



# IDRONAUT OCEAN SEVEN 316Plus CTD for Oceanography

PROFILER AND RECORDER EQUIPMENT - SMALL SIZE - FAST SAMPLING RATE: 20Hz

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The OCEAN SEVEN 316Plus CTD multiparameter probe is the evolution of the well-known OCEAN SEVEN 316 probe, more than 1000 units sold all over the world. The Ocean Seven 316Plus is equipped with the well-known IDRONAUT full ocean depth, pump-free and long-term stability sensors. Central to which, is the high accuracy seven-platinum-ring quartz conductivity cell (patented), which can be cleaned in the field without the need for re-calibration. This unique quartz cell employs a large diameter (8 mm) and a short length (46 mm) to guarantee self-flushing and no clogging after long-term deployment even in biologically active waters. Competitors' sensors, which present few mm only of cell orifice and very long cell length, are prone to clog even if protected by dangerous and poisonous antifouling devices. The OCEAN SEVEN 316Plus CTD multiparameter probe does not require pumps or any other external device to flush the sensors, which minimizes its power consumption and allows the use in **Arctica and Antarctica**.

For added flexibility, the OCEAN SEVEN 316Plus CTD multiparameter probe can be operated in either verbose or non-verbose mode, the latter being especially convenient for system integrations on buoys, ROVs and AUVs, thus making this probe an ideal choice for both on-line profiling and self-recording moored applications.

Acquired data is output using the standard RS232C interface which provides **20Hz sampling rate with REDAS-5 software**. Telemetry option is available for on-line full ocean depth, real-time data transmission. Other interfaces like RS422 and Wireless Bluetooth® can be optionally installed. The OCEAN SEVEN 316Plus CTD multiparameter probe can also optionally accommodate up to a maximum of 16 sensor analogue inputs, including 2 digital inputs, which can, if required, be added later.

## HIGHLY ACCURATE/PRECISE (0.01%FS) PRESSURE TRANSDUCER

The high-precision 0.01%FS pressure transducer is based on a piezoresistive bridge, floating on oil, with drift-free sensor interface. Temperature dependency and non-linearity are mathematically compensated by the interfacing electronics. Standard pressure transducers immediately available: 100, 1000, 2000, 4000, 6000, 10000 dbar.

## TEMPERATURE SENSOR

Features a very fast platinum resistance thermometer (time constant: 50 ms). Negligible self-heating effect.

## FLOW CONDUCTIVITY SENSOR

Features a large diameter, seven-ring quartz cell, which does not require platinum black deposition and which can be cleaned without re-calibrating.  
No external pump is necessary even for **Arctic and Antarctic** applications.

## OXYGEN SENSOR (7000 m operation)

Features an innovative pressure-compensated polarographic sensor, with a replaceable cap. Because stirring effects are negligible, no external pump is necessary.

## pH GLASS SENSOR and SOLID GEL REFERENCE ELECTRODE (7000 m operation)

High-pressure glass membrane pH electrode in conjunction with a ceramic junction-less reference electrode and a differential amplifier system.

## BLUETOOTH® WIRELESS ADAPTER

The IDRONAUT Wireless Adapter allows bidirectional full duplex communications between the OCEAN SEVEN 316Plus probe and a personal computer or PDA devices equipped with a Bluetooth® device.

## DATA TRANSMISSION

Via RS232C interface. Optional interfaces are: long distance (10000 m) telemetry, RS422 and Wireless Bluetooth.

## DATA MEMORY

Allows storage of up to 4.000.000 data sets, for each of the 7 standard acquired parameters together with date & time, using the 512-Mbyte standard memory.

## OPTIONAL PROBES, SENSORS

The following sensors, probes are currently interfaced:

- GENERAL OCEANICS - Rosette Water Samplers mod.1014,1016, 1018 and 1015.
- IDRONAUT - High Precision 0.01 % Pressure Transducer.
- IDRONAUT - String and Weight Bottom Sensor.
- DATASONICS - PSA916D Sonar Altimeter, 6000 m.
- LI-COR - LI-192SA Underwater and LI-193SA Spherical Underwater Quantum sensors.
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- SEA-BIRD - Submersible Pump.



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## □ BATTERY OPERATION

The internal and the optional external submersible battery packs permit continuous probe operation for about 12 and 120 hours respectively. Rechargeable or lithium batteries can also be used. Twelve batteries: 1.2V, 2.85 Ah, NiMH cells are installed in the internal battery pack.

All the sensors installed in the OCEAN SEVEN 316Plus CTD (see table for SENSOR SPECIFICATIONS) are manufactured by IDRONAUT and are exported all over the world. They are used by several other multiparameter probe manufacturers. All sensors have extremely low time constants: 50 milliseconds for physical parameters (CTD) at 1m/s profiling speed and 3 seconds for chemical parameters. The OCEAN SEVEN 316Plus CTD can measure, store and transmit sensor data by these modes of operation:

- **Pressure.** Data is sampled at regular pressure intervals. Multiple profiles can be obtained by switching the CTD ON and OFF.
- **Timed.** OS316Plus collects a series of samples and then sleeps for the configured time interval before waking up again and repeating the acquisitions. Time interval can be configured from 0.1s up to 1 day. Battery power is conserved while the probe is in sleep mode.
- **Conditioned.** Data is sampled at configurable sampling rates starting when the selected parameter overcomes the configured boundary. Sampling continues until the selected parameter falls below the configured boundary. Whenever the acquisition cycle starts, a configurable sampling rate 0.1..12 Hz is used. Monitoring of the selected parameter occurs at the configurable interval between 0.1s up to 1 day.
- **Continuous.** Data is sampled at configurable sampling rates starting when the operator switches on the probe. Sampling continues until the probe is switched off. Multiple cycles can be obtained by switching the CTD ON and OFF.
- **Real-time.** Data is sent to the control system at sampling rates of: **12 and 20 Hz using REDAS-5 software.**

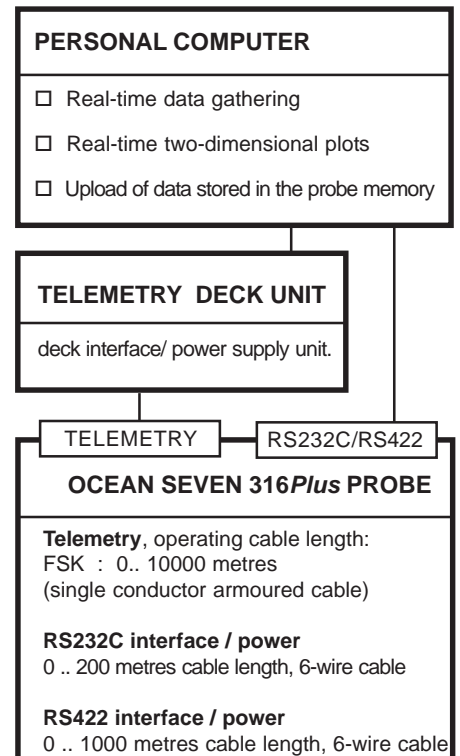
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The OCEAN SEVEN 316Plus CTD can be configured to be directly interfaced to a personal computer by means of the RS232C serial port or by telemetry. The telemetry and RS422 interfaces remedy the limitations of the RS232C serial interface (cable length and number of conductors). When using the telemetry interface, the Telemetry Deck Unit is required to convert serial, RS232C type signals from a PC communication port, into telemetry signals (and vice versa) which must flow superimposed on the probe power supply along the armoured single conductor coaxial cable.

Probe communication is achieved through one of the two male connectors installed on the top end cap of the probe. A six-pole connector is used for the RS232C and RS422 interfaces and for the power input, while, a two-pole connector is used for the telemetry interface.

## **IDRONAUT REDAS-5 Windows Software**

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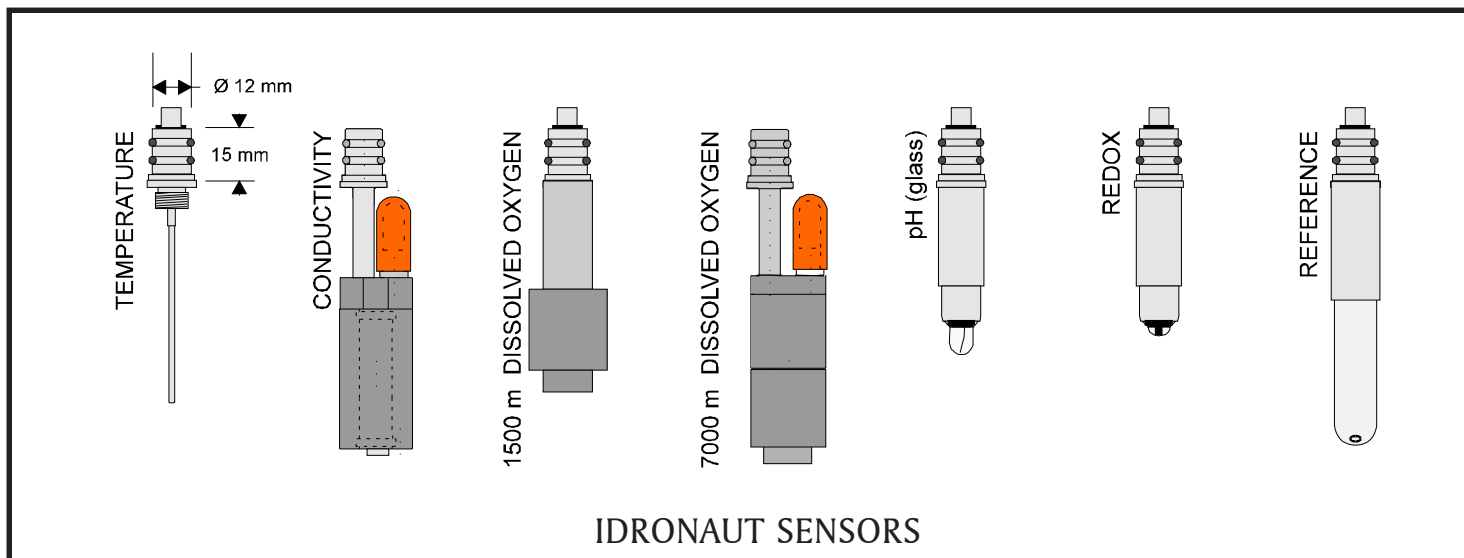


OCEAN SEVEN 316Plus Telemetry System Performance Chart			
Telemetry Type	Max cable length		Max transfer rate
RS232C	200	metres	38400 bps
RS422	1000	metres	38400 bps
QAM (*)	10000	metres	9600 bps

(\*) The above performance is obtained using the 6.4 mm diameter (1/4 inch) Rochester cable 1-H-255 which has an electrical resistance of 23 Ω/km and a capacity of 138 pF/m.

## **PROBE INTERFACING**

The Ocean Seven 316Plus CTD operates with the standard Rochester coaxial armoured cables (1/10, 1/8, 1/4, 1/2 inch) present in oceanographic vessels having a total resistance up to 250 ohms.



### SENSOR SPECIFICATIONS

	<u>Range</u>	<u>Accuracy</u>	<u>Resolution</u>	<u>Time Constant</u>
<b>Pressure</b>	0.. 1000 dbar*	0.05 % full scale	0.002 % full scale	50 ms
<b>Temperature</b>	-3.. +50 °C	0.003 °C	0.0002 °C	50 ms
<b>Conductivity</b>	0.. 70 mS/cm	0.003 mS/cm	0.0003 mS/cm	50 ms (at 1 m/second flow rate)
<b>Oxygen</b>	0.. 50 ppm	0.1 ppm	0.01 ppm	3 s (from nitrogen to air)
	0.. 500 % sat.	1 % sat.	0.1 % sat.	3 s (from nitrogen to air)
<b>pH</b>	0.. 14 pH	0.01 pH	0.001 pH	3 s
<b>Redox</b>	-1000.. +1000 mV	1 mV	0.1 mV	3 s
<b>Auxiliary inputs**</b>	0.. 5000 mV	1 mV	0.1 mV	50 ms

\* Other standard pressure transducers, immediately available, have 10, 40, 100, 200, 500, 2000, 4000, 6000, 10000 dbar ranges.

Optionally, the IDRONAUT Highly Accurate Precise (0.01%FS) Pressure Transducer can be installed instead of the standard pressure transducer.

\*\* Through the auxiliary inputs, optional sensors like: Fluorometer, Turbidity Meter, Transmissometer, Altimeter, Par, can be interfaced.  
Six auxiliary analogue inputs are available inside the probe.

The fundamental properties of seawater, like:

**Salinity, Sound Speed, Water Density, Pressure to Depth Conversion, Potential Temperature, Oxygen ppm** are obtained using the algorithms described in the UNESCO technical papers in marine science no. 44 "Algorithms for computation of fundamental properties of sea water".

### ELECTRONIC SPECIFICATIONS

Sampling rate:	user selectable: 12 and 20 Hz raw data CTD <b>using REDAS-5 software.</b>
Communication protocol:	proprietary byte-oriented, binary and plain message protocol.
Operator interface:	friendly menu-driven user interface.
Data memory	512-Mbyte non-volatile memory.
Battery power supply:	9 .. 18 V, 150 mA @ 12 V.

### Physical characteristics for:

	<u>1500 dbar</u>	<u>1500 dbar</u>	<u>7000 dbar</u>
Dimensions: <i>housing diameter:</i>	100 mm	75 mm	89 mm
<i>total length:</i>	710 mm	685 mm	770 mm
Weight: <i>in air:</i>	4,2 kg	4,0 kg	8,0 kg
<i>in water:</i>	0,2 kg	1,7 kg	4,3 kg
Materials:	white POM	black POM/AISI 316L	TITANIUM GR5
Diameter of protective cage/s:	260 mm, titanium.		
Cable connectors:	2-pole connector (RMG-2-FS) for telemetry output, if installed; 6-pole connector (RMG-6-FS) for RS232C/RS422 outputs and power input.		

## ACCESSORIES

### □ TELEMETRY PORTABLE DECK UNIT

The Telemetry Portable Deck Unit powers and interfaces, by coaxial oceanographic cables, the Ocean Seven 316Plus CTD with a personal computer. The portable deck unit is equipped with a transceiver (modem) which allows half-duplex communication with the probe. The portable deck unit is housed in a waterproof plastic case and is provided with an internal mains rechargeable lead battery (12V DC, 7 A/h) which permits probe operation even in the absence of the mains supply. The internal battery guarantees up to 15 hours of continuous probe and deck unit operation. The portable deck unit comes complete with an international battery charger: 115/220VAC +/-10%, 50-60 Hz +/-5% Telemetry power supply: 30V DC (max 0.3A@12 V). Dimensions: 340 x 300 x 160 mm. Weight: 6.5 kg.

### □ TELEMETRY ON-BOARD MKPlus DECK UNIT

The new MKPlus Deck Unit powers and interfaces the OCEAN SEVEN 3xx CTDs with an auto-adaptive V32/V32bis modem to optimize the full-duplex communication in real time, depending on the connection conditions. The communication speed of 14.400 bps over the oceanographic cable allows obtaining a higher transfer rate from the interfaced OCEAN SEVEN 3xx CTDs. Visual feedback is provided to the operator during communication to indicate the line quality and speed automatically selected by the MKPlus modem.

The MKPlus innovative V32/V32bis telemetry modem has been added to the basic electronics and functions of the well-proven MK Deck Unit. Up to 100 units were sold all over the world. The MKPlus Deck Unit provides high voltage telemetry power supply (220 VDC) to allow the OCEAN SEVEN 3xx CTDs to interface and power several additional probes. The MKPlus Deck Unit is housed in a 19" rack-mountable metallic box and is designed for on-board operations. The MKPlus Deck Unit operates with: 115/220 VAC +/-10%, 50-60 Hz +/- 5%. Telemetry power supply: 220 VDC (max 1A@12V). Dimensions: 480x160x90. Weight: 3 Kg.

### □ PORTABLE READER

Portable lightweight and extremely rugged reader based on the Windows Mobile™ software, which overcomes the limitations that the use of a PC in the field and in hostile environments normally implies, like: battery endurance, display reading under sunlight, water and dust tightness, weight, etc. The Portable Reader interfaces the probe through a built-in RS232-C interface and a dedicated programme.



□ **MANUAL PORTABLE WINCH.** Includes 2-way or 5-way slip ring and it can hold up to 350 m of 5 mm polyurethane jacketed armoured cable or 100 m of 10 mm polyurethane multi-conductor shielded cable

□ **COAXIAL ARMOURD CABLE - Ø 5 mm - POLYURETHANE**  
A strain relieved 5 mm polyurethane jacketed armoured cable type Idronaut - breaking strength: 200 kg - weight per km: 40 kg.

□ **RS232C/RS422 CABLE - Ø 10 mm - POLYURETHANE**  
Multi-conductor shielded cable - Kevlar armoured - type Idronaut Ø 10 mm - specifically designed for RS422 or RS232C interface. Composed of 3 pairs: one 2x16 AWG and two 2x22 AWG twisted together - breaking strength: 250 kg. Weight: 5,3 kg/100 m (in water); 13 kg/100 m (in air).

### □ SENSOR PROTECTION ANTIFOULING KIT

The electrochemical antifouling kit is installed near the Ocean Seven 316Plus probe measuring sensors. It greatly extends the sensor operations by protecting them from the bio fouling. The antifouling kit has been specifically developed for moored applications and does not release any poison.

### □ TITANIUM PROTECTIVE CAGES

- For sensor and/or upper connector protection: Ø 260 mm.  
- Mooring frame to house the CTD and two additional probes: Ø 350 mm ca, height 950 mm ca.

### □ EXTERNAL SUBMERSIBLE RECHARGEABLE BATTERY PACKS

The following battery packs, 14.4VDC (no. 12 NiMH cells), 4.5Ah are available:

- Ø 75 x 315 mm, 1500 m max depth operation;  
- Ø 66 x 315 mm, 7000 m max depth operation.

The external battery pack is held by the probe by means of one or two POM flanges.

### □ TRANSPARENT FLOW CELL

Easily connectable to a pumped source of seawater (water volume 200÷300 ml), this option converts the Ocean Seven 316Plus CTD from a profiling CTD to a very accurate FerryBox thermosalinograph.

## OPTIONS

### □ HIGH-PRECISION (0.01%FS) PRESSURE TRANSDUCER

The high-precision 0.01 %FS pressure transducer is based on the stable, floating piezoresistive transducer and the newly developed sensor interface. Temperature dependency and non-linearity of the sensor are mathematically compensated by the interfacing electronics. Standard pressure transducers immediately available: 100, 1000, 2000, 4000, 6000, 10000 dbar.

□ **TELEMETRY OUTPUT**, in addition to the RS232C output. Real-time data transmission to the Telemetry Deck Unit.

### □ BLUETOOTH® WIRELESS ADAPTER

The IDRONAUT Wireless Adapter allows bidirectional full duplex communications between the OCEAN SEVEN 316Plus probe and a personal computer or PDA devices equipped with a Bluetooth® device. The Wireless Adapter provides an interface conforming to the Bluetooth® class 1 (100 m) connectivity SPP protocol.

□ **RS422 INTERFACE**, instead of the RS232C interface, allows real-time communication with the probe using cables long up to 1000 m.

### □ GENERAL OCEANICS ROSETTE INTERFACE

General Oceanics Rosettes mod. 1014, 1016, 1018 and 1015 (Tone or Voltage Firing) are interfaced to perform attended and unattended bottle firing in function of time and/or depth variations. The latter is obtained through user's configurable depth profiles or depth steps. Furthermore, bottle firing can be accomplished in real time whenever the probe operates with the telemetry system.



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# IDRONAUT OCEAN SEVEN 320Plus WOCE-CTD for Oceanography

## PROFILER AND RECORDER EQUIPMENT - SMALL SIZE - FAST SAMPLING RATE: 40Hz

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The OCEAN SEVEN 320Plus WOCE-CTD multiparameter probe is the result of Idronaut's 25-year-old experience in the design and manufacturing of high quality fast response CTDs. The OCEAN SEVEN 320Plus CTD well meets the WOCE programme accuracy, precision and resolution specifications. The CTD can be easily equipped with **an additional redundant conductivity and temperature (CT) sensor pair** without the need for underwater connectors. The CT redundant sensors permit the gathering of extremely precise data with a verifiable data quality. The OCEAN SEVEN 320Plus WOCE-CTD is equipped with the well-known IDRONAUT full ocean depth, pump-free and long-term stability sensors. Central to which, is the high accuracy **seven-platinum-ring quartz conductivity cell (patented)**, which can be cleaned in the field without the need for re-calibration. This unique quartz cell employs a large diameter (8 mm) and a short length (46 mm) to guarantee self-flushing and no clogging after long-term deployment even in biologically active waters. Competitors' sensors, which present few mm only of cell orifice and very long cell length, are prone to clog even if protected by dangerous and poisonous antifouling devices. The OCEAN SEVEN 320Plus WOCE-CTD multiparameter probe **does not require pumps** or any other external device to flush the sensors, which minimizes its power consumption and allows the use in **Arctica** and **Antarctica**. Acquired data is output using the standard RS232C interface or the telemetry option available for on-line full ocean depth real-time data transmission. Other interfaces like RS422 and Wireless Bluetooth® can be optionally installed.

The OCEAN SEVEN 320Plus WOCE-CTD, because of an innovative 24-bit high-speed CT digitizer circuit, **provides 40 Hz sampling rate**. Furthermore, the **highly precise pressure transducer enhances the pressure sensor accuracy/precision to 0.01 % Full Scale (FS)**. The OCEAN SEVEN 320Plus WOCE-CTD multiparameter probe can accommodate up to sixteen 16-bit sensor analogue inputs, which can be added at any time, making this Idronaut probe an investment for the future.

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More reliable operation at sea minimizing risk of data loss. The redundancy principle allows better control of any possible sensor drift during long field campaigns.
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- **Real-time.** Data is sent to the control system at sampling rates of: **20, 30 and 40 Hz using REDAS-5 software.**

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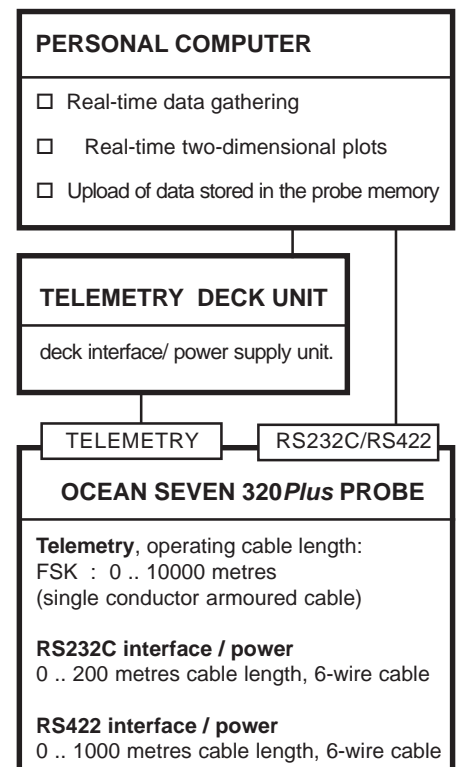
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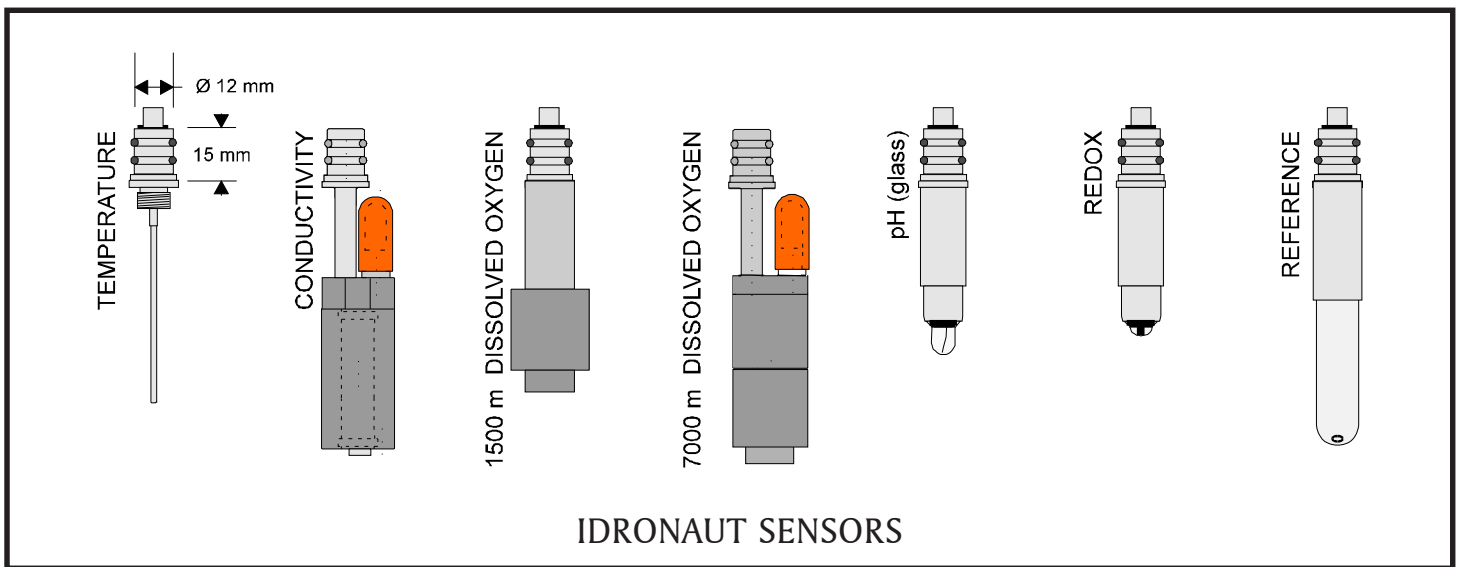
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<b>Temperature 1</b>	-5.. +45 °C	0.001 °C	0.0001 °C	50 ms
<b>Conductivity 1</b>	0.. 70 mS/cm	0.001 mS/cm	0.0001 mS/cm	50 ms (at 1 m/second flow rate)
<b>Temperature 2<sup>(2)</sup></b>	-5.. +45 °C	0.001 °C	0.0001 °C	50 ms
<b>Conductivity 2<sup>(2)</sup></b>	0.. 70 mS/cm	0.001 mS/cm	0.0001 mS/cm	50 ms (at 1 m/second flow rate)
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<b>Auxiliary inputs<sup>(3)</sup></b>	0.. 5000 mV	1 mV	0.1 mV	50 ms

- (1) Other standard pressure transducers, immediately available, have: 100, 1000, 2000, 4000 and 6000 dbar ranges.
- (2) Optional.
- (3) Through the auxiliary inputs, optional sensors like: Fluorometer, Turbidity Meter, Transmissometer, Altimeter, Par, can be interfaced. Ten auxiliary analogue inputs are available inside the probe.

The fundamental properties of seawater, like: **Salinity, Sound Speed, Water Density, Pressure to Depth Conversion, Potential Temperature, Oxygen ppm** are obtained using the algorithms described in the UNESCO technical papers in marine science no. 44 "Algorithms for computation of fundamental properties of sea water".

**ELECTRONIC SPECIFICATIONS**

Sampling rate: user selectable: 20, 30 and 40 Hz raw data CTD **using REDAS-5 software.**  
 Communication protocol: proprietary byte-oriented, binary and plain message protocol.  
 Operator interface: friendly menu-driven user interface.  
 Data memory: 512-MByte non-volatile memory  
 Battery power supply: 9 .. 18 V, 245 mA @ 12 V.

**Physical characteristics for**

	<u>1500 dbar</u>	<u>7000 dbar</u>
Dimensions: <i>housing diameter:</i>	100 mm	89 mm
<i>total length:</i>	710 mm	770 mm
Weight: <i>in air:</i>	4,2 kg	8,0 kg
<i>in water:</i>	0,2 kg	4,3 kg
Materials:	white POM	TITANIUM GR5
Diameter of protective cage/s:	260 mm, titanium	

## ACCESSORIES

### □ TELEMETRY PORTABLE DECK UNIT

The Telemetry Portable Deck Unit powers and interfaces, by coaxial oceanographic cables, the Ocean Seven 320Plus CTD with a personal computer. The portable deck unit is equipped with a transceiver (modem) which allows half-duplex communication with the probe. The portable deck unit is housed in a waterproof plastic case and is provided with an internal mains rechargeable lead battery (12V DC, 7 Ah) which permits probe operation even in the absence of the mains supply. The internal battery guarantees up to 10 hours of continuous probe and deck unit operation. The portable deck unit comes complete with an international battery charger: 115/220VAC +/-10%, 50-60 Hz +/-5%

Telemetry power supply: 30V DC (max 0.3A@12 V).  
Dimensions: 340 x 300 x 160 mm. Weight: 6.5 kg.

### □ TELEMETRY ON-BOARD MKPlus DECK UNIT

The new MKPlus Deck Unit powers and interfaces the OCEAN SEVEN 3xx CTDs with an auto-adaptive V32/V32bis modem to optimize the full-duplex communication in real time, depending on the connection conditions. The communication speed of 14.400 bps over the oceanographic cable allows obtaining a higher transfer rate from the interfaced OCEAN SEVEN 3xx CTDs. Visual feedback is provided to the operator during communication to indicate the line quality and speed automatically selected by the MKPlus modem.

The MKPlus innovative V32/V32bis telemetry modem has been added to the basic electronics and functions of the well-proven MK Deck Unit. Up to 100 units were sold all over the world. The MKPlus Deck Unit provides high voltage telemetry power supply (220 VDC) to allow the OCEAN SEVEN 3xx CTDs to interface and power several additional probes. The MKPlus Deck Unit is housed in a 19" rack-mountable metallic box and is designed for on-board operations. The MKPlus Deck Unit operates with: 115/220 VAC +/-10%, 50-60 Hz +/- 5%. Telemetry power supply: 220 VDC (max 1A@12V).  
Dimensions: 480x160x90. Weight: 3 Kg.

### □ PORTABLE READER

Portable lightweight and extremely rugged reader based on the Windows Mobile™ software, which overcomes the limitations that the use of a PC in the field and in hostile environments normally implies, like: battery endurance, display reading under sunlight, water and dust tightness, weight, etc. The Portable Reader interfaces the probe through a built-in RS232-C interface and a dedicated programme.



□ **MANUAL PORTABLE WINCH.** Includes 2-way or 5-way slip ring and it can hold up to 350 m of 5 mm polyurethane jacketed armoured cable or 100 m of 10 mm polyurethane multi-conductor shielded cable.

### □ COAXIAL ARMoured CABLE - Ø 5 mm - POLYURETHANE

A strain relieved 5 mm polyurethane jacketed armoured cable type Idronaut - breaking strength: 200 kg - weight per km: 40 kg.

### □ RS232C/RS422 CABLE - Ø 10 mm - POLYURETHANE

Multi-conductor shielded cable - Kevlar armoured - type Idronaut Ø 10 mm - specifically designed for RS422 or RS232C interface. Composed of 3 pairs: one 2x16 AWG and two 2x22 AWG twisted together - breaking strength: 250 kg. Weight: 5,3 kg/100 m (in water); 13 kg/100 m (in air).

### □ TITANIUM PROTECTIVE CAGES

- For sensor and/or upper connector protection: Ø 260 mm.
- Mooring frame to house the CTD and two additional probes: Ø 350 mm ca, height 950 mm ca.

### □ EXTERNAL SUBMERSIBLE RECHARGEABLE BATTERY PACKS

The following battery packs, 14.4VDC (no. 12 NiMH cells), 4.5Ah are available:

- Ø 75 x 315 mm, 1500 m max depth operation;
- Ø 66 x 315 mm, 7000 m max depth operation.

The external battery pack is held by the probe by means of one or two POM flanges.

### □ TRANSPARENT FLOW CELL

Easily connectable to a pumped source of seawater (water volume 200÷300 ml), this option converts the Ocean Seven 320Plus CTD from a profiling CTD to a very accurate FerryBox thermosalinograph.

## OPTIONS

### □ REDUNDANT PAIR OF TEMPERATURE AND CONDUCTIVITY SENSORS

More reliable operation at sea minimizing the risk of data loss. The redundancy principle allows better control of any possible sensor drift during long field campaigns.

□ **TELEMETRY OUTPUT**, in addition to the RS232C output. Real-time data transmission to the Telemetry Deck Unit.

### □ BLUETOOTH® WIRELESS ADAPTER

The IDRONAUT Wireless Adapter allows bidirectional full duplex communications between the OCEAN SEVEN 320Plus probe and a personal computer or PDA devices equipped with a Bluetooth® device. The Wireless Adapter provides an interface conforming to the Bluetooth® class 1 (100 m) connectivity SPP protocol.

### □ PUMP AND FLOW CELL

Although the 320Plus WOCE-CTD multiparameter probe does not require pumps, water may be pumped through the whole sensor array if the optional transparent flow cell is installed.

□ **RS422 INTERFACE**, instead of the RS232C interface, allows real-time communication with the probe using cables long up to 1000 m.

### □ GENERAL OCEANICS ROSETTE INTERFACE

General Oceanics Rosettes mod. 1014, 1016, 1018 and 1015 (Tone or Voltage Firing) are interfaced to perform attended and unattended bottle firing in function of time and/or depth variations. The latter is obtained through user's configurable depth profiles or depth steps. Furthermore, bottle firing can be accomplished in real time whenever the probe operates with the telemetry system.



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# IDRONAUT OCEAN SEVEN 304 CTD LOGGER

LOW POWER MICRO CTD SELF-RECORDING CAPABILITY - FAST SAMPLING RATE: 8Hz  
DISSOLVED OXYGEN - ARCTICA, ANTARCTICA - BRINE - ROVs and AUVs -

The OCEAN SEVEN 304 CTD, completes the line of high quality and accuracy IDRONAUT OCEAN SEVEN CTDs, fulfilling the demand for a high performance CTD probe with very small diameter and **extremely low power consumption**. This CTD can be easily integrated/adapted to third-party systems like floating profilers and/or buoy-moored systems, ROVs and AUVs. The 304 CTD standard interface is RS232C; other interfaces like: TTL, RS422 and Wireless Bluetooth® can be optionally installed.

Idronaut prides itself on the design of its full ocean depth, pump free, low maintenance sensors. Central to which, is their high accuracy seven-platinum-ring quartz conductivity cell (patented), which can be cleaned in the field without the need for re-calibration. This unique quartz cell employs a large diameter (8 mm) and a short length (46 mm) to guarantee self-flushing and no clogging after long-term deployment even in biologically active waters. Competitors' cells, which present few mm only of cell orifice and very long cell length, are prone to clog even if protected by dangerous and poisonous antifouling devices. The OCEAN SEVEN 304 CTD does not require pumps or any other external device to flush the sensors, which minimizes its power consumption and allows the use in **Arctica and Antarctica**.

The 304 CTD offers a combination of 16-bit high resolution data accuracy, with long-term sensor stability, making this CTD the best choice for both on-line profiling and self-recording moored applications. The CTD uses state-of-the-art electronics and is equipped with a 512-Mbyte logging memory.

Moreover, the user can select the proper conductivity range: for salt or fresh water, making this CTD a very advanced tool for sampling sites near shore influenced by fresh water inlets, or/and for groundwater profiling and monitoring applications.

## **SAMPLING MODES**

User selectable sampling/operating modes include:

**Continuous:** Data is sampled at configurable sampling rates starting from 0.1 Hz to 8 Hz. Sampling continues until interrupted. Multiple cycles can be obtained by switching the CTD ON and OFF.

**Pressure:** Data is sampled at regular pressure intervals. Multiple profiles can be obtained by switching the CTD ON and OFF. Two different methods (conductivity or pressure) can be used to interrupt acquisitions when the CTD returns to the surface. This data acquisition method is ideal for profiling.

**Timed:** CTD collects a series of samples and then sleeps for the configured time interval before waking up again and repeating the acquisitions. Time interval can be configured from 2 s up to 1 day. Battery power is conserved while the probe is in sleep mode. This data acquisition method is ideal for long-term monitoring.

**Conditioned:** Data is sampled at configured sampling rates starting when the selected parameter overcomes the configured boundary. Sampling continues until the selected parameter falls below the configured boundary. Parameters used to condition the sampling can be: pressure, temperature and conductivity. Whenever the acquisition cycle starts, the CTD uses the same rules as the "Continuous" data acquisition. Monitoring of the selected parameter occurs at the configured interval.

**Burst:** 8 Hz measurements can be performed at configured time intervals from 1s up to 1 day. Battery power is conserved by switching off the probe between bursts.

## **REAL-TIME COMMUNICATIONS**

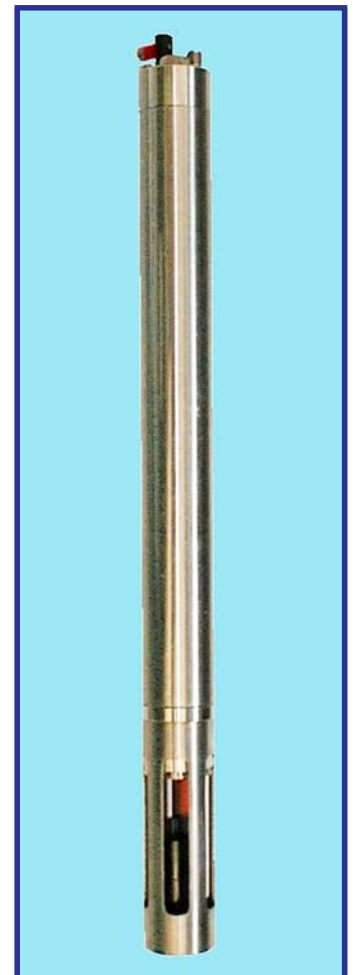
The OCEAN SEVEN 304 CTD communicates with a computer via a standard RS232C interface. Real-time data can be acquired by means of the REDAS Windows software. An optional RS422 interface overcomes the limitation of the RS232C cable maximum length (200 m) and allows the probe to transmit data through distances up to 1000 m. The communication speed is user selectable among: 9600, 19200, 38400 and 57600 bps. A Bluetooth® wireless interface can be optionally added to the wired interfaces.

## **SOFTWARE**

Idronaut programmes operating under Windows 2K, XP, VISTA and Windows 7 allow the operator to configure the OCEAN SEVEN 304 CTD data acquisition and logger functions and upload data from the 512-MByte internal memory. They are:

**ITERM:** terminal emulation programme to easily communicate with the OCEAN SEVEN 304 CTD using the probe integrated operator interface.

**REDAS:** data processing and retrieval programme which allows the display and plotting of conductivity, temperature, pressure and derived variables such as salinity, sound speed, density, according to UNESCO formulas and recommendations.



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## DATA STORAGE AND BATTERY ENDURANCE

The OCEAN SEVEN 304 CTD allows the storing of 4,100,000 data sets each one being composed of the reading of: CTD sensors plus the acquisition date and time. The 304 CTD is powered by two PP3 9V alkaline batteries connected in parallel which provide 1 Ah sufficient to keep the CTD continuously ON for 36 hours in continuous sampling mode and at the maximum sampling rate. Further battery endurance can be obtained by using lithium batteries. Whenever the CTD operates in "Timed, Burst and Conditioned" modes, the battery endurance is considerably extended because the CTD waits for the interval between acquisitions in "Sleep mode".

## CTD CHAINS



Chains of OCEAN SEVEN 304 CTDs are deployed by easily clamping the CTDs with a screwdriver to a rope (see picture). Chains of OS304 CTDs can be used to profile or perform long-term monitoring by properly configuring the CTD data acquisition method. Furthermore, the Bluetooth® wireless connectivity option allows the instant recovery of data stored in the CTDs internal memory once they are back to the surface. OS304 CTD Bluetooth® unique addressing identification code allows the operator to select one OS304 among the others present in the chain.



**Set of 304 CTDs ready to be clamped on a rope**

## SENSOR SPECIFICATIONS

The OS 304 CTD can be equipped with the following sensors to measure:

<u>Parameter</u>	<u>Range</u>	<u>Accuracy</u>	<u>Resolution</u>	<u>Time Constant</u>
Pressure	0..1000 dbar <sup>(2)</sup>	0.05 % full scale	0.0015 % full scale	50 ms
Temperature	-5..+35 C	0.005 C	0.0006 C	50 ms
Conductivity	<i>Salt water</i>	0..70 mS/cm	0.007 mS/cm	50 ms <sup>(1)</sup>
	<i>Fresh water</i>	0..7000 µS/cm	5 µS/cm	50 ms <sup>(1)</sup>

(1) At 1 m/second flow rate. (2) Other standard pressure transducers, immediately available, have : 10, 40, 100, 200, 500, 2000, 4000, 6000 dbar ranges.

## OPTIONAL SENSOR SPECIFICATIONS

The OS304 CTD can be optionally equipped with the Highly Precise (0.01%FS) Pressure Sensor<sup>(1)</sup>, IDRONAUT OEM Seapoint Turbidity Meter and oxygen sensor.

<u>Parameter</u>	<u>Range</u>	<u>Precision</u>	<u>Resolution</u>	<u>Time Constant</u>
Pressure <sup>(1)</sup>	0..6000 dbar	0.01 % full scale	0.002 % full scale	50 ms
Oxygen <sup>(2)</sup>	0.. 50 ppm	0.1 ppm	0.01 ppm	3 s <sup>(3)</sup>
	0.. 500 % sat.	1 % sat.	0.1 % sat.	3 s <sup>(3)</sup>

(1) This sensor cannot be installed if the wireless Bluetooth option is installed too. (2) This option increases the probe warm-up time to 120s. (3) In air.

## ELECTRONIC SPECIFICATIONS

<i>Real-time and logging:</i>	8Hz.
<i>Interfaces:</i>	RS232C, Asynchronous TTL (0..5VDC), RS422, Bluetooth®.
<i>Baud Rate:</i>	up to 57600 bps (9600 bps default).
<i>Data memory:</i>	512 Mbytes.
<i>A/D converter:</i>	16-bit successive approximation, 4 multiplexed analogue inputs.
<i>Supply Current</i>	<i>Running:</i> 23 mA, 4.5..11V, nominal 9V.
	<i>Sleep:</i> 70 µA @ 9V.
<i>Communication protocol:</i>	proprietary byte oriented binary and plain message protocol.
<i>Operator interface :</i>	friendly menu driven user interface.
<i>Batteries:</i>	two 9V, 0.5 Ah, PP3 alkaline batteries connected in parallel.

## PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

<b>Housing:</b>	<b>1000 dbar (AISI 316/black POM)</b>	<b>1500 dbar (Titanium GR2)</b>	<b>6000 dbar (Titanium GR 5)</b>
<i>Dimensions:</i>			
housing diameter	43 mm	44 mm	52 mm
total length	515 mm	515 mm	532 mm
<i>Weight:</i>			
in air	1.3 kg	1.3 kg	2.7 kg
in water	0.7 kg	0.7 kg	1.7 kg



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