

METEOROLOGY HYDROLOGY ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING

## Wind speed sensor

## Description

The sensor is provided with a Robinson 3 cup rotor which rotates around a vertical axis.

This element is mounted on the top of the sensor body and is joint to an internal axis which is linked to stainless steel bearings with low friction in order to increase sensor sensitivity.

Coupled to the rotation axis, an optical transducer converts the rotation rate to a digital electric signal. The frequency of the impulsive signal is proportional to rotation rate of the rotor and so to wind speed.

The sensor body is made in anticorodal aluminum, a material which guarantees a substantial durability and high resistance to corrosion, making the instrument suitable for applications in marine environments.

The sensor provides a good response over the entire range of wind speed, it is able to detecting low intensity of wind and high speeds up to 50 m/ s (corresponding to 180 km/h).

An electronic board, based on a low power 32bit microprocessor, allows the characterization of the sensor at several points within the operating range; this allows to linearize the response curve so as to elevate the accuracy of the instrument.

On the bottom end of the sensor there is a connector for the signal and supply cable. The connector is watertight and has a screw connection.

For the calibration of the sensor, a certified instrument is used (reference ACCREDIA). The calibration based on comparison allows to maintain continuity with the metrological chain and assigns a scientific value to the measurement.

The sensor requires minimal maintenance: at least once a year, it is recommended to check the regular rotation of the cup-wind mill, which must take place without any particular friction, but rather with the normal smoothness of a mechanical component rotating on bearings.

Optionally, a heating set is available in order to avoid the block of the rotor due to freezing.





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## **Technical Specifications**

Sensor type	Three cup rotor
Measuring principle	Optical pulse transducer
Measuring range	050m/s - damage limit: 75m/s
Accuracy	$\pm$ 0,5m/s to 10m/s; $\pm$ 1,0m/s over 10m/s (standard calibration) $\pm$ 0,2m/s (customized calibration)
Resolution	0,1m/s
Sensitivity threshold	≤0,25m/s
Electrical output	0 1V; 0 2V; 0 5V; 4 20mA
Power supply	9 24Vdc
Power consumption	≤10mA
Surge protection	Fast Zener (ICTE diodes) and varistors
Operating range	-30 +70°C
Dimensions	H=270mm D=200mm
Weight	0,6Kg
Heater (optional)	Power supply: 1015Vdc Power consumption: 0,9A Threshold start: 4°C

## **Ordering codes**

Wind speed sensor with electrical output 0 1V; 0 2V; 0 5V (to define at the order)	FAR203AA
Wind speed sensor with electrical output $0 \dots 1V$ ; $0 \dots 2V$ ; $0 \dots 5V$ (to define at the order) and internal heater	FAR203CA
Wind speed sensor with electrical output 4 20mA	FAR203BA
Wind speed sensor with electrical output 4 20mA and internal heater	FAR203DA

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