

Open-Path CO₂/H₂O Gas Analyzer and Sonic Anemometer



Innovative Design

Use as part of open-path eddy-covariance system

Overview

Campbell Scientific's EC150 is an open-path analyzer specifically designed for eddy covariance flux measurements. Combined with the CSAT3A sonic anemometer as shown above, these two components

of an open-path eddy-covariance system simultaneously measure carbon dioxide, water vapor, air temperature, barometric pressure, and three-dimensional wind speed and sonic air temperature.

Benefits and Features

- Unique optical configuration gives a slim aerodynamic shape with minimal wind distortion
- Low power consumption; suitable for solar power applications
- Low noise
- Measurements are temperature compensated without active heat
- Analyzer and sonic anemometer measurements are synchronized by a common set of electronics
- Maximum output rate of 50 Hz with 25 Hz bandwidth
- > Tolerant to window contamination
- Angled windows to shed water
- Field rugged

- > Field serviceable
- Factory calibrated over wide range of CO₂, H₂O, pressure, and temperature in all combinations encountered in practice
- **Extensive set of diagnostic parameters**
- Fully compatible with Campbell Scientific dataloggers; field setup, configuration, and field zero and span can be accomplished directly from the datalogger
- Speed of Sound: Determined from 3 acoustic paths; corrected for crosswind effects
- Rain: Innovative signal processing and transducer wicks considerably improves performance of the anemometer during precipitation events

Outputs

EC150

- > CO₂ Density (mg/m³)
- H₂O Density (g/m³)
- Gas Analyzer Diagnostic
- Ambient Temperature (°C)

- Atmospheric Pressure (kPa)
- CO, Signal Strength
- H₂O Signal Strength
- → Source Temperature (°C)

CSAT3A

-) U (m/s)
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-) U_z (m/s)
- Sonic Temperature (°C)
- Sonic Diagnostic

General Specifications^a

▶ Operating Temperature Range: -30° to +50°C

Calibrated Pressure Range: 70 to 106 kPa

Input Voltage: 10 to 16 Vdc

Power @ 25°C: 5 W (steady state and power up)

Measurement Rate: 100 Hz

Output Bandwidth: 5, 10, 12.5, 20, or 25 Hz; user programmable

Output Options: SDM, RS-485, USB, analog

Auxiliary Inputs: air temperature and pressure

Weight

EC150 Head and Cables: 2.0 kg (4.4 lb) CSAT3A Head and Cables: 1.7 kg (3.7 lb) EC100 Electronics: 3.2 kg (7.1 lb)

Cable Length: 3 m (10 ft) from EC150 and CSAT3A to EC100

Gas Analyzer/Sonic Volume Separation: 5.0 cm (2.0 in)

Gas Analyzer Specifications^{a,b}

> Path Length: 15.37 cm (6.05 in)

Performance

	CO ₂	H ₂ O
Accuracy ^c	1% of reading	2% of reading
Precision RMS (maximum) ^d	0.2 mg/m³ (0.15 μmol/mol)	0.004 g/m³ (0.006 mmol/mol)
Calibrated Range	0 to 1,000 μmol/mol (0 to 3,000 μmol/mol optional) ^e	0 to 72 mmol/mol (37°C dewpoint)
Zero Drift with Temperature (maximum)	±0.55 mg/m³/°C (±0.3 μmol/mol/°C)	±0.037 g/m³/°C (±0.05 mmol/mol/°C)
Gain Drift with Temperature (maximum)	±0.1% of reading/°C	±0.3% of reading/°C
Cross Sensitivity (maximum)	±1.1 x 10 ⁻⁴ mol CO ₂ /mol H ₂ O	±0.1 mol H ₂ O/mol CO ₂

Sonic Anemometer Specifications^a

Measurement Path

> Vertical: 10.0 cm (3.9 in)

Horizontal: 5.8 cm (2.3 in)

Transducer Diameter

) 0.64 cm (0.25 in)

Range

) u_j: ±30 m s⁻¹

) u : ±60 m s⁻¹

 $u': \pm 8 \text{ m s}^{-1}$

T: -50° to +60°C

Wind Direction: ±170°

Accuracy^f

) Offset Error

 u_x , u_y : <±8.0 cm s⁻¹

 u_{z}^{2} : $< \pm 4.0$ cm s⁻¹

Wind Direction: ±0.7° while horizontal wind at 1 m s⁻¹

▶ Gain Error

Wind Vector within $\pm 5^{\circ}$ of horizontal: $<\pm 2\%$ of reading Wind Vector within $\pm 10^{\circ}$ of horizontal: $<\pm 3\%$ of reading Wind Vector within $\pm 20^{\circ}$ of horizontal: $<\pm 6\%$ of reading

Measurement Precision RMS

 $u_{x}, u_{y}: 1 \text{ mm s}^{-1}$

u_z: 0.5 mm s⁻¹

Sonic Temperature: 0.025°C

Wind Direction: 0.6°

Barometer Specifications^a

	-BB Basic Barometer	-EB Enhanced Barometer (Vaisala PTB110)
Total Accuracy	± 3.7 kPa at -30°C, falling linearly to ± 1.5 kPa at 0°C (-30° to 0°C), ± 1.5 kPa (0° to 50°C)	±0.15 kPa (-30° to +50°C)
Measurement Rate	10 Hz	1 Hz

Ambient Temperature Specifications^a

Manufacturer: BetaTherm 100K6A1IA

→ Total Accuracy: ±0.15°C (-30° to +50°C)

^fThe accuracy specification for the sonic anemometer is for wind speeds $<30 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ and wind angles between $\pm 170^{\circ}$.



^aSubject to change without notice.

^bA temperature of 20°C and pressure of 101.325 kPa was used to convert mass density to concentration.

^cAssumes the gas analyzer was properly zero and spanned using the appropriate standards; CO_2 span concentration was 400 ppm; H_2O span dewpoint was at 12°C (16.7 ppt); zero/span temperature was 25°C; zero/span pressure was 84 kPa; subsequent measurements made at or near the span concentration; temperature is not more than \pm 6°C from the zero/span temperature; and ambient temperature is within the gas analyzer operating temperature range.

^dNominal conditions for precision verification test: 23°C, 86 kPa, 400 µmol/mol CO₂, 12°C dewpoint, and 20 Hz bandwidth.

^eUpon request.