

CS4500



High-Precision, Low Maintenance

Innovation at its finest! If one consistently demands the best, Airmar's CS4500 Ultrasonic Speed Sensor delivers.

Ultra-accuracy is foremost! With no moving parts, the ultrasonic sensor is capable of speed reading accuracy as low as 0.1 knots (0.1 MPH). By eliminating the traditional paddlewheel, there is no fouling, and drag is reduced to a minimum. Unlike paddlewheels, the CS4500 is engineered to measure water speed below the turbulent boundary layer of the hull, resulting in accurate clean-water readings.

Tried and True Technology

The innovation doesn't stop here. Ultrasonic sensing is a proven technology that has been used on ships for nearly 20 years. Building on this technology, Airmar developed an advanced design which operates at a higher-frequency, enabling reliable operation in both salt and fresh water. The state-of-the-art processor in the CS4500 calculates speed every half second, so it can respond to rapid changes in vessel speed. This translates into the most reliable and accurate ultrasonic speed sensor on the market—at a very competitive price.



Bronze housing—CS4500

Speed Sensor

Ultrasonic—No Moving Parts
Thru-Hull Transducer

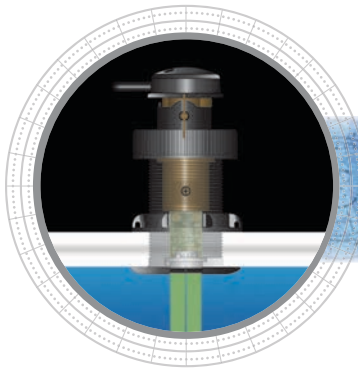
Features

- Unparalleled accuracy as low as 0.1 knots (0.1 MPH)
- Designed for use with all types and sizes of sailboats and powerboats
- No moving parts
- Makes retrofitting a breeze—the retractable insert fits most Airmar 51 mm (2") housings
- Low-profile, plastic, or bronze housings available
- Built-in temperature sensor
- Optional Data Converter charges analog signal to NMEA 0183 data stream



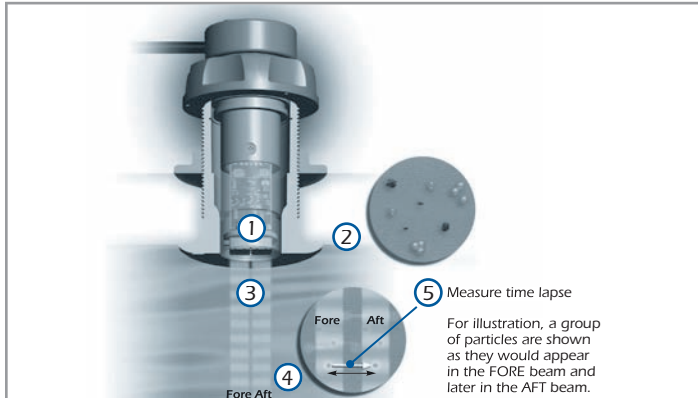
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Technical Information



How the CS4500 Works

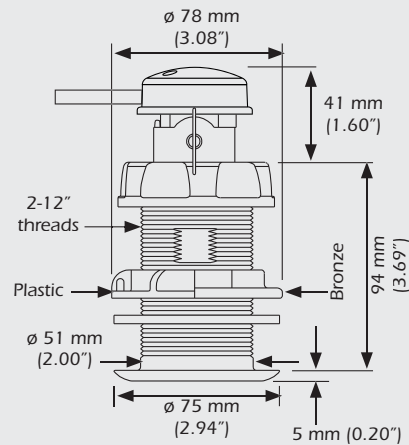
- 1** In the CS4500, two transducers are incorporated in a single housing.
- 2** Small particles present in the water pass through the beams.
- 3** The speed sensor uses ultrasonic pulses to collect echoes from the small particles in the water as they pass under two ceramics embedded in the sensor.
- 4** As the boat travels through the water, both ceramics "view" the same stream of particles.
Because it takes time for particles to travel between the two ceramics, the aft ceramic detects the particles later than does the fore ceramic.
- 5** By measuring this time lapse, the instrument is able to calculate the boat speed.

SPECIFICATIONS

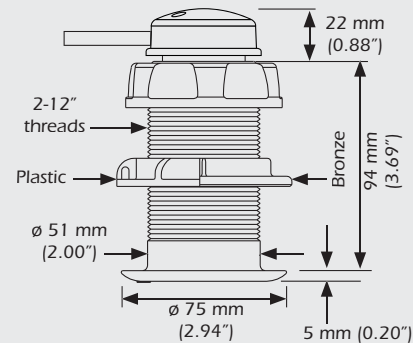
Transmit Frequency: 4.5 MHz
Pulse Repetition Frequency: 5.5 kHz
Sampling Distance Below The Sensor:
 77 mm to 127 mm (3" to 5")—outside the boundary layer
Data Update Rate: 2 seconds
Signal Output: Airmar paddlewheel format
 —5.5 Hz per knot
 —20,000 pulses per nautical mile
Speed Range: 0.1 knot to 40 knots (0.1 MPH to 46 MPH)
Operating Temperature Range: 0°C to 40°C (32°F to 104°F)
Sensor Cable Type: Airmar C190
Sensor Cable Length: 10 m (33') standard
Instrument Cable Length: 3 m (10') standard, up to 30 m (100') possible
Supply Voltage: 10 VDC to 15 VDC
Supply Current: 155 mA at 12 VDC
Hole Diameter: 51 mm (2")
Sensor Insert Material: Bronze
Thru-Hull Housing Material: Plastic or bronze
Blanking Plug: Yes
Weight:
 —1.4 kg (3 lb)—Plastic
 —1.8 kg (4 lb)—Bronze
CE Compliant: Yes

DIMENSIONS

P17 Plastic and B17 Bronze



P120 Plastic and B120 Bronze



▪ Also available in P314/B21 and P217/B119 housings