

# EEx visibility sensor

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The EEx visibility sensor measures atmospheric visibility (meteorological optical range) by determining the amount of light scattered by particles (smoke, dust, haze, fog, rain, & snow) in the air that passes through the sample volume. A 42-degree forward scatter angle is used to ensure performance over a wide range of particle sizes. MOR is calculated by the user by converting the received signal strength (extinction coefficient,  $\sigma$ ) using Koschmieder's formula,  $MOR (Km) = 3/\sigma$ . **Performance** in all weather conditions was a design prerequisite for the EEx Visibility Sensor. The sensor uses ATEX/IECEx rated EEx housings and offshore marine grade sheathed cables to ensure all-weather, Zone 1, IP66 certified performance. A sturdy aluminum frame painted with durable powder-coat paint is used to mount the housings and provide mounting to a customer supplied mounting pipe. Power and signal lines to the EEx Visibility Sensor are protected with surge and EMI filtering to help guarantee uninterrupted service for the life of the sensor. **Installation** of the EEx Visibility Sensor is easy. A mounting flange located on the bottom of the sensor housing mates with a user-supplied 4-inch IPS pipe. Power and signal connections are made through M25 threaded holes using user supplied, Ex approved cable glands and wiring. User wiring is made to DIN rail mounted terminal boards in the Signal Processing Box. **Calibration** of the EEx Visibility Sensor in the field is as simple as attaching a calibration fixture to the back of the sensor and following a procedure that requires less than 20 minutes. Each sensor is supplied with a calibration fixture. Semiannual calibration is recommended.



## FEATURES

- Up to 8km (5 mile) visibility range
- Forward scatter measurement technique
- ATEX/IECEx Zone 1 hazardous area
- Flexible output options
- Suitable for switching Lights and Fog Signals at two different visibility levels
- Simple installation and maintenance

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Attribute	Details
Visibility Range	15m to 8km
Accuracy	+/-10% RMSE
Time Constant	60 sec.
Scatter Angle	42 deg nominal
Source	880NM LED
Output Standard	0-10VDC
Output Options	Various options of analogue, serial and control relays
DC Input	12 or 24VDC, 10VA Nominal;
Size	1170mm W x 915mm H x 560mm D
Weight	40kg
Operating Temperature	-20° C to 60° C
Protection	IP66 (NEMA 4X)
Operating Humidity	0-100%
Mounting	Nominal 102mm pipe (122mm OD max.)
Standards	CE, ATEX/IECEx Ex II 2GD EEx d IIb T5/T6
NOTE: Specifications are subject to change.	