

## OPTracer

**OPTracer** is an optical particle counter for the characterization in real time and in continuous of the airborne particulate matter granulometric distribution in the range  $> 0.28 \mu\text{m}$  in up to 22 contiguous granulometric fractions.

The OPC system measures the number of particles in air by the "Light scattering" physical principle.

The mass calculation is obtained using two selectable methods:

1. Classical: density values and refraction index defined by user
2. Advanced: using real sampling data for the mass that can be set into the instrument for automatic calculation of the density. This adaptive algorithm grants a better mass estimation because calculated from real mass data.

This second way is more accurate and allow the user to characterize the site with a short campaign and to use the **OPTracer** stand alone for a reliable real-time mass evaluation.

Such a datum, suitably integrated with the PMx information, can give fundamental indications to determine the correlation with the emission sources and their type.

**OPTracer** system is equipped with a special optical configuration allowing to achieve a very high accuracy level in particle detection and class.

The **OPTracer** can work on batteries for more than 6 hours, and uses two batteries allowing the user to change one without stop sampling.

The **OPTracer** can work on batteries and on VAC.

The **OPTracer** can be connected for data acquisition in several way:

- Serial Port
- USB Port
- ETH Port
- Analog Port

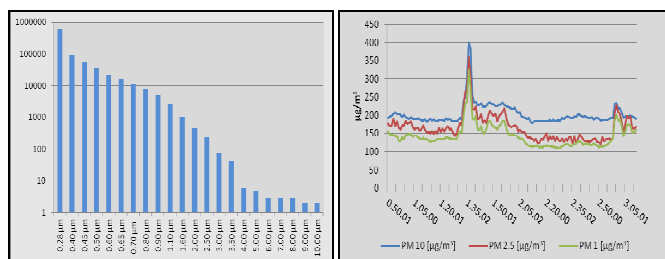
The **OPTracer** can easily be equipped with external dilution system (optional) to allow to be used in high pollution sites.

## APPLICATIONS

- Characterization of the granulometric distribution time patterns of particulate matter in the range  $> 0.28 \mu\text{m}$  in support and integration of information about air quality condition
- Estimation of dust mass concentration for indoor/outdoor monitoring

## CHARACTERISTICS

1. Operating flow rate 1,0 l/min
2. Flow rate control accuracy  $\pm 2\%$
3. Detected granulometric class  $> 0.28 \mu\text{m}$  (optical diameter)
4. Reading cycle in continuous
5. Real-time estimate of the suspended PMx particulate matter mass concentration
6. Real time estimate of the Inhalable, Thoracic and Respirable fraction of the suspended particulate matter



*Pictures in this document are just an indication. The case structure may be different from the one shown in the image above.*

## TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

<b>Measurement principle</b>	Laser scattering	
<b>Dimensional resolution</b>	< 5 % at 0.4 $\mu\text{m}$ – ISO 21501-4	
<b>Dimensional sensitivity</b>	0.28 $\mu\text{m}$ (50 $\pm$ 10 % count efficiency) - ISO 21501-4	
<b>Optical channels</b>	22 optical channels (0.28 $\mu\text{m}$ – 10 $\mu\text{m}$ ) with 8 calibrated (ISO 21501-4) thresholds [ $\mu\text{m}$ ]: 0.28, 0.4, 0.5, 0.7, 1.1, 2.0, 3.0, 5.0	
<b>Zero count</b>	< 1 per minute	
<b>Granulometric thresholds calibration</b>	Factory Calibration: in compliance with the ISO 21501-4 (NIST) Field Calibration: recommended once every 12 months	
<b>Sampling timing</b>	6 sec – 1 min. The instrument gives average counts per liter (cpl).	
<b>Sampling flow rate</b>	1.0 L/min	
<b>Flow rate control accuracy</b>	$\pm$ 2% of the nominal value	
<b>Sampling line</b>	The standard supply of the instrument includes the sampling line with a iso-kinetic probe and a zero test tool.	
<b>Gravimetric Sampling</b>	37 mm filter cartridge	
<b>Typical applications</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Characterization of the temporal trends of the particulate matter granulometric distribution as a support and integration to information about air quality.</li> <li>- Real-time estimate of the PM<sub>x</sub> mass concentration of the airborne particulate matter</li> </ul>	
<b>User interface</b>	Touch screen (5.7 inches - 640*480 resolution)	
<b>Data logging</b>	Internal, 200 MB on-board memory (more than 1.000.000 of samples stored)	
<b>Data download</b>	USB memory key, direct download on ETH or Serial port	
<b>Data control, processing and acquisition</b>	ASCII commands, data output in CSV format and enquiry by standard serial ports RS232 or LAN connection	
<b>Analog Output</b>	Up to 4 analog channels (free configurable)	
<b>Alarm Out</b>	Up to 4 programmable contacts	
<b>Sampling Modes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Direct Sampling</li> <li>- Profile configuration sampling</li> </ul>	
<b>Power supply</b>	AC: 100-230 Vac ( $\pm$ 10%), 50-60 Hz DC: 12V at 2.5 A	
<b>Batteries autonomy</b>	More than 6 hours (the battery can be changed without sampling interruptions)	
<b>Power-down</b>	Operation in continuous – with power-down events management	
<b>Operating conditions (inside the installation cabinet)</b>	temperature from 0 °C to + 35 °C	
	Relative Humidity < 85% (with no condensate)	
<b>Non operating or storage conditions</b>	temperature from - 10 to + 60 °C	
	Relative Humidity < 85% (with no condensate)	
<b>Sizes and Weights</b>	<i>W x D x H [mm]</i>	<i>WEIGHT [kg]</i>
	250x200x192	4 (with batteries)

## Accessories

Accessory	Description
External DilutionSystem	1:1-1:5 dilution system for high polluted environment sampling
External Temperature/RH Probe	This sensor allow to collect environmental sampling conditions of temperature and RH
Zero test toolkit	Kit allowing to check the zero test of the optical sensor
Filter cartridge for 37 mm filter membrane	Cartridge to collect sampled dust on 37 mm filter for analysis/weighing or other customer needs
PM 10 Inlet	Cut head to collect only PM 10 fraction