

Underwater Structural Stress Monitoring System

Real-Time Acoustic Control and Data Acquisition

The Model USS-110 stress monitoring unit incorporates a 3-axis accelerometer integrated with a bi-directional high speed acoustic modem. This unique combination allows not only real-time control via down link acoustic commands, but also recovery of accelerometer and external sensor data as well as system diagnostic information. The system is housed in a 5-inch diameter aluminum pressure housing rated for 3000 meter operating depth. In addition to the 3-axis accelerometer and diagnostic data, the unit is equipped with an external connector to provide for optional processing of 5 additional channels of analog data with 12 bit resolution. This capability will allow input of sensor measurements such as strain gauges or load cells and other desired parameters. An acoustic modem is integrated, allowing for real-time data acquisition at rates up to 56K bps.

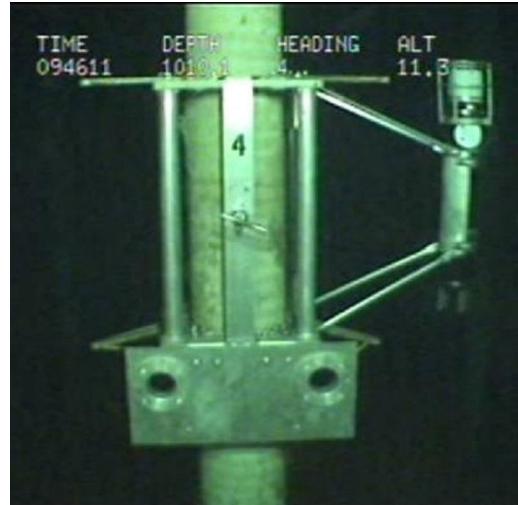
An operator interface software package is provided to allow seamless integration between the customer's computer and the topside acoustic modem. The windows based program provides for control and display of all data acquired and for initiation of down-link commands which allow setting of the sampling interval, data averaging period, or request for continuous raw data.

FEATURES

- Real-time remote acquisition of stress and other analog data
- Optional measurement of multiple additional sensor outputs
- High-speed bi-directional acoustic link to surface
- Three axis acceleration and 2 axis inclination sensors for analysis of VIV, DIV, and other stress events
- Accurate real-time clock for data synchronization
- Internal alkaline battery pack
- Shipboard control and data display software provided

APPLICATIONS

- VIV and DIV analysis studies
- Underwater structure motion monitoring for stress analysis
- Real-time stress data acquisition during oil flow line installations
- Data provides information on structural response to stress-inducing events



The USS-110 can be ROV-deployed or hand-mounted

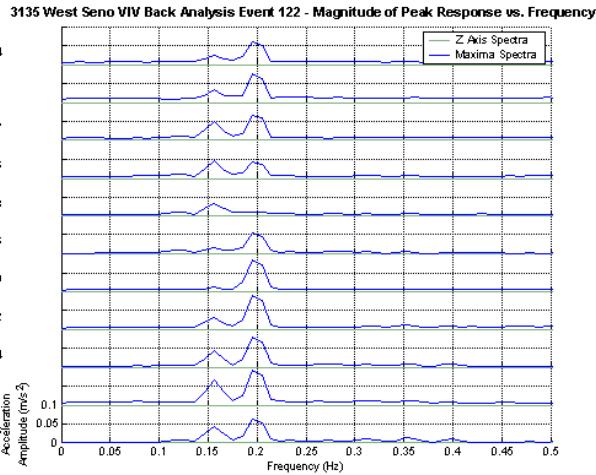


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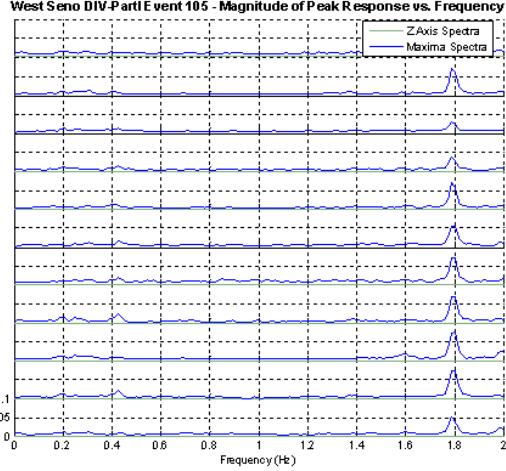
SPECIFICATIONS SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE

3 Axis Accelerometer Sensor:	Input Range: ± 1 g Sensitivity: 1 V/g Bandwidth: DC - 50 Hz
2 Axis Inclination Sensor:	Linear Angular Range: $\pm 20^\circ$ Full Angular Range: $\pm 78^\circ$ Sensitivity: 35 mV/ $^\circ$ Resolution: 0.01 $^\circ$
Standard Data Output:	3 accelerometer measurements plus battery voltage
Optional Measurements:	5 additional analog input channels, 16 bit resolution
Data Storage:	Internal 256 MB
Real-Time Clock Drift:	± 5 ppm
Serial Communication:	RS-232, RS-485 or CMOS
Measurement Update Rate:	Programmable in real-time via acoustic link or through external serial communication connector
Acoustic Modem:	Integrated, high-speed
Transmission Mode:	Half Duplex. Commands down-link. Command verification and data uplink.
Acoustic Frequency:	16 - 21 kHz
Acoustic Transducer:	60 degree directional, optional omni-directional
Battery Supply:	Alkaline battery pack. 42 Ahrs standard
Operating Life:	Up to 6 months. Depending on sampling scheme.
Pressure Housing:	6061-T6 Aluminum, Anodized
Dimensions:	5 in. OD x 40 in. long (approximate)
Weight:	In Air: 40 lbs. In Water: 20 lbs

Sample VIV Data



Sample DIV Data



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