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SECTION 1: INTRODUCTION

1.1 Introduction

TVS-1000 is a hot wire anemometer system for measuring air temperature and velocity using single sensor technology. The device is connected to a PC or laptop through a USB port for communication between the software and the device. The system is capable of measuring temperatures from –10 °C to 120 °C and flows from 0 to 10000 ft/min. The standard calibration is from 0 to 1200 lfm, the high speed calibration is from 0 to 10,000 lfm. The air temperature at which velocity is calibrated is from ambient to 85 °C. An attempt to measure flows in temperatures higher than 85 °C, would give erroneous data, even though it can read temperatures up to 120 °C.

1.2 General Applications and Benefits

Heat sink manufacturers, IC houses, board designers and other electronic manufacturers are increasingly becoming interested in evaluating the thermal performance of their product under different airflow conditions. The reduction of electronic component sizes and increase in their power dissipation has forced the electronic community to be more aware of the thermal performance of their products. The hotter the devices, the shorter their life span and the greater the likelihood of a malfunction. The challenge in these units is the reduction in the spacing between boards, and thereby requiring small size sensors to measure air flow measurement. Of utmost importance is the measurement of air flow and temperature at the same point to minimize errors introduced as a result of temperature gradients. The conventional hot wire systems measure these two quantities using two independent sensors and, in most situations this can
introduce errors in excess of 40% due to temperature gradients and radiation coupling between the two sensors.

### 1.3 Identification

The TVS-1000 is identified by OE followed by a 5 digit number (i.e. OE12345) located on the bottom of the unit.
SECTION 2: HARDWARE DESCRIPTION

The TVS-1000 is housed in an electronic box, which accepts commands from the software through the USB communication port, and reports the data back to the system. It includes the circuitry for temperature and velocity sensors. Figure 1, shows the rear view of the TVS-1000 box.

Note: Please read the Manual before operating the system.

Figure 1 – Rear Panels of the TVS-1000 and TVS-1008

The function and description of ports and connectors on the rear panel are as follows:

1. Power- This is the location for a connection to power supply. The external power supply provided with the system plugs in here.

2. USB Port (Com Port)- The TVS-1000 is attached to the serial port of the PC with a straight cable through this port. **TVS-1000 comes with a 6 feet long standard USB cable.**
3.- Port#: Sensors are attached to the TVS-1000 through these ports. The order of attachment is immaterial, since each individual sensor has a sensor ID card which enables the system to find its calibration constants from a text file located in the PC C directory using its serial identification number.
SECTION 3: SOFTWARE DESCRIPTION

3.1 Introduction

**TVS-1000** software is a graphical user interface that communicates with the TVS box through the PC USB port. This software enables the user to set the different parameters and run the software to acquire the data.

**THEORY OF OPERATION:**
Data acquisition is comprised of cycles dictated by the duration set by the user in minutes. Each cycle consists of a selected number of temperature measurements followed by a selected number of velocity measurements. The selected number is set by the user. The cycles will continue until the time elapsed is greater than the duration. The user has the option to check the availability of the sensors and select which of those sensors he wants to collect data. Software also allows the user to save temperature and velocity raw data in text files that can be opened in Excel using tab delimited. The software has different controls and is described bellow:

3.2 **TVS-1000 Software**

Figure 2 and 3 show the **TVS-1000** software main user interface when it is running.
The **TVS-1000** software interface has three functional areas: Main Menu selection on the left, display windows in the middle and status panel on the bottom. The user interface elements are explained as follows:

1. **Windows Menu.** The windows menu includes File, Edit, and Help. The submenu of **File** includes,
   
   **File—Start:** Select to start test.
   **File—Stop:** Select to stop test.
   **File—Exit:** Select to exit the software.

2. The submenu of **Edit** includes,
   
   **Edit—Cut:** Cut content to clipboard.
   **Edit—Copy:** Copy content to clipboard.
   **Edit—Paste:** Paste content from clipboard.
The submenu of Help includes,

**Help—Show Context Help**: Select to open context help window.

[2] **Run Button**: Push this button to start program.

[3] **Stop Button**: Push this button to stop program.

[4] **System Setup**: Push this button to display System Setup window.

[5] **All Sensors**: Push this button to display View All Sensors window (See Figure 3).

[6] **Selected Sensors**: Push this button to display View Selected Sensors window (See Figure 4).

[7] **Load Cal File**: Push this button to reload the sensor calibration file.

[8] **Save Settings**: Push this button to save the system configuration to a text file.

[9] **Load Settings**: Load system configuration from a previously saved text file.

[10] **Load Default**: Push this button to load the default system configuration.

[11] **Check TVS Sensors**: Push this button to display Check TVS Sensors window (See Figure 5).

[12] **Left Time (min)**: Display of test time remaining in minutes.

[13] **Elapsed Time (min)**: Display of elapsed test time in minutes.

[14] **Port Selection Window**: Select or unselect ports for air temperature and velocity measurement, enter port description.

[15] **Com Port**: Select the communication port that connects to the TVS-1000 instrument.

[16] **Temperature Unit**: Choose the unit for temperature.

[17] **Velocity Unit**: Choose the unit for velocity.

[18] **Overall Test Duration (Min)**: Enter the total test duration time in minutes.

[19] **Save Data**: Select to save measurement data.
[20] **Input Data File Location and Name (txt File):** When you specify a file name such as Test.txt the software will automatically generate two files to record data.
   a) Test.txt for temperature data and velocity data
   b) Test-Temperature.txt for temperature data

[21] **Sampling Mode:** Choose if you want easy mode or fast mode

[22] **Easy Mode:** In this mode, users can specify data output rate and sampling rates.

[23] **Data Output Rate:** Choose the time interval to average measurement and update data. Displaying plots and tables will update data at this time rate. Measurement data will be saved at this time rate too.

[24] **Sampling Rate:** Choose the sampling rate from the pull-down menu. The menu will update its selections according to the total number of sensors chosen. The more sensors that are chosen, the smaller is the sampling rate.

[25] **Temperature Measurement Duration (s):** Set the duration in seconds for temperature measurement per scan.

[26] **Velocity Measurement Duration (s):** Set the duration in seconds to velocity measurement per scan.
[27] **Fast Mode**: In this mode, users can take the fast measurement of temperature and velocity.

[28] **Temperature Samples**: The number of temperature measurements will be taken per scan.

[29] **Velocity Samples**: The number of velocity measurements will be taken per scan.

[30] **Delay Between Measurements (seconds)**: Specify the delay between two adjacent scans.

[31] **System Status**: The display of system status information.

[32] **Temperature Waiting**: The LED for temperature setting indication.

[33] **Reading Air Temperature**: The LED for air temperature measuring indication.
[34] **Velocity Waiting**: The LED for velocity setting indication.

[35] **Reading Air Velocity**: The LED for air velocity measuring indication.

[36] **Start/Stop**: Click **Start** to initialize test. In the test, click **Stop** to end the test.

[37] **Time**: The current date and time.

**CAUTION**: When the sensor is in velocity mode its temperature will be in excess of 160 °C. Please take precaution not to touch the sensors when they are running. Touching them can cause skin burning.

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**Figure 4 - TVS-1000 User Interface**

Figure 4 shows the **View All Sensors** window and the user interface elements are explained as follows,
[1] **Air Temperature Plot**: Displays air temperature measured by TVS sensors.

[2] **Air Temperature Plot Digital Display**

[3] **Export Plot**: Push to export the **Air Temperature Plot** to a BMP file.

[4] **Air Temperature Plot Control**: Plot control to change X Scale/Y Scale mode.

[5] **Save T Summary**: Push to save the content of the **Air Temperature Summary** table to a file.

[6] **Air Temperature Summary**: This table displays the summary of each sensor temperature reading and updates its results according to **Measurement Duration** setting.

[7] **Air Velocity Plot**: Displays air velocity measured by TVS-1000 sensors.

[8] **Air Velocity Plot Digital Display**

[9] **Air Temperature/Velocity Plot Legend**

[10] **Export Plot**: Push to export the **Air Velocity Plot** to a BMP file.

[11] **Air Velocity Plot Control**: Plot control to change X Scale/Y Scale mode.

[12] **Save V Summary**: Push to save the content of the **Air Velocity Summary** table to a file.

[13] **Air Velocity Summary**: This table displays the summary of each TVS-1000 sensor velocity reading and updates its results according to **Measurement Duration** setting.
Figure 5 shows the **TVS-1000** software user interface when selecting **View Selected Sensors** in the main menu is selected. The user interface elements are explained as follows:

1. **Air Temperature Plot**: Display air temperature measured by the TVS-1000 sensors.
2. **Air Temperature Plot Digital Display**
3. **Export Plot**: Push to export the **Air Temperature Plot** to a BMP file.
4. **Air Temperature Plot Control**: Plot control to change X Scale/Y Scale mode.
5. **Save T Summary**: Push to save the content of the **Air Temperature Summary** table to a file.
[6] **Air Temperature Summary**: This table displays the summary of each TVS-1000 sensor temperature reading and updates its results according to the **Measurement Duration** setting.

[7] **Air Velocity Plot**: Display air velocity measured by TVS-1000 sensors.

[8] **Air Velocity Plot Digital Display**

[9] **Air Temperature/Velocity Plot Legend**

[10] **Export Plot**: Push to export the **Air Velocity Plot** to a BMP file.

[11] **Air Velocity Plot Control**: Plot control to change X Scale/Y Scale mode.

[12] **Select Sensor to Display**: Click to select the sensor to display in the plots, you can select multiple sensors by push Ctrl Button.

[13] **Save V Summary**: Push to save the content of the **Air Velocity Summary** table to a file.

[14] **Air Velocity Summary**: This table displays the summary of each TVS-1000 sensor velocity reading and updates its results according to the **Measurement Duration** setting.
Figure 6 shows the **TVS-1000** software user interface when **Check Sensor** in main menu is selected. The user interface elements are explained as follows:

[1] **Sensor Status**: Display the TVS sensor availability.

[2] **Sensor Information**: Display the TVS sensor ID and serial number.

[3] **Com Port Error Out**: Display Com port information.


### 3.3 Software Installation

In order to install the **TVS-1000** software, please follow the following steps:

1. Install the software by double clicking on `TVS-1000\Volume\setup.exe`. It installs the **TVS-1000** and supporting files to your computer.
2. Install **National Instruments** serial communication driver by double clicking on **Drivers\NI-Serial 3.5\Setup.exe**

   **Note:** NI-Serial 3.5 supports the following operating system:
   Windows 2000; Windows XP; Windows Vista; Windows Vista x64.

   NI-Serial 3.6 Supports the following operating system: Windows 7 64 bit; Windows 7 x86; Windows XP x86; Windows Server 2008 R2 (64-bit); Windows Vista x64; Windows Vista x86; Windows Server 2003 R2 (32-bit).

3. Install the USB driver by double clicking on **Download folder \Drivers\FTDI USB-RS232 driver \USB-RS232 driver.exe**.

4. **When you run TVS-1000 for the first time**, a window (see Figure 7 will pop out asking for **ATVS-2020 calibration data.txt** file. You have to load this file before using the **TVS-1000**.
Figure 7 - Load Calibration File for TVS-1000
SECTION 4: ELECTRICAL AND SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

4.1 Electrical and Safety Specifications

- Products destined for the North American market are furnished with a cord set. Outside of North America, a detachable cord set compliant with the local electrical safety and code requirements is necessary. The cord set shall have a female fitting MAINS connector according to IEC 60320 and shall either meet the requirements of IEC 60799 or shall be rated for maximum current ratings of the equipment (1.5 A). The length of the cord set must be less than 3 meters long.

- The system is powered by a DC power supply with the following specifications:

  Separable power supply:
  Input: 100-240 V, 1.5A, 60-50 HZ
  Output: +5Vdc, 5A, +15Vdc, 2A, -15Vdc, 0.8A

  The power supply provided should be used to maintain acceptable safety of the unit. Contact Omega for repairs and replacement.

4.1.1 Description of Connectors

- The DIN mount receptacle accepts DC voltages from the specified power supply.
- The sensor connectors receive voltages from sensors. The system will not function properly with any other sensor other than the one supplied by Omega.
• The DB9 connector is used with a straight cable to communicate with a PC or laptop through the COM port.

4.1.2 Description of the Symbol

The above symbol indicates caution, risk of danger. Documentation must be consulted where this symbol is marked. There are no user serviceable parts inside. It is not recommended that the user open the electronic box or the power supply unit.

4.2 System and Environmental Requirements

Environmental conditions:

This equipment is designed to be safe at least under the following conditions:

• Indoor use
• Altitude up to 2000 m.
• Temperatures from 5 °C to 40 °C.
• Maximum relative humidity, 80% for temperatures up to 31 °C decreasing linearly to 50% relative humidity at 40 °C.

Installation/overvoltage category: II
Pollution degree: 2
Degree of protection to IEC 60529: IPK0

Equipment mobility: Portable

Connection to mains supply: Detachable cord set

Operating conditions: Continuous (duration of operation set by operator through software)

- Unit can be mounted in any orientation as long as it is securely mounted.
- Connect the power supply to a grounding type receptacle.
- The cord set is the disconnect device. Position the equipment to facilitate disconnect from Mains as necessary.
- The system does not require any cleaning or decontamination.

System requirements:

- Use a PC or laptop with a minimum of 512 MB of memory and an operating systems windows 2000, XP, Vista, and 7. To maintain an acceptable level of safety, the host computer should comply with the requirements of UL/CSA/IEC 60950.

It is recommended that the sensors be calibrated on an annual basis.
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