

**PRODUCT BRIEF** 



## **Sentinel Motion**<sup>™</sup>

A Part of the Sentinel Suite<sup>™</sup> Family

A IoT-enabled Advanced Diagnostics and Condition-based Maintenance (CBM) Solution

- Real-time Reliability Data, Edge Computing, and Cloud Connectivity for Advanced Diagnostics and Remote Asset Monitoring
- Precision Wireless Accelerometer, Temperature, and/or Custom Data Streams along with Time Stamps for Rotating and Vibrating components
- Ideal for Bearing, Wheel, and Track
  Monitoring in the Railroad Industry
- Customized solutions for Gearbox
  Systems, Power Transmission
  Systems, Drive Trains, and any other
  Harsh Operating Environments
- Results can be integrated with existing CBM or PHM Systems using Alerting Mechanisms via Text, Email, or Calls to notify train personnel of current or impending critical issues





## Sentinel Motion<sup>™</sup>

Sentinel Motion<sup>™</sup> is a product line that focuses on monitoring and analyzing temperature, acceleration, and other custom data signatures in various types of mission critical equipment. It comprises a wireless network of IoT-interfaced smart RotoSense<sup>™</sup> sensors, the Sentinel Gateway<sup>™</sup> communications device, and the Sentinel MotionView<sup>™</sup> software package.

Rotating and vibrating components wear out over time in nearly all electromechanical systems and subsystems. In many applications, these components may be difficult to access and are very expensive to service, maintain, and/or replace. Preventive maintenance performed on a regular schedule is common, but can be needless if the components in question are still healthy with substantial remaining operational life. With **Sentinel Motion**<sup>™</sup>, you can monitor and diagnose common failure modes to determine the current health of a given system, and perform maintenance based on physical evidence of degradation as opposed to an arbitrary number of operating hours.

#### **Applications**

Sentinel Motion is ideal for many applications, including:

- Monitoring train wheels and bearings systems through vibration and temperature analysis
- Shock and vibration analysis can also be correlated with GPS data to monitor and diagnose track features
- Sensing tool wear, chatter, or spindle balance in CNC machines
- Real-time down-hole vibration monitoring in oil and gas exploration
- Vibrational signatures in rotating shafts
- Gearbox monitoring in helicopters, wind turbines, and other critical systems and subsystems

#### Sentinel Motion<sup>™</sup> Market Segments

Following are the various market segments serviced by Ridgetop Group Inc. for Sentinel Motion™.



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#### **Testing Results at Transportation Technology Center Inc. (TTCI)**

In 2015, Ridgetop Group conducted **Sentinel Motion**<sup>™</sup> rail testing at the **Transportation Technology Center, Inc. (TTCI)** testing facility in Pueblo, CO, USA. The main objectives of testing were as follows.

- To characterize track infrastructure (geo-locate track "features")
- To detect track anomalies such as broken welds
- To detect faults in rotating components such as wheels, hubs, bearings, etc.

This testing has proven that **RotoSense™** is a viable IoT solution that was able to operate in the **harsh** operating environment (up to 100 [g] shock and vibration), and it was able to detect common track features such as:

- Turnouts (with and without Frogs)
- Various Welds (Electric, Thermite, Overlay, etc.)
- Concrete and Steel Bridges
- Crib Ties

Additional test results and pilot studies have concluded that **Sentinel Motion**<sup>™</sup> is a scalable solution for **remote asset monitoring** and **diagnostics of track**, **wheel**, **and bearing systems**. The key information gathered with this innovative technology will help maintenance crews to better prioritize their efforts, resources, and schedules for repairing degraded components.

#### **List of Common Problems in Railroad Applications**

- Mechanical Failures of Vehicles or Components
- Derailments
- Poor Ride Quality

#### **Common Root Causes Detected or Monitored**

- Broken Rails / Welds Derailments
- Failed Bearings
- Defective Wheels
- Unusual Track Interaction
- Aging Infrastructure (Friction Wear, Track Deterioration, etc.)

#### **Technology Benefits Offered by Sentinel Motion™**

- Continuous and combined sensing capability of wayside
  Hot Box Detectors (HBDs) and WILD systems
- **Geo-located anomalies and alerts,** which complement the use of track inspection equipment
- Categorized infrastructure based on severity of vibration limits
- Near real-time Asset Monitoring on the cloud
- Precision and High-Frequency data measurements
- Detailed Analytics for maintenance planning





Figure 16. Data and identified features -see Table 3 for (1) through (8) association to feature and location

Track Sections	Feature Sections	TT ID	Track Feature	Detection Evaluation	
				XY-vector	Z-vector
1-3		S1	Lubricator	ND	ND
4-5		S2	1		
6 - 62	5-26	S3	Repair/overlay welds		Yes (1)
	30-40	\$3	Concrete bridge	maybe	maybe
	42-46	\$3	Concrete bridge	maybe	Yes (2)
63 - 66		S4	Steel bridges	ND	ND
67 - 69		\$5	Bridge deflection	ND	ND
70 - 73		S6	Steel bridges	ND	ND
74-92		\$7	Rail performance	ND	ND
93-97		S8	Fiber optic cable	ND	ND
98-108		S9	405 tumout/frog		Yes (3)
109 - 117		\$23	405 turnout/frog		Yes (3)
118-125		S24	Lubricator	ND	ND
126-163		S25	TPO, Tie and fastener, performance	Yes (4)	No
164 - 170		S26			
171-175		S27	Lubricator	ND	ND
176-180		S28	Turn out, steering switch, foundation	Yes (5)	
181 - 193		S29	LTM Tests	ND	ND
194 - 198		S30			
199-208		S31	FRA: Rail-seat deterioration, Thermite welds	Yes (6)	Yes (6)
209-212		\$32			
213 - 225		\$33	Crib ties	Yes (7)	Yes (7)
226 - 229		\$34	2		
230 - 240		\$35	407 turnout/frog	Yes (8)	Yes (8)

## **Sentinel Gateway**<sup>™</sup>

Sentinel Gateway<sup>™</sup> is a data concentration hub used to communicate with wireless IoT sensors from Ridgetop Group or other sensor providers. It is complete with all necessary network interface requirements to communicate over Wi-Fi, Cellular, or Ethernet.



#### **Electrical and Mechanical Specifications**

SENSOR PARAMETERS	Specifications
Protocol / Standard	Sentinel IoT: IEEE 802.15.4
	Wi-Fi: IEE 802.11 b/g/n
Frequency Range	Sentinel IoT: 2.4GHz
	Wi-Fi: 2.4 GHz – 5 GHz
Transmission Rate	Sentinel IoT: 22 Kb/s
	WI-FI: 250-500 Kb/s
Security	Sentinel IoT: Binary
	WI-FI: WPA/WPA2/WPA3
Range	Sentinel IoT: 10 m (32 ft)
	Wi-Fi: 100 m (328 ft)
IP Addressing	Dynamic and Static IP support
Storage	1 TB SSD
SBC Processor	Intel Celeron N3160
SBC Operating System	Linux Ubuntu
SBC Memory	4 GB DDR3L Dual Channel RAM
GPS	Dead reckoning GPS receiver (NMEA-0183 standard output)
RotoSense Data Downloading	1 -2 minute download time for full memory buffer mode/streaming mode
Networking	Private network or join existing network
Connectivity Interfaces	Wi-Fi Access Point or Wired Ethernet Port
Power Input	12 [V] 3 [A] locking barrel power supply
*Operating temperature	0°C to 70 °C
ASSEMBLY PARAMETERS	Specifications
*Dimensions	20.3 cm x 16.2 cm x 4.8 cm (Length x Width x Height)
*Weight	1.071 kg (2.362 lbs.)
*Enclosure material	Aluminum alloy

## **RotoSense<sup>™</sup> - IoT Sensor**

**RotoSense**<sup>™</sup> is a wireless smart sensor that allows for easy extraction of high-resolution acceleration and temperature data signatures from rotating or vibrating components. It can be mounted directly to a bearing cap with a 3-bolt pattern, or a customized housing and/or base plate can be designed for other mounting configurations.



#### **Electrical and Mechanical Specifications**

SENSOR PARAMETERS	Specifications: RS-3001		
On-board accelerometer(s)	3 dimensional accelerometer with X-Y-Z coverage		
Accelerometer range	±200 [g]		
Measurement sensitivity	Min = 5.8 mV/g Typ = 6.5 mV/g Max = 7.2 mV/g		
Temperature sensor range	- 40 °C up to 125 °C		
Zero [g] bias voltage	Min = 1.4 V Typ = 1.5 V Max = 1.6 V		
Anti-aliasing filter bandwidth	50 Hz - 1,000 Hz		
Analog-to-Digital Converter (ADC)	Three successive approximation, 16-bit resolution ADCs		
Variable sampling rate	1 Hz to 100 KHz, software selectable in discrete increments		
Data storage capacity	2 MB of on-board nonvolatile sensor memory		
RF data packet standard	IEEE 802.15.4 open communication architecture		
RF data downloading	2 minute to download full memory buffer mode/streaming mode		
Range	10 meters (between RotoSense and Sentinel Gateway)		
*Power consumption	Deep Sleep = 0 W, Sleep Mode = 0.012 W, Standby Mode = 0.065 W, Streaming Mode = 0.066 W, Burst = 0.075 W (approximates)		
*Operating temperature	Standard Temperature Range: -20°C to 70 °C Extended Temperature Range: -40 °C to 125°C		
ASSEMBLY PARAMETERS	Specifications: RS-3001		
*Battery	9600 mAh capacity		
*Dimensions	Diameter = 7.78 cm. Height = 5.16 cm.		
*Weight	304 grams		
*Enclosure material	Composite material		
Baseplate diameter	7.72 cm		
Baseplate thickness	1.52 mm		
Mounting hole diameter	(3) 8/32		

### **Sentinel MotionView<sup>™</sup> - IoT Sensor**

Sentinel MotionView<sup>™</sup> is a local Web Application (WebApp) hosted by the Sentinel Gateway<sup>™</sup> to collect and display data by the IoT RotoSense<sup>™</sup> sensor network, and to monitor changes in performance. Sentinel MotionView<sup>™</sup> is compatible on most browsers (Internet Explorer, Mozilla Firefox, Google Chrome, Safari, etc.) on a desktop or a smartphone.



## **Sentinel Motion<sup>™</sup> - Implementation**





#### **About Ridgetop Group Inc.**

Ridgetop Group is an **AS9100D and ISO:9001** certified organization located in **Tucson**, **Arizona**. Since its founding in 2000, Ridgetop has specialized in providing best in class **CBM/CBM+**, **PHM**, **IVHM and Reliability Engineering solutions** to commercial and government organizations to increase safety, efficiency, and operational performance while also reducing maintenance and sustainment costs with the most innovative products and technology.

Our advanced diagnostic and prognostic methods are used to improve test coverage, improve reliability, reduce downtime, and reduce the mean time to repair (MTTR) of mission critical systems. These costsaving methods are incorporated in products and services have been applied on numerous electromechanical systems and subsystems found in **Aerospace, Defense, Transportation, Energy, Medical, and Industrial** applications. Ridgetop also provides engineering design services for hardware, firmware, and software-based development programs related to the implementation of CBM, PHM, and IVHM strategies.



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