

The Sporty WindSonic Anemometer



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WindSonic anemometer in action as part of the stadium wind measuring system

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In August 2003, nearly 2000 athletes from 210 countries gathered at the Stade de France in Saint-Denis, Paris to compete in 46 events at the 9th Annual IAAF World Championships in Athletics.

Over the nine days an estimated 400,000 fans gathered in the Stade de France and 4.5 billion people worldwide watched the world's third biggest sporting event after the Olympics and the Football World Cup.

The wind measurement system, used to log wind speed in all directions and calculate the precise net speed during the events ensuring any records were validated, was based on the Windsonic ultrasonic anemometer from Gill Instruments. The systems were supplied by *Biral* to HS Sports in the UK who developed the system for SEIKO, the official partner to the Championships.

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