



Operating Instructions
thermoMETER FI

FI-SF15-Cx

Infrared sensor

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1 Safety

1.1 Symbols used

System operation assumes knowledge of the operating instructions.

The following symbols are used in these operating instructions:

 CAUTION	Indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, may result in minor or moderate injury.
 NOTICE	Indicates a situation that may result in property damage if not avoided.
►	Indicates a user action.
 i	Indicates a tip for users.
Measurement	Indicates hardware or a software button/menu.

1.2 Warnings

 CAUTION	Connect the power supply and the display/output device according to the safety regulations for electrical equipment.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Risk of injury • Damage to or destruction of the sensor
 NOTICE	The supply voltage must not exceed the specified limits.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Damage to or destruction of the sensor
	Avoid knocks and impacts to the sensor.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Damage to or destruction of the sensor
	Protect the connection cable against damage.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Destruction of the sensor • Failure of the measuring device
	Never fold the connection cable and do not bend it in tight radii.
	The minimum bending radius is 40 mm (static). Dynamic movement is not permitted.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Damage to or destruction of the connection cable. • Failure of the measuring device
	Avoid exposure of sensor (both optics and housing) to cleaning agents that contain solvents.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Damage to or destruction of the sensor
	Avoid abrupt changes in ambient temperature.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inaccurate or incorrect measurements

1.3 Notes on product marking

1.3.1 CE marking

The following apply to the product:

- Directive 2014/30/EU ("EMC")
- Directive 2014/35/EU ("Low Voltage")
- Directive 2011/65/EU ("RoHS")

Products which carry the CE marking satisfy the requirements of the EU Directives cited and the relevant applicable harmonized European standards (EN).

The product is designed for use in industrial and laboratory environments.

The EU Declaration of Conformity and the technical documentation are available to the responsible authorities according to the EU Directives.

1.3.2 UKCA marking

The following apply to the product:

- SI 2016 No. 1091 ("EMC")
- SI 2016 No. 1101 ("Low Voltage")
- SI 2012 No. 3032 ("RoHS")

Products which carry the UKCA marking satisfy the requirements of the directives cited and the relevant applicable harmonized standards.

The product is designed for use in industrial and laboratory environments.

The UKCA Declaration of Conformity and the technical documentation are available to the responsible authorities according to the UKCA Directives.

1.4 Intended use

The sensor is designed for use in industrial and laboratory environments.

It is used for non-contact temperature measurement.

The sensor must only be operated within the values specified in the technical data, [see Chap. 2.3](#).

The sensor must be used in such a way that no persons are endangered and no machines or other physical items of property are damaged in the event of malfunction or total failure of the sensor.

Take additional precautions for safety and damage prevention in case of safety-related applications.

1.5 Proper environment

Protection class: IP63

Temperature range:

- Environment: -20 ... +80 °C

- Storage: -40 ... +85 °C

Humidity: 10 ... 95 % RH (non-condensing)

NOTICE

Avoid rapid changes in the ambient temperature of the sensor.

- ▶ Inaccurate measurement values

2 Functional principle, technical data

2.1 Functional principle

The sensors are non-contact infrared temperature measurement sensors. They measure the infrared radiation emitted by objects and calculate the surface temperature based on this.

The sensor housing is made of stainless steel (IP63) and contains the complete sensor electronics. The connection cable is permanently mounted.

i The sensors are sensitive optical systems. It should therefore only be fitted using the existing thread.

NOTICE

Avoid rough mechanical force on the sensor.

- Destruction of the sensor

2.2 Sensor models

The sensors are available in the following versions:

Series	Model	Measuring range	Spectral range	Output	Optics
SF	FI-SF15-C1	-40 °C up to 600 °C (1100 °C)	8 to 14 µm	0 ... 5 V / 0 ... 10 V (freely scalable within the measuring range)	15:1
	FI-SF15-C3				
	FI-SF15-C8				
	FI-SF15-C15				

Tab. 2.1: Sensor models

2.3 Technical data

Model	FI-SF15
Optical resolution	15:1
Measuring range ^[1]	-40 °C up to 600 °C (1100 °C)
Spectral range	8 to 14 µm
System accuracy ^[2]	±1.5 % or ±1.5 °C
Repeatability ^[2]	±0.75 % or ±0.75 °C
Temperature resolution (NETD) ^[3]	50 mK
Response time ^[4]	20 ms
Emissivity	0.100 to 1.100
Transmittance	0.100 to 1.100
Signal processing	Intelligent averaging, Min/Max, Hold function with threshold/hysteresis (adjustable via software)
Supply voltage	5 ... 30 VDC
Max. current consumption	< 6 mA (without LED) / < 20 mA (with LED)
Digital interface	3.3V-LVTTL or USB via programming adapter
Analog output ^[5]	0 ... 5 V / 0 ... 10 V (freely scalable within the measuring range)
Switching output	Open collector for alarm; 200 mA

[1] Measuring range can optionally be extended to 1100 °C

[2] Valid for object temperatures >0 °C and for an ambient temperature of 24 °C ±2 °C; the greater value applies ($\epsilon=1$)

[3] With a time constant of 200 ms and an object temperature of 200 °C

[4] 0 - 90 % energy; adjustable via software

[5] depends on supply voltage

Model		FI-SF15
Connection		Integrated cable with open ends (ferrules); standard length 1 m; optional 3 m, 8 m, 15 m
Mounting		Direct fastening via integrated M12x1 thread or fastening using the hexagon nut included in the scope of delivery
Temperature range	Storage	-40 ... 85 °C
	Operation	-20 ... 80 °C
Humidity		10 % RH ... 95 % RH (non-condensing)
Shock (DIN EN 60068-2-27)		50g, 11 ms, each axis
Vibration (DIN EN 60068-2-6)		3g, 11 to 200 Hz, each axis
Protection class (DIN EN 60529)		IP63
Material		Stainless steel (1.4404)
Weight		approx. 60 g (without cable)
Control and indicator elements ^[6]		Green and red LED (status, alarm and alignment aid) Sensor configuration optionally possible via sensorTOOL

[6] Access with sensorTOOL requires USB adapter (see accessories)

3 Delivery

3.1 Unpacking, included in delivery

- 1 Sensor
- 2 Mounting nuts
- 1 Blue protective cap
- 1 Setup guide

► Carefully remove the components of the measuring system from the packaging and ensure that the goods are forwarded in such a way that no damage can occur.

► Check the delivery for completeness and shipping damage immediately after unpacking.

► If there is damage or parts are missing, immediately contact the manufacturer or supplier.

Optional accessories are listed in the appendix.

Return of packaging

Micro-Epsilon Messtechnik GmbH & Co. KG offers customers the opportunity to return the packaging of products purchased from Micro-Epsilon by prior arrangement so that it can be reused or recycled.

To arrange the return of packaging, for questions about the costs and / or the exact return procedure, please contact us directly at

info@micro-epsilon.de

3.2 Storage

Temperature range: -40 ... 85 °C

Humidity: 10 % RH ... 95 % RH (non-condensing)

4 Optical tables

4.1 Description optical tables

The following optical tables show the diameter of the measurement spot dependent on the measurement distance. The measurement spot size refers to 90% of the radiation energy. The distance is measured from the front edge of the sensor / CF lens.

i The size of the object to be measured and the optical resolution of the IR thermometer determine the maximum distance between sensor and object. To avoid measuring errors, the measuring object should completely fill the field of vision of the sensor's optical system. This means, the measurement spot must always be at least as large as or smaller than the measuring object.

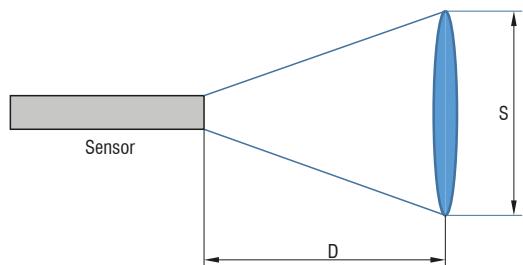


Fig. 4.1: Optical diagram

D = Distance

S = Spot size

4.2 Optical parameters

Standard Focus (in mm)								
SF15	15:1	6.5	11.5	14	18	23.5	29.5	35.5
Distance		0	100	200	300	400	500	600

Close Focus (when using the screwable CF lens, in mm)								
CF15	15:1	6.5	3.7	0.8	4.4	8.1	11.8	15.4
Distance		0	5	10	15	20	25	30

= smallest spot size / focal point (mm)

The ratio D:S (example 15:1, see table) describes the ratio Distance (distance from the front edge of the sensor to the measuring object) to Spot size (measurement spot size).

5 LEDs

5.1 Functions

The green and red LEDs on the transparent rear side of the sensor can be configured using the optionally available USB adapter and the [sensorTOOL](#). The green LED with the self-diagnosis function is activated at the factory. Further functions can be found in the following table:

Color	Functions	Meaning
Red	Alarm LED	LED lights up red when an alarm threshold is exceeded or undershot
Green	Automatic laser sighting	Laser sighting for aligning the sensor with hot or cold objects using the green LED
	Self-diagnostics	The green LED indicates that the sensor is in perfect condition (factory settings).
Off	Off	LED disabled

Tab. 5.1: LEDs and meaning

5.2 Automatic laser sighting

The Aiming Aid Function enables the easy alignment of the sensor with the measuring object. The measured object must have a different temperature from its surroundings. If the function has been activated via the software, the sensor searches for the highest object temperature, i.e. the threshold value for activating the LED is automatically tracked.

This also works when aligning to a new (possibly colder) object. After an adjustable reset time has elapsed (factory setting: 10 s), the threshold value for triggering the LED is set again.

5.3 Self-diagnostics

With this function, the respective device status is signaled by the green and red LEDs.

The green LED indicates that the sensor is supplied with power, the red LED indicates an alarm.

6 Installation and assembly

6.1 Mechanical installation

The sensors have a metric M12x1-thread and can be attached to available mounting equipment either directly via this sensor thread or by means of the nuts (2x) included.

Various mounting brackets and fixtures are available as accessories.

NOTICE

Avoid rough mechanical force on the sensor.

- Destruction of the sensor

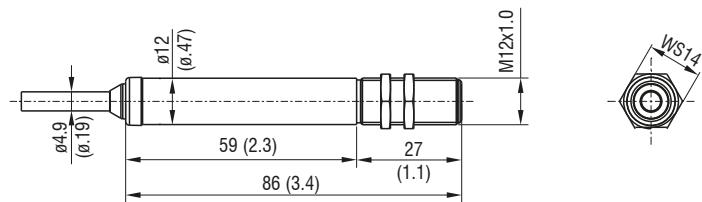


Fig. 6.1: Dimensional drawing thermoMETER FI-SF15-C1, dimensions in mm (inches, rounded off)

The LED can be used in the Aiming Aid Function, [see Chap. 5.2](#) mode to precisely align the sensor with the measuring object.

6.2 Electrical connections

6.2.1 Connection possibilities

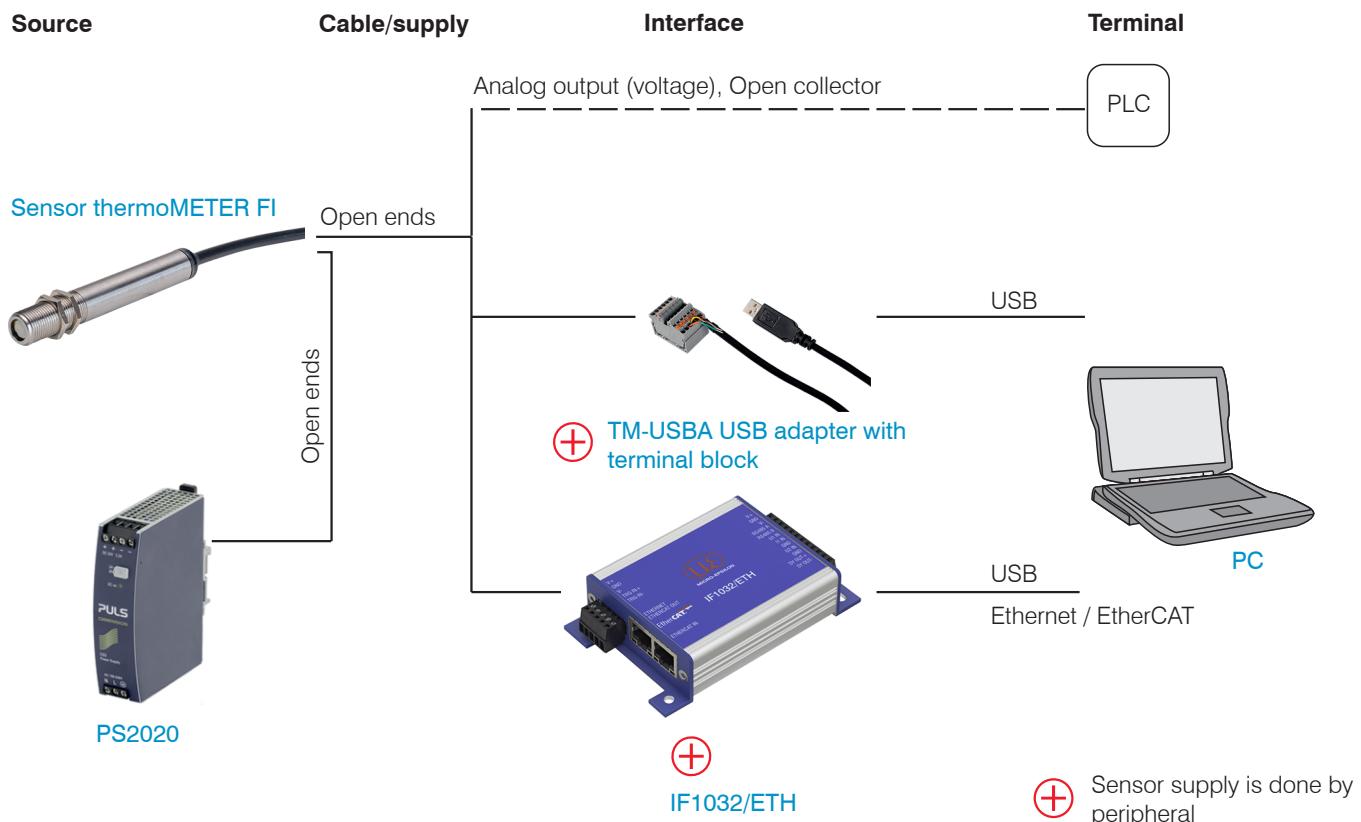


Fig. 6.2: Connection possibilities thermoMETER FI

6.2.2 General

- i Use a power supply unit with a stabilized output voltage of 5 ... 30 VDC, which supplies a minimum current of 50 mA. Residual ripple should be no more than 200 mV.
Power the sensor either via USB or externally with a power supply unit, but not at the same time to prevent damage to a connected USB device.
- i The shield of the sensor must be grounded, as the shield and GND are separated.

6.2.3 Pin assignment

The following table shows the color assignment and signal assignment of the connection cable.

Color	Signal	Description
Red	V_{CC}	Power supply
Green	V_{OUT}	Analog output Voltage
Black	GND	Ground
Yellow	Tx	Digital interface Output
Orange	Rx	Digital interface Input
Brown	OC	Open-collector output
Shield		Black cable with larger cross-section

Tab. 6.1: Pin assignment

The minimum bending radius of the connection cable is 40 mm (static). Dynamic movement is not permitted.

6.2.4 Voltage output

The sensor has a voltage output at the V_{OUT} port.

- i The output impedance must be $\geq 10 \text{ k}\Omega$. It is necessary that the shield is connected to ground or GND.



Fig. 6.3: Pin assignment voltage output

6.2.5 Open-collector output

The open-collector output is an additional alarm output and can control an external relay, for example. In this case, the normal analog output is available at the same time.

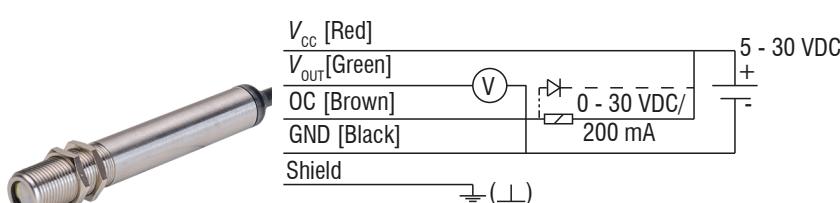


Fig. 6.4: Pin assignment open-collector output

NOTICE

If a relay is used, a freewheeling or protective diode must be installed.

- Damage to the output

6.2.6 Digital output

Use the optionally available USB adapter for digital communication and the **sensorTOOL** software.

- Connect the wire of the USB adapter indicated below to the wire of the same color of the connection cable using a terminal block.

The analog output, [see Chap. 6.2.4](#) and the open-collector output, [see Chap. 6.2.5](#) can be used in parallel.

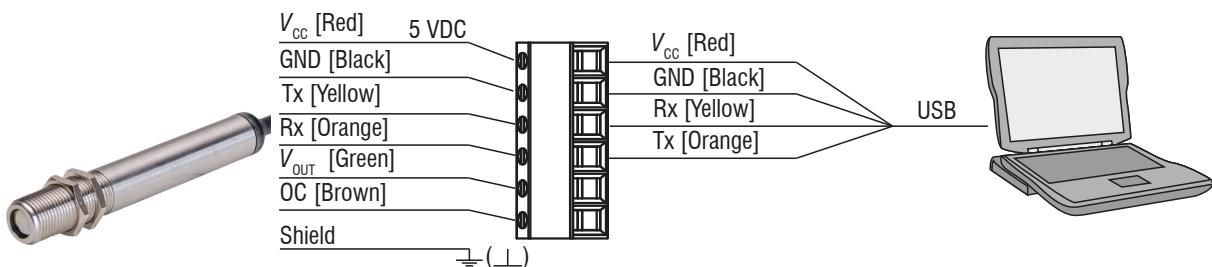


Fig. 6.5: Pin assignment digital output

7 Operation via sensorTOOL software

7.1 Description

sensorTOOL by Micro-Epsilon is software that you can use to apply settings to the sensor and to view and document measurement data.

- ▶ Connect the sensor to a PC/notebook via the USB interface using the optionally available USB adapter from Micro-Epsilon.

The supply voltage for the sensor is supplied via the USB interface.

- ▶ Before using the USB adapter for the first time, install the corresponding driver TM-USBA-adapter-driver. You can find the current driver at <https://www.micro-epsilon.com/fileadmin/download/software/tm-usba-adapter-driver.zip>

i Use a power supply unit with a stabilized output voltage of 5 ... 30 VDC, which supplies a minimum current of 50 mA. Residual ripple should be no more than 200 mV. Power the sensor either via USB or externally with a power supply unit, but not at the same time to prevent damage to a connected USB device.

- ▶ Start the sensorTOOL program.

You can find this program online at <https://www.micro-epsilon.com/fileadmin/download/software/sensorTool.exe>

- ▶ Select **thermoMETER** in the **Sensor** group drop-down menu and select **thermoMETER FI** in the **Sensor type** drop-down menu.

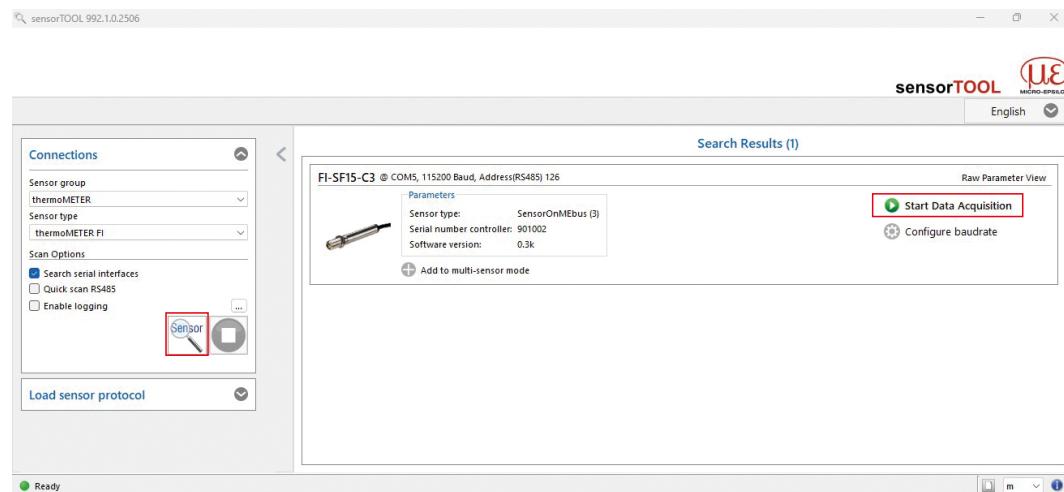


Fig. 7.1: First interactive site after calling the sensorTOOL

- ▶ Check the box **Search serial interfaces**.
- ▶ Click on the **Sensor** button with the magnifying glass icon in order to start the search.

All available channels will now be displayed in the **Search Results (x)** overview.

- ▶ Click on the **Start Data Acquisition** button or the **Sensor** icon to start the measurement.

7.2 Measurement menu

7.2.1 General

The recorded data is used to check the measurement. The measurement is influenced by the settings.

The following window appears:

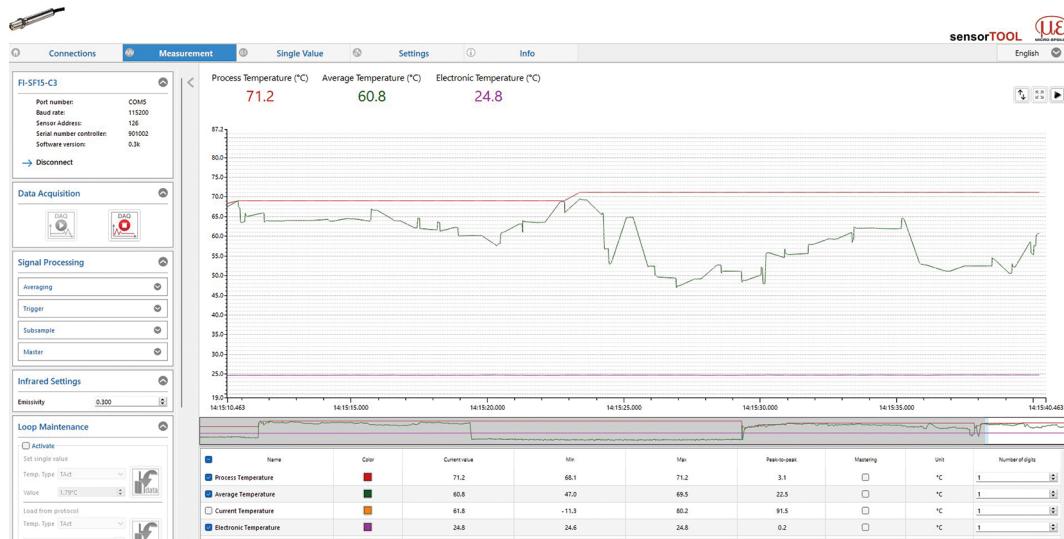


Fig. 7.2: View sensorTOOL thermoMETER FI Measurement Menu

- Set your desired settings in the **Settings**, see [Chap. 7.4](#) menu, before recording data for the first time.

In the side menu bar, under **Data Acquisition**, you will find the two buttons for starting and ending the measurement:



Fig. 7.3: Data Acquisition Start / Stop buttons



Recording is restarted when you press this button.
The previously paused recording is lost.



Recording is stopped when you click this button.

Tab. 7.1: Start / Stop buttons

i You will find the **Signal Processing** selection in the side menu bar. Please ensure that all functions in this menu are set to **Disabled**. This function applies to other sensor models.

In the **Signal Processing** menu, you will find the functions for signal processing in the **sensorTOOL** and not in the sensor.

In the lower table of the menu you will find various options for showing or hiding:

Name	Signal curves of the sensors used can be hidden and shown.
Color	Change the color settings of the single signal curves.
Current value	Outputs the current measurement value
Min	Minimum measurement value
Max	Maximum measurement value

Peak-to-peak	Difference between Max and Min
Mastering	No function with this sensor series.
Unit	Selection of the output to be displayed. [7]
Decimal places	Selection from 0 to 12 possible.

Tab. 7.2: Overview data acquisition

Ending the measurement

- Once the measurement is complete, press the **Disconnect** button. You can then reconnect using the sensor search.

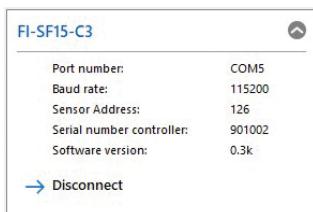


Fig. 7.4: View sensorTOOL thermoMETER FI Disconnect

7.2.2 Recording and saving measurements

During data acquisition, the measurement data is only displayed and not automatically saved on the PC. In the side menu under **CSV Output**, you can start transmitting data into a *.CSV file or only save the currently visible area from the time graph.

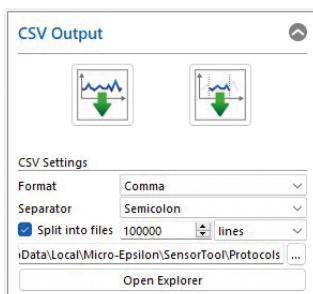


Fig. 7.5: View sensorTOOL CSV Output



Data acquisition into a *.CSV file is started when you press this button.



The recording is saved when you press this button.

Tab. 7.3: Record and save measurement

You can make further settings under **Split into files**:

CSV Output	CSV Settings	<i>Format</i>	<i>Point / comma</i>
		<i>Separator</i>	<i>Comma / semicolon / tab</i>
		<i>Split data</i>	<i>Value</i> <i>lines / MB / min / hourly / time point / DAQ-Start</i>

With **Open Explorer**, the previously selected path opens in Explorer, where you can view the recorded measurement results.

[7] Is set in the menu **Settings > General > Device Settings > Temperature Unit**.

7.2.3 Infrared settings

In the side menu under **Infrared Settings**, you can also change the **Emissivity** set in the **Settings > General** menu. The adjustment takes place simultaneously in both menus.



Fig. 7.6: View sensorTOOL Infrared Settings

7.2.4 Loop maintenance

In the side menu under **Loop Maintenance**, you can also change the **Loop Maintenance** set in the menu **Settings > Output**, see [Chap. 7.4.2](#) and display the values.

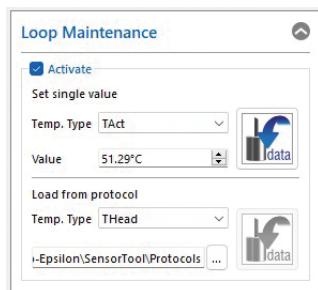


Fig. 7.7: View sensorTOOL Loop Maintenance

Loop Maintenance	Set single value	Temp. Type	TAct / TBox / THead
		Value (single)	Value
	Load from protocol	Temp. Type	TAct / TBox / THead



Set single value outputs a single value.



To output a protocol, first select the desired Explorer path. **Load from protocol** loads data from protocol when the second button is clicked.

Tab. 7.4: Set single value and Load from protocol

7.3 Single value menu

In the **Single Value** menu, you can enlarge the display of up to 5 measured values.

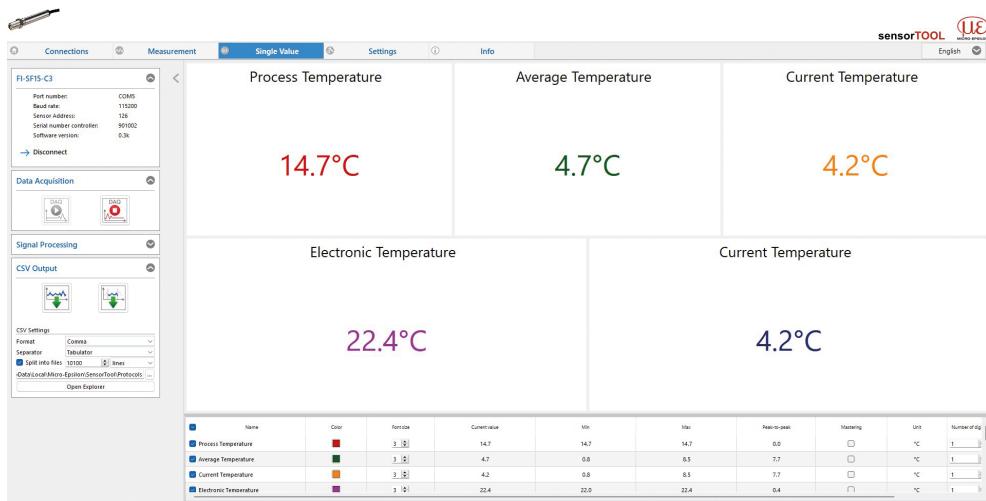


Fig. 7.8: View sensorTOOL thermoMETER FI Single Value

In the lower table of the Single Value menu, you will find various options for showing or hiding the settings you selected in the Settings < Signal Processing, see Chap. 7.4.3 menu. In addition, you can display the values, see Tab. 7.2.

7.4 Settings menu

7.4.1 Selection menu

- Start the settings by clicking on Settings in the menu bar.

There are 4 menus for setting your measured values:

- General
- Signal Processing
- Output
- Alarms and Failsafe

7.4.2 General menu

7.4.2.1 Overview



Fig. 7.9: View sensorTOOL - Settings menu - General

7.4.2.2 Device settings

Here you can set the Temperature Unit for the display and data output.

Device Settings	Temperature Unit	°C
		°F
	Status LED	Show Status with LEDs (red/green)

7.4.2.3 Infrared settings

Setting the Emissivity and Transmissivity

The Emissivity (epsilon) is a material constant that describes the ability of a body to emit infrared energy.

The Transmissivity or transmittance compensates for the signal loss if a protective window or an additional lens is mounted between the sensor and the measuring object.

Infrared Settings	Emissivity and Transmissivity	Emissivity	Value
		Transmissivity	Value
	Advanced	Ambient Temperature Mode	Automatic
		Fixed Value	Value
	Automatic Emissivity Calculation	Process Temperature	Value

Advanced Settings

Depending on the ambient temperature of the sensor head, this can falsify the measurement result. This influence can be compensated for via the Ambient Temperature Mode.

The Ambient Temperature Mode can be selected as follows:

- **Automatic:** The ambient temperature is determined by the temperature probe in the sensor.
- **Fixed Value:** The ambient temperature value is permanently set to the entered value.

7.4.2.4 Function automatic emissivity calculation

With the Automatic Emissivity Calculation, the pyrometer can determine an emissivity at a known object temperature. If a Process Temperature has been entered, the corresponding emissivity can be determined using the Calculate button.

7.4.3 Signal processing menu

7.4.3.1 Overview

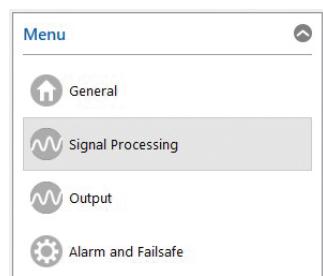


Fig. 7.10: View sensorTOOL - Settings menu - Signal Processing

7.4.3.2 Averaging

Depending on the selected function, an arithmetic mean value is calculated with the separately set time constant.

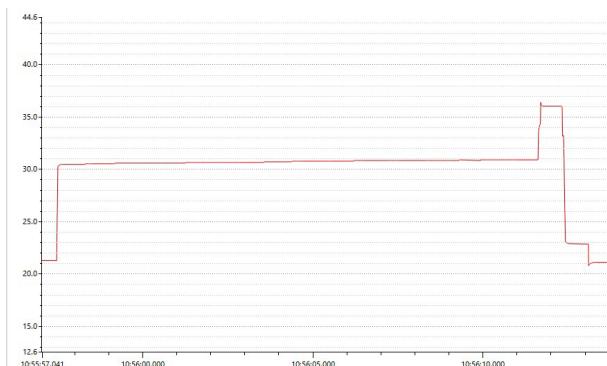
When using the **Normal** mode, an arithmetic mean value is calculated.

An intelligent algorithm is activated when **Hysteresis** mode is used. Rapid temperature rises are passed directly to the signal output if the set averaging hysteresis is exceeded, so that dynamic events can be recorded despite averaging.

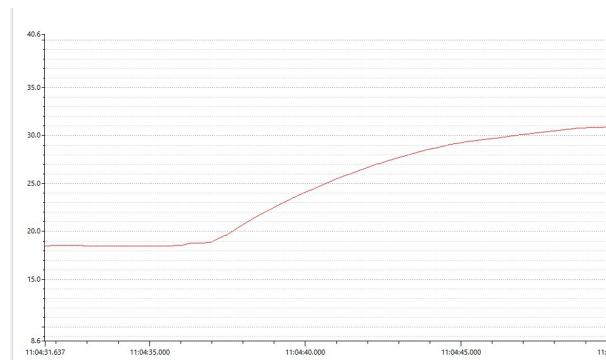
Averaging	Normal	Averaging Time	Value
	Hysteresis	Averaging Time	Value
		Averaging Hysteresis	Value

Intelligent averaging with Hysteresis

Averaging is generally used to smooth signal curves. This function can be optimally adapted to the respective application using the adjustable Averaging Time parameter. One disadvantage of averaging is that rapid temperature rises caused by dynamic events are subject to the same averaging time and are therefore only available at the signal output with a time delay. The intelligent averaging function (Hysteresis) eliminates this disadvantage by passing rapid temperature rises directly to the signal output without averaging.



Signal course with intelligent averaging (Hysteresis)



Signal course without intelligent averaging (Normal)

Tab. 7.5: Signal course with and without intelligent averaging (Hysteresis)

7.4.3.3 Minimum and maximum hold mode

Activating Hold Mode activates one of the following arithmetic algorithms:

- Minimum Search

In this mode, the sensor waits for rising signals. When the signal rises, the algorithm holds the previous signal level for the specified hold time. The definition of the algorithm corresponds to the maximum search (inverted).

- Maximum Search

In this mode, the sensor waits for descending signals. If the signal drops, the algorithm holds the previous signal peak for the specified hold time.

- Advanced Minimum Search

This mode is the reverse function of the extended maximum search. The sensor waits for local minima. Minimum values that are higher than their predecessors are only adopted if the temperature previously exceeded the threshold value.

If Hysteresis is activated, a minimum value must also increase by the value of the hysteresis before the algorithm accepts the value as the new minimum value.

- Advanced Maximum Search

In this mode, the sensor waits for local peak values.

Peak values that are lower than their predecessors are only accepted if the temperature has fallen below the threshold value.

If Hysteresis is activated, a peak value must also decrease by the value of the hysteresis before the algorithm accepts it as the new peak value.

Minimum Maximum Mode and Hold	Hold Mode	Disabled		
		Minimum Search		Hold time minimum search
		Maximum Search		Hold Time Maximum Search
		Advanced Minimum Search		Hold Time Minimum Search
				Temperature Threshold
				Temperature Hysteresis
		Advanced Maximum Search		Hold Time Maximum Search
				Temperature Threshold
				Temperature Hysteresis
				Value

7.4.3.4 LED alignment (advanced)

The LED Alignment activates the aiming aid function for the sensor.

The sensor can be mechanically aligned using the green LED on the back of the sensor.

LED Alignment (Advanced)	Search Mode	Disabled		
		Minimum		Hysteresis
				Reset time
		Maximum		Hysteresis
				Reset time

7.4.3.5 Signal selection (advanced)

The Signal Selection determines which and how many temperature values are permanently transmitted to the sensorTOOL.

This selection determines the data displayed in the graphical Measurement tab, [see Chap. 7.2](#), and the Single Value tab.

There are 5 different temperature types available for digital output:

Temperature Type	Meaning
TProc	Process temperature = temperature value with signal processing functions
TAvg	Averaged temperature = temperature value with averaging function
TAct	Temperature raw value = temperature value without signal processing functions
TBox	Temperature of the controller
THead	Temperature of the sensor

Tab. 7.6: Temperature types of signal selection

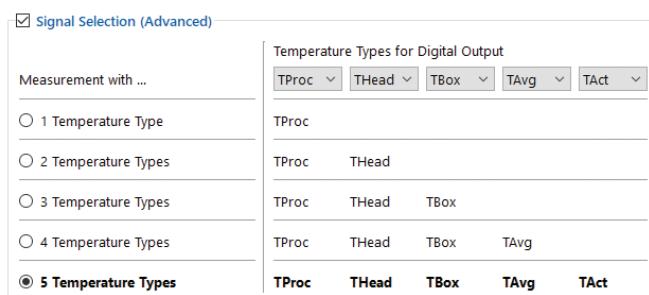


Fig. 7.11: Signal Selection (Advanced) with various options

7.4.4 Output menu

7.4.4.1 Overview

The number of transferred temperatures is defined by selecting the corresponding line. The measured value and the order in which the temperature values are output can be defined in the individual line.

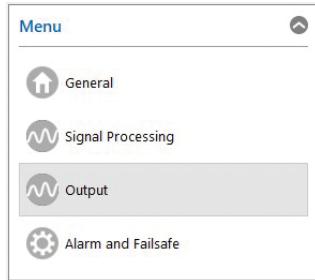


Fig. 7.12: View sensorTOOL - Settings menu - Output

7.4.4.2 Loop maintenance (advanced)

Loop Maintenance makes it possible to simulate an output value to check the wiring or scaling of a connected PLC. As long as this mode is activated, the sensor does not output any measured values but only the set simulation values.

Loop Maintenance (Advanced)	Loop Maintenance Status	Disabled		
		Enabled	Temperature Type	TAct / TBox / THead
			Temperature Value (Digital)	Value
			Temperature Value (Analog)	Value
			Voltage Value (Analog)	Value
			Percentage Value (Analog)	Value

7.4.4.3 Analog output settings

The Output Mode enables to activate the analog output Voltage Output.

If Disabled is selected, all available analog outputs are switched off.

Analog Output Settings	Output Mode	Deactivated		
		Voltage Output	Output Minimum Value	Value
Advanced			Output Maximum Value	Value
			Temperature for Minimum Output	Value
			Temperature for Maximum Output	Value

The upper and lower limits for the output scaling of the analog output and the upper and lower temperature limits for the scaling are defined via the Advanced entry.

7.4.4.4 Calibration (advanced)

Calibration allows the user to specifically adjust the sensor using an offset and gain value, regardless of the factory settings, see Chap. 15.

Calibration (Advanced)	Tweak Offset	Value in °C
	Tweak Gain	Value

7.4.5 Alarm and failsafe menu

7.4.5.1 Overview



Fig. 7.13: View sensorTOOL - Settings menu - Alarm and Failsafe

7.4.5.2 Alarm settings

If you check Advanced, you can activate the alarm directly and set the Alarm Switching Temperature and the Alarm Hysteresis.

The Alarm Source is used to set the reference temperature of the alarm channel.

The entries are used to define the alarm source (temperature value) for the alarm output. The temperature determines when the alarm is triggered and the Open-collector alarm changes its switching state. Off deactivates alarm output.

Alarm 1	Alarm source	TProc / TAvg / TAct / TBox / THead / Differenz / TAct / THead	
	Extended	Activate Alarm	Normal Open
			Normal Closed

7.4.5.3 Failsafe settings (advanced)

Failsafe Mode enables to output values at the analog output that lie outside the specified analog scaling, depending on adjustable temperature values via assigned temperature limits. This makes it possible to signal error states via the analog output.

Failsafe Mode

Failsafe Mode	Disabled		
	Analog Out	Surveillance of	TProc
			THead
			TAct
			TBox

Analog Output Failsafe

If Analog Out is selected, the following settings are possible under Analog Output Failsafe:

Analog Output	Value
Voltage Output for T < Threshold	Value
Voltage Output for T > Threshold	Value

Tab. 7.7: Analog Output Failsafe

Temperature Thresholds	Minimum TProc	Value
	Maximum TProc	Value
	Minimum TAct	Value
	Maximum TAct	Value
	Minimum THead	Value
	Maximum THead	Value
	Minimum TBox	Value
	Maximum TBox	Value

Tab. 7.8: Temperature Thresholds

7.5 Info menu

- ▶ Switch to the Info menu.

This view gives you additional information about the connected system. In addition, the settings can be exported or imported, or copied to a clipboard, and the system can be reset to factory settings.



Clicking the **Copy to clipboard** button copies the information and settings for the selected sensor to the clipboard.



By confirming the **Factory settings** button, you can restore the factory state. All deactivated channels are reactivated, and the intensity adjustments and special channel-related settings are reset. Confirm the dialog box that opens with **Yes** to reset the sensor.



Export Settings opens the Explorer and offers to save the sensor settings in a predefined *.csv file on the PC.



Import Settings opens the Explorer and offers to import the sensor settings from a predefined *.csv file on the PC.

When you click on the **Disconnect** button, the menu jumps back to the sensorTOOL start page.

7.6 Communication settings

Serial Interface	
Baud rate:	9600, 19200, 38400, 57600, 115200 (standard) ^[8] .
Data bits:	8
Parity:	even
Stop bits:	1
Flow control:	Off

Protocol

The sensors use the ME bus protocol as standard, which provides the full range of functions. In addition to this protocol, the sensor can also be converted to a simplified binary protocol using the sensorTOOL software. In this case, there is no additional overhead in order to achieve fast communication.

8 Cleaning

Lens cleaning:

Loose particles can be blown away with clean compressed air. The lens surface can be cleaned with a soft, damp cloth (moistened with water) or a lens cleaner (e.g. Zeiss Cleaning Fluid, Edmund Lens Cleaner).

NOTICE

Avoid exposure of sensor (both optics and housing) to cleaning agents that contain solvents.

- Damage to or destruction of the sensor

9 Principle of infrared temperature measurement

Depending on the temperature, every body emits a certain amount of infrared radiation. A change in the temperature of the object is accompanied by a change in the intensity of the radiation.

The wavelength range of this so-called "thermal radiation" used for infrared measurement technology is between approx. 1 μm and 20 μm . The intensity of the emitted radiation depends on the material.

The material-dependent constant is referred to as emissivity (ϵ - epsilon) and is known for most substances, [see Chap. 10.4](#), [see Chap. 10.5](#). Infrared pyrometers are optoelectronic sensors. They detect the infrared radiation emitted by a body and calculate the surface temperature based on this. Probably the most important feature of infrared pyrometers is the non-contact measurement technique, which allows the temperature of difficult-to-access or moving objects to be determined. Infrared pyrometers essentially consist of the following components:

- Lens
- Spectral filter
- Detector
- Controller

The properties of the lens largely determine the beam path of the infrared thermometer, which is characterized by the ratio of distance- to-spot-size. The filter is used to select the wavelength range that is relevant for the temperature measurement. Together with the controller, the detector converts the intensity of the emitted infrared radiation into electrical signals.

10 Emissivity

10.1 Definition

The intensity of the infrared heat radiation emitted by each body depends on both the temperature and the radiation properties of the material to be examined. The emissivity (ϵ - epsilon) is the corresponding material constant that describes the ability of a body to emit infrared energy. It can be between 0% and 100%. An ideally radiating body, a so-called "black body", has an emissivity of 1, while the emissivity of a gold mirror, for example, is < 0.1 .

If the emissivity is set too high, the infrared thermometer determines a lower temperature than the real temperature, provided that the object being measured is warmer than the surroundings. With a low emissivity (reflective surfaces), there is a risk that interfering infrared radiation from background objects (flames, heating systems, fireclay, etc.) will distort the measurement result. To minimize the measurement error in this case, the device should be handled very carefully and shielded from reflective radiation sources.

10.2 Determination of an unknown emissivity

- The current temperature of the measuring object can be determined using a thermocouple, contact sensor or similar. The temperature can then be measured with the infrared temperature sensor. The emissivity can be changed until the displayed measurement value matches the actual temperature.
- For temperature measurements up to 380 °C, it is possible to attach a special plastic sticker to the measured object.
 - Set the emissivity to 0.95 and measure the temperature of the sticker.
 - Then determine the temperature of a directly adjacent surface on the measuring object and set the emissivity so that the value corresponds to the previously measured temperature of the plastic sticker.
- Apply matt black paint to part of the surface of the object to be measured.
 - Set the emissivity of your infrared thermometer to 0.98 and measure the temperature of the black-colored surface.
 - Then determine the temperature of a directly adjacent surface and change the emissivity setting until the measured temperature corresponds to that of the colored area.

i With all three methods, the object must have a different temperature from the room temperature.

10.3 Characteristic emissivities

If you do not wish to use any of the methods described above to determine your emissivity, you can use guide values from the following emissivity tables.

i Please note that the tables only show average values.

The actual emissivity of a material is influenced by the following factors, among others:

- Temperature
- Measuring angle
- Geometry of the surface (plane, convex, concave)
- Thickness of material
- Structure of the surface (polished, oxidized, rough, sandblasted)
- Spectral range of the measurement
- Transmission properties (e.g. with thin film)

10.4 Emissivity table for metals

Material		Typical emissivity			
Spectral sensitivity		1.0 μm	1.6 μm	5.1 μm	8 - 14 μm
Aluminum	Not oxidized	0.1 ... 0.2	0.02 ... 0.2	0.02 ... 0.2	0.02 ... 0.1
	Polished	0.1 ... 0.2	0.02 ... 0.1	0.02 ... 0.1	0.02 ... 0.1
	Roughened	0.2 ... 0.8	0.2 ... 0.6	0.1 ... 0.4	0.1 ... 0.3
	Oxidized	0.4	0.4	0.2 ... 0.4	0.2 ... 0.4

Material		Typical emissivity			
Lead	Polished	0.35	0.05 ... 0.2	0.05 ... 0.2	0.05 ... 0.1
	Roughened	0.65	0.6	0.4	0.4
	Oxidized		0.3 ... 0.7	0.2 ... 0.7	0.2 ... 0.6
Chrome		0.4	0.4	0.03 ... 0.3	0.02 ... 0.2
Iron	Not oxidized	0.35	0.1 ... 0.3	0.05 ... 0.25	0.05 ... 0.2
	Rusted		0.6 ... 0.9	0.5 ... 0.8	0.5 ... 0.7
	Oxidized	0.7 ... 0.9	0.5 ... 0.9	0.6 ... 0.9	0.5 ... 0.9
	Forged, blunt	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9
	Molten	0.35	0.4 ... 0.6		
Iron, cast	Not oxidized	0.35	0.3	0.25	0.2
	Oxidized	0.9	0.7 ... 0.9	0.65 ... 0.95	0.6 ... 0.95
Gold		0.3	0.01 ... 0.1	0.01 ... 0.1	0.01 ... 0.1
Haynes	Alloy	0.5 ... 0.9	0.6 ... 0.9	0.3 ... 0.8	0.3 ... 0.8
Inconel	Electropolished	0.2 ... 0.5	0.25	0.15	0.15
	Sandblasted	0.3 ... 0.4	0.3 ... 0.6	0.3 ... 0.6	0.3 ... 0.6
	Oxidized	0.4 ... 0.9	0.6 ... 0.9	0.6 ... 0.9	0.7 ... 0.95
Copper	Polished	0.05	0.03	0.03	0.03
	Roughened	0.05 ... 0.2	0.05 ... 0.2	0.05 ... 0.15	0.05 ... 0.1
	Oxidized	0.2 ... 0.8	0.2 ... 0.9	0.5 ... 0.8	0.4 ... 0.8
Magnesium		0.3 ... 0.8	0.05 ... 0.3	0.03 ... 0.15	0.02 ... 0.1
Brass	Polished	0.35	0.01 ... 0.5	0.01 ... 0.5	0.01 ... 0.5
	Harshened	0.65	0.4	0.3	0.3
	Oxidized	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.1
Molybdenum	Not oxidized	0.25 ... 0.35	0.1 ... 0.3	0.1 ... 0.15	0.1
		0.5 ... 0.9	0.4 ... 0.9	0.3 ... 0.7	0.2 ... 0.6
Monel (Ni-Cu)		0.3	0.2 ... 0.6	0.1 ... 0.5	0.1 ... 0.14
Nickel	Electrolytic	0.2 ... 0.4	0.1 ... 0.3	0.1 ... 0.15	0.05 ... 0.15
	Oxidized	0.8 ... 0.9	0.4 ... 0.7	0.3 ... 0.6	0.2 ... 0.5
Platinum	Black		0.95	0.9	0.9
Mercury			0.05 ... 0.15	0.05 ... 0.15	0.05 ... 0.15
Silver		0.04	0.02	0.02	0.02
Steel	Polished pitch	0.35	0.25	0.1	0.1
	Stainless	0.35	0.2 ... 0.9	0.15 ... 0.8	0.1 ... 0.8
	Heavy plates			0.5 ... 0.7	0.4 ... 0.6
	Cold-milled	0.8 ... 0.9	0.8 ... 0.9	0.8 ... 0.9	0.8 ... 0.9
	Oxidized	0.8 ... 0.9	0.8 ... 0.9	0.7 ... 0.9	0.7 ... 0.9
Titanium	Polished	0.5 ... 0.75	0.3 ... 0.5	0.1 ... 0.3	0.05 ... 0.2
	Oxidized		0.6 ... 0.8	0.5 ... 0.7	0.5 ... 0.6
Tungsten	Polished	0.35 ... 0.4	0.1 ... 0.3	0.05 ... 0.25	0.03 ... 0.1
Zinc	Polished	0.5	0.05	0.03	0.02
	Oxidized	0.6	0.15	0.1	0.1
Tin	Not oxidized	0.25	0.1 ... 0.3	0.05	0.05

10.5 Emissivity table for non-metals

Material		Typical emissivity			
Spectral sensitivity		1.0 µm	2.3 µm	5.1 µm	8 - 14 µm
Asbestos		0.9	0.8	0.9	0.95
Asphalt				0.95	0.95
Basalt				0.7	0.7
Concrete		0.65	0.9	0.9	0.95
Ice					0.98
Soil					0.9 ... 0.98
Color	Not alkaline				0.9 ... 0.98
Gypsum				0.4 ... 0.97	0.8 ... 0.95
Glass	Washer		0.2	0.98	0.85
	Melting material		0.4 ... 0.9	0.9	
Rubber				0.9	0.95
Wood	Natural			0.9 ... 0.95	0.9 ... 0.95
Limestone				0.4 ... 0.98	0.98
Carborundum			0.95	0.9	0.9
Ceramics		0.4	0.8 ... 0.95	0.8 ... 0.95	0.95
Gravel				0.95	0.95
Carbon	Not oxidized		0.8 ... 0.9	0.8 ... 0.9	0.8 ... 0.9
	Graphite		0.8 ... 0.9	0.7 ... 0.9	0.7 ... 0.9
Plastics > 50 µm	Opaque			0.95	0.95
Paper	Any color			0.95	0.95
Sand				0.9	0.9
Snow					0.9
Textiles				0.95	0.95
Water					0.93

11 Disclaimer

All components of the device have been checked and tested for functionality in the factory. However, should any defects occur despite careful quality control, these shall be reported immediately to Micro-Epsilon or to your distributor / retailer.

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12 Service, repair

If the measuring system is defect, please send in the affected parts for repair or replacement.

If the cause of a fault cannot be clearly identified, please send the entire system including cables to:

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13 Decommissioning, disposal

In order to avoid the release of environmentally harmful substances and to ensure the reuse of valuable raw materials, we draw your attention to the following regulations and obligations:

- Remove all cables from the sensor and/or controller.
- Dispose of the sensor and/or the controller, its components and accessories, as well as the packaging materials in compliance with the applicable country-specific waste treatment and disposal regulations of the region of use.
- You are obliged to comply with all relevant national laws and regulations.

For Germany / the EU, the following (disposal) instructions apply in particular:

- Waste equipment marked with a crossed garbage can must not be disposed of with normal industrial waste (e.g. residual waste can or the yellow recycling bin) and must be disposed of separately. This avoids hazards to the environment due to incorrect disposal and ensures proper recycling of the old appliances. 
- A list of national laws and contacts in the EU member states can be found at https://ec.europa.eu/environment/topics/waste-and-recycling/waste-electrical-and-electronic-equipment-weee_en. Here you can inform yourself about the respective national collection and return points.
- Old devices can also be returned for disposal to Micro-Epsilon at the address given in the legal details at <https://www.micro-epsilon.com/legal-details>.
- We would like to point out that you are responsible for deleting the measurement-specific and personal data on the old devices to be disposed of.
- Under the registration number WEEE-Reg.-Nr. DE28605721, we are registered at the foundation Elektro-Altgeräte Register, Nordostpark 72, 90411 Nuremberg, as a manufacturer of electrical and/or electronic equipment.

14 Optional accessories

14.1 Mounting accessories

TM-FB	Mounting bracket	2970753
TM-TA	Pipe adapter	2970756
TM-T40	Reflection protection tube, length 40 mm; M12x1 external thread	2970757
TM-T88	Reflection protection tube, length 88 mm; M12x1 external thread	2970758
TM-T20	Reflection protection tube, length 20 mm; M12x1 external thread	2970759
TM-CF	Close Focus lens	2970763
TM-PW	Protective window	2970764
TM-MI	Right angle mirror	2970769

14.2 Air purge units

NOTICE

Avoid both deposit (dust, particles) and smoke, steam and high air humidity (condensation) on the lens.

- Erroneous measurements

These effects are avoided or reduced by using an air purge collar.

i Make sure you use oil-free, technically clean air.

The required air volume (approx. 2 ... 10 l/min.) depends on the application and the conditions at the installation site.

TM-AP	Air purge collar	2970767
TM-APL	Air purge collar with laminar air flow and air outlet offset by 90° to the measuring object	2970752
TM-AP8	Air purge collar with 8 mm hose connection	2970768

There is an air outlet on the side of the laminar air purge collar. This prevents the measuring object from cooling down at small measuring distances.

14.3 Protective window

A protective window is available to protect the sensor lens. It has the same mechanical dimensions as the CF lens and is available in the following variants:

When using the protective window (average values), the following transmission values must be set as a guide value:

Model	Transmissivity
SF15	0.83

Tab. 14.1: Protective window model and transmission values

The optionally available USB adapter is required to change the transmission value.

14.4 CF ancillary lens

The CF ancillary lens enables the measurement of tiny objects. The minimum measurement spot depends on the sensor used. The distance is measured from the front edge of the CF lens holder or the laminar air purge collar. The ancillary lens is mounted by screwing it on the sensor up to the stop.

When using the CF ancillary lens (average values), the following transmission values must be set:

Model	Transmittance
SF15	0.85

Tab. 14.2: Model ancillary lens and transmission values

14.5 USB adapter

TM-USBA USB adapter with terminal block 2970770

15 Factory settings

The sensors have the following default settings on delivery:

Emissivity	0.950
Transmission	1.000
Averaging Time (Normal and Hysteresis)	0.2 s
Averaging Hysteresis (Hysteresis)	2 °C
Source of ambient temperature	Internal (sensor temperature)
Status LED function	Self-diagnostics
Temperature range	0 ... +600 °C
Output voltage	0 ... 6 V
Signal Processing	Hold mode: disabled
Calibration	Tweak Gain 1.000/Tweak Offset 0.0 °C
Failsafe	Disabled

The factory settings can be changed using the optionally available USB adapter and the **sensorTOOL**.

Intelligent averaging (Hysteresis) is a dynamic adaptation of the averaging to steep signal edges. Activation / deactivation is only possible via the **sensorTOOL** software.



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