

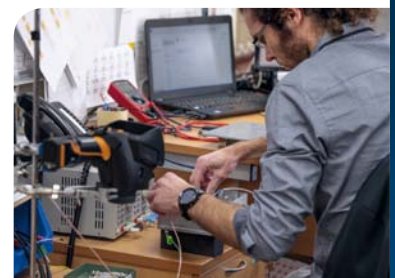
HYDRAQ QQ1000 DIGITAL HYDROPHONE



The Seiche Hydraq QQ1000, developed in conjunction with QinetiQ, is a unique instrumented hydrophone combining acoustic and auxiliary sensors for cutting edge metrology. It is suitable for seabed, rising cable or suspended cable deployments.

This new Ethernet hydrophone meets the challenges of accurately measuring radiated noise and environmental noise in the marine environment over a wide bandwidth. By integrating auxiliary sensors with the primary acoustic sensor, Hydraq QQ1000 provides a comprehensive solution which ensures that sensor orientation, pressure and hydrophone vibration are continuously monitored.

The acoustic sensor is a 12.7 mm ceramic ball, chosen to extend the below-resonance measurement bandwidth compared with similar low-noise hydrophones. Hydraq QQ1000 incorporates a very low noise switched gain hydrophone amplifier with self noise levels below Knudsen Sea State 0.



APPLICATIONS

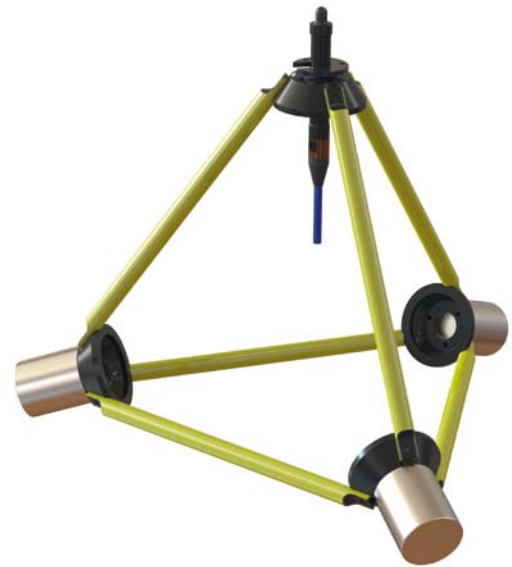
- Vessel acoustic signatures for maritime and defence sectors
- Port and Harbour Authority shipping noise/security monitoring
- Quiet Ocean Initiative data capture

Employing a sensitive three-axis accelerometer, Hydraq QQ1000 can measure both orientation with respect to vertical, and hydrophone vibration (the latter typically caused by proximity to propulsion systems or Scholte waves at the water/seabed boundary). Vibration, typically a low frequency effect, can contaminate acoustic measurement and should be measured and accounted for.

Uncertainty in sensor orientation principally affects high frequency measurements, and occurs in rising-cable deployments that are influenced by tidal flow, or hydrophone misalignment during seabed deployment. To resolve the problem of orientation, a magnetic compass augments the three-axis accelerometer, giving attitude and bearing.

Hydraq QQ1000 also provides an accurate pressure sensor for direct measurement of hydrophone depth. The pressure sensor has sufficient resolution for measurement of hydrostatic pressure variation in proximity to underway ships, having an estimated equivalent resolution of 1 mm water depth when using the 3 Bar sensor.

The Hydraq QQ1000 acoustic monitoring solution is suitable for wide-ranging noise measurement and environmental use, including compliance with expanding environmental legislation, recording marine mammals, generic noise pollution, or individual vessel sound signatures at sea.



SPECIFICATIONS

<i>Acoustic</i>
Nominal sensitivity -200 dB re 1V/μPa
Resolution 24 bits
Pre amp fixed gain 12 dB
Adjustable gain 0 – 60 dB, 12 dB steps
Total system gain 12 – 72 dB, 12 dB steps
Bandwidth 5 – 115 000 Hz, adjustable on request
Sampling rate 258 000 Hz, adjustable on request
<i>Communication</i>
10/100 Ethernet
<i>Compass</i>
Heading accuracy <4° RMS
Tilt accuracy <±2°
Output data rate 5 Hz
<i>Pressure</i>
Range 3/10/30 Bar, range on request
Accuracy ±0.15 % FS
Estimated resolution equivalent to 1 mm water depth with 3 Bar sensor option
<i>Temperature</i>
Operational range -10° C to 80° C
Accuracy ±2° C
<i>Accelerometer</i>
Range ±2.5 g
Three-axis
Resolution 16 bit
Bandwidth 440 Hz