

SMARTS II Area Monitors

Narda wideband area monitor

The SMARTS II area monitors provide continuous detection of RF radiation within a specific area. The SMARTS II uses wideband sensor technology. The result is an area monitor that covers most of the usable RF spectrum in a single monitor with shaped frequency response that matches the safety standard used to determine compliance. The dual sensor design detects all types of electromagnetic fields from 400 MHz to 100 GHz. The microwave portion of the sensor employs thermocouple detectors so that radar signals are accurately converted to true RMS values while the diode design used for the lower frequencies provides RMS detection even in very complex, multi-signal environments. SMARTS II monitors respond equally to all polarizations and cover almost a hemisphere.

- › Wideband SMARTS II area monitors
- › 400 MHz to 100 GHz in a single monitor
- › Shaped frequency response matched to your safety standard
- › Continuous, automatic monitoring – no operator required
- › Audible, visual, and remote alarms
- › Recorder output
- › Battery or low voltage DC operation
- › Adjustable alarm threshold



Description

The SMARTS II detects all types of electromagnetic fields from 400 MHz to 100 GHz. The monitor uses a dual sensor design. The microwave portion of each sensor employs thermocouple detectors so that radar signals are accurately converted to true RMS values while the diode design used for the lower frequencies provides RMS detection even in very complex, multi-signal environments. The output of the high frequency sensors is combined and fed to a low-noise amplifier circuit. Similarly, the output of the low frequency sensors is combined and fed to another low-noise amplifier.

The output of these two amplifier circuits is scaled in terms of percent of the respective safety standard. The sum of these two amplifier levels is used to determine whether the monitor is above or below the alarm threshold that has been selected by the user. SMARTS II monitors respond equally to all polarizations and cover almost a hemisphere.

The SMARTS II operates from a 9-volt lithium Ultralife battery (U9VL) or a +12 V to +24 V DC supply. Every monitor has an audible and visual alarm indication. An alarm condition causes both a voltage transition to occur and, in the case of DC supply operation, a SPDT relay to operate. Either the voltage transition (+4 V/-4 V) signal or the relay contacts can be used to provide remote alarms, a record of alarm conditions, and/or automatic shutoff of equipment.

There is a SMARTS II model shaped to match most of the major safety standards:

- › FCC 1997 Occupational/Controlled
- › ICNIRP 1998 Occupational
- › IEEE C95.1-2019 Restricted Environments

Applications

The SMARTS II performs measurements for human safety purposes, particularly in workplace environments where high electric or magnetic field strengths are likely.

The SMARTS II is an area monitor that can be installed on ceilings and walls, with automatic frequency response evaluation according to a selected safety standard. SMARTS II emits warning sounds if user settable thresholds are exceeded. SMARTS II is ideal for security installations in aircraft hangars or military facilities, thanks to its frequency range from 400 MHz to 100 GHz and measurement range of up to 3000% of the limit value of the chosen safety standard.

Operation

SMARTS II monitors operate like common household smoke detectors. When operating normally, the alarm LED flashes approximately every 40 seconds. If operating under battery power and the battery needs replacement, a “chirp” accompanies the LED flash. The SMARTS II goes into alarm mode if the battery drops below a critical level.

A continuous audible alarm and a LED flash every second occurs when the SMARTS II detects RF radiation at its preset level or higher. Both an electronic signal and, in the case of DC supply operation, a relay closure are provided during alarm conditions. Either of these indications can be used to activate various user-supplied remote circuitry and systems.

Operation can be verified at any time by depressing the TEST button that activates a full-system test. For battery operation that means an audible and visual alarm and an electronic signal and, at DC supply operation an additional relay activation.

The ENABLE input can be used in situations where the standard operating procedure produces RF field levels in excess of the threshold and exposure to people is possible (e.g., in an anechoic chamber or on the deck of a ship). The ENABLE input can be tied to a motion sensor or an interlock switch. Under these conditions, the SMARTS II activates its alarms only when two conditions are satisfied: (1) high levels of RF are present *and* (2) motion is detected or a door is open.

The alarm threshold is field adjustable from 10% of standard to 50% of standard. The user can easily switch from battery operation to an external, low voltage DC supply.



Fig. 1. SMARTS II on ceiling

Definitions and conditions

Conditions

Unless otherwise noted, specifications apply after 30 minutes warm-up time within the specified environmental conditions.

Specifications with limits

These describe product performance for the given parameter covered by warranty. Specifications with limits (shown as $<$, \leq , $>$, \geq , \pm , max., min.) apply under the given conditions for the product and are tested during production, considering measurement uncertainty.

Specifications without limits

These describe product performance for the given parameter covered by warranty. Specifications without limits represent values with negligible deviations, which are ensured by design (e.g. dimensions or resolution of a setting parameter).

Typical values (typ.)

These characterize product performance for the given parameter that is not covered by warranty. When stated as a range or as a limit (shown as $<$, \leq , $>$, \geq , \pm , max., min.), they represent the performance met by approximately 80% of the instruments. Otherwise, they represent the mean value. The measurement uncertainty is not taken into account.

Nominal values (nom.)

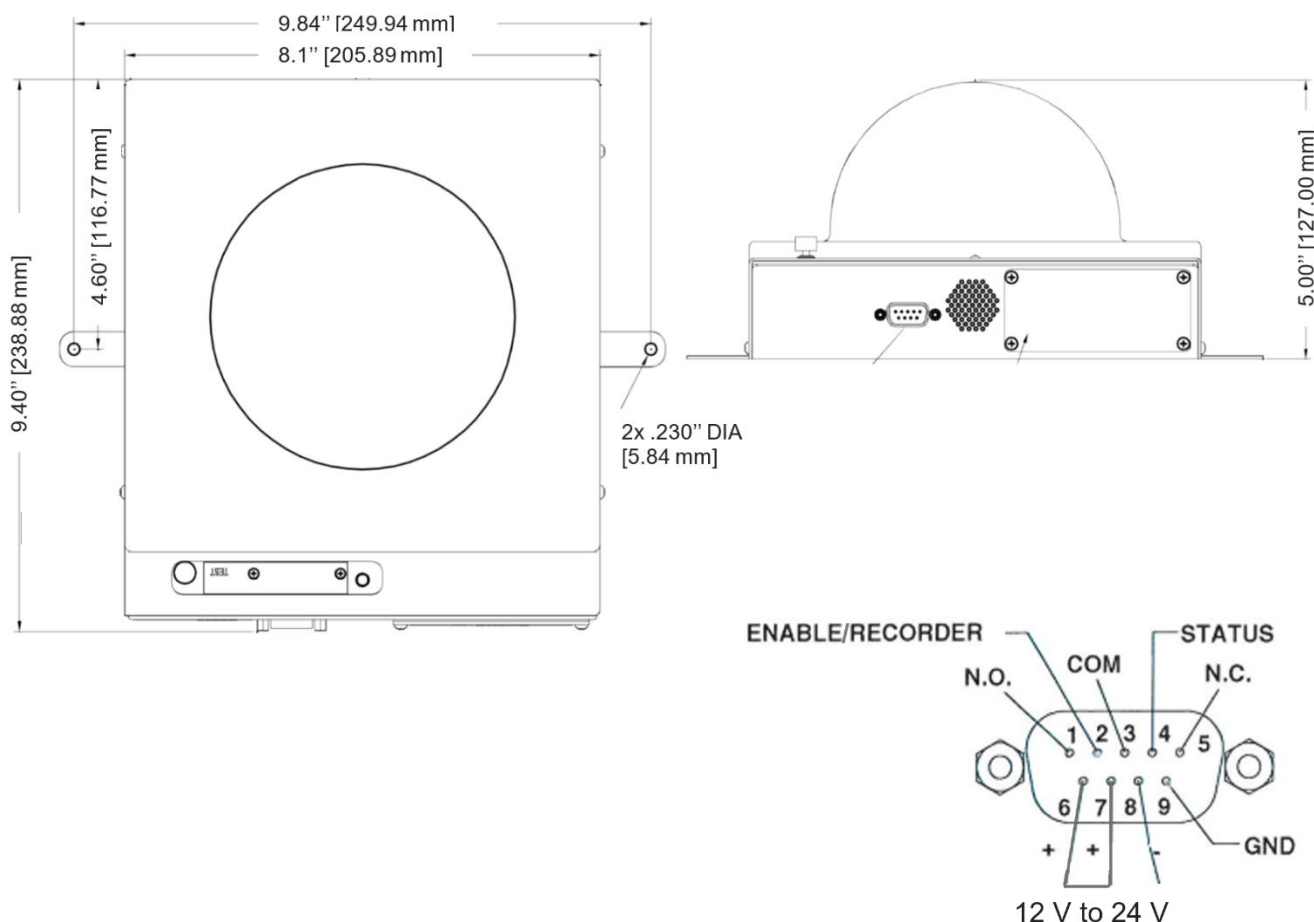
These characterize expected product performance for the given parameter that is not covered by warranty. Nominal values are verified during product development but are not tested during production.

Uncertainties

These characterize the dispersion of the values attributed to the measurands with an estimated confidence level of approximately 95%. Uncertainty is stated as the standard uncertainty multiplied by the coverage factor $k=2$ based on the normal distribution. The evaluation has been carried out in accordance with the rules of the "Guide to the Expression of Uncertainty in Measurement" (GUM).

Outline drawing

SMARTS II



Specifications

Monitor Specifications

Parameter		Specification
Frequency Range (nom.)		400 MHz to 100 GHz
Field Measured		Electric Field
Sensor Design		Diode and Thermocouple array
Frequency Sensitivity		+6.0 / -3.0 dB (400 MHz to 2.3 GHz) +4.5 / -2.5 dB (2.3 to 30 GHz) +2.5 / -6.0 dB (30 to 50 GHz) +2.5 / -6.0 dB (50 to 100 GHz, nom.)
Alarm Threshold		10%, 25%, 35%, or 50% of Standard ^a
Alarm Indications		Audio, LED
Maximum CW Power Density		3000% of Standard
Maximum Peak Power Density		32 dB above Standard
STATUS signal (nom.)	Levels	-4 V standby, +4 V alarm
	Load Impedance, min.	100 k Ω
Status Relay (for external power operation only)	Type	SPDT Reed Relay
	Power rating	3 W @ 250 mA, 28 V
Recorder	Output Level (nom.)	-1 V (full scale) (start of alarm output @ -900 mV)
	Load Impedance, min.	100 k Ω
Accessories Supplied		Connector -- D-SUB, Backshell -- D-SUB, Battery, Operating Manual, Test Report

General Specifications

Parameter		Specification
Recommended Functional Test Interval		2 years
Battery Type		Ultralife U9VL volt lithium
External Power Requirements ^{b, c}		12 V to 24 V, 50 mA
Temperature	Operating	-10°C to +55°C
	Non-operating	-20°C to +55°C
Dimensions (H x W x D)		127 mm x 206 mm x 239 mm (5.0" x 8.1" x 9.4")
Weight (approximate)		0.74 kg / 1.6 lb
Color		White
Country of Origin		Germany

^a Determined by DIP switch setting inside battery compartment. There is an additional 1 dB uncertainty in the alarm threshold when the SMARTS II is set to 10% of Standard.

^b A switch inside the battery compartment determines whether the battery or an external supply powers the monitor.

^c The external power supply must be floating (not grounded).

Ordering information

SMARTS II area monitor sets	Part number
SMARTS II Set, FCC 1997 Occupational/Controlled	2688/101
SMARTS II Set, ICNIRP 1998 Occupational	2688/104
SMARTS II Set, IEEE C95.1-2019 Restricted environm.	2688/105
Each set includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> › Battery, 9.0V Lithium (2688/90.01) › Connector -- D-SUB (2688/90.02) › Backshell -- D-SUB (2688/90.03) › Operating Manual in English (2688/98.21) › Test Report (FCT2688 Functional Test) 	

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