

Model AP250 Electric Dipole System

Measures and transmits downhole data including accelerometer and magnetometer values

Features

- Proven design with high reliability, MTBF over 2500 hours
- Data transmission from depths of 14,000+ feet (4200+ meters) in favorable conditions
- Real-time Annular Pressure, Drill Collar Internal Pressure, Rotation Sensing, and Gamma

Applications

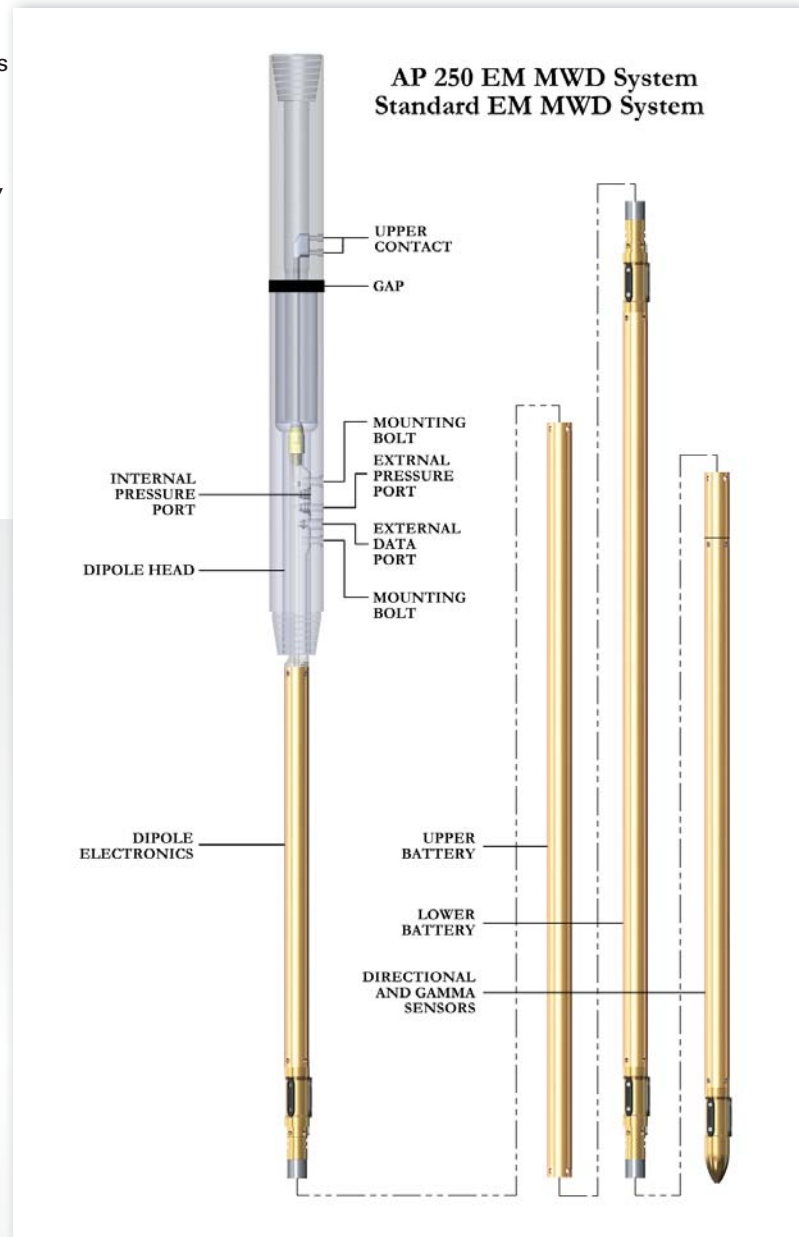
- Low cost, reliable replacement to mud pulse systems
- Underbalanced drilling
- High-speed drilling where fast data rates are required
- Low-pressure formations or lost circulation situations

The Model AP250 Electric Dipole System measures and transmits downhole data to the surface, enabling the directional drilling of a borehole. Data transmitted typically includes the inclination and azimuth angles of the borehole, the drilling system toolface (roll angle), and the tool temperature. The system can also be configured to transmit accelerometer and magnetometer sensor values, which can then be used to calculate the borehole angles.

The figure shows the downhole parts of the electric dipole system. At the top of the system, a non-magnetic drill collar with an electrically insulated gap sub is used. To generate electromagnetic signals that propagate to the surface, a low frequency phase modulated signal is applied across the insulating gap. An upper electrode and the bolt in dipole head are used to apply the signal across the gap.

The gap sub signal is generated by the power driver electronics unit mounted in a pressure barrel just below the dipole head. Typically, two 29V, 29 Amp-hour batteries encased in pressure barrels are used to power the electric dipole system, although use of three or more batteries is possible for situations where high power output for a long period is required.

The borehole angular orientation and drill string toolface are measured by a directional sensor mounted in a pressure barrel below the batteries. A gamma sensor is mounted directly below the system directional sensor.



The Electric Dipole System is typically approximately 222 inches long and utilizes 1-7/8" diameter pressure barrels for system electronics and batteries. The same basic system can be used with 4-3/4", 6-1/2", 8" and 9" drill collar sizes. Mounting spacers enable the use of drill collar sizes greater than 4-3/4". To stabilize the tool string in the drill collars, rubber finned centralizers are used to connect the various system pressure barrels.

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SYSTEM SPECIFICATIONS

DOWNHOLE SYSTEM

Frequencies	2-10 Hz, user selectable
Baud rate	One half of the transmission frequency. For instance, for a transmission frequency of 9Hz a 4½ baud rate is achieved.
Power	Batteries typically consist of two Double D stacks of 8 moderate rate cells each, producing 29V at 29 ampere-hour capacity. Battery lifetime depends upon transmit power selected. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - At 10 Watts power level, battery life is 80 hrs. - At 20 Watts power level, battery life is 40 hrs. - At the maximum power level of 40 Watts, battery life is 20 hrs.
Gap Sub Sizes	4¾" OD X 67.375 L; 3½ IF pin at bottom, box at top 6½" OD X 72.0" L
Tool string approximate length (2 batteries)	222"
Sensors	Directional Sensor : APS Model 750 Gamma Sensor: APS Model 751

UPHOLE SYSTEM

MODEL 560 PREAMPLIFIER/FILTER SYSTEM

Preamp gain selectable	0 to 42
Amplifier gain selectable	0 to 96
Power	115V @ 1A 220V @ 0.5A
Size	19"W x 13"D x 3 ½"H (rack mountable)

MODEL 574 DOWNLINK SYSTEM

Main power	115V @ 10A 220V @ 2.5A
Size	16"W x 12"D x 7½"H

* The downhole system includes one off-the-shelf computer with a 16-bit A/D installed and one Driller's Display unit. One RS-232 port is required on the computer for the Driller's Display.

