



# Signature 500

300 m | 6000 m

**Mean currents and turbulence, plus wave height, direction and ice tracking**



The Signature 500 ADCP is designed for flexibility. It measures current profiles at up to 8 Hz sampling frequency. It can also measure direct vertical velocity profiles, wave height and direction, and acoustic ranging to ice. The center beam also functions as a biological echosounder, enabling high-resolution measurements of biomass in the water column. All these features can be combined using Nortek's patented concurrent mode technology.

Download our guide to Signature ADCPs [here](#).

## Highlights

- ✓ Five beams for mean currents and turbulence
- ✓ Wave height and direction
- ✓ Acoustic ranging to ice
- ✓ Onboard wave processing

## Applications

- ✓ Simultaneous current and turbulence studies at up to 70m range
- ✓ Sediment transport studies or biomass estimates using optional scientific echosounder
- ✓ Buoy-mounted measurements in high-energy areas with optional AHRS for motion correction
- ✓ Wave measurements and ice monitoring using acoustic surface tracking (AST)

## Technical specifications

Water velocity measurements	
Maximum profiling range*	60 m (burst mode), 70 m (average mode)
Cell size	0.5-4 m
Minimum blanking	0.5 m
Maximum number of cells	256 (burst)/200 (average)
Velocity range (along beam)	User-selectable 1.0 to 5.0 m/s
Minimum accuracy	0.3% of measured value $\pm$ 0.3 cm/s
Velocity precision	Broadband processing, consult instrument software
Velocity resolution	0.1 cm/s
Max sampling rate	8 Hz (4 Hz using 5 beams)

\*Dependent on measurement conditions

## HR option

HR option Not available

### AD2CP measurement modes

Single	Burst or average
Concurrent	Burst and average
Alternate	Single and/or concurrent

### Echo intensity (along slanted beams)

Sampling	Same as velocity
Resolution/ dynamic range	0.5 dB / 70 dB
Transducer acoustic frequency	500 kHz
Number of beams	5; 4 slanted at 25°, 1 vertical
Beam width	2.9°

### Echo sounder option

Resolution	6 mm - 0.5 m
Number of bins	11,000
Transmit pulse length	32 $\mu$ s - 1 ms
Transmit pulse	Monochromatic or pulse compressed (25% BW)
Resolution / dynamic range	0.01 dB / 70 dB

### Wave measurement option

AST frequency	500 kHz
AST max distance	75 m
Maximum wave measurement depth	60 m
Height range	-15 to +15 m
Accuracy/resolution (Hs)	< 1% of measured value / 2 cm
Accuracy/resolution (Dir)	2° / 0.1°
Period range	1-50 s
Cut-off period (Hs)	5 m depth; 0.6 sec, 20 m depth; 1.1 sec, 60 m depth; 1.9 sec
Cut-off period (dir)	5 m depth; 1.5 sec, 20 m depth; 3.1 sec, 60 m depth; 5.5 sec
Sampling rate (velocity and AST)	4 Hz

### Ice measurement option

Parameters Acoustic ranging to ice, speed and direction, echo sounder data

### Sensors

Temperature:	Thermistor in head (sampled at meas. rate)
Temp. range	-4 to +40 °C
Temp. accuracy/resolution	0.1 °C/0.01 °C
Temp. time response	2 min
Compass:	Solid State magnetometer (max 1 Hz samplerate)
Accuracy/resolution	2° for tilt < 30°/0.01°
Tilt:	Solid State accelerometer (max 1 Hz sample rate)
Accuracy/resolution	0.2° for tilt < 30°/0.01°
Maximum tilt	Full 3D
Up or Down	Automatic detect
Pressure:	Piezoresistive (sampled at meas. rate)

## Sensors

Standard range	0-100 m (inquire for options)
Accuracy/precision	0.1% FS / Better than 0.002% of full scale

## AHRS option

Accelerometer dynamic range	$\pm 2$ g
Gyro dynamic range	$\pm 250^\circ/\text{sec}$
Magnetometer dynamic range	$\pm 1.3$ Gauss
Pitch and roll range /resolution	$\pm 90^\circ$ (pitch) $\pm 180^\circ$ (roll) /0.01°
Pitch and roll accuracy	$\pm 2^\circ$ (dynamic)*, $\pm 0.5^\circ$ (static, $\pm 30^\circ$ )
Heading range / resolution	360°, all axis /0.01°
Heading accuracy	$\pm 3^\circ$ (dynamic)*, $\pm 2^\circ$ (static, tilt < 20°)
Sampling rate	Same as measurement rate (up to 8 Hz)

\*Dynamic specifications depend on the type of motion.

## Data recording

Capacity	16 GB, 64 GB or 128 GB (inquire for larger capacity)
Data record	Consult instrument software
Mode	Stop when full

## Real-time clock

Accuracy	$\pm 1$ min/year
Clock retention in absence of external power	1 year. Rechargeable backup battery.

## Data communications

Ethernet	10/100 Mbps Auto MDI-X, TCP/IP, UDP/IP, HTTP protocols, Fixed IP / DHCP client /Auto IP address assignment, UPnP and Nortek proprietary instrument discovery over Ethernet
Serial	Configurable RS-232/RS-422 300-1250000 bps
Recorder download baud rate	20 Mbit/s (Ethernet only) - 1 GB in 6 minutes
Controller interface	ASCII command interface over Telnet and serial

## Connectors

Depending on configuration	MCBH6F (Ethernet), MCBH8F (serial), MCBH2F-G2 (pwr), optional Souriau M-series metal connector for online use (10M)
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## Software

Functions	Deployment planning, instrument configuration, data retrieval and conversion (for Windows®)
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## Power

DC input	12-48 V DC
Maximum peak current	1.5 A
Max. average consumption at 1 Hz	8 W at 1 Hz, Ethernet adds 0.75 W
Typical average consumption	25 mW
Sleep consumption	100 $\mu$ A, power depending on supply voltage
Transmit power per beam	0.3-30 W, adjustable levels

## Power

Ping sequence	Parallel
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## Batteries

Internal	180 Wh alkaline, 540 or 1800 Wh with long canister
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Duration	Depending on configuration, consult software
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## Environmental

Operating temperature	-4 to +40 °C
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Storage temperature	-20 to +60 °C
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Vibration	IEC60068-2-64
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EMC approval	IEC/EN 61000-6-2, 61000-6-3
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Depth rating	300 m (for 6000 m version, contact Nortek for specifications)
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## Materials

Standard model	POM with titanium fasteners
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## Dimensions

Maximum diameter	228 mm
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Maximum length with room for internal batteries	274 mm (180 Wh), 464 mm (540 Wh or 1800 Wh Li)
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Maximum length without room for internal batteries	184 mm
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## Weight

In air, no battery	6.4 kg (5.2 kg short)
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In water, no battery	-0.35 kg (0.6 kg short)
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Battery	1.8 kg
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