

# IBIS 3D

## User Guide



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# 1. Important Information about your Instrument

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Read and follow the User Manual before using the product or the accessories delivered with the product.

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Keep for future reference!

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## Intended use

Radar sensor used in several IDSGeoradar products with the main purpose of performs remote displacements monitoring of structure and land.

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The product must not be disposed with household waste.

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**Conformity to European regulations**

The equipment is in compliance with the essential requirements and other relevant provisions of Directive 2014/53/UE.

The full Declaration of its Conformity is sent separately together with the shipping documents of the product.

This equipment is destined for use in industrial environments (Class A apparatus). In residential, commercial and light industry environments, this apparatus may generate radio interference: in this case, the user may need to take adequate measures

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**Conformity to U.S regulations.****FCC Use limits**

The IBIS 3D sensor is granted by FCC approved, according to the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 47, Chapter I, Subchapter D, part 90, Subpart F, Private land mobile radio services; Radiolocation Service. In order to use the sensor in the US territory, a license of utilization must be obtained by FCC. FCC Statements:

- Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) This device may not cause harmful interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.
- Changes or modifications not expressly approved by the party responsible for compliance could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.
- This product complies with FCC and ISED radiation exposure limits set forth for an uncontrolled environment. The antenna should be installed and operated with minimum distance of 26 cm between the radiator and your body.

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**Conformity to  
Canada  
regulations.**

This product poses no health and safety risk when operated in the normal manner of the intended use.

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The IBIS 3D sensor is granted by ISED as a license exempt low power device, according to RSS-210 Issue 11, Annex B, B.11. Within the above mentioned limitation in terms of band and emitted power, IBIS 3D can be used in Canada, without any license.

For more information about licensing procedure contact IDS GeoRadar personnel.

**ISED Statements:**

. This device complies with Health Canada's Safety Code. The installer of this device should ensure that RF radiation is not emitted in excess of the Health Canada's requirement.

Information can be obtained at [http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/ewh-semt/pubs/radiation/radio\\_guide-lignes\\_direct-eng.php](http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/ewh-semt/pubs/radiation/radio_guide-lignes_direct-eng.php).

. Cet appareil est conforme avec Santé Canada Code de sécurité 6. Le programme d'installation de cet appareil doit s'assurer que les rayonnements RF n'est pas émis au-delà de l'exigence de Santé Canada. Les informations peuvent être obtenues: [http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/ewh-semt/pubs/radiation/radio\\_guide-lignes\\_direct-eng.php](http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/ewh-semt/pubs/radiation/radio_guide-lignes_direct-eng.php)

. Les changements ou modifications non expressément approuvés par la partie responsable de la conformité pourraient annuler l'autorité de l'utilisateur à utiliser cet équipement.

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- . Changes or modifications not expressly approved by the party responsible for compliance could void the user's authority to operate this equipment
- . This device contains license-exempt transmitter(s)/receiver(s) that comply with Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada's license-exempt RSS(s). Operation is subject to the following two conditions:
  1. This device may not cause harmful interference.
  2. This device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.
- . L'émetteur/récepteur exempt de licence contenu dans le présent appareil est conforme aux CNR d'Innovation, Sciences et Développement économique Canada applicables aux appareils radio exempts de licence. L'exploitation est autorisée aux deux conditions suivantes:
  1. L'appareil ne doit pas produire de brouillage;
  2. L'appareil doit accepter tout brouillage radioélectrique subi, même si le brouillage est susceptible d'en compromettre le fonctionnement du dispositif.
- . Cet appareil est conforme aux limites d'exposition aux rayonnements de l'ISED pour un environnement non contrôlé. L'antenne doit être installé de façon à garder une distance minimale de 26 centimètres entre la source de rayonnements et votre corps.
- . This device complies with ISED radiation exposure limits set forth for an uncontrolled environment. The antenna should be installed so that a minimum distance of 26 centimeters is maintained between the source and your body.

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## 1.1 Symbols

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Warning messages are an essential part of the Safety Concept of the instrument. They appear wherever hazards or hazardous situations can occur.

**WARNING**

Indicates an imminently hazardous situation which, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury.

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**DANGER**

Indicates a potentially hazardous situation or an unintended use which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury.

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**CAUTION**

Indicates a potentially hazardous situation or an unintended use which, if not avoided, may result in minor or moderate injury.

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Supplementary safety information may be placed as notice message with the symbol indicated below.



**Note text/to keep in mind.**

## 2. Hazard of use

**NOTICE:** Watch out for erroneous measurement results if the product has been dropped or has been misused, modified, stored for long periods or transported.



**Precautions:**

Periodically carry out test measurements and perform the field adjustments indicated in the user manual, particularly after the product has been subjected to abnormal use and before and after important measurements.



**NOTICE:** Only IDS GeoRadar authorized technical service are entitled to repair this product.

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**DANGER**



Improper use of the sensor can, unforeseen installation can create dangers if the user does not pay attention to the recommendations given in the user manual of the system in which the sensor is used

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**Precautions**

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Before carrying out any operation on the sensor, follow the instructions given in the user manual of the system to which it belongs.

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**DANGER**

During the transport, unpackage or setup of the sensor on the system user must be aware of the dangers associated with the possible fall of the sensor

**Precautions**

Before carrying out any operation on the sensor, follow the instructions given in the user manual of the system to which it belongs.

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**DANGER**

During surveys there is a danger of accidents occurring if the user does not pay attention to the environmental conditions around, for example obstacles, excavations or traffic.

**Precautions**

During operations, the user of the product must be fully aware of the existing dangers.

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**DANGER**

IBIS 3D when operates emits non-ionizing radiations that can cause interference with implanted electrical or ferromagnetic devices (such as a pacemaker).

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**DANGER**

The use of the sensor in explosive environments such as gassy mines is strictly forbidden. The non-ionizing radiations can interfere with devices such as detonators and cause explosions.

**DANGER**

During the maintenance of the system always switch off the system and disconnect it from the power source.

**DANGER**

Always perform the maintenance and regulation of the system with steady Acquisition Unit. Performing these operations with the system moving can cause hazards.

### 3. Product Components

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IBIS 3D is basically a radar sensor with range distance measure capabilities and give the possibility, with interferometric technique, to measure the displacement information from the phase variation of the backscattered signals from the area of interest thanks to its phase stability. The IBIS 3D is the radiating element used in the following IDS Georadar products:

- IBIS ARCSAR NEO
- IBIS FM EVO

These products are particularly suitable for terrain and structural monitoring applications by a capability of measure slow displacement at an accuracy great as a tenth of a millimeter, the overall performance depends on the type of system in which the sensor is installed.

### 3.1 General description

The sensor consists of an aluminum backshell (the gray part in the following image) and a plastic radome (yellow cover in the following image). A GPS antenna protected by a plastic radome is also mounted on the top of the box (grey cover in the following image):



*Fig. 1 – IBIS 3D sensor*

The unit contain all the parts for the generation, transmission, reception and acquisition of the radar signal. In the rear part of the back shell there is a single multi-plug I/O connector which contains the following interfaces:

- **1 - ETH RJ45 connector;**
- **2 – Multipole connector** to provide power and sync.

On the rear of the box here are also interfaces for mounting on the system:

- **2 - sliding guides for quick positioning of the sensor**
- **3 - fixing point (M6)**



*Fig. 2 – IBIS 3D mounting system view*

The sensor is delivered ready to run and only the installation on the system is required. The operations to be performed on the sensor for installation on the system will be:

- Fixing to the system using the appropriate fixing system
- Connection to the multi-plug I/O connector cable present on the system

The operations of installation must follow the procedures reported in the system user manual.



## 3.2 How the sensor is delivered

The sensor is delivered inside a peli case.



*Fig. 3 – IBIS 3D case*

## 4. Installation Procedure



### DANGER

For the sensor installation procedure follow the instructions given in the system user manual

## 5. Switching the system ON/OFF

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### DANGER

Do not power the sensor with sources other than the systems supplied by IDSGeoradar. Follow the instructions given in the system user manual

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## 6. Technical Specifications

### 6.1 Sensor specifications

Parameter	Value	
Temperature range	-50 °C ÷ +60 °C	
Encloser Class	IP65	
Dimension	W28cm x H38cmx L16cm	
Weight	9kg	
Input voltage range	18Vdc ÷ 32Vdc (used 24Vdc)	
Power Consumption	Standby	27W
	Operating	33W

*Table 1 – Environmental specifications*

Parameter	Value
Operating Range	50m to 6000m
RF operating band	EU: 17.1 – 17.3 GHz USA: 17.0 – 17.3 GHz Canada: 17.1 – 17.3 GHz
Emission bandwidth	USA 300 MHz EU/Canada 200 MHz
Maximum power at the antenna connector	It depends on the regulation
Antenna Type	Patch
Antenna Gain	TX Antenna: 12.1 dBi RX Antenna: 8 dBi
Antenna Beamwidth	TX Antenna: H-Plane = 58°, E-Plane = 23° RX Antenna: H-Plane = 56°, E-Plane = 55°
Max Equivalent Isotropic Radiated Power (EIRP)	EU: 26 dBm USA: 33.1 dBm Canada: 23.2 dBm

Signal modulation	FMCW
Certifications	CE, FCC, ISED

*Table 2 - IBIS 3D radio specifications.*

## 7. Care and Transport

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In the present section information for IBIS 3D system maintenance are provided. For further details please contact IDS GeoRadar Customer Care.

All maintenance operations need to be performed with the system stopped and disconnected from the power source. Different behavior can lead to injuries due to mechanical or electrical hazards. For each check refer to the system manual, however particular attention must be taken in verifying the following (but not limited to):

- Check that the sensor is well tightened to the system installation bracket
- Visually check the integrity of the antennas and the sensors case
- Visually check that all the connectors, are well fastened and intact.
- Visually check the integrity of all the cables and cable pins.

# 8. Disclaimer

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## 1. **Generals.**

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- i. The User/Buyer, for setting-up and using the Products, shall consult the official documentation provided by IDS GeoRadar s.r.l. for the Products ("Reference Documentation") and carefully ascertain the compliance with national laws and requirements, which may limit or even forbid their use.
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- v. In no event IDS GeoRadar s.r.l. shall be liable for special, direct, indirect, incidental, exemplary, punitive or consequential damages including, but not limited to, loss of profits or revenue, caused by the use of the Products, either separately or in combination with other products or relied upon the results provided by the above "Tools".

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- i. The User shall follow the instructions provided by IDS GeoRadar s.r.l. in its official "Reference Documentation" for the Product, in particular the User's Technical Manual which contains all the specific steps and recommendations for a correct setting-up and use of the Product.
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- b. Use of results/outcomes of the measurements performed by the Product aimed to safety aspects without using adequate control procedures and assessment by skilled personnel.
- c. Opening of the Equipment (for HW Products) without express written authorization of IDS GeoRadar s.r.l.;
- d. Unauthorized changes and additions to the Products (i.e. the user is not authorized to replace the installed antennas without contacting the authorized personnel/manufacturer).
- e. Use of the Products connected to suspected non-working equipment or with equipment (mainly PC) having characteristics not in compliance with the required specifications of IDS GeoRadar s.r.l. not expressly authorized by IDS GeoRadar s.r.l.;
- f. Poor or faulty operation of the electrical and telecommunication networks not directly managed by IDS GeoRadar s.r.l. or its delegates.
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#### 4. Monitoring Products.

- i. IBIS and Hydra Products (the Monitoring Products") use a leading-edge technology for monitoring slope movements and has proven as an effective tool for the early detection of critical movements, possibly leading to slope failures. Especially in situations where people and machinery are located or working in proximity of unstable slopes, the technology used by Monitoring Products, in addition to other suitable monitoring technologies, maximizes the probability of detecting early signs of slope failures, thus permitting the prompt evacuation of people and assets at risk.
- ii. Monitoring Products have been designed and developed to cope with very harsh environments. Should the system may become temporary unavailable due to an unexpected hardware failure, monitoring data will not be available until the instrument is repaired
- iii. Monitoring Products are a monitoring instrument that works like other monitoring instruments and cannot cause or prevent a collapse to happen. As a monitoring instrument, it helps professionals in providing measurements of movements of the monitored area, which according to the geological context can be interpreted as a sign of a potential collapse. Generally, the radar is also operated in conjunction with other monitoring instruments to have the largest information and for complementing pros and cons of each technology. The interpretation of data provided by the multiplicity of monitoring sensors has then the purpose of detecting movements that can be interpreted as precursors of a collapse.

- iv. Monitoring Products include specific "Operational" software with data processing which may give outcomes/results for helping User in the monitoring of "the stability conditions" of a specific area. We remind however that the setting of the alarm thresholds is uniquely an expert User's responsibility and that this setting must be done according to the accurate knowledge of the particular geological context.
- v. Nevertheless, (even though the radar technology employed by Monitoring Products, is deemed among the most reliable for the monitoring of instable slopes) IDS GeoRadar s.r.l. has the obligation to remind the Users that the technology used by Monitoring Products transmits and receives an electromagnetic signal that by its nature is influenced by many factors such as: the parameters introduced by the User/s, the distance, the ground material, the surface roughness and the electromagnetic wave incidence, which may distort its outcomes, thus giving rise to false or missing alarms.
- vi. In particular the following aspects must be considered when working with Monitoring Products:
  - o Due to the very short time of activation and minimum deformation before a sudden rockfall event, it may be not always possible to generate proper alerts prior to the collapse.
  - o Even if the technology used provides state-of-the-art performance in terms of spatial resolution and accuracy of measurement, movements affecting portions of the slope below the radar resolution could go beyond the minimum detectable movement.

- Although the radar can measure differential displacements (between two successive acquisitions) with sub-millimeter precision it must be reminded that errors in the displacement measurement cumulate with the observation time and its effective value is dependent on many factors, such as reflectivity of the monitored surface, atmospheric variations etc.
- The technology used measures the displacement along the line of sight only. The number of radars to be installed and their locations must be then carefully chosen to reduce the presence of uncovered or not properly covered areas (e.g. movement vectors occurring perpendicularly or close to a perpendicular to the line of sight).
- Monitoring Products measure the relative line of sight displacement between the radar and the monitored surface. In case the radar is installed on an unstable location, the movement of the radar setup could be interpreted as deformation of the monitored surface.
- The accuracy of the Monitoring Products in deformation measurement is dependent on the strength of the signal reflected back by the variable ground surface; performance cannot be uniform on the entire monitored scenario; e.g. some areas may not produce a signal strong enough to enable a proper early detection of collapses. Particularly, the radar signal can be affected by the presence of vegetation on the slope.
- Movement of portions of terrain which are (or are close to) perpendicularly oriented with respect to the radar line of sight, could be underestimated or, even, undetected.

- The propagation of electromagnetic signals generated by the radar, is affected by atmospheric conditions along the travel path. IDS GeoRadar Radar technology incorporates state-of-the-art algorithms for the correction of those atmospheric-induced variations. However, modeling of real phenomena (like atmospheric variations) always leads to an approximation of real-world physics, which in some circumstances may introduce spurious data, thus limiting the radar performance.
- Due to the complex physics of electromagnetic wave propagation some slope scenarios could generate multiple reflections of radar waves which cannot be totally predicted or detected. In these circumstances a proper evaluation by radar expert may be necessary to assess the origin of the interference. Furthermore, the proper alarming on impending slope failures relies on the selection of hazard thresholds, which must be done by skilled and properly trained operators. The selection of the thresholds is solely an User's responsibility and must be based on geotechnical considerations, risk evaluation, in-situ operational procedures and, possibly, on the past records of the slope's movement. As such, the procedure is not inherently able to predict new, unprecedented movement behaviors that could happen in the future and that can result in missing alarms. Therefore, when Monitoring Products are used in critical monitoring for safety purposes, like real time monitoring of unstable slopes, User must be aware that the the assessment of the stability conditions of the observed targets must be tasked to skilled and certified operator/s able to understand data supplied by either Monitoring Products or other equipment employed to such purpose; only operators officially trained and regularly updated by IDS GeoRadar S.r.l. (holding an "User Certificate" thereof) are allowed to use Monitoring Products. IDS GeoRadar S.r.l.

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- Machinery, such as trucks, shovel etc., standing along the radar line of sight will mask portions of the scenario or produce spurious effects that may generate false alarms. Monitoring Products performance for those zones in those situations could be partly or totally affected, so that detection of movements may be reduced or even impossible.

## 9. CUSTOMER SUPPORT

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For questions please, feel free to contact our Customer Support Service at the following e-mail address:

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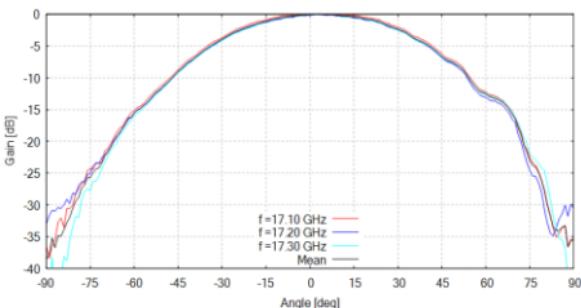
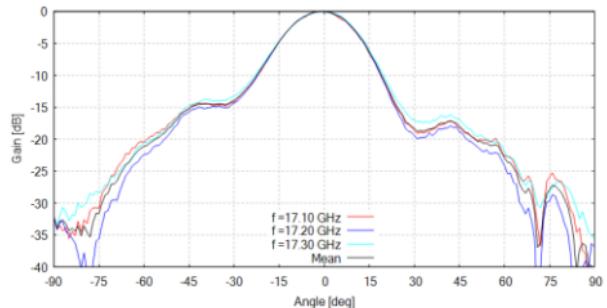
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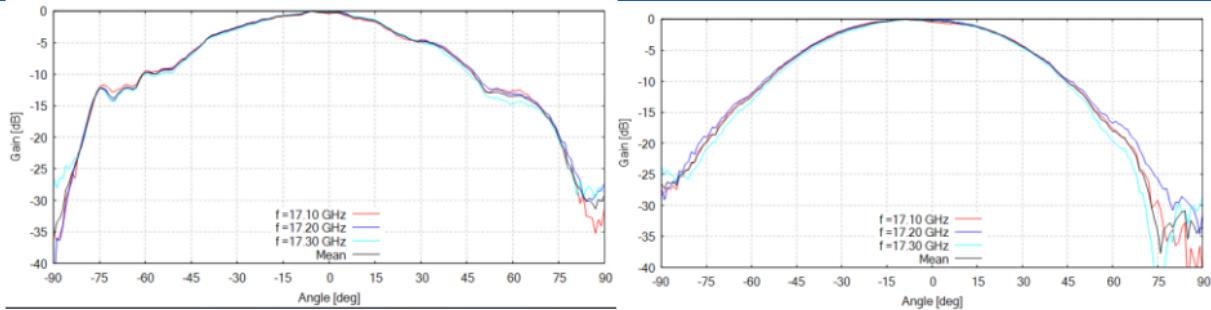


# A. Appendix A

In this appendix the datasheet of TX and RX antennas are reported. In particular the Elevation and Azimuth patterns are shown for Antennas.



**Figure A – TX Elevation and Azimuth Pattern**



**Figure B – RX Elevation and Azimuth Pattern**