

MERIDIAN SURVEYOR GYROCOMPASS



Features:

- IMO, Wheelmark & High Speed Craft certified
- Innovative chassis design incorporating state-of-the-art digital electronics for improved reliability
- Maintenance-free DTG element
- World's smallest & lightest marine gyro
- Dynamic heading accuracy of $\pm 0.2^\circ$
- Static heading accuracy of 0.05°
- <40 minutes settling time
- Start-up power requirement of 1.8A
- Comprehensive range of analogue and digital output options
- Gyro element design ensures low cost of ownership
- MTBF of 30,000 hours
- High turn rate of 200° per second
- User-friendly digital set-up and self-test

VT TSS Ltd, S G Brown division has been designing and supplying marine gyrocompasses to the world's navies for almost 100 years. Still manufacturing and supporting the most accurate systems, the new Meridian has been designed to be the smallest, lightest, most flexible and accurate mechanical gyrocompass available to commercial users. The Meridian is also the first to offer IMO, Wheelmark and HSC certification.

The Meridian Surveyor boasts a wide range of interfaces to enable use on any marine vessel. The unit utilises a DTG gyro element which provides exceptional performance with an accuracy unmatched by even the latest fibre optic designs. Unlike conventional spinning mass gyrocompasses, the Meridian Surveyor uses a dry tuned element (DTG) that removes the need for routine maintenance thereby significantly reducing cost of ownership.

Hence the Meridian Surveyor provides reliable, maintenance free operation with a MTBF in excess of 30,000 hours. Calibration is likely to be the only required expenditure during this period unlike the large element replacement costs associated with most gyrocompasses.

The remarkably stable heading can be maintained for turn rates in excess of 200° per second making the system ideal for use on fast survey craft and in river/harbour environments.

The Meridian Surveyor gyrocompass is backed by the largest global support network of any manufacturer, VT TSS has complete repair, test and calibration facilities in the UK and USA, aided by factory-trained service engineers on every continent.

The world's smallest digital marine gyrocompass



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TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS	
Display type	360° compass card and VFD display
Settle point	0.1° secant latitude
Static accuracy	0.05° RMS secant latitude
Dynamic accuracy	0.2° secant latitude
Follow up speed	200°/sec
Settling time	<40 minutes, to within 0.7°
Latitude input	Automatic – via RS232 or RS422, NMEA 0183 from GPS or Manual
Speed input	Automatic – via RS232 or RS422, NMEA 0183 from log or pulse/contact closure at 100, 200 or 400 per NM from log or manual
Latitude compensation	80N to 80S
Speed compensation	0 – 90 knots
Operating temperature	-15°C to +55°C
Storage temperature	-25°C to +80°C
Gimbal limits	±45° pitch and roll
Shock	10g
Mean time before failure	30,000 hours
Service interval	No schedule maintenance, calibration recommended every 2 years
Input voltage	24VDC (18-36 VDC)
Start-up current	1.8A at switch on
Dimensions	344mm (h) x 267mm (w) x 440mm (d)
Weight	15.5 Kg
Accessories included	Operators handbook, transit case, spare connectors
Options	Repeaters and ancillaries
Standards	IMO A 424 (X1), IMO A 821 (1bv9), BS EN 60945, BS EN ISO 8728 1994, BS 6217 1981, CE Marking, Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC) Directive and the Marine Equipment Directive 96/98/EC
Warranty	15 months international warranty including parts and labour
'S' type output format	Step by Step (5V TTL) 6 steps/1°
Synchro output format	1 x 26V, 400Hz, 360° (1:1 ratio) 11.8V line to line
Serial data output format	5 x RS422; 5 x RS232; 5 x 20mA loop
Analogue output	ROT ±20°/sec (±10mA); 1x 5V TTL system ready ; 1 x 5V TTL power fail/gyro fail

Due to continuous development, specifications may vary from those listed above.



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