



Tracking Whisker.IO™ Sensor

General Description

Whisker.IO SensorBlocks™ are battery powered, long range wireless devices that can monitor and control the world around them from up to 4 miles away. They are designed to be extremely flexible and can easily be configured to meet exacting requirements.

The *Tracking SensorBlock* measures location using GPS and motion using a 3-axis accelerometer. Tracking can be active, motion based, or triggered by a digital input. See specifications for more information.

Power

Each SensorBlock™ can be powered for up to 5 years from 2xAA batteries or can be powered externally via the removable terminal strip.

Normally, the block would be powered by batteries, but if the open collector output is required, the block will need to be powered externally from a 2.7 to 3.6V power supply.

Mechanical

Commercial blocks are extremely small (3x2x1.5”) and come with a multi-use mounting bracket that can be attached in a number of ways. The bracket can be screwed to a wall using the included screws and wall anchors or it can be strapped (or zip tied) to an odd shaped surface like a pipe.

Antenna

For normal applications, the SensorBlock™ comes standard with an internal antenna. In applications where extreme range is required or where an external antenna is required, SensorBlocks can be shipped with a RPSMA antenna connector which is compatible with our TQX-900E di-pole antenna.

Internal Channels

Refer to application note AN-M01 for information about Whisker.IO channels.

Channel	Description	Sampling
DI08	X-axis motion	Periodic, Window Event
DI09	Y-axis motion	Periodic, Window Event
DI0A	Z-axis motion	Periodic, Window Event
	Location	Periodic
A13	Battery Voltage	Periodic, Window Event
A11D	Internal Temp	Periodic, Window Event

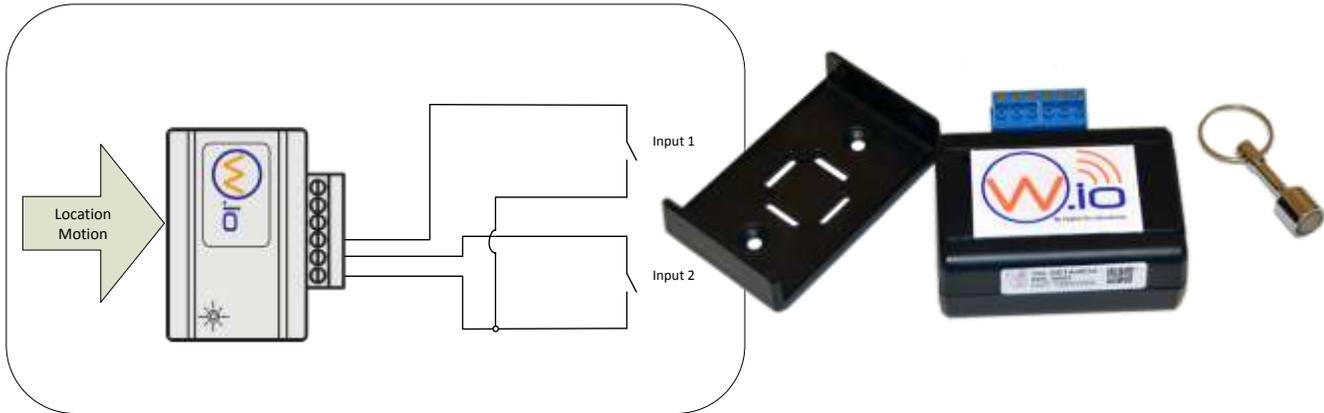
External Connections

Every block is shipped with a 6 position removable terminal strip that can be used to connect to external sensors and devices and to provide external power.

Terminal	Description	Sampling
1	VCC	NA
2	A11 – 0-2.5V analog	Periodic, Window Event
3	DO0 – open collector	NA
4	DI1 – dry contact in	Periodic, Change Event
5	DI0 – dry contact in	Periodic, Change Event
6	GND	NA



Typical Application – Asset Tracking



Electrical Specification

Parameter	Minimum	Typical	Maximum	Units
External Supply voltage	1.8	3.0	3.6	VDC
Battery life – 2xAA Energizer Alkaline		5		Year
Operating Temp. Range (with alkaline batteries)	-20	25	40	°C
Operating Temp. Range (with LiFeSO2 batteries)	-40	25	60	°C
Operating Temp. Range - external power	-40	25	85	°C
Transmission range – External ½ wave antenna		4		Miles
Temperature measurement range	-20		80	°C
Temperature measurement accuracy	-4		+4	°C
AIN1 analog voltage input range	0		2.5	V
AIN1 analog-to-digital conversion resolution		10		Bits
Maximum periodic sample rate	-	-	24	Hours/sample
Minimum periodic sample rate	1	-	-	Minutes/sample
DO0 – open collector output sink current			500	mA
DO0 – open collector output max voltage			50	VDC

Order Information

Part Number	Description
SB-900-0005-I	902-928MHz Tracking SensorBlock with internal antenna
SB-900-0005-E	902-928MHz Tracking SensorBlock with external RPSMA connector
SB-868-0005-I	868MHz Tracking SensorBlock with internal antenna
SB-868-0005-E	868MHz Tracking SensorBlock with external RPSMA connector