AUTOMATE™ Solar Powered Wind, Light & Rain Sensor

AUTOMATE™ Wind-Light-Rain sensor is a device for measuring wind speed, light intensity and the existence of rain. The information is transmitted to ARC outdoor motorized shades that will move to their top or bottom limits.

FEATURES:

• Measure wind speed as an anemometer
• Measure light intensity as a Lux meter
• Capacitive rain sensor
• LCD display
• ARC compatibility
• Micro-B USB data output/charging port
• Solar charge panels
• Built-in Lithium Ion battery
• Water proof
SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

WARNING: Important safety instructions to be read before installation and use.

Incorrect installation or use can lead to serious injury and will void manufacturer’s liability and warranty.

It is important for the safety of persons to follow the enclosed instructions. Save these instructions for future reference.

• Do not submerge in water or expose to extreme temperatures.
• Persons (including children) with reduced physical, sensory or mental capabilities, or lack of experience and knowledge should not be allowed to use this product.
• Use or modification outside the scope of this instruction manual will void warranty.
• Installation and programming to be performed by a suitably qualified installer.
• Follow installation instructions.
• For use with motorized shading devices.
• Keep away from children.
• Frequently inspect for improper operation. Do not use if repair or adjustment is necessary.
• Keep clear when in operation.
• Replace battery with correctly specified type.

Rollease Acmeda declares this equipment is in compliance with the essential requirements and other relevant provisions of R&TTE EC Directive 1999/5/EC

Statement Regarding FCC Compliance

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.

Note:

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications.

However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

• Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
• Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
• Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
• Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

Any changes or modifications not expressly approved by the party responsible for compliance could void the user’s authority to operate the equipment.

Do not dispose of in general waste. Please recycle batteries and damaged electrical products appropriately.

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## Kit Components

**Pack Contents:**

- 1 x Wind-Light-Rain sensor
- 2 x Screws
- 2 x Screw Wall Plug

**Compatible Motors**

- MT01-1145-050001 - AUTOMATE | ARC FT Motor [AU]
- MT01-1145-069002 - AUTOMATE | ARC FT SLIM Motor Quiet [US]
- MT01-1145-069003 - AUTOMATE | ARC FT SLIM Motor [US]
- MT01-1145-069004 - AUTOMATE | ARC FT SLIM Motor Quiet - 20' Cord [US]
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1. Find an appropriate location outdoors
2. Remove the base covers
3. The solar panel must be face up and in direct sunlight
4. Fix the sensor to a suitable surface
5. Re-attach the base covers
6. Ensure the three rotating cups are in an approximately horizontal position
2 FUNCTIONAL OVERVIEW

2.1 Components

Display
Menu
Up
Adjust
P2
Micro-B USB port
Factory Setting Button
USB Port Cover
Luminosity Sensor
Anemometer cup
Solar Panel
Capacitive Rain Sensor
NOTES:

1. Anemometer cups: mounted at one end of the three horizontal arms at equal angles to each other on a vertical shaft. The air flow past the cups in any horizontal direction turns the cups in a manner that is proportional to the wind speed. The wind speed is measured in real-time by counting the turns of the cups over a set time period.

2. Capacitive Rain Sensor: detects the presence of rain on its surface. Water droplets change the capacity based on the ratio of water accumulated on it. This guarantees a high level of reliability because water and other objects such as dirt interfere with the electric field in different ways. The rain is checked once every 16 seconds.

3. Luminosity Sensor: luminance in Lux is measured by a photo-diode and digitized using an empirical formula to approximate the human eye response. The ambient light intensity is measured once every 16 seconds.

4. Solar Panel: convert the sun light energy into electric energy to charge the internal battery.

5. Menu button: loop displays or change the rain status, the threshold of wind speed and light intensity.

6. Adjust button:
   - Loop displays of the rain status, the values of wind speed and light intensity.
   - Press the Adjust key to subtract 1 from the present threshold value in its adjust mode.
   - Press and hold Adjust key to continuously decrease the threshold value in its adjust mode.

7. UP button:
   - Trigger the paired motor to move upward.
   - Press the UP button to add 1 to the present threshold value in its adjust mode.
   - Press and hold the UP button to continuously increase the threshold value in its adjust mode.

8. P2 button: used to pair the sensor to a motor.

9. Factory Setting button:
   - Reset the sensor to the factory default setting: Holding down the Menu button and pressing the Factory Reset Button makes the sensor enter the low power factory setting. After the LCD becomes blank, the factory default values have been reloaded to the memory as the pre-set threshold values. Pressing the Factory Setting Button and releasing again returns the sensor to the normal status.
   - Default Factory Settings: rainfall sensitivity = middle, light alarm value is 10kLux, wind speed value is 10km/h [6mph].
   - Display all symbols on the LCD display.
10. **Micro-B USB Port**
   - Can be used to charge the internal battery.
   - The Micro-B port should always be covered during the outdoor usage to maintain a waterproof seal.

**OPTIONAL:**
USB Cable: MTPS-USBCABLE-6
2.2 LCD Display

1. While the power is on, the LCD displays all marks and the sensor monitors the command from the USB port for 3 seconds. After that, the sensor enters the normal working state.

2. The LCD screen lighting stays active for 1 minute. If there is no operation, the sensor automatically switches its screen off for energy saving, but the program will keep running for normal detection and command transmissions. When the screen is off, pressing any [non-reset] button triggers the screen to be on again for another minute.

3. Rain icon: indicates the rainfall detection mode. The “0” value shows that there is no rain; and “1” represents raining.

4. Sun icon: indicates the light intensity detection mode.

5. Flag icon: indicates the wind speed detection mode.

6. Battery icon: The voltage of the internal battery is checked by its inner program once every day. The appearance of this battery icon indicates that its voltage is below 3.0V.

7. RF signal icon: displayed when transmitting a signal.
2.3 Measure wind speed, light intensity or detect rain presence

In the sleep mode (blank screen), pressing the Adjust key can loop through the rain presence, light intensity or wind speed. When the loop icon, (↻) is present, the system will automatically display them in a cycle (5 seconds). The sequence is rain > light > wind > loop (rain).

Press **ADJUST** button  Press **ADJUST** button  Press **ADJUST** button  Press **ADJUST** button

Press \[\text{ADJUST} \]

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2.4 Display the pre-set threshold value

Press the MENU button repeatedly to display the pre-set threshold values in a cycle, the corresponding icon, \[\text{Lo} \], flashes to indicate that the pre-setting value is displayed. Pressing the MENU key again returns to the normal mode. The sequence is: display the set rainfall detection sensitivity > display the light intensity threshold value > display the wind speed threshold value > return to normal mode.

Press **MENU** button  Press **MENU** button  Press **MENU** button  Press **MENU** button

Press \[\text{MENU} \]

Press \[\text{MENU} \]

Press \[\text{MENU} \]

Press \[\text{MENU} \]
2.5 Change the threshold value

1. Press and hold the Menu button for 2 seconds to enter the setting mode, then press the Menu key to toggle the setting sequence: set the rainfall sensitivity > set the light threshold value > Set the wind speed threshold value > Exit the setting state.

The flash of the setting number displayed on the screen indicates the setting mode. In this mode, the threshold values can be increased by pressing the UP button and decreased by pressing the Adjust button.

After 10 seconds without input, the sensor automatically returns to normal display mode. When settings are completed, the values, including rainfall sensitivity, light alarm values and wind speed alarm values are automatically save to the EEPROM. Resetting the sensor or powering down does not change those pre-set values.

2. Change the sensitivity level of rainfall detection:
   - There are three sensitivity levels of rainfall detection:
     - OFF  Rainfall detection is off
     - LO   Rainfall detection is on and low sensitivity
     - HI   Rainfall detection is on and high sensitivity
   - Press the UP key to increase the rainfall detection sensitivity
   - Press the Adjust key to reduce the rainfall detection sensitivity

2.6 Pair or unpair the sensor to a motor using a pre-paired remote

1. Pair the motor to a remote

   Hold P1 button on motor head.

   Hold STOP on controller to add or remove.

   Motor Response

   BEEP
   X1

   Motor Response

   APPROX. 2SECS
   BEEP
   X2
   X3

   Motor Response

   JOG

   NOTE:
   - The sensor can only work well when the motor was configured with the upper and bottom limits.
   - The pair relationship is kept even if the motor power is reset or the sensor is reset to its default setting.
2.6 Pair or unpair the sensor to a motor using a pre-paired remote continued

A = Existing controller or channel (to keep)
B = Controller or channel to add or remove

2. Pair or unpair a motor to the sensor using a pre-paired remote

Press **P2** on existing controller.

Press **P2** on existing controller.

Press **P2** on an existing controller to add or remove it.

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Motor Response

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Motor Response

**NOTE:**

- The motor function should be turned on to detect wind, light and rain before the sensor can initialize the motor movement.
- If the pair is successfully done, the motor can be triggered to move upward by pressing the **UP** button on the sensor.
- After the sensor is paired to a motor, it can independently drive the motor without the remote.
3 WIND, RAIN & LIGHT CONTROL

3.1 Disable or enable the detection of wind, rain and light

- The wind speed control function can be disabled by setting its threshold to ZERO. Other threshold values enable this function.

- The light intensity function can be disabled by setting its threshold to ZERO. Other threshold values enable this function.

- The sensor does not detect the presence of rain under “OFF” mode. To enable the rain sensing mode, the sensor should be in the “HI” or “LO” mode.

3.2 Wind speed control

When the wind speed continuously exceeds the threshold value of wind speed (for longer than 3 seconds), the sensor command is executed to control the motor “UP” action. To prevent the motorized shades from frequently opening and closing under a gust, the sensor suspends the wind and light detection function for the next 3 minutes.

3.2 Rainfall control

If rainfall is detected 4 times in low sensitivity mode (64 seconds) or twice in high sensitivity mode (32 seconds), the sensor launches the command to control the motor “UP” action.

After that, the sensor suspends the rain and light detection for the next 15 minutes to prohibit the motorized shades from oscillation between open and closed states.
### 3.3 Light control

- If the light control function is turned on, the sensor sends a command to trigger the motor to move **DOWN** when the environmental light intensity is higher than the threshold for 2 minutes. After this period, the sensor temporarily disables its light detection for the next 15 minutes.

- If the light control function is on, the sensor drives the motor **UP** when the light intensity continues to be less than the set value for 15 minutes.

- Its control function is only re-activated when the wind speed is less than the set value for 3 minutes and no rainfall is detected for 15 minutes.

**Factory default threshold:**
- wind speed=10km/h
- light intensity=10klux

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**NOTE:**

1. After the sensor is powered on and a motor is paired to it, the sensor transmits a "**UP**" command immediately if the environmental wind speed is detected to be faster than the threshold. After 10 seconds, the sensor repeats the signal transmission ONCE. Its wind detection is disabled for another 3 minutes and the light/rain control function is suspended for 15 minutes. Manual operation of pressing the "**UP**" and "**SET**" keys does not re-send the command transmission.

2. If the sensor detects strong light and wind during raining, it transmits one command at least 5 times. Before its environment changes, the sensor suspends the signal transmission but still operates its normal functions such as the detection of rain, light, wind and LCD functions.
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