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## DATASHEET

# THIES COMPACT WIND VANE (POTENTIOMETER)

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**4.3129.10.712**

**4.3129.00.712** (heated)

**4.3129.10.012A**

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## DESCRIPTION

The Thies Compact wind vane is designed for the acquisition of the horizontal component of the wind direction and is one of the most common wind vanes used for wind & solar resource assessment. The wind vane is fully compatible with all the data loggers manufactured by Kintech Engineering including the EOL Zenith and Orbit 360.

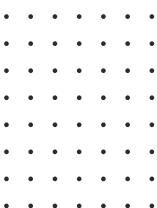
Having accurate wind direction data is a very important part of any wind development project. Studies show that even small wind direction measurement errors can have a dramatic negative impact on the total wind farm power output.

**Heated version:** The Thies Compact wind vane can be supplied in a heated version to improve performance under cold climate conditions.

**Note:** Given the impact incorrect wind direction measurements have, the recently updated IEC61400.12.1 (2017) now requires complete assessment of wind direction measurement uncertainties. By adding a Geovane to your wind measurement campaign (in combination with either a Thies First Class or a Thies Compact wind vane) you are guaranteed to get the most accurate wind direction data available on the market.

## APPLICATIONS

Wind resource assessment, solar resource assessment, site calibration, power performance studies, solar monitoring and meteorology.

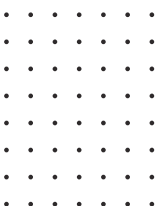


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## FEATURES

### Technical Data

Measuring range	0...360° (0 Ω in the North point)
Resolution	0.5°
Starting threshold	≤1 m/s acc. to ASTM Standards D 5366-96 ≤0.4 m/s acc. to VDI Directive 3786 Part 2
Delay distance	< 2.5 m acc. to ASTM Standards D 5366-96
Accuracy	±2°
Measuring principle	Potentiometer
Potentiometer output	2 kΩ
Electrical supply for potentiometer	Voltage Us : 0...24 VDC The supply must guarantee a current limiting to maximum 1 mA – short cut at the North point
Operating voltage heating	24 V DC/AC, maximum 20 W
Ambient temperature	-40...+70 °C
Survival speed	80 m/s, 30 minutes
Connection	7 pol. plug
4.3129.X0.712	3 wires, 0.25 mm <sup>2</sup> , 100 mm long
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Protection	IP 55
Weight	Ca. 1.10 Kg
Material:	
Housing	Aluminum (AlMgSi1)
Vane	Synthetic with fiber glass (PC-GF10)
Bottom	Synthetic (POM H2320)



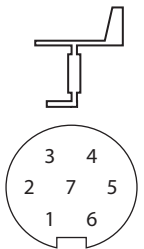

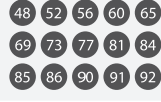


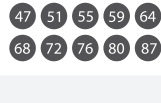











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## CABLE RECOMMENDATION

Signal cable up to 150m: **3x0.5 mm<sup>2</sup> + shield**. For longer cable, please consult sensor manufacturer.

Heating cable cross-section should be calculated based on the power system requirements (Volts and Amps) and the cable length. Please use a wire sizing tool for selecting the most suitable cable.

## SENSOR WIRING TABLE

Sensor Model	Sensor Pin		Kintech Cable Colors		Orbit 360			EOL Zenith			
					Section	Terminal	Type	Section	Terminal		
 <p>4.3129.X0.712</p> <p>Base sensor view / Soldering connector view.</p>	3	Signal		White	Analog Channels		Signal	DIR			
	2	GND		Brown	Analog Channels		(-)	DIR			
	1			Do not connect					Analog Inputs		
	5			Do not connect					Analog Inputs		
	4	Us (+)		Green	Analog Channels		*5n	DIR			
		Shield		Yellow Green	Power Input				Analog Inputs		
	6	Heating (+)		Brown	Independent power supply 24 AC/DC						BAT
7	Heating (-)		Blue								

**Note:** \*5n,  = Pulsating 5V with current limited (4mA). Only 1 sensor must be powered per terminal.

## REQUIRED DATA LOGGER VERSION

Minimum data logger required: **ORBIT 360 BASIC PLUS**.

Minimum **firmware** required: **any**

## HOW TO CONFIGURE IN ATLAS

Start Atlas and open the data logger you are working on. Now go to *Site settings* and scroll down to the *Channels* section and select the following type and model:

- Group: Analog channels
- Sensor Type: Windvane
- Sensor Model: **Thies 2K**

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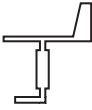






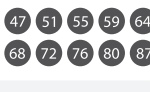













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## HOW TO CONFIGURE THESE SENSORS ON SITE

We recommend performing the entire sensor configuration using Atlas at the office before installing sensors onsite. Once the sensor is correctly setup in Atlas, use the *Upload settings* tool, to upload the sensor configuration to the data logger.

In case you are already on site and need to configure the sensor directly on the data logger, follow these steps:

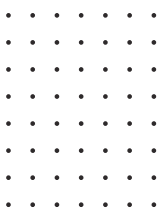
1. Turn on the data logger.
2. Using the keypad on the data logger, navigate the menu until you see *Sensor model*, then click the “right arrow” on the keypad.
3. Now scroll down to the channel you are going to connect the sensor to, and click the “right arrow” on the keypad.
4. Now click “Set” on the keypad and scroll up in the menu to set the sensor model type according to the table here below. Once you have found the correct sensor model, click the “right arrow” key twice to select it and save.
5. Click the “left arrow” several times to go back to the main menu.

Data logger model	Firmware version	Sensor model type on data logger		
		Magnitude	Number	Name
ORBIT 360	any	Wind direction	16	VANE THIES 2K
EOL ZENITH	any	Wind direction	06	THIES 2K

## HOW TO CONFIGURE IN EOL MANAGER

Open EOL Manager and go to *Settings* of the data logger you are working on. Open the *Inputs* tab and select the following type and model:

- Group: Wind Vanes / Analog Inputs
- Sensor Type: Windvane
- Sensor Model: **THIES 2K**



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