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Model: VibWire-201-Pro

Hand held Vibrating Wire Sensor Interface & Logger Unit

Features:

The VibWire-201-Pro is capable of reading any Vibrating Wire sensor operating between 400 Hz and 15000 Hz which covers nearly all commercially available Vibrating Wire sensors.

The VibWire-201-Pro Handheld Readout is a portable, lightweight device that can read all Vibrating Wire sensors. It is powered by standard 4 X AA cells, has a long battery life due advanced power management and an automatic switch-off function.

The VibWire-201-pro is a read-out unit, stand-alone data logger and sensor interface for remote data acquisition systems all in one product. The readout unit can be expanded using the MUX-16/32 unit to give 16 x 4 wire or 32×2 wire sensor inputs.

The device supports up-to 200 User-defined sensors configuration making it perfect for site survey applications, and is fully integrated into the free Q-LOG data acquisition and display package for remote stand-alone applications.

A simple Windows configuration program enables full User configuration of the device. The Pre-set sensor configurations make site readings simple to Undertake. The large memory capacity means that the device can be left in place to record sensor data for long periods of time to record any important geotechnical event.

Automatic sensor configuration makes measurement and sensor test operations easy.

This instrument is available to hire. Call 0118 327 6067 or e-mail sales@keynes-controls.com to check availability or to place an order.

Easy Use

The VibWire-200-Pro is the latest in a range of Keynes Control vibrating wire sensor interfaces. The device has been designed from the outset for accuracy of measurement, ease of use, flexibility full of modern features.

The auto-resonance sensor excitation removes the requirement to have any prior knowledge of the vibrating sensor operating characteristics. Auto-resonance excitation produces minimum sensor wear while obtaining optimum signal to noise measurements. The VW201 automatically assigns the sensor operating frequency details.

Network Interfaces

The VibWire-201-Pro comes with built SDI-12 and RS-485 slave network ports for direct connect onto digital networks. measurements can be made remotely to a data logger or suitable PC data acquisition or SCADA system.







Fully User Configuration

The VibWire-201-Pro supports full User sensor configuration using the free applications package called VW201Cal. This software runs under the Microsoft Windows operating system and uses the micro-USB port to talk to the device.

VW201Cal is used to setup the frequency measurements into SI units, and to set the temperature sensor calibration factors. The VW201Cal software can also assign the most common thermistor calibration factors used by most sensor manufactures automatically.

PC Based Data Acquisition Solutions

The VibWire-201-Pro is fully integrated into the free Keynes Controls Q-LOG Data Acquisition & Display software enabling the device to be be for remote measurements on a network.

Features

Lightweight, Portable & Rugged

Compatible with most manufactures vibrating wire sensors

Real-time displays Freq (Hz), Digits (Hz²/1000), SI-Units, Spectra FFT Spectral based algorithms for interference free measurements Auto-resonance excitation 400 - 15 K Hz range - minimises sensor stress Fully configured sensor operations - SI Units Hz Digits - Temp Deg C Large data storage - 100 million readings - SD Flash Cards to 32 Gb Fast data recording - 1 sec to 6 hour logging intervals Automatic Sensor Configuration - auto frequency range selection. Expandable to 32 channels In-built SDI-12 and RS-485 ports for remote network connection Up to 200 User defined sensors for site survey applications.

Firmware up gradable device - load software revisions

No programming experience required -

Fully integrated into free Q-LOG Data Display & Recording Software

Hand Held VW Unit with FFT Analyser

Hardware Features

Device Calibration

The VibWire-201-Pro has an in-built temperature compensated crystal controlled The VibWire-201-Pro offers 2 x 4 wire sensor ports that can be used with a frequency reference system that maintains the device frequency and temperature measurement accuracy for long periods of time.

The device can be used for many years without any requirement for re-calibration The second port uses spring loaded terminal posts that enable bare wire sensor making it low support cost item.

Sensor Installation

single sensor. The first port uses the standard sensor port that is common on all Keynes Controls vibrating wire devices.

connections to the device. Any manufactures sensor can be connected to the device



Technical Specification

The current technical specification for the VibWire-201-Pro is:



32 x 2 Wire - Frequency inputs

32 x 2 Wire - Temperature inputs

16 x 4 Wire - Frequency & Temperature

Stand-alone Data Recording

The VibWire-201-Pro can act as a stand-alone data recorder in 'Single Channel' and 'Multiplexer' modes.

In 'Single Channel' mode the VibWire-201-Pro offers high speed data recording The information in this document is correct at the time of printing. Keynes Controls Ltd withhold the right to capability and has recording intervals from 1 second to 6 hours. The 1 second logging period enables the VibWire-201-Pro to be used for static as well as dynamic measurement applications.

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Control logger. The connection is the

same regardless to which third party

1000

All Keynes Controls VW sensor instrumentations uses the digits

 (Hz^2) 1000

Digits = Frequency ²

calculation

Easy Access Results.

Fig-4 - Remote Data Transmission unit

SDI-12 / RS-485 Supported Commands

The following commands are supported by the VibWire-201-Pro and are used by data loggers and data acquisition systems. The commands have been included to allow the VibWire-201-Pro to operate easily with third party data loggers that support industry standard SDI-12 command set.

Start Measurement: m0! d0! – is the main command required to start a measurement and return the data to a logger unit or PC data acquisition system.

Description	Master	VibWire-201 Response			
Acknowledge active	a!	a\r\n			
Send ID: provided to complement SDI-12 protocol	al!	a13KEYNESVWRDOA001\r\n Part Description assigned by Keynes			
Address Query	?!	alrln			
identifies instrument address and commonly used on single instrument operations only.	Used to make command set SDI-12 compatible	command set SDI-12 compatible 0 - 9 (standard) / (az) Enhanced SDI-12 0 - 9 / a - z for RS485			
Change Address:	aAb!	birin			
used to change instrument address from a (inital) to b new ID for network operations	a = initial address b = new address a : b = number 0 - 9 or a - z				
Start Measurement	aM! a0261\r\n ****				
instruct an instrument to make measurement	a = address of instrument example 0M! starts scan for ID 0	of instrument instrument with address a returns 1 x 4 wire reading in 1 sec- M! starts scan for ID 0 ond.			
Concurrent measurement:	aC!	a0268\r\n			
Used for starting a measurement for all instruments on a network at the same time.	start measurement instrument address 'a' initial response only after receipt of instruct and no response when data ready to be sent.				
This command frees RS-485 bus for other devices					
MUX-16/342 Expansion Unit	32 x 2 Wire Measurements aM2! aD0! aD1! aD2! aD3! - 16 x Freq aM3! aD0! aD1! aD2! aD3! - 16 x Freq	+xxxx.x+xxxx.x+xxxx.x+xxxx.x\r\n			
	16 x 4 Wire Measurements aM2! aD0! aD1! aD2! aD3! aD4! aD5! aD6! aD7! D0-D4 = Frequency D4-D7 = Temperature				
Thermistor 1 & 2	VibWire-201 supports 3 thermistor types				
Thermistor Type 1 Temperature sensor settings	aXT1RE! aXT1T0! = 25	Resistance at 25 Deg C T0 - generally 25 Deg C			
Parameters from the sensor calibration sheet	aXT1BET!	Beta Value			
Steinhart-Hart Parameters Thermistor resistance/temp calculation	aXT1ST0!A in Steinhart-HartaXT1ST1!B in Steinhart-HartaXT1ST2!C in Steinhart-HartaXT1ST3!D in Steinhart-Hart				
Thermistor Type 2 Temperature sensor settings	aXT2RE! aXT2T0! = 25	Resistance at 25 Deg C T0 - generally 25 Deg C			
Parameters from the sensor calibration sheet	aXT2BET!	Beta Value			
Steinhart-Hart Parameters Thermistor resistance/temp calculation	aXT2ST0! A in Steinhart-Hart aXT2ST1! B in Steinhart-Hart				
Page 36 of the User Manual shows sample calibration data sheet using these factors	aXT2ST3!	D in Steinhart-Hart			
VW Sensor Input Channel Settings	aXCH0FN!	0 = output in Hz			
Sets the process option for frequency calculations	F = Frequency type N = VW Channel 0 7	1 = output in digits = F²/1000 2 = use formula A + B*digits + C*digits² + D*temperature			
		digits = Frequency ² in units of Hz ²			
Thermistor Temperature Calculation	aXT1TYn!	0 = resistance ratio - thermistor data sheet (R_1/R_{25})			
	a = ID n = integer 0 2	$ \begin{array}{l} 1 = \text{Beta value calculation} \\ 1/T = 1/T_0 \ + \log(r)/\text{Beta} & \text{where } r = R_{\!\!/}R_{25} \end{array} $			
		2 = Steinhart-Hart equation			
		$1/T = A + B(Ln R_1/R_{25}) + C(Ln R_1/R_{25})^2 + D(Ln R_1/R_{25})^3$			
Additional items commonly used with the VibWire-201-Pro Unit					
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This device is used to expand the number of sensor inputs that can be used by the VibWire-201-Pro from a single channel to 32 inputs. This device is used to connect the VibWire-201-Pro to a Windows PC remotely across the SDI-12 digital network The USB-SDI12-Pro can be used to power the VibWire-201-Pro for fixed monitoring applications

This device can be powered directly from the VibWire-201-Pro for stand-alone measurements.

MUX-16/32 Expansion Unit

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The device supports all of the Keynes Controls SDI-12 sensor and interfaces, including many 3rd party devices The USB-SDI12-Pro isolates the network devices from the Windows PC USB port and protects it against possi-ble damage caused by sensor failures.

USB-SDI12-Pro Media Converter



This device is used to connect RS-485 based intelligent devices including the VibWire-201-Pro a Windows PC.

The device not only can power sensors on the network but also isolates the PC USB port from any possible device failure in order to prevent damage to the host PC. The device supports all of the Keynes Controls RS-485 sensor and interfaces, including many 3rd party devices.



This device is used to connect the VibWire-201-Pro to a data acquisition solution using a local WiFi network.

The device connects to the VibWire-201-Pro via the RS-485 port



This device is used to connect the VibWire-201-Pro to a Windows PC running Q-LOG or any other suitable device supporting RS-485 communications.

The device acts a wireless RS-485 network enabling remote systems to be used simply created. The wireless solution is used when it is not cost effective or practical



the emperature sensor used by most 3th party sensor manufactures. Use this option when no manufacture supplied factors available. The Keynes Controls default factors can often supply temperature measurement results more accurate than offered by the sensor manufacturers.

PC connection using the SDI-12 port

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PC connection using the RS-485 port

Part No. USB-485-Pro

Cable free - RS-485 network



involved

Simply connect the thermistor output from the sensor to the VibWire-201-Pro and the device will instantly display the temperature.

Default Settings for the built-in vibrating

Calibration Factor Error

Take care when using the calibration factors supplied on a vibrating wire sensor manufactures data sheet. The factors are often given from sample sensors taken from a batch and not necessarily from the individual sensor being used. Where possible ensure that the sensor manufacturer calibrates the sensor and supplies all test data so that the calibration factors can be verified.



Part No:

The VibWire-201-Pro is fully integrated into the Keynes Controls free Q-LOG application software. The Q-LOG software offers the User a Windows environment to control the measurement operations for the device across the RS-485 or SDI-12 networks without any programming experience being required.



The Q-LOG software supports all the other Keynes Controls intelligent sensors and



interfaces. It can also be configured to use 3rd party devices not manufactured by Keynes Controls.

Q-LOG software working in collaboration with the VibWire-201-Pro enables the device to

Downloads for this product VW201Cal setup software Q-LOG Software User Manual

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http://www.aguabat.net/downloads/VW201Cal.zip

http://www.aguabat.net/downloads/VW201Pro-manv1.pdf

Figure 16 opposite demonstrates how the VibWire-201 is identified in the Q-LOG data acquisition and display software.

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The Q-LOG software can also be used to integrate 3rd party sensors into a single system.

be used easily in laboratory test systems and calibration applications. The recorded data files are uniquely time stamped and open directly into spreadsheet packages such as Microsoft Excel and OpenOffice Calc. Common Keynes Controls device identifier strings -

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Product	ID string	Qitay View Edit Help
VibWire-201-Pro VibWire-101 VW sensor interface VibWire-108 VW sensor interface PIEZO-RM water level sensor	13KEYNESVWRDOA001 13KEYNESCOVW101A011 13KEYNESCOVW108A016 13KEYNESCOVW108A016 13KEYNESCOPRESR001	Done Life Jacobie Life Parsidae Late of donese 0 00013KEVNES/WRDDA001 Vibrating Wire Readout Un 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
Barom-SDI-12 barometer I-P-I AquaDAT sensor interface Single channel strain gage	13KEYNESCOBAROMR003 13KEYNESCOIPINCL005 13KEYNESCOAQUDAT008 13KEYNESCOSTRAIN027	5 8 9 8 9

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Site Survey

The VibWire-201-Pro is an ideal tool to undertake site surveys. Individual projects can be created and the route around a site defined using the sensor

identification numbers. The device currently stores up to 20 pre-defined sensor type calibration factors, and up to 200 Individual sensors. A simple to use Windows program enables the sensor types, calibration factors and serial numbers to be grouped together into a project file. Each project file is loaded into the VibWire-201 using the USB port. There is no limit to how many project files that can be created.







Figure 17 shows a sample chamber of a tunnel construction that is to be instrumented for a measurement programme.

Table 3 below shows a summary of the sensor details used in the project. The table shows that 6 different sensor types from different manufactures are in use.

Each of the individual sensor types will have its calibration factors assigned. Figure 18 demonstrates how the individual sensor type calibration factors are assigned into the VW201Cal applications software.

Description	Manufacturer	Part No.	No Sensor	Site Location
4 Point Borehole Extensometer	Slope Indicator	51836140	4	GAL1-1342A
Piezometer	Encardio	EPP-40V	1	GAL1-1343A
4 Point Borehole Extensometer	Slope Indicator	51836140	4	GAL1-1344A
Load Cell	Encardio	ELC-31V	1	GAL1-1345A
4 Point Borehole Extensometer	Slope Indicator	51836140	4	GAL1-1346A
Embedded Strain Gauge	Encardio	EDS-20V-E	1	GAL1-1347A
Shotcrete Strain Gage	Encardio	EDS-30V	1	GAL1-1348A
Load Cell	Encardio	ELC-31V	1	GAL1-1349A
4 Point Borehole Extensometer	Slope Indicator	51836140	4	GAL1-1350A
4 Point Borehole Extensometer	Slope Indicator	51836140	4	GAL1-1351A
4 Point Borehole Extensometer	Slope Indicator	51836140	4	GAL1-1352A
Embedded Strain Gauge	Encardio	EDS-20V-E	1	GAL1-1353A
Piezometer	Encardio	EPP-40V	1	GAL1-1354A
Load Cell	Encardio	ELC-31V	1	GAL1-1355A
4 Point Borehole Extensometer	Slope Indicator	51836140	4	GAL1-1356A
Piezometer (Low Pressure)	Encardio	EPP-60V	1	GAL1-1357A
Sister Bar Strain Meter	Encardio	EDS-12V	1	GAL1-1358A

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Figure 18 opposite demonstrates the VW201Cal software configured to operate with the sensors shown in the example above.

The calibration factors for each sensor are taken directly off the data sheet supplied by the sensor manufacturer. No programming experience is required, simply type in the factors and load into the device

Programming the Device

Once all the sensors are defined into the VW201Cal software use the USB cable supplied with the device to write the site details directly into the device.

Site Measurement Projects

Once the VibWire-201-Pro is configured for 'Single Measurement' mode the Site measurement projects can be easily undertaken. The sensor measurements are taken in the order they are defined in the device setup table shown in Figure 18.



Stand-alone Recording Solution

The VibWire-201-Pro has the ability to be expanded using the MUX-16/32 expansion unit. This interface gives the VW201-Pro the ability to scan single channel, 32 x 2 wire and 16 x 4 wire sensor inputs. The device can be set to record stand-alone measurements making the device suitable for on-site sensor testing applications. The spectral display shows directly if the measurements are noise free and the sensors installed correctly. The device can handle frequency and temperature inputs.