

CURRENT PROFILER

Signature500



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

The Signature500 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.

Highlights

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

Applications

- ✓ Turbulence studies
- ✓ Tidal turbine operations
- ✓ Studies of tidal currents
- ✓ Sediment transport studies
- ✓ Ice drift and draft studies
- ✓ Vessel-mounted coastal surveying
- ✓ Plankton migration studies
- ✓ Biomass measurements
- ✓ Directional wave measurements
- ✓ Suitable for wave buoys

Technical specifications

→ Water velocity measurements

Maximum profiling range ¹⁾	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 2.5 or 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)

→ HR option (on 5th beam only)

Velocity range	N/A
Cell size	N/A
Profiling range	N/A
Range velocity limitations	N/A

→ 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 μ 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

→ Wave measurement option

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
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→ 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)
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	± 2 g
Gyro dynamic range	± 250°/sec
Magnetometer dynamic range	± 1.3 Gauss
Pitch and roll range /resolution	± 90° (pitch) ± 180° (roll) /0.01°
Pitch and roll accuracy	± 2° (dynamic)4), ± 0.5° (static, ±30°)
Heading range / resolution	360°, all axis /0.01°
Heading accuracy	± 3° (dynamic)4), ± 2° (static, tilt < 20°)
Sampling rate	Same as measurement rate (up to 8 Hz)

→ Data recording

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

→ Data recording

Mode Stop when full

→ Real-time clock

Accuracy ± 1 min/year

Clock retention in absence of external power 1 year. Rechargeable backup battery.

→ Data communications

Ethernet 10/100 Mbits 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)

→ Software

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

→ 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 ?A, power depending on supply voltage

Transmit power per beam 0.3-30 W, adjustable levels

Ping sequence Parallel

→ Batteries

Internal 180 Wh alkaline, 540 or 1800 Wh with long canister

Duration Depending on configuration, consult software

→ Environmental

Operating temperature -4 to +40 °C

Storage temperature -20 to +60 °C

Vibration IEC60068-2-64

EMC approval IEC/EN 61000-6-2, 61000-6-3

Depth rating 300 m (for 6000 m version, contact Nortek for specifications)

→ Materials

Standard model	POM with titanium fasteners
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→ Dimensions

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

→ Weight

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