

microAeth® MA350 Black Carbon monitor





The microAeth® MA350 is a real-time 5-wavelength UV-VIS-IR Black Carbon monitor housed in an outdoorrated case with an 85 sampling location automatic filter tape advance system which allows for 3-12 months of continuous measurements.

The device is a self-contained instrument with built-in pump, flow control, data storage, and 4X the battery capacity of the MA200. The MA350 also features onboard GPS, satellite time synchronization, accelerometer, altimeter/barometer, and sensors for relative humidity and temperature. A BLDC brushless pump is optional.

The MA350 is designed as a network node to be installed outdoors on street poles and along fence lines for extended multi-month measurement campaigns with low maintenance and infrequent site visits. The 85 location filter tape cartridge allows for long term continuous sampling of higher concentrations for up to a year depending on the sampling environment conditions and instrument settings.

The spectrum measurement provides insight into the composition of light absorbing carbonaceous particles and helps to distinguish among the different optical signatures of various combustion sources such as diesel, woodsmoke, biomass, and tobacco.

The instrument supports the DualSpot® loading compensation method which corrects for optical loading effects and provides additional information about aerosol optical properties.

Example Applications

Continuous real-time monitoring	Mobile monitoring
Multi-month monitoring	Stationary monitoring
Ambient air monitoring	Indoor air quality
Source apportionment	Woodsmoke / Biomass
Tobacco	High concentration / Cookstove monitoring
Engine testing	Network monitoring
Fence line monitoring	Near-road monitoring
Urban environment on street poles	UAVs & vertical profiling**

^{**}Contact AethLabs for application support.



microAeth® MA350 Tech Specs

Measurement Method

Real-time Aethalometer® method, 5 wavelength absorption analysis by measuring the rate of change of transmitted light due to continuous particle deposition on filter. Measurement at 880 nm interpreted as concentration of Black Carbon ('BC'). Measurement at 375 nm interpreted as Ultraviolet Particulate Matter ('UVPM') indicative of woodsmoke, tobacco, and biomass burning.

Measurement Wavelengths

880 nm, 625 nm, 528 nm, 470 nm, 375 nm

DualSpot® Loading Compensation

Real-time analysis by measuring the rate of change in absorption of transmitted light due to the continuous collection of aerosol on filter. Simultaneous collection on two spots in parallel at different flow rates.

Timebases

1, 5, 10, 30, 60 or 300 seconds

Flow Rates

Internal pump provides 50, 75, 100, 125, 150 or 170 ml/min. DualSpot® compensation not compatible with all settings.

Per sampling location, 0-1 mg BC/m³, filter sampling location lifetime dependent on concentration and flow rate setting, decreasing proportionally with lowest wavelength optical source enabled:

Measurement Range

IR only mode, average 5 µg BC/m³ for 24 hours at 100 ml/min IR only mode, average 100 µg BC/m³ for 3 hours at 50 ml/min IR only mode, average 1 mg BC/m³ for 15 minutes at 50 ml/min

Measurement Resolution

0.001 µg BC/m3

Limit of Detection

30 ng BC/m³, 5 min timebase., 150 ml/min flow rate, SingleSpot™

Pump Options

Standard internal diaphragm pump

Flow Control

Internal mass flowmeters with closed-loop control

Filter Material / Capacity

MA300/MA350 Filter Tape Cartridge with Polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE) material (85 sampling locations)

Sampling

3 mm diameter spot(s) created on filter tape. User selectable DualSpot® or SingleSpot™ mode.

Environmental Sensors

Accelerometer, Relative Humidity, Temperature, Altimeter/Barometer

Dimensions

L: 199.90 mm (7.87 in), W: 99.82 mm (3.93 in), D: 69.85 mm (2.75 in)

Weight

965 grams (34.04 ounces)

Memory

16 GB internal flash memory, providing storage for 31,250,00 data lines; 1 second timebase: 361 days of data.

On-board Interface

Low power screen, 3 buttons

Location Services

GPS with internal antenna

Date/Time Format

ISO 8601 with satellite synchronization or manual computer synchronization

Wireless

802.11 b/g/n Wi-Fi with AES hardware encryption, Bluetooth Low Energy. Available in future firmware releases.

Connections

Via external sealed connector for 3.3V TTL Serial and DC input via barrel jack, Aerosol sample inlet and outlet ports, USB 2.0 on inside panel

USB Communication / Client Application

USB connectivity to cross-platform microAeth® Manager software available on macOS® and Windows®. microAeth Manager software is included and facilitates settings configuration and data download. Exported data can be uploaded to AethLabs Dashboard server for processing and visualization.

Serial Communication

3.3V TTL serial connectivity for uploading new instrument firmware, flow calibration, streaming data and polling protocols to request data, modify settings and control. Command line interface (CLI) polling protocols: AethLabs protocol and Bayern-Hessen protocol.

Total Run Time

Up to 56 hours at 60 second timebase, 100 ml/min flow rate on single battery charge. Run time may vary due to PM concentrations and settings.

Battery

Internal 3.6V 12800 mAh (46.08 Wh), 4 cell rechargeable lithium-ion battery

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Fast charging DC via barrel jack AC adapter (~11.75 hours to full charge, instrument turned off) or USB charging (~25.75 hours to full charge, instrument turned off)

Charging

Power Supply Adapter: Input: 100~240 VAC 50/60Hz 0.4A, Output: 5VDC / 2A, with option for Type A, C, G, or I plug

Operating Environment

5 ~ 40 °C operating, non-condensing.

Included

microAeth MA350, 1 MA300/MA350 Filter Tape Cartridge, MA350 Sealed connector to DC barrel jack and serial port cable, Barrel jack AC adapter with 1 territory-specific plug, USB communication/charging cable,

2 one meter sampling hose with swivel tube connector. Cross-platform microAeth® Manager software and manual available for download via AethLabs website

Accessories & Consumables

MA300/MA350 Filter Tape Cartridge, MA Series Flow Calibration Kit, microCyclone™ 50 and 170 PM2.5 Size-selective Inlets, Serial to USB converter cable, MA350 Sealed connector to bare leads cable, Serial to bare leads cable, Portable Aerosol Dryer, MA350 Pole kit, Inlet Protection Kit