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Fluxgate Magnetometer FLUXMASTER

Measurement range 0.1 nT to 200 μ T, DC to 1 kHz



Features

- Resolution 0.1 nT
- Three full scale ranges: $\pm 2 \mu T$, $\pm 20 \mu T$ und $\pm 200 \mu T$
- Accuracy 0.5 %
- \bullet Offset <5 nT
- $4^{1}/_{2}$ digit LC-display
- Analog output for strip chart recorder, oscilloscope, etc.
- Waterproof case (protection IP65)
- Selectable automatic ambient field cancelling $\pm 60~\mu T$

Applications

- Measurement of the Earth's field vector components
- Monitoring stray magnetic fields near power cables, transformers, etc.
- Palaeomagnetic investigations: Measurement of weak fields in rocks
- Calibration of Helmholtz coils
- Package inspection
- Residual field measurements (shielding effectiveness)
- Magnetic field control and compensation via analog output

General description

The teslameter FLUXMASTER is a very compact hand-held instrument which has been designed for accurate measurements of weak magnetic fields from 0.1 nT (nanotesla) to 200 μ T. The instrument operates on the fluxgate principle. It consists of a cylindrical sensor which is connected with the electronics unit via a 1.5 m cable. The magnetometer is optimized for low offset, low noise and high stability. The magnitude of the measured magnetic field component can be read in μ T from from a 4 $^1/_2$ digit LC-display. Three full scale ranges are selectable.

With the FLUXMASTER one can measure DC fields (e. g. the Earth's field) and AC magnetic fields (e. g. powerline fields). For AC-field measurements an AC-voltmeter or an oscilloscope may be connected to the analog output. The voltage at the analog output follows magnetic fields up to a frequency of more than 1 kHz. Dynamic or servo-controlled shielding solutions can be easily realized by using the analog output.

The automatic neutralization circuitry permits the user to cancel out the local ambient magnetic field by just pressing a switch. This simplifies the measurement of small variations about the ambient magnetic field. As a special feature the FLUXMASTER is provided with a robust waterproof case (protection IP65) and is therefore well suited to outdoor applications.

Specifications

Range switch $\pm 2~\mu T$, $\pm 20~\mu T$, $\pm 200~\mu T$

Highest resolution 0.1 nT

Accuracy at 20 °C $0.5 \% \pm 5 \text{ nT} \pm 1 \text{ Digit}$

Temperature range $0 \text{ to } 50 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ Zero drift < 0.1 nT/K

Analog output $0.01 \text{ V/}\mu\text{T}, 0.1 \text{ V/}\mu\text{T}, 1 \text{ V/}\mu\text{T} \text{ dep. on}$

pos. of range switch, BNC-socket

Bandwidth 0 to 1 kHz (-3 dB)

Noise < 0.7 nT RMS (0.1 Hz < f < 200 Hz),

typ. 20 pT/ $\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$ at f = 1 Hz

Battery 9 V (PP3, Alkaline)

Continuous operation with one battery $\sim 20 \text{ h}$

Automatic neutralization $\pm 60 \mu T$, selectable

Size of electronics unit $151 \text{ mm} \times 82 \text{ mm} \times 33 \text{ mm}$

Protection IP65

Size of sensor diam. $10 \text{ mm} \times 30 \text{ mm}$

Length of connecting cable 1.5 m Weight of complete device 380 g

Subject to alterations.