

Digital UV SENSOR “DIGIPROBE”

High resolution UV measurement in a wide dynamic range



Digiprobe in a UV-Surface housing

The Digiprobe is a digital UV Sensor for high resolution radiation measurement in a wide dynamic range. It is used for high precision measurements and universal use at varying radiation levels. It allows precise measurement of UV power over a range of 5 decades, from 10nW/cm² to an intensity of 1mW/cm² with a resolution of 10nW/cm². A temperature sensor is integrated in the sensorhead, providing a numerical temperature compensation of the irradiation measurement value.

The detector signal is digitalized directly at the measuring point to minimize electro-magnetic disturbances. A shield includes the housing and cable and provides excellent EMI resistance. The sensor delivers a CAN signal for integration into CAN bus networks and allows parallel operation of up to 254 sensors. A „Digibox“ CAN to USB converter is provided with each Digiprobe. Up to ten sensors can be connected to this CAN to USB converter box to transfer the measurement data to a PC.

The easy to use software „DigiLog“ displays the data and the trend of intensity and temperature with time. The software can be used for changes of measurement and calibration parameters. All calibration dates and sensor information are stored in the sensorhead.

The detectors for UV measurement base upon a radiation hard Silicon Carbide (SiC) UV photodiode with long term stability and a visible blindness above 10¹⁰ (ratio of UV to Vis-IR sensitivity).

The Digiprobe can be used for high precision UV measurements in laboratories as well as in industrial applications where varying measurements within a wide dynamic range are demanded.

Feature Overview

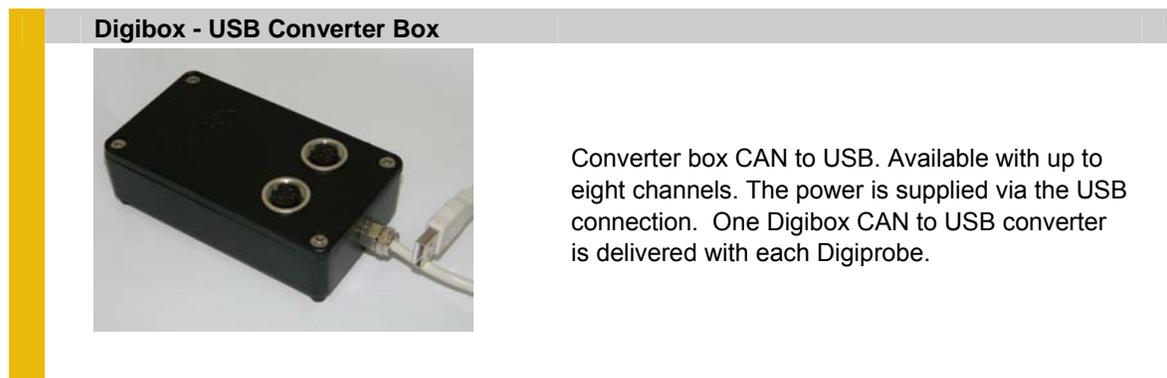
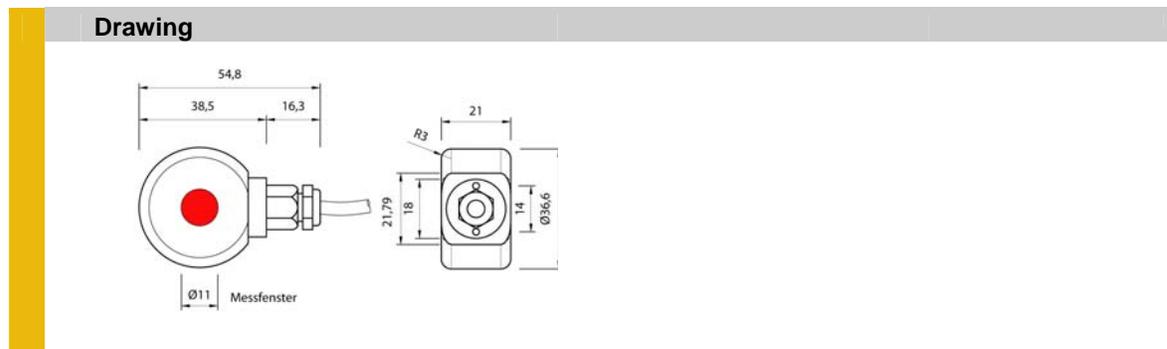
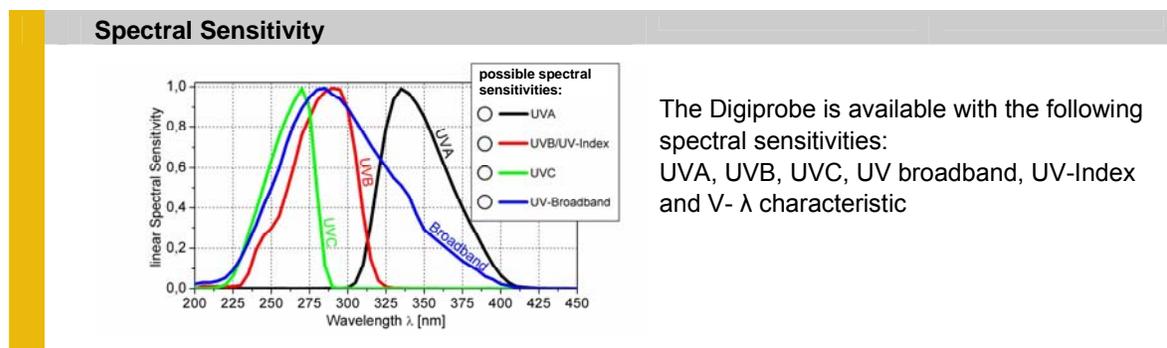
Measurement	Wide dynamic range, high resolution, temperature measurement, temperature compensation, radiation hard Silicon Carbide (SiC) detector, spectral sensitivity: UV broadband, UVA, UVB, UVC, UV-Index (or V-λ with Si photodiode)
Software	DigiLog, multi-channel trends, calibration function, data logging
Output	CAN bus signal
Accessories	Digibox for conversion of output into a USB signal

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Specifications	Wert	Einheit
Data interface	CAN/USB	-
degree of protection	IP67	-
Operation temperature	-40...+80	°C
storage temperature	-40... +85	°C
power supply	4,5...20	V _{DC}
power consumption (24V)	25	mA
weight	0,16	kg
max. measurement rate irradiation	13,75	Hz
max. measurement rate temperature	13,75	Hz



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Software

The provided software “DigiLog” is an easy to use tool for displaying and logging of irradiation and temperature data. The measurements and the data presentation can be customized and the output data is logged in a file.

The irradiation is displayed in the upper graphic window and the temperature is shown below. In the left command column, the user can change various settings for the presentation and the logging. All functions are described in the following passage.

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Software Functions in Detail

CAN Interface

USB2CAN

CAN speed

125 kbps (default)

Interface

Index: 0

USB Buffer state

CAN Status

Node Number: 0

Delay: 25

STOP

Logfile

File Cache: 1000

Latest Measurement

0,00000E+0

s/s: 0,00 Plot 0

Time: H.MM

Photo Current: V.VV

Display last: 5000 values

← Choice of interface

← Transfer rate

← Name of the active interface. If connected to multiple Digibox interfaces, a selection is shown at the program start.

← Index, if started at “0”, this index equals to the number of passed measurements; can be increased for catenation of measurement dates.

← Before the data transfer is done, a date pack (configurable under “Delay”) is buffered. This bar shows the relative buffer status.

← State of the Digibox
green=connected; red=disconnected

← Number of the used node (measurement channel)

← Amount of buffered data (see above.)

← Button to start or end the measurement

← File, in which the logging dates are written. Please type in the desired file before starting the measurement. It can be written into an already existing file.

← The file cache shows the frequency in which the file is opened and written on.

← The number of data before writing into the file can be set here.

← Error display at data transfer

← Display of the actual measurement value

← Settings of the format of time and measurement value, setting of axis labels and display frequency

← The same settings are possible for the temperature measurement

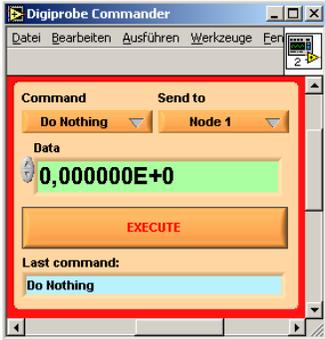
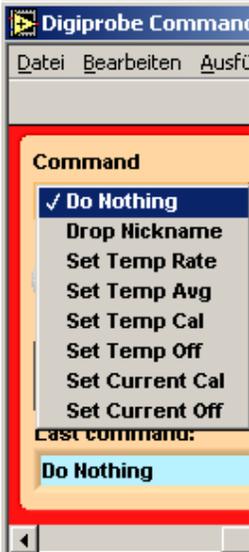
← Amount of displayed values

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Software – Command Window

In the command window all basic settings like changing of calibration values are done.

Caution: values are changed permanently. Preset calibration values will get lost!

procedure:

1. Chose command
2. Chose node (measurement channel), which should receive the command.
3. Setting of new value (if applicable: note preset value)
4. click “execute”

At the Command drop-down menu the following choices can be done:

- No action
- New node name¹⁾
- Measurement rate temperature²⁾
- Averaging, currently without function
- Calibration temperature sensor
- Offset calibration of temperature sensor
- Calibration irradiation sensor³⁾
- Offset calibration of irradiation sensor

¹⁾ The default node name can be changed here. This may be necessary if conflicts occur caused by multiple remitted names.

²⁾ This measurement rate is chosen in relation to the measurement rate of the irradiation, which is measured constantly with 13,75Hz. Irradiation and temperature are measured after another.
That means:
1=measurement with 13,75Hz
2=measurement after each 2nd irradiation measurement
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³⁾ Calibration of irradiation:

- 1- set calibration value to 1, set offset to 0,
- 2- dark measurement, determine offset
- 3- balance offset
- 4- determine calibration value
- 5- set calibration value