VELOCIMETER

Vector - 300 m

Sample 3D velocity at up to 64 Hz for small-scale research in coastal areas

The Vector is a high-accuracy single-point current meter that is capable of acquiring 3D velocity in a very small volume at rates up to 64 Hz. It is widely used for sediment transport applications, small-scale turbulence measurements and coastal engineering studies. It has an excellent track record of delivering outstanding data quality in a variety of applications. This version is suitable for use down to a depth of 300 m. The Vector's titanium version is suitable for investigating deep- water currents.

Vector - 300 m

Highlights

- ☑ Small-scale turbulence
- ☑ Sampling up to 64 Hz
- ☑ Small sampling volume for measurements close to boundaries

Applications

- ☑ Wave orbital studies
- ☑ Studies of bottom boundary layers
- ☑ Ocean engineering projects
- ☑ Coastal studies
- ☑ River turbulence
- ☑ Low flow measurements
- ☑ Flux measurements

Vector - 300 m

Technical specifications

Water velocity measurements	
Maximum profiling range	N/A
Distance from probe	0.15 m
Sampling volume diameter	15 mm
Sampling volume height (user-selectable)	5-20 mm
Cell size	N/A
Velocity range	±0.01, 0.1, 0.3, 1, 2, 4, 7 m/s (software-selectable)
Adaptive ping interval	N/A
Accuracy	±0.5% of measured value ±1 mm/s
Velocity precision	typ. 1% of velocity range (at 16 Hz)
Sampling rate (output)	1-64 Hz
Internal sampling rate	100-250 Hz

Distance measurements	
Minimum range	N/A
Maximum range	N/A
Cell size	N/A
Accuracy	N/A
Sampling rate	N/A

Echo intensity	
Acoustic frequency	6 MHz
Resolution	0.45 dB
Dynamic range	90 dB

Sensors	
Temperature:	Thermistor embedded in end bell
Temp. range	-4 to +40 °C
Temp. accuracy/resolution	0.1 °C/0.01 °C
Temp. time response	10 min
Compass:	Magnetometer
Accuracy/resolution	2º/0.1º for tilt < 20°
Tilt:	Liquid level
Accuracy/resolution	0.2°/0.1°
Maximum tilt	30°
Up or Down	Automatic detect
Pressure:	Piezoresistive

Vector - 300 m

Sensors	
Standard range	0-20 m (inquire for options)
Accuracy/precision	0.5% FS / Better than 0.005% of full scale

Analog inputs	
No. of channels	2
Supply voltage to analog output devices	Three options selectable through firmware commands:1) Battery voltage/500 mA, 2) +5 V/250 mA, 3) +12 V/100 mA

Data recording	
Capacity (standard):	9 MB, can add 4/16 GB
Data record (Standard)	24 bytes at sampling rate + 28 bytes/second
Data record (IMU)	72 bytes at sampling rate

Real-time clock	
Accuracy	±1 min/year
Backup in absence of power	4 weeks

Data communications	
I/O	RS-232 or RS-422
Communication baud rate	300-115 200 Bd
Recorder download baud rate	600/1200 kBd for both RS-232 and RS-422
User control	Handled via "Vector" software, ActiveX® function calls, or direct commands.
Analog outputs	3 channels standard, one for each velocity component or two velocities and pressure.
Output range	0–5 V, scaling is user-selectable.
Synchronization	TTL (5V tolerant) sync in/sync out, start on sync, sample on sync

Connectors	
Bulkhead	MCBH-8-FS
Cable	PMCIL-8-MP on 10 m polyurethane cable

Software	
Functions	Deployment planning, instrument configuration, data retrieval and conversion (for Windows®).

Multi unit operation	
Software	N/A
I/O	N/A

Power	
DC input	9-15V DC
Maximum peak current	3 A
Max. consumption	1.5 W at 64 Hz
Typical consumption, 4 Hz	0.6 - 1 W

Vector - 300 m

➡ Power

Sleep consumption	< 100 ?A
Transmit power	2 adjustable levels

➡ Batteries

Battery capacity	50 Wh (alkaline or Li-ion),165 Wh (lithium), single or dual
New battery voltage	13.5 V DC (alkaline)
Data collection capacity	Refer to planning section in software

➡ Environmental

Operating temperature	-4 to +40 °C
Storage temperature	-20 to +60 °C
Vibration	IEC 60068-1/IEC60068-2-64
Depth rating	300m

➡ Materials

Standard model	POM housing, titanium probe and fasteners

➡ Dimensions

Maximum diameter	75 mm
Maximum length	468 mm (housing only), 246 mm (fixed stem) add 110 mm for double battery

➡ Weight

No batteries	Weight in air: 2.32 kg, in water: buoyant
2 batteries	Weight in air: 3.20 kg, in water: 0.54 kg

➡ Options

Probe mounted on fixed stem or on 2 m cable

Vertical or horizontal probes

Alkaline, lithium or Li-ion external batteries

IMU - Inertial Measurement Unit