

VG400

SOLID-STATE VERTICAL GYRO

- ▼ Roll and Pitch Angle Measurement in High Dynamic Environments
- ▼ High Stability MEMS Sensors
- ▼ Enhanced Performance Using Kalman Filter Algorithm
- ▼ EMI & Vibration Resistant

Applications

- ▼ UAV Control
- ▼ Platform Stabilization
- ▼ Avionics



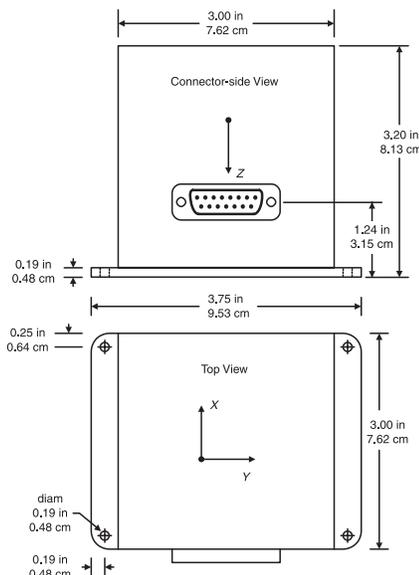
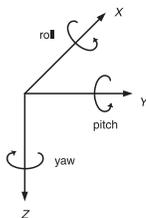
VG400CD

The Crossbow VG400CD is a high performance, solid-state vertical gyro intended for airborne applications such as UAV control, avionics, and platform stabilization. This high reliability, strapdown inertial system provides attitude measurement with static and dynamic accuracy that exceeds traditional spinning mass vertical gyros.

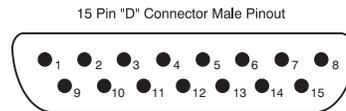
The VG400CD offers enhanced stability and performance compared with previous 400-Series configurations by incorporating the latest advancements in MEMS accelerometers. These new MEMS accelerometers also provide significant improvement in vibration performance in a variety of different application environments.

The VG400CD achieves its excellent performance by employing proprietary Kalman Filter algorithms to determine stabilized roll and pitch angles in static and dynamic conditions. The Kalman Filter implementation results in a continuous on-line gyro bias calibration, and an adaptive attitude measurement that is stabilized by the long term gravity reference. Output data is provided in both analog and digital (RS-232) formats.

Each Inertial System comes with a User's Manual offering helpful hints on programming, installation, and product information. In addition, Crossbow's GYRO-VIEW software is included to assist you in system development and evaluation, and allows you to perform data acquisition.



| Specifications | VG400CD-100 | VG400CD-200 | Remarks |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|
| Performance | | | |
| Update Rate (Hz) | > 70 | > 70 | Continuous Update Mode |
| Start-up Time Valid Data (sec) | < 1 | < 1 | |
| Fully Stabilized Data (sec) | < 60 | < 60 | Under static conditions |
| Attitude | | | |
| Range: Roll, Pitch (°) | ± 180, ± 90 | ± 180, ± 90 | |
| Static Accuracy (°) | ± 0.75 | ± 0.75 | |
| Dynamic Accuracy (° rms) | ± 2.0 | ± 2.5 | |
| Resolution (°) | < 0.1 | < 0.1 | |
| Angular Rate | | | |
| Range: Roll, Pitch, Yaw (°/sec) | ± 100 | ± 200 | |
| Bias: Roll, Pitch, Yaw (°/sec) | <± 1.0 | <± 1.0 | Scaled sensor mode |
| Bias: Roll/Pitch (°/sec) | <± 0.05 | <± 0.05 | Angle mode |
| Scale Factor Accuracy (%) | < 1 | < 1 | |
| Non-Linearity (% FS) | < 0.3 | < 0.3 | |
| Resolution (°/sec) | < 0.025 | < 0.05 | |
| Bandwidth (Hz) | > 25 | > 25 | -3 dB point |
| Random Walk (°/hr ^{1/2}) | < 2.25 | < 4.5 | Typical |
| Acceleration | | | |
| Input Range: X/Y/Z (g) | ± 4 | ± 4 | |
| Bias: X/Y/Z (mg) | <± 12 | <± 12 | |
| Scale Factor Accuracy (%) | < 1 | < 1 | |
| Non-Linearity (% FS) | < 1 | < 1 | |
| Resolution (mg) | < 0.6 | < 0.6 | |
| Bandwidth (Hz) | > 10 | > 10 | -3 dB point |
| Random Walk (m/s/hr ^{1/2}) | < 1.0 | < 1.0 | |
| Environment | | | |
| Operating Temperature (°C) | -40 to +71 | -40 to +71 | |
| Non-Operating Temperature (°C) | -55 to +85 | -55 to +85 | |
| Non-Operating Vibration (g rms) | 6 | 6 | 20 Hz - 2 KHz random |
| Non-Operating Shock (g) | 1000 | 1000 | 1 ms half sine wave |
| Electrical | | | |
| Input Voltage (VDC) | 9 to 30 | 9 to 30 | |
| Input Current (mA) | < 250 | < 250 | |
| Power Consumption (W) | < 3 | < 3 | at 12 VDC |
| Digital Output Format | RS-232 | RS-232 | |
| Analog ¹ Range (VDC) | ± 4.096 | ± 4.096 | Pins 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14 |
| | 0 to 5.0 | 0 to 5.0 | Pins 5, 6, 7 |
| Physical | | | |
| Size (in) | 3.0 x 3.75 x 3.2 | 3.0 x 3.75 x 3.2 | Incl. mounting flanges |
| (cm) | 7.62 x 9.53 x 8.13 | 7.62 x 9.53 x 8.13 | Incl. mounting flanges |
| Weight (lbs) | < 1.4 | < 1.4 | |
| (kg) | < 0.64 | < 0.64 | |
| Connector | 15 pin sub-miniature "D" male | | |



| Pin | Signal |
|-----|--|
| 1 | RS-232 Transmit Data |
| 2 | RS-232 Receive Data |
| 3 | Input Power |
| 4 | Ground |
| 5 | X-axis accel voltage ¹ |
| 6 | Y-axis accel voltage ¹ |
| 7 | Z-axis accel voltage ¹ |
| 8 | Roll-axis angular rate ² |
| 9 | Pitch-axis angular rate ² |
| 10 | Yaw-axis angular rate ² |
| 11 | NC – Factory use only |
| 12 | Roll angle/X-axis acceleration ³ |
| 13 | Pitch angle/Y-axis acceleration ³ |
| 14 | Not used/Z-axis acceleration ³ |
| 15 | NC – Factory use only |

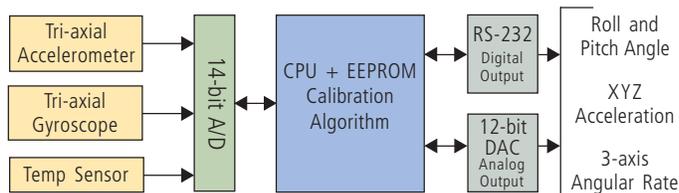
- Notes
- The accelerometer voltage outputs are taken directly from the accelerometers without compensation or scaling.
 - The angular rate analog outputs are scaled to represent degrees/second. Outputs are created by a D/A converter.
 - Actual output depends on VG measurement mode.

Pin Diagram

Notes

¹All DAC analog outputs are fully buffered and are designed to interface directly to data acquisition equipment.

Specifications subject to change without notice



VG Block Diagram

Ordering Information

| Model | Description | Gyro (°/sec) | Accel (g) |
|-------------|---------------------------|--------------|-----------|
| VG400CD-100 | Solid State Vertical Gyro | ±100 | ± 4 |
| VG400CD-200 | Solid State Vertical Gyro | ± 200 | ± 4 |

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