DODO AQUA SAL

Inductive Salinity Sensor

MODEL **DOT-SAS-200**

ORDER CODE **DA-SAL**

Salinity · Temperature

Works with **DODO LOGGER** · **DODOTiK Platform** · **DODOLINK** mobile app · any Modbus-RTU master

- **0–70 PSU, 0.1 PSU resolution**
- **Inductive - no contacting electrodes**
- **±1.5 % F.S.**
- **RS-485 Modbus-RTU**
- **IP68, 3/4" NPT immersion**
- **5 m cable, GX12 fitted**

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1. Overview

DODO AQUA SAL (DOT-SAS-200) measures salinity from fresh water to well past seawater - **0 to 70 PSU** - with temperature, over **RS-485 Modbus-RTU**.

What separates it from a conductivity probe pressed into salinity service is the electrode. This is an **inductive (electrodeless, toroidal) cell**: two coils sealed inside a plastic body, coupled only through a loop of the water itself. Nothing metallic touches the medium.

That is the whole argument for the sensor. The failure mode of a contacting cell in saline or dirty water is fouling - a film across the electrodes changes the cell constant and the reading walks away from truth between cleans. An inductive cell has no electrodes to foul. The factory's own maintenance instruction is that these cells are *basically maintenance-free, and contamination or mild scaling of the casing does not affect normal operation* - and that cleaning them with sandpaper is acceptable. That is not a claim a contacting probe can make.

The practical consequence is service interval. In seawater intakes, brine streams, aquaculture and wastewater - the places salinity actually gets measured - this is the difference between a monthly clean and an annual look.

Headline capabilities

- **Inductive cell** - no contacting electrodes, so nothing to foul or polarise
- **Full brackish-to-brine span** - 0–70 PSU at 0.1 PSU resolution
- **Fouling-tolerant** - a film or mild scale on the casing does not shift the reading
- **Robust cleaning** - a soft brush or even sandpaper on the casing is acceptable
- **Compensated** - automatic temperature compensation via Pt1000, ±0.5 °C

- **Submersible** - IP68, 3/4" NPT thread, < 0.6 MPa working pressure
- **Low power** - < 0.2 W at 12 V
- **Plug-in** - 5 m cable with the DODO LOGGER GX12 connector fitted as standard

2. Product identification

Item	Value
Product name	**DODO AQUA SAL** — Inductive Salinity Sensor
Model number	**DOT-SAS-200**
Order code	**DA-SAL** *(see section 14 for configured variants)*
Product family	**DODO AQUA** — Industrial Online Water Sensors
Brand	**DODOTiK** · www.dodotik.com
Interface	**RS-485, Modbus-RTU**
Cable termination	**GX12 aviation connector, 4-pin**, female (socket contacts), fitted as standard

Marking on the unit. A 40 × 24 mm printed label on the sensor body carries the **DODOTiK** logo, *DODO AQUA* and the product name *SAL*, *Model: DOT-SAS-200*, the working data — DC 12–24 V IP68; RS-485 Modbus ADDR 6 — a lot code, and *dodotik.com* beside a QR code to it. It carries no conformity marks.

The lot code is not a serial number. It reads *LOT YYMM* and identifies the production run, not the unit: every DODO AQUA SAL built in the same month carries the same code. It is what dates a warranty claim and what scopes a batch recall, and it is the number to quote alongside the model when you report a fault. Individual units are not serialised.

Quote **DOT-SAS-200** for technical support and the order code with its suffix (**DA-SAL**, ...) when you reorder — the model number identifies the hardware platform, the order code identifies the configured variant.

3. Measured parameters

Parameter	Unit	Range	Accuracy	Resolution
Salinity	PSU	0–70 PSU	±1.5 % F.S.	0.1 PSU
Temperature	°C	0–65 °C	±0.5 °C	0.1 °C

> **How the value arrives.** DODO AQUA SAL returns its reading as an integer plus a decimal-place count; for this product the count is **1**, so the reading is `raw / 10^1`. Section 9.2 gives the register map.

4. How it works

Inductive (electrodeless) conductivity. Two toroidal coils are moulded into the probe body. The first is driven with an alternating current and induces a voltage in the loop of water that passes through both toroids; that water loop behaves as a single-turn conductor whose current depends on the conductivity of the medium. The second coil senses that current. Because the coupling is magnetic, **no metal is in contact with the water at any point**.

Why that changes the maintenance story. A contacting cell's calibration is its electrode geometry, so anything deposited on the electrodes changes the measurement. An inductive cell's calibration is the geometry of the *bore* through the body, which is far larger than any film that forms on it. A thin deposit or mild scale therefore has very little effect, and the casing can be cleaned aggressively without changing the cell constant.

Salinity from conductivity. Conductivity is converted to **Practical Salinity Units** using the measured temperature. PSU is very nearly parts per thousand by mass: standard seawater is about 35 PSU.

Temperature compensation - Pt1000. A platinum element drives the compensation and is reported as its own channel to ±0.5 °C.

5. Technical specifications

5.1 Measurement

Parameter	Value
Measured parameters	**Salinity and temperature**
Measuring range	**0–70 PSU**
Resolution	**0.1 PSU**
Accuracy	**±1.5 % F.S.**; temperature **±0.5 °C**
Measuring principle	**Inductive (electrodeless, toroidal) cell**
Temperature compensation	**Automatic (Pt1000)**
Calibration	**Two-point** - zero in air, slope in a standard solution

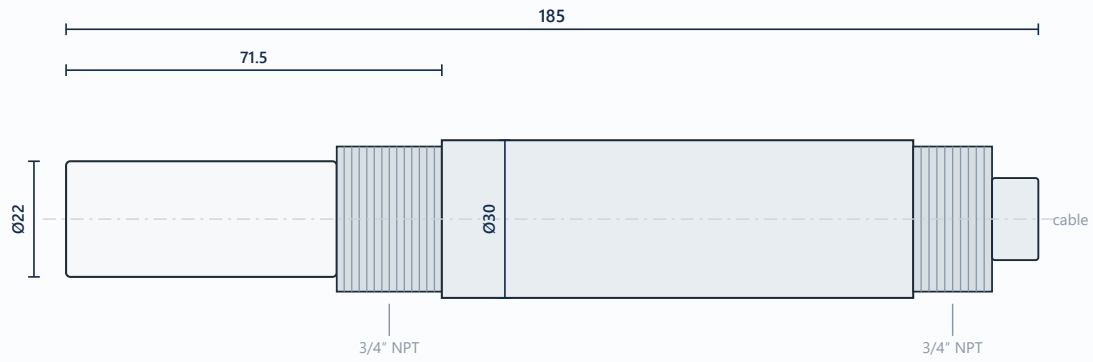
5.2 Electrical

Parameter	Value
Supply voltage	**DC 12–24 V**
Power consumption	**< 0.2 W @ 12 V**
Output	**RS-485, Modbus-RTU**
Baud rate	**9600** *(default)*
Frame format	**8 data bits, 1 stop bit, no parity (8N1)**
Default slave address	**6**
Addressing	Field-changeable over the bus, range 1–127
Cable	**5 m, Φ6 mm shielded, corrosion-resistant jacket**, GX12 4-pin female fitted; other lengths on request

5.3 Mechanical and environmental

Parameter	Value
Body diameter	**Φ30 mm**
Overall length	**185 mm**
Wetted material	**ABS** *(default)* or **POM**
Mounting	**Immersion, 3/4" NPT thread** - tank, pipe or submerged
Working temperature	**0 … +65 °C**
Working pressure	**< 0.6 MPa**
Ingress protection	**IP68**

6. Dimensions



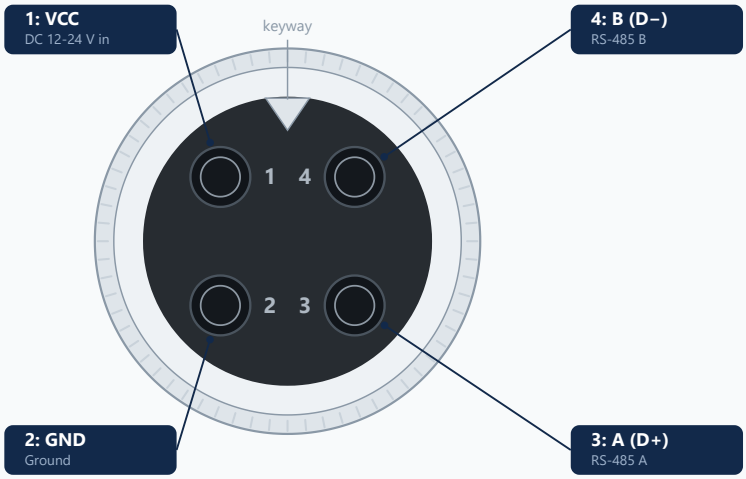
All dimensions in millimetres

Dimension	Value
Overall length	**185 mm**
Body diameter	**Φ30 mm**
Sensing head diameter	**Φ22 mm**
Process thread	**3/4" NPT**, both ends
Cable length	**5 m** (standard)

7. Installation and wiring

7.1 Connector and pinout

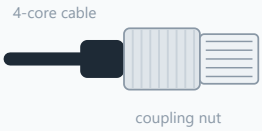
The 5 m cable is terminated in a **GX12 4-pin female aviation connector**, fitted as standard. It screws directly onto the **DODO LOGGER** Modbus RS-485 sensor socket — no stripping, no terminal block, no tools.



Socket face view · looking into the connector

GX12 aviation connector

4-pin female, fitted to the sensor cable
Threaded coupling nut, screw-locking
Mates the DODO LOGGER Modbus RS-485 socket



Keyed: one mating orientation only

Numbering as marked on the insert. The solder side of the connector is the mirror of this view.

Pin	Signal	Function
1	VCC	Power + (DC 12–24 V)
2	GND	Ground

Pin	Signal	Function
3	A (D+)	RS-485 **A**
4	B (D−)	RS-485 **B**

The GX12 4-pin female connector fitted to the sensor cable, seen on the socket face. The four socket contacts and the keyway notch are visible; the drawing above gives the signal that lands on each.

Connector	Value
Type	**GX12 aviation connector, 4-pin**
Gender on sensor cable	**Female (socket contacts)**
Coupling	Threaded nut, screw-locking
Keying	Moulded keyway — one mating orientation only
Mates with	DODO LOGGER Modbus RS-485 sensor socket (GX12, 4-pin)

The logger passes its own input voltage straight through to VCC, so a 12 V or 24 V logger supply sits inside this sensor's DC 12–24 V window with no separate PSU.

Pin numbering is read from the **socket face** — looking into the connector, as drawn. The solder side is the mirror of that view.

The connector is not the wet part. The **IP68** rating covers the sensor body and its moulded cable gland. The GX12 mating pair is a screw-locking dry-side connector: keep it above water, inside the logger enclosure or in a sealed junction box. A connector standing in water eventually tracks between contacts, and the symptom is an intermittent Modbus timeout rather than an obvious failure.

Third-party controllers. The sensor is a plain Modbus-RTU device, so a PLC, DCS, recorder or any other RS-485 master reads it directly. Mate the GX12 to a matching panel socket or a GX12-to-flying-lead patch lead; the pin numbering above is all the information needed. Never cut the cable at the sensor's own gland — that gland is part of the IP68 seal.

Ordering without the connector. Order code **DA-SAL-BL** ships bare-ended instead. Those four cores are red VCC, black GND, blue 485A, white 485B, and that is the only variant where the colours matter — on every other order the cable is moulded and terminated, and no conductor is ever exposed.

7.2 Installation

Clearance. Keep the sensing head at least **2 cm** from the vessel floor and side walls. An inductive cell reads the water loop that threads its bore, and a nearby wall - particularly a metal one - distorts that loop.

Flow. Mount where the medium moves through the bore. The bore is the measurement path; if it silts up with settled solids the reading is of the silt.

Mounting options. The 3/4" NPT thread takes a side-wall fitting, top flange, pipe tee, submersion pipe or flow-through cell.

7.3 Handling and maintenance

- **Essentially maintenance-free.** Contamination or mild scaling of the casing does not affect normal operation - this is the point of an inductive cell.
- When cleaning is needed, use a **soft brush or sandpaper** to take the deposit off, rinse with distilled water, then recalibrate.
- Because these cells routinely work in fouling service, firm pressure is acceptable during cleaning. **Lightly scratching the casing does not affect operation** - but do not penetrate it. A breached casing ends the sensor.
- Keep the bore clear. A blocked bore reads whatever is blocking it.

8. Calibration

Two points: zero in air, slope in a standard solution.

Zero, in air. Rinse the probe with distilled water and blot it dry with filter paper. Leave it powered and standing in air for about **3 minutes**; when the reading has settled, write the zero command. Residual water in the bore is the usual cause of a failed zero.

Slope, in a standard solution. Use a standard between **20 % of full scale and full scale**. Stand the probe vertically with at least **2 cm** of clearance from the container floor and walls, and write the slope command.

9. Modbus-RTU interface

9.1 Link settings

Setting	Value
Protocol	Modbus-RTU
Slave address	**6** (default), range 1–127
Baud rate	**9600**
Data bits	**8**
Stop bits	**1**
Parity	**None**

> **DODO AQUA SAL ships on slave address 6.** Every unit of a given product leaves the factory on the same address, so two of them on one RS-485 bus collide on first power-up — and the symptom is garbled or missing replies rather than a clean error. Address each sensor individually, one on the bus at a time, before wiring the bus up. Section 9.5 has the command.

9.2 Register map

The reading is held in **holding registers starting at 0x0000**, read with function code **0x03**. DODO AQUA SAL returns **4 registers** in one transaction.

Register	Name	Access	Notes
0x0000	Measured value + temperature	Read	4 registers: salinity, decimals, temperature, temperature decimals
0x1000	Zero calibration	Write	In air; write 0
0x1004	Slope calibration	Write	In a standard solution; write the standard's actual value

Register	Name	Access	Notes
0x1006	Zero calibration value	Read	Returns the stored zero offset
0x1008	Slope calibration value	Read	Slope × 1000
0x1010	Temperature calibration	Read / Write	Write actual temperature × 10; read the stored offset × 10
0x2002	Device address	Read / Write	Default **6**, range 1–127
0x2020	Factory reset	Write	Write 0 - restores factory calibration. **Recalibrate after a reset**

> **The decimal point travels with the value.** The reading is `value / 10^decimals`. The exponent is fixed for a given product and range, so an integrator can treat it as a constant - but it must be read once at commissioning and checked, because it is the device that decides it, not the datasheet.

9.3 Reading the measured value

Request — read 4 registers from 0x0000 on slave 6:

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06 03 00 00 00 04 45 BE
```

Response:

```
06 03 08 01 02 00 01 00 B0 00 01 90 48
```

Bytes	Raw	Decodes to
`01 02`	0x0102 = 258	salinity, raw
`00 01`	1	decimal place → **25.8 PSU**
`00 B0`	0x00B0 = 176	temperature, raw
`00 01`	1	decimal place → **17.6 °C**

9.4 Calibration commands

Written with function code **0x06**. The sensor echoes the frame back on success.

Calibration	Request frame	Response
Zero, in air	`06 06 10 00 00 00 8C BD`	`06 06 10 00 00 00 8C BD`

9.5 Changing the slave address

Write the new address to register **0x2002** with function code **0x06**. Changing a sensor from address 6 to address 1:

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06 06 20 02 00 01 E3 BD
```

Bytes	Meaning
`06`	Current slave address
`06`	Function code 0x06 — write single register
`20 02`	Register 0x2002
`00 01`	New address = 1
`E3 BD`	CRC16, low byte first

The reply carries the **new** address, not the old one. Valid addresses are 1–127.

9.6 Error responses

If the sensor cannot execute a command it replies with the function code plus 0x80 and an error code:

Field	Value
Address	The sensor's own address
Function code	Requested function code **+ 0x80**
Error code	**0x01** — function-code error · **0x03** — data error
CRC	CRC16, low byte first

10. DODO LOGGER, DODOTiK Platform and the DODOLINK app

DODO AQUA SAL is a complete monitoring point on its own: plug it into a **DODO LOGGER** and the readings are recorded locally, sent to the cloud, and visible on a phone — with no firmware work and no integration project.

DODO LOGGER — the companion data logger. The sensor's fitted GX12 connector screws straight onto its Modbus RS-485 socket; up to four sensors per logger, uplink over Wi-Fi, LoRaWAN or 4G LTE.

10.1 Reading the sensor with DODO LOGGER

DODO AQUA SAL is read through the logger's **no-code sensor library**. An installer defines the sensor once in the logger's web interface, assigns it to one of the four universal slots, and the readings begin logging to SD and publishing to the cloud — no firmware reflash and no backend change, because the logger self-describes its schema to the platform.

Item	Behaviour
Slot type	Modbus RS-485 (GX12 4-pin socket)
Connection	**Plug-in** — the fitted GX12 connector mates directly; no wiring
Function code	**0x03** (read holding registers)
Start register	**0x0000**
Register count	**4**
Baud rate	**9600**, 8N1
Power	Supplied by the logger; pass-through of its 12–24 V input

Item	Behaviour
Sensors per logger	Up to 4 slots; each sensor on the bus needs a unique address
Logging	Every reading to microSD, always on, offline included
Cloud	MQTT/TLS to the DODOTiK Platform, or POST to your own HTTPS endpoint

Suggested field definitions

Field	Data type	Scale	Unit
`sal`	uint16	0.1	PSU
`temp`	int16	0.1	°C

> **The device also returns its decimal-place registers.** The logger's sensor library carries a fixed scale factor per field, so the exponent registers are normally left undefined and the scale above is used instead. Read them once at commissioning to confirm the exponent is what this datasheet states; it is the device that decides it.

10.2 DODOTiK Platform and the DODOLINK mobile app

Readings published by the logger arrive at the **DODOTiK Platform** (`platform.dodotik.com`) over MQTT/TLS, and at the **DODOLINK** mobile app for iOS and Android. Because the logger publishes its own schema, a new sensor appears in both with no backend deployment and no app update.

Where	What you get
DODO LOGGER — on the device	Browser dashboard served by the logger itself, on the local network or its own access point. Live readings, slot configuration, and CSV download straight off the microSD card. No app, no internet.
DODOTiK Platform — web	Live dashboards, full history, alert thresholds and device management across every logger on the account.
DODOLINK — iOS and Android	The same live readings and alerts on a phone, for operators who are not at a desk.
Your own system — instead of, or alongside	The logger can POST self-describing JSON to your HTTPS endpoint, or the sensor can be read directly by any Modbus-RTU master — PLC, DCS, SCADA or a paperless recorder.

> **Nothing here is a lock-in.** DODO AQUA SAL is a standard Modbus-RTU device on a standard RS-485 bus. The DODO LOGGER, the platform and the app are the fastest route from probe to dashboard, not the only one — the register map in section 9 is everything a third-party integrator needs.

11. The DODO AQUA family

DODO AQUA is the DODOTiK water-sensor line. Every member outputs RS-485 Modbus-RTU and carries the same GX12 4-pin female connector, so any mix of them runs on a single DODO LOGGER bus — up to four slots, each on its own address.

Product	Measures	Range	Order code
DODO AQUA pH	Industrial Online pH Sensor	0–14 pH	**DA-PH**
DODO AQUA ORP	Online ORP / Redox Potential Sensor	−1500 … +1500 mV	**DA-ORP**
DODO AQUA EC/TDS	Online Conductivity & TDS Sensor	Six ranges - see section 14	**DA-EC**
DODO AQUA SAL ←	Inductive Salinity Sensor	0–70 PSU	**DA-SAL**
DODO AQUA CL	Amperometric Free Chlorine Sensor	0–2.000 mg/L	**DA-CL**
DODO AQUA LEVEL	Submersible Hydrostatic Water-Level Sensor	0–5 m or 0–10 m	**DA-LVL**

Product	Measures	Range	Order code
DODO AQUA PRESSURE	Industrial Line Pressure Transmitter	0–6, 0–10 or 0–16 bar	**DA-PRS**

What they share is the bus: RS-485, Modbus-RTU at 9600 8N1, with the GX12 4-pin female connector fitted as standard. Where they differ is mounting, supply and cable. The five water-quality sensors are 3/4" NPT bodies on DC 12–24 V ±10 % with a 5 m cable, rated IP68 — except **DODO AQUA CL**, which is supplied with a flow cell and is not immersed at all. **DODO AQUA LEVEL** hangs on its own cable and **DODO AQUA PRESSURE** screws into a G1/2 port; both run on DC 12–36 V.

Default slave addresses are not the same across the line: DODO AQUA LEVEL and DODO AQUA PRESSURE on **address 1**; the five water-quality sensors on **address 6**. Address every sensor individually before putting them on one bus.

12. Quality and warranty

- **IP68** sealed body, ABS or POM wetted parts
- No contacting electrodes - nothing in the measurement path wears out
- 72-hour burn-in and stability test on every unit before shipment
- **Warranty: 1 year** from date of sale, excluding damage from improper use

13. Applications

- **Desalination** - feed, brine and reject-stream salinity
- **Aquaculture** - marine and brackish pond and RAS salinity control
- **Coastal and estuarine monitoring** - saline-intrusion and mixing studies
- **Seawater intakes** - cooling-water and process-intake quality
- **Food processing** - brine strength in curing and pickling lines
- **Wastewater** - saline-load monitoring on industrial effluent

14. Ordering information

Order code	Description
DA-SAL	DODO AQUA SAL (DOT-SAS-200), 0–70 PSU, ABS wetted parts, RS-485 Modbus-RTU, 5 m cable with GX12 4-pin female connector
DA-SAL-POM	As DA-SAL, POM wetted parts
DA-SAL-L10	As DA-SAL, 10 m cable
DA-SAL-L20	As DA-SAL, 20 m cable
DA-SAL-BL	As DA-SAL, bare leads instead of the GX12 connector

What's in the box:

- DODO AQUA SAL sensor with 5 m cable, GX12 4-pin female connector fitted
- Test certificate
- Calibration solution *(optional, specify at order)*

Not included: power supply, RS-485 interface or logger.

15. Support & contact

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Technical support	info@dodotik.com — quote the model number from the unit label
Sales & distribution	info@dodotik.com — export pricing, volume tiers and partner terms on request

Quote the model number **DOT-SAS-200** from the label on the sensor body when you contact support, and the order code with its suffix when you reorder — the configured variant cannot be read off the unit.

The other six DODO AQUA sensors — **DODO AQUA pH**, **DODO AQUA ORP**, **DODO AQUA EC/TDS**, **DODO AQUA CL**, **DODO AQUA LEVEL**, **DODO AQUA PRESSURE** — each have their own datasheet. The **DODO LOGGER** data logger and the **DODO SOIL** 8-in-1 soil probe are documented separately.

16. Revision history

Rev	Change
1.0	First release.

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