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## TYPE SW100 PORTABLE SEAWATER REFERENCE ELECTRODE

The Silver/Silver Chloride elements in all SILVION electrodes are manufactured using an advanced technique which results in a porous silver matrix being formed around a silver wire skeleton. The matrix is then coated with precise quantities of silver/chloride to ensure:

- 1). HIGH STABILITY; 2). GREATER ACCURACY; 3). INCREASED LIFE PERFORMANCE.

The SW100 electrode casing is weighted to give more control when lowering into the seawater and to ensure minimum disturbance from tidal movement

**NOTE:**

The silver/silver chloride element in this Reference Electrode is directly exposed to the Seawater; hence these reference electrodes are not suitable for use in any other electrolyte. The potential values quoted are for seawater only will vary in brackish waters depending on the water chloride ion concentration.



**OUTER CASING**

MATERIAL .....	ACETAL
LENGTH .....	250mm
DIAMETER .....	35mm

**SILVER CHLORIDE ELEMENT**

LENGTH .....	50mm (+/- 2mm)
SECTION .....	5mm x 5mm
GEOMETRIC SURFACE AREA .....	10cm <sup>2</sup>
REAL SURFACE AREA .....	500cm <sup>2</sup>
MATERIALS .....	ALL SILVER COMPOUNDS ARE 99.9% PURE

**PERFORMANCE DATA**

STABILITY (POTENTIAL DRIFT AT CONSTANT TEMP AND ENVIRONMENT) .....	+/- 1mV (24 Hrs) @ 5 micro Amps
ACCURACY ( Vs SCE IN 3% NaCl @ 20°C).....	-5mV +/- 5mV
TEMPERATURE COEFFICIENT.....	-0.65mV/Deg C
LIFE FOR USE IN SEAWATER.....	15 YEARS
TEMP RANGE.....	-5 to 70°C

**QA/QC**

All our electrodes are fully tested, calibrated and supplied complete with a calibration certificate. They are individually identified with a unique number to ensure full traceability. All dimensions +/-1mm unless otherwise stated

NB: Under no circumstances should the reference electrode be connected directly to the structure or the electrode will self discharge and cease to operate. Minimum input impedance for the voltmeter when measuring the structure to electrolyte potential is 10 MOhm . Historical DNV guidelines have required Ag/AgCl seawater electrodes to have a potential within the range of -5mV +/- 5mV against SCE at ambient temperatures in seawater (or 3 to 3.5% sodium chloride solutions). The DNV guidelines had been based on the value measured when the SCE electrode is connected to the positive terminal of the voltmeter and the Ag/AgCl/seawater electrode connected to the negative terminal. Silvion quote reference electrode potential values on this data sheet using the electrode connection arrangement originally adopted by DNV. However, it should be noted that the values of reference electrode potential often given in published literature for the Ag/AgCl seawater electrode, when quoted with reference to or versus a SCE electrode are in fact +5mV +/- 5mV versus SCE. This is different to the value that has historically been used and quoted by DNV. The reason for the difference is the polarity of reference electrode connection affects the polarity of the potential measurement that is obtained but not its magnitude. When potential values are quoted with reference to or versus SCE, the electrode that is being used as the known voltage source e.g. SCE is connected to the negative terminal of the voltmeter and the Ag/AgCl seawater electrode under test is connected to the positive terminal of the voltmeter. The potential obtained using the latter method of electrode connection will give a potential with reference to the SCE electrode and that value would be within the range +5mV +/- 5mV.

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