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# **Wireless PM 2.5 Air Quality Sensors**

## **General Description**

The ALTA wireless PM2.5 sensor measures PM1, PM2.5 and PM10 concentrations in the air and transmits the measurement to iMonnit.

Measurement range:

- PM1: 0.3 to 1.0 um - PM2.5: 1.0 to 2.5 um - PM10: 2.5 to 10 um

## **Principle of Operation**

The PM2.5 sensor works by turning on a small fan at the beginning of a measurement cycle to bring in a volume of ambient air and measuring the particulate matter (PM) content of that sample volume. The sensor measures PM content using a laser that scatters based on the number and size of particles suspended in the air. It is important to keep the inlet ports of the sensor clear to ensure proper readings.

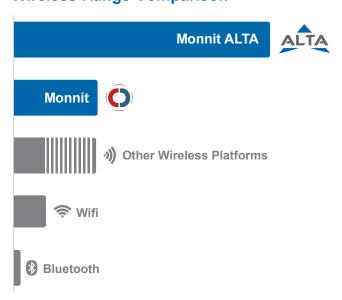
## **Example Applications**

- · Building/Room Air Quality
- Pollution Sensing
- Mines and Quarries
- Cement Factories
- Construction/Demolition Sites
- Petrochemicals
- Agricultural/Waste
- · Many additional applications

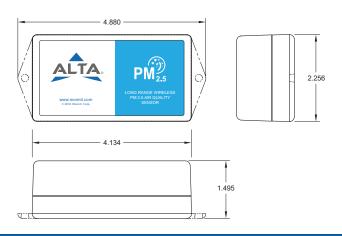
#### **Features of Monnit ALTA Sensors**

- Wireless range of 1,200+ feet through 12+ walls \*
- Frequency-Hopping Spread Spectrum (FHSS)
- Improved interference immunity
- Improved power management for longer battery life \*\* (12+ years on AA batteries)
- Encrypt-RF® Security (Diffie-Hellman Key Exchange + AES-128 CBC for sensor data messages)
- Onboard data memory stores up to 512 readings per sensor:
  - 10-minute heartbeats = 3.5 days
  - 2-hour heartbeats = 42 days
- · Over-the-air updates (future proof)
- Free iMonnit basic online wireless sensor monitoring and notification system to configure sensors, view data and set alerts via SMS text and email
- \* Actual range may vary depending on environment.
- \*\* Battery life is determined by sensor reporting frequency and other variables. Other power options are also available.

## **Wireless Range Comparison**







| ALTA PM 2.5 Air Quality Sensor   Technical Specifications |  |
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| Supply voltage  | 2.0–3.8 VDC (3.0–3.8 VDC using power supply) *   |
| Current consumption                                       | 0.2 μA (sleep mode), 0.7 μA (RTC sleep), 570 μA (MCU idle), 2.5 mA (MCU active), 5.5 mA (radio RX mode), 22.6 mA (radio TX mode)   |
| Operating temperature range (commercial version) **       | -18°C to 55°C (0°F to 130°F) with Alkaline Batteries<br>-40°C to 85°C (-40°F to 185°F) with Lithium Battery  |
| Operating temperature range (industrial version) **       | -40°C to 85°C (-40°F to +185°F) with Industrial Battery  |
| Measurement sensitivity                                   | PM1: 0.3 to 1.0 um<br>PM2.5: 1.0 to 2.5 um<br>PM10: 2.5 to 10 um   |
| Counting efficiency                                       | 50% @ 0.3 um, 98% @ >= 0.5 um  |
| Effective range   | 0 to 500 ug/m^3  |
| Maximum range   | 0 to 1000 ug/m^3   |
| Maximum consistency error                                 | +/- 10% @ 100 to 500 g/m^3<br>+/- 10 ug/m^3 @ 0 to 100 ug/m^3  |
| Response time   | ~10 Seconds***   |
| Active current  | ~180 mA @ 3.3 battery voltage, ~0.6 W overall  |
| Operating temperature                                     | -10 to 60 C  |
| Operating humidity  | 0 to 99%   |
| Storage temperature                                       | -40 to 80 C  |
| Mean time to failure                                      | >= 3 Years   |
| Integrated memory   | Up to 512 sensor messages  |
| Wireless range  | 1,200+ ft non-line-of-sight  |
| Wireless operation  | 900 MHz—Frequency-Hopping Spread Spectrum<br>868 MHz and 433 MHz—Frequency-Agile Wireless  |
| Security  | Encrypt-RF® (256-bit key exchange and AES-128 CTR)   |
| Weight  | 3.7 ounces   |
| Certifications Industry Canada                            | 900 MHz product; FCC ID: ZTL-G2SC1 and IC: 9794A-G2SC1. 868 and 433 MHz product tested and found to comply with: EN 300 220-2 V3.1.1 (2017-02), EN 300 220-2 V3.1.1 (2017-02) and EN 60950 |

- \* Hardware cannot withstand negative voltage. Please take care when connecting a power device.
- \*\* At temperatures above 100°C, it is possible for the board circuitry to lose programmed memory.
- \*\*\* Response time may vary with stability threshold setting and PM concentration. Increasing the stability threshold will improve response time but reduce stability and accuracy of readings. With higher PM concentrations the sensor will acquire stable readings more quickly.

### **Installation Note**

Install the sensor with the intake slits pointing down to prevent accumulation of dust and or moisture in the sensing element housing. Ensure that the intake slit is open to the ambient air without any obstructions within 1 inch from the slits.

#### **Commercial Grade Sensors**

Monnit commercial grade sensors are designed for applications in ordinary environments (normal room temperature, humidity and atmospheric pressure). Do not use these sensors under the following conditions as these factors can deteriorate the product characteristics and cause failures and burn-out.

- Corrosive gas or deoxidizing gas: chlorine gas, hydrogen sulfide gas, ammonia gas, sulfuric acid gas, nitric oxides gas, etc.
- · Volatile or flammable gas
- · Dusty conditions
- · Low-pressure or high-pressure environments
- · Wet or excessively humid locations
- · Places with salt water, oils chemical liquids or organic solvents
- · Where there are excessively strong vibrations
- · Other places where similar hazardous conditions exist

Use these products within the specified temperature range. Higher temperature may cause deterioration of the characteristics or the material quality.



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