

Datasheet

Micro-Ranger 2 Integrator



Micro-Ranger 2 has been designed as a true one box battery powered USBL solution, small enough to be carried as hand luggage on commercial flights and mobilised at short notice.

The Micro-Ranger 2 integrator kit comes equipped with Robotics Pack and an AvTrak 6 Nano is provided. This provides an ideal low cost, portable system for Autonomous Underwater Vehicle (AUV) development programmes. This system is suitable for AUV integrators and manufacturers alike.

Micro-Ranger 2 uses a positioning technique known as Ultra-Short BaseLine (USBL) to calculate the position of underwater targets. A transceiver at the surface transmits an acoustic signal to transponders attached to each of the targets you wish to track. Using the return signal from each transponder, Micro-Ranger 2 determines its range (distance), bearing (heading) and depth, displaying the results on a radar-style software display, all whilst simultaneously exchanging telemetry for command and control (C2).

If you're a first-time user of USBL technology, you'll find Micro-Ranger 2 robotics incredibly easy to use. Connect your laptop to the inbuilt Wi-Fi, then attach an AvTrak 6 Nano to each target you want to monitor and control. With the transceiver lowered into the water, you're ready to start communicating with up to 10 AvTrak 6 Nanos.

To deliver the best possible positioning performance and operator experience, Micro-Ranger 2 uses the same market-leading 6G[®] hardware and Wideband[®]2 digital acoustic technology you'll find in Sonardyne's family of deepwater USBL systems, but with significantly less cost and complexity.

Built around Sonardyne's Micro-Ranger Transceiver, the USBL system can be deployed from the quayside or a vessel and is optimised for tracking and command at all elevation angles.

Note: The PC is not included.

Key Features

- One box tracking solution for AUVs, ROVs and instruments
- Wide input voltage range for powering + charging on the job
- Optimised for shallow water high elevation tracking
- Track and actuate Sonardyne releases
- Internal rechargeable battery with external on/off switch
- Industry standard IP68 external connectors
- Global database of sound velocity profiles for ease of use and accuracy
- Available as an integrator kit with Marine Robotics Pack for AUV communication
- Export license free

Specifications

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Feature		Type 8241 - Micro-Ranger 2 Integrator
Dimensions		524 x 428 x 206 mm
Weight		13.5 kg
External Power + Charge		12/24 V dc, 115–230 V ac, 30 W maximum, 3.5 W typical
Internal Battery		Li-Ion 33 Wh ¹
Battery Life		>10 hours at 1 Hz ping rate
Connection Type		Ethernet or Wi-Fi (DHCP) to PC
User Connection Ports ²		X1 RJ45 Ethernet port/X2 USB charging ports/RS232 via PC
Operating Temperature		-15 to 45°C
Storage Temperature		-20 to 45°C
IP rating		IP67 ³
Performance & Acoustics		
Accuracy ⁴	Array	<3.5% of slant range 1DRMS
	System	<5% of slant range 1DRMS
Repeatability		0.3% of slant range 1DRMS
Range		<995 m
Update Rate		Up to 3 Hz
Beam Shape		Omni-directional
Frequency		19–34 kHz
Included in System Kit		
Software		Micro-Ranger 2 Marine Robotics Pack
Transponder		X1 AvTrak 6 Nano
Transceiver		Micro-Ranger USBL Transceiver (MRT) USBL
Internal GNSS		Single frequency GNSS
Cabling		10 m USBL cable/5 m GNSS cable
Charger		Portable topside charger/AvTrak 6 Nano charger
Documentation		Manual, quick start guide, integration videos

¹ UN 38.3 certified with electronic disconnect for transport.

² Additional user connections possible to Micro-Ranger 2 software via UDP.

³ IP67 when operating with a closed box.

⁴ System accuracy includes internal Heading, Pitch, Roll and GNSS. Array accuracy excludes GNSS error and incorrect Heading, Pitch and Roll.