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Uncover the Hidden Power Quality Issues That Plague Operations

# Meet PQube<sup>®</sup> 3

The ultra-precise power analyzer that pinpoints costly problems fast



### **Unseen Power Quality Problems Threaten Critical Electronics and Processes** Safeguard against downtime, failure and outages with real-time monitoring and measurement

As businesses increasingly rely on advanced, sensitive electronics in their operations, **the significance** of power quality issues is escalating. Non-linear loads from new technologies are known to distort power supply currents in ways that severely impact connected equipment. **Consequences range from** minor inconveniences to costly — and potentially dangerous — performance behaviors.

#### What does poor power quality look like?

#### Warning signs:

- Lighting flickers
- Harmonic distortions
- Voltage dips and swells
- Tripped breakers
- Circuit board failure

#### **Operations impacts:**

- Equipment damage and failure
- Fire, electrical shock and other safety hazards
- Outages, downtime and lost productivity
- High utility bills and power factor penalties
- Noncompliance with electrical and industry operating standards (e.g., IEEE, NEC, SEMI)

#### The repercussions of power quality events contribute to staggering economic loss:





### Power quality data analysis is the first step to ensuring 24/7 reliability, uptime and compliance in mission-critical industries, including:



# Industries on both sides of the meter suffer from suboptimal power.

# Prevention starts with PQube<sup>®</sup> 3.

PQube® 3 delivers the powerful **power quality monitoring you need for proactive, data-driven analysis.** Get 24/7 visibility into the power that runs through your business' systems and components — **all in real-time, remotely and with clear data visualization.** Ensure the electrical power flowing through your equipment is stable and clean, and pinpoint exactly when and where it's not.



# Reveal hidden power problems that lurk beneath the surface

There are many different types of power disturbances. **PQube® 3 reads and records them all.** Take a closer look at the different issues that affect reliable power supply.



#### **Power Factor**

**Description:** Phase offset between voltage and current » reactive power **Cause:** Inductive or capacitive loads (e.g., motors)



#### Harmonics

**Description:** Multiples of the supply frequency **Cause:** Non-linear loads (e.g., power converters, VSDs)



#### Resonance

**Description:** Energy storage / voltage growth at a natural frequency **Cause:** Matched capacitive and inductive impedance close to fundamental or harmonic frequencies (e.g., unplanned growth)



### Transients

**Description:** Abrupt voltage or current disturbances **Cause:** Switching large loads, lightning, arcing



#### Supraharmonics

**Description:** High-frequency emissions in the 2–150 kHz range **Cause:** Non-linear loads (e.g., EV chargers, distributed energy resources)



#### Voltage Variation

**Description:** Includes dips, sags, swells, brown-outs **Cause:** Network faults and overload, capacitive load switching



#### Unbalance

Description: i) Different network voltages
ii) Different load phase currents
Cause: Mismatched single-phase loads (e.g., IT) and unbalanced three-phase loads (e.g., welding)



#### Flicker

Description: Random or repetitive voltage variation Cause: High frequency loads: arc furnaces, welding, materials processing



#### **Conducted Emission**

**Description:** Interference or noise in the electric current/voltage **Cause:** Switching events of an electronic device's internal frequencies

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### Power outages cause a **76% decrease in productivity** across commercial and industrial

businesses.<sup>2</sup>

### Physical environments can impact power quality, too

It's not just internal electrical disturbances that impact power quality. External concerns can also result in anomalies. PQube® 3 records a variety of environmental inputs, including:

Image: Ambient temperatureImage: ShockImage: Ambient

#### Install anywhere with precision and ease

With its small size and flexible installation options, the PQube 3 is ready to plug and play. Simply mount and wire. **PQube 3 will take it from there with lightning-fast auto detection and configuration.** 

- Snap-on din rail
- Rugged wall-mount
- Existing din-rail enclosure
- Rugged pole-mount
- Rack-mount Portable

## Pair PQube<sup>®</sup> 3 with QubeScan for Fleetwide Data Analysis

Monitor your entire fleet of PQube® 3 power analyzers in one complete, connected platform. QubeScan monitoring software brings together data from all your PQube 3s for a seamless view of power quality across your enterprise. Create custom reports. Record trends and patterns. Share findings with key stakeholders with the ease of an email. It's never been easier to make power quality insights clear and actionable.

#### A united front that helps you defend against risk



- Alerts you to voltage dips, spikes and surges that can damage equipment and systems
- No software to install. Emails graphs, Excel, PQDIF files directly to requested users.
- **Confirms the origin** of malfunctions and power problems to minimize rabbit-hole troubleshooting
- Avoids unnecessary service calls, equipment replacement and warranty claims
- Continuously measures voltage, frequency, waveform characteristics and up to 14 current channels, all in real-time



# QubeScan

- Reveals immediate, fleetwide visibility into comprehensive quality data from all Powerside analyzers — including PQ Edge® and PQube 3
- Captures accurate logging of all events via keynotes
- Produces interactive views of
   event-recorded waveforms, high-frequency
   emission heatmaps, multi-circuit energy
   dashboards and more
- Runs on a secure AWS cloud platform
- **Records parameter trends,** from minutes to years of data
- Displays configurable live meters that can be customized to parameters that interest a specific user or audience



### There's a PQube<sup>®</sup> 3 for Every Application & Scenario

#### PQube® 3

The market's only single-instrument, complete solution

for monitoring power quality, environmental and process data.

#### PQube 3 Portable

A rugged design ideal for quick installation in small areas and challenging environments.

#### PQube 3r

**Ultra-precise,** with the extended I/O interface and communication you need to protect **sensitive equipment.** 



PQube 3e

**Multi-load monitoring** capabilities do the work of 4 traditional revenue-grade meters.

#### PQube 3v

**Precise monitoring at the point of common coupling** helps keep tabs on 24/7 voltage quality compliance.

#### **PQube 3LV**

Easy interfacing with MV sensors or LV output signals make it perfect for **power grid and substation monitoring.** 

# Expose Dirty Power and Amplify Operations

Reach out to us with your equipment performance concerns — and request a PQube® 3 + QubeScan demo today.

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