# **AQ-SPEC**

## Air Quality Sensor Performance Evaluation Center

# Sensor Description

Manufacturer/Model: Oizom/Polludrone Smart

Pollutants: PM<sub>1.0</sub>, PM<sub>2.5</sub>, and PM<sub>10</sub> mass concentration

Time Resolution: 1-min

Type: Optical



# Additional Information

### Field evaluation report:

http://www.aqmd.gov/aq-spec/evaluations/field

## Lab evaluation report:

http://www.aqmd.gov/aq-spec/evaluations/laboratory

#### **AQ-SPEC** website:

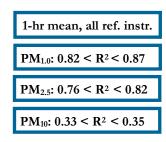
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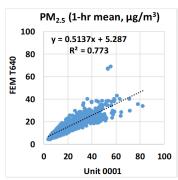
## **Evaluation Summary**

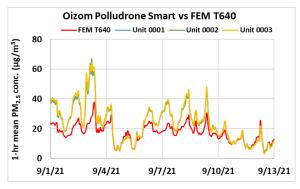
- Overall, the accuracy of the Oizom Polludrone Smart sensors decreased from 67.3% to 34.3% as  $PM_{2.5}$  conc. increased over the tested concentration range. The sensors underestimated  $PM_{2.5}$  measurements from FEM T640x in the laboratory experiments at 20 °C and 40% RH.
- The Oizom Polludrone Smart sensors exhibited high precision for all T/RH combinations and all PM concentrations.
- The Oizom Polludrone Smart sensors (IDs: 0001, 0002, 0003) showed low intramodel variability in both the field and laboratory evaluations.
- Data recovery was ~95% 100% from all units in both field and laboratory evaluations.
- For PM<sub>1.0</sub>, the Oizom Polludrone Smart sensors showed strong correlations  $(0.82 < R^2 < 0.87)$  with the corresponding T640 data in the field evaluation. For PM<sub>2.5</sub>, the sensors showed strong correlations with the corresponding FEM T640 data  $(0.76 < R^2 < 0.82)$  in the field evaluation and very strong correlations with the FEM T640x in the laboratory evaluations  $(R^2 > 0.96)$ . For PM<sub>10</sub>, the sensors showed weak correlations  $(0.33 < R^2 < 0.35)$  with T640 data in the field evaluations.
- The same three Oizom Polludrone Smart units were tested both in the field (1st stage of testing) and in the laboratory (2nd stage of testing).

## Field Evaluation Highlights

- Deployment period 07/31/2021 to 09/29/2021: the three Oizom Polludrone Smart sensors showed strong correlations with the corresponding T640 PM<sub>1.0</sub>, PM<sub>2.5</sub> and weak correlations with the corresponding PM<sub>10</sub> mass concentrations.
- The units exhibited low intra-model variability and data recovery for all PM fractions was ~95-99% from all units.







Coefficient of Determination (R<sup>2</sup>) quantifies how the three sensors followed the PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentration change by the reference instruments.

An R<sup>2</sup> approaching the value of 1 reflects a near perfect agreement, whereas a value of 0 indicates a complete lack of correlation.

# Laboratory Evaluation Highlights

#### Accuracy (PM<sub>2.5</sub>)

A (%) = 
$$100 - \frac{|\bar{X} - \bar{R}|}{\bar{R}} * 100$$

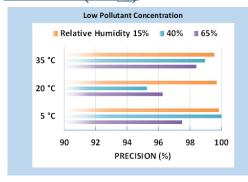
Steady state #	Sensor Mean (μg/m³)	FEM T640x (μg/m³)	Accuracy (%)
1	6.1	9.1	67.3
2	30.1	50.4	59.7
3	51.0	99.3	51.4
4	77.8	197.5	39.4
5	103.4	301.6	34.3

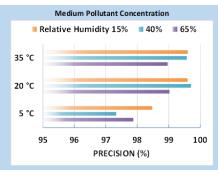
Accuracy was evaluated by a concentration ramping experiment at 20 °C and 40% RH. The sensor's readings at each ramping steady state are compared to the reference instrument.

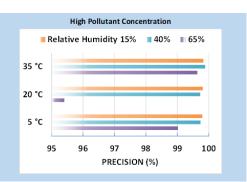
A negative % means sensors' overestimation by more than two fold. The higher the positive value (close to 100%), the higher the sensor's accuracy.



#### Precision (PM<sub>2.5</sub>)



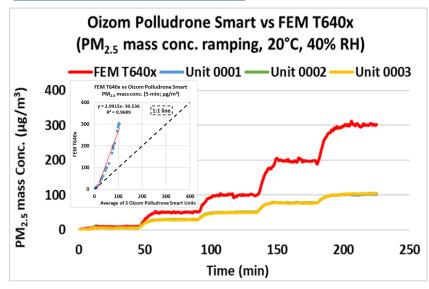




100% represents high precision.

Sensor's ability to generate precise measurements of PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentration at low, medium, and high pollutant levels were evaluated under 9 combinations of T and RH, including extreme weather conditions like cold and dry (5 °C and 15%) cold and humid (5 °C and 65%), hot and humid (35 °C and 65%), or hot and dry (35 °C and 15%).

#### Coefficient of Determination



The Oizom Polludrone Smart sensors showed very strong correlations with the corresponding FEM T640x PM<sub>2.5</sub> data (R<sup>2</sup> > 0.96) at 20 °C and 40% RH.

## **Climate Susceptibility**

From the laboratory studies, temperature and relative humidity had minimal effect on the Oizome Polludrone Smart sensors; at the 65% RH change point, the sensors showed some spiked conc. changes and enhancement in PM<sub>2.5</sub> mass concentration at 65% RH at 20 °C and 35 °C.

### **Observed Interferents**

N/A



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