

SUPERSTING™

MARINE Resistivity



The SuperSting™ Marine Resistivity System is an add-on module to the SuperSting™ Wi-Fi, our multi-channel electrical imaging system. It allows for the collection of streaming marine (towed cable) data. Items in this module allow hydrographic surveys with continuously recording electrical resistivity imaging data which contain positional data from a GPS receiver, along with the depth profile measured with 200Khz echo sounder.

USE CASES

Marine Resistivity data can be used for myriad reasons, including:

- ✦ Monitoring leakage in a dam
- ✦ Mapping fresh and saltwater interfaces near shorelines or offshore
- ✦ Characterizing the sub-bottom of estuaries
- ✦ Imaging water column salinity variations
- ✦ Mineral exploration (placer and hard rock)
- ✦ Locating freshwater springs at sea (submarine groundwater discharge)
- ✦ Distinguishing between hard rock, sand, gravel, silt, and clay for dredging and other purposes

FEATURES

- ✦ Current is injected every three seconds while the voltage is measured on each of the 8 depth levels.
- ✦ Depth of penetration depends on the length of the graphite electrode (U.S. Patent 6,674,286) cable and array type used. Typically you will image down to approximately 20% of the electrode-spread length using the Dipole-Dipole array. (For example, a 100-meter-long electrode cable will image down to about 20 meters.)
- ✦ Resolution is proportional to the electrode spacing by 50%. (To increase the resolution, you have to shorten the electrode spacing. For example, if there is an electrode spacing of 10 meters, the best resolution is 5 meters.)
- ✦ Real-time data plotting—which allows you to see the data stream in real time as the boat advances—is made easy with any Android device. You are in control of the survey and able to recognize the quality of the data and adjust for unaccounted field variables on the spot.
- ✦ Remote control of the SuperSting™ Marine is simple when you use the included Android SuperSting™ Manager App (available in the Google Play Store).

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EASY TO USE

To use the marine module, you simply connect the accessories and then tow the sensor cable behind your boat at 5-10 km/h. The module gathers continuous 2D scans; in an eight-hour day, it is common to gather over 40 linear kilometers of data. The Marine Resistivity Module is able to collect extraordinarily large amounts of data in a working day.

SuperSting™ Wi-Fi (For Marine Resistivity) Technical Specification

(Available as eight- or single- channel memory earth resistivity, SP & IP meter)

SUPERSTING™ WI-FI	
Item	Description
Measurement modes	Apparent resistivity, resistance, induced polarization (IP), SP & battery voltage.
Measurement range	+/- 5Vp-p.
Measuring resolution	Max 30 nV, depends on voltage level.
Screen resolution	4 digits in engineering notation.
Transmitter	200 W internal transmitter; external 5 kW, 10 kW and 15 kW transmitters are also available (see separate brochure for specifications).
Output current	1 – 2,000 mA continuous, measured to high accuracy.
Output voltage	800 Vp-p, actual electrode voltage depends on transmitted current & ground resistivity.
Input channels	Two models are available; 8 channel & single-channel.
Input gain ranging	Automatic, always uses full dynamic range of receiver.
Input impedance	>150 MΩ
SP compensation	Automatic cancellation of SP voltages during resistivity measurement. Constant & linearly varying SP cancels completely.
Type of IP measurement	Time domain chargeability (M), six time slots measured & stored in memory.
IP current transmission	ON+/OFF/ON-/OFF.
IP time cycles	0.5 s/1 s/2 s/4 s/8 s.
Measure cycles	Running average of measurement displayed after each cycle. Automatic cycle stop when reading errors fall below user-set limit or user-set max cycles are done.
Resistivity time cycles	Basic measure time is 0.2/0.4/0.8/1.2/3.6/7.2 or 14.4 s as selected by user via keyboard. Auto-ranging & commutation adds about 1.4 s.
Signal processing	Continuous averaging after each complete cycle. Noise errors calculated & displayed as percentage of reading. Reading displayed as resistance ($\Delta V/I$) & apparent resistivity (Ωm). Apparent resistivity is calculated using user entered electrode array coordinates.
Noise suppression	Better than 100 dB at $f > 20$ Hz. Better than 120 dB at power line frequencies (16 2/3, 20, 50 and 60 Hz) for measurement cycles of 1.2 s & above.
Total accuracy	Better than 1% of reading in most cases (lab measurements). Field measurement accuracy depends on ground noise & resistivity. The instrument will calculate & display running estimate of measuring accuracy.
System calibration	Calibration is done digitally by the microprocessor based on correction values stored in memory.
Supported configurations	In manual mode; resistance, Schlumberger, Wenner, dipole-dipole, pole-dipole, pole-pole. In automatic mode; any configuration can be programmed.
Operating system	Stored in re-programmable flash memory. New version can be downloaded from the AGI web site & stored in the flash memory.
Data storage	Full resolution reading average & error are stored along with user entered coordinates & time of day for each measurement. Data is automatically stored in a job oriented file system.
Data display	Apparent resistivity (Ωm), current intensity (mA), & measured voltage (mV) are displayed & stored in memory for each measurement. Data can also be displayed on an Android device in real time as bright color pseudo sections, IP curves, transmitter/receiver plot, contact resistance measurements & more.
Memory capacity	Virtually unlimited data storage in real time on controlling Android device. The internal SuperSting memory can store more than 79,000 measurements (resistivity mode) & more than 26,000 measurements in combined resistivity/IP mode.
Data transmission	Data can be instantaneously transferred from the Android device by email or by file transfer from the Android device USB port. RS-232C channel available to dump data from the instrument to a Windows type computer on user command.
Automatic multi-electrodes	The SuperSting is designed to run dipole-dipole, pole-dipole, pole-pole, gradient, Wenner, Schlumberger or any other custom array including roll-along surveys completely automatically with the patented (Pat. # 6,404,203) Dual-Mode Automatic Multi-electrode system or a passive electrode cable system with Switch Box. The SuperSting can run any other electrode array by using user programmed command files. These are ASCII files that can be created using a regular text editor. The command files are uploaded to the SuperSting RAM memory & can at any time be recalled & run as a survey.
User controls	20 key tactile weatherproof keyboard with numeric entry keys & function keys On/off switch Measure button, integrated within main keyboard LCD night light switch (push to light) Keyboard and LCD are mirrored to an Android device using Wi-Fi technology for easy remote control of the SuperSting.
Display	Graphics LCD display (16 lines x 30 characters) with nightlight. Optional Android mobile phone screen & 7" or 10" Android tablet bright color AMOLED display.
Power supply, field	12V or 2x12V DC external power, connector on front panel Optional AC/DC power supply & motor generator.
Power supply, office	DC power supply.
Operating time	Depends on survey conditions & size of battery used. Internal circuitry in auto mode adjusts current to save energy.
Operating temperature	-5 to +50°C
Weight	10.9 kg (24 lb.)
Dimensions	Width 184 mm (7.25"); length 406 mm (16") & height 273 mm (10.75").

SUPERSTING™ MANAGER APP	
Item	Description
Tablet (Included)	Used with various Wi-Fi capable Android devices such as mobile phones, 7-inch & 10-inch tablets. Recommended for tablets; the App may not render properly on all handset devices.
Minimum Android version	Android 5.0 or above.
Functions	All functions performed using the SuperSting's keypad can be performed using the App's GUI with the exception of baud rate setting.
Real time quality assurance	Color pseudo section plot, transmitter/receiver pair plot, IP curve plot, contact resistance test results, real time data review.
Data storage	Data storage on Android devices is typically in Gigabyte range, meaning essentially unlimited storage space is available.
Data transfer	Data transfer by email or by file transfer from the Android device USB port.
Wi-Fi range	Up to 100 m, depending on terrain & atmospheric conditions.