#### **Applications**

- Environmental: Lost Sources, Contamination
- *Emergency Response:* Nuclear Incident Response Teams
- Security: Customs, Military
- Geophysical, Uranium, Gas & Oil Exploration





# **RS-700**

## Mobile Radiation Monitoring System

For Vehicle, Airborne or Fixed Location Real-Time Search, Surveillance and Data Recording

#### **Unique Features**

- Full spectral data
- Built-in GPS receiver
- Audible and visual alarms (selectable thresholds)
- Ultra Compact
- Accepts multiple detectors gamma and neutron
- Implements RSI's Advanced Digital Spectrometer (ADS) or Multi-Channel Analyzer (MCA)
- Individual ADS for each detector
- Vehicle or airborne use
- Stand-alone (no local computer required) operation with internal data memory
- RadAssist software for user control, monitoring and recording
- Includes mapping displays with navigational position & definable radiation overlays (both breadcrumb and contour)
- Nuclide Identification
- Composite material detector case provides improved efficiency for the lower energies.

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## Driving, flying or at a fixed location, the RS-700 will acquire quality radiological data, <u>accurately the first time</u>.



#### RS-700 - In a class of it's own

The RS-700 is a self-contained gamma-ray and neutron (optional) radiation detection and monitoring system. It can be used in land vehicles, helicopters, UAVs or at a fixed location.

The system has a built-in GPS receiver to accurately locate each measurement. It is also supplied with the RadAssist survey software program for user control, monitoring and recording.

The system is flexible enough to permit real-time monitoring with a computer or operate in a stand alone configuration with the data being recorded internally and later retrieved. Alternatively, the data can be transmitted to a remote monitoring location.

The RS-700 utilizes advanced DSP / FPGA\* technology and software techniques that provide laboratory levels of spectral performance that were previously unachievable on mobile platforms. Despite it's state-of-the-art technology, the RS-700 is extremely operator friendly and can be <u>rapidly deployed</u>. The system is also capable of unattended operation if required.

#### Transparent and automatic operation

The RS-700 with it's Advanced Digital Spectrometer (ADS) is a high resolution (1024 channel) gamma spectrometer that makes the measurement of both the naturally occurring and man made radioactive elements as transparent and automatic an operation as possible allowing the system to be operated by radiation nonspecialists.

#### No test sources required for system stabilization

The RS-700 system uses multiple-peak gain stabilization using the naturally occurring isotopes of U, K and Th. Automatic spectral stabilization is achieved using advanced algorithms and the spectral signatures of these isotopes. The technique provides for a fast stabilization at start-up as well as maintaining stabilization during operation. This method applies regardless of the number of detectors.

#### • Ease of use, operator friendly

The system is designed for minimal operator interaction and the RadAssist software provides a variety of monitoring displays indicating the radiation activity. A high level of self diagnostics and performance verification routines are implemented with automatic notification of any error conditions. With the multiple data verification methods implemented, the user is assured of the quality and accuracy of the data.

#### Key unique features

• Accurate "the first time" technology

The advanced digital design using FPGA/DSP technology and signal processing provides a more stable operation, with less drift, producing a pure spectra that results in better data for you. In addition to the externally recorded data, the RS-700 series records internally the last 24 hours that can be easily retrieved if required.

- Effectively no Dead-time as each crystal has it's own A / D converter within it's own ADS.
- **1024 channel resolution** for any number of crystals at up to 10x per second.
- Menu selectable 1024, 512 or 256 channel output.
- Individual crystal ADC and processing resulting in improved pulse pile-up rejection, zero dead time, and a higher throughput.
- Virtually no distortion, each crystal output is fully linearized permitting multi-crystal summing without distortion.
- Effectively no signal degradation when summing an unlimited number of crystals common on most current systems.
- No radioactive test sources required for system setup. or for system performance validation.
- Extremely wide dynamic range 250,000 cps for each crystal providing >20x improvement on signal throughput compared to older systems.
- **High level of self diagnostics** with sophisticated error correction & reporting requiring less operator interaction.
- Fully multi-peak automatic gain stabilization on natural isotopes for world wide use.



\*DSP = Digital Signal Processing \*FPGA = Field Programmable Gate Array > Track with breadcrumb trail, in real time or replay



> Combination display, waterfall, spectrum and area with activity contour, in real time or replay





> Nuclide identification display, in real time

> Typical parameter set-up display

#### RadAssist Software with mapping & Nuclide Identification features

RadAssist is a suite of utilities, running under Windows XP providing the user with control and monitoring capabilities. The software operates in real-time or in playback mode. Along with the functions above, the following outlines some of the additional features;

- Set-up menus for operational parameters
- Display and Monitoring:
  - 4 channel chart display with selectable items
  - Spectral waterfall excellent for highlighting
  - Navigation track with 'breadcrumb' trail
  - Contour plot
  - Mapping displays with selectable data overlays.
  - Nuclide identification
  - Alarm capability

#### Detector technology for security and contraband applications

The RS-700 can also be configured with a single or dual model RSX-1 Nal gamma detector and a <sup>3</sup>He tube array for neutron detection packaged in a vehicle roof-top carrier. Each gamma detector has its' own ADS and spectral summation of multiple detectors is performed without degradation or distortion.

The neutron detector utilizes techniques to eliminate 'noise' caused by vibration and high frequency EM interference.





#### Advanced Digital Spectrometer (ADS)

The "heart" of the RS-700 system is the proprietary Advanced Digital Spectrometer (ADS) module. Each individual Nal crystal detector has it's own high speed (60 MHz) analog to digital converter and a DSP/FPGA processor assembly. This module converts the analog signal from the detector to a digital spectrum with a **1,000,000 channel** resolution. Using a unique detector energy calibration curve stored in the ADS module, the spectrum linearized and compressed to the system's native 1024 channel resolution.

With high speed the adaptive DSP processing allows each pulse to be corrected if necessary without distortion at a very high data throughput rates - up to 250,000 cps / crystal detector. The combination of zero dead time, improved pulse pileup rejection, individual crystal linearization and accurate detector summation results in an exceptionally clean spectra.

This 1024 channel spectrum is unique in the industry as it is fully linearized, <u>without changing the Poisson distribution</u> <u>performance</u>. The exceptional advantage of this new proprietary process is that any number of individual detectors can be summed together with essentially no spectral degradation for subsequent data analysis.

This design permits essentially unlimited data throughput operation giving the system a very large dynamic range, often required in high count or special nuclear site surveillance situations.

#### Rapid detection and identification of radioactive

**materials** are made more likely with the use of Sodium lodide (Nal) detectors which provide improved sensitivity and nuclide identification capabilities than systems based upon plastic scintillators. The RS-700's sensitivity can be increased by readily adding up to three additional detectors and detection of Special Nuclear Materials (SNM) can be enhanced with the addition of the optional neutron detector.

Full multi-point linearization of the Nal crystal detector ensures uniform and accurate energy calibration allowing the peak detection and nuclide identification feature to be more reliable.

#### **Technical specifications**

Spectrometer Channels Differential nonlinearity Integral nonlinearity Zero dead time <sup>(1)</sup> Baseline restoration Pulse shaping Pile-up rejection Pile-up contamination	1024 <0.2% over top 99.5% <0.01% over top 99.5% ✓ Digital (IPBR) <sup>(2)</sup> Digital (AOPS) <sup>(3)</sup> Digital (<40nS) <1% @ 250kcps	Gamma Detector RSX-1 RSX-3x3 Energy resolution Neutron Detector Tube Size Tube pressure Moderator	4L Nal(TI) 0.4L Nal(TI) <8.5% <sup>(4)</sup> 2" dia x 32" active length <sup>3</sup> He 2.7 atm (no transportation limits) Medium moderated for optimum performance	
Sample rate Timing Internal/External Gain stabilization I/O	0.1-10 sec <sup>-1</sup> Automatic multi-peak Ethernet	Power RSX-1 & RSX-3x3 RS-701 Console Weight RSX-1 RSX-3x3 RS-701 Console	9-40 VDC, 6 W 15 W 22.7 kg (50 lb) 6.8 kg (15 lb) 6.8 kg (15 lb)	
<b>Outputs</b> Composite spectrum Individual spectra State of health	RS-232 19200115200 bit/s USB memory stick	NSX- 4/4 Rooftop Carrier <b>Size</b> RSX-1 RSX-3x3	27 kg (60 lb) 9 kg (20 lb) 731 mm x 162mm x 172mm (26.80in L x 6.4in W x 6.8in H) 381 mm x 101 mm x 101 mm (15in L x 6.in W x 6.1in L)	
<b>Inputs</b> Detector configuration Operational parameters Trigger signal Calibration data		NSX-4/4 RS-701 Console <b>Environmental</b> Operating Temperature	(15in L x 4in W x 4in H) 1,176 mm x 177 mm x 177 mm (46.3in L x 7 in W x 7in H) 233 mm x 112 mm x 198 mm) (9.2 in W x 4.4 in H x 7.8 in D) -30°C to +45°C	

Notes <sup>(1)</sup> The RS-700 has no dead time in a traditional sense. A live time clock will be adjusted for loss of system measured pile-up rejections to give an apparent dead time to ensure the absolute count rate is correct.

<sup>(2)</sup> IPBR - Individual Pulse Baseline Restoration. The baseline is established for each individual pulse for maximum pulse height accuracy.

<sup>(3)</sup> AOPS - Automatic Optimized Pulse Shaping. Pulses are continuously analyzed and the signal pulse shaping adjusted for optimum performance.

<sup>(4)</sup> Stated energy resolution is for new systems. Refurbished system performance depends on quality of Xtals supplied.



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Radiation Solutions Inc. is a Canadian company specializing in nuclear instrumentation for the detection, measurement and analysis of low level ionizing radiation from both naturally occurring or man made sources.

RSI's focus is the design and manufacture of airborne and mobile systems using advanced DSP (Digital Signal Processing) technology. This technology provides a level of quality previously only attainable in laboratory equipment.

RSI's philosophy is to work as closely as possible with customers in all aspects of the product life cycle including; product requirement, application, training, support and product improvement. It is this philosophy that will enable RSI to supply industry leading software techniques and hardware components that not only meet, but exceed the customer's requirements.