

Hybrid MC Vane User's Manual

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- What events took place leading up to the problem
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Introduction

The Renewable NRG Systems Hybrid MC vane is an electrically heated wind direction sensor designed for wind turbine control and wind resource assessment. The sensor is mounted to the turbine nacelle or meteorological mast and provides an electrical output signal relative to wind direction. While the Hybrid MC sensors can be used for meteorological work, this manual is specific to turbine control applications.

The Hybrid MC is rugged enough to accurately measure wind directions in excess of 70 m/s (156 mph), yet its relatively low moment of inertia permits it to respond rapidly to gusts and lulls. It is built with corrosion resistant materials and finishes, and is sealed against wind-driven rain and dust.

The Hybrid MC sensor line has a captive mounting system with integral connector that allows quick and easy changing of the sensor. There are only three internal components (electronics module, heater assembly and bearing assembly) for ease of maintenance. The Hybrid MC also has a spare label pocket for a customer-supplied identification label.

Using This Manual

Read this manual completely before installing and operating the Hybrid MC vane. Follow all instructions and recommendations closely.

This document and the sensor may use the following symbols:



Earth (Ground)



Chassis Ground



AC Voltage



AC or DC Voltage



DC Voltage



Hot Surface



NOTICE

This typeface within the body of the manual is used for general descriptions and instructions to the user.

This typeface is used to warn users of a potential danger, either to themselves or to the sensor.

Vane Operation and Considerations

Output Circuit Operation

The Hybrid MC line of wind vanes are available with different output configurations to support a variety of turbine control systems. See the appendices below for the output characteristics of the full suite of Hybrid MC vanes.

Finished good #	Vane type	Output wires	Function	Signal type	Description
9378	Hybrid MC 4-20mA Output, Vane	White	Current source	4-20 mA	4-20 mA output, clockwise , corresponds to 0 - 360 degrees
9381	Hybrid MC Push-Pull Vane,	White	VL	2-channel push/pull	Yaw right/left (VL), upwind/downwind (VR90); active LOW
		Yellow	VR90		
		Yellow	VR90		

Bearing Heater Operation

The heat source for the Hybrid MC bearing assembly is a self-regulating, constant-temperature heater. Constant heating prevents condensation and corrosion and maintains proper bearing temperature for consistent performance and transfer function. The Hybrid MC's self-regulating feature increases reliability, ensuring that the bearings do not reach excessive temperatures. Excessive temperatures can stress bearing lubricants, wiring, and present a hazard in the presence of combustible materials. The Hybrid MC's heater is powered by 24 volt power, AC or DC, making it compatible with a wide range of turbine controller power supplies and remote site equipment. An optional 120 / 240 V to 24 V AC transformer is also available.

- Following a brief inrush current, after approximately 30 seconds, the heater settles into its temperature controlled mode.
- It is recommended that a 15 A slow-blow fuse be placed in-line with the heater.

NOTICE

Always power the heater on your Hybrid MC sensor! Failure to maintain constant heating may lead to corrosion or inferior sensor performance. Constant heating prevents condensation from forming on the bearings, enabling the sensor to achieve a 10 year service cycle. **If the sensor is used without the heater, the warranty will be void.**

WARNING

Sensor surfaces (particularly the head and the upper body) can become quite hot and may burn you; especially in warm ambient conditions. **Use caution when the heater power is on.**

ESD and Circuit Protection

The Hybrid MC sensor has been designed to withstand most common wiring errors and electrostatic discharge. These include reversed polarity on the power supply inputs, applying power to or shorting the signal output lines, and electrostatic discharge on any line.

However, the sensor is not indestructible. Avoid applying more than the rated power supply to any pin. While extremely rugged, nearby or direct lightning strikes may damage the sensor.

Cable Shield Decision - Important

The user must decide how to connect the shield of the signal cabling for their application. This is an important part of the overall design of the lightning protection and grounding system for each turbine design. Reference information can be found in Appendix A.

We recommend that the shield always be connected at the controller end of the cable. This provides shielding against capacitively (electrostatically) coupled interference to the sensor signal.

If the shield can be connected to ground at the sensor boom as well, the shield can also provide protection against inductive (magnetically) coupled noise sources, such as generator noise and lightning electromagnetic pulses. However, you should connect the shield at both ends **ONLY** if the turbine grounding system provides sufficient bonding and grounding to prevent ground loop currents in the shield wire.

On the Renewable NRG Systems-cable assembly for the Hybrid MC Turbine Control Sensor, the shield is available for connection at both ends. If the sensor end is not to be connected, cut off the shield wire at the sensor end before installation to prevent accidental contact to the sensor mount.

Magnet Safety

The Hybrid MC sensors, particularly the vane version, contain small, but powerful neodymium iron boron magnets. These magnets are strong enough to magnetize tools, erase magnetic media (floppy disks and credit cards), damage CRT's (computer monitors and TV's), pinch fingers, etc. They can also shatter if allowed to snap together, causing eye damage. If they are ingested, they can cause serious injury, or even death.



Do not allow unskilled persons to disassemble these sensors. Do not remove the magnets from their respective assemblies (Head Assembly and Shaft Assembly). Keep small magnets and small pieces containing magnets away from young children who might mistakenly or intentionally swallow them. Seek immediate medical attention if you suspect a child may have swallowed a magnet.

Transport and Handling

This sensor is a precision instrument. Please use care in its handling to protect the bearings and shaft. It is recommended that the sensor be carefully placed on its side instead of standing up.

If the sensor should tip over onto a hard surface, bearing or shaft damage may occur. Use care!

Cables compatibility tables

There have been several different versions of the Hybrid cable assembly since inception to accommodate various sensor and turbine configurations. Please see the tables below to verify cable compatibility.

Hybrid Turbine Control Sensor Cables

Item Number	Description	Notes
4716	Assembly-Cable,600V, 10m, Connector, Power, Signal, WithMountingBolt, Hybrid TCS	10 m length, 5 pin cable, Green Tag
4717	Assembly-Cable,600V,20m, Connector,Power,Signal, WithMountingBolt,Hybrid TCS	20 m length, 5 pin cable, Green Tag
8797	Assembly-Cable,600V,12m,6 Pin Connector,Power,Signal, WithMountingBolt,Hybrid TCS	12 m length, 6 pin cable, Red Tag
9234	Assembly-Cable,300V,10m, Connector,Power,Signal,WithMoun tingBolt,Hybrid TCS	10 m length, 6-pin cable Orange Tag
9319	Assembly-Cable,300V,20m, Connector,Power,Signal,WithMoun tingBolt,Hybrid TCS	20 m length, 6-pin cable Chartreuse Tag

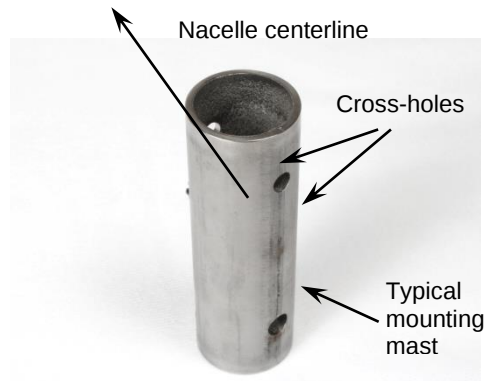
Hybrid MC Turbine Control Sensor Cable Compatibility

9378	Hybrid MC 4-20mA Output Turbine Control Sensor, Vane	4716, 4717, 8797, 9234, 9319	Any cable may be used; if present, Yellow (Out 2) is not used and may be left disconnected
9379	Hybrid MC Anemometer, 4-20mA Output, 0-50 m/s	4716, 4717, 8797, 9234, 9319	Any cable may be used; if present, Yellow (Out 2) is not used and may be left disconnected
9380	Hybrid MC Anemometer, Push/Pull Output	4716, 4717, 8797, 9234, 9319	Any cable may be used; if present, Yellow (Out 2) is not used and may be left disconnected
9381	Hybrid MC Push-Pull Output Turbine Control Sensor, Vane	8797, 9234, 9319 (Red, Orange or Chartreuse tag) only	All six wires are required to provide both Vane signals.

Installation and Technical Drawings

Mounting Mast Orientation

Refer to the technical drawing for details on mounting mast design. Orient the cross-holes in the top of the mounting mast such that they are lined up parallel to the turbine nacelle centerline.



Align cross-holes parallel to nacelle centerline.

Prepare Shield

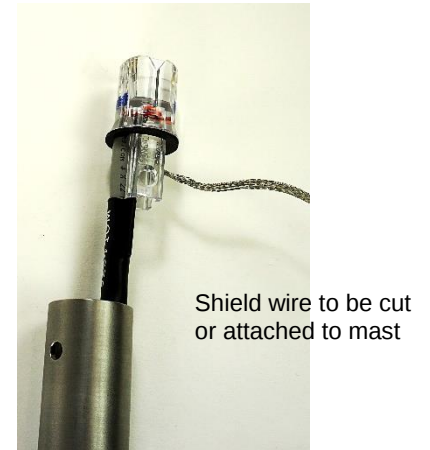
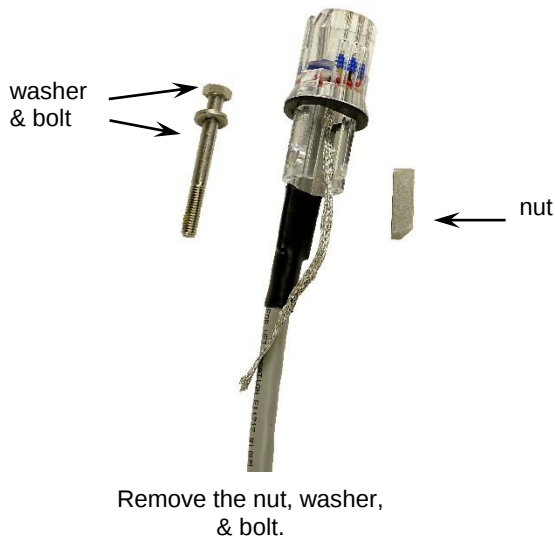
Based on your decision about the cable shield connection scheme (see previous section and Appendix A), cut off or attach the shield to the mounting mast. If you choose to cut the shield wire, make sure to cut it off short enough to avoid touching the mounting mast or bolt.



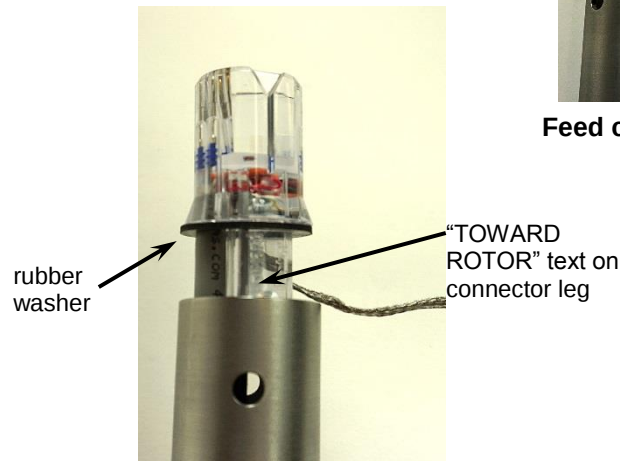
IF cutting shield wire, cut close to connector base as shown.

Mount Connector

Remove the nut, washer, and bolt from the connector. Feed the cable through the mounting mast until the connector reaches the mast. Align the bolt hole in the connector with the holes in the mounting mast such that the "TOWARD ROTOR" text molded onto the connector leg is oriented toward the turbine rotor. If you are connecting the shield to the mounting mast, do so now.

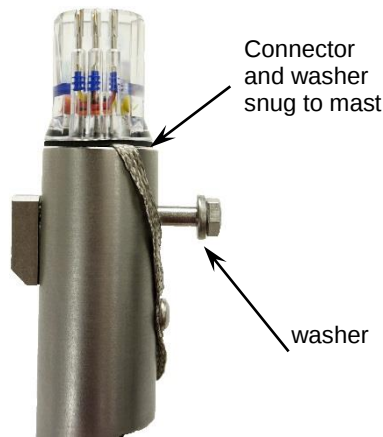


Feed cable through



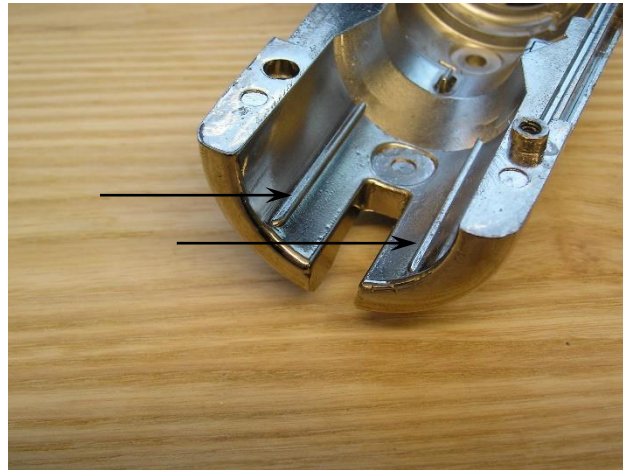
Install connector with "TOWARD ROTOR" text pointing to the rotor.

Be sure that the connector is snug against the top of the mounting mast and that the washer is on the bolt (compression of the rubber washer may be necessary) then pass the bolt through the mast and connector. Now attach the nut to the bolt a few turns until the nylon patch is in contact with the nut. The nylon patch prevents the nut from backing off the bolt threads. Note that the washer is between the mounting mast and the bolt head.



Secure connector to mast with bolt, washer, and nut.

The Hybrid MC sensors have four ridges running vertically inside the body's lower end as shown in the picture below. These ensure that the sensor mounts securely on the mounting mast.



If attaching the shield to the ground screw, make sure that it does not interfere with the mounting ridges by running it straight down the mast from the connector to the ground screw. Do not wrap the wire around the mast. The picture below shows the ground screw attachment option.



Suggested method for attaching shield to mast.

Connect Cable to Controller

Route the sensor cable into the nacelle and to its connection point. It may be helpful to label the end of each wire before pulling the cable to its connection point. Following the color code, connect the sensor wires and shield wire to the turbine controller and heater power supply.

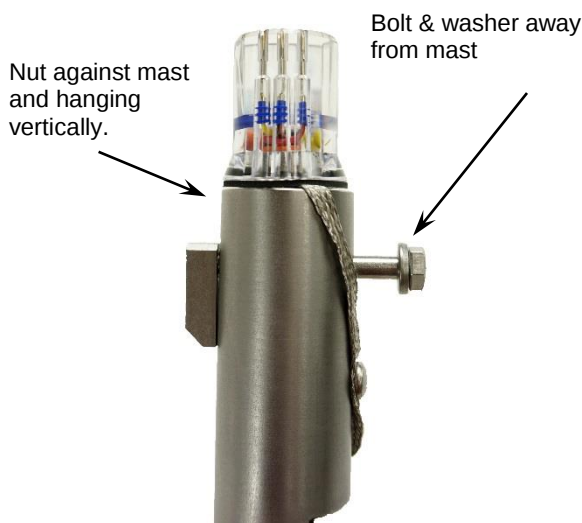
Sensor Common	Black, 22 AWG
Sensor Power	Red, 22 AWG
Sensor Signal	White, 22 AWG
Sensor Signal channel 2	Yellow, 22 AWG (Note: Only used on some models)
Heater - *	Orange/White, 20 AWG
Heater + *	Orange/Black, 20 AWG

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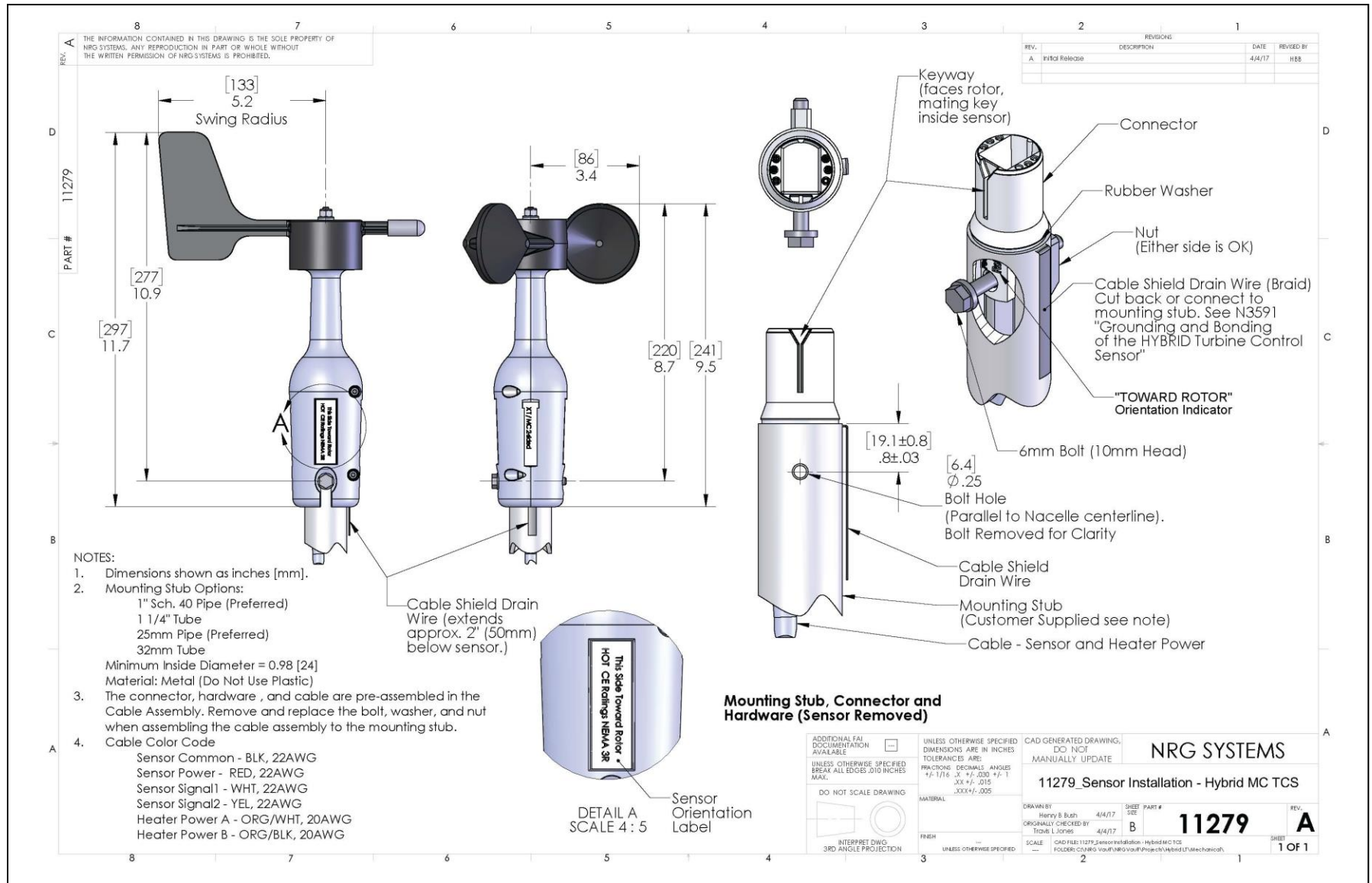
****When powering the sensor heater with DC power, Orange/White needs to be connected to DC Ground (-) and Orange/Black to 24V DC (+). When using AC power, the wiring order does not matter.***

Mount Sensor

To attach the sensor to the mounting mast, slide the clamp bolt and washer away from the mounting mast until the nut is against the mounting mast and is hanging vertically. Rotate the Hybrid MC sensor body so that the “THIS SIDE TOWARD ROTOR” label is facing the turbine rotor. This aligns the internal key with the alignment slot in the connector. Now, slide the sensor down over the boom carefully making sure that the key drops into the slot. Continue to slide the sensor down until it is firmly seated on the nut. There will be some drag as the o-ring seal and the connector pins engage. Tighten the bolt using a 10 mm wrench to 7 N-m (5 ft-lbs). Replacement washers, nuts and bolts can be ordered from Renewable NRG Systems (part #4422).



Technical Drawing



Grounding and Bonding Hybrid MC™ sensors for over-voltage protection

Introduction

The purpose of this document is to outline Renewable NRG Systems' recommended practices for wiring, grounding, and bonding of Hybrid MC™ turbine control sensors. The goal is to provide the best possible protection against direct and indirect lightning damage for both the sensor and the interconnected turbine systems.

This document also details the internal construction of the sensor's bonding and over-voltage protection. This allows the wind turbine designer to coordinate the sensor grounding and Over Voltage Protection (OVP) with the rest of the turbine's Lightning Protection System (LPS).

Recommended Practices

The long-term reliability and the Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC) performance of the sensor are dependent on proper installation and connections. These recommendations could apply to any control electronics or sensors, but are particularly critical for wind sensors because they are exposed on the top of the nacelle.

1. IEC 61400-24 classifies several Lightning Protection Zones (LPZ). LPZ 0_A is exposed on the surface of the turbine and is subject to direct lightning attachment. The turbine must provide air terminals such as lightning rods to protect the sensors from direct lightning attachment. This creates an area in LPZ 0_B to mount the sensors.
2. Careful routing of the lightning down-conductor and coordination of the grounding and bonding of the down-conductor(s) to the turbine's LPS is required to minimize the energy coupled into other systems such as the sensors. Provide maximum possible spacing between lightning down-conductors and any control cabling or raceway. Do not route any other cabling or raceway alongside the lightning down-conductors. These measures will minimize the coupling of lightning electromagnetic pulse (LEMP) energy into other turbine systems.
3. The Sensor body is metal, and bonds to the sensor mounting mast. The mounting mast must be metal. Take particular care to bond the sensor mounting mast to the turbine's LPS in coordination with the placement and bonding of the lightning air terminals and bonding of the turbine frame and nacelle.
4. Use shielded or "screened" cable with high shield coverage for sensor cabling. We recommend bonding the cable shield to the grounding system at both ends- at the sensor, and at the connection to the turbine control system- to provide maximum protection from LEMP. However, see note 6 about preventing ground loops. Renewable NRG Systems supplied cables provide a shield at the sensor end. If your LPS design does not use this shield drain, trim it off to prevent short circuits.
5. Run the sensor cabling in metallic raceway or conduit. Bond the raceway or conduit to the LPS at both ends. This provides protection for the sensor and cabling against EMI and LEMP.

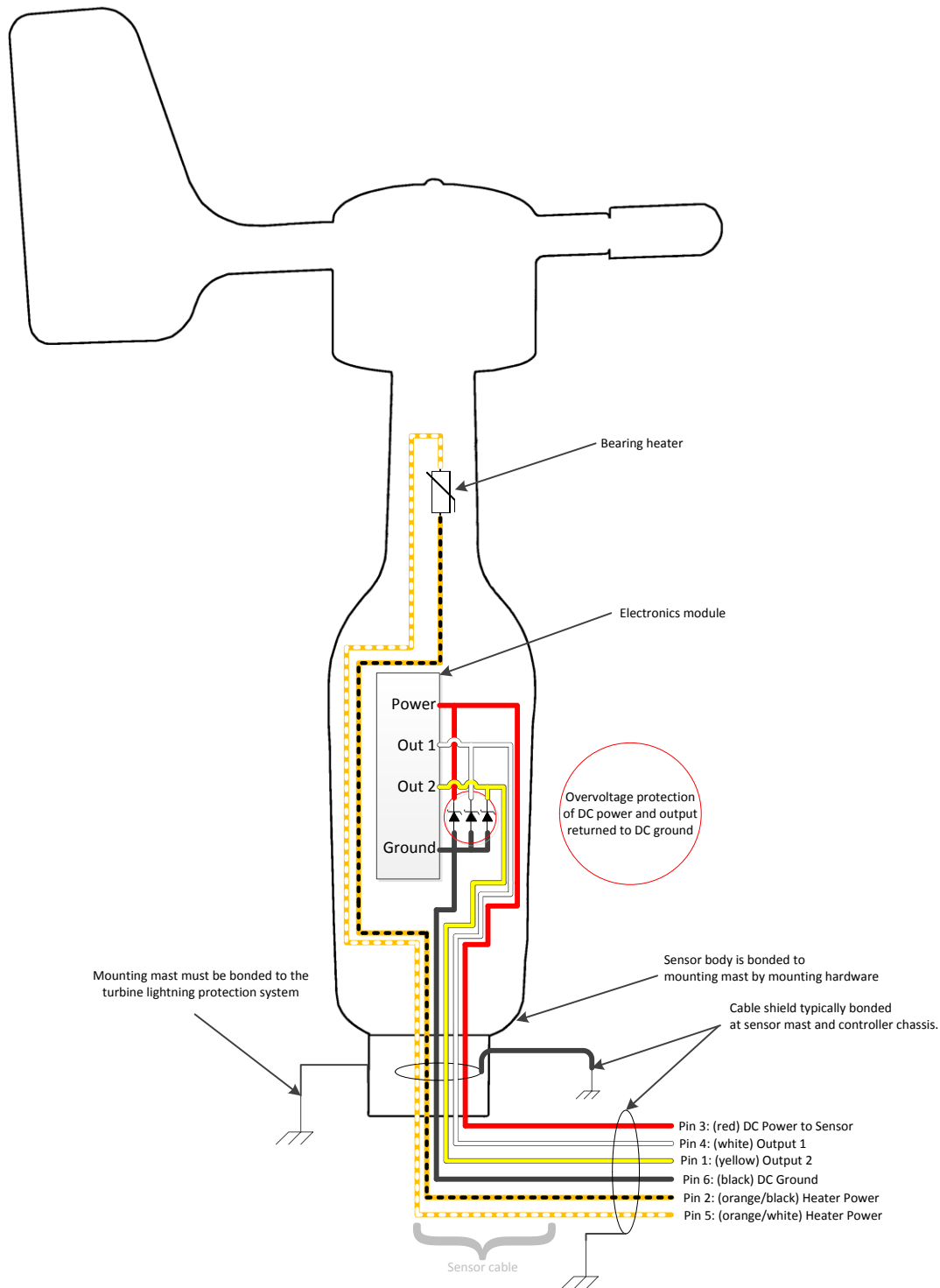
The purpose of recommendations 1 through 5 is to provide shielding of the internal sensor electronics, heater, and cabling so that they are protected to LPZ 1, per IEC 61400-24.

Recommendations 6 and 7 relate to ground loops and over-voltage protection.

6. Provide sufficient bonding to prevent ground loop currents in the shields and raceways. Whenever possible, it is better to resolve the underlying grounding problems, rather than leaving the shield unconnected to prevent ground loop current flow.
7. Since the sensor's electronics and cabling are in LPZ 1, isolation and or over-voltage protection should be provided at the interface between the sensor cabling and turbine control system to provide LPZ 2 or better protection for the controller.

Sensor Construction Notes

The Hybrid MC™ turbine control sensor's enclosure is metal, which provides an overall EMI shield for the internal components of the sensor. The sensor includes internal over-voltage protection (OVP) components. For these features to be effective, the sensor must be installed and connected properly. Figure 3 shows the internal connection details of the sensor bonding and OVP.



Internal bonding and OVP of the Hybrid MC™ turbine control sensor

NOTICE

When powering the sensor heater with DC power, Orange/White needs to be connected to DC Ground (-) and Orange/Black to 24V DC (+). When using AC power, the wiring order does not matter.

References

1. IEC TR 61400-24: 2002: *Wind Turbine Generator Systems- Part 24: Lightning Protection.*
2. IEC 61312-1: 1995: *Protection against Lightning Electromagnetic Impulse- Part 1: General Principles*

Warranty & Repair

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3. **Attach a Commercial Invoice** to the carton. The Commercial Invoice should include the following information:

- Name and address of the shipper.
- Renewable NRG Systems' complete address and telephone number as the consignee.
- Description of the items being returned.
- Quantity of each item being returned.
- Value for customs / insurance (purchase price or replacement cost).
- Number of cartons with respective weights and dimensions.
- Please include the following statement to avoid paying US import duties:

"These items are being returned to their U.S. manufacturer. Country of manufacture and origin is USA, HTS CODE 9801.00.1012."

4. **Pack your repair item in a sturdy packing carton.** Tag each item with a brief description of the problem.

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Hybrid™ MC Dual Channel Vane	Item 9381
Hybrid™ MC 4-20 Vane	Item 9378
Hybrid™ MC 4-20 Anemometer	Item 9379

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IEC 61010-1:2010 "SAFETY REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT FOR MEASUREMENT, CONTROL, AND LABORATORY USE"

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

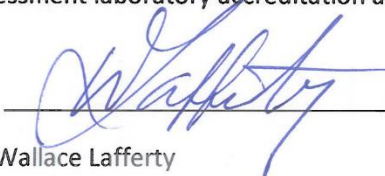
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FCC compliance is demonstrated with compliant CISPR data.

The design documentation, test reports, and assessment laboratory accreditation are on file with Henry Bush, Engineer.

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Appendix A: FG# 9378 – Hybrid MC 4-20 mA Output Vane

Output Circuit Operation

The Hybrid MC 4-20 mA Turbine Control Vane provides an industry standard 4 to 20 mA output signal sourced by the sensor. The output range of 4 to 20 mA corresponds to 0 to 360 degrees.

For yaw control, the sensor should be mounted so that an indicated direction of 180 degrees corresponds to a turbine direction oriented directly into the wind. In this configuration, the sensor output signal is 12 mA when the turbine is aligned with the wind, and the transition from 4 mA output to 20 mA output is opposite the normal control direction.

Under normal operation, the output signal current varies from 4 to 20 mA. A signal outside this range indicates a fault condition. The most likely causes would be a loss of power, a wiring problem, or a failed sensor.

The Hybrid 4-20 mA signal output has been engineered to adapt to most common 4-20 mA current loop inputs. The range of compatible loads for the current loop signal does depend on the power supply voltage provided to the sensor. At the lowest specified power supply voltage of 11 V DC, the output loop load (or “burden”) may be only up to 350 Ohms maximum (a 7 volt maximum voltage drop). When provided with its maximum 24 V DC power supply voltage, the sensor can drive up to a 1000 Ohm loop load (a 20 V maximum voltage drop).

Appendix B: FG# 9381 – Hybrid MC Push-Pull Vane

Output Circuit Operation

The Model 7894 Push-Pull Hybrid MC vane was designed as a direct replacement for 1- or 2-Channel NPN-type IceFree3™ wind vanes. It provides two output signals, in push-pull format. These outputs can source current when on and sink current when off for compatibility with a wide range of controller inputs, including those designed for existing NPN or PNP sensors.

The two signals are Yaw Right / Yaw Left, denoted VL, and the Upwind / Downwind signal, denoted VR90.