

Meridian Gyrocompasses

MARINE NAVIGATION SYSTEMS

Highly accurate performance with low cost of ownership.

The Meridian gyrocompass product range is suitable for the ever-changing needs of a modern integrated navigation bridge system. This includes highly accurate performance with low cost of ownership and system flexibility. Due to the Meridian's small size and fast settle time of less than 45 minutes, there are no limits to the type of vessel for which it is suitable.

The Meridian gyrocompass can be installed as a stand-alone unit or, together with any of the Meridian range of repeaters and ancillaries, it becomes a single, dual or triple gyro system. The Meridian can also be used to replace many existing gyrocompasses as a retrofit unit.

For simple installation the Meridian offers a large array of digital and analogue outputs plus easy to use set-up and self-test modes that are activated via the control unit. The versatility and flexibility of the Meridian can be clearly demonstrated with the remote control unit option which gives freedom to install the main unit in the most convenient location whilst installing the remote control unit where it can be seen and regularly used.

Unlike other marine navigation gyrocompass currently available, the Meridian has a maintenance-free dry element with a meantime between failure of more than 30,000 hours; and post- installation there are no scheduled annual maintenance and servicing costs.

- Type approved to marine equipment directive
- Economic one-box solution
- Fast initial settle time
- Small, lightweight and versatile
- High dynamic heading accuracy
- Versatile range of repeaters and ancillaries
- Subsea variants also available



Meridian Standard

The heart of the Meridian gyrocompass is the element, which is a dynamically tuned gyroscope (DTG). The DTG is a high precision technology which, due to its size, accuracy, reliability and shock resistance, is used in many different applications.

The guaranteed accuracy of the Meridian gyrocompass is obtained through specialised high quality engineering. This gives exceedingly stable heading and means that the gyro will follow a high turn rate of up to 200° per second.



Meridian Surveyor

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.



Note: Subsea variants also available - see separate data sheet

Remote Control Unit Option



For simple installation the Meridian offers a large array of digital and analogue outputs plus easy to use digital set-up and self-test modes that are activated via the control unit.

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Meridian

GYROCOMPASSES

Bearing Repeater

Features

- ▀ Precision 360° rotating compass card
- ▀ Automatic synchronisation with master compass
- ▀ Gimbal mounted
- ▀ Integrated illumination control
- ▀ Accepts true and magnetic heading data
- ▀ Suitable for use with either prism or vane type azimuth sights
- ▀ Pedestal stand and bulkhead bracket mounting options available



Power Supply Input	18 - 36Vdc (15W)
Signal Inputs	1 x IEC 61162 (NMEA 0183) 1 x step (5-70Vdc)
Signal Outputs	1 x IEC 61162 (NMEA 0183)
Environmental and EMC	Meets or exceeds IEC 60945 weather exposed equipment
Physical	Dimensions: 287mm x 388mm x 388mm

Data Repeater

Features

- ▀ Clear vacuum fluorescent graphics display
- ▀ User selection of display format - simulated 360° tape/digital heading/digital ROT
- ▀ Suitable for steering repeater
- ▀ Integral illumination control
- ▀ Accepts true and magnetic heading sentences
Second input for magnetic correction
- ▀ Supplied with swivel bracket for bulkhead or table mounting
- ▀ DIN front panel for console mounting

Power Supply Input	18 - 36Vdc (6W)
Signal Inputs	1 x IEC 61162 (NMEA 0183)
Signal Outputs	1 x IEC 61162 (NMEA 0183)
Environmental and EMC	Meets or exceeds IEC 60945 weather protected equipment
Physical	Dimensions: 96mm x 192mm x 145mm



Azimuth Circle
(Prism and Vane Types)



Pedestal Stand



Bulkhead Bracket

Digital Repeater

Features

- ▀ 4-digit LED heading display
- ▀ LED turning indicator
- ▀ Integral illumination control
- ▀ Accepts true and magnetic heading sentences
Second input for magnetic correction
- ▀ Supplied with swivel bracket for bulkhead or table mounting
- ▀ DIN front panel for console mounting



Power Supply Input	18 - 36Vdc (10W)
Signal Inputs	1 x IEC 61162 (NMEA 0183) Heading 1 x IEC 61162 (NMEA 0183) Magnetic correction 1 x step (5-70Vdc)
Signal Outputs	1 x IEC 61162 (NMEA 0183)
Environmental and EMC	Meets or exceeds IEC 60945 weather protected equipment
Physical	Dimensions: 96mm x 192mm x 145mm

Dial Repeater

Features

- ▀ Precision 360° rotating compass card
- ▀ Automatic synchronisation with master compass
- ▀ Integrated illumination control
- ▀ Supplied with swivel bracket for bulkhead or table mounting
- ▀ DIN front panel for console mounting



Power Supply Input	18 - 30Vac (6W)
Signal Inputs	1 x IEC 61162 (NMEA 0183)
Environmental and EMC	Meets or exceeds IEC 60945 weather protected equipment
Physical	Dimensions: 144mm x 144mm x 100mm

Heading Repeater

Features

- ▀ Large, clear vacuum fluorescent graphics display
- ▀ User selection of display format - simulated 360° tape/digital heading/digital ROT
- ▀ Dual input - compass comparator display
- ▀ Suitable for steering repeater
- ▀ Integral illumination control
- ▀ Supplied with swivel bracket for bulkhead or table mounting
- ▀ DIN front panel for console mounting



Power Supply Input	18 - 36Vdc (15W)
Signal Inputs	2 x IEC 61162 (NMEA 0183) 1 x Step (5-70Vdc) 1 x Synchro (option)
Signal Outputs	1 x IEC 61162 (NMEA 0183)
Environmental and EMC	Meets or exceeds IEC 60945 weather protected equipment
Physical	Dimensions: 144mm x 288mm x 130mm

Step Retransmission Unit

Features

- ▀ Converts 5V step code from gyrocompass to 24V, 35V, 50V or 70V power output
- ▀ Isolated input
- ▀ 4 output channels each independently protected against overloads
- ▀ Unit operates from 24Vdc – step supply internally generated

Power Supply Input	18 - 36Vdc (100W)
Signal Inputs	1 x step (5Vdc) 6 steps per degree
Signal Outputs	4 x step (24V, 35V, 50V or 70V) 1 x step (5Vdc) 1 x alarm relay (voltage free contacts)
Environmental and EMC	Meets or exceeds IEC 60945 weather protected equipment
Physical	Dimensions: 400mm x 300mm x 120mm

Note: A Compass Changeover Switch is also available - see separate data sheet.

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TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

		Standard	Surveyor	
Display		360° compass card and digital display		
Performance	Settle point error	0.25° secant latitude	0.10° secant latitude	
	Settle point repeatability	0.25° secant latitude	0.10° secant latitude	
	Static accuracy	0.10° RMS secant latitude	0.05° RMS secant latitude	
	Dynamic accuracy	0.30° secant latitude scorsby/intercardinal motion	0.20° secant latitude scorsby/intercardinal motion	
	Follow-up speed	~200°/second		
	Settling time	<45 minutes to within 0.70° (from initial 30°)		
Outputs	S' type	1 x Step by Step (5V TTL), 6 steps per degree		
	Synchro	1 x 26V 400Hz sector value 360° (1:1 ratio) 11.8V line to line		
	Serial data	11 x RS422, NMEA 0183 (IEC 61162-1/2)	5 x RS422, NMEA 0183 (IEC 61162-1/2)	
		5 x RS232, NMEA 0183		
		1 x printer port, NMEA 0183	5 x 20mA current loop	
		1 x ROT (±10V)		
	Status/alarm	5V TTL power fail/gyro fail		
		5V TTL system ready		
Potential free status and alarm relays				
Inputs	Latitude	Automatic - via RS232 or RS422, NMEA 0183 from GPS or manual		
	Speed	Automatic - via RS232 or RS422, NMEA 0183 from log or pulse/contact closure at 100, 200 or 400/NM form log or manual		
Compensation	Latitude	80°N to 80°S		
	Speed	0-90 knots		
Environmental	Ambient operating temperature	0°C – 45°C (–15°C – +55°C with reduced accuracy)		
	Storage temperature	–25°C – +80°C		
	Gimbal limits	±45° roll and pitch		
	Meantime between failures (MTBF)	>30,000 hours (calculated); >100,000 hours (in service data)		
	Shock (survival)	10g		
Operating Voltage	Input voltage	24V DC (19-36V DC)		
Power	Start-up	>3A at switch on / <1.5A in ready mode		
Dimensions	Size	344mm (h) x 267mm (w) x 440mm (d)		
	Weight	15.5Kg		
Accessories	Included	Operator handbook, spare fuse	Operator manual, transit case, spare connectors	
	Optional	Remote control unit, various repeaters and accessories		
Standards		IMO A424(X1), IMO A821(19), IEC 60945, ISO 8728, ISO 16328, IEC 6228, Marine Equipment Directive 96/98/EC		
Warranty	24 months (from date of invoice) including parts and labour. <i>Due to continuous development, specifications may vary from those listed above.</i>			



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