

GPS Radiosonde

iMS-100 eco



Outline

GPS Radiosonde observe meteorological data such as wind speed, wind direction, atmospheric pressure, temperature, and humidity at approximately 35 km above the ground. Wind speed, wind direction, and air pressure are calculated based on the speed of movement and altitude obtained by GPS positioning technology. Every second observation data is converted to digital signals. After that, it transmits to the ground receiving system.

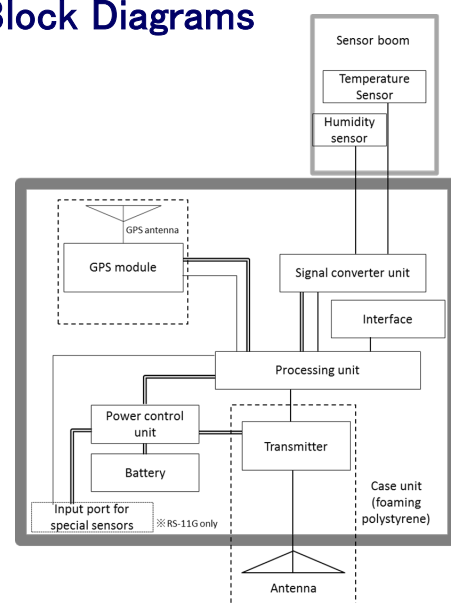
iMS-100 eco achieved innovative miniaturization and weight reduction through the aggressive use of the latest electronic components. By doing this, it is possible to reduce the size of balloons and other equipment used during flight and to reduce the amount of gas used. Not only reduces operating costs, plus reduces waste and is environmentally friendly. Furthermore, the frame is made from LACTIF®, which is a biodegradable material made from corn, which contributes to the reduction of microplastics.

In terms of performance, iMS-100 is certified GRUAN Data Product certification. That is, it adopts highly accurate and transparent algorithms, used for GRUAN observation station.

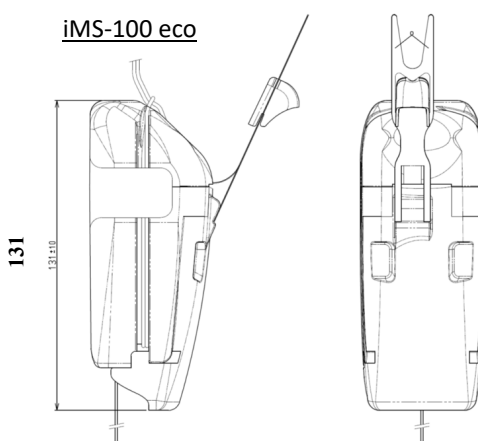
Features

- iMS-100 eco is a certified GRUAN DATA Product. That can high precision instrumentation for temperature, humidity and wind.
- Light weight less than 50g (inc. battery) iMS-100 eco helps enhancing safe operation especially when it falls down to the ground.
- Tiny iMS-100 effectively reducing overall operational costs (smaller balloon, fewer gas consumption) depends on the target height
- Downsized iMS-100 can contribute to reduce environmental burden through the entire life cycle (manufacturing, transportation, storage, and disposal)
- Biomaterial package, which is environmental friendly
- One lithium battery enables more than 4 hours sounding operation.
- High stability transmitter complying with ETSI (EN 302 054 V1.1.1)
- Easy preparation through wireless infrared communication (IrDA) between radiosonde and sonde checker unit before launch

Block Diagrams



Specification ※1

Temperature	Measurement range	-95°C ~ +60°C	Transmitter	Center freq.	404.5 MHz
	Resolution	0.1°C		Tuning range	400 MHz ~ 406 MHz *6
Humidity	Uncertainty*2	(daytime) 0.5 °C@ troposphere 0.8 °C@ stratosphere (night) 0.4 °C@ troposphere 0.4 °C@ stratosphere	Modulation	Band width	15 kHz以下
	Response time	< 0.4 s (1,000 hPa, 5 m/s)		Output power	100 m W以下
				Transmitter type	FM
				Standard	EN302 054 V1.1.1
Pressure (from GPS value)	Measurement range	0%RH ~ 100%RH	Power	Modulation type	Digital PCM
	Resolution	0.1%RH		Baud rate	1,200 bps
	Uncertainty*2	5%RH @troposphere *3		Range	>250 km (with Yagi antenna)
	Response time	< 0.2 s (Absorbing, 1,000 hPa, 6 m/s, 0°C) < 14 s (Absorbing, 1,000 hPa, 6 m/s, -60°C)		Sampling	1second
Geopotential Height	Measurement range	1050.0 hPa ~ 3.0 hPa	Size & Weight	Voltage	3.0 VDC
	Resolution	0.1 hPa		Current	< 200 mA
	Uncertainty*2,4	1.2 hPa near ground ~100hPa 0.5 hPa (0.5%) :100hPa near 0.13 hPa (1.3%) :10hPa near		Battery type	Lithium battery × 1 (CR-123)
				Operating time	240min
Wind Direction	Measurement range	-500.0 m ~ 40,000.0 m	Accompany- ing items	Dimensions	55(W)×53(D)×131(H) mm
	Resolution	0.1 m		Weight (Including a battery)	< 50 g (LACTIF®)
	Uncertainty*2,4	11 m		Unwinder	10 m / 15 m /30 m
				Balloon/parachute	please contact us.
Wind Speed	Measurement range	0 deg ~ 359.99 deg			
	Resolution	0.01 deg			
	Uncertainty*2,4	1 deg: near ground~10hPa			
GPS Receiver	Measurement range	0.00 m/s ~ 200.00 m/s	Unit (mm)		
	Resolution	0.01 m/s			
	Uncertainty*4,5	0.15m/s :near ground~10hPa			
Usage Environment	Frequency	1574.25 MHz ±1 MHz			
	Number of channels	66 ch parallel			
	Positioning Technology	D-GPS (SBAS)			
Usage Environment	Pressure	1050.0 hPa ~ 3.0 hPa			
	Temperature	-95°C ~ +60°C			
	Humidity	0%RH ~ 100%RH			

Note

*1: Uncertainty are values evaluated as radiosondes for GRUAN (GCOS Reference Upper-Air Network) Please check below URL.

<https://www.gruan.org/documentation/gruan/td/graun-td-5/>

*2: Uncertainty are expressed with an inclusion factor k=2, unless otherwise noted.

*3: Excluding sudden humidity changes near the tropopause.

*4: PDOP=1 when GPS positioning is good

*5: Standard deviation (1σ) evaluated using GPS simulator

*6: Frequency can be changed in 100 kHz increments within the specification range, but please follow the Radio Law regarding the frequency to be used.



Caution

For safe and correct usage, please read the "Operation Manual" prior to the use of the products.

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