The Next Generation of VESDA Aspirating Smoke Detection Technology

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Since pioneering Aspirating Smoke Detection (ASD) technology nearly 30 years ago, VESDA has been recognized as the best in the world, protecting personnel, irreplaceable assets and mission critical infrastructure in the world’s most iconic locations.

VESDA-E is the next-generation of ASD technology, featuring multiple innovative capabilities across the new portfolio that delivers a new level of customer experience:

- VESDA Smoke+, offers increased sensitivity – up to 15 times greater than VESDA VLP, at least three times better dust rejection, up to twice the longevity while maintaining consistent sensitivity over time and up to 8% less power consumption per unit area
- VESDA Flex, future proof expandability for maximum flexibility using, StaX Hardware expansion modules that easily bolt onto the VESDA-E detector to add additional capabilities
- VESDA-E VEA introduces pinpoint addressability to deliver situational awareness to improve response time and efficiency for up to 40 locations
- VESDA Connect, provides extensive connectivity options including Ethernet, WiFi, USB, VESDAnet and relays, to reduce installation, commissioning, monitoring and maintenance costs
- VESDA TCO, reduces the Total Cost of Ownership (TCO) through Capex value, Opex savings, Plug’n’Play installation, design-less pipe and microbore tube networks, vast monitoring options and backwards compatibility. With VESDA-E you can reduce TCO by up to 15% for non-addressable products and up to 60% for the point addressable products

VESDA-E is the most advanced, reliable, and flexible ASD system ever produced.

How VESDA-E VEU/VEP works

Air is continually drawn from the protected area through the air sampling pipe network and into the detector by a high efficiency aspirator. The air sampling pipe network can contain up to four pipes.

The air from each sampling pipe passes through a flow sensor and then a sample of the air is drawn into the Flair detection chamber via the sampling module, after first passing through the filter.

An additional filter provides clean air to protect the optical surfaces inside the detection chamber from contamination.

The Flair™ detection chamber uses CMOS imaging, multi-directional light scattering and sophisticated algorithms for smoke detection and particle type characterisation. If the detected smoke is higher than the set alarm thresholds it is reported as an Alert, Action, Fire1 or Fire2 alarm condition. Air is exhausted from the detector and may be vented back into the protected zone. Alarms can be signaled via Relays and VESDAnet. Ethernet and WiFi can be used for configuration and secondary monitoring, and a USB interface is provided for initial setup. A series of LEDs display Alarm, Trouble, Disable and detector power on status. A button allows the user to Reset or Disable the detector. In addition, an optional 3.5” LCD display shows the detector status, including smoke level and a smoke level bar graph, alarm thresholds, trouble status, % airflow level, normalization status and filter life used.
How VESDA-E VES works

VES offers Sector (Pipe) Addressability coupled with the latest FLAIR detection technology that delivers consistent performance over time and absolute calibration.

The VES detector draws air from all sectors in use and if the smoke level reaches the Adaptive Scan Threshold, it initiates a Fast Scan of each sector to identify which sector is carrying smoke.

The first sector to reach the Alert Level is designated as the First Alarm Sector (FAS) and this sector is signaled to the User (and can be connected to FACP as pre-alarm). If two or more sectors reach the Alert level then, the sector with the highest smoke concentration is designated as the First Alarm Sector (FAS). Once FAS is identified, the VES continues to monitor all sectors to track fire growth and ultimately report Sector Fire Alarm to the panel.

The Six Reasons for VESDA-E

1. VESDA Smoke+

VESDA Smoke+ capitalizes on the patented Flair Detection Technology centered in the VESDA-E detection chamber used in VEU and VEP. The Flair Detection Technology offers increased sensitivity – up to 15 times greater than VESDA VLP, at least three times better dust rejection, up to twice the longevity while maintaining consistent sensitivity over time.

The Smoke+ capability focuses on improving key aspects related to smoke detection including:

1. Detection Performance
   - Vastly better sensitivity
   - Faster response time
2. Detection Reliability
   - Operating temperature stability
   - Minimizing nuisance alarms
3. Consistent Performance Over Time
   - During long term exposure to dust
4. Efficiency of Operation
   - Power Consumption per unit area

2. VESDA Flex

VESDA Flex provides future-proof expandability for maximum flexibility using:

- StaX Hardware expansion modules integrate with the VESDA-E VEU and VEP detectors provide additional capabilities including integrated Power Supply, and Auto Pipe Clean
3. VESDA Sector Addressability
VESDA-E VES Sector (Pipe) Addressability:
• Enables a single fire zone to be divided into four separate sectors (areas)
• Allows users to locate the source of smoke more quickly (smaller search area)
• Provides real time detection by Sector to monitor fire growth
• Provides four individually configurable alarm levels (Alert, Action, Fire 1 and Fire 2) for each sector allowing flexible application in different environments
• More cost effective than “4 detector” approach for both installation and maintenance

4. VESDA Pinpoint Addressability
VESDA-E VEA pinpoint addressability provides situational awareness to improve response time, efficiency and effectiveness for up to 40 locations. VESDA-E VEA provides reliable early warning with minimum nuisance alarms, centralised maintenance with built-in blow back capability, and full system integrity check. Refer to the Xtralis website for full VESDA-E VEA details.

5. VESDA Connect
VESDA Connect provides flexible networking and programming capabilities that reduce installation, commissioning, monitoring and maintenance costs through extensive connectivity options and remote diagnostics tools including Ethernet, WiFi, USB, VESDAnet and Relays.

6. VESDA TCO
VESDA TCO provides a lifetime of value, reliability and protection.
VESDA-E improves CapEx value through higher sensitivity and longer pipe runs resulting in greater coverage area for VEU, VEP and VES detectors and through flexible microbore tube network for VEA. It also reduces OpEx costs due to accessible and centralised maintenance, field replaceable components and full system integrity monitoring for VEA. Plug and play features improve the installation experience and reduce its cost via:
• AutoConfig capability
• Firmware upgrade using only a USB key
• Instant monitoring via Wi-Fi
• Mounting template
• Mounting bracket
• Ample wiring space
• Design-less pipe networks for simple designs
• Flexible VEA installation with pre-engineered microbore tubes and push-fit connections
VESDA-E can also provide vast monitoring options including:
• VSM4
• Remotes
• VESDAnet
• iVESDA
For current VESDA users, VESDA-E offers backward compatibility with the relevant VESDA product line – with VESDA-E you can reduce Total Cost of Ownership by up to 15% for VEU and VEP and up to 60% for VEA.
VESDA-E Product Range

Detectors

**VESDA-E VEU**
The VESDA-E VEU is the premium detector in the VESDA-E Range. It provides ultra-wide alarm sensitivity range from 0.001% - 20.0% obs/m (0.0003 to 6.25% obs/ft) and up to 80 Class A holes; extending detector coverage by at least 40% in high airflow environments. VEU also provides 400 m (1,312 ft) and 800 m (2,625 ft) of linear and branched pipe networks respectively, increasing coverage by up to 80% in high ceiling applications while allowing for convenient detector mounting for ease of access and maintenance. VEU has area coverage of up to 6,500 m² (69,965 sq. ft). VEU standard features include StaX support together with Ethernet, WiFi, USB and VESDAnet capabilities.

**VESDA-E VEP**
The VESDA-E VEP series of aspirating smoke detectors extend the reach of the VESDA-E platform to a wide range of applications. VEP sensitivity range is from 0.005-20%/m (0.0016-6.25%/ft) and provides up to 40 Class A holes. VEP is equipped with a powerful aspirator that provides a total of 130 m (427 ft) in the one pipe model and 560 m (1,837 ft) in the four pipe model. VEP also provides StaX support together with Ethernet, WiFi, USB and VESDAnet capabilities.

**VESDA-E VEA**
VESDA-E VEA is the first pinpoint addressable aspirating smoke detector (ASD) for standard addressable detection applications that has a unique centralised test and maintenance function. VEA supports up to 40 sampling point and with end to end tube integrity monitoring ongoing test and maintenance procedures can be conducted at the detector to reduce maintenance time up to 90% while lowering TCO by up to 60%. Centralised test and maintenance is ideal in environments where access to the protected area for ongoing maintenance is restricted or difficult.

**VESDA-E VES**
The VESDA-E VES is similar to the flagship VESDA-E VEP aspirating smoke detector but also includes a valve mechanism in the inlet manifold and software to control the airflow from the four Sectors (pipes).

This configuration enables a single zone to be divided into four separate sectors, for example, distinguishing between separate aisles within a data room. The VES enables the user to locate the source of smoke by identifying the first sector to reach the Alert level. The detector then continues to sample from all sectors to monitor fire growth and will report separate alarm levels for each sector. The VES provides four individually configurable alarm levels (Alert, Action, Fire 1 and Fire 2) for each sector allowing optimum protection in a wide range of applications.

Built on the Flair detection technology and years of application experience, VES detectors achieve consistent performance over their lifetime via absolute calibration. In addition, the VES delivers a range of revolutionary features that provide user value.

* System design and regulatory requirements may restrict the monitoring area to a lesser amount
** Please contact your local regional office for availability.
StaX**

**Power Supply Unit (PSU)**
The PSU StaX is an integrated power supply providing operating power including battery backup for VESDA-E detectors. It provides 24 volt operating power as well as a battery charger function that supervises and maintains the standby batteries.

**Automated Pipe Cleaning**
The Automated Pipe Cleaning StaX improves performance and minimizes maintenance costs in dusty environments. During pipe cleaning, it forces an air pressure wave to travel out along the pipe network. This changes the pressure within the pipe to be above atmospheric pressure so that air flows out of the pipe carrying built-up dust and lint with it.

**Connectivity**

**VESDA Ethernet**
Enables connectivity with Xtralis VSC and VSM4.

**VESDA Wi-Fi**
Enables connectivity with hand-held iOS and Android devices for unprecedented ease of maintenance and monitoring.

**VESDA USB**
The USB port allows direct connection to a PC for configuration and maintenance. Being host-mode, it also allows firmware upgrade by inserting a USB key and pushing the relevant button on the detector.

**VESDAnet & Relays**
Connect up to 200 VESDA-E devices on a single loop. Each VESDA-E detector provides up to 7 relays.
- VESDAnet provides primary reporting, centralized configuration, control, maintenance and monitoring
- Relays allow connection to Fire Alarm Control Panels (FACP) and Building Management Systems (BMS) and other security systems

**VESDA Accessories**

**VESDA Pipes and Microbore Tubes**
A key element in the performance of a VESDA ASD system is the network of sampling pipes and microbore tubes that actively transports air from a protected area to the detector. Xtralis offers an extensive range of pipes, tubes and fittings to suit all application needs.
Software

VSM
A software package that allows the user to monitor, configure and control a VESDA system from a central location via a VESDAnet communication loop, Ethernet or WiFi.

ASPIRE
A Windows®-based application that aids the specification and design of pipe networks for VESDA and VESDA-E air sampling smoke detectors. It provides the designer with tools to speed the design process and ensure optimum network performance and installation quality. ASPIRE also makes implementation of the design easy. With automatic generation of lists of all the components required for the project and an Installation Data Pack, the installer will have all the information they need at their fingertips.

VSC
A software package that can be used to configure, install, commission and maintain the entire range of VESDA ASDs. The software provides high-level programming flexibility through its on-line and off-line configuration capabilities.

iVESDA
iVESDA is a downloadable application that can be installed on Android and iOS handheld devices to monitor and maintain VESDA-E systems with unprecedented ease. iVESDA is also compatible with existing VESDA detectors residing on the same VESDAnet as VESDA-E. iVESDA provides detailed alarm, fault and other status information such as smoke trends, airflow, filter life, as well as viewing of important configuration parameters such as pipes in use and smoke alarm thresholds.
About Xtralis

Xtralis® is a leading global provider of solutions for the early detection of smoke, fire, and gas.

Our technologies prevent disasters by giving users time to respond before lives, assets, critical infrastructure or business continuity is compromised. Our brands include VESDA-E – the latest generation of aspirating smoke detection technology; VESDA® – the original very early warning aspirating smoke detection (ASD) system; ICAM™ for ASD; Sensepoint & ECO™ – Gas detection & environmental monitoring modules; and, OSID™ – beam smoke detection for open areas.

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