12. RISKS AND MITIGATION

Risk	Description	Mitigation Strategy
Sensor Malfunction or Inaccuracy	Inconsistent readings due to lighting, surface reflectivity, or hardware issues	 a) Regular calibration under varying conditions. b) Use redundant sensors or sensor fusion. c) Implement error-handling in code.
Power Supply Issues	Battery drain or voltage drops causing system failure	 a) Monitor battery voltage in real time. b) Optimize power usage in code - Keep spare batteries on hand.
Software Bugs and Instability	Unexpected behaviour due to bugs or incomplete testing	 a) Modular programming with good documentation. b) Conduct unit and integration tests. c) Use version control.
Hardware Damage	Mechanical failure or wear and tear from testing	a) Use durable materials and proper mounting.b) Regular physical inspection.c) Keep spare parts available.
Environmental Variability	Performance drops in outdoor or non-lab settings	a) Test in diverse environments early.b) Use adaptive thresholds and calibration techniques.
Team Coordination and Time Constraints	Delays from poor communication or uneven workload	 a) Hold regular team meetings. b) Use project management tools (e.g., Trello, GitHub, MS-PM). c) Allocate buffer time for issues.