



# BWM416

## Digital Single-Axis Inclinometer Technical Manual



## Introduction

Designed by Bewis Sensing Technology LLC, BWM416 is a cost-effective single-axis inclinometer with MEMS technology and digital output. It has a measuring range of  $\pm 180^\circ$  and a full-scale accuracy of  $0.01^\circ$  and a operating temperature of  $-40^\circ\text{C}\sim+85^\circ\text{C}$ . The product uses a high-accuracy MEMS accelerometer and a high-resolution differential digital-to-analog converter with built-in automatic compensation and filtering algorithms to reduce errors caused by environmental changes. It measures the change of static gravitational field and converts it into angle change. The change directly outputs the horizontal angle value through digital mode. It has high long-term stability, small temperature drift, simple use and strong resistance to external interference. It apply to military equipment, industrial automation, surveying and mapping, etc.

## Features

- Single-axis inclination measurement
- Resolution:  $0.001^\circ$
- Product size: L90\*W40.5\*H26(mm)
- Voltage input: 9~35V
- Max accuracy:  $0.01^\circ$
- Measuring range:  $\pm 180^\circ$
- IP67 protection
- Communication: RS232/485/TTL optional

## Applications

- Industrial automatic leveling
- Medical devices
- The automatic tracking system of solar angle
- Tower tilt monitoring
- Hoisting angle control
- Structural deformation monitoring
- Measuring and mapping instrument
- Military equipment automation

## Specifications

### Electrical Specifications

| Parameters            | Conditions | Min | Typical | Max  | Units |
|-----------------------|------------|-----|---------|------|-------|
| Power supply(DC)      |            | 9   | 12      | 35   | V     |
| Operating current     | Non-loaded | 20  | 30      | 40   | mA    |
| Operating temperature |            | -40 | 25      | +85  | °C    |
| Store temperature     |            | -55 | 25      | +100 | °C    |

### Performance Specifications

| Parameters                    | Conditions              | BWM416 | Units |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|--------|-------|
| Measuring range               |                         | 0~±180 | °     |
| Measuring axis                |                         | X      |       |
| Accuracy                      | Indoor                  | 0.01   | °     |
| Resolution                    |                         | 0.001  | °     |
| Zero temperature drift        | -40~+85°C               | ±0.005 | °/°C  |
| Frequency response            | Max                     | 100    | Hz    |
| Shock resistance              | 2000g,0.5ms,3times/axis |        |       |
| N.W.                          | 150g(Exclude box)       |        |       |
| MTBF                          | ≥30000 hours/time       |        |       |
| Electromagnetic compatibility | according to GBT17626   |        |       |
| Insulation resistance         | ≥100 MΩ                 |        |       |

**Resolution:** The measured minimum change value that the sensor can detect and resolve within the measurement range.

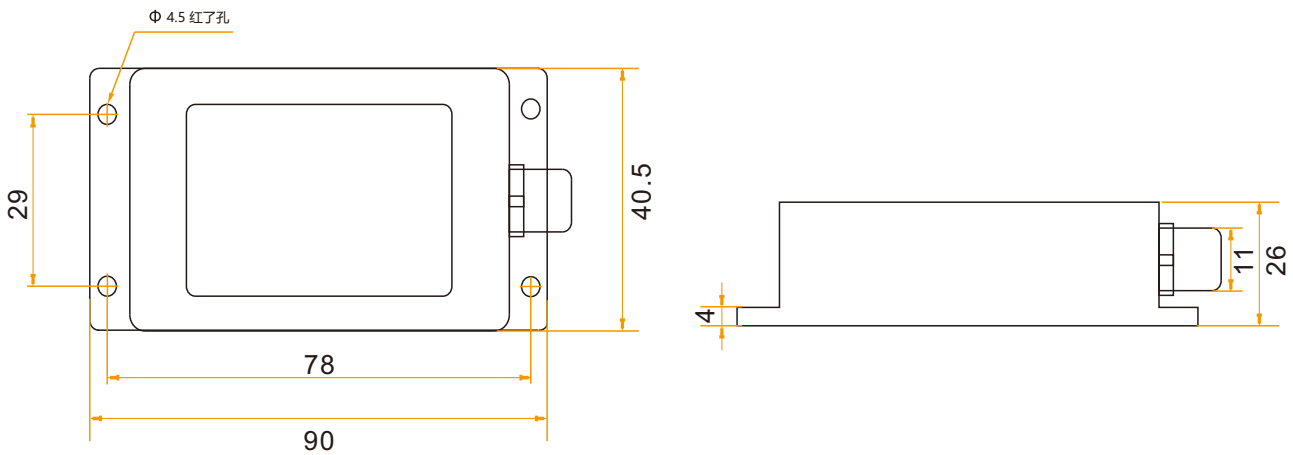
**Accuracy:** The error between the actual angle and the Root mean square(RMS) of the measured angle of the sensor (≥16 times).


**Mechanical Characteristic**

|                  |  |
|------------------|--|
| Connector        | Metal connector (standard cable is 1.5m) |
| Protection level | IP67                                     |
| Shell material   | Magnesium alloy anodizing                |
| Installation     | Four M4 screws                           |


**Package size**

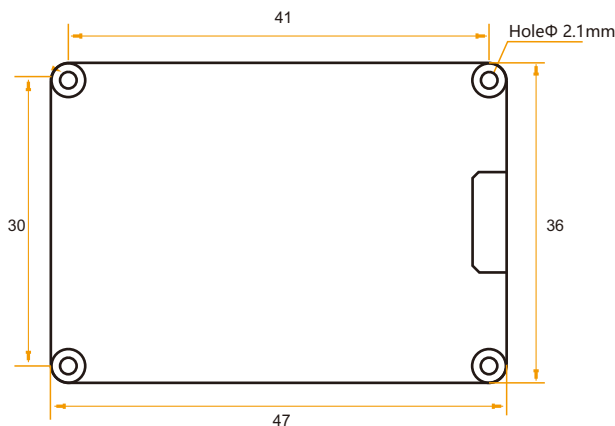
Product Size: L90\*W40.5\*H26(mm)



**Bare plate product size**

Product size: L47\*W36\*H15(mm)

**Note:**  $\pm 1$ mm error for length and width dimensions, please refer to actual size.



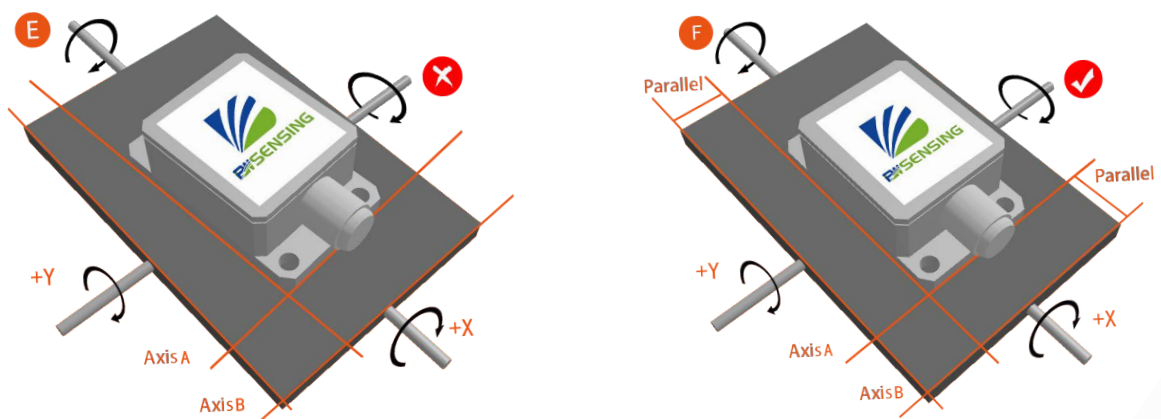
## Installation direction

This series of products can be installed vertically or horizontally, the following points should be done when installing the sensor:

First of all, to ensure that the sensor mounting surface is completely close to the measured surface, the measured surface should be as horizontal as possible, and there should be no angle shown in Figure A and Figure C. The correct installation method is shown in Figure B and Figure D.



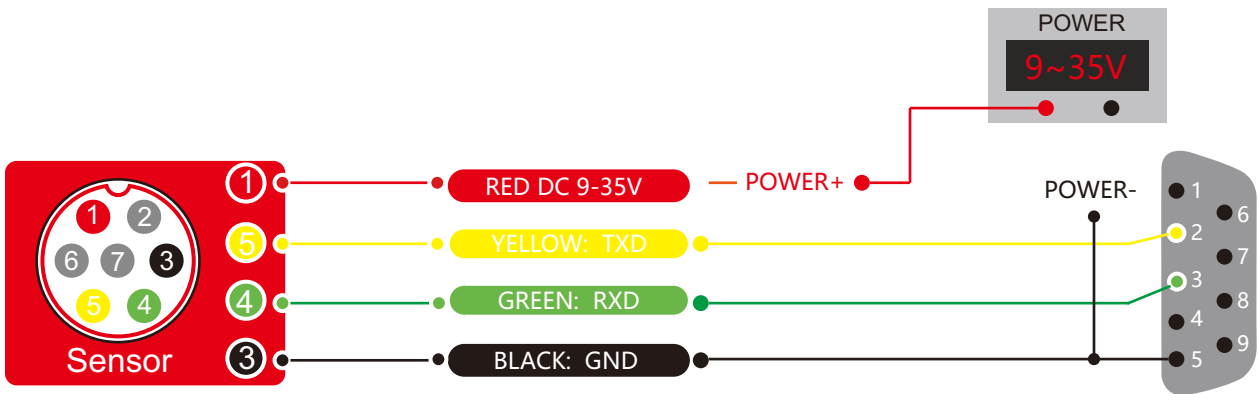
Secondly, the bottom cable of the sensor and the axis of the measured object shouldn't generate the angle shown in E. When installing, the bottom cable of the sensor should be kept parallel or orthogonal to the rotation axis of the measured object. This product can be installed horizontally or vertically (vertical installation requires customization). The correct installation method is shown in Figure F.



Finally, the installation surface of the sensor must be fixed with the measured surface tightly and smoothly, to avoid measurement error that may be caused by the acceleration and vibration.

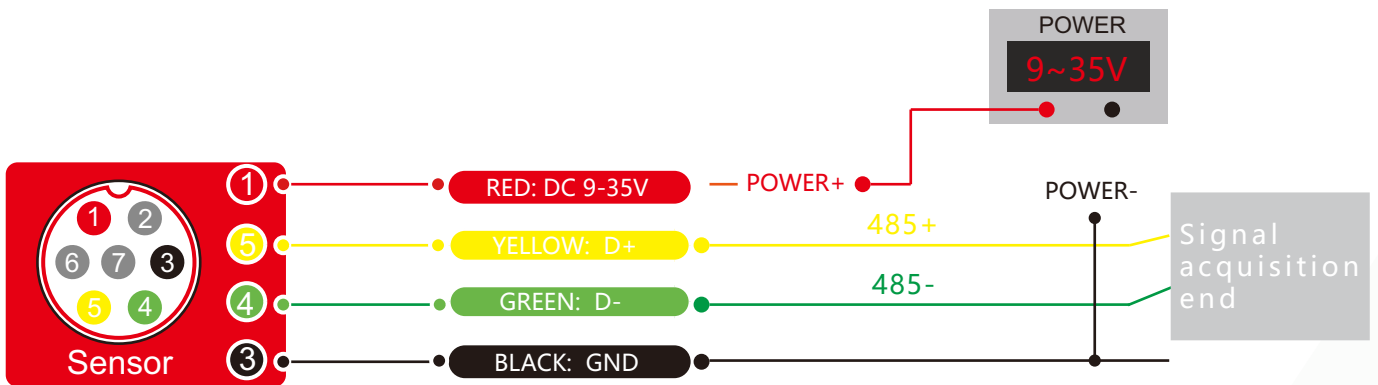
## RS232 Electrical interfaces

| Cable color & Function | RED             | BLUE | BLACK | GREEN | YELLOW |
|------------------------|-----------------|------|-------|-------|--------|
|                        | 1               | 2    | 3     | 4     | 5      |
|                        | VCC<br>DC 9-35V | NC   | GND   | RXD   | TXD    |



## RS485 Electrical interfaces

| Cable color & Function | RED             | BLUE | BLACK | GREEN | YELLOW |
|------------------------|-----------------|------|-------|-------|--------|
|                        | 1               | 2    | 3     | 4     | 5      |
|                        | VCC<br>DC 9-35V | NC   | GND   | B D-  | A D+   |



## Debug software

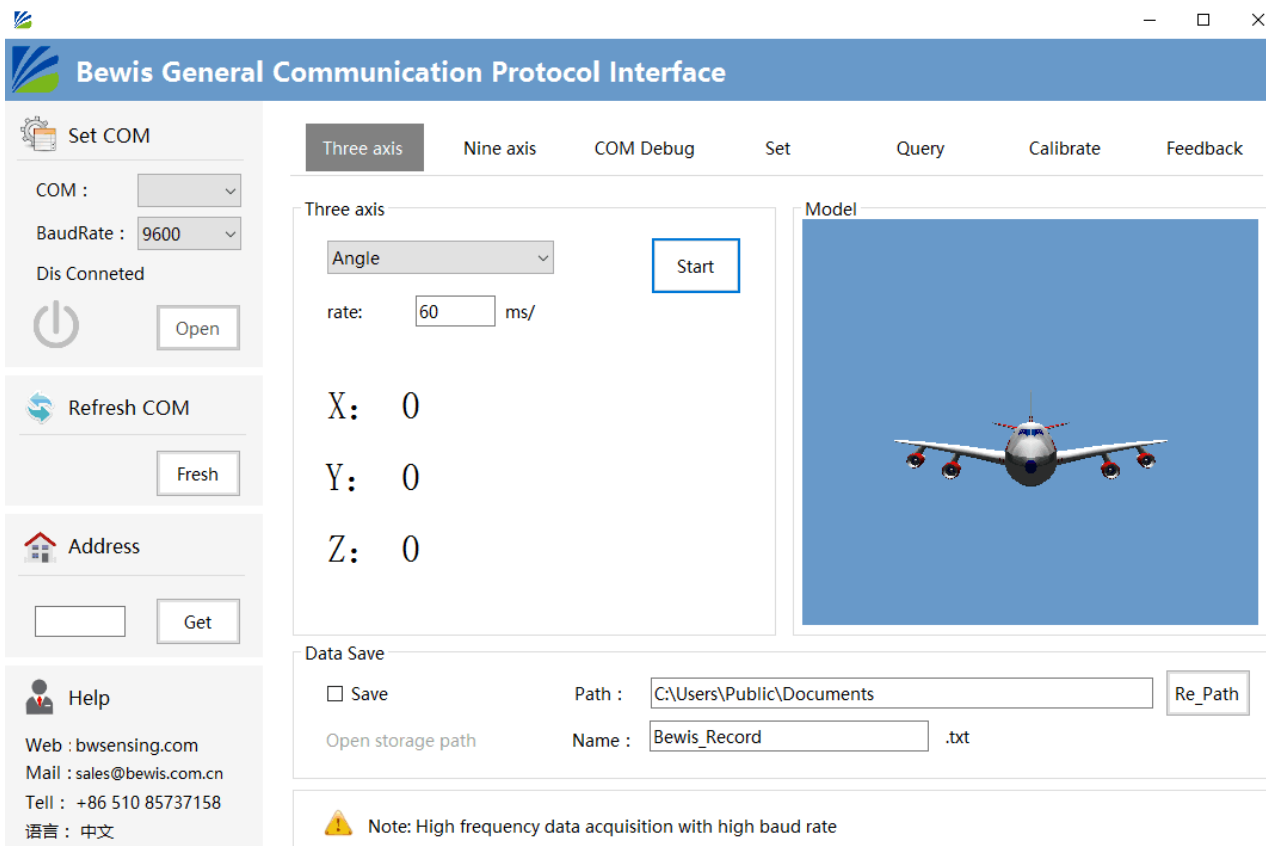
Users can directly download serial assistant on official website (Supports-Download). You can also use more convenient and intuitive PC software.

BWM416 supporting serial debugging software can be connected to the inclinometer on the computer for angle display. The software debugging interface is as shown in the figure below. Using the debug software, it can conveniently display the current X-direction tilt angle, and you can also modify and set other parameters by yourself.

### Software use steps:

- ① Correctly connect the inclinometer serial port hardware and connect the power supply.
- ② Select the computer serial port and baud rate and click connect Serial Port.
- ③ Click Start and the tilt angle of the tilter in the X direction will be displayed on the screen.

**Note:** You can switch to Chinese or English version by the bottom left button.



## Protocol

**1 Data Frame Format:** (8 data bits, 1 stop bit, No parity check, default baud rate 9600)

| Identifier (1byte) | Frame Length (1byte) | Address Code (1byte) | Command (1byte) | Data (nbyte) | Checksum (1byte) |
|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------|--------------|------------------|
| 0x77               |                      |                      |                 |              |                  |

**Data Format:** Hexadecimal

**Identifier:** Fixed to 77 (partly 68)

**Frame Length:** Length from Frame Length to Checksum (included)

**Address Code:** Address of acquiring module, default 0x00

**Data:** Content and length variable according to Command

**Checksum:** Sum of Frame Length, Address Code, Command and Data. (Please pay attention that when the command or data changes, the checksum will change.)

## 2 Command Format:

**2.1 Read angle of X axis Command: 77 04 00 01 05**

| Identifier (1byte) | Frame Length (1byte) | Address Code (1byte) | Command (1byte) | Data (0byte) | Checksum (1byte) |
|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------|--------------|------------------|
| 0x77               | 0x04                 | 0x00                 | 0x01            |              |                  |

**Command response:**

| Identifier (1byte) | Frame Length (1byte) | Address Code (1byte) | Command (1byte) | Data (4byte) | Checksum (1byte) |
|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------|--------------|------------------|
| 0x77               | 0x08                 | 0x00                 | 0x81            | SXXX.YYYY    |                  |

**Note:** Data represents 4 byte angle value in format of compressed BCD code. S is the sign bit (0 means positive, 1 means negative), XXX is the three digit integer part, YYYY is the four fractional part. The Data of other axis is the same format. For example, 10 26 87 60 means -026.8760 °.

**2.2 Set relative / absolute zero Command: 77 05 00 05 00 0A**

| Identifier (1byte) | Frame Length (1byte) | Address Code (1byte) | Command (1byte) | Data (1byte)                               | Checksum (1byte) |
|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------|--|------------------|
| 0x77               | 0x05                 | 0x00                 | 0x05            | 0x00: absolute zero<br>0x01: relative zero |                  |

**Command response:**

| Identifier (1byte) | Frame Length (1byte) | Address Code (1byte) | Command (1byte) | Data (1byte)                   | Checksum (1byte) |
|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|------------------|
| 0x77               | 0x05                 | 0x00                 | 0x85            | 0x00: success<br>0xFF: failure |                  |

**Note:** absolute zero: Based on the factory-calibrated zero point.

relative zero: Reference to the zero after the current installation.



### 2.3 Set baud rate Command: 77 05 00 0B 03 13

| Identifier (1byte) | Frame Length (1byte) | Address Code (1byte) | Command (1byte) | Data (1byte) | Checksum (1byte) |
|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------|--------------|------------------|
| 0x77               | 0x05                 | 0x00                 | 0x0B            | 0x03         | 0x13             |

#### Command response:

| Identifier (1byte) | Frame Length (1byte) | Address Code (1byte) | Command (1byte) | Data (1byte)                   | Checksum (1byte) |
|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|------------------|
| 0x77               | 0x05                 | 0x00                 | 0x8B            | 0x00: success<br>0xFF: failure |                  |

**Note:** For data, 00: 2400, 01: 4800, 02: 9600, 03: 19200, 04: 115200, Default 02:9600.

**Note:** Set baud rate to 115200 in high speed mode. When the Set baud rate command is executed successfully, the command response will be return in the original baud rate and then communicate with new baud rate.

### 2.4 Set output mode Command: 77 05 00 0C 00 11

| Identifier (1byte) | Frame Length (1byte) | Address Code (1byte) | Command (1byte) | Data (1byte)   | Checksum (1byte) |
|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------|--|------------------|
| 0x77               | 0x05                 | 0x00                 | 0x0C            | 0x00: question and answer Mode<br>0x01: 5Hz Data Rate<br>0x02: 10Hz Data Rate<br>0x03: 20Hz Data Rate<br>0x04: 25Hz Data Rate<br>0x05: 50Hz Data Rate<br>0x06: 100Hz Data Rate |                  |

**Note:** The default output mode is 00(when setting 100HZ output frequency.

Set baud rate to 115200 in high speed mode.

#### Command response:

| Identifier (1byte) | Frame Length (1byte) | Address Code (1byte) | Command (1byte) | Data (1byte)                   | Checksum (1byte) |
|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|------------------|
| 0x77               | 0x05                 | 0x00                 | 0x8C            | 0x00: success<br>0xFF: failure |                  |

**Note:** 5Hz Data Rate means that 5 sets of angle data are automatically output every second, others and so on.

### 2.5 Set address Command: 77 05 00 0F 01 15

| Identifier (1byte) | Frame Length (1byte) | Address Code (1byte) | Command (1byte) | Data (1byte) | Checksum (1byte) |
|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------|--------------|------------------|
| 0x77               | 0x05                 | 0x00                 | 0x0F            | XX Address   |                  |

#### Command response:

| Identifier (1byte) | Frame Length (1byte) | Address Code (1byte) | Command (1byte) | Data (1byte)                   | Checksum (1byte) |
|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|------------------|
| 0x77               | 0x05                 | 0x00                 | 0x8F            | 0x00: success<br>0xFF: failure |                  |

### 2.6 Query relative / absolute zero Command: 77 04 00 0D 11

| Identifier (1byte) | Frame Length (1byte) | Address Code (1byte) | Command (1byte) | Data (0byte) | Checksum (1byte) |
|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------|--------------|------------------|
| 0x77               | 0x04                 | 0x00                 | 0x0D            |              |                  |

#### Command response:

| Identifier (1byte) | Frame Length (1byte) | Address Code (1byte) | Command (1byte) | Data (1byte)                               | Checksum (1byte) |
|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------|--|------------------|
| 0x77               | 0x05                 | 0x00                 | 0x8D            | 0x00: absolute zero<br>0xFF: relative zero |                  |

Note: This command refers to whether the zero point reference used in the current state is relative zero or absolute zero.

### 2.7 Save setting Command: 77 04 00 0A 0E

| Identifier (1byte) | Frame Length (1byte) | Address Code (1byte) | Command (1byte) | Data (0byte) | Checksum (1byte) |
|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------|--------------|------------------|
| 0x77               | 0x04                 | 0x00                 | 0x0A            |              | 0x0E             |

#### Command response:

| Identifier (1byte) | Frame Length (1byte) | Address Code (1byte) | Command (1byte) | Data (1byte)                   | Checksum (1byte) |
|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|------------------|
| 0x77               | 0x05                 | 0x00                 | 0x8A            | 0x00: success<br>0xFF: failure |                  |

**Note:** If Save setting command is not executed, all setting will be invalid after power off.

### 2.8 Query address Command: 77 04 00 1F 23

| Identifier (1byte) | Frame Length (1byte) | Address Code (1byte) | Command (1byte) | Data (0byte) | Checksum (1byte) |
|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------|--------------|------------------|
| 0x77               | 0x04                 |                      | 0x1F            |              | 0x23             |

#### Command response:

| Identifier (1byte) | Frame Length (1byte) | Address Code (1byte) | Command (1byte) | Data (1byte) | Checksum (1byte) |
|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------|--------------|------------------|
| 0x77               |                      |                      | 0x1F            |              |                  |

## Ordering Information

| Product number | Way of communication | Package condition            |
|----------------|----------------------|------------------------------|
| BWM416-180-485 | RS485                | IP67 Package/Metal Connector |
| BWM416-180-232 | RS232                | IP67 Package/Metal Connector |
| BWM416-180-TTL | TTL                  | IP67 Package/Metal Connector |

## Executive standard

- Enterprise Quality System Standard: ISO9001:2008 Standard (Certificate No.:10114Q16846ROS)
- CE certification (certificate number: 3854210814)
- ROHS (certificate number: SO81426003)
- GB/T 191 SJ 20873-2003 General specifications for tiltmeters and spirit levels
- GBT 18459-2001 sensor main static performance index calculation method
- JF 1059-1999 Evaluation and Expression of Measurement Uncertainty
- GBT 14412-2005 mechanical vibration and shock mechanical installation of accelerometer
- General requirements for GJB 450A-2004 equipment reliability
- Quality control of key parts and important parts of GJB 909A
- GJB 899 Reliability Qualification and Acceptance Test
- GJB 150-3A high temperature test
- GJB 150-4A low temperature test
- GJB 150-8A rain test
- GJB 150-12A dust test
- GJB 150-16A vibration test
- GJB 150-18A impact test
- GJB 150-23A Tilt and Swing Test
- GB/T 17626-3A RF electromagnetic radiation immunity test
- GB/T 17626-5A surge (hit) impulse immunity test
- GB/T 17626-8A power frequency magnetic field immunity test
- GB/T 17626-11A voltage dips, short interruptions and voltage changes immunity

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