

THREE-CHANNEL FLUORESCENCE AND BACKSCATTER SENSOR





The RBR*tridente* is an optical sensor with three channels, capable of making multiple fluorescence and backscatter measurements simultaneously. Its high dynamic range permits exposure to full sunlight with very low detection limits, while power consumption and depth rating have been tailored for use in a wide variety of applications.

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The RBRtridente can integrate any three of the following channels:

▶ chlorophyll *a*

▶ fDOM

phycocyanin

phycoerythrin

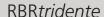
backscatter

turbidity

The size makes the RBR*tridente* compatible with existing vehicle payload bays. Tolerant of a wide-ranging power supply, data are streamed via RS-232 on the MCBH-6-MP connector. Synchronous detection and automatic gain control allow for full sunlight exposure while still permitting high-resolution measurements of very small signals.

A dry-bay OEM variant of the RBRtridente is available for vehicle integration applications.







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LOW POWER, HIGH SENSITIVITY

Specifications

Physical

Weight

Connector MCBH-6-MP
Depth rating 6000m, 1250m (dry-bay)
Housing Titanium
Diameter 63.3mm
Length 57mm, 93mm with connector

56mm with cap (dry-bay) 460g in air, 275g in water 250g in air, 50g in water (dry-bay)

Temperature range -5°C to +35°C Sampling rate Up to 32Hz



Optical

Centroid angle 120°
Sensing volume ~1.3mL
Linearity, R² 0.99
Calibration accuracy 5%

Power

Supply voltage	4.5V to 30V (12V nominal)
Power	20mJ/sample (4Hz or slower)
	384mW (8Hz or faster)
Sleep current	10μΑ

Interface

RS-232 polled or autonomous streaming

MCBH-6-MP connector pinout



- Pin 1 Ground
- Pin 2 Power
- ▶ Pin 3 Serial data from sensor
- ▶ Pin 4 Serial data to sensor
- ▶ Pin 5 N/C
- ▶ Pin 6 N/C

Instrument integration

The RBR*tridente* can be easily added to any RBR instrument alongside the CTD and other sensors.

Parameters

	Chlorophyll a	fDOM (2)	Phycocyanin	Phycoerythrin	Backscatter	Turbidity
Channel wavelengths	Excitation/emission: 470nm/695nm or 435nm/695nm	Excitation/emission: 365nm/450nm	Excitation/emission: 590nm/654nm	Excitation/emission: 525nm/600nm	470nm, 525nm, 650nm, or 700nm	700nm
Calib. range	0-50µg/L ⁽¹⁾	0-500ppb	0-500µg/L	0-6000µg/L	0-0.05m ⁻¹ sr ⁻¹ (3)	0-500FTU ⁽⁴⁾
Meas. range	0-500µg/L	0-1500ppb	0-10000μg/L	0-10000µg/L	0-1.5m ⁻¹ sr ⁻¹	0-1500FTU
Detection limit	0.01µg/L ⁽¹⁾	0.03ppb	0.2μg/L	1.5µg/L	1x10 ⁻⁶ m ⁻¹ sr ⁻¹	0.001FTU

 $^{^{\}rm 1}$ Scaled to the fluorescence response from a monoculture of \textit{Thalassiosira weissflogii}.

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² fDOM can be used as a proxy for cDOM.

³ Response becomes non-linear above 0.05m⁻¹sr⁻¹

⁴ Response becomes non-linear above 500FTU.