MIDAS CTD

The MIDAS CTD is an accurate, robust CTD Profiler. As well as using Valeport's high stability conductivity sensor, which maintains performance at extreme temperatures and pressures, the MIDAS CTD is fitted with a high accuracy 0.01% pressure sensor as standard. It also features our unique synchronised sampling technique to ensure that all sensors are sampled at exactly the same time for perfect profiles. Titanium construction and a variety of communications methods make the MIDAS CTD ideal for real-time or autonomous profiling in virtually all conditions.

Sensors

The MIDAS CTD is fitted with Valeport's high stability conductivity sensor, a high accuracy temperature compensated piezo-resistive pressure transducer, and a fast response PRT temperature sensor.

Conductivity

Range:	0 - 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:	10, 50, 100, 300 or 600bar
Resolution:	0.001% range
Accuracy:	±0.01% range

Data Acquisition

The MIDAS 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 via USB adaptor
RS485	Up to 1000m cable, addressable half duplex comms

Options

FSK	2 wire power & comms up to 6000m cable (cable dependant)
Baud Rate:	2400 - 115200 (FSK fixed at 19200, USB 460800)
Protocol:	8 data bits, 1 stop bit, No parity, No flow control

Memory

The MIDAS 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:	>2,700,000 data points
Profile:	>1,200,000 data points (>100 profiles to 6000m).

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

Physical

Materials:	Titanium housing, polyurethane sensor components, stainless steel (316) cage
Depth Rating:	6000m (may be limited by pressure sensor)
Instrument Size:	88mmØ x 665mm long
Cage Size:	750 x 140 x 120mm
Weight (in cage):	11.5kg (in air), 8.5kg (in water)
Shipping:	100 x 18 x 49cm, 24kg

Software

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

Ordering

0606001	MIDAS CTD Profiler, supplied with deployment cage, Subconn switch plug, 3m communications lead, USB adaptor, DataLog Express software, manual , tool kit and transit case.
Note:	XX denotes transducer range. Select from 10, 50, 100, 300 or 600bar
0400002	16 Mbyte memory upgrade (max 64 Mbyte)
0400EA5	FSK modem adaptor
TB0400FSK	Probe board set required for FSK operation

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