

# **CHIRP 3200 SERIES**

USER MANUAL

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# 1 INTRODUCTION

## 1.1 About this manual

This manual describes the basic setup and operation of the Chirp 3200 Series Echosounder and includes the 3200, 3202, and Chirp 3204. For more detailed operation of the SounderSuite software package please download the Software User's Manual from the website listed below.

## 1.2 Technical Support

For technical support or to report problems please contact your local representative or:

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## 1.3 Unpacking Shipment

The Chirp 3200 Series Echosounder is securely packed in a plastic shipping/storage case. In the standard shipment will be the following items:

- ! Chirp 3200 Series Echosounder
- ! AC power cable
- ! Transducer cable connectors (unless already installed on transducers)
- ! USB cable
- ! SounderSuite Software CD-ROM

## 2 DESCRIPTION

### 2.1 System Overview

The Chirp 3200 Series Echosounder can be configured with up to four channels (Chirp 3204) with two of the channels capable of up to 2kW of output power and two capable of up to 1kW of output power.

### 2.2 Physical Characteristics

The Chirp 3200 Series Echosounder is housed in a standard 3U rack case. A summary of significant dimensions and weights of the Echosounder follows:

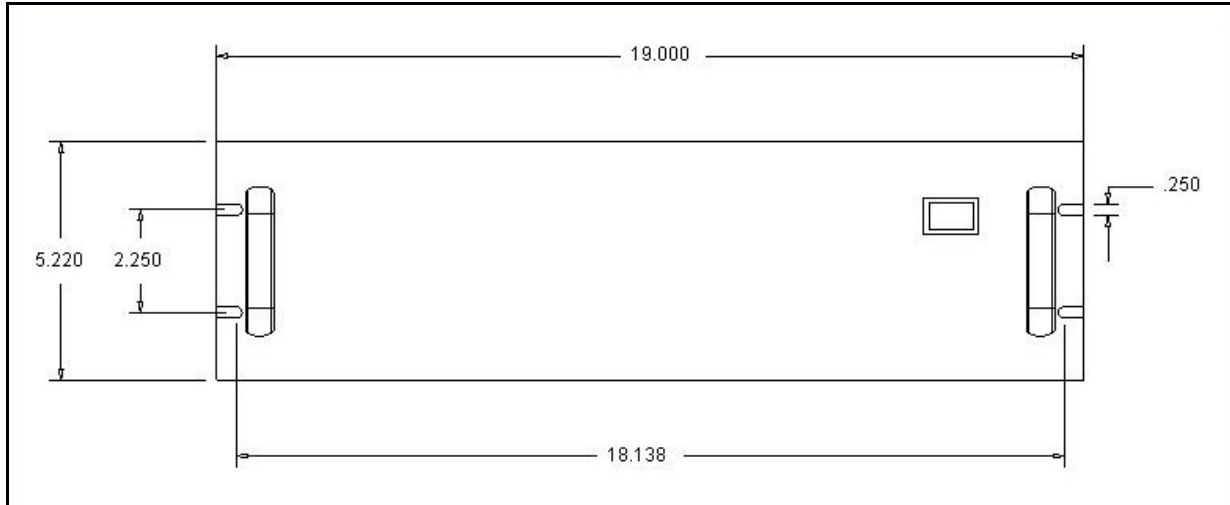
Length	533 mm
Width	483 mm
Height	133 mm
Weight	11kg



### 3 INSTALLATION

The Chirp 3200 Series Echosounder is housed in a standard 3U rack case. It can be installed to the rack using the provided mounting holes on the front panel (dimensions shown below). It is also recommended to use rack supports, especially with the Chirp 3204 Quad Channel system.

It is recommended, but not mandatory, to provide clearance above and below the Chirp 3200 installation in the rack for ventilation.



#### 3.1 System Overview

The Chirp 3200 is a “black box” echosounder that utilizes a PC to allow the user to control all system parameters, manage peripherals, record entire echogram data, as well as internal and external data logging. The communication link from the Chirp 3200 to the PC is via USB (full speed 2.0).

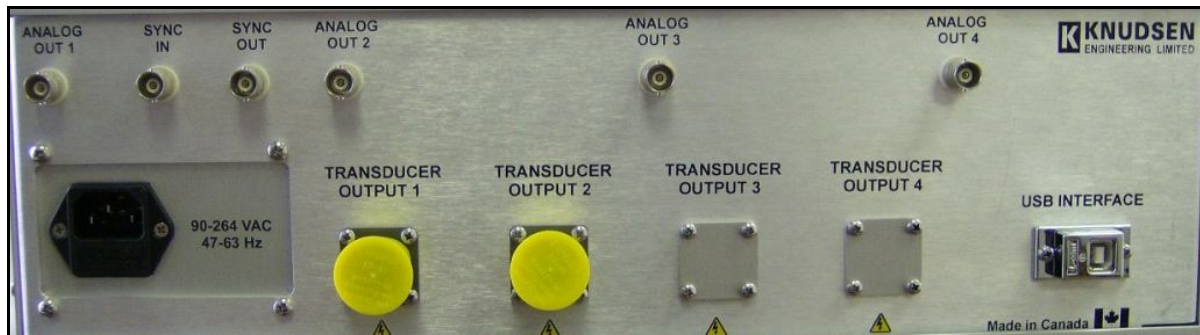
#### 3.2 Software Installation

Once installed in the CD-ROM drive of your PC the SounderSuite-USB installation wizard will guide the user through the installation. For a more detailed explanation of the entire software installation please refer to the following manual:

*SounderSuite - USB Windows Installation and Firmware Upgrades (part number D101-04383)*

### 3.3 Connector Panel Overview

The image below shows the connector panel located on the rear of the Chirp 3200 Series Echosounder. This image is for a Chirp 3202 Dual Channel system with the possible expansion ports to upgrade to a Chirp 3204 Quad Channel system.



#### 3.3.1 Input Power

The Chirp 3200 needs to be powered from a AC source. The input voltage range is 90-264 VAC (nominal 120VAC). The power consumption of the Chirp 3202 is 60W and the Chirp 3204 is 100W.

#### 3.3.2 Analog Output

These are standard BNC connections which provide direct access to the analog signal after bandpass anti-aliasing filters. This interface is useful for oscilloscope viewing of the output signal. The expected signal levels are between 0-5 volts.

#### 3.3.3 Sync In / Out

The Sync In allows the output transmit of the Chirp 3200 to be synced to another piece of equipment. The SYNC IN looks for a high-to-low-to-high transition with a low cycle hold time of at least 1ms but less than 50ms (min ping rate). The transmit will occur on the rising edge on the sync signal. The SYNC OUT will provide a signal from Channel 1.

#### 3.3.4 Transmit (TX) Output

The TX Output connection transfers the high voltage transmit output signal to the transducer as well as the return echo to the echosounder. **CAUTION: Make sure that the Chirp 3200 is not transmitting while connecting or disconnecting the transducer to the Tx Output connection.**

#### 3.3.5 USB Interface

The USB interface provides communication from the Chirp 3200 to the PC. It is a full speed 2.0 (12Mbps) connection. The connection will mate with any standard USB cable.

## **3.4 System Connection**

### **3.4.1 Peripherals**

All peripherals are connected directly to the PC and the setup for each is via the EchoControl Client software application.

### **3.4.2 Data Logging**

Same as the peripherals, any connection to an external data logger is done through the PC. There also is the capability to run the data logging package on the same PC that your EchoControl software is operating on.

## **3.5 Transducer Installation**

The correct transducer installation is essential to maintain good system performance. There are three common types of transducer installations:

- 1) Over-the-side
- 2) Through Hull
- 3) Sea Chest

### **3.5.1 Over-the-Side**

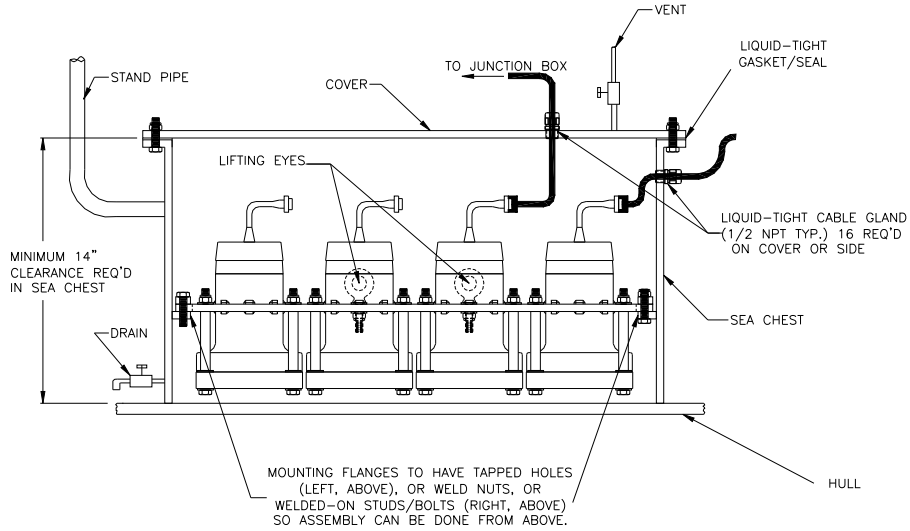
The method of mounting the transducer over the side of the boat is primarily used for temporary installations. This usually entails the transducer mounted to the end of a pole that is fastened to the side of the boat. The majority of the transducers that are sold by Knudsen Engineering Limited have the option to be purchased with a mounting adapter. The adapter provides a small mounting stem made of a 1-1/4" aluminum pipe with a standard pipe thread. The longer pipe and the means to fasten it to the boat are not provided as they change with every installation. It is very important that the transducer will be completely submerged below the water surface at all times.

### **3.5.2 Through Hull**

A more permanent means of mounting the transducer is through the hull. This will require modifications to be made to the hull of the boat. The face of the transducer will become the "wet end" in direct contact with the water and the cable end of the transducer will become the "dry end" inside the hull of the boat. The location of where the transducer goes through the hull has to be selected to prevent any type of aeration coming in contact with the transducer face. Any modifications that are to be done to the boat to install the transducer through the hull should be made by a qualified individual.

### 3.5.3 Sea Chest

Another permanent means of transducer installation in using a sea chest. The chest is located on the inside of the hull and the transducer transmits and receives either through the hull itself or through an acoustic window. The sea chest will need to be filled with water and may need a stand pipe to provide proper pressure to the transducer to avoid cavitation. The following illustration is an example of a sea chest transducer installation.





## 4 SYSTEM OPERATION

Your PC will automatically recognize the Chirp 3200 upon power up. The SounderSuite installation CD will have installed applications shortcuts to the desktop of the PC. The EchoControl Server application needs to be started first and once running a “K” will appear in the task bar. After the EchoControl Server is running the EchoControl Client application can be started. NOTE : Running EchoControl Client will auto-run EchoControl Server. For a complete explanation on the operation of the EchoControl Server and EchoControl Client please refer to the following manual:

*SounderSuite - USB EchoControl Client (part number D101-04380)*

### 4.1 Factory Setup

The Chirp 3200 features up to four frequency agile channels that the user can configure to any frequency between 3.5 and 210kHz. The system’s operating frequencies will be preset at the factory to match a specific transducer, either supplied with purchase or requested by purchaser.

### 4.2 Basic Controls

For a complete explanation of all EchoControl Client controls please refer to the following manual:

*SounderSuite - USB EchoControl Client (part number D101-04380)*

Some of the basic controls that the user will need to understand to operate the Chirp 3200 are Tx Power, Gain, Pulse Length, Range, Phase, and Tx Blanking.

The Tx Power, Gain, and Pulse Length directly affect the strength of the output signal and thus the return echo. There are four power settings each approximately 25% of the configured total output power. The Gain can be selected manually or automatically (recommended). Shorter pulse lengths are to be used in shallow waters and longer pulse lengths in deeper water. Longer pulse lengths may be used in shallow water if the user is sub-bottom profiling.

The Range and Phase settings will tell the echosounder what the extents of the search window are. The Range determines the size of the search window and the Phase determines where in the water column to search. For example: (assuming Meters as units) Range 100 Phase 1

The search window will be from 0 to 100M. If the Phase changes to 2 the search window will shift down the water column and now be 50-150M. The same amount of information (100M) remains as the Range did not change. There is an AutoPhase control that will allow the echosounder to change to the proper phase as the bottom approaches either extent of the search window.

The Tx Blanking setting allows the user to block out any transducer ringing near the surface that may appear as a return and possibly confuse the system’s bottom tracking. The Tx Blanking can be set by observing the amount of ringing present on your data when in a primary search window (0-10, 0-50, etc).

#### 4.2.1 Shallow Water Hints

For operation in shallow water set the Power setting to 1 or 2. Set the Gain to AGC (Automatic Gain Control) and set the pulse length to its lowest setting. Make sure that the Tx Blanking settings is at a level that will function in your desired water depth. Set your Phase to 1 and your range to a level just larger than your desired water depth.

#### **4.2.2 Deep Water Hints**

For operation in deeper water you need to increase your Power to a level of 3 or 4. Leave the Gain set to AGC and increase your pulse length. The Tx Blanking setting should also be increased as the higher power and longer pulse lengths will increase the transducer ringing.

### **5 TROUBLESHOOTING**

#### **5.1 Power Indicator is Off**

Confirm proper input voltage applied to echosounder. If the input is okay then connect to PC to confirm operation. It may be that the LED has failed. If problem continues, contact Knudsen Engineering Limited.

#### **5.2 No Output to Transducer**

Confirm that the proper transducer has been connected to the echosounder. Then check the transducer cable for any bends, breaks, or other visible damage.

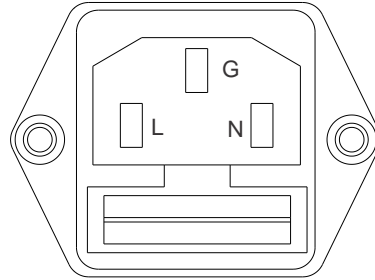
#### **5.3 No Connection to PC**

The Chirp 3200 will be automatically recognized by Windows upon successful communication. If the Power Indicator is ON but the system is not recognized by the PC then first try changing USB cables and then try a different USB port on the PC. If the problem continues, contact Knudsen Engineering Limited.

## 6 CABLE CONNECTIONS

### Input Power

Pin L - Line  
Pin N - Neutral  
Pin G - Ground

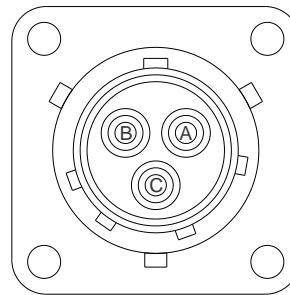


### Transmit Output

Pin A: Out +  
Pin B: Shield  
Pin C: Out -

### Mating Cable End

Manufacturer: AMPHENOL  
Part Number: MS3476W12-3P



Front View

### USB

Pin 1: Power  
Pin 2: Data +  
Pin 3: Data -  
Pin 4: Shield

