

Signature 500



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.

Specifications

Product	Signature 500
Country of origin	Norway
Manufacturer	Nortek
Material	POM with titanium fasteners
Weight in air no battery	6.4 kg (5.2 kg short)

Water velocity measurements

Max. profiling range	60 m (burst mode), 70 m (average mode)
Cell size	0.5-4 m
Min. blanking	0.5 m)
Max no. cells	256 (burst)/200 (average)
Min. accuracy	0.3% of measured value \pm 0.3 cm/s
Velocity range (along beam)	User-selectable 2.5 or 5.0 m/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°

Software

Functions	Deployment planning, instrument configuration, data retrieval and conversion (for Windows®)
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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
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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Real-time clock

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

Data recording

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

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 sample rate)
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)*, ± 0.5° (static, ±30°)
Heading range/resolution	360°, all axis / 0.01°
Heading accuracy	± 3° (dynamic)2, ± 2° (static, tilt < 20°)
Sampling rate	Same as measurement rate (up to 8 Hz)

Data communications

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
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

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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Power

DC input	12-48 V DC
Max. 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 µA, 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

Max. diameter	-4 to +40 °C
Max. 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