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DIGITAL INCLINOMETER SYSTEM

MODEL-DDE102M



INTRODUCTION

Data Digger's model DDE-102m is one of the most advanced MEMS digital inclinometer system being produced anywhere in the world. It utilizes the capability of high computational power and large high resolution colour display of today's Android OS based mobile phones as a readout and data storage unit









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FEATURES

- Advanced, light weight, shock resistant digital MEMS bi-axial inclinometer system.
- Uses easily available Android OS based GSM/GPRS capable mobile phones as hand held readout unit.
- Phone provides high resolution vivid colour display of readings and graphs.
- Wireless Bluetooth connection eliminates cable between rotating reel and mobile phone readout.
- Mobile phone memory capacity allows local storage of more than 1 million data points.
- Data can be compared instantly after logging with previously logged data using different graph types.
- Data can be sent instantly to central server over GSM/GPRS connection

APPLICATION

- Determination of lateral movement and deformation of earth works or structure.
- Measurement of magnitude of inclination or tilt and its variation with time in structures like retaining/diaphragm walls, piles etc.

The mobile phone uses wireless Bluetooth connection to communicate with the inclinometer reel unit. Gone are the days of frayed cable and unreliable slip ring connection between the reel and the hand held readout units. The DDE-102M Inclinometer system is much lighter in weight and is very much liked by field personnel who have to carry the system from borehole to borehole for logging.

OVERVIEW

The digital inclinometer system consists of a traversing type digital tilt sensing probe that is connected to a reel unit kept at borehole top. The reel unit consists of a winding reel that holds the cable and a wireless Bluetooth relay unit that sends the digital probe data to the mobile phone. A rechargeable battery in the reel unit supplies power to the whole system.









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SYSTEM DESCRIPTION

The digital inclinometer probe has a measuring range of \pm 30 degrees with a resolution of \pm 10 arc seconds. The probe uses a 24 bit ADC that measures the MEMS sensor output with a resolution of over 1 million counts. An embedded processor in the probe provides a digital output that gives the horizontal displacement value directly in desired engineering units. The probe data is transferred to the reel over a thin high strength two core cable with a central high strength Kevlar core that makes the cable essentially stretch proof even with intensive use. The twin core cable carries both data and power supply to the probe from the reel unit. Transmitting data digitally to the reel allows any length of cable to be used without affecting the accuracy of the measurement. A standard commercially available Android OS based mobile phone is used as a hand held unit. The Data Digger's Digital Inclinometer application is loaded on the mobile phone to enable it to configure and collect data from the digital inclinometer system. The mobile phone communicates with the reel unit of the Inclinometer system through its in-built Bluetooth wireless interface. The wireless link eliminates the traditional slip ring and cable connection between the reel unit and the handheld readout that often became unreliable due to frayed cable and slip ring problem. Data Digger's Android Digital Inclinometer application exploits the huge computational and image processing power of today's mobile phone to display the logged borehole data as tables or various types of graphs commonly used at back end computers to visualize the data. This allows the operator to verify the logged data and investigate any anomaly immediately at site. The current memory capacity available in mobile phones allows storage of borehole data of all the boreholes in a site for a number of months. Use of an off the shelf available mobile phone allows a faulty hand held readout to be serviced or replaced with another unit locally very easily eliminating delays associated with servicing a custom readout unit or a proprietary palm top computer.

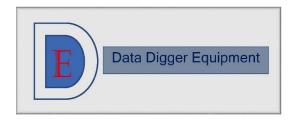
The mobile phone can also be loaded with application software for other types of sensor and data loggers equipped with Bluetooth interface that are being made available by select manufacturers now a days. This will free the field operator from carrying different readout units for different types of sensors/data loggers.

A choice of mobile phones can also provide the functions of camera to record photos or video clips of site conditions, view tutorial videos on site, or fix its geographic location using the inbuilt GPS receiver besides all the functions available in a mobile phone.









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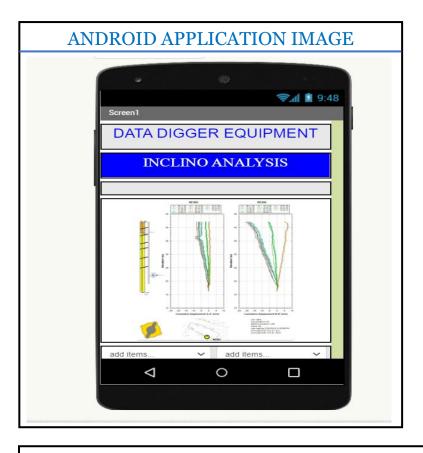


IMAGE SHOWS GRAPHICAL REPRESENTATION OF ANDROID APPLICATTION FOR INCLINOMETER. **NOTE**: This is Graphical Representation, not actual Image of Application.

SYSTEM COMPONENTS

The Data Digger's model DDE-102M Inclinometer system basically consists of four components:

- Access tube and fittings
- Digital tilt sensing probe
- Interconnecting cable on a portable reel

Mobile phone as a readout/datalogger unit









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DIGITAL TILT SENSING PROBE

INCLINOMETER PROBE

Digital probe of stainless steel construction is fitted with two pairs of pivoted sprung wheels which can rotate freely. Standard gage length between the wheels is 500 mm. An option of 2 ft gage length (Imperial unit) is also available. The spring loaded wheel arms help to position the probe centrally inside the access casing at any required depth. Probe consists of two precision MEMS accelerometers. One accelerometer has its axis in the plane of the wheels and other at 90° to it. The probe senses horizontal deviation between the probe axis and the vertical plane, simultaneously in both the orthogonal axis. A four pin connector is provided for connection to the cable.

INTERCONNECTING CABLE

OPERATING CABLE AND CABLE REEL

Four core abrasion resistant polyurethane sheathed, weather proof signal cable with high tensile straining member, graduated at every 0.5 m (or 2 ft Imperial). This is available in different lengths.

A four pin connector is provided for connecting to the probe. The cable reel comprises of a plastic winding reel on suitable frame to hold the specified length of the cable.

CABLE SUSPENTION BRACKET

It can be directly placed on the ABS tubing at the top of gage well. It has a slot to hold the cable at the graduated marks for convenience in taking the readings.

MOBILE PHONE

Any GSM/GPRS mobile phone running Android 2.1 (or later) Operating System with at least 480 x 800 pixel bright color display, at least 1 GB memory and Bluetooth connection can be used as a hand held readout/datalogger unit. Mobile phone should be compatible with local cellular standards. Internet connectivity is required if data is to be transferred to remote server. A local cellular connection (SIM) is required for operation.

Data Digger's Digital Inclinometer application software for Android needs to be installed in the phone. Application software is supplied free to owners of DDE-102M Digital Inclinometer System.

A suitable mobile phone installed with Digital Inclinometer application software is generally supplied with the DDE_102M Digital Inclinometer System. However, obtaining local cellular connection with internet connectivity is in user scope.









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TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS	
Probe Specifications	
Measuring Range	±30° of Vertical
Resolution (Metric)	±0.008 mm/500mm
Distance Between Two Wheels	500mm
Operating Temperature	-20° to 70°C
Probe Dimensions	Over Dia. 32mm, Length 500mm
Probe Weight	1.5Kg
Probe Casing	AISI 316L Stainless Steel
Accuracy	±2mm in 30M
Cable Specifications	
Details	4 Core, Non Stretch Polyurethane Cable
Diameter	6mm
Weight	2.7Kg /50M
Cable Specifications	
For 30M Cable	5.2Kg Weight, (12 inch Diameter)
For 50M Cable	6.2Kg Weight, (12 Inch Diameter)
For 100M Cable	8.4Kg Weight, (15Inch Diameter)





