New NIR Technology for On-Line Process Measurement

Real-Time Moisture Sensor
IR-3000 Series
**Product Information**

MoistTech’s IR-3000 series allows users to optimize their on-line process and dramatically improve product quality. Developed for the 21st century, the IR-3000 series is utilizing a 16-bit A/D processor providing exceptional accuracy, speed of response and extensive diagnostic capability. In addition, the IR-3000 series low operating temperature has resulted in improved performance and reliability.

The IR-3000 series was designed in response to the industry demand for a more modern sensor without hard-wired interfaces. MoistTech uses state of the art components at a far lower cost than any analyzer currently on the market. The IR-3000 series utilizes surface mount and blue eye technology for use with a PDA. In addition to the high efficient first surface optics, new lamp designs and digital processing, the IR-3000 series is the only truly intelligent NIR sensor.

**NIR Technology**

Molecular bonds, such as O-H in water and C-H in organics, absorb infrared light (NIR) at specific wavelengths. The amount of NIR reflected energy at a given wavelength is inversely proportional to the quantity of absorbing molecules within the product. The NIR technique is non-destructive, non-contacting and provides instant measurements. The IR-3000 series utilizes several wavelengths of Near Infrared Light (NIR), which are projected on the product at a very high frequency. The reflective light is then measured using a digitally enhanced detection system, which analyzes the data several thousand times per second. A powerful embedded PC is used to process, store, and display the required data with accuracy ten times more stable than other conventional sensors. The result is a measurement far more accurate than any sensors currently available.

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**Applications**

- **Food**
  - Cereals
  - Coffee
  - Tea
  - Milk Powder
  - Cheese
  - Cookies
  - Crackers
  - Animal Food
  - Citrus Pulp
  - Spent Grain
  - Chocolate
  - Potatoes Powder/Granules
  - Beet Pulp
  - Sugar

- **Tobacco**
  - Bright/Burley
  - Turkish
  - Cut Lamina
  - Stems
  - Leaf
  - Reconstituted
  - Chewing Tobacco
  - Cigar
  - Filler
  - Snuff
  - Cased Tobacco
  - CRS
  - Expanded

- **Wood Products**
  - Medium Density Fiberboard (MDF)
  - Oriented Strandboard (OSB)
  - Particleboard
  - Fiberboard
  - Hardboard
  - Flakeboard
  - Wood Shavings
  - Raw Material
  - Hog Fuel
  - Bark
  - Resin
  - Coating Measurement

- **Paper Processing**
  - Paper
  - Converting
  - Coating
  - ReMoisturizing
  - Corrugating Control
  - Pressure Sensitive
  - Coatings
  - Hot Melts
  - Wax Coatings
  - Plastic Film Thickness
  - Carbonless
  - Coatings

- **Chemicals**
  - Fertilizers
  - Detergents
  - Soap Powder/Flakes
  - Minerals
  - Ceramics
  - Crumb Rubber
  - PVB Sheet
  - Laminated Glass
  - PVC
  - Cellulose
  - Acetate
  - Bauxite
  - Plastic Chips/Powders
  - Iron Ore
  - Cement
  - Foundry
  - Sand
  - Fiber Glass
  - Chalk

- **Pharmaceuticals**
  - Powders
  - Pellets
  - Tablets
  - Vacuum Dryers
  - Spray Dryers
**Management Software**

MoistTech has designed a high-tech Windows™ program to configure and monitor the IR-3000 series gauge. With this program you can view and adjust calibrations, parameters and diagnostics. With digital displays and graphs the MoistTech Software program is easy to use and can be operated on any PC and/or laptop computer. While this software provides basic sensor monitoring and logging, communications protocol is provided to users to facilitate communication with more sophisticated HMI’s such as Wonderware® and Intellution® products.

**Benefits**

*Enhanced product quality*
Allows immediate production line adjustments to improve product quality and consistency

*Improved performance*
Allows 100% monitoring of the production process

*Reduced “out of specifications product” with 100% inspections*
Production line start-up time reduced to a minimum resulting in more in-spec product

*Reduced energy usage*
The drying process can be finally controlled resulting in a reduction in energy consumption

*Production Line Integration*
Allows multiple sensors to communicate with plant process computers for real time measurement and control

*Low Cost Per Sensing Point*
The IR-3000 series is substantially lower in cost than any current sensor on the market

**Options**

- **PDA**
- **Operator Interface Module**
- **LED/LCD Digital Displays**
- **Snorkel Sampler**
- **Water Cooling Panel**
- **Sample Hold**
- **Vortec Air Cooling Panel**
- **Non-Contact Product Temperature Sensor**
- **Sensor Window Air Purge**
- **Optical Window**
- **Calibration Check Standards**
- **Stainless Steel/Electro Nickel Enclosures**
**Stand-Alone Configuration**

The sensor can be installed with a PC or Touch Screen Operator Interface. A PDA is programmed to remotely monitor and adjust parameters. LED or LCD Digital Displays can also be used in conjunction with each sensor.

**Multi-Sensor Configuration**

Multi-sensors can be connected to a PC and management software is available to record each location for data on process monitoring and instrument performance. Each sensor can also be controlled with LED or LCD Digital Displays, Touch Screen Operator Interfaces as well as PDAs.

### Specifications

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<th>Parameter</th>
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<tr>
<td>Moisture Ranges</td>
<td>0 – 0.1, 0 – 100%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Accuracy</td>
<td>± 0.01%</td>
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<td>Repeatability</td>
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<td>Optical Measurement Distance</td>
<td>5.0 – 15.0‰ (125 – 375mm)</td>
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<td>Weight</td>
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<td>Operating Temperature</td>
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<td>Ambient Light Sensitivity</td>
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<td>Systems Output</td>
<td>All analog and all digital I/O are isolated to meet UL, CSA and CE requirements. The sensor is completely self-contained for stand-alone operation and does not require a dedicated process/display unit.</td>
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Sensor may be programmed from:

a) PDA using wireless IR interface (IRDA) or using isolated RS232/422/485 communications
b) PC using isolated RS232/422/485 communications

Communications:

a) Three isolated 4–20mA analog outputs
b) RS232/422/485
c) Local Area Network Protocols include: Ethernet, DeviceNet, Profibus, Modbus, Canbus, Fieldbus and TCP/IP

*Above specifications are subject to application.*