# **Quick Reference Guide for analog Silicon Irradiance Sensors**





#### Main data

Irradiance Measurement: Up to 1500 W/m²
Working Temperature: -35 to 80°C
Weight: Approx. 0.4 kg
Measurement Cell Temperature: Optional

### **Type Overview**

		Irradiance	Cell Temperature		
Туре	Voltage Supply	Signal (0 to 1500 W/m²)	Temperature Compensation	Signal (-40 to +90°C)	
Si-V-1.5TC-batt-D / -E	Battery	0 to 1.5	yes	./.	
Si-V-1.5TC	4 to 28 VDC	0 to 1.5 V	yes	./.	
Si-V-1.5TC-T	5.5 to 28 VDC	0 to 1.5 V	yes	0 to 2 V	
Si-mV-85	./.	0 to approx. 85 mV	no	./.	
Si-mV-85-Pt100(-4L)	./.	0 to approx. 85 mV	no	Pt100	
Si-mV-85-Pt1000(-4L)	./.	0 to approx. 85 mV	no	Pt1000	
Si-V-10TC	12 to 28 VDC	0 to 10 V	yes	./.	
Si-V-10TC-T	12 to 28 VDC	0 to 10 V	yes	0 to 10 V	
Si-I-420TC	12 to 28 VDC	4 to 20 mA	yes	./.	
Si-I-420TC-T	12 to 28 VDC	4 to 20 mA	yes	4 to 20 mA	

<b>Measurement uncertainty over all aspects,</b> according to GUM (Guide to the Expression of Uncertainty in Measurement), k = 2				
Irradiance <sup>1</sup> IEC 61724-1 Class A <sup>1</sup>		Si-mV-85-Pt100(0), Si-mV-85-Pt100(0)-4L		
irradiance	IEC 61724-1, Class B	Si-V-1.5TC(-T), Si-V-10TC(-T), Si-I-420TC(-T)		
Cell Temperature	1.1 K	Si-V-1.5TC-T and Si-V-10TC-T		
$(-35 \text{ to } +85^{\circ}\text{C})$	1.3 K	Si-I-420TC-T		
	IEC 60751, class A	Si-mV-85-Pt100(-4L) and Si-mV-85-Pt1000(-4L)		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Not valid for Si-mV-85-Pt100/-Pt1000 without external temperature compensation.

#### **User Information**

The irradiance sensor is designed for the measurement of the natural solar irradiance. The warranty is for 1 year from the date of the invoice for the intended use. M&T does not accept any liability for possible losses or damage due to the incorrect usage of the sensor. Liability for consequential damages is excluded.

Special note: The housing for the Si sensors is not allowed to be opened by the installer or user, because, as a consequence, the housing will no longer be sealed after it is closed. If the housing is opened, the manufacturer's warranty will be rendered void.

#### Maintenance

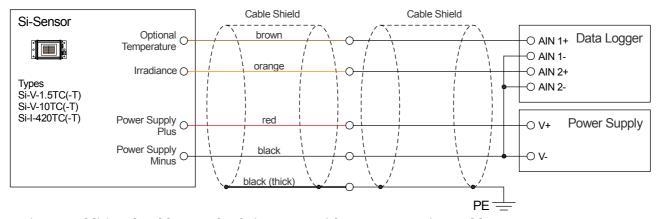
Scope of the regularly check (at least every 2 years): Cleaning of solar cell, external damage, mechanical fastening, cable laying and any damage to the cable.

In the report IEA-PVPS T13-03:2014 "Analytical Monitoring of Grid-connected Photovoltaic Systems" an interval of 1 to 2 weeks is recommended.

Should damage be found that degrades the function or safety, the sensor is to be replaced.

A recalibration is recommended at least every 3 years.

#### Wiring Diagram of Analog Si Sensors



## Maximum Additional Cable Length of Si Sensors with 3 m Connection Cable

Sensor Type	Cable Cross Section						
	0.14 mm <sup>2</sup>	0.25 mm <sup>2</sup>	0.34 mm <sup>2</sup>	$0.5 \text{ mm}^2$	0.75 mm <sup>2</sup>	1.0 mm <sup>2</sup>	1.5 mm <sup>2</sup>
Si-mV-85	20 m	20 m	20 m	20 m	20 m	20 m	20 m
Si-mV-85-Pt100 <sup>1</sup>	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Si-mV-85-Pt100-4L	20 m	20 m	20 m	20 m	20 m	20 m	20 m
Si-mV-85-Pt1000 <sup>2</sup>	5 m	10 m	10 m	15 m	20 m	20 m	20 m
Si-mV-85-Pt1000-4L	20 m	20 m	20 m	20 m	20 m	20 m	20 m
Si-V-1.5TC <sup>3</sup>	50 m	50 m	50 m	50 m	50 m	50 m	50 m
Si-V-1.5TC-T <sup>3</sup>	15 m	30 m	40 m	50 m	50 m	50 m	50 m
Si-V-10TC <sup>3</sup>	100 m	100 m	100 m	100 m	100 m	100 m	100 m
Si-V-10TC-T <sup>3</sup>	50 m	100 m	100 m	100 m	100 m	100 m	100 m
Si-I-420TC <sup>4</sup>	200 m	200 m	200 m	200 m	200 m	200 m	200 m
Si-I-420TC-T <sup>4</sup>	150 m	200 m	200 m	200 m	200 m	200 m	200 m

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Maximum 2 K error of temperature measurement due to cable resistance (2 wire connection); cable extension not possible.

#### Offset and Gain for Connection to a Datalogger

Units: Irradiance G in W/m<sup>2</sup>; Voltage V in V (only mV with Si-mV-85(-PT100(0)); current I in mA;  $F_1$  in mV / (1000 W/m<sup>2</sup>); T in °C

Sensor Type	Irradiance	<b>Temperature</b> (only with "-T" or "-Pt100(0)")			
Si-mV-85	$G = V / F_1$ with $F_1$ calibration factor	Pt100 or Pt1000			
Si i-mV-85-Pt100(0)	$V = F_1 * G$				
Si-V-1.5TC	G = 1000 * V	T = 65 * V - 40 = 65 * (V - 0.6154)			
Si-V-1.5TC-T	V = 0.001 * G	V = 0.0154 * T + 0.6154 = 0.0154 * (T - 40)			
Si-I-420TC	G = 93.75 * I - 375 = 93.75 * (I - 4)	T = 8.125 * I - 72.5 = 8.125 * (I - 8.923)			
Si-I-420TC-T	I = 1/93.75 * G + 4 = (G + 375) / 93.75	I = 0.1231 * T + 8.9231 = 0.1231 * (T + 72.5)			
Si-V-10TC	G = 150 * V	T = 13 * V - 40 = 13 * (V - 3.0769)			
Si-V-10TC-T	V = 1/150 * G	V = 0.0769 * T + 3.0769 = 0.0769 * (T + 40)			

Correction equation for external temperature compensation of Si-mV-85(-PT100/-PT1000) with voltage U in mV:

$$G = U / \{F_1 * [1 + 0.0005 * (T - 25^{\circ}C)]\}$$

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Maximum 1 K error of temperature measurement due to cable resistance (2 wire connection).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Connection of all Si sensors with voltage output with separate cable per sensor.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Maximum internal resistance of data logger 200  $\Omega$ .

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>All</sup> In case of voltage supply of several Si sensors from a single supply reduction of the possible cable length according to the number of sensors.



Si sensors used for monitoring of PV installations must be installed with the **same alignment and inclination as the PV generator**. The mounting location should be free of shading as far as possible. To facilitate **maintenance and cleaning** of the Si sensor, the Si sensor should be mounted in an easily accessible place (e.g. near roof windows or skylights).



The **mounting location** at a PV generator must be selected such that snow cannot jeopardise the Si sensor as it slides off. For this reason do not mount along the drip edge on the PV generator.



The **connecting cable** should always be laid separated from, e.g. main DC cables or AC cables.

The connecting cable is to be laid so it is fixed.

The minimum bending radius of 15 x cable diameter (ø approx. 5 mm) is to be observed.

The voltage drop at the cable has to be considered when calculating the maximum cable length.



The pressure equalisation element must not be damaged.

The cable gland is not allowed to be undone or tightened by the user. It is not necessary for the installer or user to open the Si sensor. If the housing is nevertheless opened, no liability for the sealing can be accepted.



The **surge protection concept** must be adapted to the specific local situation. This means, for instance, that the measuring cables must be equipped with a separate surge arrester at the entry to a building.

The sensor must be integrated into the **lightning protection concept**.



The sensors are designed for **safety extra-low voltage (SELV)** operation.

Reversing the polarity or mixing up the connections on the Si sensor may cause irreversible damage to the sensor.

The cable shield is to be connected to PE during installation.



The installation and assembly of electrical equipment must be carried out by electrically qualified persons.

The sensor may not be used with equipment whose direct or indirect purpose is to prevent human death or injury, or whose operation poses a risk to humans, animals or property.

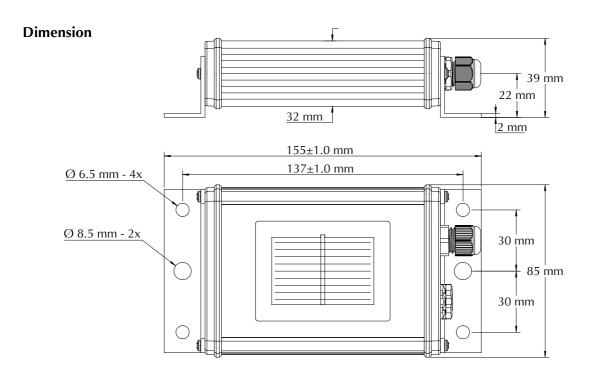


#### Mortal danger due to electrical power

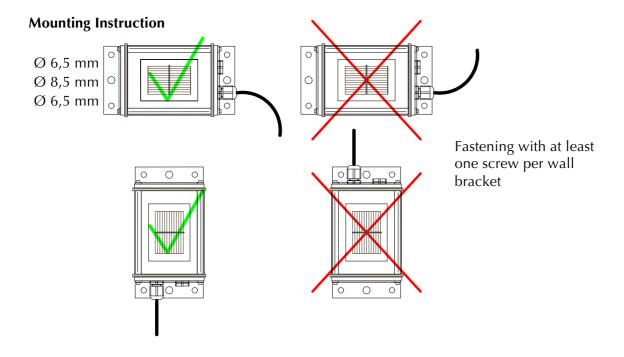
On the connection of the Si sensor to an inverter, dangerous voltages are present on the inverter (disconnection, secure against switching, follow inverter manual).



Should it be necessary to **clean the Si sensor**, a soft cotton cloth, water and a mild cleaning agent can be used for this purpose.



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#### **Technical Data**

General Data							
Solar cell	T	onocr	vetalling Silie	on: 50 mm x	/ 22 m	ım.	
	Monocrystalline Silicon; 50 mm x 33 mm  Powder Coated Aluminium						
Dimension / Weight	155 mm x 85 mm x 39 mm / approx. 350 g						
Degree of Protection	IP 65						
Operating Temperature	-35 to +80°C LiYC11Y 4 x 0.14 mm <sup>2</sup> UL20233; length typical 3 m						
Sensor Cable	LIYCII	Y 4 X			tn typ	icai 3 m	
Customs Tariff Number / HS Code 90 15 80 20							
Electrical Data of Si-V-1.5TC, Si-V-1		35(-Pt					
	Si-V-1.5TC		Si-V-1.5TC-T		Si-mV-85-XXX		
Supply Voltage	24 VDC (4 to 28 VDC)		24 VDC (5.5 to 28 VDC)				
Max. Current Consumption	1 mA		2 mA		./.		
Load Minimum 10 k $\Omega$ (for Si-V-1.5TC-batt minimum 1 M $\Omega$ )							
Electrical Data of Si-V-10TC, Si-V-10TC-T, Si-I-420TC and Si-I-420TC-T							
	Si-V-10TC Si-V-10TC-T Si-I-420TC		Si-I-420TC-T				
Supply Voltage	24 VDC (12	24 VDC (12 to 28 VI		VDC) 24 VD		OC (12 to 28 VDC)	
Max. Current Consumption	1 mA		1 mA 25 m/		A 50 mA		
Load	Minimum 100 kΩ		M	Maximum 400 Ω			
Wire Color	Si-V-XXX, Si-I-XXX		Si-mV-85(-Pt100/-		Si-mV-85-Pt100-4L/-		
		P		000)	Pt1000-4L		
Orange	Irradiance (plus)		Irradiance (plus)		Irradiance (plus)		
Brown	Temperature (plus)		Temperature - 1		Temperature - 1		
Black	Minus		Irradiance (Minus)		Irradiance (Minus)		
Red	Supply (plus)		Temperature - 2		Temperature - 2		
Black (thick)	Shield		Shield		Shield		
Yellow (only "-4L")	./.		./.		Temperature - 1		
Green (only "-4L")	./.		./.		Temperature - 2		

# **Items Supplied:**

- Si sensor incl. pre-assembled connecting cable or suitable male connector
- Calibration Certificate
- Quick Reference Guide