ACOUSTIC WAVE AND CURRENT PROFILER

AWAC - 1 MHz

Real-time current profiles and directional waves for shallow water

The AWAC 1 MHz ADCP has become the standard reference technology in submerged wave-measurement applications. Thousands of these ADCPs have been deployed to capture the full wave spectrum in combination with current profiles. With a 35 m maximum range for wave measurements and 4 Hz sampling of the surface elevation, the AWAC 1 MHz is the optimal tool for shallow current and wave measurements.

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Highlights

- Real-time current profiles to 30 m range; real-time directional waves to 35 m range
- Acoustic surface tracking (AST) with vertical beam
- Can be used both with fixed frames and subsurface buoys

Applications

- Online measurements of currents and waves
- Design data for planning of new coastal structures
- Site studies for offshore wind platforms
- Coastal erosion studies
- Measurement campaigns where the full wave spectrum is needed
- Monitoring of transient waves for channel wall protection
- Studies of tidal currents

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Technical specifications

⟶ Water velocity measurements	
Maximum profiling range	30 m
Cell size	0.25-4.0 m
Number of cells	Typical 20-40, max. 128
Velocity range	±10 m/s horizontal, ±5 m/s along beam
Accuracy	±1% of measured value ±0.5 cm/s
Velocity precision	Consult instrument software
Maximum output rate	1 Hz
Internal sampling rate	7 Hz
⟶ Echo intensity (along slanted beams)	
Sampling	Same as velocity
Resolution	0.45 dB
Dynamic range	90 dB
Transducer acoustic frequency	1 MHz
Number of beams	3 beams 120° apart, one vertical beam (90° apart, one at 5° for platform mount)
Beam width	1.7°
Beam width vertical beam	1.7°
⟶ Wave measurement option (AST)	
Maximum depth	35 m
Data types	Pressure, one velocity along each beam, AST
Sampling rate velocity (output)	2 Hz
Sampling rate AST (output)	4 Hz
No. of samples per burst	512, 1024 or 2048
⟶ Wave estimates	
Range	-15 to 15 m
Accuracy/resolution (Hs)	< 1% of measured value / 1 cm
Accuracy/resolution (Dir)	2° / 0.1°

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⟶ Wave estimates	
Period range	0.5-50 s
Cut-off period (Hs)	5 m depth: 0.5 sec, 20 m depth: 0.9 sec, 60 m depth: 1.5 sec
Cut-off period (dir)	5 m depth: 1.5 sec, 20 m depth: 3.1 sec, 60 m depth: 5.5 sec
⟶ Sensors	
Temperature:	Thermistor embedded in housing
Temp. range	-4 to +40 °C
Temp. accuracy/resolution	0.1 °C/0.01°C
Temp. time response	< 5 min
Compass:	Magnetoresistive
Accuracy/resolution	2°/0.1° for tilt <15°
Tilt:	Liquid level
Accuracy/resolution	0.2°/0.1°
Maximum tilt	30°,AST requires <10° instrument tilt
Up or Down	Automatic detect
Pressure:	Piezoresistive
Range	50 m
Accuracy	0.5% of full scale (optional 0.1% of full scale)
Resolution	0.005% of full scale
⟶ Analog inputs	
No. of channels	2
Supply voltage to analog output devices	Three options selectable through firmware commands: Battery voltage/500 mA, +5V/250 mA, +12V/100 mA
Voltage input	0-5 V
Resolution	16-bit A/D
⟶ Data Recording	
Capacity	9 MB standard, 4/16 GB (Prolog)
Profile record	Ncells*9 + 120 bytes
Wave record	Nsamples*24 + 1k bytes
Mode	Stop when full (default and Prolog) or wrap mode

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⟶ Real Time Clock	
Accuracy	±1 min/year
Backup in absence of power	1 year
⟶ Data Communications	
I/O	RS-232 or RS-422. Software supports most commercially available USB– RS-232 converters
Communication baud rate	300- 115200 Bd
Recorder download baud rate	600/1200 kBd for both RS-232 and RS-422
User control	Handled via "AWAC AST" software, or ActiveX® controls. "Seastate" for online systems
Output formats	NMEA, Binary. Prolog provides same types also for processed wave and current data.
⟶ Connectors	
Bulkhead	MCBH-2-FS, MCBH-8-FS, optional Souriau M-series metal connector for online use
Cable	PMCIL-8-MP on 10 m polyurethane cable, metal connector optional
⟶ Software	
Functions	Deployment planning, instrument configuration, data retrieval and conversion. (for Windows®)
⟶ Power	
DC input	9- 18V DC
Maximum peak current	3 A
Avg. power consumption	0,65 W
Sleep current	< 100 µA
Transmit power	1-30W, 3 adjustable levels
⟶ Environmental	
Operating temperature	-4 to +40 °C
Storage temperature	-20 to +60 °C
Shock and vibration	IEC 721-3-2
EMC approval	IEC 61000
Depth rating	300m

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⟶ Materials	
Standard model	POM and polyurethane plastics with titanium fasteners
⟶ Dimensions	
Maximum diameter	210 mm
Maximum length	175 mm
⟶ Weight	
Weight in air	6.1 kg
Weight in water	2.9 kg
⟶ Online cable	
Polyurethane jacket, Shore D hardness, 13mm in diameter, max 2km. Inquire for longer cables	