

LUMINATM VOF Turbidity and Solids Optical Sensor

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SATRON VOF Turbidity and solids sensor for Food and Biopharma

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The SATRON VOF is an optical sensor that operates on the absorption principle using reliable LED technology. Designed for flexibility, it can be easily removed from the process line via a 1" ball valve, allowing quick relocation or maintenance without disrupting operations.

Its robust design makes it ideal for monitoring waste outlets, effluents, and color variations in various processes. It's commonly used to monitor impurities in clean water, detect yeast after membrane filtration in breweries, verify filter integrity, and track impurities in evaporators.

The sensor ensures accurate in-line measurement and communicates via 4-20 mA and the HART® protocol, providing smooth integration with process control.



TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

Measuring range

0 ... 1500 NTU

Calibration

The sensor is factory calibrated at 4mA = water, 20mA = full asborption, freely adjustable with pushbuttons or Hart® modem.

Damping

Time constant adjustable 0.01 to 60 s.

Repeatability

0.1% from maximum span.

Response time

0.1s (with less than 0.1s damping)

Accuracy

0...50 NTU 0.2% 0....1 500 NTU 1%

Unit selection

%, NTU, FNU, FTU, mg/L, g/dm3, PPM, or custom text

Temperature limits

Ambient: -30 to +80 °C Display operating range: 0 to +50 °C (Does not affect operation of the sensor) Process N type: 0 to +100 °C (120 °C for 10min) Process H type: 0 to +120 °C Shipping and storage: -40 to +80 °C

3-wire (3W), 4-20 mA NAMUR NE43, IO-Link (optional)

Supply voltage

Nominal 24 VDC, (21.6 - 27.6V) 200mA

Humidity limits

0-100% RH

Pressure class:

PN25

EMC directive 2014/30/EC

- EN 61326-1: 2021

CONSTRUCTION

Materials:

Sensing element¹⁾: AISI316L, Duplex (EN. 1.4462), Hast. C276/C22, or Titanium Gr2. Surface quality: Ra < 0.8 µm Lens: Sapphire

Seal: EPDM, FPM, FFPM, FEP

Housing with display, code N:

Housing: AISI3O3/316

Seals: FPM

Nameplates: Polyester

Display window: Polycarbonate

Housing without display, code H:

Housing: AISI303/316 Seals: FPM and NBR Nameplates: Polyester

Connection sensor between sensor and housing (RDU) code L:

PVC signal cable Nameplates: Polyester Display window: Polycarbonate

Electrical connections

Housing without display code H: 1x M12 plug connector Housing with display, code N: 2x M12 plug connector Remote display unit, code L: 3x PG9 gland for cable; Conductor cross section: max 2.5 mm²

I/O-connections

Current output1 Turbidity active Range (Namur NE 043) 3.5...23 mA 600 Ω Maximum load Factory setting 3.7...22.5 mA*

Switch outputs

Housing N: 1 output²⁾ Housing L: 3 outputs Solid state relay, grounding contact

Maximum voltage 35 V 50 mA Maximum current

Maximum leakage current

Switch inputs

Housing N: 1 input²⁾ Housing L: 3 inputs

OFF NC (no connection) 0...2 V ON

Minimum values for switch in use

Voltage 16 V Current 4 mA Leakage current 1 mA

Current output2

External power supply

Current output 2 is galvanically isolated

Maximum supply voltage 35 VDC 3.5...23 mA Range 4...20 mA Factory setting 100 VDC Maximum isolation voltage

Process connections

G1A ball valve insertion.

Extension 19cm diameter ø 24mm

Protection class

IP66, IP67 and IP68 See Selection chart.

Weight

Housing without Display (H): 1.2 kg Housing with Display (N): 1.3 kg Remote Housing (L): 2.5 kg

Output signal according to NAMUR NEO43 Signal Level for the failure information of Digital Transmitters. Min. load using HART®-communication250 Ω



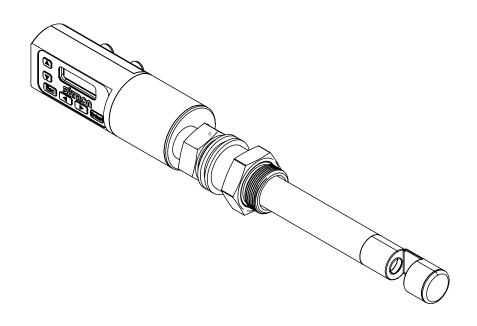
¹⁾ Parts in contact with the process medium are FDA compliant.

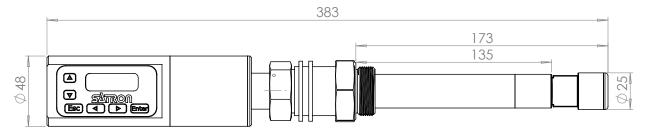
²⁾ Either 1 output or 1 input.



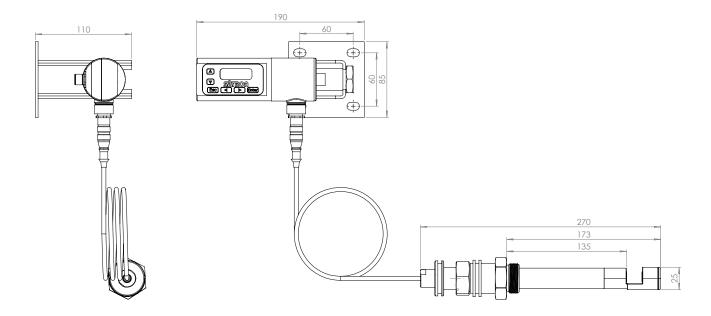
10 µA

Dimensions and Housing types VOF (mm)



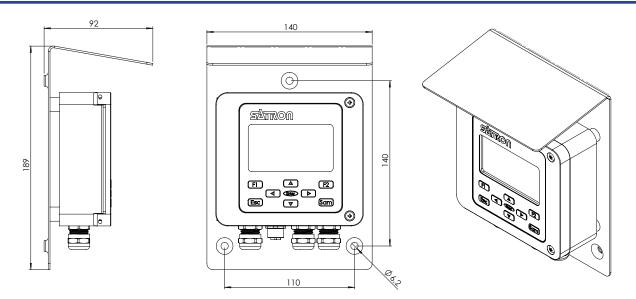


VOF B1 with display and pushbuttons (N housing)

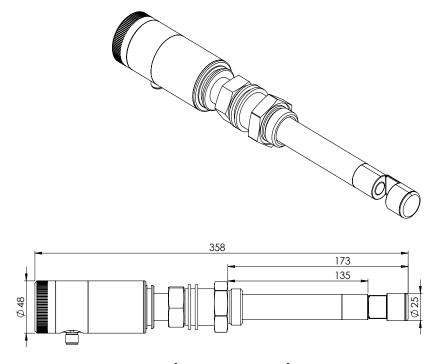


VOF B1 with remote electronics (NRT housing)





RDU - Remote Display Unit (L) T1370009

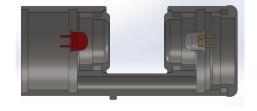


VOF B1 with no display (H or L housing)

VOF measurement principle

The SATRON VOF sensor uses the absorption principle to measure turbidity with LED light sources (see selection chart). The LED (red) emits light through the process medium, and a photodetector (grey) receives the transmitted light.

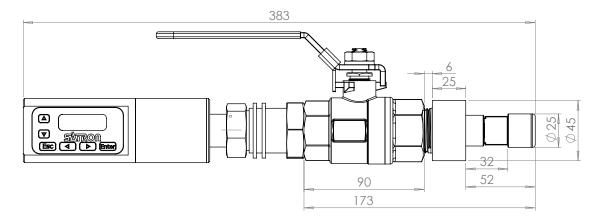
As turbidity increases, more light is absorbed and scattered by particles, reducing the signal at the detector. This change is used to calculate turbidity in real time. The sensor's optical components are built for durability, with an expected lifetime of over 20 years.



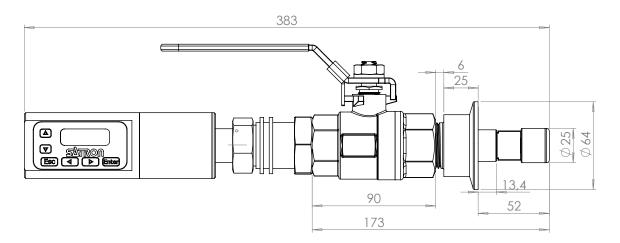


Process connection details

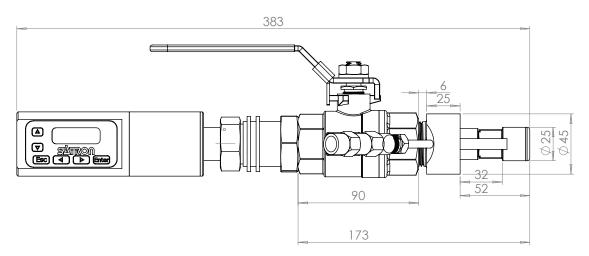
The Satron VOF comes with a G1" retractable process connection type B1. Different process couplings allow for welding, flanged or clamped connection.



VOF with standard welding adapter M1050598



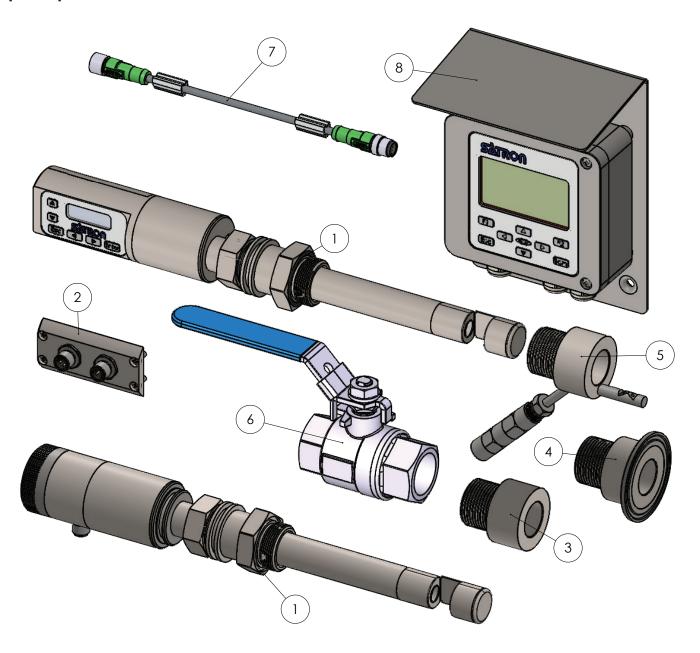
VOF with tri-clamp adapter M1051276



VOF with flushing adapter M1050102-VOF



Spare-parts VOF



No.	Part name	Order code
1	O-ring EPDM	80033426
2	Plug cover M12* N-housing	T1370011
2	Plug cover M12* B-housing	T1370012
3	B1 Welding process coupling	M1050598
4	Male 1" to Tri-Clamp DN 4051 ISO2852 (C7=64,0mm)	M1050222
5	Flushing coupling for VOF	M1050102-VOF
6	AISI316L ball valve	82500003
7	L-Housing data cable 10m PVC*	70000600
7	L-Housing data cable 15m PVC*	70000601
8	Remote Display Unit RDU*	T1370009

^{*}Compatible with M3 model sensors. For older generations with 4 button displays (M1 and M2), please contact Satron.



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SELECTION CHART Adjustability Span, max VOF O... 50 NTU O... 1 500 NTU N Normal version 0...+100 °C continuous (120 °C for 10 minutes) Process temperature limits **H**¹⁾ High temperature 0...+120 °C continuous \$ 4-20mA DC/HART® for 50Hz (Europe) T2) 4-20mA DC/HART® + IO-Link for 50Hz Output 4-20mA DC/HART® for 60Hz (USA / Japan) K2) 4-20mA DC/HART® + IO-Link for 60Hz Material of wetted parts Seal FEP + Body Lens **2** AISI316L 2 Sapphire 1 EPDM 2 FPM 3 FFPM Housing type Housing with display and push buttons, 1mA output Housing with display and push buttons, 2mA outputs, binary in/output Housing without display Remote electronics housing with display No remote probe Remote measuring probe (not available with L housing), IP68 M12, IP67 Connection type PG9 (always with L housing), IP66 Cable material 0 No L or R option selected 24) AISI316L braided PTFE hose PVC cable (std.) Extension 10m PVC cable available (code: 70000600) Cable length No L or R option selected 10 meters (std.) 3 15 meters Lightsource 3 460nm 880nm 9 IR+ **Process connections** G1A ball valve insertion. Extension 19cm diameter ø 25mm

Example code



Documentation

Material certificates

MC1 Raw material certificate without appendices, in accordance with SFS-EN 10204-2.1 (DIN 50049-2.1) standard

MC2 Raw material certificate for wetted parts, in accordance with SFS-EN 10204-2.2 (DIN 50049-2.2) standard

MC3 Raw material certificate for wetted parts, in accordance with SFS-EN 10204-3.1 B (DIN 50049-3.1 B) standard

- ¹⁾ Only in combination with FFPM seals. And only 880nm.
- 2) IO-Link only with N housing type

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