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Safety Information

Description of Caution/Warning Symbols

Appropriate caution/warning statements are used throughout the manual and on the instrument that requires you to take cautionary measures when working with the instrument.

Caution



CAUTION

Failure to follow the procedures prescribed in this manual might result in irreparable equipment damage. Important information about the operation and maintenance of this instrument is included in this manual.

Warning



WARNING

Warning means that unsafe use of the instrument could result in serious injury to you or cause damage to the instrument. Follow the procedures prescribed.

Caution and Warning Symbols

The following symbols may accompany cautions and warnings to indicate the nature and consequences of hazards:

	Warns that the instrument contains a laser and that important information about its safe operation and maintenance is included in the manual.
	Warns that the instrument is susceptible to electrostatic discharge (ESD) and ESD protection should be followed to avoid damage.
	Indicates the connector is connected to earth ground and cabinet ground.



WARNINGS

- Use of components other than those specified by TSI® Incorporated (TSI®) may impair the safety features provided by the equipment.
- The instrument has been design to be used with batteries supplied by TSI®. **DO NOT** use a substitute.
- Old batteries must be properly recycled in accordance with the local environmental regulations.
- **DO NOT** use non-rechargeable batteries in this instrument. Fire, explosions, or other hazards may result.
- If the solar power kit is used in a manner not specified by the manufacturer, the protection provided by the equipment may be impaired.
- When using outdoors, the power adapters should be connected to a weatherproof “in use” rated outdoor receptacle enclosure.



CAUTION

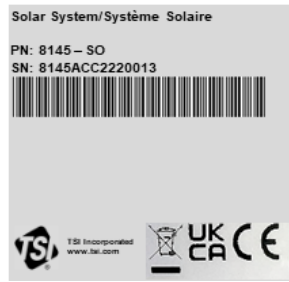




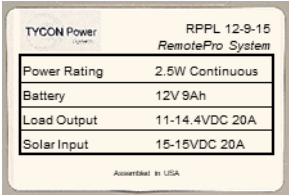
The solar power enclosure is designed to be resistant to rain or water spray. It is not designed to be waterproof when immersed. Setting it in a pool of water will result in flooding the inner compartment with water. This will severely damage the battery pack. **DO NOT** set the Battery Enclosure in **water!**

NOTICE

Installation videos can be found on our website www.tsi.com.

Labels


Advisory labels and identification labels are attached to the instrument.

1. Serial Number Label (Inside)	 <p>Solar System/Système Solaire</p> <p>PN: 8145 – SO SN: 8145ACC2220013</p>  <p> TSI Incorporated www.tsi.com</p> <p> </p>								
2. Specifications Label	 <p>TYCON Power <small>TYCON</small> RPPL 12-9-15 RemotePro System</p> <table border="1"><tr><td>Power Rating</td><td>2.5W Continuous</td></tr><tr><td>Battery</td><td>12V 9Ah</td></tr><tr><td>Load Output</td><td>11-14.4VDC 20A</td></tr><tr><td>Solar Input</td><td>15-15VDC 20A</td></tr></table> <p><small>Assembled in USA</small></p>	Power Rating	2.5W Continuous	Battery	12V 9Ah	Load Output	11-14.4VDC 20A	Solar Input	15-15VDC 20A
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As part of TSI® Incorporated’s effort to have a minimal negative impact on the communities in which its products are manufactured and used:

-  If instrument becomes obsolete, return to TSI® for disassembly and recycling.

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Chapter 1

Product Overview


TSI® Incorporated's 12 VDC power solar systems are designed for use with the BlueSky™ Air Quality Monitor which enables real-time outdoor air quality monitoring in remote locations.

NOTICE

Customer must purchase a SIM card from a cellular provider to use with Models 8145-CS and 8145-CSEU.

Unpacking

Compare all the components you received with those listed in the table below.

Item	Part Number	Description
	8145-SO	Solar system, includes 1 12 VDC (8.5) A-Hr battery, 1 charge controller, 1 panel, 1 outdoor enclosure and mounting hardware
	8145-CS	Solar system + cellular modem – NA version, includes solar system plus FCC certified cellular modem
	8145-CSEU	Solar system + cellular modem – EU version, includes solar system plus CE certified cellular modem

Replacement Parts

Item	Part Number	Description
	8145-BATT	12 VDC (8.5) A-Hr battery
	8145-PL1	15 watt solar panel
	8145-BK	Solar panel bracket
	8145-CONT	Solar power controller
	8145-CB	Cables
	8145-HC	Hose clamps
	8145-LOCK	Padlock

Chapter 2

Setting Up

Solar Power System Assembly

TSI® solar power systems are delivered partially assembled. Start by unpacking the device and its contents from the shipping package.



WARNING

The solar panel, solar panel bracket and hose clamps may have sharp corners and edges. Handle with care.

Suggested tools:

- (1) 1/2" (13 mm) wrenches
- 5/16" (8 mm) socket, wrench or nut driver
- Flat blade screwdriver

Mount the Solar Panel

1. Select the hose clamps appropriate for the pole size to which the solar panel will be mounted. Two sets of different size hose clamps are provided for use with the solar panel bracket.
2. Open the hose clamps and feed the open ends through the slots in the solar panel bracket.



Figure 1: Solar panel bracket

- Place the solar panel at the desired location on the pole and tighten the hose clamps using the 5/16" (8 mm) socket or nut driver (or use a flat blade screwdriver). If necessary, use the 1/2" (13 mm) wrenches to loosen the bolts shown in Figure 2 to adjust the angle of the solar panel based on your location's latitude.

NOTICES

- In the northern hemisphere, the solar panel should be facing south. The bracket comes preset to 45 degrees. For maximum efficiency, set the angle to (your latitude) * 0.9 + 30. There are also angle calculators on the internet that can help you with the best angle for your location.
- Mounting the BlueSky™ monitor so it is shaded by the solar panel will reduce the effect of the sun on temperature measurements (see images in the table above for reference).



Figure 2: Solar panel bracket angle adjustment

Mount the Enclosure

Pole Mount

1. Attach the pole mount brackets to the back of the enclosure using the included screws and washers. Two washers are used per screw: one under the bracket and one above it.



Figure 3: Attach pole mount brackets

2. Open the hose clamps and feed them through the outer slots in the brackets.



Figure 4: Feed hose clamps through slots in bracket

3. Mount the enclosure on the pole with the cable entry facing down and securely tighten the hose clamps.



Figure 5: Mount enclosure on pole

Wall Mount

Attach the wall mount brackets to the back of the enclosure using the included screws (no washers are needed). Brackets can be installed at different angles as needed. Use customer-supplied screws or bolts to attach the enclosure to the wall with the cable entry facing down.



Figure 6: Attach wall mount brackets

Electrical Connections

1. Inside the enclosure, remove and discard the packing material. Remove the white protective cap from the positive battery terminal and attach the red wire to the red terminal.

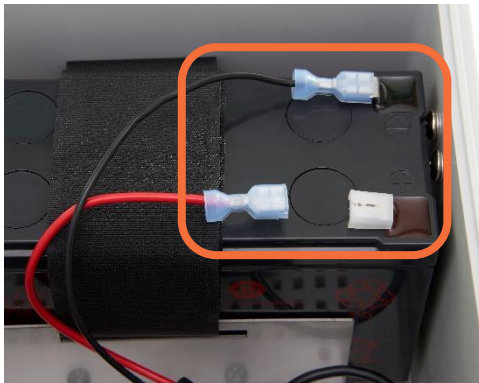


Figure 7: Electrical connections

2. Take the end of the cable from the solar panel and connect it to its mating connectors from the charge controller. Push the connectors together until they click.

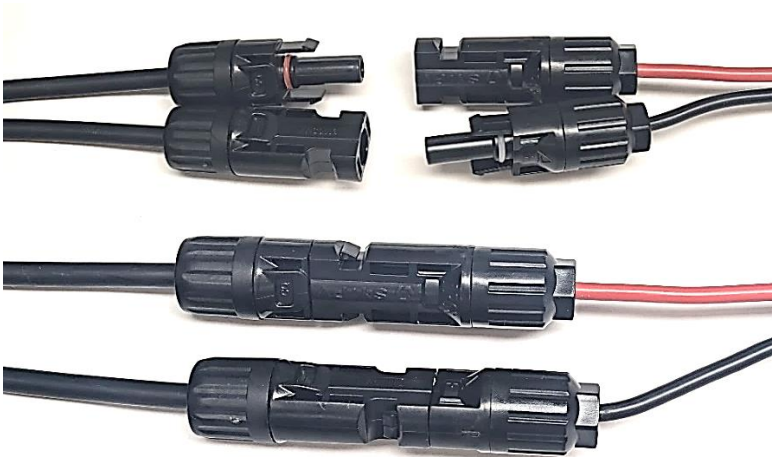


Figure 8: Solar panel connection


3. Press the  button on the solar controller to turn on the power to the BlueSky™ monitor and cellular modem (if equipped). See [Chapter 5](#) for troubleshooting power issues.



Figure 9: Solar power controller

4. Make sure the lid gasket is clean and free from any debris. Then carefully close the cover, making sure that wires are clear of the seam and hinge area. Hook the latches onto the lip of the door and press the lever toward the back until it clicks into place. Ensure that the seal in the cover is aligned with the lip of the enclosure. The cover snaps into place. There is one center security bolt that can be used to secure the cover. The included padlock can also be used to lock the enclosure.



Figure 10: Latch hook onto lip of door

5. Connect the USB cable that is connected to the solar power controller to the micro USB port on the bottom of the BlueSky™ monitor.



Figure 11: Micro USB port

Cellular Modem Setup (if equipped)



Figure 12 Cellular modem

Installing the SIM Card

1. Remove the cellular modem from the solar power enclosure by grasping the modem and pulling it straight off. The cellular modem is secured with hook-and-loop (Velcro®) strips.
2. Detach the power cable from the cellular modem by depressing the tab on the power cable connector.
3. Access the SIM card tray by using the SIM needle tool **1** provided with the system. Push the needle tool into the access hole next to the SIM card port and push until SIM card tray comes out **2**.
4. Place the SIM card in the SIM card tray **3** with an included adapter if needed and insert the tray into the cellular modem **4**. Note the orientation and the angled corner of the SIM card in the SIM card tray.

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Figure 13: Installation of SIM card

NOTICE

The cellular modem is compatible with mini-SIM (2FF) size cards. But since different types of SIM cards have the same contact arrangement, smaller SIM cards can also be used with the router, provided they are inserted into a 2FF SIM card adapter (included). A size perspective of the most popular SIM card types can be seen in the figure below:

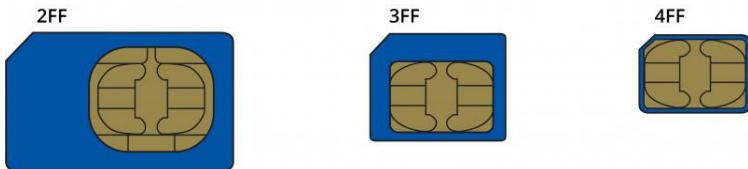


Figure 14: SIM card sizes

5. Place the cellular modem back into the solar enclosure by aligning the hook-and-loop strips in the enclosure and the back of the cellular modem. Then apply pressure to the cellular modem to ensure it is secure.
6. Connect the power cable back into the cellular modem.

Determining Cellular Modem Status

Power LED:

The power LED is located on the bottom left corner of the front panel, just under the power connector:



Figure 15: Power LED

Action	Description
LED turned ON	Router is powered up
LED turned OFF	Router is not powered up

Connection Status LEDs:

The connection status LEDs are located between the power connector and the signal strength indication LEDs:



Figure 16: Connection status LEDs

The LED displays the router's current connection state and network type among a few other things:

Action	Description
2G, 3G and 4G LEDs blinking every 1 second	No SIM or bad PIN
Blinking from 2G LED to 4G LED repeatedly	SIM holder is not inserted or access to network is denied

Action	Description
2G/3G/4G LED blinking every 1 sec	Connected to 2G/3G/4G, no data session established
2G/3G/4G LED turned on	Connected to 2G/3G/4G with data session
2G/3G/4G LED blinking rapidly	Connected to 2G/3G/4G with data session and data is being transferred

Signal Strength LEDs:

The signal strength LEDs are located in the center of the front panel, to the right of the connection status LEDs:



Figure 17: Signal strength LEDs

Each lit up LED represents a different value of the router's current signal strength in RSSI:

No. of Lit-up LEDs	Signal Strength Value
0	≤ -111 dBm
1	-110 dBm to -97 dBm
2	-96 dBm to -82 dBm
3	-81 dBm to -67 dBm
4	-66 dBm to -52 dBm
5	≥ -51 dBm

NOTICE

After the cellular modem gets powered up, all signal strength LEDs will turn ON and stay ON for about 40 seconds or until the router's modem registers on a network—after this, the LEDs will start displaying the router's current signal strength.

Supported Frequency Bands:

Different countries and network operators use different frequency bands for communication in their respective mobile networks.

Therefore, in order to communicate within an operator's network, the cellular modem has to support the frequency bands used by that operator. Table below provides the various frequency bands for TSI® cellular modem part numbers.

TSI® P/N	Region (Operator)	Supported Bands
8145-CE 8145-CEOD 8145-CS	North America (AT&T®, Bell*, T-Mobile®)	4G (LTE-FDD): B2 (1900 MHz), B4 (1700 MHz), B12 (700 MHz) 3G: B2 (1900 MHz), B4 (1700 MHz), B5 (850 MHz)
8145-CEEU 8145-CEODEU 8145-CSEU	Europe, the Middle East, Africa, Korea, Thailand, Malaysia	4G (LTE-FDD): B1 (2100 MHz), B3 (1800 MHz), B7 (2600 MHz), B8 (900 MHz), B20 (800 MHz), B28A (700 MHz) 3G: B1 (2100 MHz), B8 (900MHz) 2G: B3 (1800 MHz), B8 (900 MHz)

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Chapter 3

Troubleshooting

Detailed troubleshooting and frequently asked questions can be found on TSI® website.

The table below lists the symptoms, possible causes and recommended solutions for common problems encountered with the TSI® Solar System and BlueSky™ Air Quality Monitor.

Solar System Troubleshooting	
Possible Cause	Corrective Action
There is no power output from the solar power controller (power controller display is off)	
Bad power connection	Check all power connections. Ensure all connections to the power controller are secure and the battery wire terminals are secure on the battery terminals.
Power controller not turned on	Press the power button  on the solar controller to turn the power on or off.
The BlueSky™ monitor turns off at night and comes back on in the morning or later in the day.	
Not enough sunlight	Contact TSI® for larger capacity options to add more solar panel area and/or battery capacity.

Cellular Modem Troubleshooting	
Possible Cause	Corrective Action
The modem seems to be connected but there is no data available on TSI Link™ solutions.	
Cellular modem is not connected	Check the signal strength and network type (see Figure 16 and Figure 17 above. If the signal is low or there is no data connection, try adjusting the antennas or moving the modem to a location where you know cellular coverage is available and strong.
There is a cellular connection but the BlueSky™ device is not connected to the cellular modem	Check the indicator lights on the BlueSky™ monitor to make sure that it is connected to Wi-Fi® and be sure it is connected to the cellular modem Wi-Fi®.
Data has not been updated yet	The default BlueSky™ monitor reporting period is 15 minutes. It can take up to 30 minutes for data to show up on TSI Link™ the first time.

Appendix A

Specifications*

Power Requirements	
Solar System run-time	Continuous (with adequate sunlight)
Rated maximum cell power	15 watts (per panel)
Nominal voltage	12 volts
Solar system battery	12 VDC, 8.5 Ah
Battery run-time	90 to 120 hours (typical, full-charge to power cutoff, when no sunlight for charging)
Operating temperature	-22 to 140°F (-30 to 60°C)

Physical (Solar Panel)	
Dimensions	12 x 14 in. (31 x 36 cm)

Physical (Battery and Enclosure)	
Dimensions (HWD)	11 x 7 x 6 in. (28 x 18 x 15 cm)
Weight	15 lbs. (7 kg)

**Specifications are subject to change without notice.*

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