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Precision Location

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Introduction

Ubisense Dimension4 (D4) is a best-in-class precision real-time location system. It consists of hardware, firmware and server-based software components that together have helped D4 become the most widely-deployed, high-accuracy and production-proven location system in the world.

Dimension4 is differentiated from other UWB location systems through unique capabilities built deeply into both the hardware and software layers of the system.



Enterprise Scalability

Implementing fog processing techniques for enterprise scalability and controls-ready real-time performance



Industrial Strength

System deployment and IT management tools for mission-critical reliability



Highest Reliability

The only system to measure both angle and time-of-arrival from tags for location precision and robustness



Lowest TCO

The best available battery lifetimes with batteries lasting as long as 15 years

Handles 1000s of location updates per second

Systems running with 1000s of sensors

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Proven 24/7 operation for over 10 years in harsh industrial environments

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Ultra-wideband Sensor

DIMENSION4 ultra-wideband (UWB) sensors are precision measurement devices, containing an array of antennas and ultra-wideband radio receivers. The sensors detect UWB pulses from Ubisense tags, allowing the Ubisense location system to find the tag positions with high accuracy.

ACCURACY

By using UWB technology, the system's location accuracy is maintained even in cluttered, multipath-rich indoor environments. The Ubisense UWB location system is the only one capable of measuring both Angle-of-Arrival (AoA) and Time-Difference-of-Arrival (TDoA) of tag signals, enabling it to generate accurate 3D tracking information even when only two sensors can detect the tag. This reduces the infrastructure requirements for an installation, minimizing costs while dramatically improving the reliability and robustness of the system.

FLEXIBLE & SCALABLE INSTALLATIONS

Ubisense uses a cellular architecture to scale from small to very large installations - large areas are covered by tiling them with 'cells' consisting of a small number of sensors working together. Thousands of sensors can be integrated into a single enterprise-wide system to monitor an unlimited area and manage thousands of tags. Sensors can be connected together in a variety of ways, allowing infrastructure cost to be traded off against location accuracy in accordance with application requirements.

EASE OF MAINTENANCE

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Sensors are administered remotely over the Ethernet network. Firmware is downloaded into the sensors over the network allowing them to be easily upgraded when new features become available.



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Network Connectivity

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TIMING PORTS

When configured in TDoA+AoA positioning mode, sensors must be synchronised with each other to within a fraction of a nanosecond. Sensors are synchronised using signals sent between them, either directly on dedicated timing cables, or on spare lines of the Ethernet cables via Timing Distribution Units (TDUs). Alternatively, sensors can run without any synchronisation in an AoA-only positioning mode.



STATUS LED

The status LED provides system and network status updates.

ETHERNET

Sensors operate within an Ethernet environment, using standard network infrastructure such as Ethernet switches, and unshielded Cat5e structured network cabling for communication between sensors and servers. Sensors are powered through the network cable using Power-over-Ethernet switches.

Timing Distribution Unit

The Ubisense DIMENSION4 Timing Distribution Unit (TDU) is a 2U rack-mountable device that provides timing synchronisation support for up to 21 Ubisense sensors in a Ubisense sensor network. It reduces the number of long cable runs required for a sensor installation by combining the network and timing signals needed by each sensor onto a single unshielded Cat5e cable. TDUs can be chained to support larger systems.

The TDU has 21 ports to be connected to a Power-over-Ethernet (PoE) switch as well as 21 ports to be connected to sensors. Power and networking are passed onto these ports from the PoE switch, and the TDU injects an additional timing signal used by Ubisense sensors onto unused signal lines in the cable.

Status LED -

 One port provides Ethernet networking and power (PoE) to the TDU, allowing it to be booted and managed over the network.

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Sensor Ingress Protection Ratings

There are three variants of the IP-rated DIMENSION4 sensor: IP30, IP54 and IP69K. These have been designed for a variety of both indoor and outdoor scenarios and engineered to operate in both normal and extremely harsh industrial environments.

The **IP69K** rated sensor has been designed for extreme outdoor operation in harsh industrial environments requiring protection not only against water and dust but also high winds, heat and cold. The sensor includes a rear cover with IP-rated push-pull connectors at the base of the sensor for extra protection against extreme elements.

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The **IP54** rated sensor is intended for challenging indoor environments. It has a cover on the rear of the sensor incorporating two brushes which are housed at the base of the sensor to prevent water splashes and dust from entering the sensor housing via the cable entry points.

The **IP30** rated sensor is intended for normal indoor operation where a standard level of protection against water and dust is required.

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Sensor Mounting Bracket

The Ubisense Sensor Mounting Bracket is a rugged and robust bracket for mounting any Ubisense D4 sensor. Made from glass-reinforced nylon, it is designed to withstand the harshest of environments, vibration and accidental knocks, both indoors and outdoors.

Roll, Pitch & Yaw

control

Sensors are often mounted in harsh outside conditions and at considerable height, so bracket adjustments may be accomplished single-handed, without the need for tools.

Two stainless steel captive bolts are supplied for fixing the bracket to the sensor, thus avoiding any chance of them being lost during installation. These may be supplied in marine grade stainless steel for use in highly-corrosive coastal and off-shore environments.

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Tag Options

Ubisense tags offer industry-leading accuracy and industrially-proven reliability when used with Ubisense Dimension4 and Ubisense AngleID hardware families. Tags come in a range of form factors and ingress protection ratings to cover a range of tracking needs in harsh industrial environments.



TAG MODULE

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KEY FACTS

- Tags are Ultra-Wideband (UWB) transmitters operating in the 6-8GHz frequency range.
- Compatible with the IEEE802.15.4f standard.
- Support programmable update rates of up to 30Hz; tags can change their update rate depending on whether they are stationary or moving.
- Provide best available accuracy when used in conjunction with Ubisense sensor infrastructure.
- Monitor battery health and report current status to the system.
- Very low power transmissions enable very long battery lifetimes. At 1Hz update rate, the Industrial Tag will last up to 10 years.

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TOOL TAG

Industrial Tag

The Ubisense DIMENSION4 Industrial Tag is a small, rugged device that is intended to be attached to assets and allows them to be located to high accuracy in 3D in real-time. It is specifically designed for use in industrial sites where harsh environmental conditions will be encountered. In addition to its tracking capabilities, it includes additional features such as three LEDs for easy status identification, a motion detector to instantly activate a stationary tag and a push button to trigger events. It also has a replaceable battery.

RUGGED & ADAPTABLE

The Industrial Tag is designed to be rugged for use in harsh industrial environments. It is mechanically robust, dust- and water-resistant to IP69K, and can be securely mounted using a variety of attachment mechanisms.



The tag has a button to provide context-sensitive input to interactive systems. Applications can use the tag's location at the time the button was pressed to determine what action should be taken in response. For example, activating an item of machinery when the button is pressed, but only if the user is in a safe location.

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OPTIONAL GPS ADD-ON

The Multi-mode variant of the Industrial Tag incorporates a SiRFstar-based GPS receiver. It continually attempts to use GPS to find its location. When successful, it relays the location back to the Ubisense location system using an on-board 2.4GHz radio.

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Mini Tag

The Ubisense DIMENSION4 Mini Tag is our smallest self-contained tracking tag, intended for high-accuracy tracking of smaller objects.

It is very rugged, dust- and water-resistant to IP69K, and includes additional features such as an LED for easy status identification, a motion detector to instantly activate a stationary tag and a magnetic reed switch to trigger context-sensitive events. It also has a replaceable battery.

A variety of mounting methods allow the Mini Tag to be securely attached to a wide range of objects.

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Tool Tags

The Ubisense DIMENSION4 Tool Tag is a small, rugged device that, when attached to tools, allows them to be located to high accuracy in 3D in real-time. It is specifically designed for use in industrial sites where harsh environmental conditions will be encountered. In addition to its tracking capabilities, it includes additional features such as three LEDs for easy status identification, a motion detector to instantly activate a stationary tag and a push button to trigger events.

TAG VARIANTS

The Tool Tag comes in two variants:

1. Head unit only. This is powered by the associated tool.

2. Combined head unit and replacement A-size battery integrated into a robust casing.

RUGGED & ADAPTABLE

The Tool Tag is designed to be rugged for use in harsh industrial environments. It is mechanically robust, and can be securely mounted using a variety of attachment mechanisms.

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Tag Module

The Ubisense D4 Tag Module provides the precise tracking capabilities of the standard Ubisense tags together with the ability to easily integrate that functionality into other devices. It is supplied with a 20-way (2 x 10) 1.27mm pin header, which provides for power supply, general input / output and serial data communication, enabling increased integration flexibility.

CERTIFICATION

The Ubisense D4 Tag Module has received Modular Certification in the US and Canada, and is designed to meet plug-in radio module requirements in Europe. By following the instructions supplied with the 9.1mm Ubisense Tag Module, integrators will minimise the RF emissions testing required on their final product.

INTEGRATION-READY FEATURES

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The D4 Tag Module is intended for direct integration into other products. It is compact, includes all required antennas (permanently attached to the module), and has a 20-way expansion header that can be used to supply power to the device. Furthermore, the header allows the module to communicate bi-directionally with a host device or external sensors and actuators.

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Model: UBIMOD

FCC ID: SEAM

IC: 8673A-M

LOCATION AWARE DEVICES

Dimension4 is already integrated into several production-critical industrial tools and devices supporting location-aware process control. This includes high-end torque tools, barcode scanners and tablets.

Industrial Tag Mounting Plate

Ubisense tags incorporate a number of design features to allow temporary or permanent mounting to objects.

The Industrial Tag features four mounting points for M4 bolts and two slots that work with industry-standard strapping or cable ties. On the underside are four concealed bosses that allow the tag to be screwed onto valuable items in a way that makes it harder to remove. This can be done with self-tapping 3mm screws for plastic.

With the optional Industrial Tag Mounting Plate additional mounting options become available.

Four M3 bosses for secure permanent mounting from the rear •

A flat surface for use with adhesive tape or industrial Velcro

temporary mounting to ferrous surfaces

Support for an internal captive magnet that provides

Two M4 bolts for permanent attachment

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The Industrial Tag is mounted to the plate via four stainless-steel M4 bolts (supplied), allowing the tag to be easily removed for maintenance.



Example Tag Attachments

In addition to these standard mounting options Ubisense works with its customers to produce application-specific solutions for attaching tags and integrating them into their processes.

Some examples are shown on this page and include magnets or suction cups for temporarily mounting onto products or hangers and screw and cable ties for more permanent fixing to assets. There are also a number of designs that allow tags to be worn on an individual. - MAGNETIC ATTACHMENT

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HANGER

SCREW ATTACHMENTS

SUCTION CUPS

WRIST ATTACHMENT

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Location Software

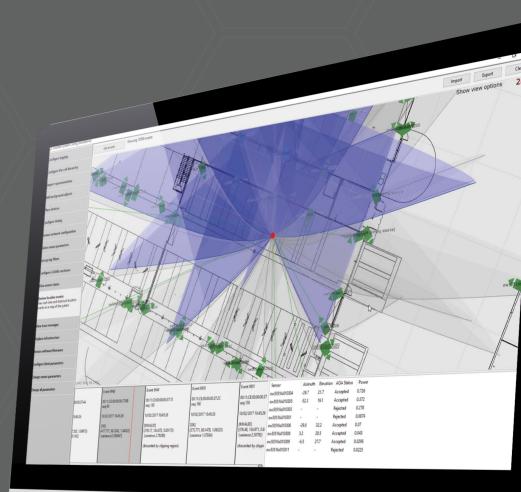
The Dimension4 Location Platform is a comprehensive package including sensor firmware and server-based software components required to configure, coordinate and manage the Dimension4 RTLS. This includes:

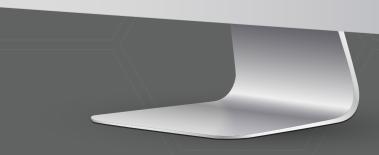
- Code running on the sensors
- A set of services that run on a networked Linux or Windows server or servers
- A set of Windows-based GUI configuration tools

Scalability and real-time performance lie at the core of the Dimension4 architecture, allowing users to deploy sensor systems that scale from micro-installations (small control systems running on a single machine) through to large sites with several servers and thousands of sensors and tags, with continuous and predictable behaviour.

SOFTWARE HIGHLIGHTS

- Management of initial sensor installation and configuration workflow
- Secure centralized management of configuration data for the sensor network
- Real-time coordination of the sensor network to share tag measurements between sensors
- Bayesian filtering of tag measurements to generate accurate tag location data
- Bulk storage and retrieval of measurement and location data for audit and review
- Health monitoring of the sensor network to support proactive maintenance





Software Components

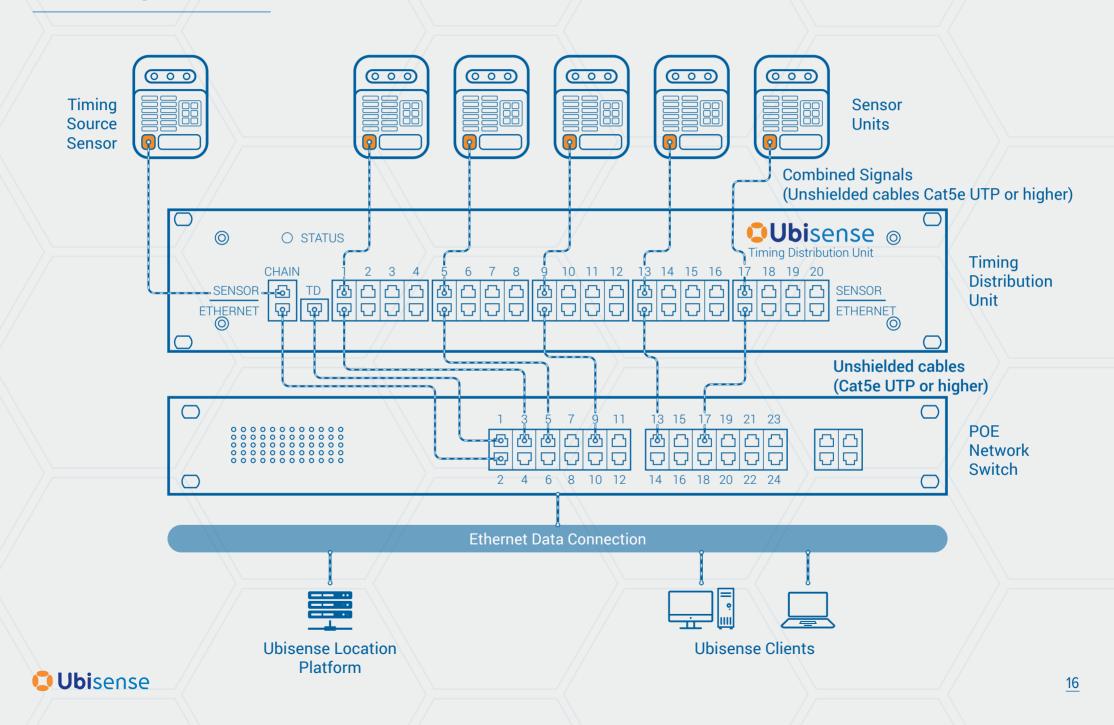
SYSTEM INSTALLATION	DEPLOYMENT OPTIONS	LOCATION PROCESSING	OPERATIONAL SUPPORT	STANDARDS	AUDIT & OPTIMISATION
Self-configuration	Single Sensor Identification Mode	Group Arbitration	Sensor firmware management and update	ISO24730 Interface	Bulk logging, storage and retrieval
Visual configuration tools and workflow	Wireless Mode	Bayesian Optimal Estimation Filters	Centralised configuration store	IEEE 802.15.4f	Tracking performance review tools
3D Site Visualisation	(Optional) Centralised Timing	Software defined cellular architecture	"At the edge" location processing (FOG)	IEEE 802.15.4f LEIP	Location health diagnostics
	(Optional) Decentralised Timing	Application specific filter creation		Combined Angles and TDOA measurement	System health diagnostics

• System Installation – Components and tools that support efficient and accurate deployment of the D4 sensor system

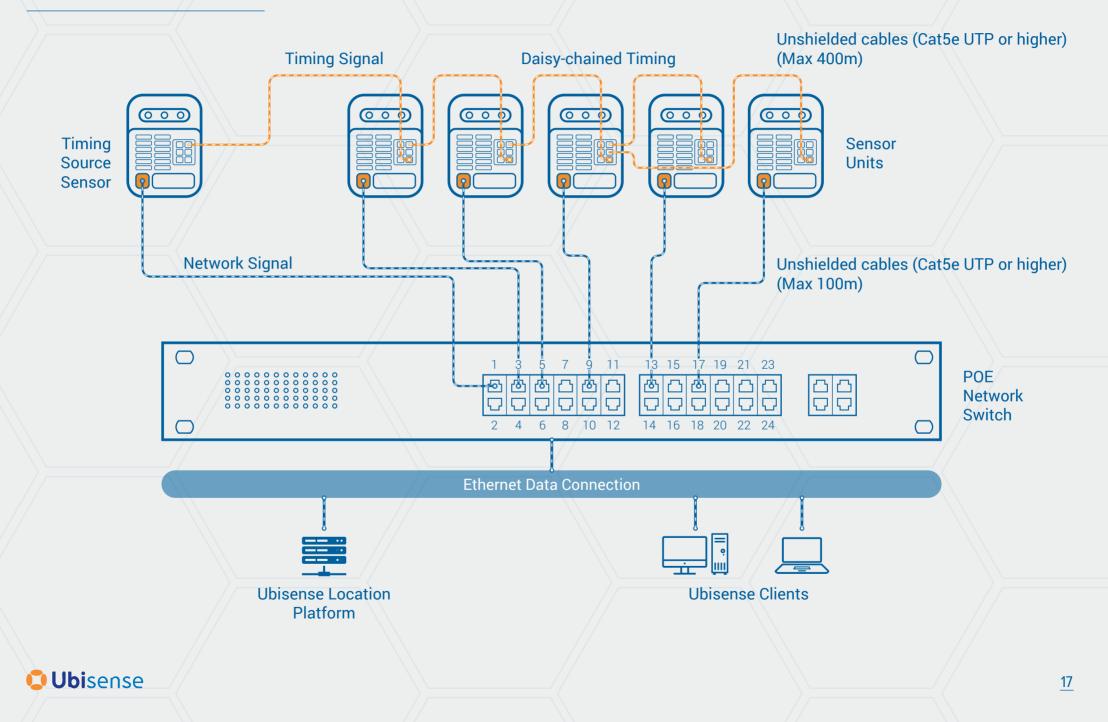
- Deployment Options Multiple configuration and operating modes for different tracking use cases and IT environments
- Location Processing Real-time cellular management and optimization of sensor data using optimal estimation techniques
- Operational Support Centralized management of sensor network configuration data, real-time coordination of live tag
 measurements between sensors and component-level operational support tools
- Standards Standards-based support for on-the-wire integration, over-the-air transmission and UWB signal measurement
- Audit & Optimization Storage, retrieval, review and analysis of sensor data for audit, review and preventative maintenance

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Example Network Architecture - With TDU



Example Network Architecture - Without TDU



Deployment Modes

FULL RTLS MODE



For mission-critical real-time process monitoring and control applications, Dimension4 is wired into your Ethernet network. Cat5e timing cables are run between sensors, or TDUs are used, for precise time synchronisation.

This allows sensors to generate the maximum number of tag measurements by harnessing both angle (AoA) and time (TDoA) information, giving highest-possible 3D precision and redundancy in highly-cluttered and complex manufacturing environments such as assembly lines.

WIRELESS RTLS MODE



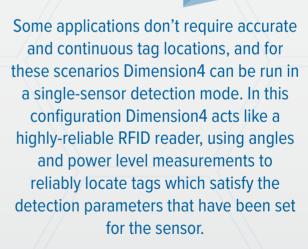
For non-mission-critical environments where running cables can be cost-prohibitive, Dimension4 can be run in a wireless backhaul mode. Power is supplied local to the sensor and measurement data is shared across a wireless network to which all sensors are connected.

While sensors running in this mode continue to generate precise and reliable 3D locations, measurements are only based on angles (AoAs) as the lack of timing cable synchronisation means TDoA measurements are no longer possible.

SINGLE SENSOR DETECTION MODE

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Tags are given a location either coincident with the sensor or on a 2D plane located in the sensor's field-of-view.

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Deployment Modes

Installation Dependencies

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				Hardware/Software						Deployment					
	INFRASTRUCT	JRE LEVEL	TYPICAL USE	TYPICAL ENVIRONMENT	EXAMPLE ENVIRONMENT	Timing Distribution Unit or Hardwired Timing Sync Cables	Local POE Switches	Local Power		Wireless Network	Server Running Location Platform	Survey of Sensor Location	Calibration of Sensors		User deploy/configure
	Level 5: Full RTLS		Critical real-time controls	Highly cluttered, production-critical areas	Assembly line	O	•	0	•		•	•	-	•	
	Level 4: Sparse RTLS	* \$ * *	Non-critical controls, process monitoring	Lightly cluttered production areas	Assembly area	0	•	0	•		•	•	•	•	
	Level 3: Full Wireless RTLS	يد ج الا ب	Non-critical controls, process monitoring	Lightly cluttered storage areas	Line-side			•		•	•	•	•		
	Level 2: Sparse Wireless RTLS	يري € ⊛ نې	Process monitoring, asset monitoring	Non-cluttered storage areas outdoors	Warehouse, assembly building					•	•			•	
	Level 1: Single Sensor Detection Mode		Asset monitoring local control	Small areas, outdoors	Small building, gate, door			•	0	0	0			0	D

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Tag Specifications

	Mini Tag	Industrial Tag	Multi-Mode Tag	Integrated Tool Tag	Externally-Powered Tag	Tag Module		
Power Source	LTC-7PN lithium cell	C-size lithium cell	C-size lithium cell	A-size lithium cell	Powered by host device	Powered by host device		
Battery Life at 0.5Hz	4.5 years	>10 years		>10 years	N/A	N/A		
Battery Life at 1Hz2.5 yearsBattery Life at 4Hz0.7 years		>10 years 📕	Depends on	>10 years	N/A	N/A		
		6 years GPS update rate		3 years	N/A	N/A		
Battery Life at 8Hz	0.4 years	3 years		1.5 years 🔳	N/A	N/A		
Dimensions	54 x 40 x 14mm (2.1 x 1.6 x 0.55")				42 x 32 x 21mm (1.7 x 1.3 x 0.8")	24.5 x 24.5 x 9.1mm (1.00 x 1.00 x 0.36")		
Weight	35g (1.2oz.)	128g (4.5oz.)	128g (4.5oz.)	105g (3.7oz.)	22g (0.8oz.)	5g (0.18oz.)		
Temperature			(-40°F to	to 85°C o 185°F″)				
Humidity				95% Idensing				
Enclosure Polycarbonate (V0-rated) Silicon rubber gasket		ABS/PC (V0-rated)Silicon rubber gasket	• ABS/PC (V0-rated) • Silicon rubber gasket	ABS/PC (V0-rated) Polyurethane coating	• ABS/PC (V0-rated)	None		
IP rating		IP69K		Not Specified				
Update rate	Up to 30Hz							
Peripherals & Interfaces	• LEDs • Motion detector • Magnetic reed switch	• LEDs • Motion detector • Push button or Magnetic reed switch	• LEDs • Motion detector • Push button or Magnetic reed switch	 LEDs Motion detector Push button (concealed) 	 LEDs Motion detector Push button (concealed) 	 20-way expansion header Motion Detector 		
Mounting Methods	Adhesive pad	Screw, strap, adhesive, Velcro mountings, Ubisense mounting plate	Screw, strap, adhesive, Velcro mountings, Ubisense mounting plate	Adhesive, strap mounting, screws, cable ties	Adhesive, strap mounting, screws, cable ties	N/A		
Certifications			FCC ID SI Canada: RSS-GEN, RSS-210	C Part 15 EAMOD30 , RSS-220; IC: 8673A-MOD30 : CE				
Ubisense part codes	D4FLAT33 (fixed battery)	D4TAG30IND-C D4TAG30NBT-C (reed switch) INDTALLBKT	D4TAG30MUL-C INDTALLBKT (mounting bracket)	D4TAG30TOOL-INT	D4TAG30TOOL-HD D4TAG30TOOL-EXT	D4MODULE30		
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Sensor Specifications

	Standard Gain	Medium Gain	High Gain	External Antenna	Timing Distribution Unit (TDU)
Power Supply		Power-over-ethernet IEEE 802.3af compatible			
Dimensions		48cm x 28.5cm x 8.7cm (18.8" x 11.5" x 3.4")			
Weight		2.7kg (6lbs.)			
Temperature		0°C to 60°C (32°F to 140°F")			
Humidity		0 to 95% non-condensing			
Enclosure		2U 19" rack-mountable box			
Connectors					
Radio Frequencies					
Certifications		US: FCC Part 15 Class B Canada: ICES-003 EU: CE			
Mounting Methods					
Ubisense Order codes	D4SENSOR31IP30 (IP30 sensor) D4IP54UPGRADE (IP54 upgrade) D4IP69KUPGRADE (IP69K upgrade) D4IP69KASSURED (IP69K verified) UBIEAZYBRKT (mounting bracket) UBISAFECAB (safety cable)	D4SENSOR311P30MED (IP30 sensor) D4IP54UPGRADE (IP54 upgrade) D4IP69KUPGRADE (IP69K upgrade) D4IP69KASSURED (IP69K verified) UBIEAZYBRKT (mounting bracket) UBISAFECAB (safety cable)	D4SENSOR311P30HGH (IP30 sensor) D4IP54UPGRADE (IP54 upgrade) D4IP69KUPGRADE (IP69K upgrade) D4IP69KASSURED (IP69K verified) UBIEAZYBRKT (mounting bracket) UBISAFECAB (safety cable)	D4SENSOR311P30EXT (IP30 sensor) D4IP54UPGRADE (IP54 upgrade) D4IP69KUPGRADE (IP69K upgrade) D4IP69KASSURED (IP69K verified) UBIEAZYBRKT (mounting bracket) UBISAFECAB (safety cable)	D4TIMING30





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