

GLOSSARY

Power supply (V_{DD}): Operating DC power supply. Correct operation of a sensor using a power supply voltage outside of this range is not guaranteed. The other sensor parameters in the datasheet are provided at defined V_{DD} , e.g. $V_{DD} = +2.5$ V. It is recommended to keep VDD clean, with minimum ripple e.g. using an ultra-low-noise low-dropout regulator to power the accelerometer.

Supply current (I_{DD}): Average current consumption of a sensor in the given operating range. It varies depending on operating mode selected, sensor Output Data Rate (ODR) and V_{DD} supply voltage.

Output Data Rate (ODR): Rate (in Hz) at which new sensor data are available to the user.

g: This is unit of acceleration for accelerometers: 1 g is equal to 9.80665 m/s²

°/s or dps (degree per second): This is the unit of angular rate for gyroscopes.

Gauss/Tesla: This is the unit of measurement for magnetometers.

hPa and mbar: These are the units of measurement for atmospheric pressure sensors.

Full Scale (FS): It defines the range of acceleration values that can be measured. If the sensor is temporally exposed to high levels out of the range, no damage is expected unless a critical value is applied; For ST accelerometers, the maximum value which does not result in permanent damage is 10000g for 0.1ms.

Turn-on time (t_{ON}): This parameter defines the time required before the MEMS sensor is ready to output measured sensor data after exiting power-down mode.

Bandwidth (BW): Bandwidth (in Hz) is the frequency range in which the MEMS sensor operates. Our sensors respond from DC to a user-definable upper cut-off frequency. The maximum bandwidth is determined by the mechanical resonant frequency of the sensor. Example: When ODR = 100 Hz, BW is typically 50 Hz with a built-in low-pass filter. The system recognizes any motion below 50 Hz. If the system has dynamic motion higher than 50 Hz, then the ODR needs to be increased to a higher setting in order to cover all useful system signals.

Resolution and Noise Density: Resolution (in mg) is the minimum detectable change in acceleration. The resolution is the acceleration noise density (in mg/ $\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$) integrated over the equivalent noise bandwidth.

Sensitivity: Sensitivity level (in LSB/g), also known as gain, is the output change per unit of input acceleration. This value changes very little over temperature (see sensitivity change vs. temperature in the datasheet) and also very little over time. The sensitivity tolerance describes the range of sensitivities of a large population of sensors.

Sensitivity change vs. temperature (TCSo): This parameter defines how the sensitivity of the sensor changes with temperature. For example for an accelerometer having a typical sensitivity value equal to 1 mg/LSB, at a ± 2.0 g full-scale range, the sensitivity changes within $\pm 0.01\%/^{\circ}\text{C}$. Therefore, if the environmental temperature changes 40 $^{\circ}\text{C}$, from 25 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ to 65 $^{\circ}\text{C}$, then the sensitivity changes within the range of $\pm 0.01\% \cdot 40 = \pm 0.4\%$, which means the sensitivity change over 40 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ is within 0.996 mg/LSB and 1.004 mg/LSB, which shows that the sensitivity is very stable versus temperature change. Thus, temperature compensation for sensitivity can be ignored.

Non Linearity: (in % of FS) The sensors do not demonstrate a perfectly linear relationship between input acceleration and output value. This non-linearity is the maximum deviation of output voltage from the “best-fit line”, the straight line defined by sensitivity, expressed in percentage of Full-Scale Output.

Zero-g level (offset): (in mg) describes the actual output signal when no acceleration is applied. The lower, the better.

Cross-axis Sensitivity: It represents the output induced on an axis from the application of acceleration on a perpendicular one and it's expressed as a percentage of this acceleration value. There are multiple cross-axis sensitivities: Sxy, Sxz, Syx, Syz, Szx, Szy, where the first subscript is the sensing axis and the second subscript is the off-axis direction.

AEC-Q100: All integrated circuits must be tested for compliance with AEC-Q100 before they can be marketed as an automotive-grade device.

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MEMS and Sensors Quick reference guide

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This guide gives an overview of ST's MEMS & Sensors products as well as helps you understand their benefits, parameters and characteristics.

WHAT TYPES OF MEMS & SENSORS ARE IN ST'S PORTFOLIO?

Accelerometers

Accelerometers measure linear acceleration. ST's MEMS accelerometers embed several useful features for motion and acceleration detection including free-fall, wakeup, single/double-tap recognition, activity/inactivity detection and 6D/4D orientation. They can be also used to measure inclination or vibration. The output of ST's MEMS accelerometers corresponds to [g], where 1 g is equal to 9.80665 m/s² (standard gravity).

Gyroscopes

Gyroscopes measure angular rate. They are usually combined with an accelerometer in a common package to allow advanced algorithms like sensor fusion (for orientation estimation in 3D space). In this case we call them iNEMO (Inertial Modules) or more generally IMU (Inertial Measurement Unit, which can also contain a magnetometer). The output of ST's MEMS gyroscopes corresponds to [dps] (degrees per second).

$$1 \text{ [dps]} = \frac{\pi}{180} \text{ [rad/s]}$$

Magnetometers

Magnetometers measure a magnetic field such as the Earth's magnetic field. They can be packaged in combination with an accelerometer to allow tilt compensation in the application. Devices integrating both, a magnetometer and an accelerometer in one package are called e-Compasses. The output of ST's magnetometers corresponds to [gauss] (usually abbreviated as [G] or [Gs]).

$$1 \text{ [G]} = 100 \text{ [\mu T]}$$

Atmospheric pressure sensors

Pressure sensors measure absolute ambient pressure (as a barometer). They are commonly used for indoor navigation (and all possible user altitudes) or weather monitoring. The output of ST's pressure sensors corresponds to [hPa].

$$1 \text{ [hPa]} = 1 \text{ [mbar]} \sim 0.0145 \text{ [psi]}$$

Humidity sensors

ST's humidity sensors integrate temperature and relative humidity sensors in the sensing element. Their outputs correspond to [°C] and [%RH].

Temperature sensors

ST's portfolio includes analog and digital temperature sensors for measuring absolute ambient temperature. The voltage is directly proportional to the absolute temperature in the case of analog temperature sensors. The output of digital temperature sensors corresponds to [°C].

Microphones

MEMS microphones sense voice or sound/ultrasound. There are two types of microphones: Analog and Digital. Both types can be directly connected to a microcontroller (e.g. an STM32). ST's MEMS microphones are available with either single-ended (analog) or PDM (digital) outputs.

FOCUS ON SELECTED SENSORS BY APPLICATION SECTOR

Accelerometers	Magnetometers/e-Compasses	Environmental sensors
LIS2DE12	LIS2MDL	STML20 / STTS751
LIS2DH12	LSM303AGR	STTS22H
LIS2DW12 / LIS2DTW12	IIS2MDC	HTS221
IIS3DWB	ISM303DAC	LPS22HH
IIS3DHHC		LPS33K
IIS2ICLX		LPS27HHW / LPS33HW / LPS33W
IIS2DLPC		MP23ABS1
AIS328DQ / AIS3624DQ		MP34DT05-A
	6-axis IMUs	IMP23ABSU
	LSM6DS0 / LSM6DS0X	IMP34DT06
	LSM6DSR / LSM6DSRX	MP34DT06J
	LSM6DS032	MP23DB01HP
	ISM330DLC / ISM330DHCX	
	ASM330LHH	

■ Consumer ■ Industrial ■ Automotive

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I	S	M	3	3	0	D	H	C	X	T	R
Sensor Type			Number of Axes or Package size			Output		Packing			
LIS	Linear Inertial Sensor	Consumer	2	2x2 mm package	A	Analog	None	Tray	Tape & Reel (default delivery)		
LSM	Linear Sensor Module		3	3-Axis AXL ¹ , 3-Axis GYR ¹ or 3-Axis MAG ¹	D	Digital					
LPS	Linear Pressure Sensor		6	3-Axis AXL ¹ + 3-Axis GYR ¹	Main characteristics						
HTS	Humidity Temperature Sensor		330	3-Axis AXL ¹ + 3-Axis GYR ¹ + no MAG ¹	H	High Performance					
MP	Microphone		303	3-Axis AXL ¹ + no GYR ¹ + 3-Axis MAG ¹	WB	Wide Bandwidth					
IIS	Industrial Inertial Sensor	For microphones, pressure sensors 22, 23, 33, 35:			E	Economic	ICL	Inclinometer, Ceramic LGA package	X	Machine Learning Core (MLC)	
ISM	Industrial Sensor Module	XxX mm package (e.g. for 22: 2x2 mm package)			W	Waterproof	For Pressure sensors		For Microphones		
AIS	Automotive Inertial Sensor				HH	High precision, (water resistant package)	BS1	Bottom Port High Sensitivity, version 1	BSU	Bottom Port for Ultrasound	
ASM	Automotive Sensor Module						B01HP	Bottom Port, v1, High Performance	T05	Top Port, Version5	

Note: 1 AXL = Accelerometer, GYR = Gyroscope and MAG = Magnetometer

MEMS SENSORS ECOSYSTEM

Form factor	Evaluation board	Professional board
SensorTile.box STEVAL-MKSBOX1V1	STM32 Nucleo expansion X-NUCLEO-IKS01A3	ProfIMEMS STEVAL-MK1109V3
Consumer	Consumer	Automotive Industrial Consumer
STWIN: Wireless Industrial Node STEVAL-STWINKT1	STM32Nucleo expansion X-NUCLEO-IKS02A1	Software solutions AlgoBuilderSuite
Industrial	Industrial	AlgoBuilder NUCLEO UNICO
		All-in-one software package facilitate the programming of sensors for an easy and intuitive experience without writing any single line of code.

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