



MONITOR CTD



The MONITOR CTD has been developed from Valeport's MIDAS CTD, utilising the same accurate, robust sensors and synchronised sampling technique, but packaged as a smaller, lightweight unit to suit small boat or shallow water applications.

Sensors

The MONITOR CTD is fitted with Valeport's low external field conductivity sensor, a fast response PRT temperature sensor, and strain gauge pressure transducer.

Conductivity

Range: 0 to 80 mS/cm
Resolution: 0.002mS/cm
Accuracy: ±0.01mS/cm

Temperature

Range: -5°C to +35°C
Resolution: 0.005°C
Accuracy: ±0.01°C

Pressure

Range: 50 Bar standard, others available
Resolution: 0.005% range
Accuracy: ±0.1% range

Data Acquisition

The MONITOR CTD uses the concept of distributed processing, where each sensor has its own microprocessor controlling sampling and calibration of readings. Each of these is then controlled by a central processor, which issues global commands and handles all the data. This means that all data is sampled at precisely the same instant, giving superior quality profile data.

Sampling Modes

Continuous: Regular output from all sensors at 1, 2, 4 or 8Hz.
Burst: Regular sampling pattern, where instrument takes a number of readings, then sleeps for a defined time.
Trip/Profile: Data is output as a chosen parameter changes by a set value, usually Pressure for profiling.
Conditional: Instrument sleeps until a selected parameter reaches a set value.
Delay: Instrument sleeps until predefined start time

Communications

The instrument will operate autonomously, with setup and data extraction performed by direct communications with PC before and after deployment. It also operates in real time, with a choice of communication protocols for a variety of cable lengths, all fitted as standard and selected by pin choice on the output connector:

Standard

RS232 Up to 200m cable, direct to serial port.
RS485 Up to 1000m cable, addressable half duplex comms
RS422 Up to 1500m cable, addressable full duplex comms

Options

USB For rapid upload or laptops without serial port
Baud Rate: 2400 - 115200 (USB 460800)
Protocol: 8 data bits, 1 stop bit, No parity, No flow control

Electrical

Internal: 8 x C cells, 1.5v alkaline or 3.6v lithium
External: 9 - 30vDC
Power: 0.6W (sampling), <1mW (sleeping)
Battery Life: <100 hours operation (alkaline)
 <250 hours operation (lithium)
Connector: Subconn MCBH10F

Memory

The MONITOR CTD is fitted with 16Mb solid state non-volatile FLASH memory. Total capacity depends on sampling mode; continuous & burst modes have a single time stamp at the start of the file, trip mode (profiling) stores a time stamp with each reading. A single line of CTD data uses 6 bytes, and a time stamp uses 7 bytes.

Continuous: >2,750,000 data points
Profile: >1,200,000 data points (>600 profiles to 500m).

Physical

Materials: Acetal housing, polyurethane and titanium sensor components, stainless steel (316) cage
Depth Rating: 500m
Instrument Size: 88mmØ x 540mm long
Cage Size: 640 x 140 x 120mm
Weight (in cage): 7.5kg (in air), 4.5kg (in water)
Shipping: 160 x 460 x 1020mm, 25kg

Software

System supplied with DataLog Express Windows based PC software, for instrument setup, data extraction and display. DataLog Express is licence free.

Ordering

0606004 MONITOR CTD Profiler, supplied with deployment cage, 3m communications lead, DataLog Express software, manual and transit case.
 0400002 16 Mbyte memory upgrade (max 64 Mbyte)
 0400029 RS485 communications adaptor
 0400030 RS422 communications adaptor
 0400050 USB data upload lead

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