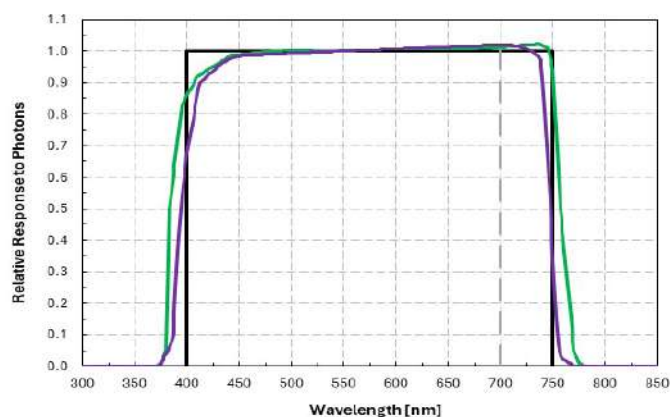




Spectral Response



Spectral response of the ePAR sensor (purple) compared to the “ePAR” target response (dashed) and the traditional PAR response (dotted). Apogee changed ePAR detectors in August 2024 and the old spectral response (green) is also represented.

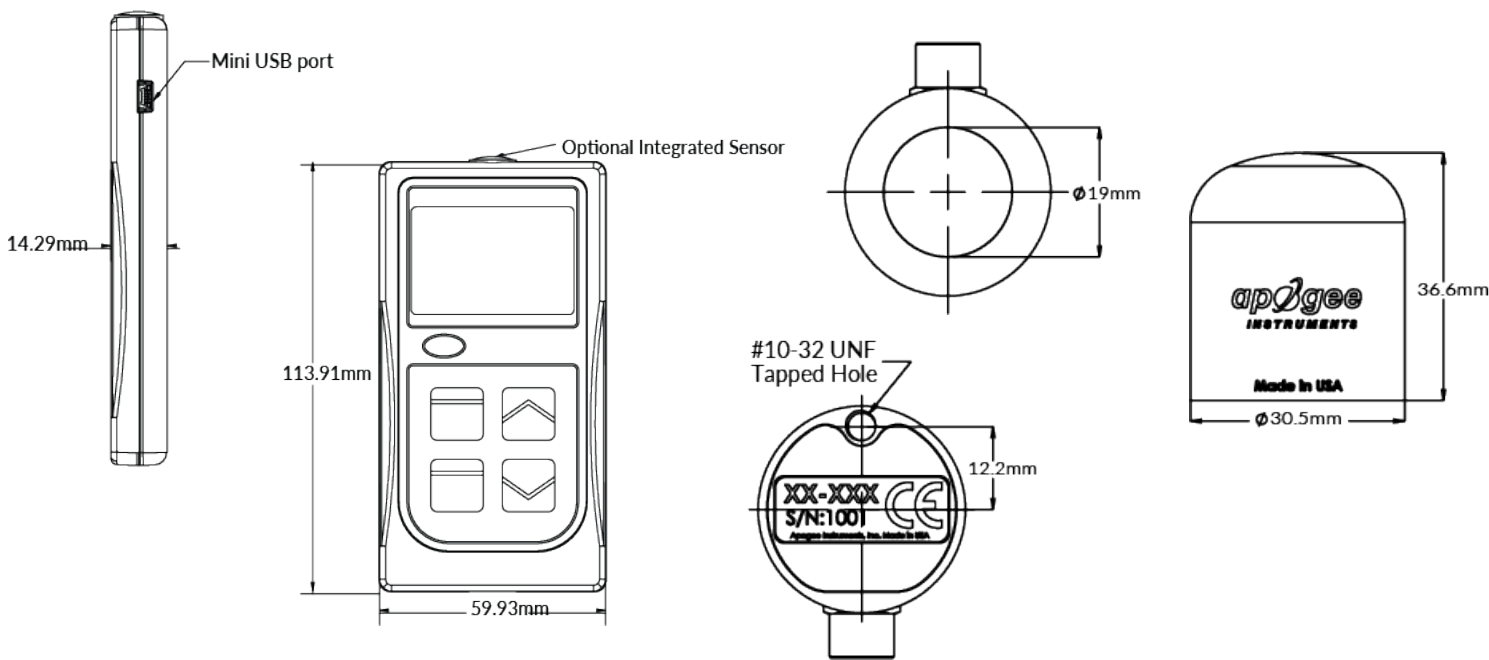
Product Specifications

	MQ-610	SQ-610-SS	SQ-612-SS	SQ-614-SS	SQ-615-SS	SQ-616	SQ-617-SS	SQ-618-SS
Power Supply	—	Self-powered	5 to 24 V DC	12 to 24 V DC	5.5 to 24 V DC	5 V USB	5.5 to 24 V DC	
Current Draw	—	—	at 12 V is 57 µA	Maximum of 20 mA	at 12 V is 57 µA	61 mA when logging	1.4 mA (quiescent), 1.8 mA (active)	RS-232 37 mA; RS-485 quiescent 37 mA, active 42 mA
Sensitivity	—	0.01 mV per µmol m ⁻² s ⁻¹	0.625 mV per µmol m ⁻² s ⁻¹	0.004 mA per µmol m ⁻² s ⁻¹	1.25 mV per µmol m ⁻² s ⁻¹	—		
Output Type	—	0 to 40 mV	0 to 2.5 V	4 to 20 mA	0 to 5 V	USB	SDI-12	Modbus
Resolution	—	—				0.1 µmol m ⁻² s ⁻¹	—	
Calibration Factor	—	100 µmol m ⁻² s ⁻¹ per mV	1.6 µmol m ⁻² s ⁻¹ per mA	250 µmol m ⁻² s ⁻¹ per mA	0.8 µmol m ⁻² s ⁻¹ per mV	Custom for each sensor and stored in the firmware		
Calibration Uncertainty	± 5 %							
Measurement Range	0 to 4000 µmol m ⁻² s ⁻¹							
Measurement Repeatability	Less than 0.5 %							
Long-term Drift	Less than 2 % per year							
Non-linearity	Less than 1 % (up to 4000 µmol m ⁻² s ⁻¹)							
Response Time	Less than 1 ms						0.6 s	—
Field of View	180°							
Spectral Range	394 to 747 nm ± 5 nm (wavelengths where response is greater than 50 % of maximum)							
Directional (Cosine) Response	± 2 % at 45° zenith angle, ± 5 % at 75° zenith angle							
Azmuth & Tilt Error	Less than 0.5 %	—						
Temperature Response	-0.11 ± 0.04 % per C							
Uncertainty in Daily Total	Less than 5 %	—						
Operating Environment	-40 to 70 C; 0 to 100 % relative humidity; sensor head can be submerged in water up to depths of 30 m; meter is not waterproof							
Dimensions	126 mm L, 70 mm W, 24 mm H	30.5 mm diameter, 37 mm height						

Overview

The new Apogee ePAR (extended photosynthetically active radiation) sensor was created to measure the wider 400-750 nm radiation range that cutting-edge research is showing to be photosynthetically active, beyond the traditional 400-700 nm range defined by McCree. Most of this transformative work to refine and define the ePAR range is being conducted by Dr. Shuyang Zhen and Dr. Bruce Bugbee at Utah State University.

Dimensions



Features

TYPICAL APPLICATIONS

- Total ePAR intensity measurements over plant canopies in all growing environments
- Monitor and adjust grow lights
- Research plant morphogenic activity
- Photobiology studies

MULTIPLE OUTPUT OPTIONS

- 0 to 40 mV
- 0 to 2.5 V
- 0 to 5 V
- 4 to 20 mA
- USB
- SDI-12
- Modbus
- or hand-held meter

ACCURATE, STABLE MEASUREMENTS

Cosine-corrected with directional errors less than $\pm 5\%$ at a solar zenith angle of 75° . Long-term non-stability less than 2 % per year.

HIGH QUALITY CABLE

Pigtail-lead sensors feature on IP68, marine-grade stainless-steel cable connectors attached directly to the sensor head to simplify sensor removal for maintenance and recalibration.

CALIBRATION TRACEABILITY

Apogee Instruments SQ-600 series ePAR sensors are calibrated through side-by-side comparison to the mean of four transfer standard sensors under a reference lamp. The transfer standard sensors are recalibrated with a quartz halogen lamp traceable to the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST).

