

AWAC 400 kHz - 300 m, Generation 2



Real-time current profiles and directional waves with up to 100 m range

The AWAC 400 kHz ADCP has become the standard reference technology in submerged wave-measurement applications. Thousands of these ADCPs have been deployed to capture the full wave spectrum, in combination with current profiles. With a 100 m maximum range for wave measurements, 1.5 Hz sampling of the surface elevation and onboard wave processing for real-time applications, the AWAC 400 kHz is the optimal tool for deeper-water current and wave measurements.

The AWAC 2 design offers future-proof electronics, better performance and easier instrument maintenance.

See the details of the Generation 2 AWAC updates in the release notes [here](#).

Highlights

- ✓ Real-time current profiles and waves to 100 m range
- ✓ Acoustic surface tracking (AST) with vertical beam
- ✓ Can be used both with fixed frames and subsurface buoys
- ✓ Onboard wave processing for real-time applications.

Applications

- ✓ Online measurements of currents and waves at long ranges
- ✓ Site studies for offshore wind platforms
- ✓ Measurement campaigns where the full wave spectrum is needed
- ✓ Monitoring of transient waves for channel wall protection

Technical specifications

→ Water velocity measurements

Maximum profiling range	100 m
Cell size	1.0-8.0 m
Number of cells	200
Velocity range	±10 m/s horizontal, ±20 m/s upon request
Accuracy	±1% of measured value ±0.5 cm/s
Velocity precision	Consult instrument software
Maximum output rate	1 Hz or 2 Hz
Internal sampling rate	4 Hz

→ Echo intensity (along slanted beams)

Sampling	Same as velocity
Resolution	0.5 dB
Dynamic range	90 dB
Transducer acoustic frequency	400 kHz, 600 kHz for vertical beam
Number of beams	3 beams 120° apart, one vertical beam, (90° apart, one at 5° for platform mount)
Beam width	1.18 (2,36° total)
Beam width vertical beam	1.93° total

→ Wave measurement option (AST)

Maximum depth	100 m
Data types	Pressure, one velocity along each beam, AST
Max. Sampling Rate (output)	2Hz
No. of samples per burst	512, 1024 or 2048 (Contact Nortek for other burst configurations)

→ Wave estimates

Range	-15 to 15 m
Accuracy/resolution (Hs)	< 1% of measured value / 1 cm
Accuracy/resolution (Dir)	2° / 0.2°
Period range	TBC
Cut-off period (Hs)	20 m depth: 0.9 sec, 60 m depth: 1.5 sec, 100 m depth: 2 sec
Cut-off period (dir)	20 m depth: 3.1 sec, 60 m depth: 5.5 sec, 100 m depth: 7.1 sec

→ 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)

→ Sensors

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)
Range	0-100 m (inquire for options)
Accuracy / Precision	0.1% FS / Better than 0.002% of full scale

→ Data recording

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

Standard	MCBH6F (Ethernet) + MCBH8F (serial and/or battery)
Optional	MCBH6F (Ethernet) + Souriau M-series metal connector for online use (10M) + MCBH2F (battery)

→ Software

Functions	Deployment planning, instrument configuration, data retrieval and conversion (for Windows®)
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→ 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	15 mW
Sleep consumption	100 µA, power depending on supply voltage
Transmit power per beam	0.3-30 W, adjustable levels
Ping sequence	Parallel

→ 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

→ Materials

Standard model	POM with titanium fasteners
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→ Dimensions

Maximum diameter	306 mm
Maximum length	203 mm

→ Weight

Weight in air	TBC
Weight in water	TBC

→ Online cable

Polyurethane jacket, Shore D hardness, 13mm in diameter, max 500m. Inquire for longer cables

→ Batteries

External	540Wh (alkaline) or 1800 W (lithium)
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