

RP240-BH Repeater

The Sensys Networks VDS240 Wireless Vehicle Detection System uses pavement-mounted magnetic sensors to detect the presence and movement of vehicles. The magneto-resistive sensors are wireless, transmitting their detection data in real time via low power radio technology to a nearby Sensys Networks access point that then relays the data to one or more local or remote traffic management controllers and systems.

The Sensys Networks Repeater. In cases where one or more installed Sensys Networks wireless sensors are out of range of the nearest access point, one or more Sensys Networks repeaters can be used to provide a two-way relay between the out-of-range sensors and the access point. As many as two repeaters operating in tandem can be installed between a sensor and the access point. To simplify its deployment, a repeater is battery powered and thus requires no wires or cabling.

Extended Range and Coverage. A repeater extends the range and coverage of an installation's access point. Mounted by the roadside on a pole or other structure, the repeater must be positioned so that both the sensors to be supported by the repeater and the communicating repeater or access point are within view and within range.

The access point and repeater antennas each provide a 120° field of view, allowing considerable flexibility. For example, a repeater can be installed approximately 1000 feet (305 meters) meters from the access point, where each device can then support wireless sensors within 75 – 150 feet (23 – 46) meters. Alternatively, a repeater can be mounted on the same pole or mast as the access point, separated by 2 to 4 feet (0.6 to 1.2 meters) to ensure that they can communicate, but pointed in the opposite direction. The access point would then support the sensors and repeaters directly in front of it, while the repeater pointing in the opposite direction would support its own sensors as well as another repeater and its sensors.

Types of Repeaters. Sensys Networks currently offers two types of repeaters:

RP240-BH

- Nominal battery capacity of 57 Ah
- Recommended battery replacement every 2 years

RP240-BH-LL

- Nominal battery capacity of 171 Ah
- Recommended replacement every 7 years



Functions / Features

Relay of radio communications

- To/from wireless sensors
- To/from access point
- To/from another repeater

Extension of range and coverage of the access point

- Can be operated in tandem – one repeater and its supported sensors can communicate with another repeater and then to the access point
- Maximum single-hop range of ~1000 feet (305 meters) from supporting access point or repeater

Fully wireless operation – no cable connections

- Battery powered
- Low power consumption

Radio signal quality measurements (of each link to wireless sensor or tandem repeater)

- Receive Signal Strength Indicator (RSSI, in dBm)
- Link Quality Index (LQI, figure of merit 40-99)

Firmware upgrades over-the-air from access point

Simple installation

- Any roadside location that provides adequate signal coverage to sensors and the access point or repeater
- No special requirements regarding setback, relative angle of the sun, or mounting stability

No calibration or adjustment required

Functional Specifications

interfaces	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to/from sensors via 802.15.4 PHY radio • to/from repeaters via 802.15.4 PHY radio • to/from access point via 802.15.4 PHY radio
over-the-air protocol	Sensys Networks NanoPower (SNP) protocol (TDMA)
physical layer protocol	IEEE 802.15.4 PHY
modulation	Direct Sequence Spread Spectrum Offset Quadrature Phase-Shift Keying (DSSS O-QPSK)
transmit/receive bit rate	250 kbps
frequency band	2400 to 2483.5 MHz (ISM unlicensed band)
frequency channels	16
channel bandwidth	2 MHz
antenna type	microstrip patch antenna (behind front face panel)
antenna field of view	±60° (azimuth & elevation)
nominal output power	0 dBm
spurious emissions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30 - 1000 MHz: < -56 dBm • 1 - 12.75 GHz: < -44 dBm • 1.8 - 1.9 GHz: < -56 dBm • 5.15 - 5.3 GHz: < -51 dBm
typical receive sensitivity	-95 dBm (PER ≤ 1%)
saturation (max input level)	≥ 10 dBm

Power, Physical, & Environmental

power supply	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • user-replaceable primary Li-SOCl₂ 3.6V battery pack (battery must be ordered from Sensys Networks) - nominal capacity: 57 Ah
recommended battery replacement	every 2 years
dimensions	4.72" x 3.54" x 3.15" (13.4 cm x 10.6 cm x 13.5 cm)
weight	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1.8 lbs (0.8 kg) • mounting kit: add'l 1.2 lbs (0.5 kg)
environmental	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • designed for weatherproof, outdoor operation • NEMA Type 4x enclosure • IP65 ingress protection
operating temp	-40°F to 176°F / -40°C to +80°C

Compliance

safety	2006/95/EC
EMC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FCC: This device complies with Part 15 of the FCC rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) This device may not cause harmful interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation. • 2004/108/EC

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