



Directional Waverider GPS

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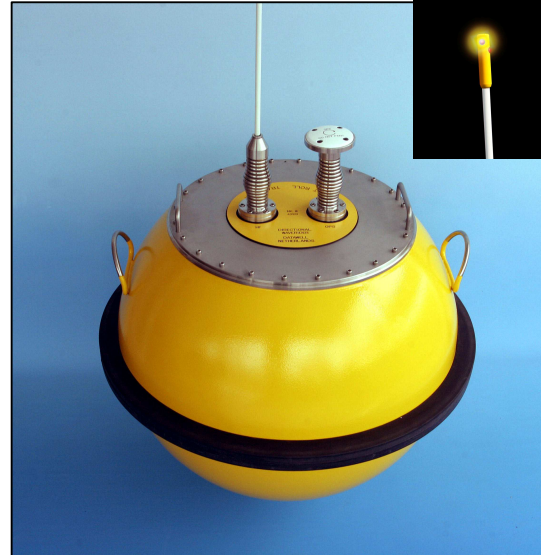
Measuring waves with GPS

The DWR-G wave buoy measures waves with help of the Global Positioning System (GPS) only. It features a patented algorithm and custom-made GPS receiver. With a single stand-alone GPS receiver it can measure directional waves, up to 100 s periods, without any calibration ever, and even in the middle of the ocean.

Already with its introduction in 2002 the new GPS measurement principle was tested against the standard in the field of wave measurement: the Datawell Directional Waverider (MkII). For a copy of these publications please visit our website or contact Sales. By now the GPS buoy is well-established and has taken its own place in the oceanographic market.

The highlights:

- **Measuring wave height and wave direction.**
- **Wave periods up to 100 s.**
- **HF link up to 50 km** over sea. By powering up the transmitter and using a directional receiving antenna the HF range can be stretched.
- **LED flash light** mounted at the top of the antenna increasing the buoy's visibility to passing ships.
- The **GPS receiver** for the wave measurement also serves for buoy positioning, thus facilitating buoy retrieval.
- Standard integrated **datalogger** based on the latest flash card technology.
- **High capacity primary cells** operating under all wave conditions and weather circumstances for up to one-and-a-half years without replacement.
- An accurate onboard **energy meter** monitors the actual energy consumption of the buoy, and reports a reliable estimate of the remaining operating life.
- Available in **0.9 m, 0.7 m and even 0.4 m diameter hulls**. See also our separate DWR-G 0.4 m diameter brochure.



0.7 m (Hull painting is optional, not standard)

Optionals:

- By default data is transferred over the HF link, for larger ranges it can be combined or replaced with an **Argos** or **Orbcomm** satellite link.
- **GSM**: data through SMS. This takes advantage of existing communication network infrastructure and saves the cost and effort of installing your own HF receiving station.
- A **water temperature sensor** in the mooring eye providing sea surface temperature.
- **Hull painting**: yellow (no anti-fouling)



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Specifications

Wave motion sensor	Sensor	single GPS (not differential)	
	Precision	1-2 cm	free floating, all directions (1σ)
		1-2 cm + 0.5 %	moored, vertical (1σ)
		–	moored, horizontal, depends on current and wave frequency (excluding GPS antenna pitch and roll motion)
	Periods	1.6 s - 100 s	
	Calibration	not required ever	
	Exclusion	GPS signals do not penetrate through water, occasional data gaps may occur	
Exclusion	not resistant to SA (Selective Availability, may be switched on by US Department of Defence for strategic reasons)		
Wave data	Data	north, west, vertical	
	Resolution	1 cm (north 2 cm, LSB "north" is GPS data gap indicator)	
	Range	–20 m - +20 m	
	Rate	1.28 Hz	
	Reference	WGS84	
Spectral data	Frequency resolution	0.005 Hz below 0.10 Hz and 0.010 Hz above	
	Frequency range	0.025 Hz - 0.60 Hz	
	Direction resolution	1.5°	
	Direction range	0° - 360°	
Standard features	HF transmitter	frequency range 25.5 MHz - 35.5 MHz (35.5 - 45.0 MHz on request) transmission range 50 Km	
	Datalogger	Compact Flash Module 512Mb	
	Flash light antenna	4 high intensity LEDs, colour yellow (590 nm), pattern 5 flashes every 20 s standard length 195 cm	
	GPS position	every 30 min, precision 10 m	
Options	Argos/Orbcomm	satellite communication (Orbcomm only available for the 0.9 m version)	
	GSM	mobile communication	
	Water temperature	range –5 °C - +46 °C, resolution 0.05 °C, accuracy 0.2 °C	
	Hull painting	Brantho Korrux "3 in 1" paint system (no anti-fouling)	
General	Hull diameter	0.7 m or 0.9 m (excluding fender)	
	Material	stainless steel (AISI316) or Cunifer 10	
	Weight	approx. 95 Kg (0.9m 225 Kg)	
	Batteries	0.7 m diam. operational life 1 year, 2 sections of 15 batteries 0.9 m diam. operational life 2 years, 5 sections of 13 batteries type Datacell RC25G (250 Wh green)	
	Receiver	RX-C, RX-D (recommended) or Warec (older Warecs may need modification)	
	Compatibility	DWR-G hatchcovers are compatible with MkII buoys	