

UltraSys

ZLS Control System for LaCoste & Romberg Air/Sea Gravity Meters



ULTRASYS™ is a completely automatic, fully digital control system. It uses a 32-bit processor, 16-bit A/D and D/A, to perform all of the platform and sensor control functions. The host computer stores all data on the hard disk and can simultaneously direct data to the video monitor, serial port, and printer in a variety of formats. In High Resolution Marine and Airplane modes, raw data is recorded once per second allowing custom data filtering.

With a two hundred hertz sample rate, ULTRASYS™ produces precise data in High Resolution Marine and Airplane modes.

Features

General

- Advanced Control System with a 32-bit embedded processor
- Digital technology replace analog hardware, eliminating electronic drift and enhancing system reliability
- Full manual control through menu selections
- Simultaneous data output to video monitor, hard disk, serial port, and printer
- Printer output in graphic or digital format

Sampling

- Two hundred hertz data sample rate that accurately digitizes sensor, gyro, and accelerometer signals, assuring no loss of signal information
- Platform feedback loops at the rate of two hundred hertz, providing superior platform control
- Twenty-five hertz computation of cross-coupling monitors, assuring accuracy
- Alarm function that shuts down system and provides remote alarm signal in the event of a serious system malfunction

Diagnostics:

- · Keyboard log that records all keyboard activity for review
- Fully automatic system will start and function unattended after a power interruption
- Complete testing and final adjustment using the ZLS test facility for vertical, horizontal, circular, and ramp testing

Reliability:

• Self-contained precision gyro power supply and servo amplifiers



UltraSys™ Technical Specifications

Estimated Survey Resolution Resolution of recorded data 0.01 mGal

Good operating conditions

Better than 0.2 mGal at 0.5 km wavelengths

Average operating conditions

Better than 0.5 mGal at 2 km wavelengths

System Filtering Digital filter prior to 1-second 200-point running average of 200 Hz samples

sampling

Fully digital Set to standard 4-minute period

The gravity sensor and the stable platform should be located at the center pitch and roll of the vessel. The gravity element and control computer may be installed with a standard separation distance of up

to 40 feet.

Ancillary Data Inputs Digital: Twenty-four bit TTL compatible input

Analog: Four channels

Sixteen bit resolution

Gains of 1, 2, 4, or 8 using menu selection

Sample rate 200 Hz

Data Recording

Digital Hourly files of 1-second data

Analog Unison Analog Printout

Digital Recording Media USB Flash Drive (primary)

24X CDR-RW

ZLS formatted data available via RS-232 serial interface

Power Requirements 87 - 270 Vac, 47 - 63 Hz,

single phase

Power Consumption Operating: 1A*

Maximum: 2.5 A*

*measured at 117 volts 60 Hz

Clock Source Frequency available: 200 Hz

Temperature stability: 5ppm -20C<T<+70C

Short term aging: 1 x 10-9/sec

Adjustability: Sufficient for five years of aging

Optional rubidium time standard available

The complete ULTRASYS™ nominally consists of 10 pieces at a gross weight of app. 450 kgs.