

# Mt. Whitney

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#### **KEY BENEFITS**

- Dynamic range greater than 114 dB
- ▶ 18 fully integrated recording channels, requiring only one master control board
- Multi-tasking operating system that allows simultaneous data acquisition and interrogation
- Timing accuracy to ±0.5 ms due to synchronized sampling with optional GPS timing system
- Zero Channel Skew through the utilization of individual A/D converters for each channel
- Remote alerting capability for system event or auto-diagnostic failure
- Remote data acquisition with real time digital data output
- Interconnectivity with other Altus Family recorders for common triggering and shared GPS (option)
- Common user interface, file format, and support tools with other Altus family recorders

#### **INTRODUCTION**

The *Mt. Whitney* is a full-featured Central Recording System designed with the end user in mind. Technical advances and innovative engineering have increased performance and flexibility of this recorder to offer a dynamic range greater than 114 dB. The high dynamic range and superior resolution offer significant advantages for applications where signal fidelity and data integrity are vital.

In order to provide the greatest flexibility in data storage, retrieval and communications, Kinemetrics has included two fully compliant PCMCIA card slots that support a wide variety of nonproprietary memory cards, hard disks and modems. This allows users to easily configure the *Mt. Whitney* for their specific applications.

Developed for Microsoft Windows<sup>TM</sup>, our QuickTalk® and QuickLook® software provide a user-friendly environment, making system setup, communications and rapid data analysis quick and easy.

#### **MAJOR APPLICATIONS**

- Structural monitoringBuildings BridgesDams
- Dense arrays

**Input Channels** 

Sensor channels: 18 channels Standard  $\pm 2.5V$ Input level:

**Data Acquisition** 

Type: Over-sampled Delta Sigma system with 24-bit DSP

Brickwall FIR filter. Cut-off at 80 % of output Anti-alias filter:

Nyquist; 120 dB down at output Nyquist

Dynamic range: ~114 dB (200 sps 0-50Hz BW RMS noise/RMS clip

Frequency response: DC to 80 Hz @ 200 sps Sampling rates: 20, 40, 50, 100, 200, 250 sps

None – simultaneous sampling of all channels Chan.-chan. skew:

Acquisition modes: Continuous, trigger Output data format: 24 bit signed (3 bytes)

Parameter calculations: Calculations of key parameters in real-time

Real time digital RS-232 output of digital stream (contact factory for

available formats) output:

**Storage** 

Type: Fully compliant PCMCIA storage system

(two slots)

Compatibility: PCMCIA standard 2.1; sockets accept

> Type I, II, III card formats Type I or II modem

32 MB Memory Card (minimum) Optional larger Storage primary slot:

cards available.

Storage 2<sup>nd</sup> slot: Same as primary slot

Parallel 2<sup>nd</sup> slot: Accepts Type I or II modem with connectors

Recording capacity: Approximately 22 minutes per channel per MB on

Memory Card, 24-bit data @ 200 sps.

Data is stored in DOS file system allowing cards to Recording format:

be read directly by PC.

**Firmware** 

Type: Multi-tasking operating system supports

simultaneous acquisition and interrogation; boot

loader allows remote firmware upgrades

Configure sample rate, filter type, trigger type and System control:

voting, maintains communications and event storage

User interface: Packetized protocol and simple terminal loop control

and data retrieval via RS-232 interface

System can be configured to initiate communications Intelligent alerting:

when an event is detected or if an auto-diagnostic

failure occurs

Auto-diagnostics: System can be configured to continuously check

system voltages, temperature, RAM and code

integrity, timing system integrity

Rapid setup: Unit can be configured from parameter file stored in

PCMCIA memory card

Free running disciplined oscillator (standard); GPS Type:

> Integrates completely with system, providing timing, internal oscillator correction and position information

Shared GPS: Allows a group of interconnected Altus recorders to

share one GPS module (option)

Timing

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GPS option:

5 microseconds of UTC with GPS accuracy: Power: Power cycling is software controlled

Power consumption: 110 mA at 12V (active)

I/O and Display

Two sets of LEDs provide a visual indication of the status Display:

of the system with minimal power dissipation.

RS-232 input: Full RS-232C interface with modem control

EMI/RFI All I/O lines are protected from both EMI/RFI emission and

susceptibility problems by ferrite filters and transient

suppressors.

Trigger

Type: IIR bandpass filter (three types available) Trigger selection: Independently selected for each channel Selectable from 0.01% to 100% of full scale Threshold trigger: Trigger voting: Internal, external trigger votes with arithmetic

combination

Additional trigger: STA/LTA

**Power Supply** 

Battery charger operates at 11- Vac 60Hz pr 220 Vac 50Hz. Input:

The system operates at 12 Vdc. Fully equipped system (18 channels) requires less than 1.5 amps. In case of AC loss, with batteries fully charged, the system will operate for 50

Batteries: Two batteries Model LCL12V38P (Panasonic)

Housing

The overall housing is Type NEMA 12. The electronic Type:

enclosure (mounte4d inside the overall box) is Type NEMA

Mounting: Wall or floor using direct bolt into concrete or using

mounting supports.

The overall dimensions are: Size:

> Width - 20" (51 mm) Depth - 17" (43 mm) Height - 24" (61 mm)

Weight: 45 kg (100 lbs) without batteries

68 kg (150 lbs) with battery

**Communications** 

RS-232 interface: Parameter setup, real-time telemetry and event retrieval. PCMCIA modem:Remote access, initiated by user or instrument. Optional FTP via Modem: FTP transmission of events via dial-up ISP. Optional

**Support Software** 

QuickTalk<sup>®</sup>\*: Windows-based control and data retrieval program for easy setup and data retrieval by direct connection or modem.

 $QuickLook^{\otimes}*$ : Windows-based data retrieval program for rapid review of

waveforms and event information. Also operates with DOS

communication software

Comprehensive commercial network operational and Antelope:

management system for medium and large networks

Comprehensive public domain network operational and Earthworm: management system for medium and large networks

NMS: Commercial PC-based network management system for

small to medium sized networks via modem or real-time

data

SMARTS: Commercial open architecture user-extensible real-time

data collection and processing software that runs on a

variety of computers

PSD: Commercial Power Spectral Density software for

earthquake data analysis

Commercial Strong Motion Analyst software for earthquake SMA:

data analysis and processing

K2COSMOS\*: Conversion software from Altus EVT file format to

COSMOS v1.20 format

Format

Converters\*: Provides option to convert and store data in ASCII and

other formats. Contact Kinemetrics for other options.

\*No charge

**Environment** 

Operating temp.: -20° to 70°C Humidity: 0-100% RH