

## SDI-12 Wind Vane

The TBSWV1 is a versatile wind vane with SDI-12 interface. It provides two operation modes. It can either measure momentary wind direction, or measure average wind direction over a configurable logging period.

It is based on a rugged aluminium body with polyester coating. Precision, low friction bearings, a stainless steel shaft, a rotating rain guard and a breather vented cable grommet make it a very reliable device. The use of a magnetic rotary encoder as sensor element eliminates the disadvantages associated with reed switches used in conventional wind vanes.

Optionally, the wind vane can be delivered with an integrated heating for de-icing.



### Features

- Measurement range: 0 to 360°, no dead zone, 0.35° resolution
- Accuracy: typ.  $\pm 2\%$ ; max.  $\pm 3\%$
- Polyester coated aluminium body
- Precision stainless steel bearings
- Carbon fibre vane
- High resolution magnetic rotary encoder
- Measurement response: 1 sec
- SDI-12 Standard V1.3

- Operating Temperature Range: - 40°C ... + 70°C
- Weight: 0,6kg
- Excellent price-performance ratio

### Target Applications

- SDI-12 Sensor Networks

- Plug and Play
- 6 - 16V supply voltage range
- Advanced measurement mode

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## 1 Introduction

The TBSWV1 is a rugged wind vane with SDI-12 interface. For applications in low temperature environment, the wind vane can be delivered with a built in heating for de-icing.

### 1.1 Measurement

The TBSWV1 can output wind direction and temperature.

Wind direction can be measured as momentary value (simple mode) or as average value (advanced mode 1 and 2) over a configurable logging period.

Supported measurement commands:

**aM! ,aMC! aC! ,aCC!** wind direction [0° to 360°]  
the measurement unit is angular degree with 0°/360° representing geographic North.

**Simple mode:**

```
00011
0D0!
0+18.90          momentary wind direction
```

**Advanced mode 1:**

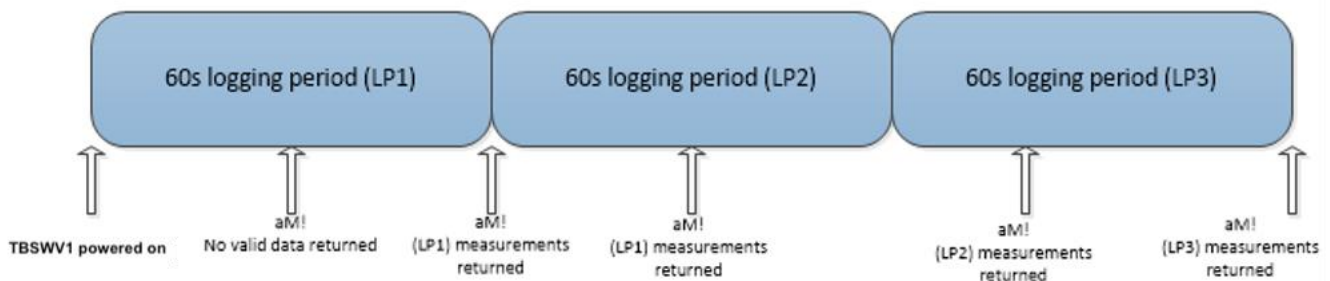
```
00011
0D0!
0+9999999       invalid data; the measurement command was issued before the first
                  logging period was completed
```

```
00011
0D0!
0+47.91         average wind direction of the latest completed logging period
```

In Advanced mode 1, wind direction is measured every 3 seconds. The measurement values are then averaged over a configurable period which must be a multiple of 3 seconds, up to a maximum of 60 seconds. The averaged values are then collected over a configurable logging period. At the end of the logging period, the average wind direction of the logging period is calculated and stored. Upon a measurement command, the result of the latest, completed logging period will be delivered.

**The wind vane must be continuously powered when it is operated in Advanced mode 1.**

The SDI-12 data logger shall operate as following:



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### Advanced mode 2:

00011

0DO!

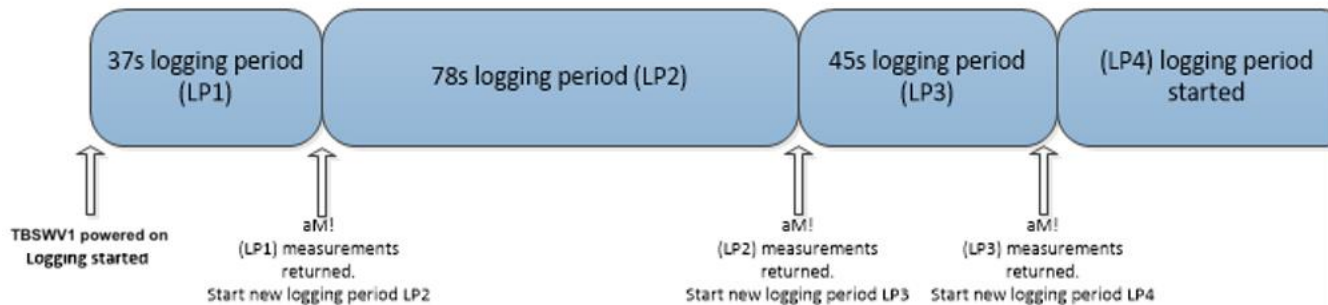
0+47.91

average wind direction over 2 consecutive SDI-12 measurements

In Advanced mode 2 the logging period is the time between two consecutive SDI-12 measurements. This is like Advanced mode 1 but logging starts after an SDI-12 measurement and stops when the next measurement is issued. At this point, average wind direction is output over SDI-12 and the logging is immediately restarted.

**The wind vane must be continuously powered when it is operated in Advanced mode 2.**

The SDI-12 data logger shall operate as following:



**aM1! ,aMC1! aC1!,aCC1! temperature [°C,F]**

the default measurement unit is degree Celsius, however using an extended SDI-12 command, the result can be changed to Fahrenheit

Extended SDI-12 commands:

**aXCT,sa.aa! temperature calibration**

The temperature is factory calibrated. For re-calibration, measure the temperature with a reference thermometer and enter the temperature as parameter sa.aa; the temperature needs to be entered in degree Celsius. s represents the sign.

Example: measured temperature is +23.5°C, sensor address is 0; issue the command 0XCT+23.5! to calibrate the temperature.

**aXTUu! set temperature unit; u= C for °C; u=F for °F**

Use the above command to configure the temperature unit; [°C] is the default setting

Example: sensor address is 0, measurement unit shall be Fahrenheit; issue the command 0XTUF! to change the measurement unit to Fahrenheit.

Default unit is Celsius

**aXGU! query temperature unit**

responds with a,C or a,F depending on the unit setting

**aXSZP! Set zero position**

Upon issuing this command the momentary angle of the vane with respect to the body will be set to zero degree (north)

**aXSAMm! Set mode for wind vane**

m = 0: simple mode, measurement of momentary wind direction

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m = 1: advanced mode 1, measurement of average wind direction  
simple mode is the default setting

m = 2: advanced mode 2, measurement of average wind direction over 2 consecutive SDI-12 measurements

### **aXSAP,+tt! Set averaging period**

Default value is 9 seconds, this value must be a multiple of 3 seconds

Value: 3, 6, 9 ....60 seconds

### **aXGAP! Query averaging period**

### **aXSLP,+tt! Set logging period**

Default value is 900 seconds (15 minutes)

Value 60 seconds to 3600 seconds

### **aXSLP! Query logging period**

## 1.2 Product Specification

- Measurement of wind direction in the range 0° to 360°; maximum wind speed rating > 70m/s
- Measurement resolution: 0.35°
- Operating temperature range: -40 to +70°C
- Relative air humidity range: 0% to 95% (no condensation)
- Internal temperature measurement: -40°C to +80°C, ± 3°C accuracy
- Optional built in heating, PTC type, 12 – 30V, ≤ 50W
- IP protection: IP65
- Body material: aluminium alloy, polyester coating
- Wind vane material: carbon fibre
- Bearing material: stainless steel 440C
- Weight: 0,6 kg
- SDI-12 interface
- Supply voltage range: 6V to 16V
- Current consumption: 20 mA for 1 second in simple mode; avg. 1 mA in Advanced mode 1&2; idle < 50µA
- Standard cable length: 3m; any other length upon requirement/order

## 1.3 Calibration

The TBSWV1 needs to be adjusted to geographic north during installation. The TBSWV1 got an embossed arrow at its rotor and another embossed arrow at its body. The TBSWV is calibrated to show 0° when the rotor is

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positioned such that the tips of the two arrows are pointing to each other. Use a compass to position the wind vane.



Figure 1 – TBSWV1 North markers

Optionally you can mount the wind vane in whatever orientation you want. Then point the wind vane into the direction of the North Pole and issue the following command:

**aXSZP!        Set zero position**

### 1.4 Installation

The TBSWV1 is compatible with any data logger or remote telemetry unit with SDI-12 interface. Refer to the data logger or RTU manual and to chapter 2 and 3 of this datasheet. Chapter 2 refers to the electrical installation; chapter 3 contains a mechanical drawing of the base part of the housing.

The TBSWV1 shall be mounted above any local objects that obstruct wind flow or may cause turbulences. In case of mounting the wind vane on a roof, it shall be placed at least 2 - 3 meters above the roof line.

According meteorological and aviation standards, wind vanes shall be placed 10 meters above ground, provided there are no large obstructions nearby.

Mount the wind vane on the pole and adjust/calibrate according to chapter 1.3

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### 1.5 SDI-12

SDI-12 is a standard for interfacing data recorders with microprocessor-based sensors. SDI-12 stands for serial/digital interface at 1200 baud. It can connect multiple sensors with a single data recorder on one cable. It supports up to 60 meter cable between a sensor and a data logger.

The SDI-12 standard is prepared by

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<http://www.sdi-12.org>**

More information on SDI-12 is presented in chapter 3.

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## 2 Application Examples

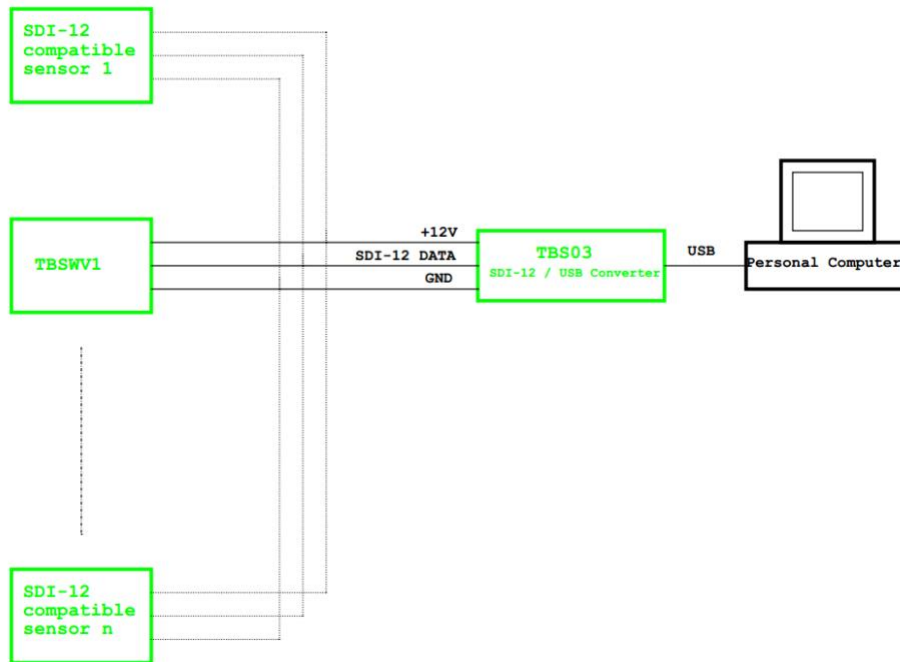


Figure 2 – TBSWV1 and other sensors with SDI-12 interface connected to TBS03 SDI-12 to USB converter; setup for controlling / testing sensors and for PC based data recording

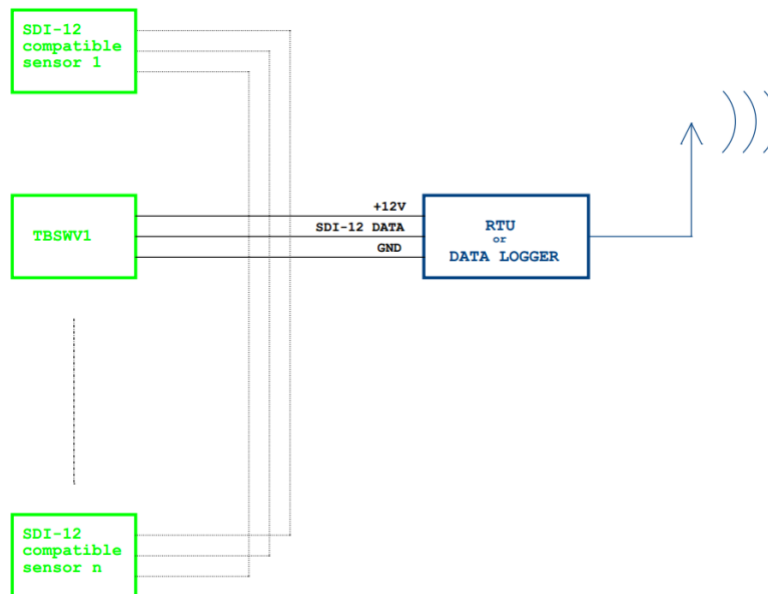


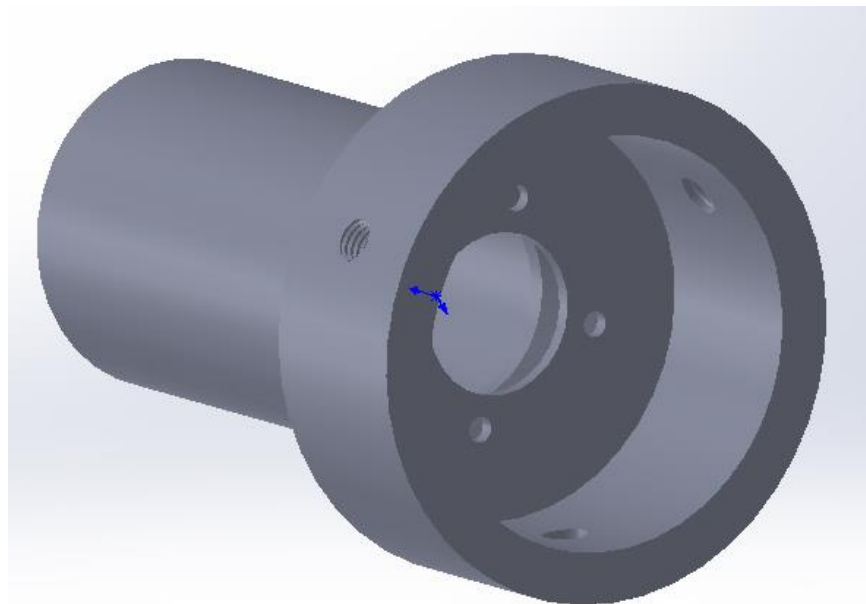
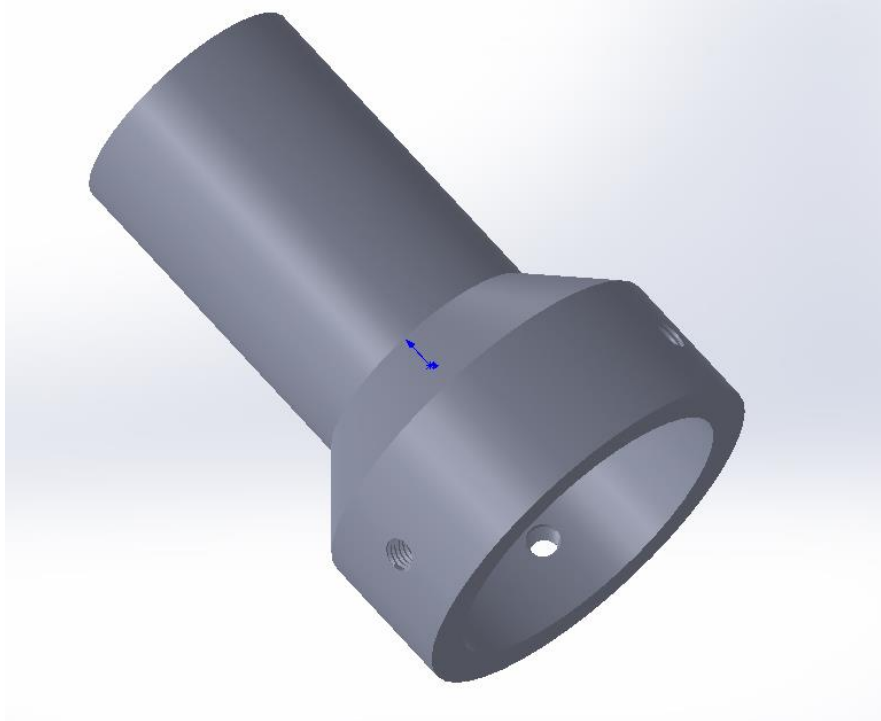
Figure 3 – TBSWV1 and other sensors with SDI-12 interface connected to Remote Telemetry Unit or Data Recorder



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### 3 Hardware Description

#### 3.1 Base part drawings



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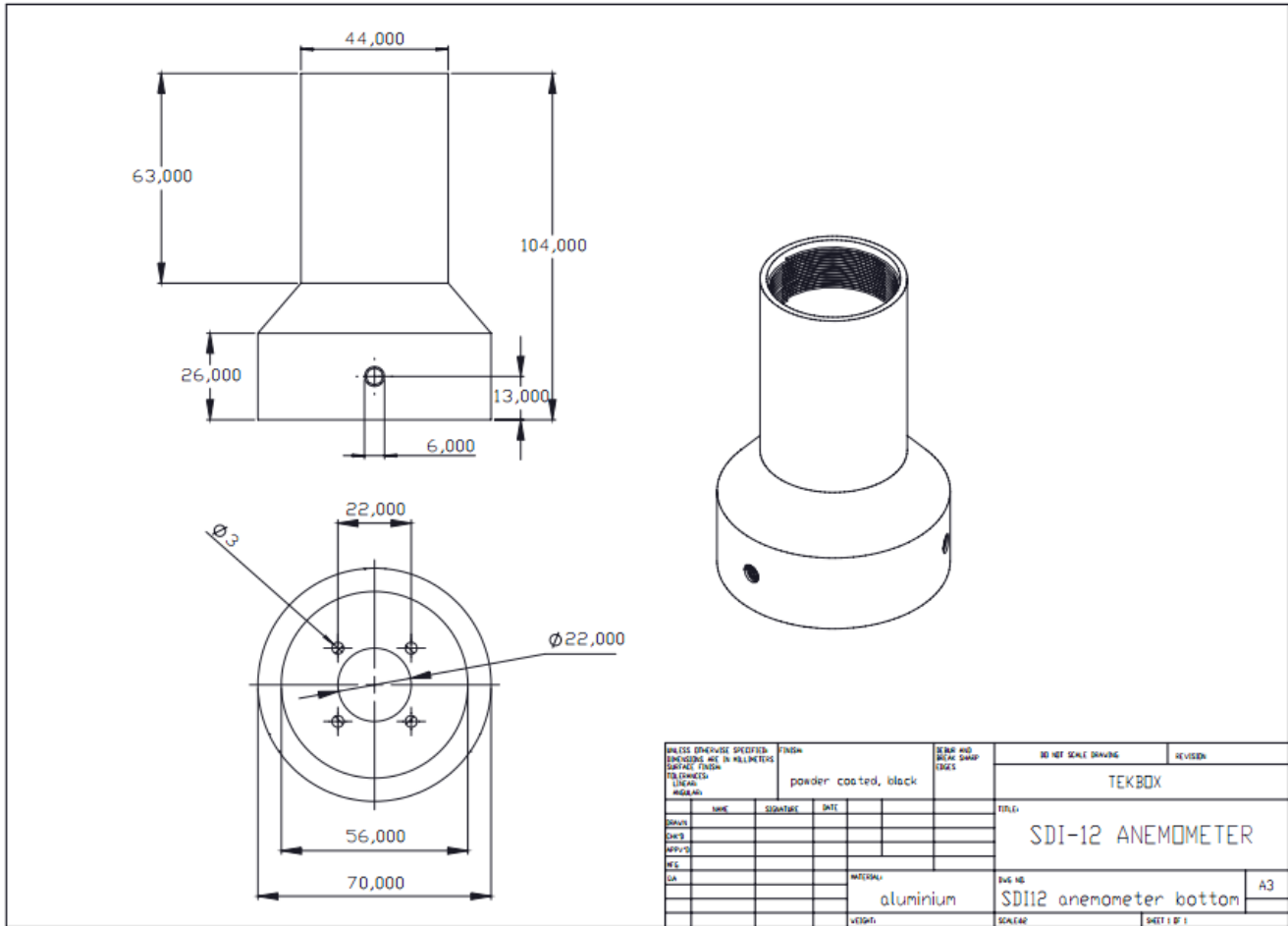


Figure 4 – Base part drawing

The TBSWV1 is designed to be mounted on top of a pole with a diameter in the range of 40 mm to 54mm. In case of diameters below 40mm, simply use longer clamping screws.

### 3.2 Cable Connection

Cable Colour	Signal Assignment
Blue	SDI-12 Power
Yellow	SDI-12 Data
Brown	GND
Black	Shield (GND)

Table 1 – Cable Connection

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### 3.3 Cable Replacement

To replace the cable, proceed as follows:

- 1) Cut the cable 5 cm from the grommet
- 2) Remove the 4 screws of the grommet base plate
- 3) Open the grommet and strip it from the cable; take care not to lose the base plate gasket
- 4) Un-insulate the remaining cable and attach it to a suitable screw terminal block (there is sufficient space inside the housing to accommodate a screw terminal block)
- 5) Un-insulate the ends of the replacement cable, feed it through the grommet and attach it to the other side of the screw terminal block
- 6) Tighten the grommet and fasten the screws of the base plate; don't forget to add the base plate gasket

Alternatively proceed as follows:

- 1) Cut the cable 5 cm from the grommet
- 2) Remove the 4 screws of the grommet base plate
- 3) Open the grommet and strip it from the cable; take care not to lose the base plate gasket
- 4) Hold or clamp the bottom part of the body and unscrew the top section with a wrench
- 5) Unsolder the cable from the PCB
- 6) Feed the replacement cable through the grommet, don't forget to add the base plate gasket
- 7) Solder the replacement cable to the PCB
- 8) Apply suitable Loctite to the thread and screw the top part to the bottom part. Take care not to contaminate or damage the O-ring.
- 9) Tighten the grommet and fasten the screws of the base plate

## 4 Supported SDI-12 Commands

Following commands are supported by the TBSWV1:

Command	Description	Response
<b>a!</b>	Acknowledge Active	a<CR><LF>
<b>al!</b>	Send Identification	a13TEKBOXVNTBSWV11.8<xxxxxx><CR><LF> With <xxxxxx> representing the serial number
<b>aAb!</b>	Change Address	b<CR><LF> Changing the sensor address from a to b
<b>?!</b>	Address Query	a<CR><LF>
<b>aM!</b>	Start Measurement Measures wind direction	Simple mode: measurement of momentary wind direction (degrees) a0011<CR><LF> Delay: (1) second and number of values (1)  Advanced mode 1&2: measurement of average wind direction a0011<CR><LF>
<b>aM1!</b>	Additional Measurement	a0011<CR><LF>

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	Measures internal temperature	Delay: (1) second and number of values (1)
<b>aMC!</b>	Start Measurement and request CRC Measures wind direction and calculates CRC	Simple mode: measurement of momentary wind direction (degrees) a0011<CR><LF> Delay: (1) second and number of values (1) Advanced mode 1&2: measurement average of wind direction a0011<CR><LF>
<b>aMC1!</b>	Additional Measurement and request CRC Measures internal temperature and calculates CRC	a0011<CR><LF> Delay: (1) second and number of values (1)
<b>aC!</b>	Start Concurrent Measurement Measures wind direction	Simple mode: measurement of momentary wind direction (degrees) a00101<CR><LF> Delay: (1) second and number of values (1) Advanced mode 1&2: measurement of average wind direction a00101<CR><LF>
<b>aC1!</b>	Start Concurrent Measurement Measures internal temperature	a00101<CR><LF> Delay: (1) second and number of values (1)
<b>aCC!</b>	Start Concurrent Measurement and request CRC Measures wind direction and calculates CRC	Simple mode: measurement of momentary wind direction (degrees) a00101<CR><LF> Delay: (1) second and number of values (1) Advanced mode 1&2: measurement of average wind direction a00101<CR><LF>
<b>aCC1!</b>	Start Concurrent Measurement and request CRC Measures internal temperature and calculates CRC	a00101<CR><LF> Delay: (1) second and number of values (1)
<b>aD0!</b>	Get Measurement Result(s)	Upon issuing the aD0! Command, TBSWV1 will send the measurement results. The response format depends on the measurement command issued before.
<b>aV!</b>	Start Verification	a0000<CR><LF> Not supported
<b>aRn!</b> <b>aRCn!</b>	Continuous Measurement Continuous Measurement + CRC	a<CR><LF> Not supported

Table 2 – Standard SDI-12 commands

### 4.1 Supported Extended Commands

Command	Description	Response
<b>aXSZP!</b>	Set zero position	aX_OK <CR><LF>
<b>aXCT,+a.aa!</b>	Temperature calibration +a.aa: temperature measured with reference thermometer	aX_OK <CR><LF>

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<b>aXTUu!</b>	Set temperature unit u = c or C for [°C], u = f or F for [°F]	aX_OK <CR><LF>
<b>aXGU!</b>	Query temperature unit	a,u<CR><LF>
<b>aXSAMm!</b>	Set the measurement mode m = 0: simple mode, measurement of momentary wind direction m = 1: advanced mode 1, measurement of average wind direction m = 2: advanced mode 2, measurement of average wind direction default value: simple mode	aX_OK <CR><LF>
<b>aXGAM!</b>	Query wind vane mode	a,m<CR><LF>
<b>aXSAP,+tt!</b>	Set averaging period Default value is 9 seconds, this value must be a multiple of 3 seconds Value: 3, 6, 9 ....60 seconds	aX_OK <CR><LF>
<b>aXGAP!</b>	Query averaging period	a+tt <CR><LF>
<b>aXSLP,+tt!</b>	Set logging period Default value is 900 seconds (15 minutes) Value 60 seconds to 3600 seconds	aX_OK <CR><LF>
<b>aXGLP!</b>	Query logging period	a+tt <CR><LF>

Table 3 – Extended SDI-12 Commands

## 5 Ordering Information

Part Number	Description
TBSWV1	TBSWV1, Wind vane with 3m cable

Please mention in your order, if you require a different cable length

Table 4 – Ordering Information

## 6 History

Version	Date	Author	Changes
V1.0	18.08.2013	Mayerhofer	Creation of the document
V1.1	22.06.2020	Mayerhofer	Correction 3.2 Cable Connection
V1.2	06.11.2020	Philippe Hervieu	Advanced mode 2 added; typo errors and some SDI-12 commands format errors in “Supported SDI-12 commands” fixed.
V1.3	26.08.2021	Mayerhofer	Mechanics update / Description of advanced modes / SDI-12 timing updates.

Table 5 – History