

INSTRUCTION MANUAL

Grating Spectroradiometer

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2. Important User Information

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Make sure to read this instruction manual thoroughly and to understand the contents before starting to operate the instrument. Keep this manual at safe and handy place for whenever it is needed. For any questions, please contact us at one of the EKO offices given below:

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- Any modification or repair was done by any person or organization other than EKO service personnel.
- The damage or defect is caused by not respecting the instructions of use as given on the product brochure or the instruction manual.

2-3. About Instruction Manual

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2-4. Environment

WEEE Directive 2002/96/EC (Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment)

This product is not subjected to WEEE Directive 2002/96/EC however it should not be mixed with general household waste. For proper treatment, recovery and recycling, please take this product(s) to designated collection points.

Disposing of this product correctly will help save valuable resources and prevent any potential negative effects on human health and the environment, which could otherwise arise from inappropriate waste handling.

2. RoHS Directive 2002/95/EC

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2-5. CE Declaration



IMPORTANT USER INFORMATION

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Declare under our sole responsibility that the product:

Product Name: Spectroradiometer

Model No.: MS-700, MS-700 DNI

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Harmonized standards:

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3. Safety Information

EKO products are designed and manufactured under the consideration of the safety precautions.

Please make sure to read and understand this instruction manual thoroughly in order to be able to operate the instrument safely and in the correct manner.



Attention to user; pay attention to the instructions given on the instruction manual with this sign.



High voltage is used; pay special attention to instructions given on this instruction manual with this sign to prevent electric leakage and/or electric shocks.



3-1. WARNING/CAUTION

1. Setup

- The installation base or mast should have enough load capacity for the instrument to be mounted. Fix the spectroradiometer securely to the base, mast or Sun tracker with bolts and nuts; otherwise, the instrument may drop due to gale or earthquake which may lead to unexpected accidents.
- ➤ The setup location should be easily accessible for periodic maintenance (glass dome cleaning, desiccant replacement, etc.).

2. Handling

- When carrying this instrument, hold the bottom part of the main housing only. Holding any other parts, such as cable, cover, dome or collimating tube, can damage the instrument or lead to accidental drop of the instrument.
- ➤ Be careful with glass domes when handling instruments. Strong impact to this part may damage the glass and may cause injuries by broken glass parts.



3-2. HIGH VOLTAGE WARNING

1. Power Supply

Check the supply voltage which must correspond to the voltage requirements of the spectroradiometer (100 – 230 VAC).

4. Introduction

The all weather grating spectroradiometer MS-700 and MS-700 DNI are designed to be used for continuous outdoor observation. EKO offers two different models, respectively MS-700 to measure the global solar distribution and MS-700 DNI to measure the direct spectral component. Ideally the MS-700 DNI Spectroradiometer is used in combination with the STR-Sun tracker series and the MS-56 pyrheliometer, but many more configurations are possible.

The compact all weather MS-700 spectroradiometer is unique in many ways. For various research applications it is used as the reference instruments for spectral irradiance measurements outdoors. Like the MS-700 the MS-700 DNI spectroradiometer cover the spectral range from 350 – 1050nm. Due to the advanced spectroradiometer design, it guarantees a stable output over time. Inside the MS-700 body, the detector unit is being maintained at a fixed temperature to maximize performance over a wide operating temperature range.

The spectroradiometers have a separate power control unit with RS-232/422 serial communication interface to be controlled by a PC or data logger. When operated by a PC, the operating software offers advanced functionality for data retrieval, visualization and data-management. It is also possible to create your personal control software using the so called open command protocol, which gives the flexibility to monitor and control the spectroradiometer with the same control functionality embedded into your existing system.

4-1. Main Features

1. All Weather Concept

MS-700 and MS-700 DNI solar spectroradiometers are designed to be used as the spectral measurement standard in any outdoors environment around the world.

2. Durability

The dome, diffuser, grating and photodiode array are embedded in MS-700/700 DNI to maximize the performance and guarantee durability.

3. Adaptive Measurement

The detector exposure time will be automatically adapted between 10ms to 5sec to optimize the signal to noise ratio, which makes the MS-700/700 DNI suitable to measure during fluctuating solar irradiance conditions.

4. Advanced Control and Analysis Software

The SPDAC software has several advanced control functions. In addition to the manual measurement mode the "scheduled measurement" mode automatically controls the measurement period during the day. It is possible to automatically perform periodical measurement and store the data of the specified time every day. With the SPMAN analysis software the measured spectral data can be visualized simultaneously. The software automatically converts and stores a data files with 1 or 5nm wavelength interval. Besides the integrated quantities of the following action spectra, PAR (Photosynthetic Active Radiation, W/m²) and PPFD (Photosynthetic photon flux density, μ mol/m²/s) and illuminance (lux) can be calculated through the software.

4-2. Package Contents

Check the package contents first; if any missing item or damage is noticed, please contact EKO immediately.

Table 4-1 Package Contents

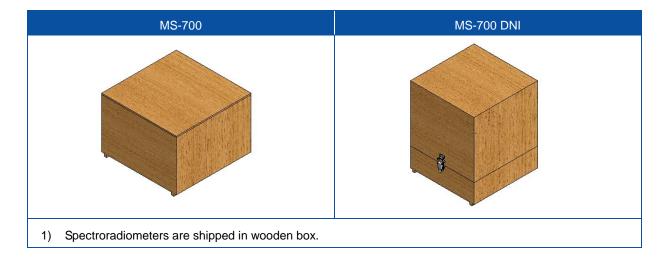
Equipment	Quantity	Remarks		
MS-700 Sensor	1 unit			
Fixing screws	1 set	MS-700:	M8 x 75mm (2 sets of bolt, washer, and nuts included)	
		MS-700 DNI:	M8 x 65mm (2 sets of bolt, washer, and nuts included)	
Power supply / control unit	1 unit			
Sensor cable	1	10m (Standard length)		
AC power cable	1	2m		
RS-232C cable	1	1.5m		
Software CD-ROM	1	SPDac.exe and SPMan.exe software, Instruction Manual in PDF		
Instruction manual	1			

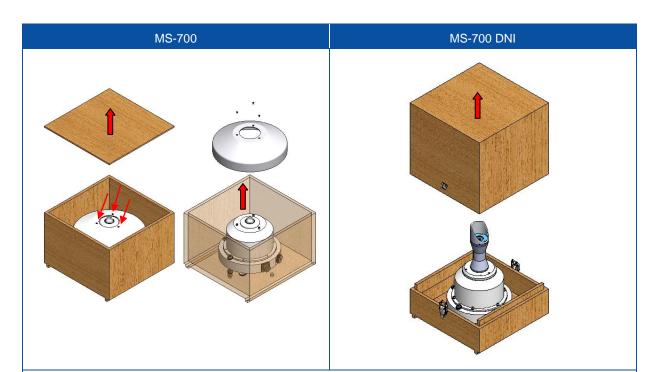
Table 4-2. Packaging contents when mounting assembly for MS-700DNI is purchased. All common items mentioned in the table above are included.

Equipment	Quantity	Remarks
MS-700 DNI Sensor	1 unit	Collimating tube fixed to the sensor
MS-700 DNI Side Mounting assembly	1 set	To mount the MS-700 DNI on STR-21G or STR-22G STR-22-PP700: Primary (with Sun Sensor) side STR-22-PS700: Secondary (without Sun Sensor) side
Mounting assembly fixing screws 4pcs		Primary side mounting assembly: M4 x 15mm Secondary side mounting assembly: M4 x 20mm
Tools for MS-700 DNI	1 set	Hexagon wrench 3 (for M4 screw) Hexagon wrench 4 (for M5 screw) Nut driver (for M8 nut)

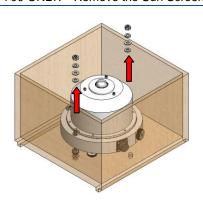
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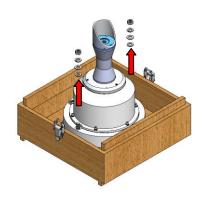
The MS-700 and MS-700 DNI spectroradiometer are securely packed in a wooden box to prevent any damage during transportation. To unpack the spectroradiometer, please follow the instruction below.



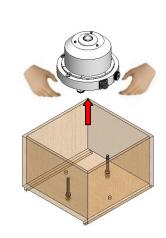


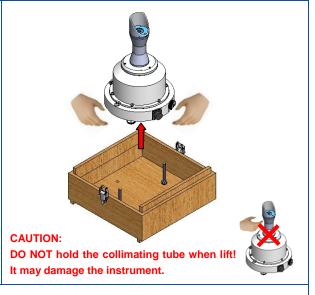
Remove the wooden cover as shown on above.
 MS-700 ONLY: Remove the Sun Screen by loosening the M3 (3pcs) screws with screw driver.





3) Remove the nuts and washers which keep the spectroradiometer in place.





4) Lift up the spectroradiometers by holding the bottom with both hands to remove it from the wooden box.

5. Getting Started

5-1. Parts Name and Descriptions

The names and functions of each component are as follows.

1. Spectroradiometer

Table 5-1. Names and functions of the various sensor parts

	Name	Function	
1	Spirit level	Used for leveling the sensor base horizontally, adjust the two leveling screws to place a	
		bubble in the center of the circle.	
2	Mounting holes	Mounting holes are used to attach the sensor to the mounting platform,	
3	Diffuser	Provides a proper cosine response of the incident radiation.	
4	Glass dome	Protects the optical diffuser for precipitation and soiling effects.	
5	Sensor cable	Power and control cable between the spectroradiometer and control unit.	
connector		Toward and control capit potential and operational and control and	
6	Drying Cartridge	Drying cartridge contains silica gel to protect against moisture.	
7	Sun screen	The sun screen minimizes the heat load by solar radiation.	
8	Leveling screws	Used for leveling the sensor in horizontal position.	
9	*Collimator Tube	This tube guides the direct incident to the sensor part	
10	*Heater	Heater to prevent the effect of condensation on Quartz window.	
11	*Quartz Window	Prevents dusts and water to enter inside the tube.	

^{*}Only for MS-700 DNI

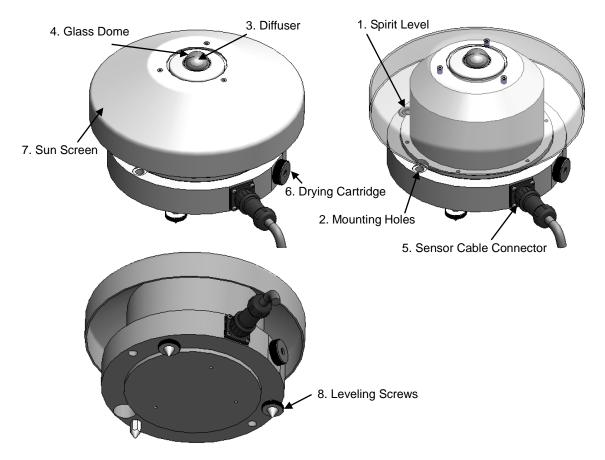


Figure 5-1. MS-700 Parts Name

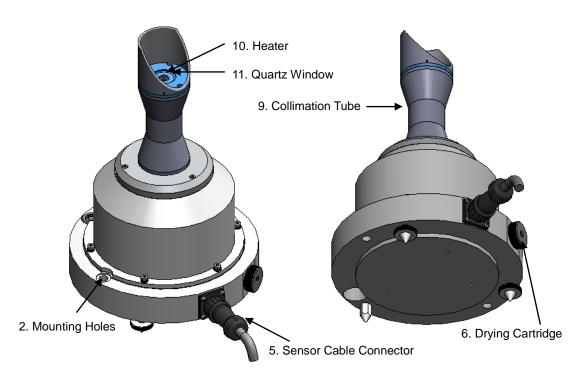


Figure 5-2. MS-700DNI Parts Name

2. Power Supply

Table 5-2. Names and functions of power supply

	Name	Function				
1	Power switch	Power ON	/ OFF			
2	Terminal Block					
			Terminal block	Wire Color	Wire #	
		1	TXD+(RS-422)	Brown	1	
		2	TXD-(RS-422)	Red	2	
		3	RXD+(RS-422)	Orange	3	
		4	RXD-(RS-422)	Yellow	4	
		5	Digital GROUND	Green	5	
		6	Supply power 12V	Gray	6	
		7	Supply power ground	White	7	(DC GND)
		8	Peltier Control +	Black	8	
		9	Peltier Control -	Pink	9	(DC GND)
		10	EARTH	Black	10	
3	RS-232C connector	Connect RS-232C cable to PC.				
4	Fuse holder	2A fuse.				
5	AC power connector	Power requ	Power requirement : AC100 – 240V, 50/60Hz, 50VA			



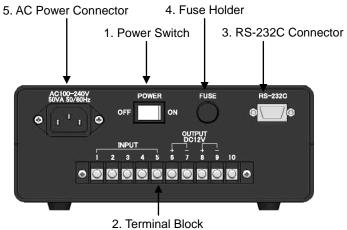


Figure 5-3. Power Supply Parts Name

5-2. Set-up

1. Location

In order to obtain representative measurements from spectroradiometers, several criteria with respect to setup and mounting of the instruments have to be considered*:

The ideal mounting position for the spectroradiometer is a location which has a full hemispheric field-of-view without any obstructions (such as buildings, trees, and mountain). In practice, it might be difficult to find such locations. Therefore, some practical recommendations on how to minimize undesired effects of reflecting or obstructing surfaces are given next:

- Select a mounting position which it is free from obstructions at 5° above horizon.
- The setup location should be easily accessible for periodic maintenance (glass dome cleaning, desiccant replacement, etc.).
- Avoid surrounding towers, poles, walls or billboards with bright colors that can reflect solar radiation onto the spectroradiometer.

2. Installation

Installing at Horizontal or tilted Positions (MS-700)

(1) Prepare Installation Base

Check the installation base where the spectroradiometer has to be mounted and make sure it has two fixing holes with the appropriate pitch. The pitch sizes of the fixing holes are as follows (in mm):

Table 5-3. Fixing Hole Pitch and Bolt Size for MS-700

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	MS-700
Fixing Hole Pitch	180 mm
Fixing Bolt Size	M8 x 75mm

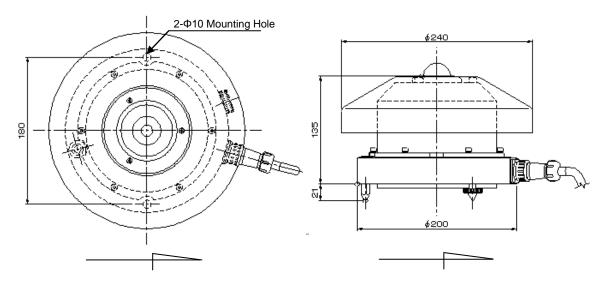


Figure 5-4. MS-700 Dimension

(2) Setup the Spectroradiometer

Setup the spectroradiometer with the signal cable connector facing the nearest Earth's pole. In the Northern hemisphere, the connector should be orientated North, in the Southern hemisphere, the connector should be orientated South.

(3) Leveling

Adjust the spectroradiometer in a horizontal position by using the 2 leveling screws and observing the air bubble in the spirit level while manipulating the leveling screws. The instrument is leveled horizontally if the air bubble is in the center ring. Once the instrument is leveled properly, fix the instrument with mounting bolts.

In case the MS-700 is mounted on a tilted plane, preferably the MS-700 is mounted on the leveling screws to thermally isolate the spectroradiometer body form the mounting platform.

If the spectroradiometer is not leveled properly, the readings are affected by cosine and azimuth errors. Periodically check the spirit level and adjust its position if necessary.

(4) Sun Screen

Place the Sun Screen on the instrument and fasten with 3 screws (M3).

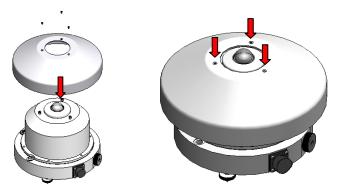


Figure 5-5. MS-700 Sun Screen

(5) Connect Sensor Cable

Connect the sensor cable connector to the spectroradiometer and the pig tail terminals to the terminal block of the power supply according to the table below.



The power supply can't be used in an unprotected outdoors environment, as it can only be used in a dry environment.

Table 5-4. Terminal block layout and Wire colors

	Terminal block	Wire Color	Wire #
1	TXD+(RS-422)	Brown	1
2	TXD-(RS-422)	Red	2
3	RXD+(RS-422)	Orange	3
4	RXD-(RS-422)	Yellow	4
5	Digital GROUND	Green	5
6	Supply power 12V	Gray	6
7	Supply power ground	White	7
8	Peltier Control +	Black	8
9	Peltier Control -	Pink	9
10	EARTH	Black	10

(6) Connect Power Supply

Connect the one end of power cable to AC power supply connector at the rear of power supply. Then connect the other end of power cable to the socket properly. Make sure that provided power is AC100-240V, 50/60Hz, 50VA.

(7) RS-232C

Connect the PC COM port and the RS-232C connector at the back of the power supply with RS-232C cable.



Figure 5-6. RS-232C Connector

Installing the MS-700 DNI on the Sun Tracker

In order to install the MS-700 DNI spectroradiometer on the EKO Sun Tracker STR-21G/22G a special mounting plate is required.

Setup Sun Tracker Setup the Sun Tracker. See Sun Tracker Series Instruction Manual.

(2) Preparation of Mounting Assembly

Depending on the mounting position on the Sun Tracker (primary side / secondary side), a different type of mounting plate is needed. If the MS-700 DNI is installed on STR-21G, mounting plate for primary side (with Sun Sensor), if the MS-700 DNI is installed on STR-22G, mounting plate for secondary side (without Sun Sensor) will be attached as standard accessory with the MS-700 DNI spectroradiometer.

Table 5-5 Fixing Hole Pitch and Bolt Size for MS-700 DNI

	MS-700 DNI
Fixing Hole Pitch	180 mm
Fixing Bolt Size	M8 x 65mm

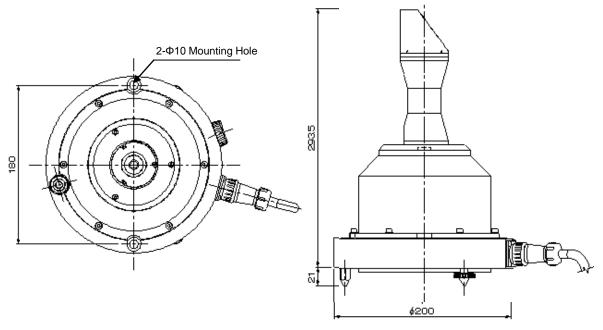


Figure 5-7. MS-700 DNI Dimension

(3) Mounting Plate Setup

When the EKO Sun Tracker STR-21G/22G is purchased at the same time the MS-700 DNI, the mounting plate is already setup on the Sun Tracker before shipment. Skip this section and go to (4) Spectroradiometer Setup.

To setup on the EKO Sun Tracker STR-21G/22G:

At first, position the Sun Tracker STR-21G/22G in origin position.

When the Sun Tracker power is turned on by connecting the power cable, the Sun Tracker body will return to the origin position and stops the movement for about 2 seconds then starts to follow the sun.

Pull out the power cable while the Sun Tracker body is at the origin position then pull out the Sun Sensor cable from the connector.

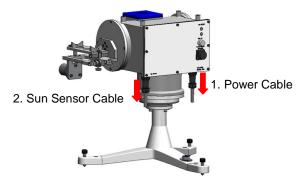


Figure 5-8. Order of removing cables

[Prepare the following tools] *These tools are included with mounting assembly package One of each:

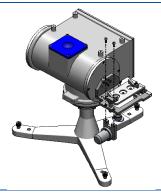
Hexagon wrench 3 (for M4 screws)

Hexagon wrench 4 (for M5 screws), and Nut Driver (for M8 nut)

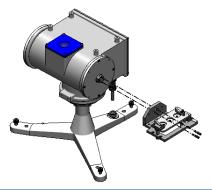
To setup the mounting plate on primary side (with Sun Sensor), follow steps A.

To setup the mounting plate on secondary side (without Sun Sensor), follow steps B

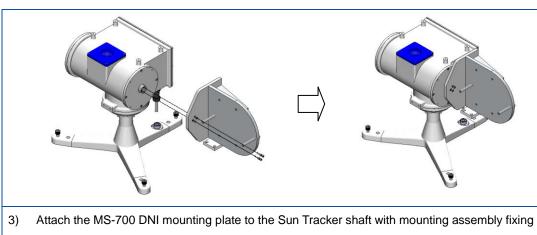
A. To setup the mounting plate on primary side (with Sun Sensor)



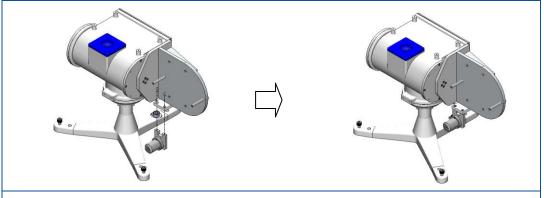
 If the Sun Tracker already has Pyrheliometer mounting setup, remove the Sun Sensor by loosening the Sun Sensor fixing screws (M5 x 10mm). *Make sure to keep the removed screws.



2) Remove the mounting assembly fixing screws (M4 x 15mm) from the Sun Tracker shaft and remove the Pyrheliometer mounting assembly. *Make sure to keep the removed screws.

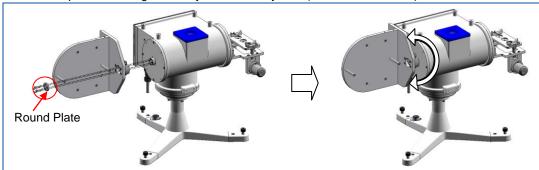


screws (M4 x 15mm).

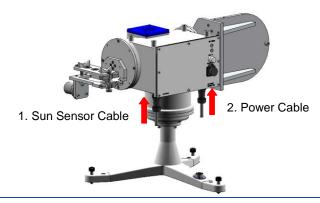


Attach the Sun Sensor on the mounting plate with Sun Sensor fixing screws (M5 x 10mm).

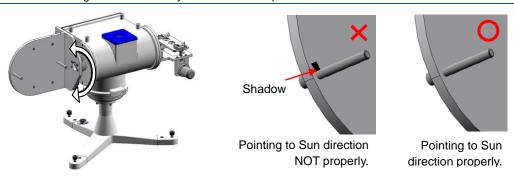
B. To setup the mounting assembly on secondary side (without Sun Sensor)



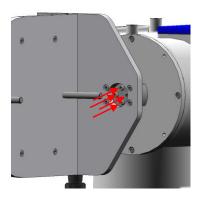
Insert the mounting plate holder in the Sun Tracker shaft; fasten with the 4 screws (M4 x 20mm) and a round plate to hold the mounting plate in a place from the inside.
 DO NOT fasten these 4 screws too tight at this point; make sure the mounting plate can be easily rotated.

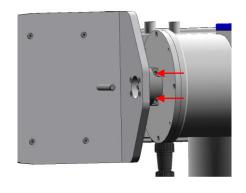


2) Insert the Sun Sensor connector then insert power cable for the Sun Tracker; Sun Tracker will be in tracking mode and will try to find the solar position.



3) Adjust the mounting plate angle so that the shadow of the mounting screw (M8 x 75mm) for MS-700 DNI does not appear on the plate as shown on above image.





4) Tighten the 4 screws (M4 x 20mm) on the round plate. Then tighten the screws (M5) for the mounting plate.

(4) MS-700 DNI Setup

Remove the leveling screws attached on the bottom of the MS-700 DNI.

NOTE: During this process, DO NOT hold the collimation tube part. Holding or giving stress on this part will lead to damaging the instrument.

Insert screws (M8 x 65mm) through the mounting holes on the sides of MS-700 DNI to fasten the MS-700 DNI on the mounting plate with nut driver (for M8 nut) so the power connector will face the ground.

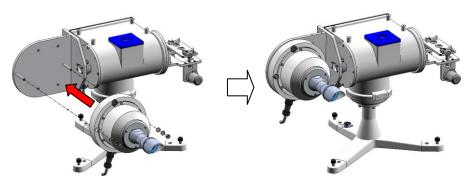


Figure 5-8. MS-700 DNI Setup Image: Before & After

(5) Sight Spot Adjustment

In order to take accurate measurements, MS-700 DNI sensor must be properly aligned to the sun direction. On a sunny day, sun light is irradiated through sight spot on the target on MS-700 DNI collimation tube. Adjust the Sun Sensor so that the sun light irradiates on the center of this sight spot target (Figure 5-10 and 5-11). If the screw does not turn, loosen the screws in three positions in counterclockwise then make adjustments. Make sure the Sun Sensor screws in three positions do not get loosen after the Sight Spot is aligned. When the Sun Tracker is used for a long period of time for measurement, check the Sight Spot alignment for at least one day after the setup.

Example:

When the Sight Spot is not irradiating the target properly a shown on Figure 5-5, adjust the Sun Sensor adjusting screws (on behind the Sun Sensor) (C) and (B) in clockwise direction.

Arrow indicates the direction of sun light spot movement when the Sun Sensor adjustment screw is turned clockwise, looking at the MS-700 DNI from the front.

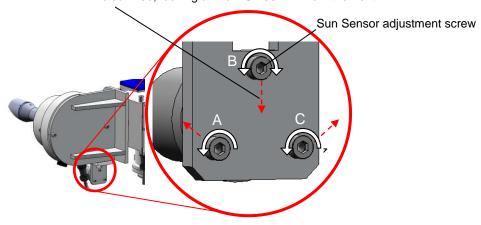


Figure 5-10. Sun Sensor Adjusting Screws (View from Sun Sensor back side)

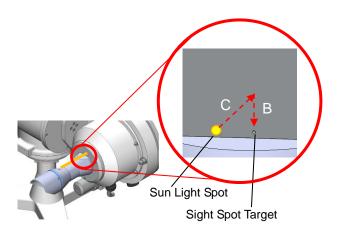


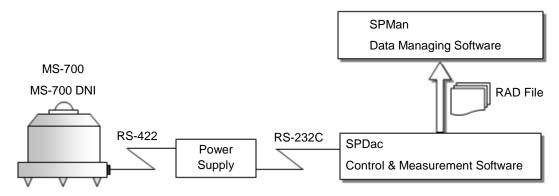
Figure 5-11. Sun Light Spot and Target (View from MS-700 DNI front side)

To connect sensor cable, setup power supply and communication cable, go to section [5-2. Setup/2. Installation, Installing at Horizontal or Tilted Positions (MS-700)] steps (6) Connect Sensor cable

6. Software

SPDac (<u>Spectral Data Acquisition</u>) and SPMan (<u>Spectral Manager</u>) is exclusively used for the measurement control and processing of the data acquired by the MS-700/700 DNI.

Fig.6-1 shows the data flow.



SPDac software is the control and measurement software that includes periodic measurement of the MS-700/700 DNI via RS-232C communication, and creates a data file (RAD file) described in section 6-4.

SPMan software is the data managing software. SPMan loads RAD data file that is created by SPDac. It has functions of graphing, data format converting and data calculations.

SPDac and SPMan software selects Japanese/English displaying language automatically by checking language settings in Windows.

Notes: This software is designed to manage with one unit of MS-700 or MS-700 DNI.

- When using multiple MS-700/700 DNI spectroradiometers with one PC
 The sensitivity of MS-700/700 DNI which is connected and turned ON is set when the software is started.
 When replacing the MS-700/700 DNI with another MS-700/700 DNI, turn on MS-700/700 DNI and re-start the software each time.
 - Creating individual folder for each spectroradiometer is recommended.
- PC time settings
 Set the time-zone and local time of the PC based on the measurement site.

6-1. Installation and Uninstallation

1. Installation

Copy all files from the CD-ROM to a designated folder on a hard disk

2. Uninstallation

To uninstall the software, delete all files that were copied at installation (described above). Since the software does not use any system files (DLL etc.), uninstallation will be completed only by deleting files.

6-2. SPDac (Measurement) Software Operations

SPDac software is the basic control software that includes the scheduled measurement function to operate the spectroradiometer in a continuous mode. Depending on the solar irradiance conditions the exposure time will be automatically adapted by SPDac for each individual measurement.

Start SPDac Software

After establishing the connection between the radiometer and PC, the COM Port window will automatically appear after starting SPDac software, shown in picture 6-1.

Select COM port number of the PC then click [OK].

Communication error window will appear when;

- (1) No cable has been connected between the Spectroradiometer and PC
- (2) The spectroradiometer power is switched off
- (3) No communication port can be addressed form Windows





Figure 6-1. COM Port window

Figure 6-2. Communication error window

Figure 6-3. SPDac window will appear when the radiometer communication was established.

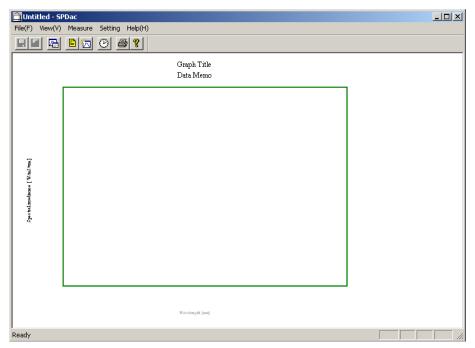


Figure 6-3. SPDac window

2. File Menu

The following functions are available from the File menu (Figure 6-4.).

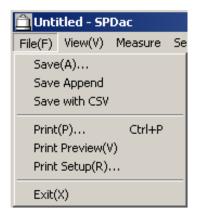


Figure 6-4. File menu

(1) Save

Save data displayed on a window as RAD file (see Table 6-1). Figure 6-5 Data Memo window will appear after specifying a file name.



Figure 6-5. Data Memo window

Data Memo function stores measurement memorandum (parameters etc.) to header of RAD file with unlimited characters. To save data, click [OK]. To abort data saving, click [Cancel].

Existing RAD file cannot be overwritten. New data file should be assigned with unique file name.

(2) Save Append

Append data displayed on screen to existing RAD file as Binary (Data type "a" in Table 6-1).

(3) Save with CSV

Save data displayed on screen as CSV format (Data type "b" or "c" in Table 6-1). Select b or c file types from "CSV setting" under Setup Menu.

(4) Printing

Print out the data displayed on screen.

(5) Print Preview

Display printing preview of data displayed on screen.

(6) Printer setup

Setup printer for printing out graphs.

(7) Exit

Exit SPDac software.

3. View Menu

The following functions are available from the Figure 6-6. View menu.

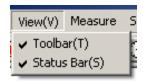


Figure 6-6. View menu

(1) Tool bar

Select appear/hide the tool bar shown on Figure 6-7. Tool bar.



Figure 6-7. Tool bar

The tool bar has functions of; Saving a working file, Appending a working file, Setting of graph, Setting of measurement, Measurement, Printing out a working file and Displaying software information, version and copyright.

(2) Status bar

Select appear/hide of status bar shown on Figure 6-8. Status bar.

The status bar displays contents of the tool bar, current status, and so on.

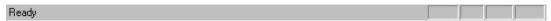


Figure 6-8. Status bar

4. Measure Menu

The following functions are available from the Figure 6-9. Measure menu.

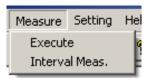


Figure 6-9. Measure

(1) Execute

Execute a single measurement; see Figure 6-10 how the Measure window appears when a measurement starts.

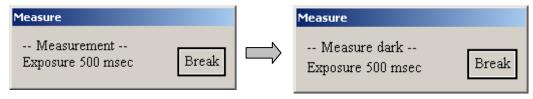


Figure 6-10. Measure

"Measurement" indicates the measuring status during the irradiance measurement.

"Measure dark" indicates the measuring status of a dark current when the shutter is closed.

After a measurement a graph of spectral irradiance will be displayed, see Figure 6-11

The integrated values (W/m²), PAR (Photosynthetic Active Radiation, W/m², 400-700nm), Photon (μ mol/m²/s, 400-700nm) and Illuminance (lux) (400-700nm) will be displayed in real time.

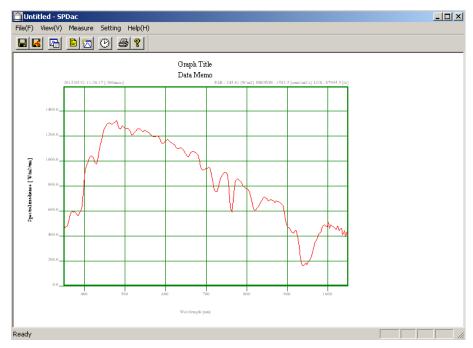


Figure 6-11. Graph of spectral

Date, time, and exposure time will be displayed on left-top of the screen.

See the section 7-5-2 for Graph title and the section 7-2-1 for Data Memo.

(2) Interval measurement

Interval measurement setting window will appear for entering [Start Time], [Stop Time], [Measurement Interval], [File Name] and [Data Memo] information.

In an interval measurement, measurements are taken from [start time] to [Stop time] of the day in [measurement interval] automatically based on PC time. After starting SPDac software, measurement will continue until SPDac software is stopped. RAD format data file will be stored to a folder assigned on File name menu.

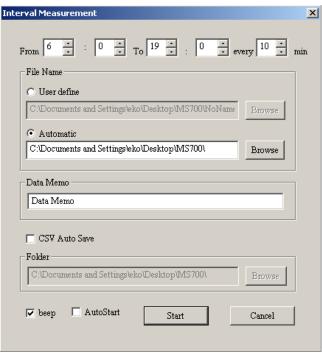


Figure 6-12. Interval measurement setting window

Data file is stored automatically by interval measurement assigned with File name settings as followings:

[User define]: Click [Ref.] of [User define] to assign the file name.

[Automatic]: Clicking [Ref.] of [Automatic] to assign the folder that a data will be stored.

[Automatic] file name will be created as XXYYMMDD.RAD format as followings;

XX: Type of instrument VS: MS-700/700 DNI

YYMMDD: Year, month and day of measurement

Example: File name VS110225.RAD

Instrument MS-700

Date of measurement February 25, 2011

[Data Memo] is a memorandum function that can be defined as a part of the file (RAD file). The memo can be freely chosen by the user.

To save data in CSV format while taking measurement, check "CSV Auto Save". Assign data folder by clicking [Ref] button on "Save As…" window.

The file name will be saved in "YYYYMMDDhhmm.csv" format per every measurement. The "YYYYMMDDhhmm" indicates the year, month, date, hour and minutes. For example, the measurement data taken on August 22, 2011 at 10:25am with MS-700/700 DNI is written as "201108221025.CSV" automatically.

NOTE: When saving files in CSV file format directly, the wavelength step and wavelength range can be selected in "CSV Setting" under Setup menu. These information cannot be changed after measurement, so setup before taking measurements.

To beep at each measurement, place a check on [beep] checkbox.

Place a check on [Auto Start] checkbox to start the interval measurement at the same time the software is started.

When this function is registered, the interval measurement can be restarted as the PC is restarted.

After these setting are completed, press [Start]. Then Interval measurement window will appear and wait for start time.

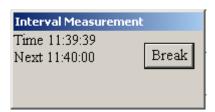


Figure 6-13. Interval measurement break window

To finish Figure 6-13 Interval measurement, click [Break].

5. Setting Menu

The following functions are available from the Figure 6-14 Setting menu.

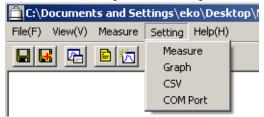


Figure 6-14 Setting menu

(1) Measurement

Exposure time can be adjusted according to Figure 6-15. Measurement settings window.

By checking [Auto], exposure time will be adjusted automatically by the software.

Exposure time is opening interval of the electronically controlled shutter, and equals the time the detector will be exposed to irradiance. For clear weather or a high intensity measurement, the exposure time should be set short to avoid over-range of a measurement. For a cloudy sky or low intensity measurement, the exposure time should be set long to avoid obtaining low S/N ratio data. By setting [Auto], the optimal exposure time will be automatically selected by the software.



Figure 6-15. Measurement settings

(2) Graph

Graph settings are adjustable according to Figure 6-16. Graph settings window. Graph title, Horizontal (X) and Vertical (Y) axis, Showing grid, line colors and markers on/off are selectable.

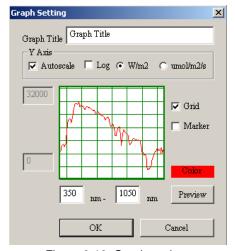


Figure 6-16. Graph settings

[Graph Title]	A title of a graph. The title will be displayed on a screen and print out. It won't be a			
	part of the RAD file.			
[Autoscale]	To set value of Y-axis as automatic scale, check [Autoscale] ON for Y-axis. To set			
	upper and lower limit by user, check [Auto scale] checkbox.			
[Log]	To set value of Y-axis as Log scale, check [Log] checkbox.			
[W/m ²]	To set value of Y-axis as radiation (W/m²), check [W/m²] radio button.			
[umol/m ² /s]	To set value of Y-axis as Photon (μmol/m²/s), check [umol/m²/s] radio button.			
X-Axis setting	Begin and end wavelength will be set by user from Graph setting screen.			
	Wavelength range of graph is 350 to 1050nm.			
[Grid]	To show a grid of a graph, check [Grid] checkbox. Grids will be set automatically.			
[Marker]	To display data by line with markers, check [Marker] checkbox.			
[Color]	Colors of line and markers are set.			
[Preview]	To display a graph as setup on the graph settings, click [Preview] button.			

(3) CSV

Data Settings can be stored in CSV format by setting the interval of wavelength (W/L Step) and wavelength range (W/L Area).

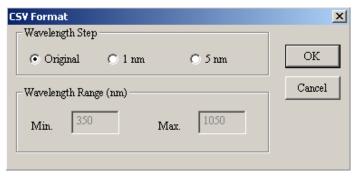


Figure 6-17 CSV Format

(4) COM port

COM port can be set according to Figure 6-18. Port settings window.

Change the COM port setting by using this function while the software is operating.



Figure 6-18. Port settings

6. Help Menu

The following functions are available from the Figure 6-19. Help menu.



Figure 6-19. Help menu

(1) Software version information

The software version information is displayed on Figure 6-20. Software version information window.

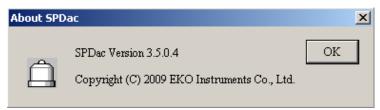


Figure 6-20. Software version information window

(2) Sensor information

Internal parameter, etc. are displayed at Figure 6-21. Sensor information window. Coefficients C0 to C4 are wavelength parameters of optical detector.

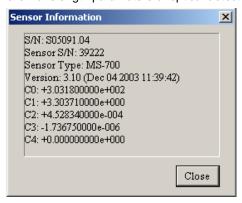


Figure 6-21. Sensor information

6-3. SPMan (Data Managing) Software Operations

SPMan software is software for data managing applications. The basic function are, graphical display, data format conversion, and calculating data.

Spectral data will be displayed in all data files (Catalog View) or one specific data (Detail View).

RAD data file (Binary) will be converted to CSV (Comma Separation Variable) ASCII format by data conversion function. The integrated values for PAR (W/m²), Photon (μmol/m²/s) and Illuminance (lux) can be obtained by the calculating function.

Start SPMan Software

After starting [SPMan.exe], Figure 6-22. File list will appear. Select RAD file to be managed.

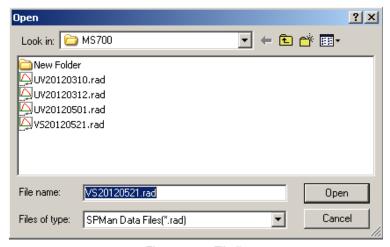
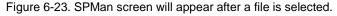


Figure 6-22. File list



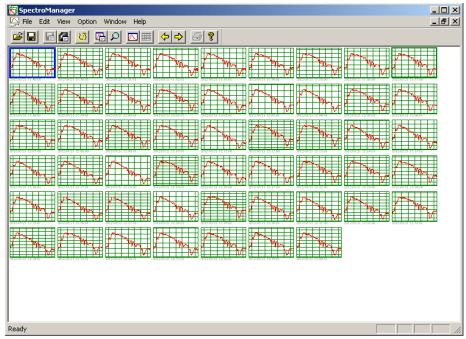


Figure 6-23. SPMan screen

To display one graph, double-click a graph in Catalog View window (Detail View).

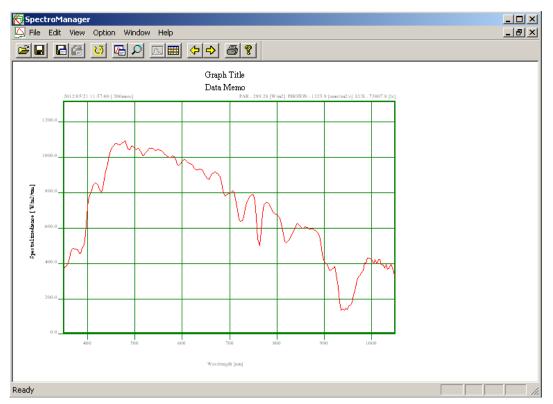


Figure 6-24. Detail view

2. File Menu

The following functions are available from the Figure 6-25. File menu.

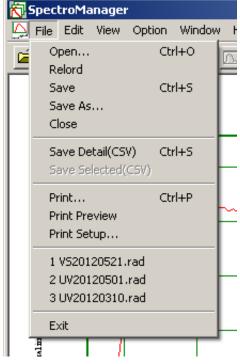


Figure 6-25. File menu

(1) Open

Load RAD file into SPMan software. RAD file data has format "a" in Table.6-1.

(2) Reload

Reload all data that is displaying in a RAD data file.

When RAD files are saved sequentially during schedule measurement on SPDac and processed on SPMan software, the data saved at latest can be reloaded in SPMan by using the [Reload] function.

(3) Save

Save a displaying data as over write mode.

(4) Save as

Save a displaying data as user specified name.

(5) Close

Close current data.

(6) Save Detail [CSV]

Save a displaying data (Detail View) as CSV format. Setup the "Wave Length Step", "Unit", "Area", "File Name Type" and "Save Location" then click [OK] button.

(7) Save Selected [CSV]

Save the selected data of Catalog View screen as CSV file format. Setup the "Wave Length Step", "Unit", "Area", "File Name Type", and "Save Location". When [OK] button is clicked, the data selected from the displayed list will be saved in CSV format files.

To select data from Catalog View screen, click a spectral graph. The blue cursor indicates all data selected. To select multiple data, click data with pressing CTRL key or click on multiple data as holding down the SHIFT key until all the selected data are selected. To select all data on the screen, click [Select All] in [Edit] (see next section).

(8) Print

Print out data on the screen.

(9) Print previewDisplay preview of data on the screen.

(10) Printing setup

Open the printer setting for connected printer.

(11) Exit

Finish SPMan software.



Figure 6-26 CSV Format



Figure 6-27 Save Folder

3. Edit Menu

The following functions are available from the Figure 6-28. Edit menu.

(1) Select all

Select all data of working RAD data file on Catalog View



Figure 6-28. Edit menu

(2) Copy

To copy current Catalog View screen to the Clip Board, select [Copy]. A data send to the Clip Board is applicable for other application as Bitmap data by pasting.

(3) Delete

Delete selected data from RAD data file on Catalog View screen.

4. View Menu

The following functions are available from the Figure 6-29. View menu.

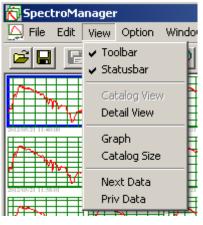


Figure 6-29. View menu

(1) Tool bar

Select either to show/hide the tool bar shown on Figure 6-30.



Figure 6-30. Tool bar

1	Open	6	Graph setting	11	Next Data
2	Save as	7	Catalog Size	12	Print
3	Save Detail [CSV]	8	Detail View	13	Help
4	Save Selected [CSV]	9	Catalog View		
5	Reload	10	Previous Data		

(2) Status bar

Select "show" or "hide" the status bar shown in Figure 6-31. The status bar indicates the measurement status.

Ready

Figure 6-31. Status bar

(3) Catalogue view

Set screen mode to display all files of a RAD data file.

To select data from Catalog view screen, double-click the spectral graph or click on [Detail View] on the tool bar. The blue frame indicates the selected data.

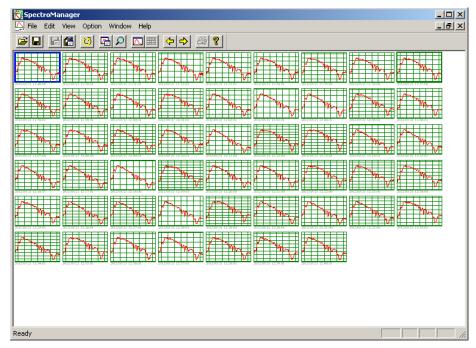


Figure 6-32. Catalogue view screen

(4) Detail view

The selected data of RAD data file will be displayed as shown on Figure 6-33.

To change a graph window into the Catalog view window, double-click the graph or click [Catalog View] on the tool bar.

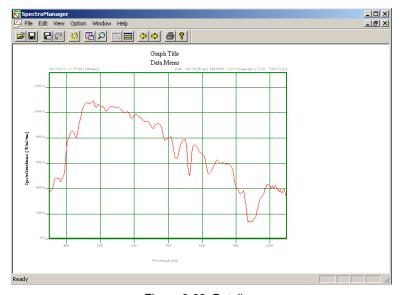


Figure 6-33. Detail

(5) Graph

Graph title, scales of X and Y axis, grid line or line color can be setup from Figure 6-34 graph setting

screen.

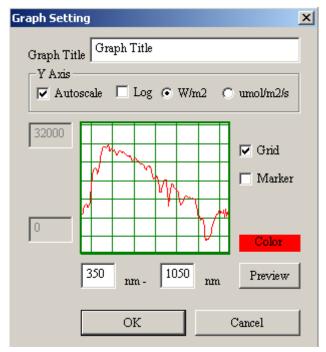


Figure 6-34. Graph setting

[Graph Title]	The title will be displayed on a screen and print out.	
[Autoscale]	To set value of Y-axis as automatic scale, check [Autoscale] ON for Y-axis. To set	
	upper and lower limit by user, check [Auto scale] checkbox.	
[Log]	To set value of Y-axis as Logarithmic scale, check [Log] checkbox.	
[W/m ²]	To set value of Y-axis as radiation (W/m²), check [W/m²] radio button.	
[umol/m²/s]	To set value of Y-axis as Photon (μmol/m²/s), check [umol/m²/s] radio button.	
X-Axis setting	Starting and finishing wavelength will be set by user from Graph setting screen.	
	Wavelength range of graph is 350 to 1050nm for MS-700/700DNI.	
[Grid]	To show a grid of a graph, check [Grid] checkbox. Grids are set automatically.	
[Marker]	To display data by line with markers, check [Marker] checkbox.	
[Color]	Colors of line and markers are set.	
[Preview]	To display a graph as set on the graph settings, click [Preview] button.	

(6) Catalogue size

To set graph size of Catalog view, check a pixel size to be displayed at Figure 6-35

(7) Next data

Display next data, which was measured at the time right after the spectrum data in operation.



Figure 6-35. Catalogue size

(8) Previous data

Display previous data, which was measured at the time right after the spectrum data in operation.

5. Option Menu

The following functions are available from the Figure 6-36 option menu.

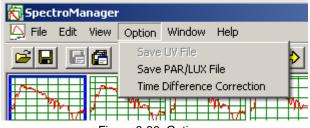


Figure 6-36. Option menu

(1) Save PAR, Photon and Illuminance file

This is the calculation value for PAR, Photon, and Illuminance (400-700um for each) from a current data file. The calculated value will be saved as CSV format.

(2) Time Difference Correction

The recorded time uses UTC (Coordinated Universal Time). The UTC is the international standard time similar to the GMT (Greenwich Mean Time).

When PC setup time zone does not match with the time zone of measured data and opened with this software, it may show different time than the actual measured time. This is because the saved time is recorded by the UTC time, which is converted from the local time of the PC time zone setup. For example, data taken in Japan at noon (12:00AM) is displayed on a PC, which is setup with US time zone (UTC -8 hours), will show data as taken at 4:00AM.

To avoid such confusion, use the "Time difference Correction" function. In this case, set the time difference correction by -8:00 as UTC time difference.

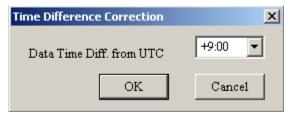


Figure 6-37. Time Difference

6. Window Menu

The following functions are available from the Figure 6-38 window menu.

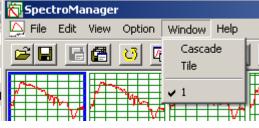


Figure 6-38. Window menu

(1) Cascade

Multi RAD file data will be displayed as cascade style.

(2) Tile

Multi RAD file data will be displayed as tile style.

7. Help Menu

The following functions are available from the Figure 6-39 Help menu.



Figure 6-39. Help menu

(1) Version information

Software version will be displayed at Figure 6-40 version information.



Figure 6-40. Version information

(2) Sensor information

Software information will be displayed at Figure 6-41 sensor information.

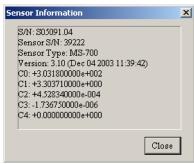


Figure 6-41. Sensor information

6-4. Data File Format

Data files are created as follows;

Table 6-1. File format

	File format	Binary/ASCII	Wavelength increment
а	RAD file	Binary	Specified as an instrument
b	001/181	ASCII	Specified as an instrument
С	CSV file		1nm or 5nm

1. RAD File (Binary data)

RAD files record spectral irradiance in a wavelength increment defined by the radiometer as binary format.

2. CSV File (ASCII)

CSV files record spectral irradiance in a wavelength increment defined by the radiometer, 1nm or 5nm as ASCII format. Those data can be opened by using Excel.

7. Measurement Principle

7-1. Measurement Principle

Block diagram of the MS-700/700DNI is shown below.

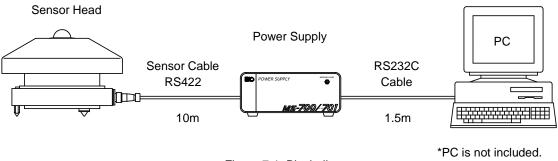


Figure 7-1. Block diagram

The sensor consists of a dome, a diffuser, a shutter, a grating spectrometer with a photodiode array, and temperature control unit to keep the temperature stable of the optical system and control unit.

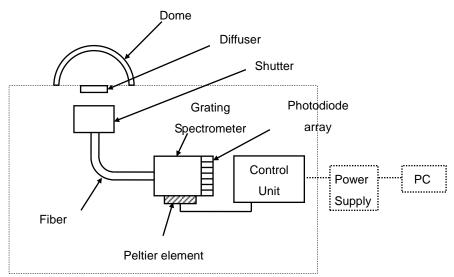


Figure 7-2. The sensor head configuration

8. Maintenance & Troubleshooting

8-1. Maintenance

To maintain accurate measurement, it is recommended to check and do the following:

Table 8-1. Maintenance

Maintenance Item	Frequency	How To	Effect
Clean Glass Dome / window	Several times per week (at least once per week)	Keep the glass dome / window clean by wiping it with a soft cloth and alcohol.	If the glass dome / window gets soiled (by accumulation of dirt) the detector output will be affected due to a change in transmittance. This dirt can either be removed manually (using a soft cloth and alcohol) or it is washed off by rain (self cleaning effect).
Check Glass Dome / window Condition	Weekly	Check for cracks and scratches on the glass dome / window and the rim.	May lead to water leakage due to rain/dew which causes damage of the detector inside the spectroradiometer.
Check Spirit Level Bubble (MS-700)	Weekly	Verify if the spectroradiometer is leveled by checking the bubble is in the center ring of spirit level. (When the spectroradiometer is setup in horizontal position)	If a spectroradiometer in the horizontal measurement position is not leveled correctly an additional cosine/azimuth error will be introduced.
Check Sight Spot (MS-700 DNI)	Weekly	Verify if the spectroradiometer is positioned properly by checking the sight spot on the collimation tube.	If a spectroradiometer position is not leveled correctly, it causes error to the measurements.
Check Cable Condition	Weekly	Verify if the cable connector is properly connected, tightened to the instrument, and how cable is lined; make sure the cable is not swinging by wind.	A disconnected cable will cause sporadic reading errors or failure of operation. If the cable is damaged, it may lead to noise or electric shock (ventilator AC power cable).
Check Setup Base Condition	Weekly	Check if the instrument is tightened properly to the mounting base plate and the base plate and/or table is securely fastened in a proper condition.	Loose instruments and/or mounting plates can lead to damages of the instruments and/or injury.
Check Silica Gel	Weekly	Verify that the color of the silica gel is dark blue (dark blue = okay). If the color of the silica gel turns into a reddish color then replace it with new silica gel.	With moisture saturated silica gel gives condensation inside the dome which leads to a lower detector output or damage.
Recalibration	Every 2 years	To maintain the best possible measurement accuracy, regular recalibration of the spectroradiometer is recommended. Contact EKO for more details and requests for a recalibration and maintenance service.	Due to natural aging of materials the detector properties of the spectroradiometer can change in time which affects the sensor sensitivity.

8-2. Calibration Method

It is recommended to recalibrate the instrument once every 1~2 years. For further information about the calibration and recalibration, please contact EKO.

The spectroradiometer is calibrated against a NIST traceable tungsten-halogen OL-FEL standard lamp at a distance of 50 cm. The standard lamp has a known spectrum and the absolute irradiance is calibrated at several wavelengths. By measuring the MS-700 spectroradiometer's detector responsivity in counts as a function of the irradiance at corresponding wavelengths, the sensitivity of each photo diode array pixel is converted into absolute units (W/m²/µm).

The calibration function is determined by averaging 10 single measurements, measured separately for 3 different wavelength intervals each with a fixed exposure time. This is to use optimal output characteristics of the detector. Finally the calibration function is uploaded to the spectroradiometer firmware for automatic conversion of measured count into absolute units.

The MS-700 spectroradiometer is provided with a calibration certificate indicating the measurement uncertainty. The combined uncertainty of the calibration function for each wavelength interval is based on individual uncertainties contributed by the standard lamp, calibration set-up and spectroradiometer performance properties.

8-3. Troubleshooting

Check the following items in case of trouble with the instrument. If any questions should remain, contact EKO for further technical support.

Failure	Action		
- PC operation does not	The cable connections for PC, power supply, and/or sensor part could be connected		
work.	incorrectly.		
- The data can't be	1) Check the connection between PC and power supply, and power supply and sensor.		
acquired.	2) Check if the PC power and power supply are on.		
	3) Check the fuse which is in the fuse box at the power supply rear panel. Make sure		
	it is not blown.		
	4) Check if the COM port connected to PC properly.		
	5) Reboot the PC and check if the PC communications and operations are recovered.		
- The measured value is	1) The exposure time could be inappropriate. Check if the explored time is set as		
abnormal	"automatic" at the "measurement menu/measurement settings" of SPDac.exe.		
- S/N value of acquired	2) When using multiple units of MS-700/700DNI on one PC, make sure to restart the		
data is not good.	software each time the spectroradiometer is switched.		
	Check if the dome is clean. Refer to the chapter "Maintenance"		
- The software is	The PC and/or software could be defected.		
operating abnormal.	Reboot the PC and restart the software.		

9. Specification

9-1. Main Unit

Sensor head	MS-700	MS-700 DNI	
Wavelength range	350 - 1050nm		
Wavelength interval	3.3nm		
Optical resolution FWHM	10nm		
Wavelength accuracy	<0.3nm		
Temperature dependency	+/-1.0% (-20 to +50°C)		
Temperature control	25 +/- 5 °C controlled		
Cosine response	7% (Zenith angle : 0 to 80°)		
Aperture Angle		5°	
Slope Angle		1°	
Stray light	0.15%		
Exposure time	10msec - 5sec Automatic adjustment (1 minute min. measurement interval)		
Window material	Filter glass	Quartz glass (Window for tube)	
Communication	RS-422 (Between sensor head and power supply)		
Communication cable length	10 m (Optional max. 30m)		
Power requirement	12VDC, 50VA (from the power supply)		
Operating temperature	-20 to +50°C		
Dimension (Sensor head)	200(φ)×175(H) mm (With sun screen: 240(φ)×175(H) mm)	200(φ)×300(H) mm	
Weight (Sensor head)	4kg	4.5kg	

Power supply	
Input	AC100-240V, 50/60Hz, 50VA
Output	DC12V
Communication	RS-232C (between power supply and PC)
Operating environment	Temperature : 0-40°C, Humidity : 0-90(%)RH
	*No condensation
Dimension	200(W) x 140 (D) x 80(H) mm
Weight	1kg

9-2. Software

PC requirements	
CPU	Pentium 200MHz or more
Memory	32MB or more
Hard disc	10GB or more
Display	1024 x 768 or more
Others	CD-ROM drive

Software				
SPDac_Vxxxx.exe		Control and data acquisition		
SPMan_Vxxxx.exe		Data managing		
os		Microsoft, Windows 2000/XP/Vista		
Communicat	Communication interface		RS232C	
Functions	SPDac_Vxxxx.exe	Measurement:	One shot or schedule measurement	
		Exposure time:	Automatic or manual setting	
		Data display:	Graph setting; unit, wavelength etc.	
		Data save:	"RAD" or CSV format	
	SPMan_Vxxxx.exe	Data display:	Detail or catalog view	
		Graph setting:	Unit, wavelength etc.	
		Data save:	CSV format	
		Data calculation:	PAR, Photon, illuminance	

9-3. Dimensions

1. MS-700

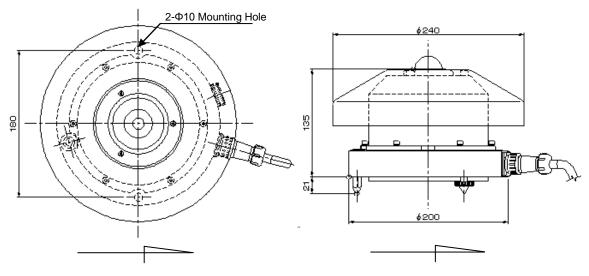


Figure 9-1. MS-700 Dimension

2. MS-700 DNI

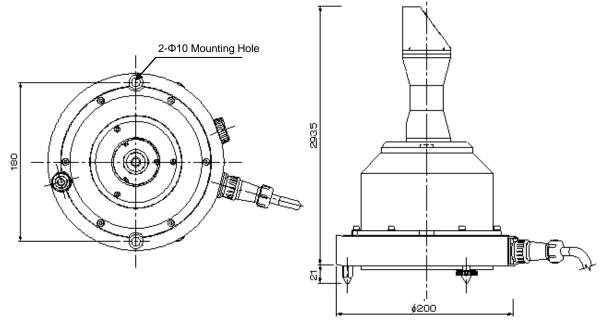


Figure 9-2. MS-700DNI Dimension

3. Power Supply

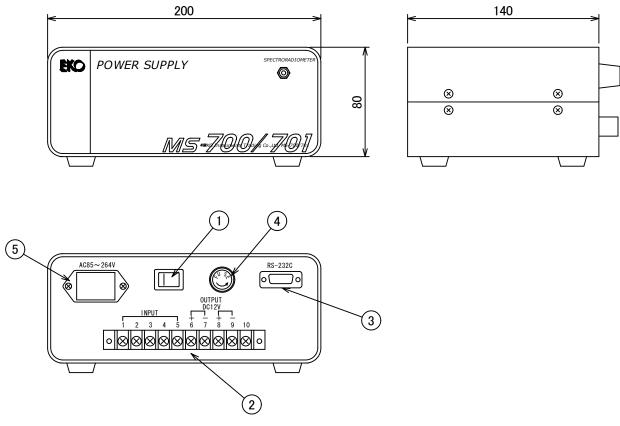


Figure 9-3 Power Supply Dimension

9-4. Accessories List

Option Items	Remarks
STR-22-PP700	Mounting Plate for MS-700DNI (primary side)
STR-22-PS700	Mounting Plate for MS-700DNI (secondary side)
Sensor cable	Cable lengths 20m, 30m
STR-21G	Single arm Sun Tracker
STR-22G	Double arm Sun Tracker



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