

Datasheet

Compatt 6+ USBL/LBL Transponder



Compatt 6+ is the new industry standard, Wideband®2 and 3 enabled transponder, used for high-precision survey and construction operations in all water depths. Compatt 6+ is fully compatible with all 6G® equipment and Sonardyne's latest 6G LBL, INS and USBL systems, including Fusion 2.

Compatt 6+ offers significant time saving offering fast update rates (up to 1 Hz LBL tracking), all made possible using the Wideband 3 acoustic telemetry protocols. Compatt 6+ continues to use the fast and robust Sonardyne Wideband 2 acoustic ranging protocols proven to offer accurate ranging. Support of Wideband 2 ranges maintains backwards compatibility. This makes any system operating with Compatt 6+ significantly easier to operate therefore de-risking operations, reducing vessel time and reducing training requirements for offshore personnel.

Sonardyne Wideband advanced signal processing offers improved acoustic performance in challenging conditions, longer ranges, improved multipath rejection around structures and real-time range diagnostics for quality control. Sonardyne Wideband also reduces the interference to and from adjacent Sonardyne and other acoustic positioning systems.

The integrated communications and navigation technology allows the transponder to be used as a multi-purpose modem, autonomous data logger and navigation reference transponder.

The Type 8300 Compatt 6+ is the standard length version and is based on the field proven mechanics of Compatt 6. The design offers the perfect balance between size, acoustic output and battery life. Several depth ratings are available: 3,000, 5,000 and 7,000 m, all using a hard anodised aluminium alloy with protective polyurethane sleeves.

Typical applications

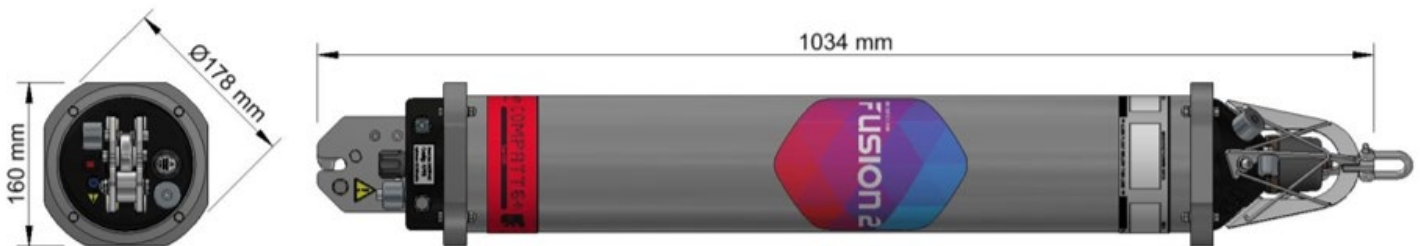
- LBL positioning
- Spool piece metrology
- Sparse LBL aided SPRINT INS

Key features

- Medium Frequency (MF) band utilising Sonardyne Wideband 2 and 3 telemetry protocols
- Sonardyne Wideband 2 and HPR 400 navigation compatible
- Faster and easier to set-up, calibrate and operate
- Robust performance
- Real time diagnostics available on ranges to enable quality control
- Multiuser support included
- Automatic power-down if not used for a programmable period
- Integrated modem mode with data rates from 100 to 9,000 bps
- Highly reliable release mechanism
- Omni or directional transducer
- Standard sensors – Temperature, pressure and MEMS inclinometer
- Optional sensors – DigiQuartz, inclinometer and sound velocity
- Battery disconnect fob allows quick battery disconnection

Specifications

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8300-3111 omni-directional shown above

Feature	Type 8300-3111	Type 8300-3113	Type 8300-5213
Depth rating	3,000 m	3,000 m	5,000 m
Operating frequency	MF (20–34 kHz)	MF (20–34 kHz)	MF (20–34 kHz)
Transducer beam shape	Omni-directional	Directional	Directional
Transmit source level (dB re 1 μ Pa @ 1 m)	187–196 dB (4 levels)	190–202 dB (4 levels)	190–202 dB (4 levels)
Tone equivalent energy (TEE) ¹	193–202 dB	196–208 dB	196–208 dB
Receive sensitivity (dB re 1 μ Pa)	90–120 dB (7 levels)	80–120 dB (7 levels)	80–120 dB (7 levels)
Ranging precision	Better than 15 mm	Better than 15 mm	Better than 15 mm
Number of unique Wideband 2 addresses	>300	>300	>300
Battery life (listening)	Alkaline	833 days	833 days
	Lithium	1,390 days	1,390 days
External power supply	24 V	24 V	24 V
Safe working load (4:1)	250 kg	250 kg	250 kg
Operating temperature	-5 to 40°C	-5 to 40°C	-5 to 40°C
Storage temperature	-20 to 55°C	-20 to 55°C	-20 to 55°C
Dimensions (maximum) (length x diameter)	With sensor guard	1,034 x 200 mm	1,018 x 200 mm
	Without sensor guard	1,034 x 178 mm	n/a
Weight in air/water ²	23.8/11.8 kg	27.0/14.0 kg	29.0/15.0 kg
Endcap sensors and options			
Temperature ($\pm 0.1^\circ\text{C}$)	Standard	Standard	Standard
Tilt switch ($\pm 30\text{--}45^\circ$)	Standard	Standard	Standard
Strain gauge pressure sensor ($\pm 0.1\%$)	Standard	Standard	Standard
High precision strain gauge ($\pm 0.01\%$) Presens or Keller	Optional	Optional	Optional
Paroscientific DigiQuartz pressure sensor 1,350 m, 2,000 m, 4,130 m, 6,800 m ($\pm 0.01\%$)	Optional	Optional	Optional
Inclinometer (tilt sensor) range $\pm 90^\circ$, accuracy: $\pm 1^\circ$	Standard	Standard	Standard
High accuracy inclinometer range: $\pm 90^\circ$, accuracy: $\pm 0.05^\circ$ over $0 - \pm 15^\circ$; $\pm 0.2^\circ$ over $0 - \pm 45^\circ$	Optional	Optional	Optional
Sound velocity sensor ± 0.02 m/s accuracy under calibration conditions	Optional	Optional	Optional
Release mechanism	Standard	Standard	Standard
Power for external sensors	Standard	Standard	Standard
Gyro input	Standard	Standard	Standard

¹ WBv2+ signals are 4x the duration of Sonardyne tone signals (WBv2 are 2x). The TEE figure shows the operational performance when comparing wideband and tone systems.

² Estimated weights.