

# Quick Reference Guide analog Silicon Irradiance Sensor



## Main data

|                               |                             |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Irradiance measurement:       | up to 1400 W/m <sup>2</sup> |
| Working temperature:          | -35 to 80°C                 |
| Weight:                       | appr. 0.4 kg                |
| Measurement cell temperature: | optional                    |

## Types

| Type                        | Voltage supply           | Irradiance                                |                          | Cell temperature<br>Signal          |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|---|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
|                             |                          | Signal                                    | Temperature compensation |                                     |
| Si-01TC-Batt<br>Si-01TC-DMM | Internal Lithium Battery | 0 to 1.4 V for 0 to 1400 W/m <sup>2</sup> | yes                      | ./.                                 |
| Si-01TC                     | 5 to 28 VDC              | 0 to 1.4 V for 0 to 1400 W/m <sup>2</sup> | yes                      | ./.                                 |
| Si-01TC-T                   | 5 to 28 VDC              | 0 to 1.4 V for 0 to 1400 W/m <sup>2</sup> | yes                      | 0 to 2 V for<br>-123.5 to +76.5°C   |
| Si-02                       | ./.                      | ca. 80 mV for 1400 W/m <sup>2</sup>       | no                       | ./.                                 |
| Si-02-Pt100                 | ./.                      | ca. 80 mV for 1400 W/m <sup>2</sup>       | no                       | Pt100                               |
| Si-02-Pt1000                | ./.                      | ca. 80 mV for 1400 W/m <sup>2</sup>       | no                       | Pt1000                              |
| Si-13TC                     | 12 to 28 VDC             | 0 to 10 V for 0 to 1300 W/m <sup>2</sup>  | yes                      | ./.                                 |
| Si-13TC-T                   | 12 to 28 VDC             | 0 to 10 V for 0 to 1300 W/m <sup>2</sup>  | yes                      | 0 to 10 V for<br>-26.1 to +89.0°C   |
| Si-420TC                    | 12 to 25 VDC             | 4 to 20 mA for 0 to 1200 W/m <sup>2</sup> | yes                      | ./.                                 |
| Si-420TC-T                  | 12 to 25 VDC             | 4 to 20 mA for 0 to 1200 W/m <sup>2</sup> | yes                      | 4 to 20 mA for<br>-123.5 to +76.5°C |

**Measurement uncertainty over all aspects (not Si-02, Si-02-XX only with external temperature compensation), according to GUM (Guide to the Expression of Uncertainty in Measurement), k = 2**

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| Irradiance       | <b>±5 W/m<sup>2</sup> ± 2.5 % of MV</b> | valid perpendicular incidence of the light, spectrum AM 1.5                                      |
| Cell temperature | <b>2.0 K<br/>IEC 60751, class A</b>     | Range -20 to 70°C, all sensors except Si-02-Pt100(0)<br>Range -35 bis 80°C / only Si-02-Pt100(0) |

## User information

The guarantee 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.

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|    | Si sensors that are used for monitoring PV installations must be installed with the <b>same alignment and inclination as the PV generator</b> . The mounting location should be free of shading as far as possible.<br>To facilitate <b>maintenance and cleaning</b> of the Si sensor, the Si sensor should be mounted in an easily accessible place (e.g. near roof windows or skylights). |
|    | The <b>mounting location</b> 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 <b>connecting cable</b> should always be laid separated from, e.g. main DC cables or AC cables.<br>The connecting cable is to be laid so it is fixed.<br>The minimum bending radius of 15 x cable diameter (ø approx. 5 mm) is to be observed.<br>The voltage drop at the cable has to be considered when calculating the maximum cable length.   |
|    | The pressure equalisation element must not be damaged.<br><b>The cable gland is not allowed to be undone or tightened by the user.</b><br>It is not necessary for the installer or user to open the Si sensor. <b>If the housing is nevertheless opened, no liability for the sealing can be accepted.</b>  |
|    | The <b>surge protection concept</b> 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.<br>The sensor must be integrated into the <b>lightning protection concept</b> .  |
|   | The sensors are designed for <b>safety extra-low voltage (SELV)</b> operation.<br>Reversing the polarity or mixing up the connections on the Si sensor may cause irreversible damage to the sensor.<br>The cable shield is to be connected to PE during installation.   |
|  | <b>The installation and assembly of electrical equipment must be carried out by electrically qualified persons.</b><br>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.  |
|  | <b>Mortal danger due to electrical power</b><br>On the connection of the Si sensor to an inverter, dangerous voltages are present on the inverter.  |
|  | Should it be necessary to <b>clean the Si sensor</b> , a soft cotton cloth, water and a mild cleaning agent can be used for this purpose.   |

**Wire colour**

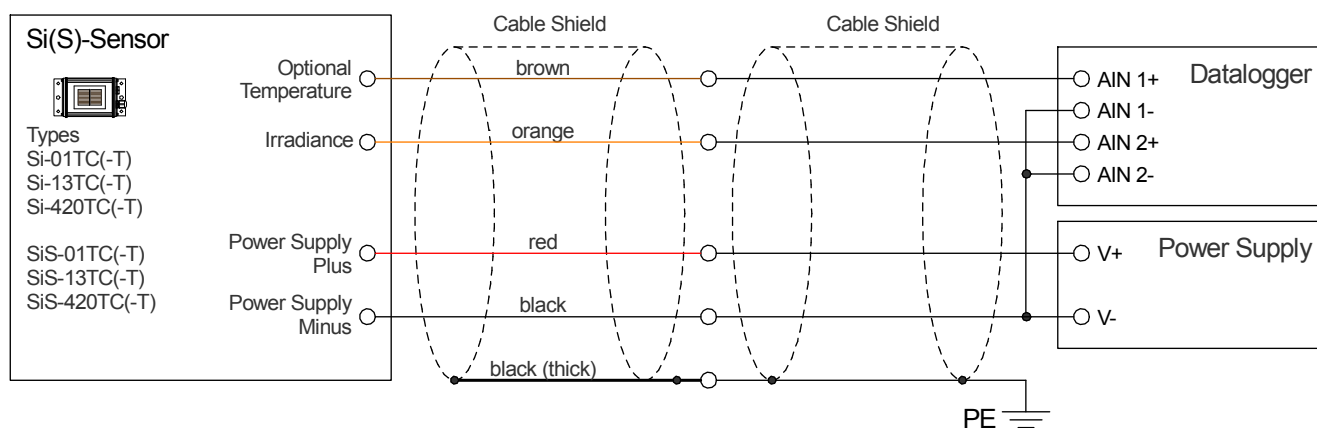
| Wire colour   | Si-01TC(-T), Si-13TC(-T), Si-420TC(-T)  | Si-02, Si-02-Pt100, Si-02-Pt1000 |
|---------------|---|----------------------------------|
| Orange        | Irradiance (positive)                   | Irradiance (positive)            |
| Brown         | Temperature (positive)                  | Temperature - 1                  |
| Black         | Signal (negative) and supply (negative) | Irradiance (negative)            |
| Red           | Supply (positive)                       | Temperature - 2                  |
| Black (thick) | Shield                                  | Shield                           |

**Cable resistance (outward and return conductor) for calculating the maximum cable length**

| Cable cross-section  | Spezific cable resistance | Cable lenght |       |        |        |        |
|----------------------|---------------------------|--------------|-------|--------|--------|--------|
|                      |                           | 10 m         | 20 m  | 50 m   | 100 m  | 200 m  |
| 0.14 mm <sup>2</sup> | 150.0 Ω/km                | 3.0 Ω        | 6.0 Ω | 15.0 Ω | 30.0 Ω | 60.0 Ω |
| 0.50 mm <sup>2</sup> | 36.7 Ω/km                 | 0.7 Ω        | 1.5 Ω | 3.7 Ω  | 7.3 Ω  | 14.7 Ω |

Example voltage drop on cable for Si-420TC-T, 200 m cable 0.5 mm<sup>2</sup>:  $\Delta U = 14.7 \Omega \times 50 \text{ mA} = 0.74 \text{ V}$

Wiring diagram of analog Si sensors



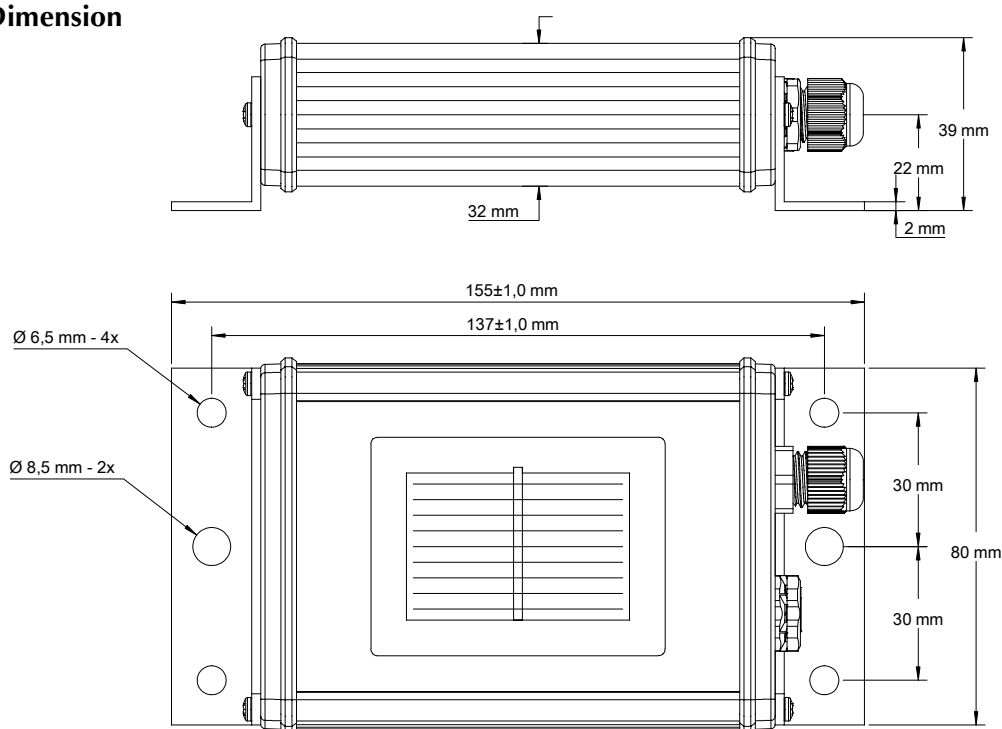
Offset and gradient for connection to a datalogger

| Sensor type             | Irradiance  | Temperature (only Sensor with „-T“ bzw. „-PtXX“)   |
|-------------------------|---|--|
| Si-02<br>Si-02-Pt100(0) | $G = 1000 * U / F_1$ with $F_1$ calibration factor<br>$U = 0.001 * F_1 * G$ | Pt100 or Pt1000  |
| Si-01TC<br>Si-01TC-T    | $G = 1000 * U$<br>$U = 0.001 * G$   | $T = 100 * U - 123,5 = 100 * (U - 1.235)$<br>$U = 0.01 * T + 1.235 = 0,01 * (T - 123.5)$     |
| Si-420TC<br>Si-420TC-T  | $G = 75 * I - 300 = 75 * (I - 4)$<br>$I = 1/75 * G + 4 = (G + 300) / 75$    | $T = 12.5 * I - 173.5 = 12,5 * (I - 13.88)$<br>$I = 0.08 * T + 13.88 = 0.08 * (T + 173.5)$   |
| Si-13TC<br>Si-13TC-T    | $G = 130 * U$<br>$U = 1/130 * G$  | $T = 11.51 * U - 26.1 = 11.51 * (U - 2.268)$<br>$U = 0.087 * T + 2.268 = 0.087 * (T + 26.1)$ |

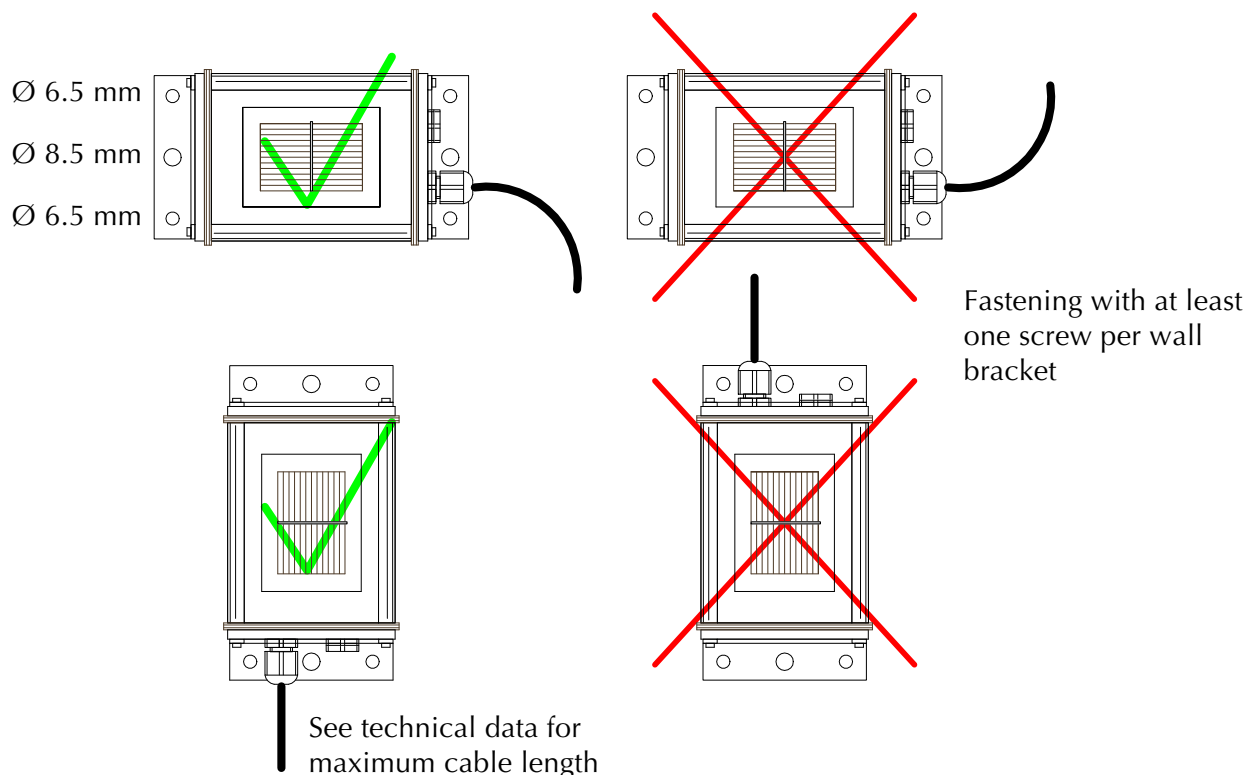
Correction equation for external temperature compensation of Si-02-Pt100(0):

$$G = 1000 * U / \{F_1 * [1 + TK * (T - 25^\circ\text{C})]\}$$

Dimension



**Mounting instruction**



**Technical data**

| General data                                |  |                                      |                        |           |                        |            |
|---|--|--------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------|------------------------|------------|
| Solar cell                                  | Monocrystalline silicon; 50 mm x 33 mm                   |                                      |                        |           |                        |            |
| Housing                                     | Material   | Powder-coated aluminium              |                        |           |                        |            |
|   | Dimension / Weight                                       | 155 mm x 86 mm x 39 mm / appr. 350 g |                        |           |                        |            |
|   | Degree of protection                                     | IP 65                                |                        |           |                        |            |
| Operating temperature                       | -35 to +80°C   |                                      |                        |           |                        |            |
| Sensor cable                                | LiYC11Y 4x0.14mm <sup>2</sup> UL20233; length typical 3m |                                      |                        |           |                        |            |
| Customs tariff number                       | 85 41 40 90  |                                      |                        |           |                        |            |
| Electrical data                             |  |                                      |                        |           |                        |            |
|   | Si-01TC  | Si-01TC-T                            | Si-13TC                | Si-13TC-T | Si-420TC               | Si-420TC-T |
| Supply voltage                              | 24 VDC (5 ... 28 VDC)                                    |                                      | 24 VDC (12 ... 28 VDC) |           | 24 VDC (12 ... 25 VDC) |            |
| Max. current consumption                    | 1 mA   | 1 mA                                 | 1 mA                   | 5 mA      | 25 mA                  | 50 mA      |
| Maximum load                                | ./.  |                                      | ./.                    |           | 400 Ω                  |            |
| Minimum load                                | 10 kΩ  |                                      | 10 kΩ                  |           | 20 Ω                   |            |
| Maximum cable length <sup>1</sup>           | appr. 50 m   |                                      | appr. 100 m            |           | appr. 200 m            |            |
| Electrical data of Si-02 and Si-02-Pt100(0) |  |                                      |                        |           |                        |            |
| Supply voltage                              | None   |                                      |                        |           |                        |            |
| Typ. current consumption                    | ./.  |                                      |                        |           |                        |            |
| Minimum load                                | 10 kΩ  |                                      |                        |           |                        |            |

<sup>1</sup> Note for Si-01TC-T and Si-13TC-T: Maximum cable length with a cable diameter of 0.14 mm<sup>2</sup> is 30 m. For cable length bigger then 30 m use at least 0.5 mm<sup>2</sup>.

**Items supplied:**

- Si sensor incl. pre-assembled connecting cable or suitable male connector
- Data sheet
- Calibration record

**Please read also the installation and operating instruction (newest version on [www.ib-mut.de](http://www.ib-mut.de)).**