

LIBERTY

THE FORERUNNER IN ELECTROMAGNETIC TRACKING TECHNOLOGY

THE ABSOLUTE BEST

The fastest, most accurate, scalable electromagnetic tracker available, LIBERTY™ represents a quantum leap in new technology. State-of-the-art Digital Signal Processor (DSP) electronics make it the perfect real-time solution for six degree-of-freedom needs. LIBERTY has speed, ease-of-use via an intuitive Graphical User Interface (GUI), scalability, distortion sensing and improved signal to noise ratios which increase stability and resolution while providing consistent high quality data.

FEATURES

Update Rate

LIBERTY tracks objects at a speed of 240 updates per second, all sensors simultaneously. Latency is less than 4ms.

Scalable

Four sensors are available on the base product, LIBERTY 240/4. The addition of a single circuit board inside the same chassis creates the Liberty 240/8, for a total of eight sensor channels.

Communications Interface

LIBERTY comes standard with both an RS-232 serial interface and USB.

Distortion Sensing

Each sensor with LIBERTY is able to independently detect distortion within the environment, alerting the user to make appropriate changes if necessary.

Multiple User Definable Profiles

The GUI allows four independent user definable profiles for setting system parameters such as filtering, output formats, coordinate rotations and many more.

Multiple Output Formats

User may select position in Cartesian coordinates (English or metric); orientation in direction cosines, Euler angles or quaternions.

THE PROFESSIONAL'S CHOICE

The Forerunner in Tracking Technology

LIBERTY incorporates an unprecedented speed of 240 updates per second per sensor, the ability to upgrade from four sensor channels to eight by the addition of a single circuit board and detection distortion, all the while providing the most accurate and consistent data. With the addition of the Polhemus Stylus, LIBERTY becomes a highly accurate 3D digitizer.

Easy, Intuitive User Interface

LIBERTY comes standard with Windows 2000/XP GUI and a comprehensive, easy to use Software Developers Kit (SDK). The GUI allows four independent user definable profiles for setting system parameters such as filtering, output formats, coordinate rotations and many more. This is a valuable feature for multiple applications or users. For visualization, an integrated motion box provides navigable points of view and can include text data. Additional features include a data record/playback component, plus the capability to quickly export data via Microsoft® "Named Pipe."

A/C Magnetics: Increases Stability, Resolution, Speed and Range

Incorporating state of the art Digital Signal Processor (DSP) electronics in concert with A/C magnetics provides the user with improved signal to noise ratios which increase range, stability, resolution and speed. The system is essentially unaffected by facility power grids, and update rates are always maintained, keeping up with the voluminous rate of tracking data produced.

APPLICATIONS

Biomechanical and Sports Analysis

With an update rate of 240 Hz per sensor, LIBERTY can collect real-time relative data from the speed of a golf swing, an athlete's fast-paced movement or down-to-minute differences of movement and rotations for gait or limb movement analysis.

Virtual Reality

From the beginning, Polhemus 3SPACE® systems have been the selected choice for VR head and body tracking. LIBERTY does it all in real time.

Head Mounted Displays

Virtually eliminating all latency, LIBERTY is the highest quality solution for military, VR and simulation applications.

Dimensional Archiving and Anatomical Measurements

With the use of the Polhemus Stylus, you can collect actual dimensions of artifacts, archaeological items and museum sculptures, or compile measurements of anatomical features, body volumes, joint relationships or body contours.

Haptic or Tactile Research

LIBERTY provides highly accurate position and orientation which makes it the perfect tool for use with today's extremely sensitive haptic or tactile devices.

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TECHNICAL SUMMARY



COMPONENTS

LIBERTY includes a System Electronics Unit (SEU), one sensor and one source. You can easily expand the system by adding three additional sensors and with the factory installation of an additional circuit board, four more for a total of eight sensors.

Optional accessories include a longer range source, stylus and a variety of cable lengths for each sensor.

System Electronics Unit

Contains the hardware and software necessary to generate and sense the magnetic fields, compute position and orientation, and interface with the host computer via RS-232 or USB.

Source

The source contains electromagnetic coils enclosed in a molded plastic shell that emit magnetic fields. The source is the system's reference frame for sensor measurements.

Sensor

The sensor contains electromagnetic coils enclosed in a molded plastic shell that detect the magnetic fields emitted by the source. A lightweight, small cube, the sensors position and orientation is precisely measured as it is moved. The sensor is a completely passive device, having no active voltage applied to it.

SPECIFICATIONS

Update Rate

240 Hz per sensor, simultaneous samples

Latency

3.5 milliseconds

Number of Sensors

240/4 has 1 to 4, 240/8 has 1 to 8

I/O Ports

USB; RS232 to 115,200 Baud, both standard

Static Accuracy

0.03 in RMS for X, Y or Z position; 0.15° RMS for sensor orientation

Resolution

0.00015 in (0.038 mm) at 12 in (30 cm) range; 0.0012° orientation

Range

36 in. (90 cm) at above specifications; useful operation in excess of 72 in. (180 cm)

Multiple Systems

Provision available to operate two separate systems in same environment

Angular Coverage

All-attitude

Data format

Operator selectable ASCII or IEEE 754 binary; English/Metric Units

External Event Marker

User input flag and output marker

Output Sync Pulse

TTL frame sync output

Physical Characteristics

SEU w/power supply:

12.2 in. (31 cm) L x 7 in. (17.8 cm) W x 8.5 in. (21.6 cm) H; weight 9 lbs (4.1 kg)

Field Source:

2.3 in. (5.8 cm) L x 2.2 in. (5.6 cm) W x 2.2 in. (5.6 cm) H; weight 8.8 oz (250 gm)

Sensor:

0.9 in. (22.9 mm) L x 1.1 in. (27.9 mm) W x 0.6 in. (15.2 mm) H; weight 0.8 oz (23 gm)

Power Requirements

85-264 VAC, 47 – 440 Hz, single phase, 50 W

Regulatory

FCC Part 15, class A

CE: EN50081-1, class A, emissions

EN50082-1, class 2, immunity

EN61010, safety

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