Aquadopp® Profiler

A small and light current profiler for coastal measurements



The Aquadopp® profiler measures the current profile in water using acoustic Doppler technology. It is designed for stationary applications and can be deployed on the bottom, on a mooring rig, on a buoy or on any other fixed structure. It is a complete instrument and includes all the parts required for a self contained deployment with data stored to an internal data logger. Typical applications include coastal studies, online monitoring and scientific studies in rivers, lakes, and channels.

The Aquadopp® profiler uses three acoustic beams slanted at 25° to accurately measure the current profile in a user selectable number of cells. The internal tilt and compass sensors tell the current direction and the high-resolution pressure sensor gives the depth—and the tidal elevation if the system is fixed mounted. The standard 9MB recorder and internal alkaline batteries are typically sufficient for a 2–4 month deployment.

Deployment times can be increased or sampling schemes intensified by expanding to 161 MB memory and external batteries.

Practical Use

One quick glance at the Aquadopp profiler tells you that it is a small and practical current profiler that is simple to deploy. It gives you the full current profile and it comes standard with all the trimmings such as a internal recorder, compass, tilt, pressure, temperature, software, cable, etc.



Go one step further into the system and you will find a host of new features:

- √ Small blanking distances give you data close to the instrument
- ✓ Small cell sizes even in high flows
- Compass and tilt that automatically senses up or down orientation (use the profiler either way)
- √ Adjustable power output reduces battery consumption in shallow water
- ✓ All plastic and titanium parts, from 2.4kg in air
- √ Flexible transducer design—order special heads at low additional cost
- Powerful AquaPro Win32® software for trouble free deployment planning, recording, data retrieval, and ASCII conversion
- ✓ Online data communication via radio modem
- ✓ Collect directional wave data at 1Hz or 2Hz in between current profiles
- ✓ Inquire for deep water versions

Wave Directional Data

The Aquadopp can be configured to collect I Hz or 2 Hz wave data (p,U,V) interleaved with the mean current profile. The I Hz or 2 Hz data allow you to calculate the wave height, period, and direction, either using Nortek add-on wave software or your own algorithms. The instrument is best suited for wave measurements in areas with long waves (Tp>4–5 s). For other areas or for long-term online measurements, we suggest looking at the AWAC as an alternative.



Nortek is proud to be the first company that introduced a third generation current profiler. The first generation was the original ADCP, a bulky and expensive, but revolutionary instrument first introduced in 1982. The second

generation profilers were introduced in 1994, which reduced the size,weight, and price by about 50%. The Aquadopp profiler, introduced in 2002, repeats the feat—a 50% reduction in size,weight, and price while producing the best performance, versatility and functionality yet.



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Specifications

Water velocity measurement

Acoustic frequency 0.4MHz 0.6MHz 1.0MHz 2.0MHz 60-90m 30-40m I2-20m 4-10m Maximum profiling range* 0.3-4m 0.1-2m 2-8m I-4m Cell size 0.20m Minimum blanking Im 0.50m 0.05mMaximum # cells 128

±10m/s (call for extended range) Velocity Range Accuracy 1% of measured value ±0.5cm/s

Max. Sampling rate IH₇

Velocity uncertainty Consult software program

*) The Aquadopp profiler measures the current profile in a user specified number of cells from the instrument out to a maximum range that depends on the acoustic scattering conditions. The lower range should be expected with clear water and small cells and the higher range with large cells and acoustically turbid water.

Echo intensity

Sampling Same as velocity Resolution 0.45dB

90dB Dynamic range

Transducer

Frequency 2.0MHz 0.4MHz 0.6MHz I.0MHz Number of beams 3 3 3 1.7° 3.7° 3.4° 3.0° Beam width

Standard sensors

Temperature Thermistor embedded

-4°C to 30°C Range Accuracy/resolution 0.1°C/0.01°C Time response

Flux gate with liquid tilt Combass

Maximum tilt Accuracy/resolution 2°/0.1° Liquid level

Accuracy/resolution 0.2°/0.1° Up or down Automatic detect Pressure Piezoresistive

0-100m (standard) Range Accuracy/resolution 0.25%/0.005% of full scale

Analog inputs

Number of channels

Battery voltage. Hardware can be Voltage supply

modified to provide 5V or I2V

0-5V Voltage input Resolution 16 bit A/D

Serial data communication

RS232, RS422.

Software supports most commercially available USB-RS232 converters

300-115200 (user setting) Baud rate

Internal recording

Capacity 9MB, expandable to 33, 89, or 16IMB

Data record 32 bytes + 9×Ncells

Stop when full (default) or wrap mode Mode

Software "AquaPro"

Operating system Windows®2000, Windows®XP Deployment planning, data retrieval, **Functions**

ASCII conversion, online data collection, and graphical display

Power

DC Inbut 9-16VDC Max average consumption at IHz 0.2-1.5W 0.0013W Sleep consumption

Transmit bower 0.3-20W, 4 adjustable levels

Internal batteries

Type/capacity 18 AA Alkaline cells/50Wh

New battery voltage 13.5VDC
Duration (10-minute avg.) 80 days for 2MHz, 0.5m cells Duration (10-minute avg.) 50 days for IMHz, I.0m cells

Exact battery consumption and velocity uncertainty are complex functions of the deployment configuration. Please consult the AquaPro software for more exact predictions.

Materials

Delrin and polyurethane plastics Standard with titanium screws

Intermediate and deep-

water models Titanium and Delrin plastics

Connectors

Bulkhead (Impulse) MCBH-8-FS

Cable PMCIL-8-MP on 10-m polyurethane

cable

Environmental

-5°C to 35°C Operating temperature -20°C to 45°C Storage temperature IEC 721-3-2 Shock and vibration Shallow water rating 300m

Dimensions

Weight in air 2.4kg/2.6kg (0.6MHz)/3.7kg (0.4MHz)

communication.

with alkaline batteries

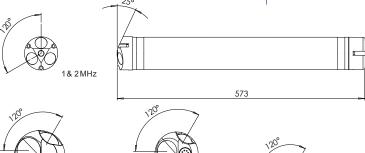
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Options

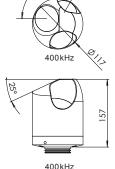
Batteries External batteries **Bulkhead** connectors Transducer head

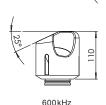
Lithium, Li-lo rechargeable 540Wh or I200Wh Titanium instead of bronze Right angle head for I or 2MHz. Inquire for special configurations Inquire for 2000- & 6000-m versions Request special harness for RS422

Deep water systems Communication

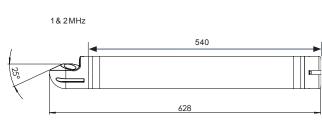








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