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Lowell Instruments TCM-5 10Km Very Deep Ocean Tilt Current Meter

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Short Description

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10,000 Meter Depth Rated Current Meter for the Very Deep Ocean

The Lowell Instruments TCM-5 Tilt Current Meter records water velocity in an affordable, easy-to-use package. The meter is designed for use beyond the edge of the continental shelf up to 10,000 meters depth. It is easy to deploy with a simple ground anchor from a remotely operated vehicle or attached to a benthic lander.

Key Features

Relatively Low Cost	Water velocity measurements for a fraction of the cost of an equivalent depth acoustic meter
10,000m Depth Rating	Operate almost everywhere in the deep ocean
Rugged Construction	Titanium pressure housing with toughened syntactic foam flotation
Long Battery Life	1-minute velocity sampling for more than 1 year
Large Memory	microSD memory card virtually eliminates memory concerns
Temperature Sensor	Includes an internal thermistor accurate to <0.1 °C with resolution of < 0.01 °C
USB 2.0 Interface	Connect with standard USB cables

Additional Information

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	sensors. The floatation logger includes a USB o long-life lithium battery	The meter's electronics are housed in a titanium pressure case with no external sensors. The floatation is derived from toughened syntactic foam. The built-in data logger includes a USB communication interface, a microSD flash memory card, and a long-life lithium battery. Windows® software is used to configure the TCM-5 for deployment and to process data.				
	The TCM-5 is available a and is simple to setup a be deployed in many lo and reducing uncertain The core of the TCM-5 is	The TCM-5 is available at a fraction of the cost of similar depth capable acoustic meters and is simple to setup and deploy. The low total cost permits multiple current meters to be deployed in many locations simultaneously, thereby increasing spatial data density and reducing uncertainty. The core of the TCM-5 is the MAT-1 Data Logger. The MAT-1 data logger was designed				
	-	for NOAA and is ideally suited as the "brains" of a tilt current meter.				
	Specifications	Range	Accuracy	Resolution		
	Speed (Low Range)	0-50 cm/s	3 cm/s + 3% of reading	0.1 cm/s		
	Speed (High Range)	0-75 cm/s	Not specified	0.1 cm/s		
	Direction	0-360°	5° (for speed >5 cm/s)	0.1°		
		-5 to 30 °C	0.1 °C	<0.005 °C		
Explanation	Temperature	-20 to -5, 30 to 50°C	0.2 °C	<0.01 °C		
	Electronics					
	Memory	8 GB microSDHC fla (standard)	8 GB microSDHC flash card (standard)			
	Communications	Full speed USB micro	Full speed USB micro-B port			
	Battery Type		3.6 V, size A, user replaceable lithium (from Lowell Instruments)			
	Battery Life	Months to years dep recording rates	Months to years depending on recording rates			
	Internal Clock	< 1 minute of per m	onth			
	Operating Modes	Operating Modes				
	Start and Stop	Start and Stop at user defined times				
	Burst Mode	Variable rate logging interval	Variable rate logging at user defined interval			
	Recording Rate	Current: 64 Hz to 1 sample per hour Temperature: 1 Hz to 1 sample per hour				
	Mechanical	Mechanical				
	Depth Rating	10,000 m, housing tested to 13,700m				
	Dimensions	Flotation Diameter: 5.08 cm (2.00") Pressure Housing Diameter: 2.54 cm (1.00") Overall Length: 109 cm (43") Flotation Length: 91.4 cm (36.0")				
	Weight	1.86 Kg (4.09 lb)				
	Construction	Flotation: Toughened Syntactic Foam Pressure Housing: Titanium TI-6AL-4V. Double Buna O-ring seal with backup rings.				
	Software					
	User Interface	Windows® Compati Download	Windows® Compatible Software Download			
	USB	USB 2.0 compliant MSC and CDC Classes				
	Firmware	Field upgradable via	USB cable			
Contents	 Lithium battery (instal 8 GB microSD card (in: 1 m (3 ft) USB A to mic 2 spare set of O-rings, 30 cm (12") lanyard 	TCM-5 Tilt Current Meter Lithium battery (installed in logger) 8 GB microSD card (installed in data logger) 1 m (3 ft) USB A to micro-B Cable 2 spare set of O-rings, backup rings and lubricant -30 cm (12") lanyard microSD-to-SD card adapter				
Brand	Lowell Instruments					
Typical applications	Datalogging	Datalogging				
Measurements	Water Flow					