The Light Weight Taut Wire Mk 15B is a position-reference system designed to provide accurate data of a surface vessel’s movement with respect to the position of a depressor weight on the sea floor.

**Features**

- Cost-effective main or supplementary position-reference system
- Well-proven and reliable technology
- Highly stable A-frame construction
- Separate control electronics for all-weather operations (ice-free)
- Operational water depth up to 300 m
- Tension monitoring

**Options**

- Operational water depth up to 500 m by changing depressor weight
- Remote Control panel (wall-mounted or brackets)
- Taut Wire computer for enhanced accuracy in water depths above 200m

**Description**

The Light Weight Taut Wire Mk 15B is a position-reference system designed for use in deck-mounted port or starboard position on surface vessels. Its purpose is to provide accurate data of a surface vessel’s movements with respect to the position of a depressor weight on the sea floor.

A wire is maintained at a constant tension by means of a depressor weight on the sea-bed and a pneumatic and electric servo-assisted “mooring” system. Any movement of the vessel will cause the tensioned wire to deviate from its initial inclination. This movement activates potentiometers mounted in the gimbal (sensor) head and produces changes of analogue signals directly proportional to the deviation in inclination.
System Specifications

Dimensions

**Deck equipment**

- **Height:**
  - 3550 mm (parked)
  - 1665 mm (operational)
- **Width:** 1400 mm
- **Length:**
  - 1700 mm (parked)
  - 5115 mm (operational)
- **Weight:** 2530 kg including depressor weight (360 kg)
- **Support frame:** 1700 mm x 1300 mm

**Electronics cabinet**

- **Height:** 1900 mm
- **Width:** 800 mm
- **Depth:** 510 mm
- **Weight:** 250 kg

**NOTE:**
The distance between the Deck equipment and the Electrical cabinet must not exceed 50 m.

Electrical

**Input voltages:**
- 440 VAC +20%/-30%, 3-phase, 50 to 60 Hz
- 220 VAC, single phase, 50 to 60 Hz, (from UPS)

**Power consumption:**
- 440 VAC input: 22 kW (continuous load)
  - 36 kW (peak load, maximum 30 minutes)
- 220 VAC input: 500 W

Models

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System Accuracy

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SDP System Interface

Three (3) digital and four (4) analogue input channels are required.

Pressurized Air

- **Maximum pressure:** 10 bar
- **Minimum pressure:** 6 bar
- **Minimum flow:** 5 Nm³/h
- **Purity (in accordance with ISO 8573-1):**
  - solid contamination: class 5
  - water: class 3
  - oil: class 5

Environmental

- **Ambient temperature:**
  - **operational:**
    - cabinet: 0 to +55°C
    - deck equipment: -15 to +65°C, no ice* (see Note: *)
    - storage: 25 to +70°C
- **Ambient humidity:**
  - **operational:**
    - 20 to 100% relative humidity
  - **storage:**
    - 0 to 100% relative humidity (sealed in aluminium foil)
- **Operating wind strength:** 0 to 80 knots
- **Ice thickness:**
  - **operational:** none*
  - **parked:** up to 100 mm thick** (see Note: * and **)

Acoustic noise:

- **cabinet:** less than 90 dBA at 1 m
- **deck equipment:** less than 90 dBA at 1 m

Protection standard

- **cabinet:** IP22
- **deck equipment:** IP56

Surfaces:

- surface treated and painted steel.

**NOTE:**

* Any ice on the deck equipment must be removed before the equipment is operated.
** A build-up of ice, over 100 mm thick, may cause damage to the deck equipment structure.