

Aquadopp Profiler Z-Cell, 1 MHz



Current profiler



Need to collect accurate 3D currents very near the seabed or sea surface, in addition to a full water-column profile?

The Z-Cell (Zero Cell) Aquadopp Profiler allows current measurement to start right at the instrument's level through an innovative approach: it has side-looking beams fully integrated into the instrument's head, effectively removing the blanking distance normally applicable to ADCPs.

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Highlights

- → Up to 25 m current profiling range
- → Capable of measuring surface or bottom currents
- → PUV-based directional wave measurements



Applications

- → Mounted on bottom frames, with ability to measure also near-bed currents
- → Mean flow measurements with high focus on ease of use and simplicity
- → Measurements in flow regimes with strong variations in flow speeds
- → Projects with needs for both high-resolution and normal-range current measurements
- → Studies of tidal currents
- → Measurements of combinations of waves and currents
- → Mounted on surface buoys, with the ability to measure also surface currents



Technical specifications

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→ Water velocity measurements		
Maximum profiling range ¹⁾	12-25 m	
Cell size	0.3-4 m	
Minimum blanking	0.20 m when profiling: 0 m when Z-Cell enabled	
Maximum number of cells	128	
Measurement cell position	N/A	
Default position (along beam)	N/A	
Velocity range	± 10 m/s ²⁾	
Accuracy	± 1% of measured value ± 0.5 cm/s	
Velocity precision	Consult instrument software	
Maximum sampling rate	1 Hz	
(output) Internal sampling rate	6 H7	
\rightarrow Echo intensity (along s	alanted beams)	
Sampling	Same as velocity	
Resolution	0.45 dB	
	90 dB	
Transducer acoustic frequency	1 MHz	
Number of beams	3	
Ream width	3.4°	
→ HR option (7-Cell will	be disabled)	
Maximum profiling range	6m	
	20-200 mm	
Minimum blonking	20-300 mm	
Maximum pumbar of collo	129	
Maximum number of cetts	Product of profiling range and velocity	
Range/velocity limitations	should not exceed 1.0 m ² /s	
Accuracy	± 1% of measured value ± 0.5 cm/s	
Max. sampling rate	1 Hz (continuous mode) 8 Hz (burst mode)"	
\rightarrow Z-Cell option		
Cell zero acoustic frequency	2 MHz	
Maximum profiling range	0.4-0.9 m	
Number of beams	3	
→ Sensors		
Temperature:	Thermistor embedded in head	
Temp. range	-4 to +40 °C	
Temp. accuracy/resolution	0.1 °C/0.01 °C	
Temp. time response	10 min	
Compass:	Magnetometer	
Accuracy/resolution	2°/0.1° for tilt < 20°	
Tilt:	Liquid level	
Accuracy/resolution	0.2°/0.1°	
Maximum tilt	30°	
Up or Down	Automatic detect	
Pressure:	Piezoresistive	
Range	0-100 m (inquire for options)	
Accuracy/precision	0.5% FS / 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 • +5 V/250 mA • +12 V/100 mA	
Voltage input	0-5 V	
Resolution	16-bit A/D	

→Data recording	
Capacity	9 MB, can add 4/16 GB
Data record	9*Ncells + 32 bytes
Diagnostics record	N/A
Wave record	Nsamples * 24 + 60 bytes
Mode	Stop when full (default) or wrap mode
→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 "AquaPro" software, ActiveX® function calls, or direct commands with binary or ASCII data output
→ Connectors	
Bulkhead (Impulse)	MCBH-8-FS
Cable	PMCIL-8-MP on 10 m polyurethane cable
→Software	
Functions	Deployment planning, instrument configuration, data retrieval and conversion (for Windows®).
→ Power	
DC input	9-15 V DC
Maximum peak current	3 A
Avg. power consumption ³⁾	0.05 W
Sleep current	< 100 μA
Transmit power	0.3-20 W, 3 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)
→ Environmental	
Operating temperature	-5 to +40 °C
Storage temperature	-20 to +60 °C
Shock and vibration	IEC 721-3-7
EMC approval	IEC 61000
Depth rating	300 m
→ Materials	
Standard model	POM and polyurethane plastics with titanium fasteners
→ Dimensions	
Maximum diameter	75 mm
Maximum length	~550 mm (single battery) +110 mm (double battery) depending on head configuration
→Weight	
Weight in air	2.2 kg
Weight in water	0.2 kg
→Options	
	Alkaline, lithium or Li-ion external batteriesInquire for different head configurations

 $^{\rm 1})$ Depends on local scattering conditions, $^{\rm 2})$ Inquire for higher ranges, $^{\rm 3})$ Default configuration, see instrument SW for details and other setups