



MULTI-STATE  
PULSE POWER SENSOR

7024 SERIES

OPERATION MANUAL

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## Safety Precautions

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The following are general safety precautions that are not necessarily related to any specific part or procedure, and do not necessarily appear elsewhere in this publication. These precautions must be thoroughly understood and apply to all phases of operation and maintenance.

**WARNING**

**Keep Away From Live Circuits**

Operating Personnel must at all times observe general safety precautions. Do not replace components or make adjustments to the inside of the test equipment with the high voltage supply turned on. To avoid casualties, always remove power.

**WARNING**

**Shock Hazard**

Do not attempt to remove the RF transmission line while RF power is present.

**WARNING**

**Do Not Service Or Adjust Alone**

Under no circumstances should any person reach into an enclosure for the purpose of service or adjustment of equipment except in the presence of someone who is capable of rendering aid.

**WARNING**

**Safety Earth Ground**

An uninterruptible earth safety ground must be supplied from the main power source to test instruments. Grounding one conductor of a two conductor power cable is not sufficient protection. Serious injury or death can occur if this grounding is not properly supplied.

**WARNING**

**Resuscitation**

Personnel working with or near high voltages should be familiar with modern methods of resuscitation.

**WARNING**

**Remove Power**

Observe general safety precautions. Do not open the instrument with the power on.

## Safety Symbols

### WARNING

Warning notes call attention to a procedure, which if not correctly performed, could result in personal injury.

### CAUTION

Caution notes call attention to a procedure, which if not correctly performed, could result in damage to the instrument.



The caution symbol appears on the equipment indicating there is important information in the instruction manual regarding that particular area

**Note:** *Calls attention to supplemental information.*

## Warning Statements

The following safety warnings appear in the text where there is danger to operating and maintenance personnel, and are repeated here for emphasis.

### WARNING

Never attempt to connect or disconnect RF equipment from the transmission line while RF power is being applied.  
Leaking RF energy is a potential health hazard.

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## **Safety Statements**

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### **USAGE**

ANY USE OF THIS INSTRUMENT IN A MANNER NOT SPECIFIED BY THE MANUFACTURER MAY IMPAIR THE INSTRUMENT'S SAFETY PROTECTION.

### **USO**

EL USO DE ESTE INSTRUMENTO DE MANERA NO ESPECIFICADA POR EL FABRICANTE, PUEDE ANULAR LA PROTECCIÓN DE SEGURIDAD DEL INSTRUMENTO.

### **BENUTZUNG**

WIRD DAS GERÄT AUF ANDERE WEISE VERWENDET ALS VOM HERSTELLER BESCHRIEBEN, KANN DIE GERÄTESICHERHEIT BEEINTRÄCHTIGT WERDEN.

### **UTILISATION**

TOUTE UTILISATION DE CET INSTRUMENT QUI N'EST PAS EXPLICITEMENT PRÉVUE PAR LE FABRICANT PEUT ENDOMMAGER LE DISPOSITIF DE PROTECTION DE L'INSTRUMENT.

### **IMPIEGO**

QUALORA QUESTO STRUMENTO VENISSE UTILIZZATO IN MODO DIVERSO DA COME SPECIFICATO DAL PRODUTTORE LA PROZIONE DI SICUREZZA POTREBBE VENIRNE COMPROMESSA.

## **SERVICE**

SERVICING INSTRUCTIONS ARE FOR USE BY SERVICE - TRAINED PERSONNEL ONLY. TO AVOID DANGEROUS ELECTRIC SHOCK, DO NOT PERFORM ANY SERVICING UNLESS QUALIFIED TO DO SO.

## **SERVICIO**

LAS INSTRUCCIONES DE SERVICIO SON PARA USO EXCLUSIVO DEL PERSONAL DE SERVICIO CAPACITADO. PARA EVITAR EL PELIGRO DE DESCARGAS ELÉCTRICAS, NO REALICE NINGÚN SERVICIO A MENOS QUE ESTÉ CAPACITADO PARA HACERLO.

## **WARTUNG**

ANWEISUNGEN FÜR DIE WARTUNG DES GERÄTES GELTEN NUR FÜR GESCHULTES FACHPERSONAL.

ZUR VERMEIDUNG GEFÄHRLICHER, ELEKTRISCHER SCHOCKS, SIND WARTUNGSARBEITEN AUSSCHLIEßLICH VON QUALIFIZIERTEM SERVICEPERSONAL DURCHZUFÜHREN.

## **ENTRETIEN**

L'EMPLOI DES INSTRUCTIONS D'ENTRETIEN DOIT ÊTRE RÉSERVÉ AU PERSONNEL FORMÉ AUX OPÉRATIONS D'ENTRETIEN. POUR PRÉVENIR UN CHOC ÉLECTRIQUE DANGEREUX, NE PAS EFFECTUER D'ENTRETIEN SI L'ON N'A PAS ÉTÉ QUALIFIÉ POUR CE FAIRE.

## **ASSISTENZA TECNICA**

LE ISTRUZIONI RELATIVE ALL'ASSISTENZA SONO PREVISTE ESCLUSIVAMENTE PER IL PERSONALE OPPORTUNAMENTE ADDESTRATO. PER EVITARE PERICOLOSE SCOSSE ELETTRICHE NON EFFETTUARE ALCUNA RIPARAZIONE A MENO CHE QUALIFICATI A FARLA.

## About This Manual

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This manual covers the operating and maintenance instructions for the following models:

7024 Series

## Changes to this Manual

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We have made every effort to ensure this manual is accurate. If you discover any errors, or if you have suggestions for improving this manual, please send your comments to our Solon, Ohio factory. This manual may be periodically updated. When inquiring about updates to this manual refer to the part number and revision on the title page.

## Literature Contents

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### Chapter Layout

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**Introduction** — Describes the features of the Bird 7024 Series Power Sensor.

**Installation** — Describes how to connect Bird 7024 Series Power Sensor to the user's system, and software requirements.

**Operation** — Describes the power measurement process.

**Maintenance** — Lists routine maintenance tasks as well as a specifications and model features identification.

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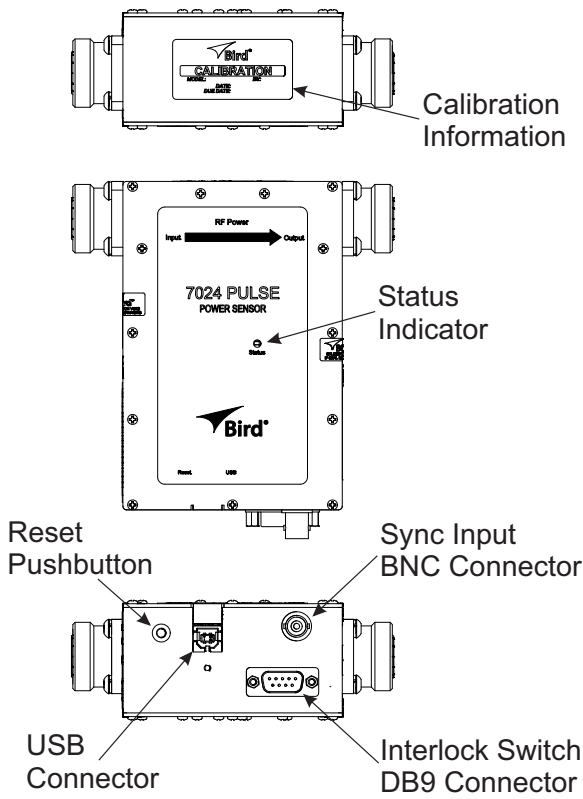
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The Bird 7024 Series Power Sensor is a Thruline sensor capable of measuring multi-state pulse average power within the power sensor frequency range at user defined intervals. See ["Specifications" on page 7.](#)

Description

The Bird 7024 Series Power Sensor is a portable unit contained in an aluminum housing. The input and output of the Bird 7024 Series Power Sensor are Bird Quick-Change type RF connectors, which allow the sensor to be quickly configured with any other Bird "QC" connectors. See [Figure 1 on page 1.](#)

Figure 1 7024 Power Sensor





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## Measurement Type

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The 7024 is a multi-state pulse power sensor. It measures the average power of up to four states within a pulse period. Each state must be defined with begin and end times referenced to an external sync pulse, or by an internal reference. See [Chapter 3 Operation on page 5](#) for a complete explanation.

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## Monitor/Control

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Bird's Virtual Power Meter (VPM3) software is used to provide control and monitoring of the sensor. A USB cable is used to connect the Power Sensor to a PC running the VPM3 software.

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## Sync Pulse

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A Sync Pulse input is provided for external sync pulse control of the measurement period. The requirements for the sync pulse input are defined in ["Specifications" on page 7](#).

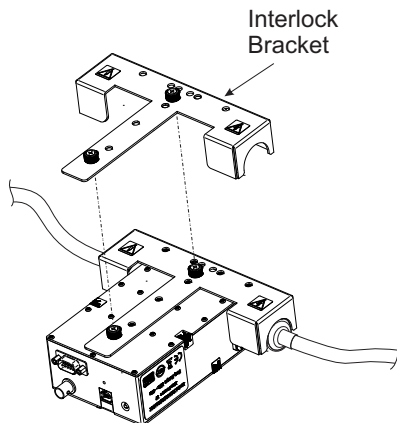
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## Interlock Switch

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The 7024 sensor contains a normally open interlock switch for interlock control of the connected RF source. An optional bracket is available that, when installed, closes the interlock circuit. When installed, the interlock bracket ensures the RF cables cannot be disconnected from the sensor's RF input and output connectors, see [Figure 2](#). When the RF source is connected to the interlock circuit via the sensor's DB9 connector, if the interlock bracket is removed, the interlock circuit opens and the RF source is disabled.

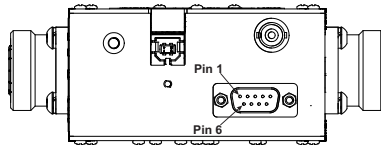
**Figure 2** *Interlock Bracket*



## Interlock wiring

The DB9 connector is used to connect the sensor's interlock circuitry to the RF Source. The internal interlock switch is connected to **Pin 1** and **Pin 6** of the DB9 connector. The interlock is normally open, attaching an interlock bracket to the sensor will close the interlock circuit.

**Figure 3** *Interlock Pinout*



## Status Indicator

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A status indicator is provided to inform the user of the power sensors operating condition.

Indicator Color	Definition
Green	Sensor is operating normally.
Blue	Sensor is booting up.
Violet	Sensor is in programming mode.

A reset pushbutton is provided to enable programming mode.

## Power Requirements

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The Bird 7024 Series Power Sensor operates on power provided by the USB cable connection, no other power source is required.

## Software

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Bird's VPM3 software is required to operate the Bird 7024 Series Power Sensor. The software must be installed before operation.

## Connecting the 7024 Power Sensor

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### WARNING

Never attempt to connect or disconnect RF equipment from the transmission line while RF power is being applied.  
Leaking RF energy is a potential health hazard.

1. Insert the 7024 Power Sensor into a coaxial transmission line of 50 ohms nominal impedance.

**Note:** *Connect the 7024 Power Sensor to the RF line so that the arrow on the sensor points towards the load.*

2. Connect the USB Type A (flat) connector to the PC.
3. Connect the USB Type B (square) connector to the power sensor.
4. Open Devices and Printers dialog box. (\\Control Panel\\Hardware and Sound\\Devices and Printers).
5. Verify the Power Sensor's device drivers are installed correctly.

**Note:** *Refer to the VPM3 operation manual for detailed descriptions of menus and displays. The VPM3 software and manual are available on the Bird Technologies website (<http://www.birdrf.com>).*

6. Connect the BNC plug on the sync pulse input cable to the BNC connector in the bottom of the sensor.

## Install optional interlock bracket

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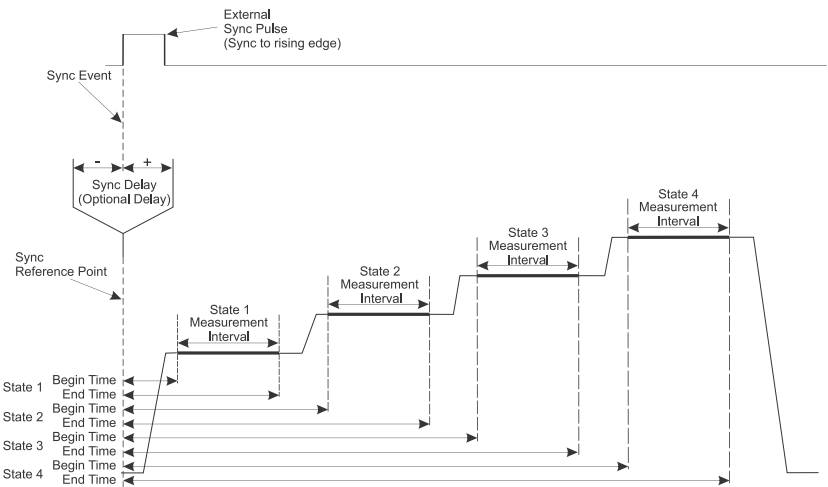
**Note:** *Connect RF Cables to the input and output connectors of the sensor prior to performing this procedure.*

1. Connect the RF source interlock cable to the DB9 connector on the 7024 sensor. See "[Interlock wiring](#)" on [page 3](#) for connector pinout.
2. Position the interlock bracket on the back of the sensor so the input and output connectors are covered. See [Figure 2 on page 2](#).
3. Tighten the two thumb screws to secure the bracket to the sensor.

Measurement Process

The 7024 measures the average power of up to four states within a pulse period, see [Figure 4 on page 5](#). Each state must be defined with begin and end times within the VPM3 user interface (State Average Measurement). The begin and end times are referenced to an external sync pulse , or by an internal reference.

Figure 4 State Average Measurements



The average pulse power measurement interval for each state begins at the user specified begin time and ends at the user specified end time. There may be four different states specified, each with a begin and end time. These values are entered on VPM3’s State Configure Menu.

## CHAPTER 4

## MAINTENANCE

The 7024 Series Power Sensor is of very rugged construction and requires little care and maintenance.

Maintenance of the power sensor is normally limited to cleaning. Protect the RF connectors against the entry of dust and dirt by keeping them covered when the unit is disconnected from the transmission line.

### Customer Service

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Any maintenance or service procedure beyond the scope of those in this chapter should be referred to a qualified service center.

If the unit needs to be returned for any reason, request an Return Material Authorization (RMA) through the Bird Technologies website. All instruments returned must be shipped prepaid and to the attention of the RMA number.

#### **Bird Service Center**

30303 Aurora Road  
Cleveland (Solon), Ohio 44139-2794  
Fax: (440) 248-5426  
E-mail: [bsc@birdrf.com](mailto:bsc@birdrf.com)

For the location of the Sales Office nearest you, visit our Web site at:

<http://www.birdrf.com>

### Shipment

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Should you need to return the power sensor, use the original shipping package if possible. If the original package is not available, use a heavy duty corrugated box with shock-absorbing material around all sides of the unit to provide firm cushion and to prevent movement in the container. The container should be properly sealed.

## Specifications

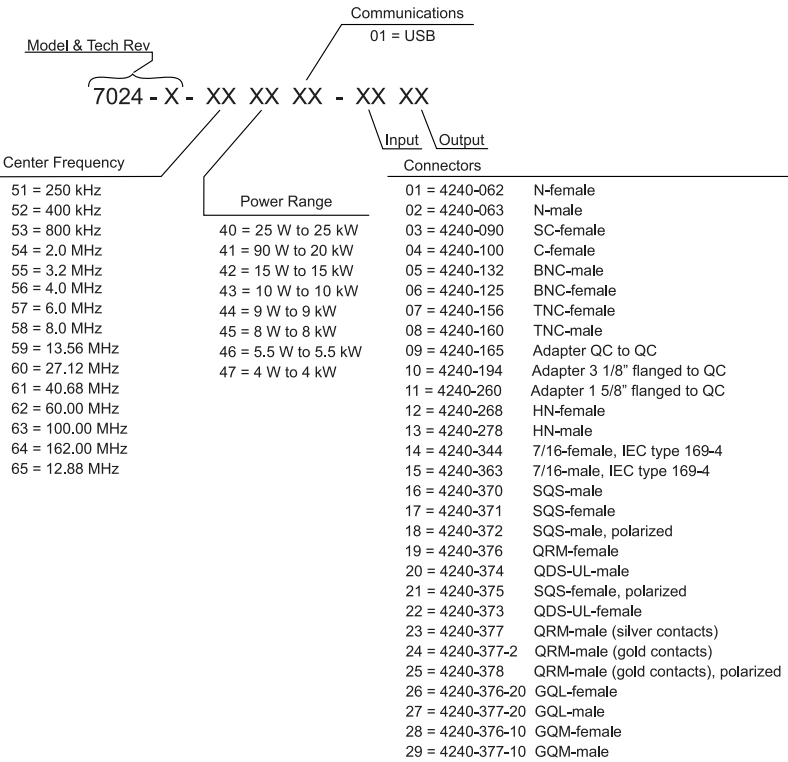
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Frequency	Varies by model, See <a href="#">“Model Identification” on page 9.</a>
Power Range (Continuous Average Power)	Varies by model, See <a href="#">“Model Identification” on page 9.</a>
Peak Power @ 60% Duty Cycle	Varies by model, the peak power is the upper end of the power range. See <a href="#">“Model Identification” on page 9.</a>
Measurement Type	Thru-Line Power
Impedance, nominal	50 Ohms
Average Power Range	Varies by model, See <a href="#">“Model Identification” on page 9.</a>
Accuracy	1% at calibrated frequency and power level 2% at all other points
VSWR Range	1.0:1 to 2.0:1
Gated Average Power Accuracy	1% at calibrated frequency and power level 2% at all other points
Insertion loss, Max	<0.05 dB
Insertion VSWR, Max	1.05
RF Connectors	QC (Overall power will be limited by connector selection.) See <a href="#">“Model Identification” on page 9</a> for QC connectors supplied by model number.
Directivity, Min	28 dB
Sync Input	
Input port impedance	>10 kOhms
Input level Pulse ON	TTL High (2.0 V - 5.0 V)
Input level Pulse OFF	TTL LOW (0 V - 0.85 V)
Factory Calibration	NIST Traceable
Recommended Calibration Cycle	6 Months
Field Calibration	None
Interface	USB 2.0
Power Supply	Via USB (less than 0.5A at 5V)
Physical and Environmental	
Operating Temperature	+15 to +35 C (+59 TO +95 F)
Storage Temperature	-20 to +70 C (-4 to +158 F)
Humidity	95% maximum (non-condensing)
Altitude, Max	10, 000 ft. (3,000 m)

Dimensions, Nominal	6" x 2.0" x 3.7" (140 x 51 x 94 mm) not including RF connectors
Weight, Max	Less than 2 lbs
Mechanical Shock and Vibration	Designed to meet MIL-PRF-28800F class 3
Compliance	Designed to Comply with: EMC Directive (2014/30/EU) European Standard: EN 61326—Electrical Equipment for measurement, control and laboratory use; EMC Requirements Test Spec (for radiated immunity): EN 61000-4-3— Testing and measurement techniques - 10V/meter
RoHS	Compliant
Compatible Devices	VPM3
Standard Accessories	USB Cable, VPM3 software

Model Identification

**Note:** The Model Identification guide is provided to allow existing model numbers to be understood. However, not all combinations are available. Please contact Bird for more information on new model number requests.





# Limited Warranty

All products manufactured by Seller are warranted to be free from defects in material and workmanship for a period of one (1) year, unless otherwise specified, from date of shipment and to conform to applicable specifications, drawings, blueprints and/or samples. Seller's sole obligation under these warranties shall be to issue credit, repair or replace any item or part thereof which is proved to be other than as warranted; no allowance shall be made for any labor charges of Buyer for replacement of parts, adjustment or repairs, or any other work, unless such charges are authorized in advance by Seller.

If Seller's products are claimed to be defective in material or workmanship or not to conform to specifications, drawings, blueprints and/or samples, Seller shall, upon prompt notice thereof, either examine the products where they are located or issue shipping instructions for return to Seller (transportation-charges prepaid by Buyer). In the event any of our products are proved to be other than as warranted, transportation costs (cheapest way) to and from Seller's plant, will be borne by Seller and reimbursement or credit will be made for amounts so expended by Buyer. Every such claim for breach of these warranties shall be deemed to be waived by Buyer unless made in writing within ten (10) days from the date of discovery of the defect.

The above warranties shall not extend to any products or parts thereof which have been subjected to any misuse or neglect, damaged by accident, rendered defective by reason of improper installation or by the performance of repairs or alterations outside of our plant, and shall not apply to any goods or parts thereof furnished by Buyer or acquired from others at Buyer's request and/or to Buyer's specifications. Routine (regularly required) calibration is not covered under this limited warranty. In addition, Seller's warranties do not extend to the failure of tubes, transistors, fuses and batteries, or to other equipment and parts manufactured by others except to the extent of the original manufacturer's warranty to Seller.

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