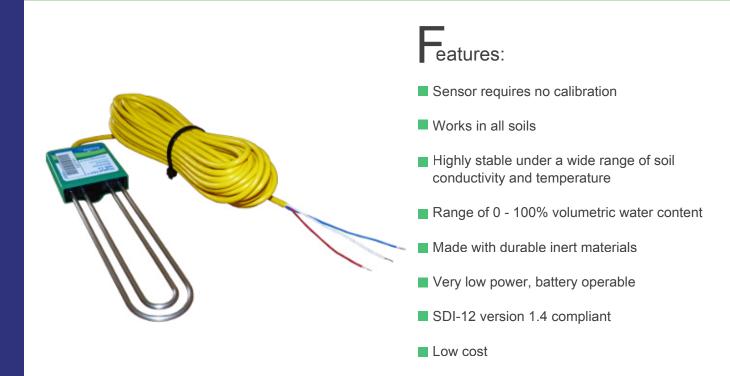
SDI-12 Soil Moisture Sensor

Digital TDT®

The Digital TDT soil moisture sensors used so successfully in turf irrigation are now available for use with data loggers using the SDI-12 protocol.



he Acclima Digital TDT[®] soil moisture sensor represents a revolutionary advance in the irrigation industry. It is the first soil moisture sensor to incorporate the accuracy of digitized Time Domain Transmissometry in a low-cost instrument, providing highly accurate, absolute readings of soil moisture under all conditions of temperature and soil chemistry where crops will grow. No other sensor on the market matches its accuracy and stability. Independent test data from leading soil physicists verifies this extraordinary claim and are available upon request.

This Digital TDT® sensor incorporates a modified SDI-12 interface capable of connecting directly to Acclima data loggers or any other third party SDI-12 (version 1.4) compliant device. Acclima's modified SDI-12 interface also is capable of auto-detection and address collision repair.

Model # ACC-SEN-SDI



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SDI-12 Sensor Characteristics

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Dimensions (without cable): 20 cm X 5.33 cm X 1.5 cm

Weight (with 7.5 meter cable): 220g

Composition (exposed to soil): Type 304 Stainless Steel, epoxy-based potting compound UV resistant PVC sheath (insulation), 3 conductor, 22 Ga.,

10 meter length

nvironmental Characteristics-

Operating Temperature Range: 0.5° C to 50° C for VWC (no ice), -20°C to 50° C for the other data.

Storage Temperature Range: -20° C to 75° C Lightning and Surge Protection: 6kV @ 3kA, 8/50us

Operational Characteristics-

Volumetric Water Content Range: 0 to 100%

Resolution: 0.06% VWC
Absolute VWC Accuracy: ±2% (typical)

VWC Soil EC Stability: ±1% of full scale 0 to 5 dS/m Bulk EC

Temperature Reporting Accuracy: ±0.3° C, 0° C to 40° C

±0.5° C, -20° C to -0.1° C & 40° C° to 50° C

Architectural Characteristics-

Technology: Waveform Digitizing Time Domain Transmissometry

Effective Acquisition Bandwidth: 200 Giga-samples/sec.

Propagation Time Resolution: 5 ps

Waveform Propagation Resolution: 1.5 mm in air, 0.16 mm in water

Waveguide Length: 30 cr

Permittivity to VWC Calculation: Modified Dielectric Mixing Model

Propagated Waveform Bandwidth: >2 GHz

Communications Characteristics-

Communications Protocol: SDI-12 Revision 1.4 Maximum Cable Length: 60 meters (200ft)

Maximum Devices per Cable: 50

ower Characteristics-

Operating Voltage Range: 5 – 15 VDC Listening/Sleep Mode Current: 60 uA at 50 C

Communications Current: 6 mA typical, 8 mA max

Read Moisture Comm Time: 425 ms total for each read cycle
Moisture Sense Current: 84 mA at 12 VDC input voltage
98 mA at 8 VDC input voltage

110 mA at 6 VDC input voltage

Moisture Sense Time: 450 ms for each moisture sensing operation