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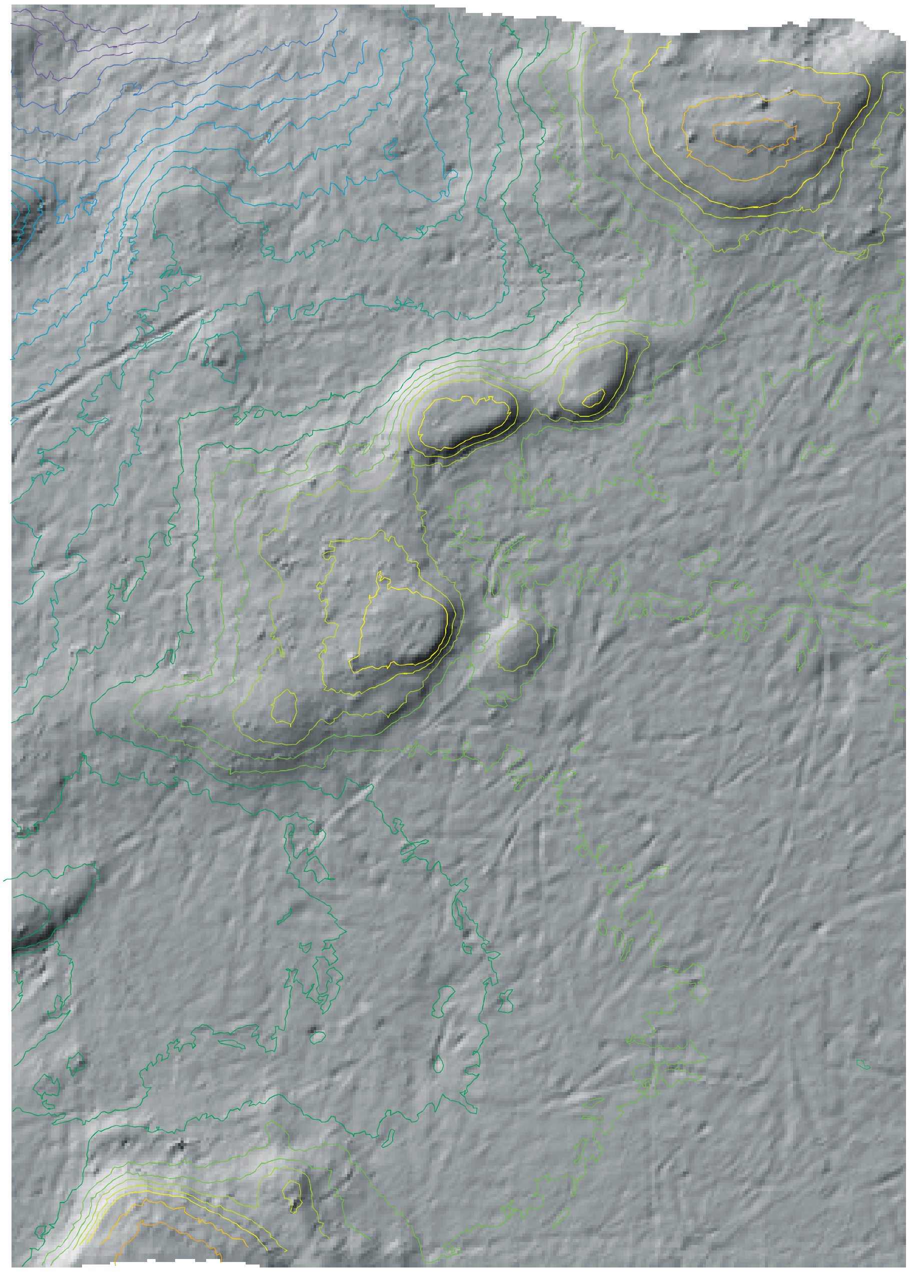

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Remarks

References

Further information about the EM series systems may be found in the following manuals:

- EM series Installation manuals
- EM series Operation manuals
- EM series Maintenance manuals

The reader

This operator manual is intended to be used by the system operator. He/she should be experienced in the operation of positioning systems, or should have attended a Kongsberg Maritime training course.

1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Purpose

Note *The information herein is common for the EM 3002, EM 3000, EM 2000, EM 1002, EM 300 and EM 120 multibeam echo sounders. Some of the information may not be relevant for your specific system. Please disregard this.*

Note *The information in this document is not valid for the EM 12, EM 100, EM 950 and EM 1000 multibeam echo sounders.*

The formats for data input and output to and from the EM Series multibeam echo sounders are described here. The information given here is valid for the Kongsberg Maritime multibeam echo sounders introduced after 1995.

Note *In order to meet special customer requirements, Kongsberg Maritime may have to change the datagram formats described here. The formats presented in this document may therefore be altered without prior notice, although backward compatibility will be maintained as far as possible. Before software is written in accordance with this document, it is strongly recommended to contact Kongsberg Maritime to ensure that the latest version is used, and that any planned changes are taken into account.*

1.2 Presentation format

The format description is according to the NMEA 0183 standard for ASCII fields, with the ASCII character(s) given as follows:

∉ "x.x" defines a variable length numerical field, with optionally included decimal point and sign.

∉ "c--c" defines a variable length field of printable characters.

∉ "x--x" defines a variable length field of numeric characters.

∉ "a_ _" defines a fixed length field of alphabetical characters (for example "aa"= two character long field.

∉ "x_ _" defines a fixed length field of numeric characters.

For binary fields, the length is given in number of bytes plus "U" for unsigned and "S" for signed data.

2 INPUT DATAGRAMS

2.1 Introduction

Only a limited number of input formats from external sensors are accepted. These are primarily in accordance with the NMEA 0183 specification, or based upon the principles of that specification.

Note

The majority of these formats have not been defined by Kongsberg Maritime. Thus, these formats are not controlled by Kongsberg Maritime.

Almost all input formats are ASCII. Serial line input on the multibeam echo sounder's Processing Unit is most common, but some datagrams - which are not time critical - are interfaced on serial line(s) or Ethernet to the Operator Station.

2.2 Position

Overview

The EM Series accepts position data in the following formats:

- NMEA 0183 GGA
- GGK
- SIMRAD 90
- With the GGA and GGK datagrams, information contained in NMEA 0183 VGST and VTG datagrams will also be accepted and used.
- A datagram format for Sonar Head depth is provided for the EM 3002, EM 3000 and the EM 2000. Note that the format is the same as that used by the Paroscientific Digiquartz pressure sensor. This format may also be used for input of for example varying datum heights or other special height information on all models.
- A datagram format for input of tidal height is provided.

The **GGA format** is given below according to the NMEA 0183 version 2.30 description.

The **GGK format** was originally defined by the US Army Corps of Engineers for their tests with kinematic GPS. Trimble's proprietary version of the format is supported. If any changes to the format are made if it becomes part of the NMEA standard, this will be implemented.

To preserve the inherent accuracy of the kinematic GPS data it is necessary to correct the data for vessel motion. This requires accurate timing synchronisation between the motion sensor and the GPS receiver. It is therefore imperative that:

∉ the position datagram has a constant and known time delay

or

∉ the time stamp in the datagram is actually the time of the position fix, that synchronisation to the 1 PPS signal of the GPS receiver is enabled, and that the system clock has been set correctly

As neither of these conditions may not be possible to achieve with a sufficient accuracy, the application of motion correction is operator selectable. Motion compensation may be applied to any position input, not only kinematic GPS.

In addition to position data from the GGA or GGK datagrams, speed and course over ground from **NMEA VTG** datagrams may also be copied into the position output datagram. These values may be useful in filtering of the positioning during postprocessing. If a VTG datagram does not follow the GGA or GGK datagram the course and speed fields of the output datagrams will be set to their invalid values.

As an alternative to GGA, the **SIMRAD 90 format** position datagram may be used. The SIMRAD 90 format is intended to be the format of choice when the positioning system is not a stand-alone GPS receiver supplying GGA or GGK format datagrams. The SIMRAD 90 format can in addition to global longitude latitude coordinates also be used for Northing Easting type projection coordinates (e.g. UTM).

To cater for applications where the EM 2000 or EM 3000 Sonar Head is mounted on a subsea vehicle, the original SIMRAD 90 format has been expanded to allow inclusion of the depth of the vehicle in addition to its horizontal position in longitude latitude or Northing Easting coordinates.

GGA Datagram

Data Description	Format	Valid range	Note
Start identifier = $	Always 24h	–	–
Talker identifier	aa	Capital letters	–
Sentence formatter	Always GGA,	–	–
UTC of position	hhmmss.ss,	000000 to 235959.9...	–
Latitude in degrees and minutes, plus optional decimal minutes	llll.ll,	0000 to 9000.0...	–
Latitude – N/S	a,	N or S	–
Longitude in degrees and minutes, plus optional decimal minutes	yyyyy.yy,	00000 to 18000.0...	–
Longitude – E/W	a,	E or W	–
GPS quality indicator	x,	0 to 8	1
Number of satellites in use	xx,	00 to 12	–
HDOP	x.x,	0 to	1
Antenna altitude re mean sea level (geoid)	x.x,	–	2
Units of antenna altitude	M,	–	–
Geoidal separation (sea level re WGS–84)	x.x,	–	2
Units of geoidal separation	M,	–	–
Age of differential GPS data	x.x,	–	–
Differential reference station id	xxxx,	0000 to 1023	–
Checksum	*hh	–	–
End of sentence delimiter = CRLF	Always 0Dh 0Ah	–	–

Note 1

The HDOP (Horizontal Dilution Of Precision) value will be scaled and copied to the ”Measure of position fix quality” field in the position output datagram. The scale factor depends upon the GPS quality indicator’s value:

- 1 - (SPS or standard GPS) => 1000
- 2 - (differential GPS) => 100
- 3 - (PPS or precise GPS) => 200, but 10 if GGA is treated as RTK. (See Note 2)
- 4 - (kinematic GPS with fixed integers) => 10
- 5 - (kinematic GPS with floating integers) => 50
- 6 - (estimated or dead reckoning mode) => 1000
- 7 - (manual input mode) => 1000
- 8 - (test mode) => 1000, but 10 if GGA is treated as RTK. (See Note 2)
- The ”Measure of position fix quality” field will be set to 65534 (largest valid number) if the indicator is zero (non-valid position).

This scaling is used to give at least a relatively correct position fix quality change (in the order of cm) if there are dropouts in differential, precise or kinematic measurements, although HDOP is not a meter value.

Note 2

When the quality factor is 4 or 5 a height output datagram is automatically generated, and also if the quality factor is 3 or 8 and the operator has set the GGA position to be an RTK position. The height is the sum of these two fields which are assumed positive upwards (antenna above geoid).

GGK Datagram

Data Description	Format	Valid range	Note
Start identifier = $	Always 24h	–	–
Talker identifier	aa	Capital letters	–
Sentence formatter	Always GGK,	–	–
UTC time of position	hhmmss.ss,	000000 to 235959.99...	–
UTC date of position	MMDDYY,	010100 to 123199	–
Latitude in degrees and minutes, plus optional decimal minutes	llll.lllllll,	0000 to 9000.0...	–
Latitude – N/S	a,	N or S	–
Longitude in degrees and minutes, plus optional decimal minutes	yyyyy.yyyyyyy,	00000 to 18000.0...	–
Longitude – E/W	a,	E or W	–
GPS quality indicator	x,	0 to 3	1
Number of satellites in use	xx,	00 to 12	–
DOP	x.x,	0 –	1
Antenna ellipsoidal height	x.x,	–	–
Units of antenna ellipsoidal height	M,	–	–
Checksum	*hh	–	–
End of sentence delimiter = CRLF	Always 0Dh 0Ah	–	–

Note 1

The DOP (Dilution Of Precision) value will be scaled and copied to the ”Measure of position fix quality” field in the position output datagram. The scale factor depends upon the GPS quality indicator’s value:

∉ 1 (SPS or standard GPS) => 1000

∉ 2 (differential GPS) => 100

∉ 3 (kinematic GPS) => 10

The ”Measure of position fix quality” field will be set to 65534 (largest valid number) if the indicator is zero (non-valid position).

This scaling is used to give at least a relatively correct position fix quality change (in cm) if there are dropouts in differential, precise or kinematic measurements, although DOP is not a meter value.

VTG Datagram

Data Description	Format	Valid range	Note
Start identifier = $	Always 24h	–	–
Talker identifier	aa	Capital letters	–
Sentence formatter	Always VTG,	–	–
Course over ground, degrees true	x.x,T,	0 to 359.9...	1
Course over ground, degrees magnetic	x.x,M,	0 to 359.9..	1
Speed over ground, knots	x.x,N,	0 –	1
Speed over ground, km/h	x.x,K,	0 –	1
Mode indicator	a	A,D,E,M,S or N	–
Checksum	*hh	–	–
End of sentence delimiter = CRLF	Always 0Dh 0Ah	–	–

Note 1

Only true course and the first valid speed field will be used.

Transponder position Datagram

SSB - SSBL Position:

Data Description	Format	Valid range	Note
Start_character	$		
Address	PSIMSSB		
Time	,hhmmss.ss		2
TP code	,B01		3
Status	,A		4
Error code	,cc_		1
Coordinate system (always radians)	,R		
Orientation (always north oriented)	,N		
SW filter	,		1
X coordinate (Latitiude)	,x.x		
Y coordinate (Longitude)	,x.x		
Depth (Sonar depth in m)	,x.x		
Expected accuracy (Pos. quality in m)	,x.x		
Additional info	,		1
First add value	,		1
Second add value	,		1
Checksum	*hh		
Termination	CRLF		

Note 1

Not used by multibeam echo sounders.

Note 2

Is decoded and used if Clock Synchronisation is set from position datagram.

Note 3

Only this transponder type is accepted by the multibeam.

Note 4

A = OK, V will give bad positions, but datagram will be accepted for logging.

Simrad 90 Datagram

Data Description	Format	Length	Valid range	Note
Start identifier = $	Always 24h	1	–	–
Talker identifier	aa	2	Capital letters	–
Sentence formatter	Always S90,	4	–	–
Date of position	DDMMYY,	7	010100 to 311299	–
UTC of position as hour, minute, second, hundredth of second	hhmmssss,	9	00000000 to 23595999	–
Latitude in degrees, minutes and decimal minutes	xxxx.xxxx	9	0000.0000 to 9999.9999	A
Hemisphere identifier	a,	2	N or S	A
Longitude in degrees, minutes and decimal minutes, or depth in meters	xxxxx.xxxx	10	00000.0000 to 18000.0000	A
Hemisphere or depth identifier	a,	2	E, W or D	A
Northing or range in meters	xxxxxxxxx.x,	12	000000000.0 to 999999999.9	B
Easting or depth in meters	xxxxxxx.x,	10	0000000.0 to 9999999.9	B
UTM zone number	xx,	3	01 to 60	–
User defined central meridian longitude or bearing	xxxxx.xxxx	10	00000.0000 to 35999.9999	C
Hemisphere or bearing identifier	a,	2	E, W, or B	C
System descriptor	x,	2	0 to 7	1
Position fix quality indicator	x,	2	0 to 9 and A to F	2
Speed over ground in m/s	xx.x,	5	00.0 to 99.9	3
Course over ground in degrees	xxx.x	5	000.0 to 359.9	3
End of sentence delimiter = ,CRLF	Always 2Ch 0Dh 0Ah	3	–	–

Note 1

Value of system descriptor defines content of datagram as follows. (Note that the Kongsberg Maritime EM 12, the EM 950 and the EM 1000 multibeam echo sounders will only accept values less than 3):

- **0 -** The position is longitude latitude in global coordinates given in the fields noted A.
- **1 -** The position is Northing Easting on the Northern hemisphere given in the fields noted B. If the projection is defined to be UTM the UTM zone number or a user definable central meridian longitude may be given in the field noted C.
- **2 -** As for system descriptor equal to 1, but the position is on the Southern Hemisphere.
- **3 -** As for system descriptor equal to 0, but in addition the depth is given in the Easting field noted B.
- **4 -** As for system descriptor equal to 1, but in addition the depth is given in the longitude field noted A.
- **5 -** As for system descriptor equal to 2, but in addition the depth is given in the longitude field noted A.

Note 2

The position fix quality given in the position output datagram will be derived from the quality indicator (this differs from the original definition of the format) as follows (in m):

F	E	D	C	B	A	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
0.01	0.02	0.05	0.1	0.2	0.5	1	2	5	10	20	50	100	200	500	1000

Note 3

If these fields have valid values they will be copied to equivalent fields in the position output datagram. They may be used in filtering of the positioning during postprocessing. (The original definition of the format had line heading in the course field and its use was to orient real-time displays).

Tide input

Data Description	Format	Valid range	Note
Start identifier = $	Always 24h	–	–
Talker identifier	a	Capital letter	–
Sentence formatter	Always TIDE,	–	–
Date and time of prediction / measurement	YYYYMMDDhhmm,	199601010000 to 999912312359	–
Tide offset in meters and decimal meters	x.x	∂327.66	1
Optional checksum	*hh	–	–
End of sentence delimiter = CRLF	Always 0Dh 0Ah	–	–

Note 1

A negative number will be assumed to indicate an increase in sea level.

Depth (pressure) or height input

Data Description	Format	Valid range	Note
Start identifier = *	Always 2Ah	–	–
Sentence identifier	ii	00 to 09	1
Talker identifier	ii	00 to 99	–
Depth or height in meters and decimal meters	x.x	–	2
End of sentence delimiter = CRLF	Always 0Dh 0Ah	–	–

Note 1

A sentence identifier equal to 00 is used for underwater vehicle depth, all other identifiers are customer specific (usually a datum height).

Note 2

If input is depth, it will be used in the depth output datagram to offset the transmit transducer depth. If input is height, which will usually imply a time or position variable datum height, its use will depend on the sentence identifier and will be implemented as required by a specific customer. Depth is positive downwards. Depths may be scaled and offset by operator settable constants:

output_depth [m] = scale_factor * (input_depth - offset)

2.3 Attitude data

Overview

Attitude data is generally accepted on one or more serial input port(s) as:

∉ roll, pitch, heave and heading on one port,

or

∉ roll, pitch and heave on one port and heading separately on another port.

The data update rate should be commensurate with the expected dynamics of the vessel (typically up to 100 Hz).

The acceptable format for roll, pitch, heave and optionally also heading is a 10 byte long message originally defined in the EM 1000 for use with digital motion sensors. It is supported by the following sensors:

- Applied Analytics POS/MV
- Photokinetics Octans
- Seatex MRU
- Seatex SeaPath
- TSS DMS-05

Heading will be accepted in the NMEA 0183 HDT format or in the format used by the Simrad Robertson SKR80(82) gyrocompass. A current loop to RS-232 converter may then be required. The Lemkuhl LR40(60) Scan Repeater format is also accepted, as it is the same as that of the SKR80 with the exception of an extra status byte. Note that if the attitude sensor is capable of reading the gyrocompass and transfer the heading to the attitude sensor datagram (if it does not measure heading itself), this is preferable to interfacing the gyrocompass directly to the system.

Attitude data may be supplied from more than one sensor. All data may be logged, but only one set as chosen by the operator will be used in real time.

EM Attitude input format

The EM attitude format is a 10-bytes long message defined as follows:

- Byte 1: Sync byte 1 = 00h, or Sensor status = 90h-AFh
- Byte 2: Sync byte 2 = 90h
- Byte 3: Roll LSB
- Byte 4: Roll MSB
- Byte 5: Pitch LSB
- Byte 6: Pitch MSB
- Byte 7: Heave LSB
- Byte 8: Heave MSB
- Byte 9: Heading LSB
- Byte 10: Heading MSB

where **LSB** = least significant byte, **MSB** = most significant byte.

All data are in 2's complement binary, with 0.01° resolution for roll, pitch and heading, and 1 cm resolution for heave.

- Roll is positive with port side up with ∂179.99° valid range
- Pitch is positive with bow up with ∂179.99° valid range

- Heave is positive up with ∂9.99 m valid range
- Heading is positive clockwise with 0to 359.99° valid range.

Non-valid data are assumed when a value is outside the valid range.

How roll is assumed to be measured is operator selectable, either with respect to the horizontal plane (the Hippy 120 or TSS convention) or to the plane tilted by the given pitch angle (i.e. as a rotation angle around the pitch tilted forward pointing x-axis). The latter convention (called Tate-Bryant in the POS/MV documentation) is used inside the system in all data displays and in logged data (a transformation is applied if the roll is given with respect to the horizontal).

Note that heave is displayed and logged as positive downwards (the sign is changed) including roll and pitch induced lever arm translation to the system's transmit transducer.

This format has previously been used with the EM 950 and the EM 1000 with the first synchronisation byte always assumed to be zero. The sensor manufacturers have been requested to include sensor status in the format using the first synchronisation byte for this purpose. It is thus assumed that:

- 90h in the first byte indicates a valid measurements with full accuracy
- any value from **91h to 99h** indicates valid data with reduced accuracy (decreasing accuracy with increasing number)
- any value from **9Ah to 9Fh** indicates non-valid data but normal operation (for example configuration or calibration mode)
- and any value from **A0h to AFh** indicates a sensor error status

HDT format

Data Description	Format	Valid range	Note
Start identifier = $	Always 24h	–	–
Talker identifier	aa	Capital letters	–
Sentence formatter	Always HDT,	–	–
Heading, degrees true	x.x,T	0 to 359.9...	–
Checksum	*hh	–	–
End of sentence delimiter = CRLF	Always 0Dh 0Ah	–	–

SKR80 format

The SKR80 sends out a stream of data with four bytes for each measurement. There is one byte for each digit:

- The first byte for the decimal degree (Example: xxx.X)
- The second for the degree (Example: xxX.x)
- The third for the 10's degree (Example: xXx.x)
- The fourth for the 100's degree (Example: Xxx.x)

The two uppermost bits of a byte are always zero, the next two bits give the digit, 00 for the decimal, 01 for the degree, 10 for the 10's degree, and 11 for the 100's degree. The lowest four bits give the digit value in 4-bit BCD format. As an example a heading of 234.5° will give the four bytes 05h 14h 23h 32h. The LR40 adds a fifth byte at the end for status with the two upper bits of the status byte set to 11 (11000000 for OK, 11001010 for alarm). This status byte is ignored.

2.4 Clock

Clock

The system clock is used to time stamp all data output. The clock may be set upon start of new survey or power-up on the Processing Unit (recommended source is a NMEA ZDA format datagram). The clock will drift, typically some seconds per day, unless it is synchronised to a 1 PPS (pulse per second) input signal (the clock millisecond counter will be set to zero whenever a pulse is received). A fully correct clock is only necessary if the output data are later to be combined with other time critical data logged or created by other systems, for example an accuracy of up to one minute would be necessary to apply tidal changes. If the timestamp supplied in the position input datagrams is to be used, it is imperative that the system clock is correctly set and that 1 PPS synchronisation is used.

ZDA format

Data Description	Format	Valid range	Note
Start identifier = $	Always 24h	–	–
Talker identifier	aa	Capital letters	–
Sentence formatter	Always ZDA,	–	–
UTC	hhmmss.ss,	000000 to 235959.9...	–
Day	xx,	01 to +31	–
Month	xx,	01 to +12	–
Year	xxxx,	0000 to 9999	–
Local zone hours	xx,	−13 to +13	1
Local zone minutes	xx	00 to +59	1
Optional checksum	*hh	–	–
End of sentence delimiter = CRLF	Always 0Dh 0Ah	–	–

Note 1

Local zone time is not used. An offset time may be entered by the operator to get the system clock to show a different time than UTC.

Note 2

Trimble UTC format is also supported.

2.5 Sound speed

Overview

A sound speed profile may be loaded into the Operator Station either on a serial line or on Ethernet. Formats previously used with existing Kongsberg Maritime echo sounders (Kongsberg Maritime ASCII and Binary Sound Velocity Profile input datagrams) will be accepted, but since their resolution in depth is limited to 1 m and the number of entries to 100, a new format given below without these limitations is recommended. This format is also accepted by the Kongsberg Maritime HIPAP and HPR underwater positioning systems (but not necessarily vice-versa). Note that a complete profile may be pieced together from several datagrams and edited with the Operator Station's Sound Speed Editor.

The new format is completely in ASCII and allows 9998 entries without limitations in resolution. In addition to depth and sound speed, it allows input of absorption coefficient, pressure, temperature and salinity or conductivity. The latter parameters may be used to calculate depth, sound speed and absorption coefficient. Use of a depth dependent absorption coefficient allows a more accurate determination of bottom backscatter strength.

Note that this datagram may also be logged as output, retaining information not included in the standard sound speed profile output datagram, such as where and when the profile has been taken.

Kongsberg Maritime SSP format

Data Description	Format	Length	Valid range	Note
Start identifier = $	Always 24h	1	–	–
Talker identifier	aa	2	Capital letters	–
Datagram identifier	Always Sxx,	4	S00to S53	1,2
Data set identifier	xxxxx,	6	00000 to 65535	–

Data Description	Format	Length	Valid range	Note
Number of measurements = N	xxxx,	5	0001 to 9999	–
UTC time of data acquisition	hhmmss,	7	000000 to 235959	3
Day of data acquisition	xx,	3	00 to 31	3
Month of data acquisition	xx,	3	00 to 12	3
Year of data acquisition	xxxx,	5	0000 to 9999	3
N entries of the next 5 fields – See note 4				
– Depth in m from water level or Pressure in MPa	x.x,	2 –	0 to 12000.00 0 to 1.0000	–
– Sound velocity in m/s	x.x,	1 –	1400 to 1700.00	–
– Temperature in °C	x.x,	1 –	–5 to 45.00	–
– Salinity in parts per thousand or Conductivity in S/m	x.x,	1 –	0 to 45.00 0 to 7.000	–
Absorption coefficient in dB/km	x.x	0 –	0 to 200.00	–
Data set delimiter	CRLF	2	0Dh 0Ah	–
End of repeat cycle				
Latitude in degrees and minutes, plus optional decimal minutes	llll.ll,	Variable 5–	0000 to 9000.0...	5
Latitude – N/S	a,	2	N or S	5
Longitude in degrees and minutes, plus optional decimal minutes	yyyyy.yy,	Variable 6–	00000 to 18000.0...	5
Longitude – E/W	a,	2	E or W	5
Atmospheric pressure in MPa	x.x,	1 –	0 to 1.0000	5
User given comments	c– –c	Variable	–	5
Optional checksum	*hh	–	–	6
End of datagram delimiter = \CRLF	5Ch 0Dh 0Ah	3	–	–

Note 1

The datagram identifier identifies what type of data is included. This is shown in the following table where D is depth, P is pressure, S is salinity, C is conductivity, c is sound speed, ζ is absorption coefficients, and L is latitude. The notation c(T,S) indicates for example that the sound speed is to be calculated from the temperature and salinity input data. When pressure is used, the atmospheric pressure must be given if the pressure is absolute, otherwise the pressure must be given re the sea level and the atmospheric pressure must be zero.

Identifier	Input data	Data to be used
S00	D, c	D, c
S10	D, c	D, c
S11	D, c, ζ	D, c, ζ

Identifier	Input data	Data to be used
S12	D, c, T, S	D, c, ζ (D,T,S,L)
S20	D, T, S	D, c(D,T,S,L)
S21	D, T, S, ζ	D, c(D,T,S,L), ζ
S22	D, T, S	D, c(D,T,S,L), ζ (D,T,S,L)
S30	D, T, C	D, c(D,T,C,L)
S31	D, T, C, ζ	D, c(D,T,C,L), ζ
S32	D, T, C	D, c(D,T,C,L), ζ (D,T,C,L)
S40	P, T, S	D(P,T,S,L), c(P,T,S,L)
S41	P, T, S, ζ	D(P,T,S,L), c(P,T,S,L), ζ
S42	P, T, S	D(P,T,S,L), c(P,T,S,L), ζ (P,T,S,L)
S50	P, T, C	D(P,T,C,L), c(P,T,C,L)
S51	P, T, C, ζ	D(P,T,C,L), c(P,T,C,L), ζ
S52	P, T, C	D(P,T,C,L), c(P,T,C,L) , ζ (P,T,C,L)

Note 2

S00 is a special case because then the sound speed profile will be taken into use immediately without further operator intervention. The checksum is then mandatory and must be correct. Furthermore entries for zero depth and a deeper depth than expected during the survey must be included.

Note 3

Note that these fields have fixed length and leading zeros must be used.

Note 4

The depth or pressure field is always required while the other fields are optional except for those required by the datagram identifier. The field-delimiting commas must always be included even if the fields are empty.

Note 5

The positions, atmospheric pressure and comment fields are optional. Note that the option field must not include a \. It is recommended to include sensor type in the comment field.

Note 6

The checksum field is calculated between the $ and the * delimiters by exclusive OR'ing of all bytes. The checksum is required for datagram S00, but is optional for the others.

AML Smart Sensor format

The **AML Smart SV&P** sensor and later the **SVPlus** sensor may be used directly for sound speed profile input on serial line to the Operator Station. Both these sensors may also be used to measure the sound speed at the transducer depth continuously during the surveying.

A measurement is requested from a smart sensor by issuing the word ’scan’ as four ASCII characters terminated by CR. The reply from the SV sensor is a string of ASCII characters:

’S’CRLF xxxx.x CRLF>

where xxxx.x is the measured sound speed in m/s (in bytes 5-11). From the SV&P sensor the received string is:

’S’CRLF ∂xxx.xx xxxx.x CRLF>

where the first number is the pressure in decibars relative to the surface and the second sound speed in m/s (in bytes 13-19).

Smart sensors with autonomous output may also be used, both P&SV (sound speed with pressure) and T&SP (sound speed with temperature).

The P&SV format is:

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∂xxx.xx xxxx.x CRLF
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The T&SP format is:

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∂xx.xxx xxxx.x CRLF
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The last field in both of these formats give the sound speed and the first field either pressure in decibars or temperature in degrees Celsius.

2.6 Depth input from single beam echo sounder

Overview

Depth datagrams from a single beam echo sounder are accepted for display and logging on the system. The following formats are supported:

- NMEA 0183 DBS
- NMEA 0183 DPT
- binary datagrams from the Kongsberg Maritime EA 500 echo sounder series.

DBS format

Data Description	Format	Valid range	Note
Start identifier = $	Always 24h	–	–
Talker identifier	aa	Capital letters	–

Data Description	Format	Valid range	Note
Sentence formatter	Always DBS,	–	–
Depth in feet	x.x,f,	0.1 –	1
Depth in meters	x.x,M,	0.1 –	1
Depth in fathoms	x.x,F	0.1 –	1
Checksum	*hh	–	–
End of sentence delimiter = CRLF	Always 0Dh 0Ah	–	–

Note 1

The decoding priority will be meter field, feet field and fathom field with the depth value extracted from the first field with valid data.

DPT format

Data Description	Format	Valid range	Note
Start identifier = $	Always 24h	–	–
Talker identifier	aa	Capital letters	–
Sentence formatter	Always DPT,	–	–
Depth in meters from the transducer	x.x,	0.1 –	–
Offset of transducer from waterline in meters	x.x,	0 –	1
Maximum range scale in use	x.x	–	–
Checksum	*hh	–	–
End of sentence delimiter = CRLF	Always 0Dh 0Ah	–	–

Note 1

A negative value implying that the offset is from the keel should not be used.

EA 500 format

Data Description	Format	Valid range	Note
Start identifier = D	Always 34h	–	–
Channel identifier	x,	1 to 3	1
Time as HHMMSShh	xxxxxxxx,	00000000 to 23595999	1
Depth in meters from the transducer	32 bit IEEE 754 floating point	0.1 –	1
Bottom backscattering strength in dB	32 bit IEEE 754 floating point	–	–
Transducer number	32 bit integer	–	–
Athwartship slope in degrees	32 bit IEEE 754 floating point	–	–

Note 1

Only the channel identifier, depth and time will be decoded by the system. The least significant byte is transmitted first (the Intel convention).

Note *The datagram must be sent on Ethernet to UDP port number 2200 on the Operator Station.*

2.7 Remote control

Overview

A Remote Control datagram has been implemented to allow:

- the multibeam echo sounder to start logging on remote command.
- the multibeam echo sounder to send out parameter and sound speed profile datagrams as a response to the remote command.
- the survey line numbers to be set from a remote location.

Note that the parameter and sound speed profile datagrams are always sent out when logging is started or any changes are made to the parameters or sound speed. They may also be sent out regularly at operator specified intervals.

Data Description	Format	Valid range	Note
Start identifier = $	Always 24h	–	–
Talker identifier	aa	Capital letters	–
Datagram identifier	Rxx,	R00 to R20	1
EM model number	EMX=dddd,	–	–
Responsible operator	ROP=a– –a,	–	–
Survey identifier	SID=a– –a,	–	–
Survey line number	PLN=d..d,	–	–
Survey line identifier (planned line no)	PLL=d– –d,	–	–
Comment	COM=a– –a	–	–
Optional checksum	*hh	–	–
End of datagram delimiter = \CRLF	5Ch 0Dh 0Ah	–	–

Note 1

Rxx defines what action the system is to take with respect to pinging and logging of data in addition to changes in the parameters. Note that logging of survey data on local storage is not affected, this is determined by operator control from the menu only.

- R00 - System to stop pinging (and logging if on)
- R10 - System to stop all logging (but continue or start pinging).
- R11 - System to start logging on new line to both local and remote

- R12 - System to star logging on new line but only to local storage
- R13 - System to start logging on new line but only to remote
- R20 - System to send installation parameter datagram and sound speed profile datagrams to remote

3 OUTPUT DATAGRAMS

Introduction

Output datagrams are usually logged to disk or tape on the EM Series Operator Station. The output datagrams may also be exported to user provided programs on the Operator Station or on an external Ethernet network using UDP protocol (remote logging). An NMEA DPT depth datagram may be exported on a serial line.

The output datagrams are mostly in binary format using signed or unsigned integer numbers with lengths of 1, 2 or 4 bytes.

The same endian (little or big) as used in the input datagrams will be used for the output datagrams. With a PC based operator station little endian is normally used.

Note *We recommend that software written to decode EM Series data includes a check for the byte ordering with a provision for byte swapping. Suitable data fields to check on are the length field at the start of the datagram, the EM Series model number field and possibly the date and time fields.*

The basic output datagram structure established with the EM 100 echo sounder is retained.

∉ All datagrams (except the NMEA DPT datagram) start with STX, datagram type and time tag, and end with ETX and checksum (sum of bytes between STX and ETX). In addition the total length of the datagram *(not including the length field)* will precede the STX byte, given as a four byte binary number.

∉ The length field is only included when logging to tape and/or disk, but not for datagrams logged to a remote location. The length can then be derived from the network software. Systems logging data remotely should add this length at the start of each datagram. This length is required if the data are to be used with Kongsberg Maritime post-processing systems.

∉ The time stamp resolution is 1 millisecond and includes the century. The time stamp is binary. The date is given as 10000*year(4 digits) + 100*month + day, for example 19950226 for February 26, 1995. All date fields in the output datagrams use this format. A time is usually given (in milliseconds) from midnight.

- The datagrams identify the multibeam echo sounder model and its serial number. The system model number is 120 for the EM 120, 300 for the EM 300, etc. For the EM 3000D (the dual head system) the model number was originally given as 3002 and the serial number is that of Sonar Head number 1. However in the depth datagram model numbers 3003-3008 are now used to also identify the actual transmit and sampling frequencies of the two heads. If only one head is activate on the EM 3000D, it is coded as a single head system. For EM 3002 the model number is 3020.
- Due care has been taken to include all parameters needed in postprocessing in the relevant datagrams, with a minimum of data duplication. Where resolution of a data field is variable, a resolution descriptor is included.
- Invalid data are always identified by the highest positive number allowed in a field unless otherwise noted.
- A real-time parameter datagram has been added to enable logging of parameters not used in postprocessing, but which may be important in checking the quality of the logged data, or to allow tracing of reasons for possible malfunctions.
- Attitude data as time continuous records and raw ranges and beam pointing angles are logged to allow eventual postprocessing corrections. The logged attitudes are valid at the transmit transducer, and are corrected for any sensor offsets.
- A new *Range and beam angle datagram* (type f), is now included, that contains more details. (From January 2004).

Depth

Data Description	Format	Valid range	Note
Number of bytes in datagram	4U	–	–
Start identifier = STX (Always 02h)	1U	–	–
Type of datagram = D(epth data) (Always 44h)	1U	–	–
EM model number (Example: EM 3000 = 3000)	2U	–	4
Date = year*10000 + month*100 + day (Example: Feb 26, 1995 = 19950226)	4U	–	–
Time since midnight in milliseconds (Example: 08:12:51.234 = 29570234)	4U	0 to 86399999	–
Ping counter (sequential counter)	2U	0 to 65535	–
System serial number	2U	100 –	–
Heading of vessel in 0.01∀	2U	0 to 35999	–
Sound speed at transducer in dm/s	2U	14000 to 16000	–

Data Description	Format	Valid range	Note
Transmit transducer depth re water level at time of ping in cm	2U	0 to 65536	1
Maximum number of beams possible	1U	48 –	–
Number of valid beams = N	1U	1 to 254	–
z resolution in cm	1U	1 to 254	–
x and y resolution in cm	1U	1 to 254	–
Sampling rate (f) in Hz **or** Depth difference between sonar heads in the EM 3000D	2U 2S	300 to 30000 –32768 to 32766	3 4
Repeat cycle – N entries of :	16*N	–	–
Depth (z) from transmit transducer (unsigned for EM 120 and EM 300)	2S or 2U	–32768 to +32766 or 1 to 65534	2
Acrosstrack distance (y)	2S	–32768 to 32766	2
Alongtrack distance (x)	2S	–32768 to 32766	2
Beam depression angle in 0.01∀	2S	–11000 to 11000	3
Beam azimuth angle in 0.01∀	2U	0 to 56999	3
Range (one–way travel time)	2U	0 to 65534	3
Quality factor	1U	0 to 254	5
Length of detection window (samples/4)	1U	1 to 254	–
Reflectivity (BS) in 0.5 dB resolution) (Example: –20 dB = 216)	1S	–128 to +126	–
Beam number	1U	1 to 254	6
End of repeat cycle			
Transducer depth offset multiplier	1S	–1 to +17	1
End identifier = ETX (Always 03h)	1U	–	–
Check sum of data between STX and ETX	2U	–	–

Note 1

The transmit transducer depth plus the depth offset multiplier times 65536 cm should be added to the beam depths to derive the depths re the water line. The depth offset multiplier will usually be zero, except when the EM 2000/3000 Sonar Head is on an underwater vehicle at a depth larger than 655.36 m. Note that the offset multiplier will be negative (-1) if the actual heave is large enough to bring the transmit transducer above the water line. This may represent a valid situation, but may also be due to an erroneously set installation depth of either the transducer or the water line.

Note 2

The beam data are given re the transmit transducer or sonar head depth and the horizontal location of the active positioning system's antenna. Heave, roll, pitch, sound speed at the transducer depth and ray bending through the water column have been applied. On the EM 1002/2000/3000/3002 the beam depths must be regarded as signed values to take into account beams which may be going upwards. On the EM 120/300 the beam depths are always positive and the values are therefore unsigned.

Note 3

The range, beam depression angle (positive downwards and 90° for a vertical beam) and beam azimuth angle (re vessel centerline) are given relative to the transducer (sonar head) at the ping transmit time. Heave, roll, pitch and sound speed at the transducer depth have been applied, but not ray bending. These values may thus be directly used for a new ray bending calculation with a revised sound speed profile to generate new sounding depths and positions without any need for using attitude data.

One way travel time = range / sampling rate / 4

Note that if the data need to be reprocessed with a new sound speed at the transducer depth or new roll, pitch or heave values, full reprocessing starting with the raw range and beam angle data is required. Attitude data is also required in this reprocessing, and both these data types will in the future be logged as standard.

If the beam azimuth angle has a value larger than 35999, the beam pointing angle has replaced the beam depression angle, and the raw two-way travel time has replaced the one-way heave and beam angle corrected travel time. The transmit tilt angle plus 54000 is given in the beam azimuth angle field. The use of this data definition is available on remote output to a port named as "RawDepth..." for use by other systems which do their own attitude and sound speed processing.

Note 4

In an EM 3000D the transmit transducer depth is that of Sonar Head number 1, taking into account the depth offset multiplier as described in note 1. The range multiplier is replaced by the difference in depth between Sonar Head number 1 and 2, i.e. head 2 depth is equal to head 1 depth (possibly modified with depth offset multiplier) plus the depth difference. The range sampling rates in Hz of the two heads is given through the EM model number according to the following table:

EM model number	3003	3004	3005	3006	3007	3008
Sonar Head 1	13956	14293	13956	14621	14293	14621
Sonar Head 2	14621	14621	14293	14293	13956	13956

Previously the model number of the EM 3000D was given as 3002 with head sample rates of 13956 and 14621 Hz respectively. The head depths in this case should be assumed to be equal, and although the mathematical derivation of final beam depths would otherwise be the same as described above, the transmit transducer depth was not actually exactly that of the sonar heads.

Note 5

The quality number's upper bit signifies whether amplitude (0) or phase (1) detection has been used. If amplitude the 7 lowest bits give the number of samples used in the centre of gravity calculation. If phase the second highest bit signifies whether a second (0) or first (1) order curve fit has been applied to determine the zero phase range, and the 6 lowest bits indicates the quality of the fit (actually the normalized variance of the fit re the maximum allowed, i.e. with a lower number the better the fit).

Note 6

Beam 128 is the first beam on the second sonar head in an EM 3000D dual head system.

Raw range and beam angle

New datagram, added January 2004. This datagram replaces the old F datagram.

Data Description	Format	Valid range	Note
Number of bytes in datagram	4U	–	–
Start identifier = STX (Always 02h)	1U	–	–
Type of datagram = f (Always 66h)	1U	–	–
EM model number (Example: EM 3000 = 3000)	2U	–	–
Date = year*10000 + month*100 + day (Example: Feb 26, 1995 = 19950226)	4U	–	–
Time since midnight in milliseconds (Example: 08:12:51.234 = 29570234)	4U	0 to 86399999	–
Ping counter (sequential counter)	2U	0 to 65535	–
System serial number	2U	100 –	–
Number of transmit sectors = Ntx	2U	1 to 20	–
Number of valid receive beams = N	2U	1 to 1999	–
Sampling frequency in 0.01 Hz (F)	4U	100 to 100000	

Data Description	Format	Valid range	Note
ROV depth in 0.01 m	4S		
Sound speed at transducer in 0.1 m/s	2U	14000 to 16000	–
Maximum number of beams possible	2U	1 to 1999	
Spare 1	2U		
Spare 2	2U		
Ntx entries of :	20*Ntx	–	
Tilt angle in 0.01∀	2S	–2900 to 2900	–
Focus range in 0.1 m (0 = No focus)	2U	0 to 65535	–
Signal length in µs	4U		–
Transmit time offset in µs	4U		–
Center frequency in Hz	4U		–
Bandwidth in 10 Hz	2U	1 to 65535	–
Signal waveform identifier	1U	0 to 99	1
Transmit sector number	1U	0 to 19	–
N entries of :	12*N		
Beam pointing angle ref array in 0.01∀	2S	–11000 to 11000	–
Range in 0.25 samples (R)	2U	0 to 65535	2
Transmit sector number	1U	0 to 19	–
Reflectivity (BS) in 0.5 dB resolution	1S	–128 to 127	–
Quality factor	1U	0 to 254	–
Detection window length in samples (/4 if phase)	1U	1 to 254	
Beam number	2S	–1999 to 1999	3
Spare	2U		
Spare (Always 0)	1U	0	–
End identifier = ETX (Always 03h)	1U	–	–
Check sum of data between STX and ETX	2U	–	–

Note 1

0 = cw, 1 = FM

Note 2

Two way travel time = R / (4 * F / 100)

Note 3

The beam number normally starts at 0.

Seabed image

Data Description	Format	Valid range	Note
Number of bytes in datagram	4U	–	–
Start identifier = STX (Always 02h)	1U	–	–
Type of datagram = S(eabed image data) (Always 53h)	1U	–	–

Data Description	Format	Valid range	Note
EM model number (Example: EM 3000 = 3000)	2U	–	–
Date = year*10000 + month*100 + day (Example: Feb 26, 1995 = 19950226)	4U	–	–
Time since midnight in milliseconds (Example: 08:12:51.234 = 29570234	4U	0 to 86399999	–
Ping counter (sequential counter)	2U	0 to 65535	–
System serial number	2U	100 –	–
Mean absorption coefficient in 0.01 dB/km	2U	1 to 20000	1
Pulse length in σs	2U	50 –	1
Range to normal incidence used to correct sample amplitudes in no. of samples	2U	1 to 16384	–
Start range sample of TVG ramp if not enough dynamic range (0 else)	2U	0 to 16384	–
Stop range sample of TVG ramp if not enough dynamic range (0 else)	2U	0 to 16384	–
Normal incidence BS in dB (BSN) (Example: –20 dB = 236)	1S	–50 to 10	–
Oblique BS in dB (BSO) (Example: –1 dB = 255)	1S	–60 to 0	–
Tx beamwidth in 0.1∀	2U	1 to 300	–
TVG law crossover angle in 0.1°	1U	20 to 300	–
Number of valid beams (N)	1U	1 to 254	–
Repeat cycle – N entries of :	6*N	–	
beam index number	1U	0 to 253	2
sorting direction	1S	–1 or 1	3
number of samples per beam = Ns	2U	1 –	–
centre sample number	2U	1 –	4
End of repeat cycle			
Repeat cycle – ΣNs entries of:	ΣNs	–	
Sample amplitudes in 0.5 dB (Example: –30 dB = 196)	1S	–128 to 126	–
End of repeat cycle			
Spare byte if required to get even length (Always 0 if used)	0–1U	–	–
End identifier = ETX (Always 03h)	1U	–	–
Check sum of data between STX and ETX	2U	–	–

Note 1

These fields have earlier had other definitions.

Note 2

The beam index number is the beam number - 1.

Note 3

The first sample in a beam has lowest range if 1, highest if -1. Note that the range sampling rate is defined by the sampling rate in the depth output datagram and that the ranges in the seabed image datagram are all two-way from time of transmit to time of receive

Note 4

The centre sample number is the detection point of a beam.

Central beams echogram

This datagram is only available for EM 120 and EM 300.

Data Description	Format	Valid range	Note
Number of bytes in datagram	4U	–	–
Start identifier = STX (Always 02h)	1U	–	–
Type of datagram = K (Always 4Bh)	1U	–	–
EM model number (Example: EM 3000 = 3000)	2U	–	–
Date = year*10000 + month*100 + day (Example: Feb 26, 1995 = 19950226)	4U	–	–
Time since midnight in milliseconds (Example: 08:12:51.234 = 29570234)	4U	0 to 86399999	–
Ping counter (sequential counter)	2U	0 to 65535	–
System serial number	2U	100 –	–
Mean absorption coefficient in 0.01 dB/km	2U	1 to 20000	1
Pulse length in σs	2U	50 –	1
Range to normal incidence used in TVG	2U	1 to 16384	1
Start range sample of TVG ramp if not enough dynamic range (0 else)	2U	0 to 116384	–
Stop range sample of TVG ramp if not enough dynamic range (0 else)	2U	0 to 16384	–
Normal incidence BS in dB (BSN) (Example: −20 dB = 236)	1S	−50 to +10	1
Oblique BS in dB (BSO) (Example: −1 dB = 255)	1S	−60 to 0	1
Tx beamwidth in 0.1∀	2U	1 to 300	1
TVG law crossover angle in 0.1°	1U	20 to 300	1
Number of included beams (N)	1U	1 –	–
Repeat cycle – N entries of :	6*N	–	
beam index number	1U	0 to 253	2
spare byte to get even length (Always 0)	1U	–	–
number of samples per beam = Ns	2U	1 -	–
start range in samples	2U	1 -	3
End of repeat cycle			
Repeat cycle – ΩNs entries of:	ΩNs	–	

Data Description	Format	Valid range	Note
Sample amplitudes in 0.5 dB (Example: −30 dB = 196)	1S	−128 to +126	–
End of repeat cycle			
Spare byte if required to get even length (Always 0 if used)	0−1U	–	–
End identifier = ETX (Always 03h)	1U	–	–
Check sum of data between STX and ETX	2U	–	–

Note 1

The sample amplitudes are not corrected in accordance with the detection parameters derived for the ping, as is done for the seabed image data.

Note 2

The beam index number is the beam number - 1.

Note 3

The range for which the first sample amplitude is valid for this beam given as a two-way range. The detection range is given in the raw range and beam angle datagram. Note that data are provided regardless of whether a beam has a valid detection or not.

Water column

The receiver beams are roll stabilized

Data Description	Format	Valid range	Note
Number of bytes in datagram	4U	48 to 65535	–
Start identifier = STX (Always 02h)	1U	–	–
Type of datagram = k (Always 6Bh)	1U	–	–
EM model number (Example: EM 3002 = 3020)	2U	–	–
Date = year*10000 + month*100 + day (Example: Feb 26, 1995 = 19950226)	4U	–	–
Time since midnight in milliseconds (Example: 08:12:51.234 = 29570234)	4U	0 to 86399999	–
Ping counter (sequential counter)	2U	0 to 65535	–
System serial number	2U	100 –	–
Number of datagrams	2U	1 to 16	2
Datagram numbers	2U	1 to 16	2
Number of transmit sectors = Ntx	2U	1 to 20	–
Total no. of receive beams	2U	1 to 254	–
Number of beams in this datagram = Nrx	2U	1 to 254	–
Sound speed in 0.1 m/s	2U	14000 to 16000	
Sampling frequency in 0.01 Hz resolution	4U	1000 to 4000000	1

Data Description	Format	Valid range	Note
TX time heave (at transducer) in cm	2S	−1000 to 1000	
Spare	2U		
Ntx entries of :		–	
Tilt angle in 0.01∀	2S	−1100 to 1100	–
Center frequency in 10 Hz	2U	1000 to 50000	–
Transmit sector number	1U	0 to 19	–
Spare	1U		
Nrx entries of :			
Beam pointing angle in 0.01∀	2S	−11000 to 11000	–
Start Range sample number	2U	0 to 65535	–
Number of samples Ns	2U	0 to 65535	–
Transmit sector number	1U	0 to 19	–
Beam number	1U	0 to 254	–
Ns entries of: Sample amplitude in 0.5 dB resolution	1S	−128 to127	–
Spare byte if required to get even length (Always 0 if used)	0 – 1U	0	–
End identifier = ETX (Always 03h)	1U	–	–
Check sum of data between STX and ETX	2U	–	–

Note 1

The sample rate is normally decimated to be approximately the same as the bandwidth of the transmitted pulse.

Note 2

Maximum 64 kB in one datagram. More than 1 datagram may be required to transfer the data. Example: 500 m range * 160 beams * 1 Byte / 0.1 m per sample gives 800 kB. This requires 13 datagrams. A number of complete beams will be transferred in each datagram.

Position

Data Description	Format	Valid range	Note
Number of bytes in datagram	4U	–	–
Start identifier = STX (Always 02h)	1U	–	–
Type of datagram = P(osition data) (Always 050h)	1U	–	–
EM model number (Example: EM 3000 = 3000)	2U	–	–
Date = year*10000 + month*100 + day (Example: Feb 26, 1995 = 19950226)	4U	–	–
Time since midnight in milliseconds (Example: 08:12:51.234 = 29570234)	4U	0 to 86399999	–

Data Description	Format	Valid range	Note
Position counter (sequential counter)	2U	0 to 65535	–
System / serial number	2U	100 –	–
Latitude in decimal degrees*20000000 (negative if southern hemisphere) (Example: 32∖34’ S = –651333333)	4S	–	–
Longitude in decimal degrees*10000000 (negative if western hemisphere) (Example: 110.25∀E = 1102500000)	4S	–	–
Measure of position fix quality in cm	2U	–	1
Speed of vessel over ground in cm/s	2U	0 –	1
Course of vessel over ground in 0.01∀	2U	0 to 35999	1
Heading of vessel in 0.01∀	2U	0 to 35999	–
Position system descriptor	1U	1 to 254	2
Number of bytes in input datagram	1U	– 254	–
Position input datagram as received	Variable	–	3
Spare byte if required to get even length (Always 0 if used)	0–1U	–	–
End identifier = ETX (Always 03h)	1U	–	–
Check sum of data between STX and ETX	2U	–	–

Note 1

These data will be valid only if available as input.

Note 2

The position system descriptor shows which source this data is from and its real-time use by bit coding:

∉ xxxx xx01 - position system no 1

∉ xxxx xx10 – position system no 2

∉ xxxx xx11 – position system no 3

∉ 10xx xxxx – the position system is active, system time has been used

∉ 11xx xxxx - the position system is active, input datagram time has been used

∉ xxxx 1xxx – the position may have to be derived from the input datagram which is then in SIMRAD 90 format.

Note 3

Complete input datagram except header and tail (such as NMEA 0183 $ and CRLF).

Depth (pressure) or height

Data Description	Format	Valid range	Note
Number of bytes in datagram	4U	–	–
Start identifier = STX (Always 02h)	1U	–	–

Data Description	Format	Valid range	Note
Type of datagram = h(eight data) (Always 068h)	1U	–	–
EM model number (Example: EM 3000 = 3000)	2U	–	–
Date = year*10000 + month*100 + day (Example: Feb 26, 1995 = 19950226)	4U	–	–
Time since midnight in milliseconds (EXample: 08:12:51.234 = 29570234)	4U	0 to 86399999	–
Height counter (sequential counter)	2U	0 to 65535	–
System serial number	2U	100 –	–
Height in cm	4S	–4294967296 to 4294967295	–
Heigth type	1U	0 to 100	1
End identifier = ETX (Always 03h)	1U	–	–
Check sum of data between STX and ETX	2U	–	–

Note 1

0: The height is derived from the GGK or GGA datagram and is the height of the water level are the vertical datum (possibly motion corrected).

1 - 99: The height type is as given in the *Depth (pressure) or height input datagram*.

100: The input is depth taken from the *Depth (pressure) or height input datagram*.

Tide

Data Description	Format	Valid range	Note
Number of bytes in datagram	4U	-	-
Start identifier = STX (Always 02h)	1U	-	-
Type of datagram = T(ide data) (Always 054h)	1U	–	–
EM model number (Example: EM 3000 = 3000)	2U	-	-
Date = year*10000 + month*100 + day (Example: Feb 26, 1995 = 19950226)	4U	-	-
Time since midnight in milliseconds (Example: 08:12:51.234 = 29570234)	4U	0 to 86399999	-
Tide counter (sequential counter)	2U	0 to 65535	-
System serial number	2U	100 -	-
Date = year*10000 + month*100 + day (from input datagram) (Example: Feb 26, 1995 = 19950226)	4U	-	-
Time since midnight in milliseconds (from input datagram) (Example: 08:12:51.234 = 29570234)	4U	0 to 86399999	-
Tidal offset in cm	2S	-32768 to 32766	-
Spare (Always 0)	1U	-	-
End identifier = ETX (Always 03h)	1U	-	-
Check sum of data between STX and ETX	2U	-	-

Attitude

Data Description	Format	Valid range	Note
Number of bytes in datagram	4U	–	–
Start identifier = STX (Always 02h)	1U	–	–
Type of datagram = A(ttitude data) (Always 041h)	1U	–	–
EM model number (Example: EM 3000 = 3000)	2U	–	–
Date = year*10000 + month*100 + day (at start of data record) (Example: Feb 26, 1995 = 19950226)	4U	–	–
Time since midnight in milliseconds (at start of data record) (Example: 08:12:51.234 = 29570234)	4U	0 to 86399999	–
Attitude counter (sequential counter)	2U	0 to 65535	–
System serial number	2U	100 –	–
Number of entries = N	2U	1 –	–
Repeat cycle – N entries of:	12*N	–	

Data Description	Format	Valid range	Note
– Time in milliseconds since record start	2U	0 to 65534	–
– Sensor status	2U	–	1
– Roll in 0.01∀	2S	–18000 to 18000	–
– Pitch in 0.01∀	2S	–18000 to 18000	–
– Heave in cm	2S	–1000 to 10000	–
– Heading in 0.01∀	2U	0 to 35999	–
End of repeat cycle			
Sensor system descriptor	1U	–	2
End identifier = ETX (Always 03h)	1U	–	–
Check sum of data between STX and ETX	2U	–	–

Note 1

The sensor status will be copied from the input datagram's two sync bytes if the sensor uses the EM format. See the input format description for further details.

Note 2

The sensor system descriptor will show which sensor the data is derived from, and which of the sensor's data have been used in real time by bit coding:

∉ xx00 xxxx – motion sensor number 1
∉ xx01 xxxx – motion sensor number 2
∉ xxxx xxx1 – heading from the sensor is active
∉ xxxx xx0x – roll from the sensor is active
∉ xxxx x0xx – pitch from the sensor is active
∉ xxxx 0xxx – heave from the sensor is active

Heading

Data Description	Format	Valid range	Note
Number of bytes in datagram	4U	–	–
Start identifier = STX (Always 02h)	1U	–	–
Type of datagram = H(eading data) (Always 048h)	1U	–	–
EM model number (Example: EM 3000 = 3000)	2U	–	–
Date = year*10000 + month*100 + day (at start of data record) (Example: Feb 26, 1995 = 19950226)	4U	–	–
Time since midnight in milliseconds (at start of data record) (System: 08:12:51.234 = 29570234)	4U	0 to 86399999	–
Heading counter (sequential counter)	2U	0 to 65535	–

Data Description	Format	Valid range	Note
System serial number	2U	100 –	–
Number of entries = N	2U	1 –	–
Repeat cycle – N entries of:	4*N	–	–
– Time in milliseconds since record start	2U	0 to 65534	–
– Heading in 0.01∀	2U	0 to 35999	–
End of repeat cycle			
Heading indicator (active or not) (0 = inactive)	1U	–	–
End identifier = ETX (Always 03h)	1U	–	–
Check sum of data between STX and ETX	2U	–	–

Mechanical transducer tilt

Data Description	Format	Valid range	Note
Number of bytes in datagram	4U	–	
Start identifier = STX (Always 02h)	1U	–	
Type of datagram = J (Always 4Ah)	1U	–	
EM model number (Example: EM 1002 = 1002)	2U	–	
Date = year*10000 + month*100 + day (at start of data record) (Example: Feb 26, 1995 = 19950226)	4U	–	–
Time since midnight in milliseconds (at start of data record) (Example: 08:12:51.234 = 29570234)	4U	0 to 86399999	–
Tilt counter (sequential counter)	2U	0 to 65535	–
System serial number	2U	100 –	–
Number of entries = N	2U	1 –	–
Repeat cycle – N entries of:	4*N	–	
– Time in milliseconds since record start	2U	0 to 65534	–
– Tilt in 0.01 degrees	2S	–1499 to +1499	1
End of repeat cycle			
Spare (Always zero)	1U	–	–
End identifier = ETX (Always 03h)	1U	–	–
Check sum of data between STX and ETX	2U	–	–

Note 1

This tilt angle is the measured mechanical tilt of a hull unit such as that often supplied with the EM 1002. It is positive when the transducer is tilted forwards.

Clock

Data Description	Format	Valid range	Note
Number of bytes in datagram	4U	–	–
Start identifier = STX (Always 02h)	1U	–	–
Type of datagram = C(lock data) (Always 043h)	1U	–	–
EM model number (Example: EM 3000 = 3000)	2U	–	–
Date = year*10000 + month*100 + day (of EM clock) (Example: Feb 26, 1995 = 19950226)	4U	–	–
Time since midnight in milliseconds (of EM clock) (Example: 08:12:51.234 = 29570234)	4U	0 to 86399999	–
Clock counter (sequential counter)	2U	0 to 65535	–
System serial number	2U	100 –	–
Date = year*10000 + month*100 + day (from external clock input) (Example: Feb 26, 1995 = 19950226)	4U	–	–
Time since midnight in milliseconds (from external clock datagram) (Example: 08:12:51.234 = 29570234)	4U	0 to 86399999	–
1 PPS use (active or not) (0 = inactive)	1U	–	1
End identifier = ETX (Always 03h)	1U	–	–
Check sum of data between STX and ETX	2U	–	–

Note 1

Shows if the system clock is synchronised to an external 1 PPS signal or not.

Surface sound speed

Data Description	Format	Valid range	Note
Number of bytes in datagram	4U	–	–
Start identifier = STX (Always 02h)	1U	–	–
Type of datagram = G (Always 047h)	1U	–	–
EM model number (Example: EM 3000 = 3000)	2U	–	–
Date = year*10000 + month*100 + day (at start of data record) (Example: Feb 26, 1995 = 19950226)	4U	–	–
Time since midnight in milliseconds (at start of data record) (Example: 08:12:51.234 = 29570234)	4U	0 to 86399999	–
Sound speed counter (sequential counter)	2U	0 to 65535	–
System serial number	2U	100 –	–
Number of entries = N	2U	1 –	–
Repeat cycle – N entries of:	4*N	–	

Data Description	Format	Valid range	Note
– Time in seconds since record start – Sound speed in dm/s (including offset)	2U 2U	0 to 65534 14000 to 15999	– –
End of repeat cycle			
Spare (Always 0)	1U	–	–
End identifier = ETX (Always 03h)	1U	–	–
Check sum of data between STX and ETX	2U	–	–

Sound speed profile

This datagram will contain the profile actually used in the real time raybending calculations to convert range and angle to xyz data. It will usually be issued together with the installation parameter datagram.

Data Description	Format	Valid range	Note
Number of bytes in datagram	4U	–	–
Start identifier = STX (Always 02h)	1U	–	–
Type of datagram = U (Always 055h)	1U	–	–
EM model number (Example: EM 3000 = 3000)	2U	–	–
Date = year*10000 + month*100 + day (at start of use) (Example: Feb 26, 1995 = 19950226)	4U	–	–
Time since midnight in milliseconds (at start of use) (Example: 08:12:51.234 = 29570234)	4U	0 to 86399999	–
Profile counter (sequential counter)	2U	0 to 65535	–
System serial number	2U	100 –	–
Date = year*10000 + month*100 + day (when profile was made) (Example: Feb 26, 1995 = 19950226)	4U	–	–
Time since midnight in milliseconds (when profile was made) (Example: 08:12:51.234 = 29570234)	4U	0 to 86399999	–
Number of entries = N	2U	1 –	–
Depth resolution in cm	2U	1 to 254	–
Repeat cycle – N entries of:	8*N	–	–
- Depth	4U	0 to 1200000	–
– Sound speed in dm/s	4U	14000 to 17000	–
End of repeat cycle			
Spare byte to get even length (Always 0)	1U	–	–
End identifier = ETX (Always 03h)	1U	–	–
Check sum of data between STX and ETX	2U	–	–

Kongsberg Maritime SSP output

This datagram will contain the profile as received as input, and is logged as is to enable use of its data in postprocessing. The real time use of its data is decided by the operator, the sound speed profile actually being used is given by the sound speed profile output datagram (see above).

Data Description	Format	Valid range	Note
Number of bytes in datagram	4U	–	–
Start identifier = STX (Always 02h)	1U	–	–
Type of datagram = W (Always 057h)	1U	–	–
EM model number (Example: EM 3000 = 3000)	2U	–	–
Date = year*10000 + month*100 + day (Example: Feb 26, 1995 = 19950226)	4U	–	–
Time since midnight in milliseconds (Example: 08:12:51.234 = 29570234)	4U	0 to 86399999	–
SSP counter (sequential counter)	2U	0 to 65535	–
System serial number	2U	100 –	–
Input datagram starting with Sentence formatter and ending with Comment	Variable	–	–
Spare byte if required to get even length (Always 0 if used)	0 – 1U	–	–
End identifier = ETX (Always 03h)	1U	–	–
Check sum of data between STX and ETX	2U	–	–

Single beam echo sounder depth

Data Description	Format	Valid range	Note
Number of bytes in datagram	4U	–	–
Start identifier = STX (Always 02h)	1U	–	–
Type of datagram = E(cho sounder data) (Always 045h)	1U	–	–
EM model number (Example: EM 3000 = 3000)	2U	–	–
Date = year*10000 + month*100 + day (of EM clock) (Example: Feb 26, 1995 = 19950226)	4U	–	–
Time since midnight in milliseconds (of EM clock) (Example: 08:12:51.234 = 29570234)	4U	0 to 86399999	–
Echo sounder counter (sequential counter)	2U	0 to 65535	–
System serial number	2U	100 –	–
Date = year*10000 + month*100 + day (from input datagram if available) (Example: Feb 26, 1995 = 19950226)	4U	–	–
Time since midnight in milliseconds (from input datagram if available) (Example: 08:12:51.234 = 29570234)	4U	0 to 86399999	–

Data Description	Format	Valid range	Note
Echo sounder depth from waterline in cm	4U	0 to 1200000	–
Source identifier (S, T, 1, 2 or 3)	ASCII	–	1
End identifier = ETX (Always 03h)	1U	–	–
Check sum of data between STX and ETX	2U	–	–

Note 1

Identifies the source datagram type, i.e. NMEA DBS, NMEA DPT or EA 500 series channel 1-3 respectively.

Runtime parameter

Data Description	Format	Valid range	Note
Number of bytes in datagram	4U	–	–
Start identifier = STX (Always 02h)	1U	–	–
Type of datagram = R(untime parameter) (Always 052h)	1U	–	–
EM model number /Example: EM 3000 = 3000)	2U	–	–
Date = year*10000 + month*100 + day (Example: Feb 26, 1995 = 19950226)	4U	–	–
Time since midnight in milliseconds (Example: 08:12:51.234 = 29570234)	4U	0 to 86399999	–
Ping counter	2U	0 to 65535	–
System serial number	2U	100 –	–
Operator Station status	1U	–	1
Processing Unit status	1U	–	1
BSP status	1U	–	1
Sonar Head or Transceiver status	1U	–	1
Mode	1U	1 –	2
Filter identifier	1U	0 to 254	3
Minimum depth in m	2U	0 to 10000	–
Maximum depth in m	2U	1 to 12000	–
Absorption coefficient in 0.01 dB/km	2U	1 to 20000	4
Transmit pulse length in σs	2U	1 to 50000	–
Transmit beamwidth in 0.1 degrees	2U	1 to 300	–
Transmit power re maximum in dB	1S	0 to –50	–
Receive beamwidth in 0.1 degrees	1U	5 to 80	–
Receive bandwidth in 50 Hz resolution	1U	1 to 254	–
Receiver fixed gain setting in dB	1U	0 to 50	–
TVG law crossover angle in degrees	1U	2 to 30	–
Source of sound speed at transducer	1U	0 to 3	5
Maximum port swath width in m	2U	10 to 20000	–
Beam spacing	1U	0 to 3	6
Maximum port coverage in degrees	1U	10 to 110	–

Data Description	Format	Valid range	Note
Yaw and pitch stabilization mode	1U	–	7
Maximum starboard coverage in degrees	1U	10 to 110	–
Maximum starboard swath width in m	2U	10 to 20000	–
Spare (Always 0)	2U	–	–
HiLo frequency absorption coefficient ratio	1U	00 to 120	–
End identifier = ETX (Always 03h)	1U	–	–
Check sum of data between STX and ETX	2U	–	–

Note 1

The table below shows the system error status coded by one bit for each detected error. The status bit is set to one if error is detected.

Operator Station status		
Bit number	**Function**	**Model**
xxxx xxxx	For future use	
Processing Unit status		
Bit number	**Function**	**Model**
xxxx xxx1	Communication error with BSP	All models
xxxx xx1x	Communication error with Sonar Head or Transceiver	All models
xxxx x1xx	Attitude not valid for this ping	All models
xxxx 1xxx	Heading not valid for this ping	All models
xxx1 xxxx	System clock has not been set since power up	All models
xx1x xxxx	External trigger signal not detected	All models
x1xx xxxx	Hull Unit not responding	EM 1002
1xxx xxxx	Spare	
BSP status (EM 2000, EM 3000 and EM 3002)		
Bit number	**Function**	**Model**
xxxx xxx1	Error on RX data received by BSP 1 (May be a bad high speed link)	EM 2000, EM 3000, EM 3000D, EM 3002, EM 3002D, EM 1002
xxxx xx1x	Too much seabed image data on BSP1	EM 3000, EM 3000D
xxxx x1xx	Invalid command received by BSP1	EM 3000, EM 3000D
xxxx 1xxx	Errors on BSP1	EM 3002, EM 3002D
xxx1 xxxx	Error on RX data received by BSP 2 (May be a bad high speed link)	EM 3000D, EM 3002D
xx1x xxxx	Too much seabed image data on BSP2	EM 3000D
x1xx xxxx	Invalid command received by BSP2	EM 3000D
1xxx xxxx	Errors on BSP2	EM 3002, EM 3002D

BSP status (EM 1002)		
Bit number	**Function**	**Model**
xxxx xxx1	Sample number error in RX data received from SPRX	
BSP status (EM 120, EM 300)		
Bit number	**Function**	**Model**
xxxx xxx1	Sample number error in RX data received from SPRX	
xxxx xx1x	Missing RX header data from SPRX	
xxxx x1xx	Missing sample data from SPTX	
xxxx 1xxx	Missing second RX header data from SPTX	
xxx1 xxxx	Bad sync TRU – PU – BSP	
xx1x xxxx	Bad parameters received from PU	
x1xx xxxx	Internal sync problem in BSP	
1xxx xxxx	Checksum error in header from SPTX	
Sonar Head status (EM 2000, EM 3000 and EM 3002)		
Bit number	**Function**	**Model**
xxxx xxx1	Temperature to high on Sonar Head 1	EM 2000, EM 3000, EM 3000D, EM 3002, EM 3002D
xxxx xx1x	Data link failure on Sonar Head 1	EM 2000, EM 3000, EM 3000D, EM 3002, EM 3002D
xxxx x1xx	DC Supply Voltages in Sonar Head 1 is out of range	EM 2000, EM 3000, EM 3000D, EM 3002, EM 3002D
xxxx 1xxx	Spare	
xxx1 xxxx	Temperature to high on Sonar Head 2	EM 3000D, EM 3002D
xx1x xxxx	Data link failure on Sonar Head 2	EM 3000D, EM 3002D
x1xx xxxx	DC Supply Voltages in Sonar Head 2 is out of range	EM 3000D, EM 3002D
1xxx xxxx		
Transceiver status (EM 120, EM 300)		
Bit number	**Function**	**Model**
xxxx xxx1	Transmit voltage (HV) out of range	
xxxx xx1x	Low voltage power out of range	
xxxx x1xx	Internal communication error (SPTX – SPRX sync)	
xxxx 1xxx	Receive channel DC offset(s) out of range	
xxx1 xxxx	Illegal parameter received from PU	
xx1x xxxx	Internal communication error (SPTX – SPRX sync)	
x1xx xxxx	Internal communication error (SPTX – SPRX sync)	

1xxx xxxx	Defective fuse(s) in transmitter	
Transceiver status (EM 1002)		
Bit number	**Function**	**Model**
xxxx xxx1	Transmit voltage (HV) out of range	
xxxx xx1x	Low voltage power out of range	
xxxx x1xx	Transmit voltage (HV) to high	
xxxx 1xxx	Error in command from PU (Illigal parameter)	
xxx1 xxxx	Error in command from PU (Bad checksum)	
xx1x xxxx	Error in command from PU (Bad datagram length)	

Note 2

The mode identifier byte is used as follows:

- 0000 0000 - Nearfield (EM 3000) or Very Shallow
- 0000 0001 - Normal (EM 3000) or Shallow (default for EM 2000)
- 0000 0010 - Target detect (EM 3000) or Medium
- 0000 0011 - Deep
- 0000 0100 - Very deep
- 0000 0101 - Extra deep (EM 300)

EM 3002:

- 0000 0000 - Wide Tx beamwidth (4°)
- 0000 0001 - Normal Tx beamwidth (1.5°)

Rx beams are dynamically focused.

Note 3

The filter identifier byte is used as follows:

- xxxx xx00 - Spike filter set to Off
- xxxx xx01 - Spike filter is set to Weak
- xxxx xx10 - Spike filter is set to Medium
- xxxx xx11 - Spike filter is set to Strong
- xxxx x1xx - Slope filter is on
- xxxx 1xxx - Sector tracking or Robust Bottom Detection (EM 3000) is on
- 0xx0 xxxx - Range gates have Normal size
- 0xx1 xxxx - Range gates are Large
- 1xx0 xxxx - Range gates are Small

- xx1x xxxx - Aeration filter is on (EM 120 and EM 300)
- x1xx xxxx - Interference filter is on (EM 120 and EM 300)

Note 4

The used absorption coefficient should be derived from the seabed image or central beams echogram datagram if it is automatically updated with changing depth.

Note 5

The sound speed (at the transducer depth) source identifier is used as follows :

- 0000 0000 - From real time sensor
- 0000 0001 - Manually entered by operator
- 0000 0010 - Interpolated from currently used sound speed profile

Note 6

The beamspacing identifier is used as follows:

- 0000 0000 - Determined by beamwidth (FFT beamformer of EM 3000)
- 0000 0001 - Equidistant
- 0000 0010 - Equiangle
- 0000 0011 - Equiangle around nadir, equidistant in between or high density (EM 3002)

Note 7

The yaw and pitch stabilization identifier is set as follows:

- xxxx xx00 - No yaw stabilization
- xxxx xx01 - Yaw stabilization to survey line heading (Not used)
- xxxx xx10 - Yaw stabilization to mean vessel heading
- xxxx xx11 - Yaw stabilization to manually entered heading
- 1xxx xxxx - Pitch stabilization is on.

Installation parameters

This datagram is an ASCII datagram except for the header which is formed as in all other output datagrams. The datagram is issued as a start datagram when logging is switched on and as a stop datagram when logging is turned off, i.e. at the start and end of a survey line. It may also be sent to a remote port as an information datagram. It is usually followed by a sound speed profile datagram.

In the datagram all ASCII fields start with a unique three character identifier followed by "=". This should be used when searching for a specific field as the position of a field within the datagram is not guaranteed. The number or character part following is in a variable format with a minus sign and decimal point if needed, and with "," as the field delimiter. The format may at any time later be expanded with the addition of new fields at any place in the datagram.

For the EM 3000 and EM 3002 the transducer 1 data are for the Sonar Head and the transducer 2 data are for the second Sonar Head of an EM 3000D or an EM 3002. For other new EM systems with separate transmit and receive transducers, transducer 1 refers to the transmit transducer, and transducer 2 refers to the receive transducer.

Data Description	Example	Format	Valid range	Note
Number of bytes in datagram	–	4U	–	1
Start identifier = STX	Always 02h	1U	–	–
Type of datagram = I or i(nstallation parameters) or r(emote information)	Start = 049h Stop = 069h Remote info = 70h	1U	–	–
EM model number	EM 3000 = 3000	2U	–	–
Date = year*10000 + month*100 + day	Feb 26, 1995 = 19950226	4U	–	–
Time since midnight in milliseconds	08:12:51.234 = 29570234	4U	0 to 86399999	–
Survey line number	–	2U	0 to 65534	–
System serial number	–	2U	100 –	–
Serial number of second sonar head	–	2U	100 –	–
Water line vertical location in m	WLZ=x.x,	ASCII	–	–
System main head serial number	SMH=x.x,	ASCII	100 –	1
Hull Unit	HUN=x	ASCII	0 or 1	–
Hull Unit tilt offset	HUT=x.x	ASCII	–	–
Transducer 1 vertical location in m	S1Z=x.x,	ASCII	–	–
Transducer 1 along location in m	S1X=x.x,	ASCII	–	–
Transducer 1 athwart location in m	S1Y=x.x,	ASCII	–	–
Transducer 1 heading in degrees	S1H=x.x,	ASCII	–	–
Transducer 1 roll in degrees re horizontal	S1R=x.x,	ASCII	–	–
Transducer 1 pitch in degrees	S1P=x.x,	ASCII	–	–
Transducer 1 no of modules	S1N=x––x,	ASCII	–	–
Transducer 2 vertical location in m	S2Z=x.x,	ASCII	–	–
Transducer 2 along location in m	S2X=x.x,	ASCII	–	–
Transducer 2 athwart location in m	S2Y=x.x,	ASCII	–	–

Data Description	Example	Format	Valid range	Note
Transducer 2 heading in degrees	S2H=x.x,	ASCII	–	–
Transducer 2 roll in degrees re horizontal	S2R=x.x,	ASCII	–	–
Transducer 2 pitch in degrees	S2P=x.x,	ASCII	–	–
Transducer 2 no of modules	S2N=x––x,	ASCII	–	–
System (sonar head 1) gain offset	GO1=x.x,	ASCII	–	–
Sonar head 2 gain offset	GO2=x.x,	ASCII	–	–
Outer beam offset	OBO=x.x	ASCII	–	–
High/Low Frequency Gain Difference	FGD=x.x	ASCII	–	–
Transmitter (sonar head no1) software version	TSV=c––c,	ASCII	–	2
Receiver (sonar head 2) software version	RSV=c––c,	ASCII	–	2
BSP software version	BSV=c––c,	ASCII	–	2
Processing unit software version	PSV=c––c,	ASCII	–	2
Operator station software version	OSV=c––c,	ASCII	–	2
Datagram format version	DSV=c––c,	ASCII	–	2
Depth (pressure) sensor along location in m	DSX=x.x,	ASCII	–	
Depth (pressure) sensor athwart location in m	DSY=x.x,	ASCII	–	
Depth (pressure) sensor vertical location in m	DSZ=x.x,	ASCII	–	
Depth (pressure) sensor time delay in millisec	DSD=x––x,	ASCII	–	–
Depth (pressure) sensor offset	DSO=x.x,	ASCII	–	–
Depth (pressure) sensor scale factor	DSF=x.x,	ASCII	–	–
Depth (pressure) sensor heave	DSH=aa,	ASCII	IN or NI	3
Active position system number	APS=x,	ASCII	0 to 2	7
Position system 1 motion compensation	P1M=x,	ASCII	0 or 1	4
Position system 1 time stamp used	P1T=x,	ASCII	0 or 1	5
Position system 1 vertical location in m	P1Z=x.x,	ASCII	–	–
Position system 1 along location in m	P1X=x.x,	ASCII	–	–
Position system 1 athwart location in m	P1Y=x.x,	ASCII	–	–
Position system 1 time delay in seconds	P1D=x.x,	ASCII	–	–
Position system 1 geodetic datum	P1G=c––c,	ASCII	–	–
Position system 2 motion compensation	P2M=x,	ASCII	0 or 1	4
Position system 2 time stamp use	P2T=x,	ASCII	0 or 1	5
Position system 2 vertical location in m	P2Z=x.x,	ASCII	–	–
Position system 2 along location in m	P2X=x.x,	ASCII	–	–
Position system 2 athwart location in m	P2Y=x.x,	ASCII	–	–
Position system 2 time delay in seconds	P2D=x.x,	ASCII	–	–
Position system 2 geodetic datum	P2G=c––c,	ASCII	–	–
Position system 3 motion compensation	P3M=x,	ASCII	0 or 1	4
Position system 3 time stamp use	P3T=x,	ASCII	0 or 1	5
Position system 3 vertical location in m	P3Z=x.x,	ASCII	–	–
Position system 3 along location in m	P3X=x.x,	ASCII	–	–
Position system 3 athwart location in m	P3Y=x.x,	ASCII	–	–

Data Description	Example	Format	Valid range	Note
Position system 3 time delay in seconds	P3D=x.x,	ASCII	–	–
Position system 3 geodetic datum	P3G=c−−c,	ASCII	–	–
Position system 3 on serial line or Ethernet	P3S= x,	ASCII	0 for Ethernet	–
Motion sensor 1 vertical location in m	MSZ=x.x,	ASCII	–	–
Motion sensor 1 along location in m	MSX=x.x,	ASCII	–	–
Motion sensor 1 athwart location in m	MSY=x.x,	ASCII	–	–
Motion sensor 1 roll reference plane	MRP=aa,	ASCII	HO or RP	–
Motion sensor 1 time delay in milliseconds	MSD=x−−x,	ASCII	–	–
Motion sensor 1 roll offset in degrees	MSR=x.x,	ASCII	–	–
Motion sensor 1 pitch offset in degrees	MSP=x.x,	ASCII	–	–
Motion sensor 1 heading offset in degrees	MSG=x.x,	ASCII	–	–
Motion sensor 2 vertical location in m	NSZ=x.x,	ASCII	–	6
Motion sensor 2 along location in m	NSX=x.x,	ASCII	–	6
Motion sensor 2 athwart location in m	NSY=x.x,	ASCII	–	6
Motion sensor 2 roll reference plane	NRP=aa,	ASCII	HO or RP	6
Motion sensor 2 time delay in milliseconds	NSD=x−−x,	ASCII	–	6
Motion sensor 2 roll offset in degrees	NSR=x.x,	ASCII	–	6
Motion sensor 2 pitch offset in degrees	NSP=x.x,	ASCII	–	6
Motion sensor 2 heading offset in degrees	NSG=x.x,	ASCII	–	6
Gyrocompass heading offset in degrees	GCG=x.x,	ASCII	–	–
Roll scaling factor	MAS=x.x,	ASCII	–	–
Transducer depth sound speed source	SHC=x	ASCII	0 or 1	8
Active heading sensor	AHS=x,	ASCII	1 to 4	–
Active roll sensor	ARO=x,	ASCII	1 to 4	–
Active pitch sensor port no	API=x,	ASCII	1 to 4	–
Active heave sensor port no	AHE=x,	ASCII	1 to 4	–
Cartographic projection	CPR=aaa,	ASCII	–	–
Responsible operator	ROP=c−−c,	ASCII	–	–
Survey identifier	SID=c−−c,	ASCII	–	–
Survey line identifier (planned line no)	PLL=x−−x,	ASCII	–	–
Comment	COM=c−−c,	ASCII	–	–
Spare byte if required to get even length	Always 0 if used	0−1U	–	–
End identifier = ETX	Always 03h	1U	–	–
Check sum of data between STX and ETX		2U	–	–

Note 1

Serial number of head no 2 if that head is the only one in use with the EM 3000D, otherwise the serial number of head no 1 in the EM 3000D or the only head in the EM 3000.

Note 2

A version number is given as 3 alphanumerical fields separated by decimal points, plus date as yymmdd (for example 3.02.11 991124).

Note 3

IN = the heave of an underwater vehicle is presumed to be measured by the vehicle's depth sensor and the heave sensor input is not used by system.

Note 4

1 = the positions are motion compensated

0 = the positions are not motion compensated

Note 5

0 = the system has used its own time stamp for the valid time of the positions

1 = the system has used the time stamp of the position input datagram (external time).

Note 6

If entries for a second motion sensor are not included although two sensors are being used, they are presumed to have the same parameters.

Note 7

Position system number -1.

Note 8

0 = Transducer depth sound speed is used as the initial entry the sound speed profile used in the raytracing calculations.

1 = Transducer depth sound speed is NOT used for raytracing calculations.

Note that the source of the sound speed at the transducer depth (and this sound speed is always used to calculate beam pointing angles if required) is logged in the runtime datagram.

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