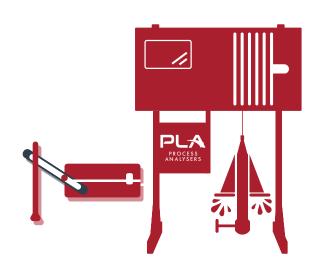






PLIS393 RAKE INTEGRATION GUIDE

The strategically placed Tags and a Rake Switch, are integrated with the SmartDiver®'s control system. This helps to calculate dive timings, preventing the SmartDiver®'s Sensor from interfering with rake operations.





Rake Switch

Rake Tag

BASIC GUIDE ON RAKE TAG & SWITCH INSTALLATION

- The tag(s) is(are) installed in relation to the rake arms on the rake drive.
 - The rake switch is installed in relation to the SmartDiver® sensor dive position.
 - This allows us to calculate dive timings so the sensor does not get caught up in the rake arms.
 - The SmartDiver® sends 24VDC output and looks for this to be returned as Digital Input 7 (I7).
 - The contact from the rake switch is dry, voltage free. (NO, PNP)
- You can use any Limit Switch or 24VDC Proximity Sensor.
 - If a proximity sensor is used, use a two wire or three wire PNP.
- Complete the Rake Integration Process: Integrate the Calculations & Data from the Rake in to the SmartDiver® control system.





IMPORTANCE OF RAKE TAG & SWITCH

THE RAKE SWITCH IS CRUCIAL FOR SMARTDIVER® SAFETY WHEN OPERATING IN THE RAKE INTERFERENCE ZONE:

- Safety: Protects the sensor from potential damage by the rake's speed changes and stops.
- Direction: Multiple tags allow the SmartDiver to understand the direction of the rake.
- Automation: Eliminates the need for manual shutdown during rake maintenance or stoppages.
- Reliability: Ensures consistent operation without relying on timely human intervention.
- Measurement accuracy: Allows diving to full tank depth, providing complete mud and interface level data.
- Applicability: Essential for most tanks, except deep cone settlers.

Note: PLA only supplies the rake switch upon request due to variations in rake pick-up points and installation requirements across different systems.

SAFETY MEASURES IMPLEMENTED BY THE SMARTDIVER®

- UPS backup: Raises sensor on power loss.
- Rake switch monitoring: Prevents diving if signal is too long or short.
- If rake alarms are activated the current dive will stop immediately and retract the sensor.
- No-dive condition: Activated if rake switch fails to engage.
- Tolerance checks: Halts diving if rake cycle time is outside set parameters.
- Signal verification: Dives only occur with legitimate, in-tolerance signals.

BACK UP FOR WORST-CASE SCENARIO (SENSOR HOOKING ONTO RAKE)

- Rake overpowers SmartDiver® motor (limited to 3A)
- Motor forced into reverse
- Cable unwinds from drum
- Cable detaches from SmartDiver® gland
- Sensor and cable wrap around center well or motor shaft
- Cable designed to break before damaging rake or drive





RAKE INTEGRATION PROCESS

Rake Integration Calculations (RIC):

Calculates the Dive Start Delay – the delay required to ensure the rake arms will not catch the sensor when it is at the bottom of its dive.

- 1. Fill out the RIC Table with Data: It can be either measured, or found in the SmartDiver® Control Panel's settings page.
- 2. **Note the last Rake Time:** This is the time between rake switch triggers. If there are two tags on the rake drive, these will trigger every half revolution.
- 3. **Measurement:** Time how long from when the rake switch triggers to when the rake is at the dive position.

	RIC TABLE		
ltem	Found in	Example value	Commissioning value
A: Last Rake Time	Settings	220	
B: Rake tags attached	Counted	2	
C: Rake arms considered	Counted	2	
D: Rake window	Settings	20	
E: Time Between – Rake Switch ON until Rake at Dive Position	Measured	142	
F: Clarity Hold Time	Settings	20	
G: Wash Time	Settings	20	
H: Distance to Liquid	Settings	1.5	
I: Liquid Height	Settings	2.8	
J: Rake Interference height	Measured / Drawings	1.0	
K: Last Rake On Time #	Settings	18.2	
L: Sensor Raise Speed	Settings	100	
M: Sensor Lower Speed	Settings	40	
N: Dive Start Delay	Settings	173	





A: LAST RAKE TIME

HOW TO INPUT DATA IN THE SMARTDIVER® CONTROL PANEL



PLC: V0.#0

Manual

TP: 1.172 C: 227.3GB Free English

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Sys Log

From the main OVERVIEW page, press

System

Config Copy Data Log to USB

Minimise Copy Setup to USB

Log In

Close

Press

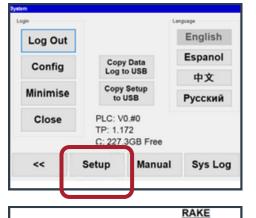
Log In

Enter Password: 9786, then press

Ok

4.

3.



Press

Setup

5.

Rake Mode: Clear Of Rake Depth: #0.#0 m Rake Cycle Time: #0 S Rake Window: #0 s Dives Per Rake: #0 Rake Quadrant Dive: Rakes Per Dive: #0 Last Rake Time: # s 1st On: #0.0s Rake Simulation Time:

Scroll down to the RAKE section to find:

Last Rake Time





B: RAKE TAGS ATTACHED

Rake Tag Information to Consider:

- How many Rake Tags have been installed on the rake drive to trigger the rake switch.
- Are these aligned with the rake arms, or are they offset.

C: RAKE ARMS CONSIDERED

Rake Arm Information to Consider:

• How many Rake Arms in the Thickener - Especially the larger primary Rake Arms.

D: RAKE WINDOW

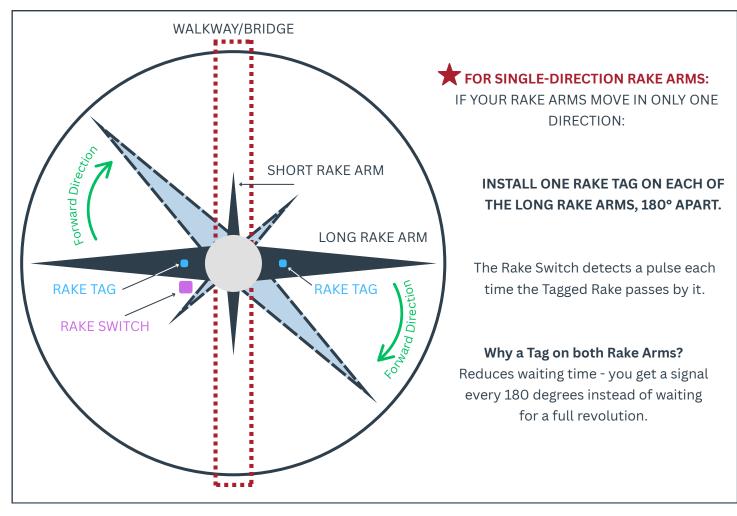
• In this context, a Rake Window refers to the designated time period or positional gap during which the rake arms are not in a position to interfere with the Sensor of the SmartDiver®.

E: TIME BETWEEN - RAKE SWITCH ON UNTIL RAKE AT DIVE POSITION

Measure the time between when the rake switch is triggered and when the rake reaches the dive position.

- Rake arm orientation can be determined by:
- 1. If the tank is empty this can be observed
- 2. Rake flags
- 3. Markings on the rake drive showing the orientation of the rake arms
- 4. Feeling for the rake with a long piece of conduit
- Start the timer when the rake switch triggers
- Stop the timer when the long rake arm is pointing to or is under the dive position











F: CLARITY HOLD TIME

- This is the time needed for the sensor to stabilize as it enters the liquid and reaches the clarity hold point.
- In tanks with thick foam or scum, you may need a longer hold (around 20 seconds) for clearing or temperature stabilization before taking the clarity reading. For normal installations, 20 seconds is sufficient.

G: WASH TIME

• Enter the time you want the Sensor to be washed for after it parks in the wash bay. This is typically 20 to 30 seconds.

H: DISTANCE TO LIQUID

• Measure the distance from the tip of the sensor when the sensor is docked in the wash bay to the liquid surface.

I: LIQUID HEIGHT

• Enter the distance from the bottom of the tank (or the lowest point in the tank that your site wants to measure from) to the top of the liquid surface

J: RAKE INTERFERENCE HEIGHT

- Rake Interference Zone: The area where the Sensor could potentially collide with the Rake.
- Rake Interference Height: Distance between the bottom of the tank to the top of the Rake.
- Account for the Rake lift, if any.



K: LAST RAKE ON TIME

• This entry cannot be adjusted. The data is derived from the Proximity Sensor and it is a display of the time between the falling edges of the last 2 rake signals.

L: SENSOR RAISE SPEED

• Normally set to 99% (full speed).

M: SENSOR LOWER SPEED

- Set it as slow as possible to improve measurement accuracy.
- Be vary of the "maximum dive time" in rake times settings.
- Ensure speed allows full tank depth dive and return within time window.

N: DIVE START DELAY

- The rake switch is usually installed for easy access, not necessarily where the SmartDiver® should dive.
- You need to time the delay from when the rake switch triggers to when you want to dive.
- You can start the dive a few seconds before the rake passes under the SmartDiver®, as the sensor takes time to descend.
- Always allow enough time to avoid the sensor being caught by the advancing rake.





RAKE TAG & SWITCH INSTALLATION EXAMPLES



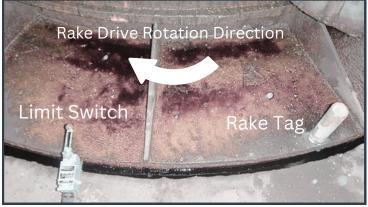
Limit Switch

Extended Arm to Rake Tag (through Grid Mesh)



A Tag rotates on the Rake Drive, which triggers the Switch Arm.

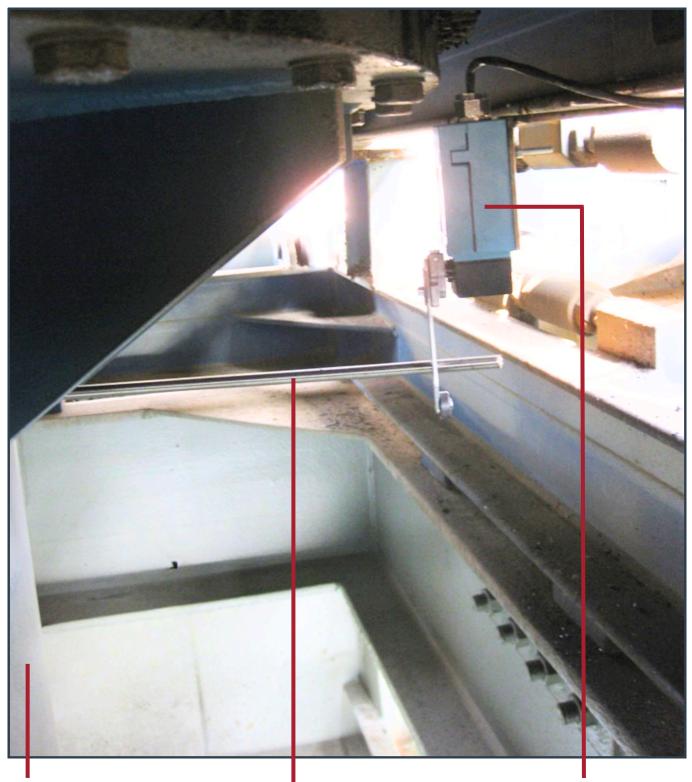








RAKE TAG & SWITCH INSTALLATION EXAMPLES



Thickener's Main Shaft

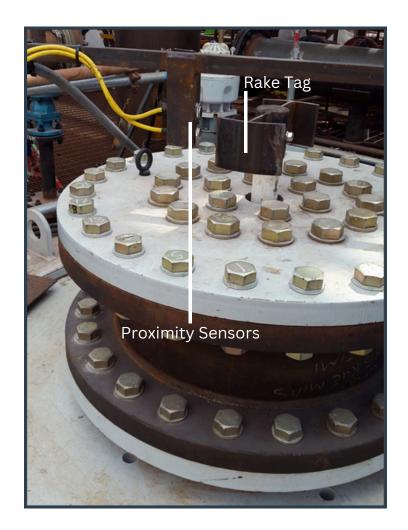
Proximity Switch at the Drive Frame - Connect to SmartDiver® Control Panel

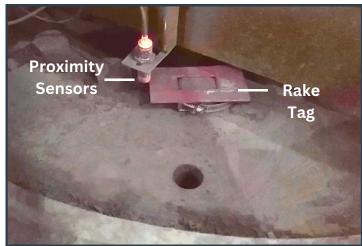
Stud attached to Mainshaft at the same orientation with Long Rake Arms
- Two Studs are 180° apart

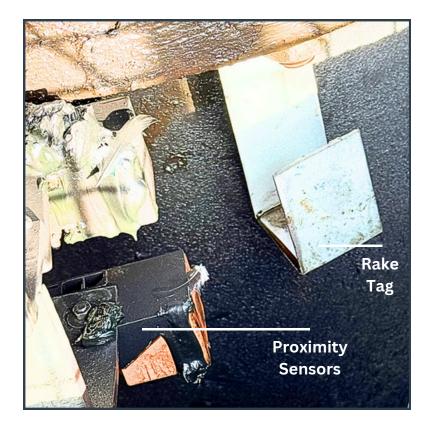




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ELECTRICAL DRAWINGS

