



Hawk Series Sensors

Continuous Non-Contact Monitoring for Hydrocarbons, HABs & Organics (CDOM)

Patented CFRS™ Technology: Real-Time Surface Detection of Spills, Sheens, Leaks & Waterborne Contamination

BlueHawk™ and TinyHawk™ Hydrocarbon Sensors deliver continuous, non-contact monitoring and early detection of oil and fuel contamination on water, ground, and solid surfaces. Patented CFRS optical design ensures high sensitivity and reliable detection.

BlueHawk HAB (Algae) and CDOM Sensors provide non-contact, real-time detection and quantification of cyanobacteria (blue-green algae) and other HAB-related algae, plus colored dissolved organic matter (CDOM) for monitoring treatment and recreational waters.

Hawk sensors operate on turbulent waters and complex surfaces. The long detection range (33+ ft/10+ m) allows installation on nearby/distant platforms, enabling non-intrusive, low-maintenance monitoring with minimal disruption. They can also be deployed on drones, vessels, buoys, and vehicles for mobile monitoring.

A pan-tilt mount enables coverage up to 1,600 sq ft (150 m²) from a single point. Rugged, IP68-rated protection, small size, low weight, and low power consumption make Hawks suitable for challenging environments, including battery- or solar-powered applications.

Non-Contact, Non-Intrusive, Biofouling-Free Detection

Operates on Water, Ground & Solid Surfaces

High Sensitivity

Quantification

Detects Petroleum Products, HABs/Algae & CDOM

Long Detection Range & Large Coverage

24/7 Operation

Real-Time Data & Automatic Alerts

Fixed, Mobile, Pan-Tilt

IP68-Rated Protection, HazLoc/ATEX Optional

Standalone or Networked Operation

Low Maintenance

APPLICATIONS

- Water Systems
- Oil & Gas
- Ports & Harbors
- Power Generation
- General Industry
- Environmental Monitoring

Non-Contact Multispectral Fluorometric Detection

Hawk sensors project ultraviolet (UV) or visible light pulses onto the monitored surface. When this light interacts with certain hydrocarbons in oils and fuels, pigments in algae, or dissolved organics in water, it causes them to emit fluorescent light. The sensor measures this fluorescence (higher intensity = greater presence); exceeding user-set thresholds triggers an alarm or external device and/or sends a signal via wired/wireless communication. Real-time monitoring data can also be transmitted to SCADA, control systems, or monitoring networks.

Available Hawk Sensor Models



BlueHawk



BlueHawk HazLoc



TinyHawk



TinyHawk HazLoc

Patented CFRS™ Technology

Versatile Detection with UVA/UVB/Vis: BlueHawk supports UVA, UVB, and visible spectral bands, while TinyHawk uses UVA and UVB. UVA & UVB enable reliable detection of light to heavy oils and colored dissolved organic matter (CDOM); visible light is used for measuring chlorophyll, phycocyanin, phycoerythrin, and other pigments in HABs.

Coaxial Fluorometric Remote Sensing (CFRS): Patented CFRS optical design with large apertures provides high signal strength, sensitivity, and tolerance to varying surface distances and ambient conditions. It also enables use in mobile and pan-tilt installations.

Specifications

Parameter	BlueHawk™	TinyHawk™
Optical Design	Coaxial CFRS	Traditional non-coaxial
Light Source	LED with self-diagnostics	LED
Spectral Bands	UVA / UVB / Vis	UVA / UVB
Monitored Surfaces	Calm to turbulent waters, dry & wet ground and solid surfaces	Static dry and wet surfaces, ground, calm & level waters
Detectable Hydrocarbons	Light to heavy refined oils and fuels, crude oil, PW, others	Light to heavy refined oils and fuels, crude, PW, others
Detectable HABs, Algae, Organics	FW/M cyanobacteria, golden-brown, green, other, CDOM	N/A
Sensitivity	Sub-µm/sub-ppm, adjustable	Sub-µm/sub-ppm, adjustable
Detection Distance	0.7 to 33+ ft (0.2 to 10+ m)	0.7 to 10.0 ft (0.2 to 3.0 m)
Monitoring Coverage	Up to 1,600 sq ft (150 m²) PT	Ø10" (0.26 m) @ 10 ft (3 m)
Detection Angle	±45° from surface normal	±45° from surface normal
Pulse Rate	Up to 10 Hz, adjustable	Up to 10 Hz, adjustable
Protection (standard/hazloc)	IP68 / Class I/II/III ATEX	IP68 / Class I/II/III ATEX
Size (standard enclosure)	Ø4" × 9.4" (Ø10 cm × 24 cm)	Ø4" × 3.5" (Ø10 cm × 9 cm)
Power	10–36 VDC, 2 W	12–35 VDC, 1.5 W
Interface & Communication	RS-485 (Modbus RTU), USB; 4–20 mA; SPDT relay	RS-485 (Modbus RTU), USB; 4–20 mA / SPDT relay

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Unique Features

UVA/UVB/Vis
Detection for Oils,
Fuels, HABs & CDOM

Detection Range Over
33 ft (10 m)

Coverage Up to
1,600 sq ft (150 m²)

High Tolerance for
Varying Surface
Distances

Wide Detection Angle
& High Pulse Rate for
Complex Surfaces &
Dynamic Waters

IP68-Rated Protection

Fixed, Mobile, Pan-Tilt

Compact, Lightweight,
Low Power Use

Patented CFRS Optics
with Self-Diagnostics

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