

LUMINA™ VOD Turbidity Optical Sensor

SATRON VOD Turbidity and solids sensor for Food and Biopharma

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The SATRON VOD is a hygienically approved optical sensor that operates on the absorption principle using advanced LED technology. It measures light absorption in direct correlation with the clarity of the process medium, making it an ideal solution for applications such as reverse osmosis (RO) outlets, condensate recovery, whey turbidity in separator discharge lines and ultrafiltration processes.

Designed for high-performance and reliability, VOD enables significant process optimization and cost savings in industries requiring precise turbidity monitoring.

The sensor features a fully flush, flat front design for easy cleaning and optimal hygiene. It supports both analog (4-20 mA) and digital communication via the HART® protocol.



Pipe to be ordered separately

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

Measuring range

O...1 500 NTU equivalent on 1.5" pipe O...1 000 NTU equivalent on 2" pipe O...200 NTU equivalent on 3" pipe O...50 NTU equivalent on 4" pipe

Calibration

The sensor is factory calibrated at 4mA = water, 20mA = full absorption, 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

O...50 NTU O.2% O....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: -5 to +100 °C

(120 °C for 10min)

Process H type: -5 to +120 °C Shipping and storage: -40 to +80 °C

Output

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

CONSTRUCTION

Materials:

Sensing element. AlSI316L, Duplex (EN. 1.4462), Hast. C276/C22, or Titanium Gr2. Surface quality: Ra <0.8 µm
Lens: Sapphire or Spinel ceramic
Cable material of detector probe: PVC
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 cable 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

 $\begin{array}{lll} \text{Current output1} & \text{Turbidity active} \\ \text{Range (Namur NE O43)} & 3.5...23 \text{ mA} \\ \text{Maximum load} & 600 \ \Omega \\ \text{Factory setting} & 3.7...22.5 \text{ mA*} \end{array}$

Switch outputs

Housing **N**: 1 output²⁾
Housing **L**: 3 outputs

Solid state relay, grounding contact Maximum voltage 35 V Maximum current 50 mA Maximum leakage current 10 μA

Switch inputs

Housing N: 1 input²⁾
Housing L: 3 inputs

NC (no connection) OFF O...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
Range 3.5...23 mA
Factory setting 4...20 mA
Maximum isolation voltage 100 VDC

Process connections

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Protection class

IP66, IP67

See Selection chart.

Weight

Housing without **(H):**1.0 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®-communication 250 Ω

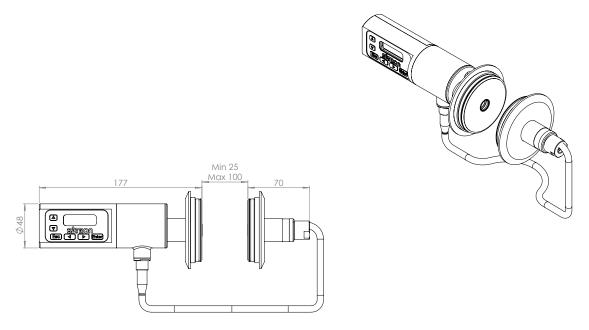


¹⁾Parts in contact with the process medium are FDA compliant.

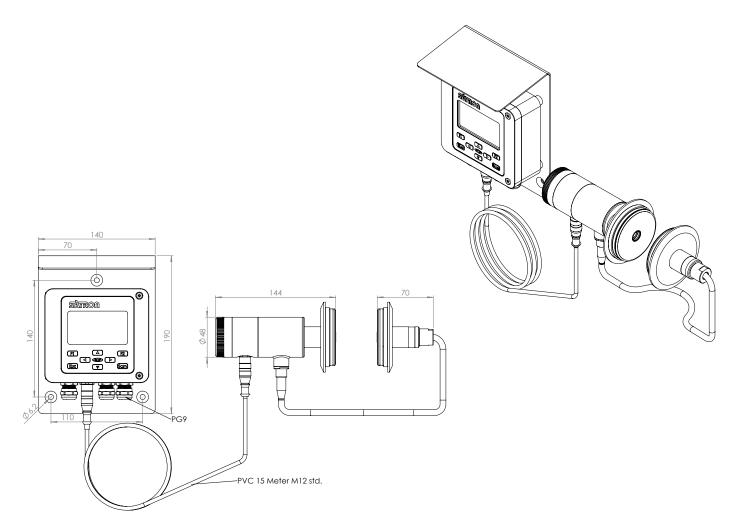
²⁾ Either 1 output or 1 input.



Dimensions and Housing Types VOD (mm)

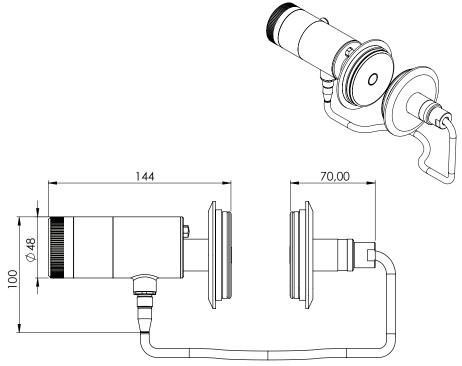


VOD with display and pushbuttons (N housing)



VOD with remote electronics housing with display (L housing)



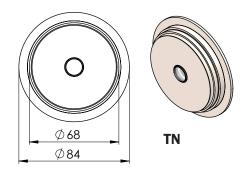


VOD with no display (H-housing)

Process connection details

The Satron VOD is equiped with a VARINLINE process connection TYPE N.

Several pipe diameters are commercially available. Change of pipe diameter will require a recalibration of the sensor.

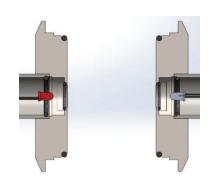


VOD measurement principle

The SATRON VOD sensor utilizes the absorption-based turbidity measurement method, employing high-performance, LED light sources (see selection chart). In this configuration, the LED emitter (shown in red) transmits a focused beam of light through the process medium. The transmitted light is then received by a precision photodetector (shown in grey) positioned on the opposite side of the optical path.

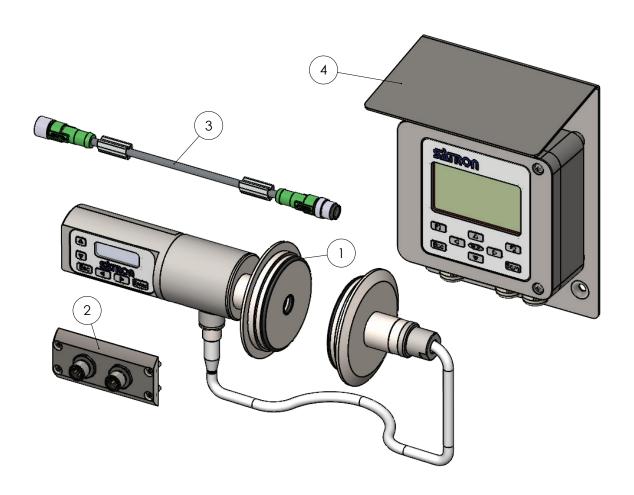
As turbidity increases, suspended particles in the medium cause more light to be absorbed and scattered, resulting in a lower intensity of light reaching the photodetector. This decrease in detected light is used to determine the turbidity level in real time.

SATRON employs industrial-grade optical components in the VOD sensor design. The integrated LEDs and photodetectors are selected for their long-term stability and robustness, with typical lifespans exceeding 20 years under normal operating conditions.





Spare-parts VOD



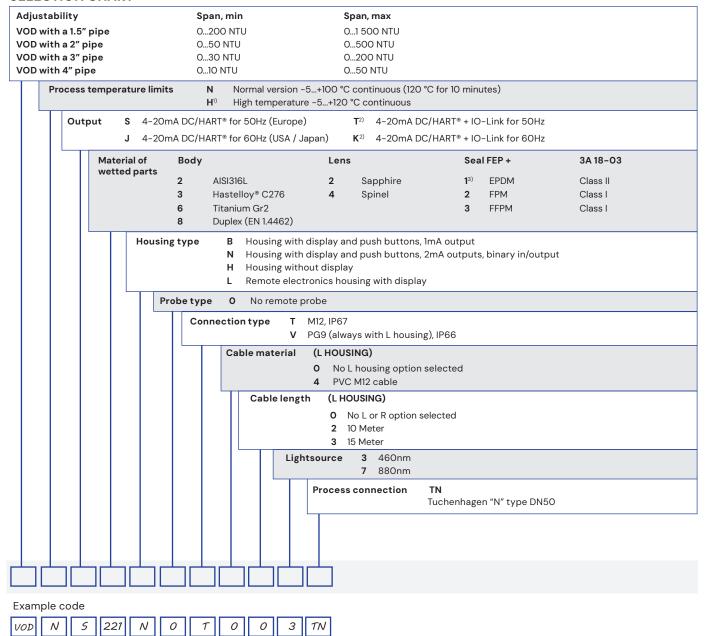
No.	Part name	Order code	Note
1	O-ring EPDM	80036203	3A 18-03 Class II (Do not exceed above 8% fat content)
1	O-ring FPM	80016203	3A 18-03 Class I
1	O-ring FFPM	80046203	3A 18-03 Class I
2	Plug cover M12* N-housing	T1370011	
2	Plug cover M12* B-housing	T1370012	
3	L-Housing data cable 10m PVC*	70000600	
3	L-Housing data cable 15m PVC*	70000601	
4	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



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

MC3-3A Raw material certificate for wetted parts, in accordance with SFS-EN 10204-3.1 B (DIN 50049-3.1 B) standard + 3A approval

- 1) 3A approval in combination only with FFPM
- 2) IO-link only with N housing type
- 3) Do not exceed above 8% fat content process media

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