

The METOCEAN SVP-Iridium drifter is an innovative addition to the spherical drifter family. The SVP-Iridium drifter has been designed and thoroughly tested to track ocean current and provide environmental data at a designated depth beneath the ocean surface.

The SVP-Iridium drifter is truly unique. The buoy utilizes the dependable bi-directional Iridium satellite system to communicate and to transmit essential scientific data. Iridium telemetry is the most cost effective means of transmitting data for environmental applications.

The METOCEAN SVP-Iridium drifter is also remarkably versatile. Additional sensor options are available, which included: air pressure (BP), salinity (CT), GPS positioning, wind speed and wind speed direction (WSD).



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SVP IRIDIUM

SURFACE VELOCITY PROGRAM DRIFTER

Technical Specifications

Buoy Dimensions

Surface Unit Diameter 15.50 inches (39.5 cm) Mass (in air) 40 lbs. (18.1 kg)

Buoy Construction

Surface Unit Injection molded high impact ABS Tether Plastic coated stainless steel cable

Drogue No rip nylon

Drogue

Length 210 inches (5.3m) 24.00 inches (60 cm) Diameter

Style Holey sock

Tether

Length (to center of drogue) 590.5 inches (15m)

Operation

Air temperature -20C to 50C (-4F to 122F) -2C to +45C (28F to 113F) Water temperature 0 to 100% marine environment Relative humidity

Barometric pressure (optional) 800 to 1060 mbar

Sea state SS₅

Operating life Up to 18 months* Up to 24 months Storage life

-20C to +55C (-4F to 131F) Storage temperature

Time reference UTC and Julian hour

Storage

Storage temperature -20C to +55C (-4F to 131F)

Up to 24 months Storage life

Survival

Temperature -40C to +70C (-40F to 158F)

Sea state SS₆

Deployment free fall height 33 ft (10m) into water

Electronics

MetOcean's Global Platform Transceiver Controller TM Navman Jupiter 32 Global Positioning System module Iridium 9601 Short Burst Data transceiver Strain gauge drogue presence system

Data Collection

As per the Drifting Buoy Cooperative Panel DBCP-2 format (standard) Can be customized depending upon customer requirement (optional)

Data Transmission

Bidirectional communication ability allows the end user to select on demand Iridium transmission interval to suit operational requirement.

Transmissions can be set up at predetermined schedule intervals and/or poll the unit for immediate results. Data latency is less than 60 seconds from start of transmission

Operational life is dependent upon sensor suite, transmission interval and storage conditions.



SVP Iridium with Drogue



