SMS Motion™

Autonomous and retrofittable motion and vibration sensor

Technical Data Sheet

SMS Motion™ is an autonomous subsea sensor and data logger containing a 3-axis MEMS accelerometer and a 3-axis MEMS gyroscope, rated for 3000 m water depth. The sensor can be figured to operate at frequencies from 10Hz up to 1024 Hz, depending on the application. The sensor’s low power consumption allows for continuous logging at 10 Hz for more than 360 days on internal batteries.

Wireless Configuration and Data Transfer

The sensor can be configured via the SMS Magic Hand™ optical modem during mobilization, and raw data and statistical data can easily be transferred to a topside computer during a logging campaign by letting an ROV hold the SMS Magic Hand™ modem in front of a sensor. Easy installation by ROV and easy retrieval of sensors to topside if service and/or memory card download is necessary.

Sensors in Network

Two or more sensors can be connected by cable on the proprietary RS485-based SenseBus, facilitating synchronized data sampling/logging and a single wireless access point from a topside computer via a ROV-carried SMS Magic Hand™. Alternatively, they can be cabled and reached with RS485-based SenseBus or Modbus RTU directly from a topside computer. This configuration also allows running sensors on external power instead of internal batteries.

Individual Sensor Calibration

Each sensor is individually calibrated in a precise motorized jig and in a temperature chamber, and key parameters are stored in a lookup table. In use the sensor measures the chip temperature, reads data from the lookup table, and compensates all measurements to bring offset and gain error to a minimum over the specified temperature range of the sensor.

Vibration Monitoring

SMS Motion™ can be used for vibration monitoring and applications include vortex induced low frequency vibration (VIV) of pipelines and risers, flow induced vibration (FIV), flow induced pulsation (FIP/FLIP), and slugging on subsea jumpers.

Acceleration Sensor

Range +/-2g (optional +/-4, 8 or 16)
Noise level, Ax,Ay 0.00052g rms @ 5Hz bandwidth
Noise level, Az (vertical) 0.00087g rms @ 5Hz bandwidth

Gyroscope Sensor

Range +/- 250°/s
Noise level, Gx,Gy,Gz 0.012°/s rms @ 5Hz bandwidth

4Subsea helps operators reduce cost of operations and maximise life of assets using autonomous sensors in combination with data analytics and specialist engineering competence. Products in the Smart Monitoring Sensors (SMS) range are SMS Motion™, SMS Strain™, SMS Magic Hand™, SMS Gateway™, SMS ComCentral™, and SMS Guard™. Technology applications include monitoring of wellhead integrity, risers, mooring lines, subsea spools and manifolds, as well as monitoring of pipelines and subsea structures for oil & gas and offshore wind sub-structures.


**Used as Pitch and Roll Inclinometer**
- Angular orientation range: +/- 90°
- Calibrated range: +/- 5°
- Frequency range: 0Hz (stationary) to 0.5Hz
- Pitch and Roll noise level: 0.012° rms (Fs=10Hz)
- Resolution: 0.024° (Fs=10Hz)
- Static accuracy: 0.072°

**Cabled Communication Ports**
- Use: Communication with other sensors or topside computers
- Type: RS485, half duplex (two signal wires)
- Baud rate: 9600 - 115200
- Power input: 5.0V – 24V DC (3.6V on request)

**Optical Communication Port**
- Use: Configuration, setup, data transfer via ROV
- Optical modem: SMS Magic Hand™
- Range: 0.5m to 1.0m in water (6m in air)
- Baud rate: 115200
- Mode of operation: Half duplex
- Wavelength: 890 nm
- Eye safety: Class 1 (IEC60825-1), i.e. eye-safe under all operating conditions

**Logging Features**
- Logged data: Ax, Ay, Az (acceleration), Gx, Gy, Gz (gyroscope), Roll, Pitch, Temperature
- Logging mode: Continuous (no inactive periods)
- Sampling/logging frequency: 10 Hz - 1024 Hz
- Storage capacity: 32 GB
- Typical logging time: 68 months of continuous logging of 6 DOF @ 10Hz frequency

**Environmental**
- Operating temperature: 0° C to 40° C
- Storage temperature: -5° C to 50° C
- Pressure rating: 4000m water depth

**Battery Operation**
- Standard batteries: 2 x double D-cell 3.6V Lithium
- Can operate with one battery
- Battery capacity: 68000mAh (nominal at 25° C and 10mA)
- Battery capacity: 52000mAh (nominal at 0° C and 10mA)
- Current consumption: < 6mA
- Typical service life: 12 months (2° C, 10 Hz)
- Optional battery pack: 6 x double D-cell (36 months service life)

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1) Resolution is defined as \( 2\sigma \) where \( \sigma \) is the standard deviation or rms value of the sensor noise level (which depends on the bandwidth).
2) Accuracy is defined as \( 2\sigma + \epsilon \) where \( \sigma \) is defined in 1) and \( \epsilon \) is the total error over the entire angle- and temperature range.

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The company was established in 2007 and clients include the major energy operators as well as the large suppliers of subsea equipment. 4Subsea is headquartered in Asker, Norway with additional offices in Bergen, Kristiansand, Stavanger, Rio de Janeiro, and Aberdeen. 4Subsea is a company in the Subsea 7 Group. More info at www.4subsea.com.

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