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# Model 1150 Advanced

High Accuracy Directional Sensor

## Features

- High accuracy:
  - ±0.1° for toolface (roll) and inclination
  - ±0.3° for azimuth
- Digital serial input/output
- Real time vibration monitoring
- Accurate “inclination while drilling” data
- Real time rotation monitoring with accurate RPM reporting to 200 RPM
- Optional integrated axial shock mounts
- Temperature compensation up to 150°C



## Applications

- Advanced drop in replacement for GE Tensor Digital Orientation Module
- Orientation of borehole logging instruments
- Directional drilling

The Applied Physics Systems Model 1150 Advanced Directional Sensor enables high accuracy measurement of the toolface (roll), inclination and azimuth orientation angles in borehole logging and drilling applications. The unit can be a direct replacement for Tensor MWD directional sensors. For example, sensor length is the same as Tensor units and the Tensor 10 pin Q-Bus is implemented to carry signals through the sensor.

The Model 1150 Advanced sensor contains both a 3-axis fluxgate magnetometer and a 3-axis accelerometer. The combination of these two sensor systems enables determination of the toolface, inclination, and azimuth angles of the 1150 reference frame. The toolface and inclination angles are calculated from the accelerometer sensor outputs, while azimuth angle is calculated from the magnetometer sensor output.

To maintain high accuracy over the temperature range of the system, the sensors are temperature compensated. This enables an accuracy of ±0.1° for toolface and inclination and an accuracy of ±0.3° for azimuth to be achieved over the full temperature range of the system.

The 1150 data interface is implemented with a Maxim Max186 analog to digital (A-to-D) converter; the user accesses this converter by the exposed SPI port. Calibration

constants are stored in a Microchip 24AA16 flash memory chip accessed with an exposed IIC interface. Both the A-to-D and flash memory design are Tensor compatible.

In addition to the Tensor A-to-D and flash memory interfaces, the Model 1150 Advanced has a digital serial interface. This interface is capable of transmitting either the magnetometer and accelerometer outputs or the system orientation angles. The data transmitted over the digital interface is temperature calibrated and can be transmitted in either ASCII or binary format. The 1150 transmits digital data upon command or autosends data upon power up.

The Vibration Detection feature transmits a Vibration Severity variable as a 3-bit, 1 to 5 scale (1 = very low, 5 = extremely high), which allows the operator to mitigate downhole vibration in real time (1-2 normal, 3-4 = possible tool damage, 5 = imminent tool damage). The Vibration Severity algorithm reduces the timing impact of this additional data to the logging sequence. Peak G levels can be transmitted real time or logged to memory for retrieval after the run.

The 1150 Advanced sensor also includes a rotation monitoring feature that displays the current downhole RPM, and an “Inc-While-Drilling” sensor with an accuracy of ±3°. This gives the directional driller the measurement needed to monitor changes in inclination, without having to stop drilling for a survey.

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PHYSICAL	
Outside Diameter (OD)	1.36" (35 mm)
Length	29.2" (742 mm)
Weight	1.5 lb (681 grams)
Top Connector	MDM21PH003F (ITT Cannon)
Bottom Connector	MDM15SH003B (ITT Cannon)
ELECTRICAL	
Input Voltage Range	+12 V to +30 V
Current Draw	70 mA @ 15 V
Logic Level	TTL/CMOS
Baud Rate	User programmable to 9600 baud
Protocol	User selectable: ASCII or binary
ENVIRONMENTAL	
Shock	1000 G 1 ms half sine wave
Vibration	5 G RMS random, 50 Hz to 200Hz
Operating Temperature Range	-20°C to +150°C
Storage Temperature Range	-30°C to +175°C
PERFORMANCE	
Toolface (Roll) Accuracy	±0.1°
Azimuth Accuracy	±0.3°
Inclination Accuracy	±0.1° (±0.5° while drilling at 50 RPM)

Specifications are subject to change without notice.