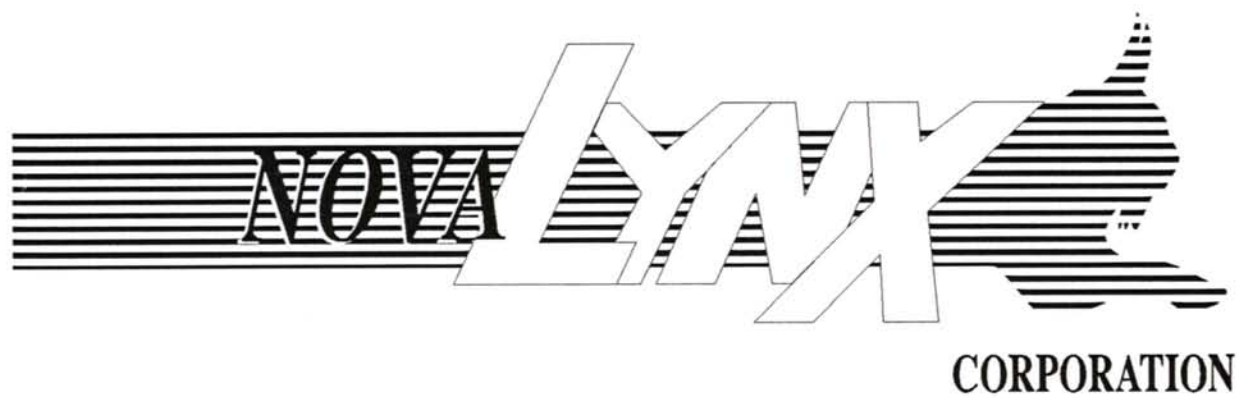


**NOVALYNX CORPORATION
MODEL 225-050Y
RELATIVE HUMIDITY AND TEMPERATURE SENSOR
INSTRUCTION MANUAL**



Receiving and Unpacking

Carefully unpack all components and compare to packing list. Notify NovaLynx Corporation immediately concerning any discrepancy. Inspect equipment to detect any damage that may have occurred during shipment. In the event of damage, any claim for loss must be filed immediately with the carrier by the consignee. Damages to equipment sent via Parcel Post or UPS require the consignee to contact NovaLynx Corporation for instructions.

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MODEL 225-050Y

RELATIVE HUMIDITY AND TEMPERATURE SENSOR

1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The Model 225-050Y Relative Humidity and Temperature Sensor is a solid state, fully electronic, instrument that provides measurement of relative humidity and temperature. The solid state sensing elements and built-in signal conditioning circuitry produces linear output signals that are compatible with a variety of electronic monitoring and recording instruments. The combination sensor is designed for use in industrial environments and may be installed into tower mounted shields for outdoor applications.

Relative humidity is measured through the use of a thin film capacitive sensing element. The sensor causes changes to occur in the electronic circuitry that are translated into a linear 0 to 1 volt DC output equivalent to 0 to 100 % R.H.

Temperature is measured by a 1000 ohm platinum resistive element (RTD). The miniature platinum element is attached onto the end of the sensor, adjacent to the RH sensor. The changes in the sensor's resistance is translated into a 0 to 1 volt DC output that is equivalent to a range of -40 to +60°C.

The electronic circuitry of the Model 225-050Y is protected inside an IP 65 class housing. The end of the sensor assembly holds the two sensing elements. The humidity element is plugged onto mounting pins through the use of a plastic holder. The mounting pins are also the electrical contacts. The temperature sensor is soldered onto two pins adjacent to the humidity pins.

A protective membrane inside a plastic shield encloses the sensing elements in the end of the probe. The membrane allows moisture to pass through its walls to reach the humidity element while at the same time restricts particulate material from contaminating the sensor. The membrane and shield are non-metallic to prevent delays in the temperature measurement.

Power for the sensor assembly is provided externally by a DC source with a range of 7 to 28 volts DC. For most NovaLynx system configurations, the power will be +12 volts, DC. A one foot length of cable is provided with the sensor whenever no additional cable is ordered from NovaLynx. For some systems, the one foot long cable may be replaced by or spliced onto a longer length of cable, depending upon the system's requirements.

For outdoor and tower mounted sensors, NovaLynx recommends using a solar radiation shield to housing and protect the sensor. NovaLynx instrument shields are used to provide correct exposure of the sensor to the atmosphere while at the same time preventing direct solar heating and precipitation contact of the sensing elements. Several styles of shields are available from NovaLynx. Most of the shields use a clamping style u-bolt to attach the shield onto a tower leg or a vertical mast of 1.0 inches, outside diameter. For best results, a fan aspirated shield should be used. A separate manual is provided for the solar radiation shield when ordered from NovaLynx.

2.0 SPECIFICATIONS

2.1 PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

Size:	
Body Length	2.7" (69mm)
Head Diameter	0.46" (11.8mm)
Lower Body	0.47" (12 mm)
Cable Length:	12" (313mm)
Weight:	6oz (180g)
Case Type:	IP 65
Case Material:	ABS Plastic
Sensor Protection:	Membrane filter, 0.2 μ m

2.2 POWER REQUIREMENTS

Supply Voltage:	7 to 28 VDC (+12 VDC Typical)
Current Consumption:	2 milliamps

2.3 OPERATING PARAMETERS

Temperature Range:	
Operating:	
Storage:	-40 to +140°F (-40 to +60°C)
External Output Load:	Greater than 100,000 ohms

2.4 RELATIVE HUMIDITY

RH Sensor Type:	INTERCAP®
Range:	10 to 90 % R.H. at Specified Accuracy
Output Signal Range:	0.0 to 1.000 VDC
Accuracy at +20°C:	±3% RH
Operating Range:	0 to 100% R.H.
Temperature Coefficient:	<±1.5 %RH from -10 to +60°C
Stability:	±2% R.H. over 2 years
Output Signal:	0-1 VDC = 0-100% R.H. (10 mV = 1% R.H.)

2.5 TEMPERATURE

Temp. Sensor Type:	PT 1000, IEC 751, Class B
Range:	+14 to +140°F (-10 to +60°C)
Accuracy:	±0.5°C @ -40°C ±0.4°C @ -20°C ±0.6°C @ +60°C
Output Signal:	0-1 VDC = -40 to +60°C (10 mV = 1°C)

3.0 INSTALLATION

3.1 UNPACKING

Carefully unpack all of the components of the instrument and inspect them for any damage that may have occurred during shipment. In the event of damage, refer to page i of this manual for instruction.

For equipment shipped as a complete set with the sensor installed into the solar radiation shield, inspect the wiring to ensure none of the wires have been pulled from any of the terminal blocks or cable connectors. Remove any packing materials that may have become lodged in the sensor's plastic shield.

3.2 SENSOR

The sensor assembly is calibrated at the factory and is ready for immediate use. Power can be applied to the sensor and measurements can be made immediately.

Make any necessary wiring connections to monitoring or recording instruments before applying the power.

If it has been sent as a separate item, remove the sensor from its shipping carton and install the sensor into the solar radiation shield. The sensing element is located at the end of the probe with the smaller diameter and it is covered by a protective membrane. Place the sensing end of the probe into the shield first and slide it into the shield as far as possible but one inch away from the top edge. Wire ties may be used to secure the sensor and its cable to the shield housing.

3.3 WIRING

The electrical connections of the Model 225-050Y sensor are presented below. The standard wire colors presented refer to the 12" wire supplied with the sensor whenever the sensor is ordered by itself. The NovaLynx Output Wire Colors refer to extension cable added prior to shipment by NovaLynx. Refer to the system wiring diagram for details regarding exact connections.

STANDARD SENSOR SIGNAL WIRE COLORS

WIRE FUNCTION	SIGNAL VALUE	WIRE COLOR
+ POWER:	7-28 VDC	YELLOW
RH SIGNAL:	0-1 VDC	BROWN
- POWER:	0 VDC	GREEN
NOT USED:		WHITE
TEMPERATURE	0-1 VDC	VIOLET
SHIELD:	0 VDC	BARE

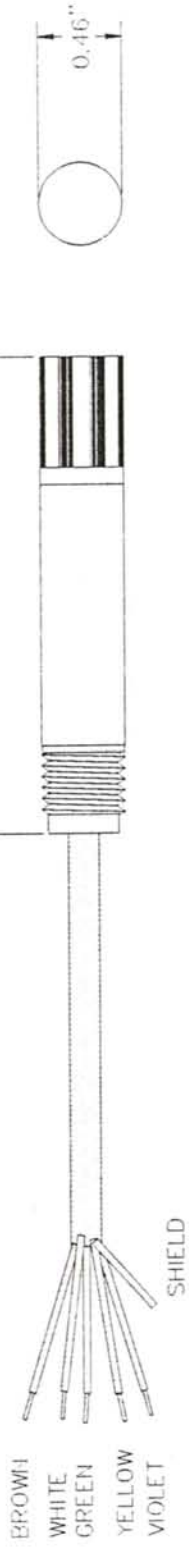
NOVALYNX OUTPUT SIGNAL WIRE COLORS

WIRE FUNCTION	SIGNAL VALUE	WIRE COLOR
+POWER INPUT:	+12 VDC	RED
-POWER:	0 VDC	BLACK
RH SIGNAL:	0-1 VDC	BROWN
TEMP SIGNAL:	0-1 VDC	WHITE

4.0 OPERATION

4.1 RELATIVE HUMIDITY SENSOR

The Model 225-050Y Relative Humidity sensor uses a solid state, thin film, multiple layered device that senses relative humidity. The sensing element acts as a capacitor that changes with respect to the vapor pressure of the air. The sensor's capacitance electrically changes the frequency of an electronic circuit. The sensor signal conditioning circuitry converts the frequency change into an analog voltage. The output signal is a linear DC voltage with a range of 0 to 1 volt DC corresponding to 0 to 100 % R.H. The output signal may be directly used with some monitoring equipment while for other systems, the 0-1 volt signal may require amplification. The excitation to the RH sensor circuitry is +12 VDC. For use with data logging equipment, the sensor may be connected into a power control circuit where the +12 VDC power is switched on and off to conserve the battery. Rapid switching of the power may cause errors in the signal and will require adding a "warm-up" delay to allow the electronics to stabilize. Typically, 5 to 10 seconds of "warm-up" is adequate.



12" WIRE
STANDARD CONFIGURATION

STANDARD SENSOR WIRE FUNCTIONS

COLOR	FUNCTION	VALUE
YELLOW	+POWER	+12 VDC
BROWN	RH SIGNAL	0-1 VDC
GREEN	-POWER	0 VDC
WHITE	NOT USED	N/A
VIOLET	TEMP SIGNAL	0-1 VDC
BAFE	SHIELD	0 VDC

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- NOTES: 1. UNUSED WIRES MAY BE CUT OFF.
2. REMOVE YELLOW PLASTIC MOISTURE GUARD BEFORE USING SENSOR.

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MODEL USAGE: 200-0501

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SCALE: 100% 21

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Relative Humidity

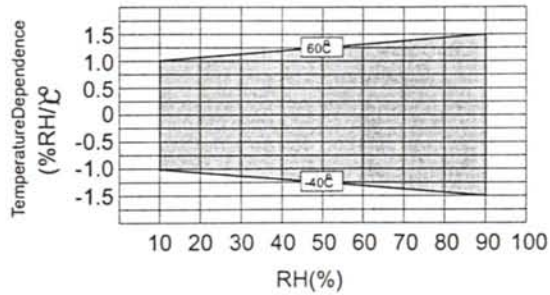
Operating Range: 0 to 100% RH

Accuracy: 0-10% range: unspecified

10-90% range: $\pm 3.0\%$

90-100% range: $\pm 6.0\%$

Temperature Dependence of Relative Humidity Measurement:

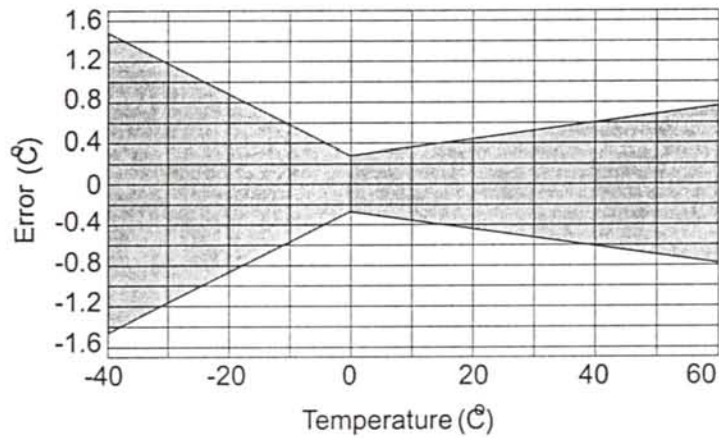


Typical Long-Term Stability: Better than $\pm 1\%$ RH per year

Temperature

Measurement Range: -40° to $+60^{\circ}$ C

Temperature Accuracy:



General

Supply Voltage: 7-28Vdc (typically powered by datalogger's 12V supply)

Current Consumption: $< 2\text{mA}$ typical

Diameter: 0.47" (12mm)

Length: 2.66" (67.5mm)

Housing Material: ABS plastic

4.2 TEMPERATURE SENSOR

Model 225-050Y sensor employs a platinum resistive element or RTD to measure the air temperature. As the air temperature changes, the resistance of the RTD changes as well. An electronic bridge circuit can measure the change in the RTD resistance and can convert the change into a DC voltage. The output signal is scaled to 0-1 VDC that is equal to -40 to +60°C. Since the RTD is wired into the humidity sensor electronic circuitry, any warm-up time for the RH sensor will also be applied to the RTD.

5.0 CALIBRATION

5.1 SENSOR CALIBRATION

The Model 225-050Y combination Humidity/Temperature Sensor does not require calibration and has no calibration adjustments available to the user.

The calibration can be checked and compared to standard sensors to ensure that the sensor is working properly and that the sensing elements have not changed. To maintain accurate readings the sensor calibration should be checked at least annually. For sensors located in areas where there is severe dust and atmospheric pollutants, it is recommended that the sensor be checked more often. For best results, a quarterly system audit is recommended.

5.2 FIELD CHECKING RH

If the sensor to be checked is located in a remote area, NovaLynx recommends taking along a second RH sensor element to replace the original sensor element in case it is out of the specified accuracy range. Due to the stability of the sensor design it is not necessary to perform an actual calibration adjustment to the sensor electronics. Replacement of the sensing element is recommended every two years for the best results.

If a second RH sensor is unavailable, the next easiest way to check the probe operation in the field is to compare the relative humidity sensor output against an accurate psychrometer. If the humidity readings are within +/- 4 % R.H. then the sensor is good and does not need to be replaced. If the reading error is greater, then the decision must be made whether to replace the sensor or to use it for a longer period of time. Remember to include the accuracy of the test instrument (psychrometer) in the decision process. Most often the accuracy of the test instrument or psychrometer will be less than the accuracy of the electronic sensor.

For best test results, the Assmann style psychrometer, Model 225-5230 is recommended. The Assmann psychrometer uses a spring driven fan and has precision thermometers. An easier method is to check the sensor operation using a second electronic sensor such as Model 225-HM34-C. The 225-HM34-C uses the same sensing elements and allows

quick and easy checking of the humidity and temperature. Reading of the 225-HM34-C is direct using the built-in LCD display.

Should the RH probe appear to be out of calibration even after changing the sensing element, contact NovaLynx for instructions. For best results, the RH sensor should be tested in an accurate RH calibration chamber (Model 220-HMK11) under controlled conditions.

Any signal conditioning provided for use with the sensor has been adjusted at the factory by simulating the sensor with a precision DC voltage source. Verify that the signal conditioning or monitoring equipment is operating correctly and make any necessary adjustments before testing the sensor. Retest the sensor with the signal conditioning or monitoring equipment after making any adjustments to determine whether or not the sensor is correctly calibrated.

NovaLynx provides the Model 220-HMK11 for testing and calibrating electronic RH sensors by the user. The calibration chamber uses saturated salt solutions to check the %RH at 96% and at 12%. The calibration chamber works best in stable temperature conditions such as those found indoors or in laboratories. The chamber can be used to make quick and accurate field tests of an electronic humidity sensor calibration since the chamber is always at the indicated humidities. Sensor readings can be taken within a few seconds. The chamber humidity reading is corrected according to the temperature readings of the built-in thermometer. The chamber is a good test device to check to overall operating range of the humidity sensor. Spot checking at ambient conditions may not always detect a marginally defective sensing element.

5.3 FIELD CHECKING TEMPERATURE

Field testing of the temperature sensor can be performed using methods similar to those used to test the humidity. As with the RH sensor, there are no user adjustments available for the temperature sensing portion of the 225-050Y.

If a psychrometer, such as the Assmann type, is used to check the humidity sensor, the dry temperature thermometer can be used to verify the temperature readings of the 225-050Y. The same is true of the electronic psychrometer, Model 225-HM34-C since it incorporates a direct reading thermometer.

If it becomes necessary to perform an ice bath test of the 225-050Y temperature sensor, it is important to note that the sensor must be covered by a water proof barrier in order to protect the RH sensing element. Placing the end of the sensor into water with power applied will damage the RH sensor.

For both RH and temperature testing, it is important to remember to place the test instrument sensing element into close proximity with the end of the 225-050Y sensor. If this task is difficult to accomplish due to site configuration, remove the 225-050Y from its shield, and place it into an insulated box or bag alongside the test instrument.

Return the sensor and mounting hardware to its original configuration upon completion of the testing. Check to see that the equipment is operating correctly prior to leaving the site.

6.0 MAINTENANCE

The Model 225-050Y sensor assembly requires little or no maintenance. The only recommended maintenance is a general cleaning of the outer case and routine testing of the sensor's operation.

Regular inspections of the sensor should be made to detect problems with the cable and to prevent build-up of dirt, dust and atmospheric pollutants.

Routine care and maintenance of the exteriors of the instruments, housings, and shields will increase the life of the equipment. Inspections of the fasteners and mounting hardware should also be performed regularly. Look for loose or missing nuts and bolts that may vibrate loose during high winds due to movement of the tower or mast.

For critical situations, NovaLynx recommends keeping spare sensors or sensor components on hand for immediate replacement of the primary equipment should severe damage occur. Spares kept using method will help decrease down time during emergencies.

6.1 CLEANING THE RH SENSOR

The humidity sensor element is a thin film polymer plastic that is very sensitive to oils from human skin. **Do not touch the sensor element with your fingers.** There is no method for cleaning the element, however it may be rinsed using clean de-ionized water should the sensor become extremely dusty or dirty. Power should always be removed from the sensor before rinsing the element. The plastic protective guard with the protective membrane located on the end of the sensor must be removed to expose the sensing elements. The plastic guard is threaded and must be carefully unscrewed for removal. The element may be left attached to the end of the sensor or it may be removed. To remove the element grasp the plastic protective housing along the edges and slide the element upward, away from the body of the probe. Allow the element to thoroughly dry before reapplying power to the probe. Replace the membrane filter cap if it appears to be dirty. Do not attempt to clean the filter.

WARNING: Never attempt to clean the sensor assembly by mechanical means such as brushing or wiping. The sensing element will become permanently destroyed by attempting such a procedure.

If the humidity element is suspected of being defective, replace it immediately with a new element. The humidity element will deteriorate over a period of two years and should be replaced after it has been in service for that length of time. Replacement of the element usually does not affect the probe electronics. However, the probe operation should always be checked after replacing the sensing element.

6.2 CAUTIONS

1. Do not insert any object into the sensor housing that could physically damage the sensing elements.
2. Do not expose the sensor probe to temperatures lower than -40 degrees C or higher than 125 degrees C.
3. Do not expose the sensor probe to strong acids or bases.
4. Do not operate the probe with the sensing elements in contact with water.
5. Do not expose the probe to high levels of sulphur dioxide.
6. Do not let the RH sensing element come into contact with human skin.
7. Do not operate the humidity probe for long periods with the protective membrane removed.
8. Do not attempt to clean the RH sensing element.

7.0 TROUBLESHOOTING

The Model 225-050Y Relative Humidity and Temperature Sensor is a simple instrument to use and, except for possible contamination of the humidity sensing element, it should be virtually trouble-free.

Always disconnect the input power and begin to troubleshoot immediately whenever any of the following conditions occur: the instrument does not produce an output signal; the output signal appears to be missing; the output signal exhibits a marked change in performance; the instrument has been dropped or damaged; lightning has struck near the sensor; moisture has invaded the vapor membrane and plastic shield.

7.1 POWER PROBLEMS

If the sensor's output signal appears to be in error or is absent, check the power connections. At the sensor cable, measure the battery or the input power source voltage with a voltmeter. Be sure that the instrument has been powered up correctly or wait for the next power ON cycle to occur. Check any batteries to be sure that they have sufficient charge and an adequate voltage level to power the instrument and that all connections are secure. Inspect the battery terminals to ensure that they are clean and solidly connected to the battery.

7.2 DETERMINING THE SOURCE OF A FAILURE

To determine whether the trouble is in the sensor or the electronics, try to manually operate the sensor, by increasing the relative humidity or temperature near the sensor. Changing the humidity can isolate a defective RH sensing element quickly. Breathing heavily onto the humidity sensor should produce an immediate increase in the humidity output signal. Holding the end of the sensor tightly for a brief time should give an elevated temperature reading. If it is impossible to locate the problem, contact NovaLynx to return the unit to the factory. If the translator electronics respond properly to simulated sensor inputs then the trouble may be somewhere in the sensor. If there is no humidity sensor signal or if the humidity signal does not change with a change in humidity, the sensing element may be defective. The same is true of the temperature sensor. If spare sensing elements are not available, contact NovaLynx.

