

ABB monitoring and communications VSN800 Weather Station



The VSN800 Weather Station automatically monitors site meteorological conditions and photovoltaic panel temperature in real-time, transmitting sensor measurements to the Aurora Vision® Plant Management Platform.

The VSN800 contains the essential environmental sensor set needed for solar monitoring.

The expanded sensor set enables plant management across a broad range of plant sizes.

VSN800 is a companion to the VSN700 Data Logger, the VSN730 System Monitor, or the VSN750 Plant Manager where it is fully compatible and integrates seamlessly with the Aurora Vision® Plant Management Platform.

Shipped preconfigured and ready for installation requiring no special tools

The VSN800 Weather Station is delivered ready for installation and when used requires the installer to

mechanically mount the modules on a user-supplied mast, connect power and communication, and initialize the automatic system commissioning process from the VSN700. No special software, or on-site calibration is required.

The all-in-one weather station reduces the installation, support and maintenance cost as well as improves the robustness and manageability of the PV plant monitoring solution.

The basic sensor set provides data needed to calculate a performance ratio allowing a plant operator to track solar array performance against expected energy production

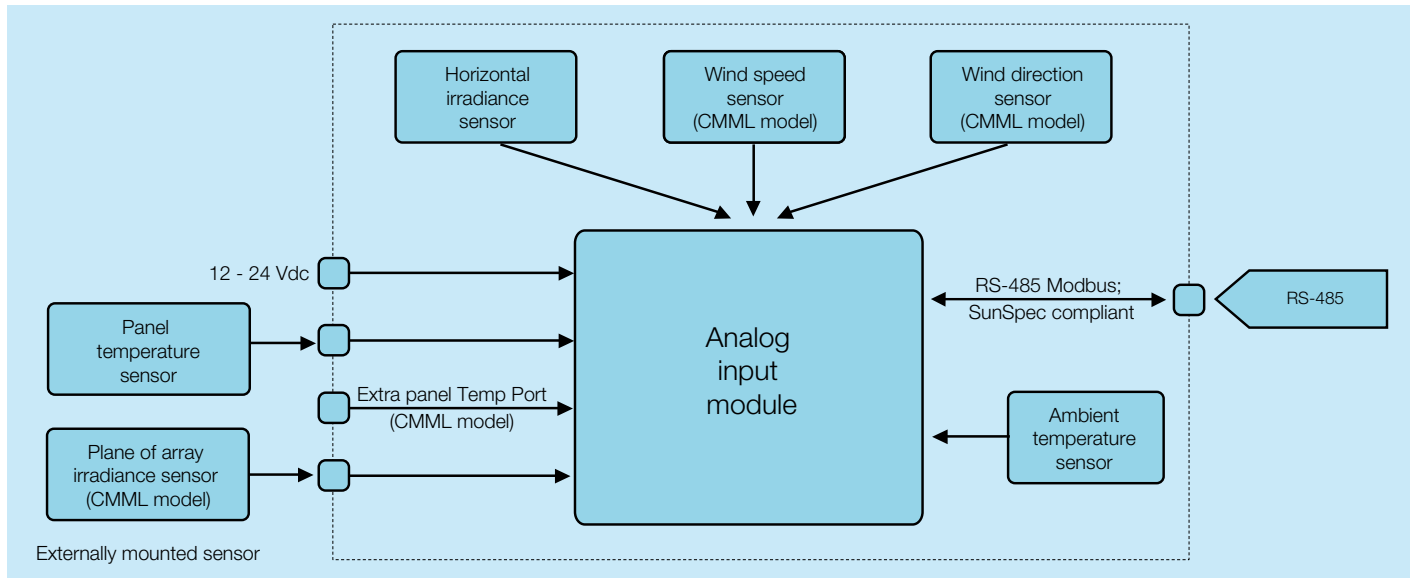
The advanced sensor set improves monitoring of weather conditions that can effect energy production. The extra irradiance sensor for mounting at the plane of the array allows more accurate measurement of irradiance that is incident in the plane of the solar panels.

Wind speed and direction sensor gives the operator information about how the wind may be cooling the panels and some indication of how much dust may be accumulating on the panels.

Highlights

- Two models offered for basic and advanced sensor sets
- VSN800-12 includes a basic sensor set: ambient temperature, solar irradiance, and back of module temperature
- VSN800-14 includes a additional advanced sensors: plane of array irradiance and wind direction and speed
- Sensors, data acquisition unit, and RS-485 communication all in a single unit

Block diagram of VSN800 Weather Station



Technical data and types

Type code	VSN800 Weather Station	
	VSN800-12	VSN800-14
Sensors		
Ambient temperature	Range -40°F to 176°F (-40°C to 80°C) Accuracy +/- 0.54°F (0.3°C)	
PV panel temperature	Range -40°F to 176°F (-40°C to 80°C) Accuracy +/- 0.54°F (0.3°C) Cable length 25 ft (7.62 m)	
Solar radiation	Range 0 to 1750 W/m2 Accuracy +/- 5%	
Number of radiation sensors	1 horizontal	1 horizontal, 1 plane of array
Wind direction	N/A	Range 360 degrees Accuracy +/- 22.5° Threshold 2 MPH (0.89 m/s) Temp range -40°F to 140°F (-40°C to 60°C)
Windspeed	N/A	Range 0 to 150 MPH (0 to 67 m/s) Accuracy is Greater of 1 mph (0.45 m/s) or 5% Threshold 2 MPH (0.89 m/s) Temp range -40°F to 140°F (-40°C to 60°C)
Communication		
Serial port	RS-485 2 wire, modbus RTU, SunSpec compliant	
Terminal block	#22 - #18 AWG	
Recommended cable	Belden #1120A or equivalent	
Power supply		
DC power supply input	10-30 VDC, 50mA	
Terminal block	Accepts AWG #22 - #18	
Compliance		
EMC	FCC Part 15, Subpart B; ICES-003; EN 61326-1:2006; Emission class B, Immunity is class A	
Enclosure	UL 94 V-2, ROHS compliant, IP65	
Humidity	0 to 100% Condensing	
Physical parameters		
Dimensions H x W x D	20.9" x 5.1" x 4.7" (0.53 m x 0.13 m x 0.12 m)	24.8" x 9.8" x 13" (0.63 m x 0.25 m x 0.33 m)
Weight	1.75 lbs (0.8 kg)	7 lbs (3.2 kg)
Ambient temperature range	-13°F to 131°F (-25°C to 55°C)	
Mounting	Pole or tripod	

Remark. Features not specifically listed in the present data sheet are not included in the product

Support and service

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