Valeport “Time of Flight” sound velocity technology is available in a number of standard instrument packages, which we believe cater for the majority of applications requiring the ultimate in SV measurement.

However, our in-house design and manufacture capability means that we are able to provide customized versions of this technology to suit less mainstream or emerging applications, or for integration into third party systems. Please contact us to discuss your requirements.

Sensor Specifications

Acoustic Frequency: 2.5MHz

Range: 1375 - 1900m/s

This covers all known aquatic environments from cold pure water to The Dead Sea and The Marianas Trench. However, if you wish to measure sound velocity in another medium, the range can be adjusted to suit.

Resolution: 0.001m/s

Accuracy: Dependent on sensor size

100mm
- Random noise (point to point) ±0.002m/s
- Max systematic calibration error ±0.013m/s
- Max systematic clock error ±0.002m/s
- Total max theoretical error ±0.017m/s

50mm
- Total max theoretical error ±0.019m/s

25mm
- Total max theoretical error ±0.020m/s

Other sensor sizes can be manufactured if required.

The accuracy figure quoted is a worst case scenario based on Total Error Budget, as detailed above. Accuracy is independent of sample rate, since each reading is derived from a single acoustic pulse. We use no “rms”, filtering or data averaging in the derivation of the quoted accuracy.

Data Output

Type: RS232 & RS485 output, selected by command code

Baud Rate: 2400 - 115200 (NB. Low baud rates may limit data rate)

Protocol: 8 data bits, 1 stop bit, No parity, No flow control

Sample Rate: 1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32 or 60Hz, or sample on demand

Format: Choose from mm/s (1510123), m/s to 3 decimal places (1510.123), or m/s to 2 decimal places (1510.12)

Electrical

Voltage: 8 - 30vDC

Power: 0.25W

Physical

Depth Rating: Standard sensor assembly rated to 6000m, 11000m version also available

Transducer Window: Polycarbonate

Sensor Legs: Carbon Composite

Bulkhead & Reflector: Titanium.

Circuit Board: 85 x 27mm

Example Custom & OEM Applications

Acoustic Positioning Transponders

Seismic Streamers

AUVs

High Pressure Environments (Marianas Trench)

Submarines

Non-Aquatic Environments

Underway Profile / Winch Systems

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