

Aviation Standard WindObserver™

Ultrasonic Anemometer



Key Features

- FAA & CAA Accepted*
- High heating power 7A @24VAC or DC (1W/cm²)
- Wind speed range 0-70m/s
- 0-359° wind direction range (no dead band)
- Calibration traceable to NAMAS standards
- Stainless steel construction
- Free data logging software

The Aviation Standard WindObserver is a solid state, heated ultrasonic anemometer designed for use within the aviation industry. The sensor has been accepted for service by both the FAA Federal Aviation Administration (USA) and the CAA Civil Aviation Authority (UK) for the observation and reporting of surface wind. This WindObserver meets the requirements of Annex 3 to the Convention on International Civil Aviation (ICAO) when supplied as part of a suitable AWOS*.

With 150 Watts of electrical heating in the anemometer head producing 1 Watt/cm² and tested in accordance with MILSTD810F, the unit is particularly suited to operate as part of Aviation Automatic Weather Observing Systems, which are often exposed to extreme weather conditions. Manufactured from IP66 rated stainless steel with no moving parts the sensor requires no on-site calibration and minimal maintenance.

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Wind Speed

Range	0 - 70 m/s (0-156mph)
Starting threshold	0.01 m/s
Accuracy	±2% @12 m/s
Resolution	0.01 m/s
Offset	±0.01 m/s

Direction

Range	0 - 359°
Dead band direction	None
Accuracy	±2° @12 m/s
Resolution	1°

Measurement

Ultrasonic output rate	1 - 4Hz
Parameters	UV, Polar, NMEA
Units	m/s, knots, mph, kph, ft/min
Averaging	Flexible 1-3600 seconds

Power Requirement

Anemometer only	20 - 30 VDC (60mA max, 50mA average)
Heating	Max 7A @24 VAC or DC

Digital Output

Communication (Operat'n)	RS422/RS485 full duplex/half duplex
Baud Rates	1200, 2400, 4800, 9600, 19200, 38400
Formats	8 bit data; odd, even or no parity
Anemometer status	Supplied as part of standard message

Mechanical

External construction	Stainless steel 316
Size	426mm x 213mm
Weight	1.9kg (No cable)

Environmental

Protection class	IP66 (NEMA4X)
Operating temperature	-55°C to +70°C
Precipitation	300mm/hr
EMC	EN 61326-1: 2006, EN 55011: 2007
Icing	MILSTD810F Method 521.2 Procedure I

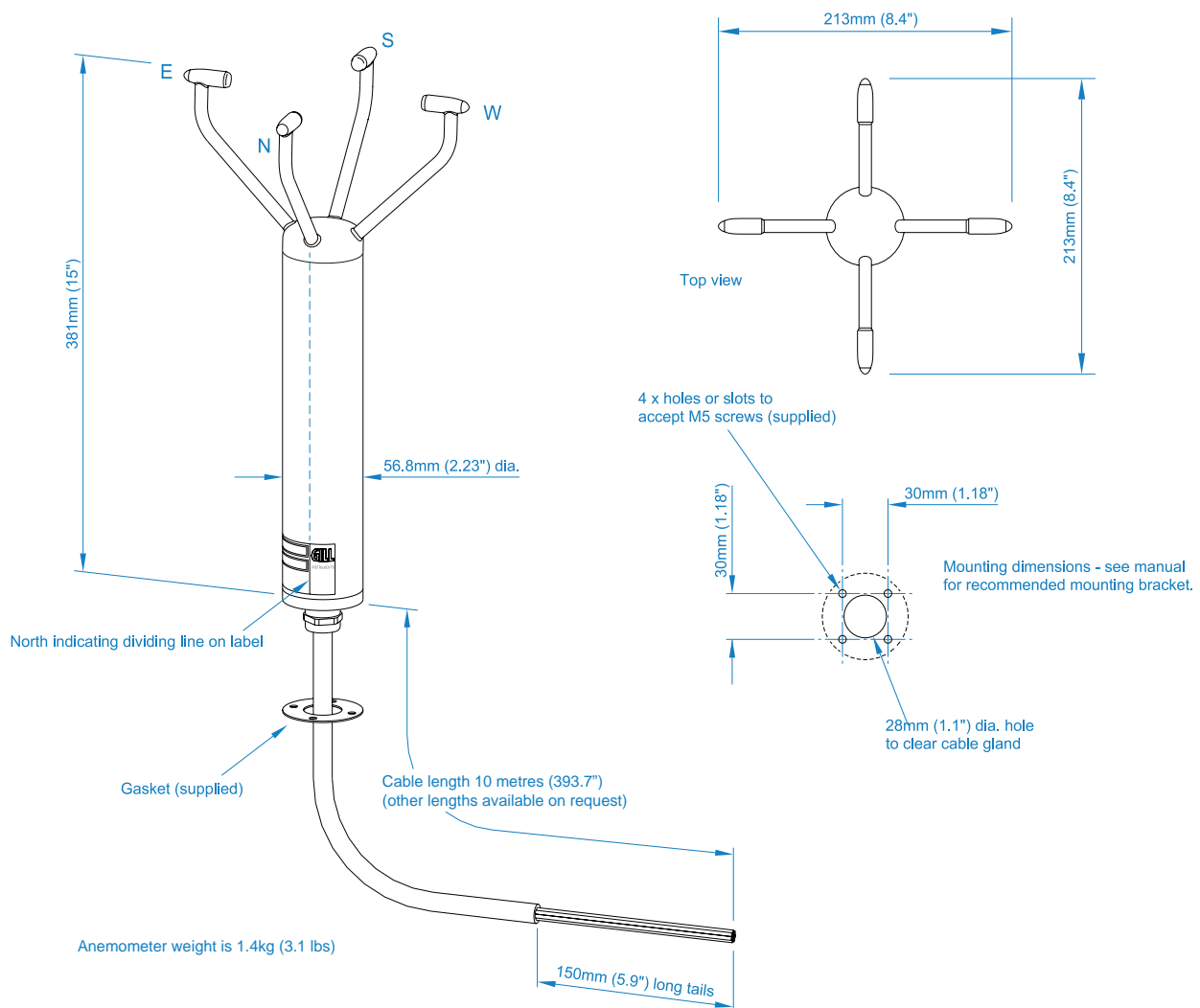
Approvals

Standards	Traceable to NAMAS standards
Site Calibration	None required. Integrity check unit (Zero wind) supplied as optional extra

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Typical Applications

- Aviation Weather Observing Systems
- Aircraft Landing Systems
- Remote Meteorological Systems
- Helicopter Landing Pads
- Transport Safety



Specifications may be subject to change without prior notice.



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