# **Application Note**



# SMART Dust Sensor SM-PWM-01C



SM-PWM-01C dust sensor detects dust particle concentration in air by using an optical sensing method. An infrared light emitting diode (IR LED) and a photo-sensor are optically arranged in the device. The photosensor detects the reflected IR LED light by dust particles in air. The dust sensor can detect the small particles like cigarette smoke and can distinguish small particles like smoke from large house dust by the pulse pattern of the signal output.

### Features

- Compact size, lightweight (about W59x H46x D18 mm, 20g).
- PWM (Pulse Width Modulation) Output (Low pulse output).
- · Distinguishes small particles of cigarette smoke from large particles of house dust.
- Low Pulse width is proportional to particle size concentration.
- · Constant forced air convection flow by heater resister in dust sensor.
- Lead free and RoHS directive compliant.
- Minimum particle size can be detected over 1µm (House dust size: avg 20µm, yellow dust size: avg 20µm, cigarette dust size: avg 1µm).

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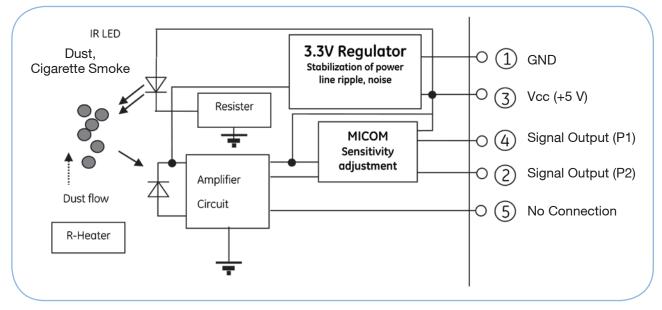
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### **Applications**

- Detection of dust in the air for indoor air quality monitoring
- Air cleaners, air purifiers, air conditioners and indoor air quality monitors
- Outdoor dust monitoring with special mechanical design for customer
- Smoke type fire alarm application by different sensor adjustments (customer option)

### **Internal Schematic**



P1: small particle  $(1 \sim 2\mu m)$ ,

P2: large particle (3 ~10µm)

• SM-PWM-01C dust sensor cannot count particles or measure quantitatively; the size is only for reference.

### **Electrical Characteristics**

Absolute Maximum Ratings										
Parameter Symbol Rating Unit										
Supply Voltage	Vcc	-0.3 to + 7.0	V							
Operating Temperature	Topr	-10 to 60	°C							
Storage Temperature	Tstg	-30 to 80	°C							

#### **Operating Supply Voltage and Signal Output**

		(Ta=25 °C)					
Parameter	Symbol	Rating	Unit				
Supply Voltage	Vcc	DC 5 $\pm$ 5%, Ripple <30mV	V				
Current Consumption	lcc	<-90 ± 10% <sup>*1</sup>	mA				
Signal Output	P1, P2						

\*\*1. Input impedance 200 k $\Omega$  Pull-Up 10 k $\Omega$ , recommend 30 sec moving average of output signal.

\*2. To stabilize heater resister and air flow in dust sensor.

# **Recommended Operating Temperature / Humidity**

Parameter	Rating	Unit	
Operating Temperature / Humidity	-10<~ 45°C, < 85%RH <sup>⁺1</sup>	°C, %RH	

\*1. Dust sensor can detect micro size water droplets, such as fog and mist, as particles.

Do not use the dust sensor in high humidity environments as the humid air is under submicron size, and the dust sensor cannot differentiate this.

### Connector

Standard Connector (SM-PWM-01C)										
Part No.	Symbol	Description	Maker							
Connector	A2512WR-5P									
Housing		2.5mm pitch	http://www.cjt.cn/Product_Details.asp?P_ID=43							
Terminal										

### **Pin Configuration**

Number	Symbol	Pin Description		
1	GND	Ground, Connect with system ground		
2	P2	Low Pulse Signal Output (P2) of large particle, active low		
3	Vcc	Input Supply Voltage		
4 P1 Low Pulse Signal Output (P1) of small particle, active low				
5	NC	Not connected		

Please refer to the drawing for pin sequence.

• For P1 and P2, an external pull up resistor is not required internal pull up is nominal  $10k\Omega$ .

#### **Electro-optical Characteristics**

Parameter	Symbol	Condition	Min	Тур	Max	Unit
Sensitivity	S	*1*2*5	0.3	0.5	1	mSec/µg
Low Pulse Output Occupancy	Loo	*3*4	0	5.5	25	%
Detection Range	М	*4	0.01	350	3000	ug/m³

\*1. Sensitivity is specified by the amount of low pulse occupancy change when dust concentration changes from 350ug/m^3 to 820ug/m^3 theoretically. The 120 second is needed for the stabilization of dust sensor in the testing chamber.

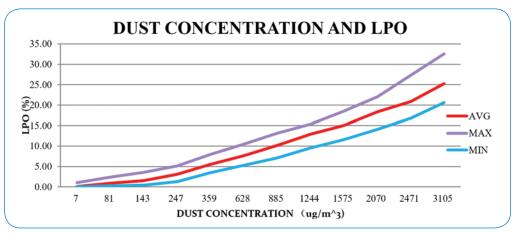
\*2. Sensitivity of dust sensor is shown in the Internal Schematic on page 3.

\*3. Low pulse occupancy (%) = total sum of low pulse width (mSec)/30,000mSec\*100.

Low pulse output is measured from the output signal of P1, connector pin number 4 in dust sensor. Moving average calculation method during certain measuring time (Top) is used to determine the contaminated level of air. LPO is dependent on the dust concentration and dust size, and it changes from 0 to 20%. (Refer to Internal Schematic on page 3.)

\*4. Dust concentration: Normally cigarette smoke's particle size distributes from 0.3 to 10 micrometer. The particle size of one micrometer of cigarette smoke is monitored in our test chamber for the calibration test of dust sensor.

\*5. Particle size and concentration is measured using TSI8530 made by USA. Linearity of SM-PWM-01C sensitivity will be kept up to 15% of reading.



The chart above is of test data from 1000 quantity products and is for reference purposes only.

- The sensor is tested at dust concentration of 350 and 850 ug/m3 for sensitivity adjustment.
  - LPO range of high and low sample are from 13.18 % to 7.1% at 850 ug/m3 dust concentration.
  - LPO range of high and low sample are from 7.93% to 3.5% at 350 ug/m3 dust concentration.
- Guideline to display and motor control method by the contamination level
  - Level 1: Normal house and office's contamination level is 50,000 pcs per cubic feet.
  - Level 2: If cigarette smoke is started to contaminate the room, LPO is increase and soon reach from 1.5~2 %.
  - Level 3: If dust or cigarette smoke contaminates the room more, LPO is increased continuously up 3~4%.

- Level 4: If dust or cigarette smoke is at a high concentration and LPO level reaches up to 6%, please monitor

LPO level change over 30 seconds and compare the LPO level by moving average statistical method. Guideline only.

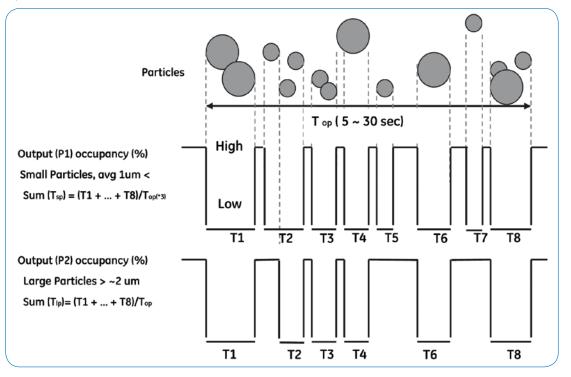
# Distinguishing Method Between Small Cigarette Smoke and Large House Dust

As shown below, the output of small cigarette smoke shows narrow pulse or overlapped pulse shape continuously. The output of large dust shows wide pulse and not overlapped.

Therefore, by reading a transition of output pulse during a certain time period using system

MICOM, the system can distinguish:

- (a) Type of dust
- (b) Large particle
- (c) Small particle



#### Low Pulse Width vs. Dust Size Distribution

Parameter	Symbol	Condition	Тур	Unit
Low pulse width of a small particle (P1)	Tsp	*1 Cigarette smoke	0.5	mSec
Low pulse width of a large particle (P2)	Tlp	*2 House dust	350	ug/m³

\*1. Low pulse width is decided by dust size and concentration. In a moderately contaminated condition, 350 ug/m3 of cigarette smoke, output pulse width of P1 pin is the average detection result of average one micrometer size of particles based on cigarette smoke during certain period.

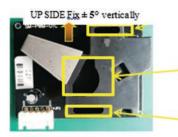
- \*2. Low pulse width of a big house dust particles is bigger than cigarette smoke particles. The particle size is normally 5 to 20µm and more. P2 can be used to detect large particle like house dust and pollen.
- \*3. Top is the continuous operating time for particle detection. It is normally from 5 to 10 second for air cleaner application for fast feeling.

#### **EMI and Power Line Noise Protection and Malfunction**

The plastic cover case is conductive polymer material or has same function by treatment. Top metal shield case and plastic cover case is connected with GND in sensor. The photo sensor signal is weak for EMI. To protect EMI affection of photo sensor signal from motor and high voltage source, an additional bottom metal shield case could be soldered on electronic PCB's ground by customer requirements. Normally, top shield case is enough to protect EMI from outer electronic goods. However, to prevent EMI from high voltage negative ion generator and power line noise from electric dust collector, please install the high voltage generator in the opposite side from dust sensor - also pay attention to prevent power line noise by using noise filter. The malfunction of dust senor can be observed by taping all holes of dust sensor completely not to penetrate dust into open holes of dust senor. After making clean the dust sensor chamber and taping all holes not to come any dusts into optical zone of sensor and operate the sensor. In this experiment dust sensor has not to show any low pulse output. If it is interrupted by EMI and line noise, many low pulse output signal will be showed up. In this case, please consult Amphenol Advanced Sensors technical team.

#### **Dust Sensor Install Method**

When installing the dust sensor in air cleaner, dust sensor must be installed vertically in a place that is not affected by air flow caused by motor fan rotation. We recommend to install dust sensor in the front panel. The dust sensor can detect the water vapor as dust. Please do not use dust sensor in a vaporizing place like a bathroom or near a air humidifier. Dust sensors use IR wave-length LED and the visible cutoff photo sensor, but the irradiation by lamp light of optical zone will cause malfunction of dust sensor. Please cover the center hole shaped triangle by using black sponge not to irradiate dust sensor optics. Please do not cover the bottom and top hole for air flow to measure the dust. The center hole of PCB is for screwing bolt to system. Please use screw PH 3 pie for fixing. Please pay attention not to damage and touch sensor case.



Top outlet hole for air flow. Don't cover the hole

Optical sensing zone, window for lens cleaning Cover with black sponge in the system side

Bottom inlet hole for airflow. Don't cover the hole

The heater resister is installed inside of dust sensor for inducing the forced air convection and the heated air flows from bottom side to top side direction. The heater resister's temperature is increased over 40°C than atmosphere. So, vertical positioning of dust sensor is important for air flow direction and speed optical zone. The air flow direction and flow speed can affect the signal output of dust sensor. Please keep  $\pm 5$  degree position vertically.

### Cleaning

Cigarette tar on the lens will affect the sensitivity of the dust senor. Wet swab with alcohol and rub softly the lens and dry. Normally wet cleaning is not recommended, because there is a case this device is not satisfied with its characteristics by wet cleaning. Wet cleaning is not recommended, and may not improve characteristics. If large particles such as home dust are accumulate in the dust sensor optics parts, please consider vacuuming or blowing off the dust by air.

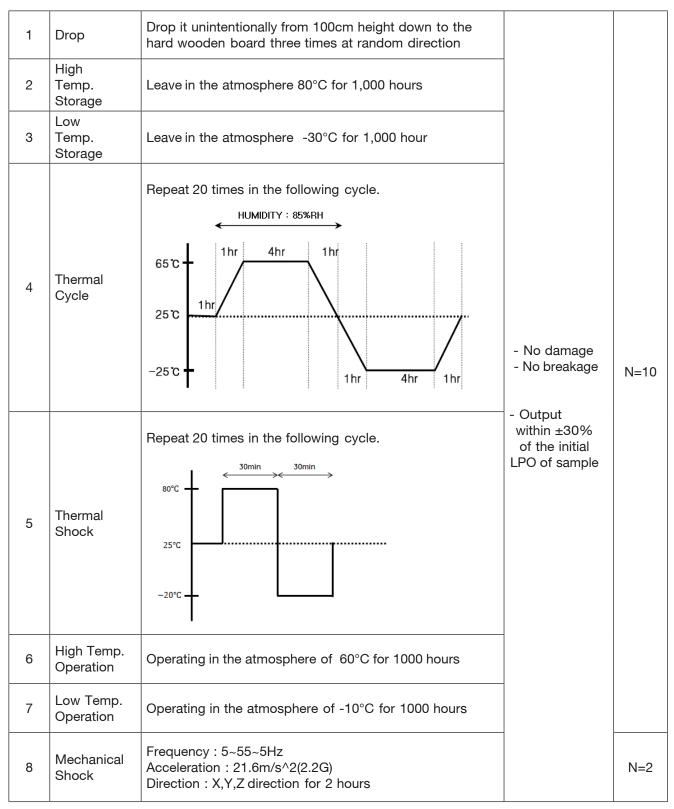
# Sensitivity Adjust, Customized Low Pulse Output Data Control by MICOM Programming

SM-PWM-01C is the dust sensor that sensitivity is adjusted by MICOM program. Customer cannot change the sensitivity by changing volume resister. MICOM send the low pulse output data proportional with dust concentration. Also MICOM can be programmed to send the communication code with system MICOM like code for LED level or code for monitoring sensor life. If customer wants to use dust sensor to special purpose like fire detection, MICOM program can be changed to send low pulse data for fire alarm level warning. Please contact your Amphenol Advanced Sensors technical team for more information.

### Responsibility

This product shall not contain the following materials banned in RoHS Directive. (2002/95/EC) Pb, Hg, Cd, Cr+6, PBB, PBDE

### Reliability



### **Test Standard for Dust Sensor Calibration**

The first standard is the certificated particle counter.

The second standard is the master dust sensor. The master dust sensor is always used for the process quality control of production.

The master dust sensor will be compared with the customer master sensor every six months.

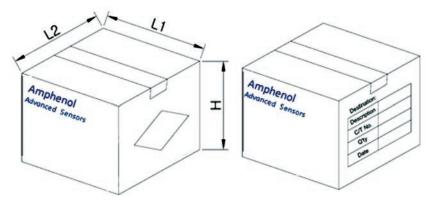
### Lot Control

Lot number: Four digit stamping of the manufacturing date on dust sensor PCB side.

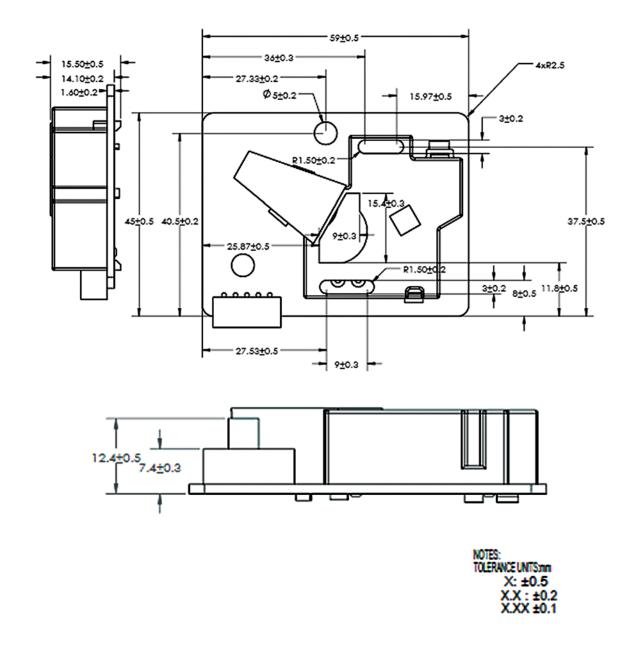
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### **Packing Specification**

Weight Max 12kg										
Box Size	L1	L2	Н	Inner Qty.	Total Qty.					
Box 1 (large)	395mm	395mm	410mm	8	400					
Box 2 (small)	395mm	395mm	265mm	4	200					



# **SM-PWM-01C** Dimensions



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