

## MEDIUM PERIOD FORCE-BALANCED SEISMOMETER

**Model SP-400** 

The SP-400 Series instruments are designed as versatile, very rugged medium period seismic sensors. Unlike traditional seismometers, they are based on proprietary electrochemical transducer technology<sup>1</sup>.



These instruments have many advantages over conventional electromechanical sensors.

This seismometer is available as a three-channel instrument with three identical sensors for its vertical and horizontal components, or a single-channel seismometer (SP-400U), which is readily convertible from vertical to horizontal sensor. Force-balancing feedback provides for excellent response stability and linearity.

The SP-400 sensors are offered in two application-dependent versions: a higher clip level SP-400SM, and a reduced noise SP-400RN. Both have the same dynamic range, which is shifted up by approximately 10db toward stronger ground motions in the SM version.

The SP-400 has an exceptionally rugged design, does not require mass lock or special installation equipment or procedures and stays operational in a wide range of installation tilts.

These seismometers provide a low cost of ownership, *requiring no maintenance* over the life of the instrument. Borehole configurations including inclinometers are optional. Three and five-year extended warranties are available.

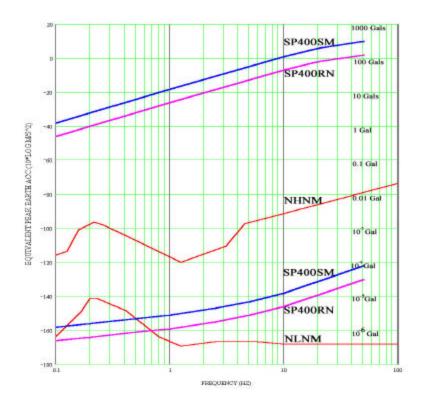
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> US patent No.6,576,103

## **SP-400 Specifications**

PARAMETER	SP-400
Operating principle	Proprietary Electrochemical Sensors <sup>2</sup> ; force-balanced
Output signals	2 horizontal, 1 vertical; velocity flat response
Output swing:	+/-10 V single-ended; (+/-20 V p-p)
Dynamic Range	142 dB
Passband	0.1 – 50 Hz
Generator constant	Standard: 2000 V/m/s; Optional: 350 – 20,000 V/m/s
Maximum installation tilt	+/-10 deg
Mechanical resonances	none
Environmental	Waterproof, submersible (1m)
Temperature range	-12 to + 55 <sup>2</sup> C
Housing material	Aluminum
Case diameter	200mm
Case height	220mm
Weight	~6kg
Power	9 – 13 Vdc; (Nominal 12Vdc); 28mA
Connectors	14-pin circular

## **SP-400 NOISE FLOORS AND CLIP LEVELS**



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