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Ultrasonic Anemometer Line

## "Vxsp" Style Probe Array

### **FEATURES:**

- Single component wind velocity
- Fast response wind velocity
- Fast response temperature
- Extreme accuracy
- Microprocessor based
- Solid-state digital operation
- No moving parts
- Unattended operation
- Ease of mounting
- Rugged construction
- Low power
- DC powered
- True orthogonal measurements
- 3D winds



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The Applied Technologies, Inc. (ATI) special 'Vxsp' style Ultrasonic Anemometer probe, is a 3 axis, 3d, 15 cm, scientific Ultrasonic Anemometer. The design incorporates a full circle on both axes, which not only strengthens the arms, but protects the probe from getting caught on any cables and/or vegetation in close proximity. Like the regular "Vx" probe, it is capable of flux measurements in plant and forest canopies and any other turbulent areas where wind speeds are extremely low, and directions are highly unpredictable. The instrument is designed to measure wind velocity components by transmitting and receiving sonic signals along fixed orthogonal directions. The microcomputer electronics then process this information and calculates the wind speed for each axis. Since there are no moving parts to come into dynamic equilibrium with the air-flow, the Sonic Anemometer/Thermometer responds rapidly to wind velocity fluctuations. It responds linearly to wind velocity and is free from contamination from

The electronics are all contained within the probe bar, and the transducers are completely sealed. This allows it to be operated as a tower mounted instrument, capable of withstanding hostile environmental conditions. The transducer operation and sonic functions, as well as all computation and transmission of data are under microprocessor control.

Data from the Sonic Anemometer/Thermometer are digital in nature. The output is RS-232C compatible in a UART asynchronous format. It represents the data in ASCII decimal numbers, and may be connected directly to a computer, transmitted to any digital recording device, or the format is such that it can also be read directly on a terminal. The temperature information is the sonic temperature of the measured winds and is calculated from the vertical sonic measurements.



#### **FUNCTIONS:**

- Ability to do remote commands through the serial port
- Perform internal calibration to maintain accuracy
- User programmable data rates and averaging, from 1 output per 60 minutes to 200 Hz
- Select data averaging or median filter
- Select from several output formats
- Select from several baud rates
- Synchronize sonic operation to external trigger
- Ability to output a trigger pulse for other instruments
- Select the output Speed of Sound and/or Temperature
- Enter RH value for more accurate temperature output
- User adjustments to temperature calculations
- Change horizontal velocity to wind speed & direction, while retaining vertical and temperature
- User adjustments to data quality calculations
- Ability to provide data quality status word in output format
- Turn flow distortion correction on or off
- User adjustments to flow distortion calculations

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### **Specifications**

Measurement Range:

Wind velocity  $\pm 20$  m/sec

Temperature -50 to +70°C

Wind Direction 0-359 Degrees

Path Length:

"Vxsp" Probe 15 cm

Accuracy:

Wind Speed  $\pm 0.01$  m/sec Orthogonality  $\pm 0.1$  degrees

Temperature (absolute) 1.2°C

Sonic Temperature  $\pm 0.1$ °C or  $\pm 0.05$ °C

Resolution:

Wind Speed 0.01 m/sec (normal)

0.001 m/sec (optional)

Wind Direction 0.1 degrees
Temperature 0.01°C

Output:

Data Rate <1Hz to 200Hz Variable

Digital Serial RS-232C compatible (RS-422 Optional)

Baud Rate 4800 or 460,800 Speed of Sound Operator Optional

Operating Temperature Range: -50°C to +70°C

Power Requirements: +12 VDC@ <50 mA, (9 – 32 VDC)

Probe Array:

Special "Vx" - Three Axis 25.4cm x 25.4cm x 25.4cm

Weight <1.0kg

Mounting: 3.175 cm square tube

