

SD6 Digital Sunshine Detector



The SD6 digital detector is intended to indication of direct sun radiation from the 120 W/m^2 limit value.

The measurement is based on optical principle. The basic part of the sensing unit is a circular shade. There are 16 slots evenly distributed along the shade perimeter. Behind the slots, screened photosensitive elements (photo-diodes) are placed. During the installation, the sensing unit shall be oriented so that the axis of the shade runs parallel to the rotation axis of the Earth. The orientation of the sensing unit, evenly distributed photodiodes, and a suitable size of slots in the shade ensure that solar and sky radiation is absorbed at any position of the Sun.

Solar radiation together with sky radiation falls on a glass cupola, goes through the exposed slots and falls on the photodiodes. Each photodiode is connected to the evaluation electronics of the sensing unit. By comparing the intensity of the radiation an executive programme of the detector evaluates if the radiation is scattered (i.e. the Sun is hidden in clouds, fog, etc.) or

direct (over 120 W/m^2). The detector provide two-state information "YES – NO" (shining – not shining). The detector is designed for connection to a suitable registration unit which monitors the current status of the sensing-unitoutput in a given time-period. In such way we can obtain information about the character of direct solar radiation. There are **no moving parts** in SD6



The sensor is heated in order to avoid of icing or fogging.



SD6 detector – technica	specification
Incident sun radiation per m ² –	0 1300 W/m ²
range of the measured	
performance	
Pre-set measuring interval	<1s
Spectral sensitivity of the	λ _{0.5} = 600 1050 nm
measuring elements - range	
Maximum spectral sensitivity	λ _p = 900 nm
Supply voltage	10 24 VDC
Current consumption at 12V	23 40 mA
Output – current loop	 014 mA current loop (in case of sunshine, electric current flows into the output). Voltage of the open loop equals to supply voltage. At the request, the producer is able to provide the negative output logic of the sensor.
Output - relay	the contacts separated from the sensor in a galvanic way Maximum switched current0.5A Maximum switched voltage
Heating of the sensor - Voltage for heating	12 48V AC/DC (36 48 V AC/DC recommended, then heating is regulated to provide constant heating output)
- Current	1.1 0.5 A
Body of the sensing unit - material	stainless steel
Dimensions (diameter x height)	arnothing 92 mm x 195 mm (without holder)
Mounting	by using the adjustable holder with base
Weight	930 g (without holder)
Protection	IP 68
Operating temperature	- 40 + 60 °C
Accessories (optionally)	the holder with lugs for mounting on \varnothing 2535 mm tube
	the possibility to increase the heating power for extreme temperature conditions