------------|
| baudrate: | <b>9600</b> |
| parity:   | <b>N</b>    |
| data bit: | <b>8</b>    |
| stop bit: | <b>1</b>    |

- Data request command is: **003, CR** (xxx represents the sensor ID always expressed in 3 digits by putting 0 for numbers less than 100, or 10, example 013; CR = Carriage Return; if set at 000 answer all sensors on the same line 485, example 000CR). See § 1.8
- The response to any sensor request is the measure value in the programmed engineering unit (eg. °C or %Rh), so isn't necessary calculate the value again.

- **RS485-MODBUS Interface (Half duplex)**

- Standard communication settings are:

|           |             |
|-----------|-------------|
| baudrate: | <b>9600</b> |
| parity:   | <b>N</b>    |
| data bit: | <b>8</b>    |
| stop bit: | <b>1</b>    |

- The sensor answers to MODBUS RTU command only with **FUNCTION CODE 0x03** (Read Holding Register), on the same ID of the RS485; the protocol allows the reading of the measure value, which is stored in two MODBUS registers with the **IEE754 representation**. The floating point value is represented with 32 bit, occupying two MODBUS registers of 16 bit.
- Modbus addresses to be used are:

**40002 - 40003 (2 registers required with a single command)**



## 1.4 Calibration

After having assembled the sensor, it is functionally tested, connecting it to the proper measurer, where there is also connected a solar radiation sensor, used as the primary reference tool. The testing is made comparing measures acquired by the two sensors, that mustn't differ of a value higher than the tested sensor accuracy. The reference sensor is a device of a superior class, while the testing table follows the ISO9847 norm IIc Method.

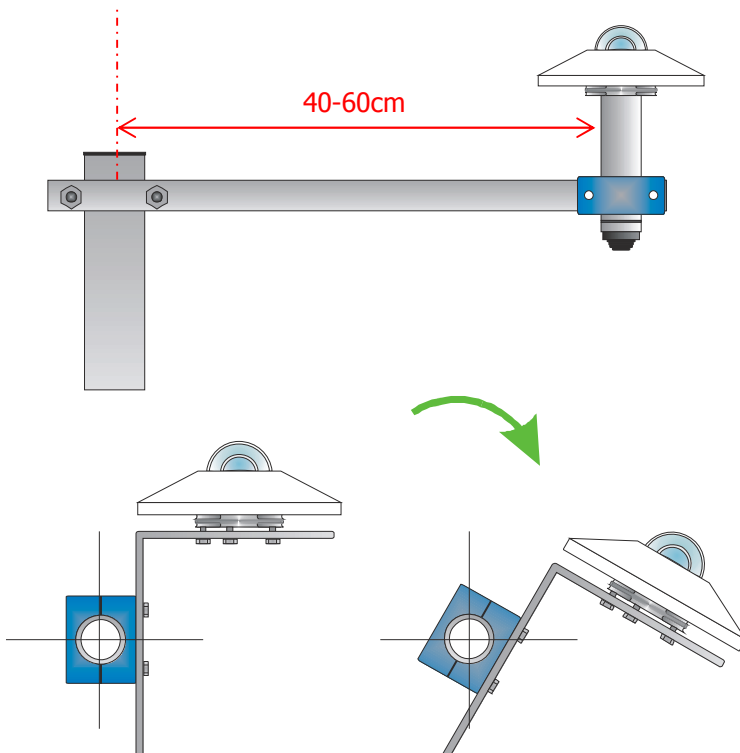
## 1.5 Cleaning and maintenance

To ensure high measurement accuracy, it's necessary to always keep clean the outer dome of the pyranometer, therefore the greater is the frequency of the cleaning of the dome, the better will be the measurement accuracy. You can wash the dome with towel used to clean photographic lenses and with water, if it were not enough, use pure ethyl alcohol. After the cleaning with alcohol, it's necessary to clean the dome again only with water.

## 1.6 Installation

The pyranometer should be installed in a place easily accessible, for the periodic maintenance and cleaning of the dome. Buildings, trees or any other obstacle shouldn't go over the horizontal plane where the pyranometer is installed. If this is not possible, it's recommended to find a place where obstacles in the sun path from sunrise to sunset are less than 5°, avoiding that they may project the reflection of the sun (or its shadow) onto the pyranometer.

The pyranometer must always be directed toward the sun (toward SOUTH if you are in the Earth's NORTH hemisphere).



Depending on the type of the pyranometer and on the installation needs, it can be equipped with standard support for the installation on the horizontal plane on metal support, or with special support, which allows the rotation around the vertical axis and then the installation on an oblique plane.



### 1.7 Validity of certificates

Unless otherwise indicated, the sensor warranty is 24 months from the manufacturing date, while the validity of the certification is 12 months from first use if stored in a depot suitably to the characteristics written on the datasheet.

### 1.8 ID's sensor for serial communication

| ID for RS485* | Measure               |
|---------------|-----------------------|
| 1             | Temperature           |
| 2             | Humidity              |
| 3             | Global Solar adiation |
| 4             | Wind Direction        |
| 5             | Evaporation           |
| 6             | Hydrometic Level      |
| 7             | Phreatic Level        |
| 8             | Battery Voltage       |
| 9             | Wind Speed            |
| 10            | Rain Fall             |
| 11            | Net Solar Radiation   |
| 12            | Snow Level            |
| 13            | Pressure              |
| 14            | Voltage               |
| 15            | Evapotranspiration    |
| 16            | Leaf wetness          |
| 17            | pH                    |
| 18            | Conductivity          |
| 19            | Counter (digital)     |
| 20            | Cracks measure        |
| 21            | Inclinometer          |
| 22            | Load Cell             |
| 23            | Redox                 |
| 24            | Oxygen Solution       |
| 25            | Turbidity             |
| 26            | Extensimeter          |
| 27            | Linear Moving         |
| 28            | Frequency             |
| 29            | CH4                   |
| 30            | THC                   |
| 31            | NMHC                  |
| 32            | Current               |
| 33            | Flow                  |
| 34            | CO                    |
| 35            | NO                    |
| 36            | NO <sub>x</sub>       |
| 37            | NO <sub>2</sub>       |
| 38            | O <sub>3</sub>        |
| 39            | SO <sub>2</sub>       |
| 40            | Energy                |

\* Check if it is the latest table