

# S16PC INTERROGATOR

## Description

The S16PC optical sensing instrument is a self-contained economic commercial grade interrogator, featuring 16 monitoring channels and an internal industrial PC. This fanless Class 1 Laser instrument is enclosed in a field deployable enclosure, and can be operated in full spectrum and in sensor peak detection modes. The S16PC is optimized for static measurements of up to 30 Fiber Bragg Gratings (FBG) based sensors on each of its 16 channels.

The rugged technology platform on which our SX interrogators are based is used extensively in civil engineering, geotechnical, roads, mines, energy, industrial, medical, and many other commercial applications. This economy model is specifically useful for monitoring temperatures and the slow changes of strains, tilt or inclination, pressure, and other engineering parameters. The platform is also suitable for process control, material qualification labs, and R&D programs. The industrial grade design scales well for volume production.

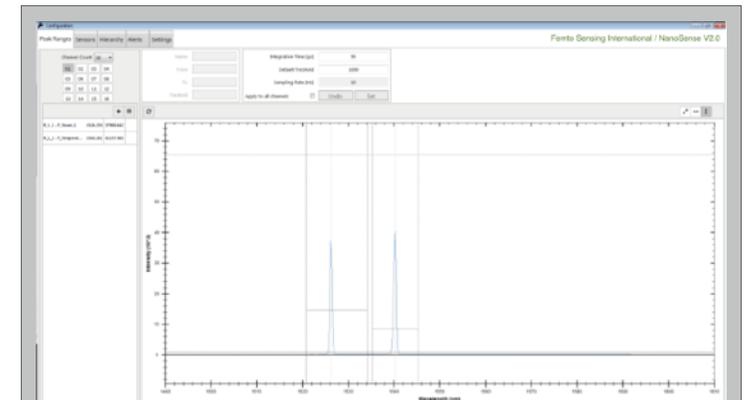
## Benefits

**Resolution, accuracy and dynamic range:** The S16PC Interrogator provides measurements across its wavelength scanning range of 80nm. The instrument features 1pm resolution and +/- 12pm accuracy over the entire operating temperature of the instrument, and 30dB dynamic range with automatic control adjustments. Manual settings option for thresholds and gain stages also included.

**Excellent reliability:** The S16PC Interrogator is based on a solid-state IEC 60825-1 Class 1 laser platform that has been deployed in large volume in various field applications worldwide. The interrogator has no tunable filters. Excellent reliability over the standard operating temperature range of -5C to +50C. The S16PC is suitable for use as an integral part of a very rugged and reliable sensing system.

**Adaptive to more types of sensors:** The integrated electronics, depolarized light source, and embedded software allow the user to quickly adapt the instrument's performance parameters to fit many different sensor configurations. Designed to monitor many types of sensors from narrow bandwidth (200pm) FBGs used in tilt and pressure sensors, to wide bandwidth (3.0nm) FBGs used in bio-sensing. Hardware implementation of peak tracking algorithms for FBG sensors included.

**Lowest Cost and High Quality:** The S16PC Interrogator is optimized to address applications demanding the lowest cost while maintaining the reliability of a high quality instrument. Also available with fewer or more channels.



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PARAMETER	SPECIFICATIONS	NOTES
Wavelengths Range	80nm	1510nm to 1590nm
Number of Channels	16	Also available as S1, S4, and S36 for 1, 4, and 36 optical channels respectively)
Number of Sensors per Channel (see Note 1)	1 to 30	16ch * 30 = 480 sensors (assuming ~2.6nm spacing between adjacent FBG sensors)
Wavelength Accuracy	12pm	Long-term performance over the entire operating temperature range of the instrument.
Wavelength Resolution	1pm	Defined over long-term
Dynamic Range	30dB	Total dynamic range available from the first to the last FBG in each sensing fiber array
Power Range	18dB	Total power range available for losses between the interrogator and the first FBG in a fiber
Scan Frequency (FBG Peaks Processing)	1Hz	Displays and provides FBG Sensors Peaks vs. Wavelength
Scan Frequency (Full Spectrum)	1Hz	Full Spectrum display and recording
Input Voltage and Power Consumption	9-18V and 18W	Auto-detect 100V to 240V AC with 12V supply block included
Operating Temperature	-5 to +50°C	Designed for commercial field use (Storage temperature -10 to +60°C)
Dimensions (WxDxH)	235x202x120mm	Applies equally to 16 channel units and to the 1, 4, and 36 ch units
Weight	3.5kg	Applies to 16 channel units only (Weights for the 1, 4, and 36 ch units vary slightly)
Color	Black	Other colors and graphics available for OEM purchases of 10 or more units per PO
Optical Connection to Sensors	LC/APC with Internal Shutters	The Internal Shutters are independent for each channel and open and close automatically when LC/APC connectors are inserted or removed from the interrogator, for protection
Compliance to standards	YES	REACH and ROHS Compliant
Processor and Communications Interface	YES	Internal PC with LAN Port, HDMI, 2xUSB 3.0, 1x USB 2.0 and 2x WiFi antennas. Fanless.
Supplied Software (see Note 2)	YES	User friendly NANOSENSE Software running on-board the internal industrial PC. Easy-to-use data acquisition software developed for the SX family of interrogators, providing tools for communication, management, data storage, and analysis of FBG based sensing systems. API support.

Note 1: FBGs from 200pm to 3.0nm BW@3dB (FWHM) are supported. Best performance results obtained using 300pm FBGs.

Note 2: The enhanced NANOSENSE software available for the SX family of interrogators is the result of years of experience with field installations of Optical Sensing Systems and contains an easy to use sensors configurator, auto and/or manual threshold settings for each FBG, sensors referencing, post-processing of data with rolling functions over the collected data, notifications and alerts based on user set threshold values, replicating of existing sensors functions, and auto-recovery after accidental power outages. Includes provision for 3rd party developers via API support. The NanoSense software is provided free of charge with each S16 and/or S16PC interrogator.

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