

# **SeapiX**

**Installation Manual** 





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This manual is the Installation Manual for SeapiX manufactured by iXblue. It is intended for qualified installing technicians. It must be read and understood prior to using SeapiX. The manufacturer shall in no case be held liable for any application or use that does not comply with the stipulations in this manual.

It is divided into several chapters:

Part 1: Introduction

This part contains a general descrition of SeapiX and provides information about the theory of operation.

Part 2: Technical Characteristics

This part gives details on mechanical, acoustic and electrical characteristics of the SeapiX components.

Part 3: SeapiX Pack

This part details a typical SeapiX pack and its contents; it also gives some recommendations.

Part 4: Installation Process

This part details SeapiX installation process.

Part 5: SeapiX Commissioning

This part details how to set up SeapiX for the first time.

Part 6: SeapiX Configuration

This part details which parameters to set prior to using SeapiX.

Part 7: Shutdown Procedure

This part explains how to shut down SeapiX system properly.

Part 8: Software Upgrade

This part explains how to upgrade SeapiX programs.

Part 9: Preventive Maintenance

This part describes the preventive maintenance tasks.

Part 10: Troubleshooting

This part provides a table helping to solve minor problems encoutered while using SeapiX.

Part 11: Support through TeamViewer

This part provides support contacting information through TeamViewer.

Appendices

It contains the detailed drawings and diagrams.



**Warning:** SeapiX is NOT a navigation tool. SeapiX is a fishing tool and it must be used as such.

The abbreviations and acronyms used in this manual are listed hereafter.



# **Abbreviations and Acronyms**

BFU Beam Former Processor Unit

CSV Plain text format file

ETA Estimated Time of Arrival

FEBL Tool showing the Range Bearing Line

GUI Graphical Interface Unit

ITU Interface Unit

GNSS Global Navigation Satellite System (including GPS, ...)

MRU Motion Reference Unit

RX Reception

SAT Sonar Axial Tiltable mode

SATA Data transfer format

SAU Sonar Antenna Unit

SAV Sonar Axial Volumetric mode

SED Single Echo Detection

SLI Sonar Lateral Imaging mode

STT Sonar Transverse Tiltable mode

STV Sonar Transverse Vertical mode

SV Scattered Volume; in acoustics, fish shoal measurement mode (in dB)

TS Target Strength; in acoustics, single fish measurement mode (in dB)

TX Transmission

VPU Viewer Processor Unit



# **Text Usage**

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Courrier Text in this font denotes text or characters that you should enter

from the keyboard, the proper names of disk Drives, paths,

directories, programs, functions, filenames and extensions.

Italic ltalic text is the result of an action in the procedures. It is also

used for referencing to other document titles.

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The **Note** icon indicates that the following information is of particular interest and should be read with care.

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The **Important** mention indicates that the following information should be read to forbid or prevent a product dysfunction or a faulty operation of the equipment.



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The **Warning** icon indicates that possible personal injury or death could result from failure to follow the provided recommendation.



The **Advanced/Expert** icon indicates that the described procedure/action is reserved to advanced level of operation.



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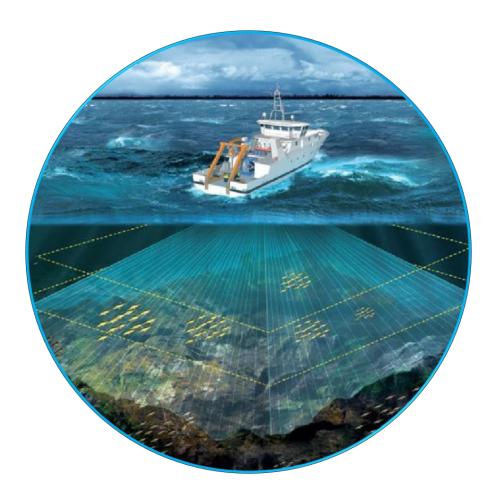


### 1 Introduction

# 1.1 SeapiX System Overview

SeapiX is a volumetric 3D Sonar dedicated to the fishing industry. It provides a realistic fish evaluation together with a full ecosystem description. Composed of a dual Mills Cross multibeam sonar array, this compact system is able to generate one or more scan swaths along or across a vessel axis. The result is a total three-dimensional coverage of the water column; it also provides a bathymetric profile of the seabed and the identification of the sediment type.

SeapiX is connected to the vessel navigation system for real-time geo-referenced data generation. it is used with SeapiX Surface Software for configuration, control and visualization of data.





# 1.2 SeapiX Principle

SeapiX is a volumetric multibeam echosounder which can operate:

- downward-looking,
- forward-looking,
- side-looking.

Each multibeam swath is proposed along and across the vessel track (is either "axial" or "transverse"). Swaths are tiltable to control the biomass all around the vessel. For each swath, 3 echogram sectors are formed from 1° to 120° beam aperture.

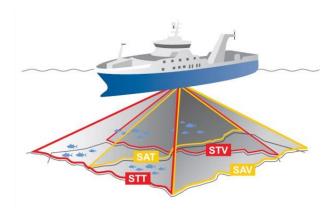
On board a fishery vessel, the skipper watches the shoal behavior and steers the vessel to perform catches.



Warning: SeapiX is NOT a navigation tool. SeapiX is a fishing tool and it must be used as such.

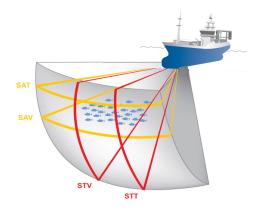


### 1.2.1 DOWNWARD-LOOKING SWATH



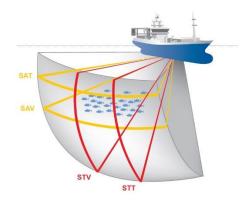
Downward-looking swath (axial & transverse)

### **1.2.2** FORWARD-LOOKING SWATH



Forward-looking swath (axial & transverse)

### 1.2.3 SIDE-LOOKING SWATH



Side-looking swath (axial & transverse)



Axial swaths correspond to SAT or SAV sonar modes.

Transverse swaths correspond to STT or STV sonar modes.



# 2 Technical Characteristics

Seapix is available in 3 versions:

- SeapiX-F for fishery
- SeapiX-R for fishery research
- SeapiX-L for marine science and fish farming

# 2.1 SeapiX-F

SeapiX-F is dedicated to the fish industry and is installed on fishery vessels.



SeapiX-F SAU

Applications	Fishery		
requency	150 kHz		
<b>d</b> odulation	CW and Chirp		
cross-track multibeam swath	64 channels, stabilized		
long-track multibeam swath	64 channels, stabilized		
eam stabilization	TX + RX, built-in MRU		
eam resolution	1.6° angular / 7.5 cm radial		
iple echograms from all swaths	Adjustable from 1° to 120° each		
pical range	Biomass 400m, Bathymetry 600 m		
lume resolution	0,6 m³ @100 m		
lume coverage	120° X 120°		
nal processing	SV, TS, NORMALIZED		
D fish extraction	Up to 200.000 single fish detection		
ansmission power	2 kW (4 kW as an option)		
cientific pack	(option)		
onar Antenna Unit (SAU) cable	20 m		
AU weight	61.5 kg		



# 2.2 SeapiX-R

SeapiX-R is dedicated to fishery research and is installed on large fishery research vessels.



SeapiX-R SAU

Applications	Fishery research		
requency	150 kHz		
odulation	CW and Chirp		
cross-track multibeam swath	64 channels, stabilized		
ong-track multibeam swath	64 channels, stabilized		
am stabilization	TX + RX, built-in MRU		
eam resolution	1.6° angular / 7.5 cm radial		
ple echograms from all swaths	Adjustable from 1° to 120° each		
pical range	Biomass 400 m, Bathymetry 600 m		
lume resolution	0,6 m³ @100 m		
ume coverage	120° X 120°		
gnal processing	SV, TS, NORMALIZED		
D fish extraction	Up to 200.000 single fish detection		
ansmission power	4 kW		
ientific pack	yes		
nar Antenna Unit (SAU) cable	20 m		
NU weight	61.5 kg		



# 2.3 SeapiX-L

SeapiX-L is a mobile research version dedicated to marine Science and fish Farming; it can be mounted on a pole and used on an "opportunity vessel".



SeapiX-L SAU

Applications	Marine science and fish farming	
Frequency	150 kHz	
Modulation	CW and Chirp	
Across-track multibeam swath	64 channels, stabilized	
Along-track multibeam swath	64 channels, stabilized	
Beam stabilization	TX + RX, built-in MRU	
Beam resolution	1.6° angular / 7.5 cm radial	
Triple echograms from all swaths	Adjustable from 1° to 120° each	
Typical range	Biomass 400m, Bathymetry 600 m	
Volume resolution	0,6 m³ @100 m	
/olume coverage	120° X 120°	
Signal processing	SV, TS, NORMALIZED	
SED fish extraction	Up to 200.000 single fish detection	
Transmission power	2 kW (4 kW as an option)	
Scientific pack	yes	
Sonar Antenna Unit (SAU) cable	20 m	
SAU weight	24 kg, floating	



# 3 SeapiX Pack

### 3.1 Pack Contents

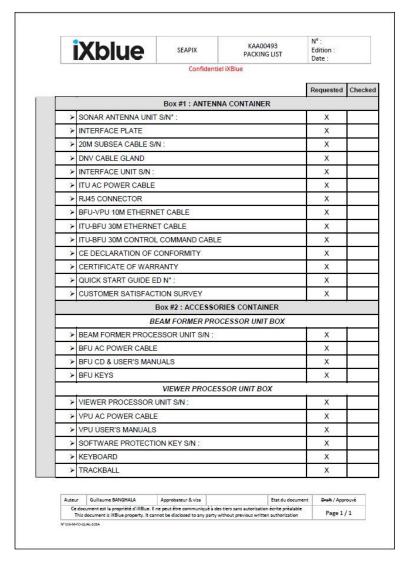
The shipping pack contains a Packing List detailing all delivered items. This Packing List has been completed and checked for by iXblue shortly before shipment and should match the content of the pack that you have received.



#### **CAUTION: PACK NON-CONFORMITY OR DAMAGE**

It is recommended to check the content of the pack and all equipment items immediately after reception. Specifically, you should check that all items referred to in the Packing List are present and that none has sustained damage.

If you observe any non-conformity or damage, please inform the carrier and iXblue without delay by certified mail describing in detail the problem encoutered.



**Example of a SeapiX Packing List** 





### **CAUTION: DO NOT LOSE ANY SMALL PACK ITEM**

Before disposing of the packaging, carefully check that no small pack item - such as a key or a dongle – has been left; otherwise, it would prevent the system from working.

If any part is lost at that stage, you will have to order and pay for it.

# 3.2 Description of the Pack Items

ltem	Reference	Designation
either	SMI01628	Sonar Antenna Unit (SAU) for SeapiX-F and SeapiX-R
including	MDI04776	SAU ring (interface plate)
or	SMI04796	Sonar Antenna Unit (SAU) for SeapiX-L
optional	MDI07607	Mounting flange
SEARS BARRIES SUB	SMI01632	Interface Unit (ITU) + AC power cable
iXblue	SEL00140	Beam Former Processor Unit (BFU) + 2 sets of keys (front door & disk lock-up) + USB to RS-232 converter cable + AC power cable
iXblue	SMI02373	Viewer Processor Unit (VPU) + AC power cable

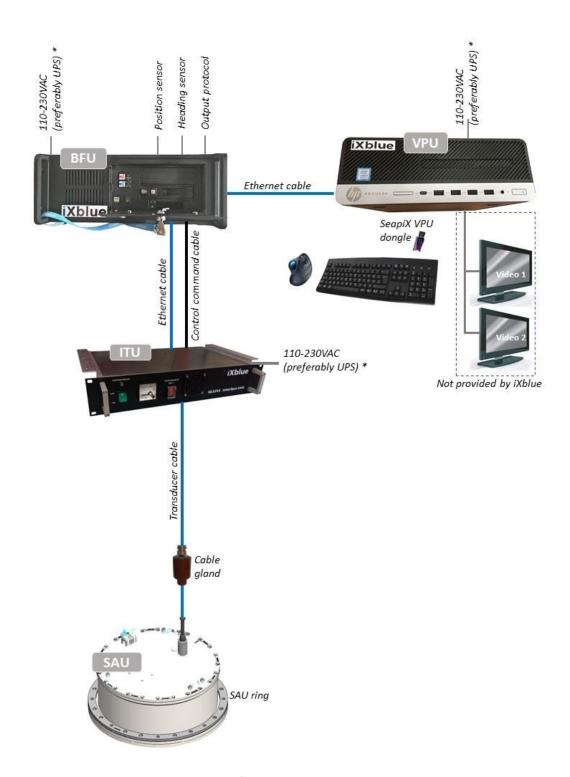


		Wireless QWERTY Keyboard (for VPU)
		Wireless Trackball (for VPU)
	SCA00162206-A	Transducer Cable (20 m)
	(former ref: SCA00130)	
	SME00573	Cable Gland
	SCA00132	ITU-BFU Ethernet Cable (30 m)
	SCA00131	ITU-BFU Control Command Cable (30 m)
	IOP00122	SeapiX VPU Dongle
	FCO00212	BFU-VPU Ethernet Cable (10 m)
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# 4 Installation Process

This chapter explains how to connect the different units together and how to interface with the vessel ancillaries and servitudes.



**Simplified SeapiX architecture** 

<sup>\*</sup> UPS is recommended to protect electronic devices. The UPS model must have a 'pure sine' output. Other output wave forms are not SeapiX compatible.



### 4.1 Installation Checklist

As part of the Installation process, a checklist must be completed (see next two pages).



#### CAUTION: INSTALLATION CHECKLIST TO BE DETACHED AND COMPLETED

When setting up your SeapiX, the Installation Checklist must be completely filled in and sent back to iXblue. This is compulsory.

Otherwise, your SeapiX system will not be covered by iXblue warrantee.

Fill in the Installation Checklist (see next two pages):

- Enter names and references
- Circle the correct answers when there are Y / N (yes or no) proposals
- Complete your answer with photo(s) when there is a camera icon:
  - tion icon: +--
- Complete your answer with screenshot(s) when there is a selection icon:
- Check the boxes when the operation (either check or installation) described has been done
- Make comments, if any
- Enter your ID, date it and sign it.

When the Installation Checklist has been filled in, scan it (both sides).

Gather all your photos and screenshots in a folder, add the scanned checklist, then compress it all (make a zip file).

#### Send a mail to ix-support-seapix@ixblue.com:

 Subject: "Installation Checklist / NameOfShip / Date", and attach the zip file.



Fill in the form. 

— Make a photo. 

— Make a screenshot. 

Then e-mail it all to ix-support-seapix@ixblue.com

Vessel Information 🔯					
Name:	Gross Tonnage:				
IMO:	Length:				
MMSI:	Skipper Name:				
Call Sign:	Contact:				
Flag:	TeamViewer ID:				
Home port:	Y / N: The vessel is connected to internet				
Mechanical installation (hull-mounted)					
Type:					
o Downward					
<ul> <li>Side (port/starboard)</li> </ul>					
Y / N: An anti-fooling has been applied	to the SAU, ref				
☐ Position on hull: 🔯					
Onboard source interferences:	-				
Grease has been applied on transdu	cer cable connector 🔯				
The SAU has been installed in a part	not exposed to slamming				
Screws and washers are in A4-70 ma	terial				
The transducer cable is securely atta	ched to the SAU antenna 🔯				
The SAU is protected by anodes loca	ted outside and inside the hull				
Anodes are in water and electrically	linked to the SAU 🏻 🔯				
☐ The SAU is fully immerged, surrounding water is flowing					
Electrical installation					
ITU Location: 👩					
Y / N: The ITU is powered by UPS, ref					
Y / N: ITU Sync is used (master / slave / RTC)					
☐ "ITU Maintenance Only" button is in OFF position					
BFU Location: "증					
Y / N: The BFU is powered by UPS, ref					
BFU-ITU distance:					
Y / N: The BFU-ITU Ethernet cable is an iXblue deliverable					
Y / N: The BFU-ITU Control command cable is an iXblue deliverable					
VPU Location: [6]					
Y / N: The VPU is powered by UPS, ref					
Y / N: The BFU-VPU cable is an iXblue d	eliverable				

Installation Checklist (page 1/2)





VPU Screens Configuration				
☐ Screen #1: VPU graphical bo	ard port:	; Model:	;Resolu	ition:
Y / N: Screen #2 : VPU graphica	; Model:	;Resolu	ıtion:	
Y / N: Screen #3 : VPU mother	ooard port:	; Model:	;Resolu	ution:
Y / N: Screen #4: VPU motherk	ooard port:	; Model:	;Resolu	ution:
(VPU port: HDMI	/ DVI / VGA /)			
Checkup, Commissioning and				
Y / N: Assisted by iXBlue techni	ician - name:			
□ The SAU is in the water (do not continue if not) □ All SeapiX elements have been installed, tested and connected properly □ The power supply voltage has been checked and the power cords connected □ Check that the ITU is shut down □ Power on the BFU □ Power on the ITU □ Power on the VPU □ Configure the offsets and check them †				
☐ Set the inputs and check the	em: []	Dt-C6:-		
☐ Heading (port )		_	Port Configuration: Port A	
Attitude (port )			Port B	
☐ Heave (port )	Port			
	Position (port )			
☐ Set the outputs and check t		Port	0	
□ VPU Dongle is inserted, ref.				
Launch SeapiX Software				
☐ Ping? Preferred settings acc	ording to fishery	/r		
Crew Training: The following instructions have been given to the crew members  Do not power up the ITU while in the air Before dry docking, switch off the ITU Check the anodes every 6 months Power up and down the system				
Remarks:				
Installed by:   ☐ I hereby certify that the information supplied				
Date: above is co		•		
Location:				
Signature:				

Installation Checklist (page 2/2)



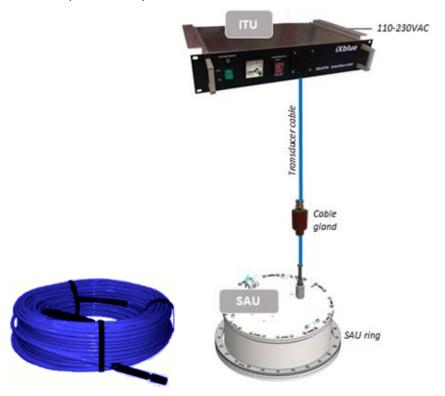
# 4.2 Cabling and Wiring



#### CAUTION: CRITICAL DAMAGE TO SEAPIX IN CASE OF WRONG WIRING

Wiring shall be made by qualified persons. Any error may induce critical damages to the SeapiX system and/or equipment onboard the vessel.

### **4.2.1** TRANSDUCER CABLE (SAU←)ITU)



The transducer cable ensures the powering and the synchronization between the SAU and the ITU, and the data communication between the SAU and the BFU - through the ITU. It has been designed and built to work in vessel environment and shall be carefully manipulated and installed to avoid any system malfunction. The following characteristics and constraints shall be considered.



# CAUTION: DAMAGE TO THE TRANSDUCER CABLE IF EXCESSIVE STRESS OR TENSION OR IF NOT PROPERLY SECURED

No excessive stress or tension shall apply on the transducer cable.

It shall be secured in such a way that it does not get damaged during cruise in rough conditions.



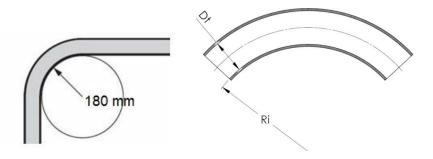
#### CAUTION: FOR OPERATIONAL REASONS, NEVER CUT A TRANSDUCER CABLE

When installing a transducer cable within a pipe, it may happen that the pipe is too narrow, and you could be tempted to cut the cable to facilitate the cable path. Please note that it is prohibited to cut the cable as it is part of the EMC protection.

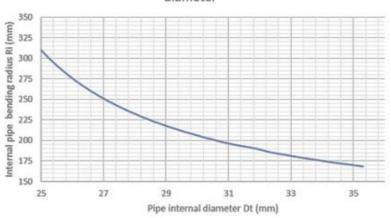
If any cable size issue, please contact iXblue Support.



### 4.2.1.1 Bending Radius

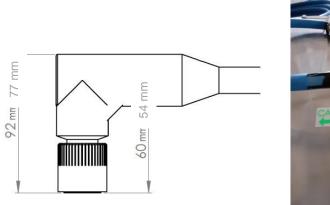


Installation pipe bending radius vs pipe internal diameter



### 4.2.1.2 Connectors

On SAU side, the connector is un/pluggable underwater.





Transducer connector, SAU side

A fluorescent "CABLE" sticker indicates the way the connector shall be positioned.



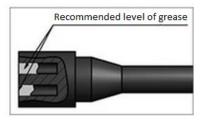
Before plugging, please follow the cable manufacturer's recommendations.

 Grease the connectors with Molykote 44 Medium (or Novagard Versilube G624) before mating.

A layer of grease corresponding to approximately 1/3 of the socket depth should be applied to the female connector.

All sockets should be completely sealed, and a transparent layer of grease left visible on the connector face.





2. After greasing, fully mate the male and female connectors and remove any excess grease from the connector joint.

On ITU side, the connector's dimensions shall be considered when the cable is running through tubes inside the hull.



To plug the cable onto the ITU, please note that the red dot on top of the cable connector needs to match the red dot on top of the transducer port on the ITU:





Transducer connector, ITU side

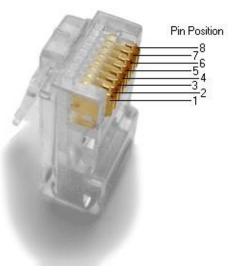


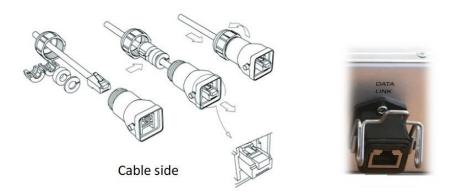
### **4.2.2** ETHERNET CABLES (ITU↔BFU AND BFU↔VPU)



Both Ethernet cables (ITU↔BFU and BFU↔VPU) shall be terminated during the installation as per the following instructions.







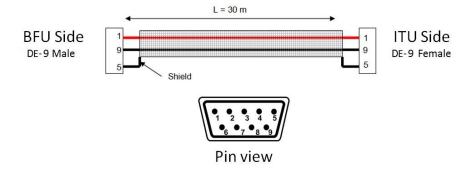
Ethernet cable locking system onto the Interface unit (ITU)



### **4.2.3** CONTROL COMMAND CABLE (ITU↔BFU)



ITU↔BFU Control Command cable shall be terminated during the installation as per the following instructions.





# 4.3 Checking the System before Installing

We advise you to check the system before installing SeapiX on board the vessel. This operation shall be done in a clean, dust-free and protected room. Please go to next chapters and run <u>SeapiX Commissioning</u> (chapter <u>5</u>) and <u>SeapiX Configuration</u> (chapter <u>6</u>).

If any anomalies, it will be detected during the check. iXblue recommands to perform it with its Support Service through **TeamViewer** (see <u>Support through TeamViewer</u>, chapter <u>11</u>).

In the example below, the SAU is immersed for testing into a (green) water tank. We suggest test sequences no less than 15mn long.



Typical test bench including a water tank



# 4.4 Installing SeapiX Antenna Unit (SAU)

To help for assembly, refer to SAU drawings from design office appended in <u>Mechanical</u> and Electrical Drawings:

- For any details about SeapiX-F or SeapiX-R antenna, go to PLA02664 AG.
- For any details about SeapiX-L antenna, go to PLA14711-AA.

#### **4.4.1** Considering the Slamming

Please note that the SAU must always be fully immersed – whatever the vessel's motion.



#### **CAUTION: SLAMMING COULD DAMAGE THE ANTENNA (SAU)**

The SAU must be installed in a part not exposed to slamming.

There is a risk the SAU could be distorted - which would not be covered by iXblue warrantee.

If any slamming risk, it is under the installer's / shipyard's responsability. Please refer to  $\underline{4.1}$  Installation Checklist and the following box to check:

☐ The SAU has been installed in a part not exposed to slamming

#### **4.4.2** Cooling Down the SAU

Please note that the SAU must always be fully immersed.



#### **CAUTION: DAMAGE TO THE ANTENNA (SAU)**

When using SeapiX, as the SAU is cooled down by thermal dissipation on its rear face, it is mandatory to have the SAU completely immersed all the time and to insure enough water flow.

There is a risk the SAU electronics could be damaged because of overheating - which would not be covered by iXblue warrantee.

### **4.4.3** Corrosion Protection of the SAU

SeapiX SAU is made of marine grade stainless steel (SAE 316 L). When immersed, it shall be protected against corrosion by anodes:

- an anode is positioned on the SAU rear face,
- a witness anode is positioned on the SAU front face, oriented to the back to avoid turbulences.



#### **CAUTION: SAU CORROSION IF WORN ANODES**

The customer must ensure the anode protection efficiency and its maintainance over time.

Lack of protection may result in severe damage to the SAU and would not be covered by iXblue warranty.



Please refer to 4.1 Installation Checklist:

The following boxes must be checked:

- ☐ The SAU is protected by anodes located outside and inside the hull
- ☐ Anodes are in water and electrically linked to the SAU ☐

Then

☐ Check the anodes every 6 months

See also ANODES table in 9 Preventive Maintenance.

### **4.4.4** HULL-MOUNTING AN SAU STEP BY STEP

#### Step Action

1. Check that the mounting flange has been welded to the boat's hull to host the SAU.

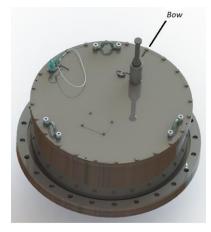




2. Position the plastic ring on the SAU and screw it:



3. Check the orientation of the SAU: the indicator located on the SAU rear side shall be pointing towards the bow. There is also a fluorescent arrow on the SAU front face.



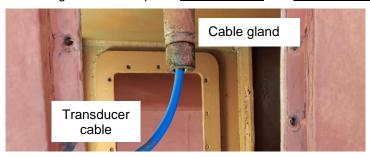


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#### Step Action

4. Pass the transducer cable through the hull. To tighten it and ensure watertightness, use iXblue-delivered cable gland: refer to plans <u>PLA05712 AA</u> and <u>PLA06149 AA</u>.



Caution

The installation of the cable gland and its qualification are under the shipyard/customer responsability. The cable gland delivered has been designed for steel hull configuration.

5. Connect the transducer cable onto the SAU; screw it completely but without forcing.



Refer to plan <u>00162207-A</u> and to <u>4.2.1 Transducer Cable (SAU↔ITU)</u> to have information on the authorized bending radius and the connectors' lubrication and screwing.

6. Clip the cable into the SAU clipping device then attach it with tie-wraps all along the compartment to prevent excessive movement during operations.





7. Fix the SAU onto the ship's hull, inside the mouting flange: using a flat wrench and an Allen wrench, screw the eight (8) M10-screws and washers (inox A4-70). The appropriate torque is  $30N.m \pm 10\%$ .



### **Important**

The SAU installation can be done in dry dock or by divers.

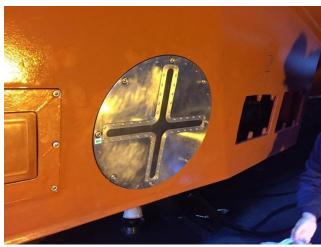


### 4.4.4.1 Views of Hull-Mounted Antennas

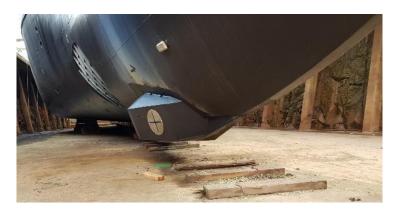
The antenna (SeapiX-F or SeapiX-R SAU) can be installed in different places on a ship's hull; it can be **side-looking** or **down-looking**.

Here are a few examples of **side-looking** antennas:





Side keel blister



Side blister



Bulb



# Here are a few examples of **downward-looking** antennas:





Side blister



Side keel blister



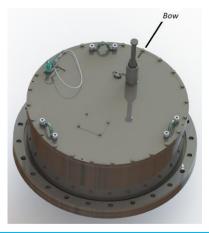
### **4.4.5** POLE-MOUNTING AN SAU STEP BY STEP

## Step Action

1. Position the plastic ring on the SAU and screw it: refer to PLA02664 AG



2. Check the orientation of the SAU: the indicator located on the SAU rear side shall be pointing towards the bow. There is also a fluorescent arrow on the SAU front face.





3. Connect the transducer cable:



- refer to plan <u>00162207-A</u> and to <u>4.2.1 Transducer Cable (SAU↔ITU)</u> to have information on the authorized bending radius and the connectors' lubrication.
- Screw it completely without forcing.
- 4. Using brackets, fix the SAU to the interface.
- 5. Let the transducer cable run through the pole and attach the interface to the pole.



Steps 4 and 5 are not under iXblue responsability.



## 4.4.5.1 Views of Pole-Mounted Antennas

## Examples of pole-mounted SAUs:









# 4.5 Installing the Interface Unit (ITU)

Once connected to the SAU, passed through the hull and tightened by a cable gland, the transducer cable must be connected to the Interface Unit (ITU).

#### **Location**

The ITU is installed either in a dedicated sonar room or into a technical room, fairly close to the SAU (transducer cable length = 20 m).



#### CAUTION: CLEARANCE SPACE NEEDED AT THE REAR OF THE ITU

Enough space shall be available at the rear of the ITU for cable connections



The connectors are located at the back of the ITU:

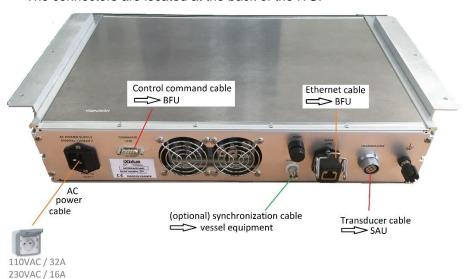


Figure 1 - ITU back face and connections

- The ITU power cable is plugged into a 110VAC or 230VAC electrical outlet.
- The ITU-BFU control command cable with DE-9 female termination on ITU side is connected to the DE-9 male port (labeled COMMAND LINK).
- The ITU-BFU Ethernet cable is connected to the RJ45 port (labeled DATA LINK) which
  is secured by a clipping system.
- The transducer cable from the SAU is connected to the Fischer port (labeled TRANSDUCER) – both red dots matching upwards.



# 4.6 Installing the Beam Former Unit (BFU)

Once connected to the ITU, the control command and Ethernet cables have been connected to the Beam Former Unit (BFU).

#### Location

The BFU is installed on the bridge, often close to the VPU.



The connectors are located at the back of the BFU:



Figure 2 - BFU back face and connections

- The BFU power cable is plugged into a 110VAC or 230VAC electrical outlet.
- The ITU-BFU control command cable with DE-9 male termination on BFU side is connected to the DE-9 female port (labeled CMD LINK).
- The ITU-BFU Ethernet cable is connected to the Ethernet port (labeled LAN ITU).
- The USB-to-RS-232 converter cable linked to vessel equipment for navigation: e. g. GPS and Heading sensor - is connected to a USB port (labeled USB TO SERIAL PORTS).
- The BFU-VPU Ethernet cable is connected to the Ethernet port (labeled LAN VPU).



# 4.7 Installing the Viewer Processor Unit (VPU)

Once connected to the BFU, the Ethernet cable has been connected to the Viewer Processor unit (VPU).

#### Location

The VPU is installed on the bridge.



The connectors are located at the back of the VPU:

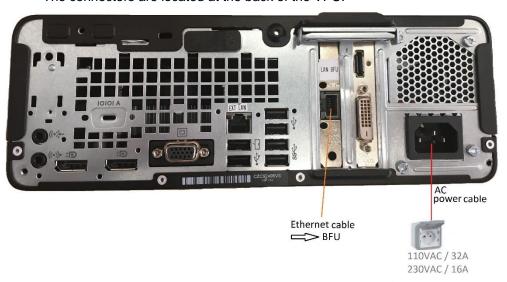


Figure 3 - VPU back face and connections

- The VPU power cable is plugged into a 110VAC or 230VAC electrical outlet.
- The BFU-VPU Ethernet cable is connected to the RJ45 port (labeled LAN BFU).
- An Ethernet cable to connect to the vessel network is inserted into the RJ45 port (labeled EXT LAN).
- 2 USB keys for the wireless keyboard and trackball are inserted into 2 USB ports or just 1 USB key for both is inserted into either port.
- The SeapiX VPU dongle is inserted into any USB port.



In case the VPU back face would not be easy to reach, please note that ports are available on its front face.



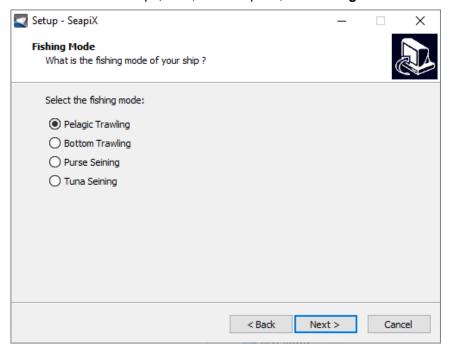
### **4.7.1** SEAPIX SOFTWARE INSTALLATION

SeapiX software has been factory-installed and set for a specific use (a fishing mode). If needed to reinstall it – for instance to change settings – go to 4.7.2.

### **4.7.2** SEAPIX SOFTWARE REINSTALLATION

SeapiX software can be reinstalled on a VPU.

Follow the different steps; then, at some point, the **Fishing Mode** window will open:



You can select only 1 fishing mode out of 4. Check the fishing mode used on the vessel:

- Pelagic Trawling (PT), or
- Bottom Trawling (BT), or
- Purse Seining (PS), or
- Tuna Seining (TS).

Then click **Next >** to finish up the software installation.

#### **Important**

To get the reinstallation procedure, please contact SeapiX Support.



# 5 SeapiX Commissioning

When SeapiX is used for the first time, follow the step-by-step commissioning process described below:



**Warning:** Before proceeding, make sure that the SAU is in the water. Otherwise, severe damage can occur to SeapiX system.

#### Step Action

- Check that the different elements of the SeapiX system have been tested, installed and connected properly: see 4 Installation Process.
- 2. Check the power supply voltage and connect the power cords.
- 3. Check that the ITU is shut down.
- 4. Power on the BFU.
- 5. Power on the **ITU**.

The **ITU** shall start: on its front face, the **blue LED** switches on and a **peak consumption** (up to 10A) is visible on the current indicator.



- 6. Power on the **VPU**. At that stage, SeapiX is ready to be configured.
- 7. Check that the VPU dongle is inserted.
- 8. Configure the Offsets and the Inputs / Outputs and check them (see <u>SeapiX</u> <u>Configuration</u>).
- From Windows® desktop on the VPU, double-click the SeapiX icon to launch SeapiX software:





10. In the Welcome to SeapiX window which opens, select Administrator as the User - and a Password, if needed:



Click **OK** to validate.

11. From the main menu on top of the display, select **SeapiX** > **Service information** to check the connection status.

**Note**: If any **No Connections** text shows in red, please check the BFU-to-VPU connection (see <u>Troubleshooting</u>).



To use SeapiX software, refer to **SeapiX Operation Manual**, SeapiX Graphical User Interface (GUI) section.



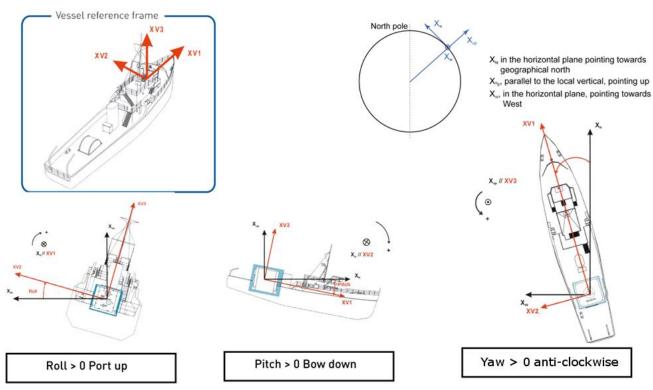
# 6 SeapiX Configuration

Connect to the web via a browser - Chrome for instance — then type in 192.168.16.9:8989

A program opens which lets you set different controls: start with the **Offsets** tab, then the **Inputs** tab and the **Outputs** tab. You can then check them all through **Main controls** tab.

# 6.1 Setting the Offsets

### **6.1.1** OFFSET CONVENTIONS



Where, in SeapiX menu, LV1 = XV1, LV2 = XV2 and LV3 = XV3.

### **6.1.2** OFFSETS MENU

Click **OFFSETS** to open the following window:





All distance values are defined as compared with a Central Reference Point (CRP), which can be the vessel CoG.



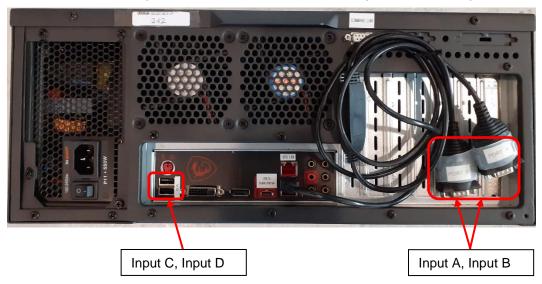
Before filling in the offset values, make sure the SeapiX is not pinging.

- Roll, Pitch and Heading angular values correspond to the installation angles of SeapiX as compared to the vessel axes.
- LV1, LV2 and LV3 metric values correspond to SeapiX position the distance between the SAU central point and the CRP, projected in the vessel frame.
- CRP depth metric value corresponds to the immersion value of the reference point (positive values increasing as going deeper).

When all settings are done, click **OK** to validate.

# 6.2 Setting the Inputs

SeapiX system uses the navigation information from the vessel in order to geo-reference data. These inputs are connected to the BFU serial ports or Ethernet port:



- Inputs A and B are the serial ports provided.
- Inputs C and D will only be used If a 3<sup>rd</sup> or a 4<sup>th</sup> port is needed, after connecting a USB-to-single-serial port converter.

Inputs A, B, C and D can also be configured as Ethernet ports, if they are not used as serial ports.



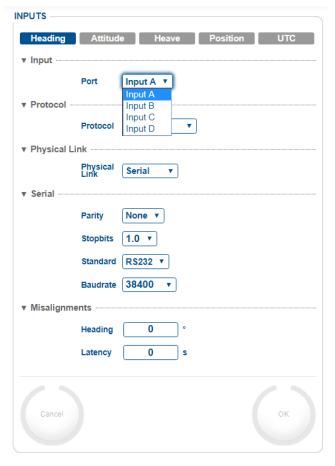
#### **CAUTION: RISK OF SYSTEM CRASH IF WRONG INPUT DATA**

The recurrence of navigation data incoming on the BFU must be between 1 Hz (1 value per second) and 10 Hz (10 values per second).

Outside this range, there is a risk that the system would crash or behave unexpectedly.



### Inputs Heading tab lets you set the connections:



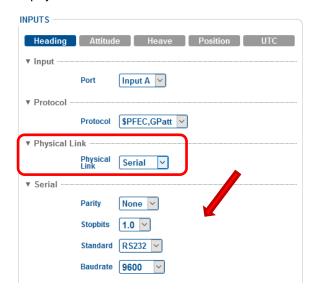
#### Choose a Protocol among:

- \$PFEC,GPatt
- \$xxHDT

Select on which device the data will be transmitted in the Physical Link drop-down list:

• Serial or Ethernet: data is transmitted via the serial or the Ethernet stream

### When Serial physical link is selected:





Set the following parameters:

• Parity: from None, Even, or Odd

• **Stopbits**: from 1.0 or 2.0

Standard: electric standard for serial output (RS232)

Baudrate: from 4800 bauds up to 115200 bauds

When Ethernet physical link is selected:



Set the following parameters:

- Transport Layer: TCP Server, TCP Client, UDP, UDP Broadcast.
  - > "TCP Server" requires a client to establish the connection to the BFU software.
  - > With "TCP Client", the address specified is that of the server which sends or receives data. The BFU software will establish the connection to the server.
  - > With "UDP", the address specified is that of the terminal which sends or receives data. The specific terminal will need to send or listen to data from the BFU software.
  - > With "UDP Broadcast", the address specified is a broadcast address limited to the subnet mask. For example, if the subnet mask is 255.255.0.0 and the system IP is 192.168.16.9, the broadcast address will be 192.168.255.255. All connected terminals will be able to receive the same data simultaneously by opening the same port to listen to data.
- **IP**: IP address of the target (only used in UDP and TCP client)
- Port: port socket number
  - > You can select any 4-digit number above 1024 as the port number.

### **Important**

To prevent conflicts with other systems or applications, it is important that no identical numbers are used and that reserved ports are not used.



You can manage Misalignments:

- Heading misalignment (-180° / +180°) is the angle between the vessel longitudinal axis and the heading sensor reference.
- When sensor information is not time-stamped, Latency misalignment is a positive value used to estimate the exact timing of the information received.

Inputs Attitude tab lets you select a port:



If internal port: nothing to do.

If **external** port (Input A, B, C, D), fill in the menu which opens (similar as Heading) and choose a **protocol** among:

- \$PFEC,GPatt
- \$PIXSE,ATTITUD
- TSS1

Inputs Heave tab lets you select a port:



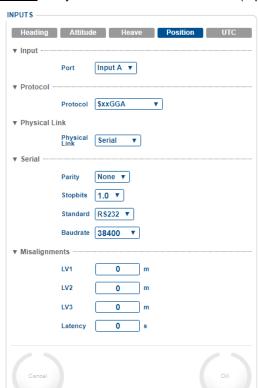
If INTERNAL port: nothing to do.

If **EXTERNAL** port (Input A, B, C, D), fill in the menu which opens (similar as Heading) and choose a **protocol** among:

- \$PFEC,GPhve
- \$PIXSE,HEAVE\_
- \$xxLIN
- TSS1
- \$xxHEV

If port is **none**, the heave is considered as zero.



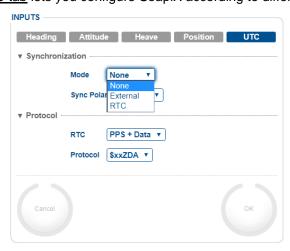


#### Inputs Position tab lets you set different connections (Input A, B, C, D):

### Choose a protocol among:

- \$xxGGA
- \$xxRMC
- \$PIXSE,POSITI

Inputs UTC tab lets you configure SeapiX according to different modes:

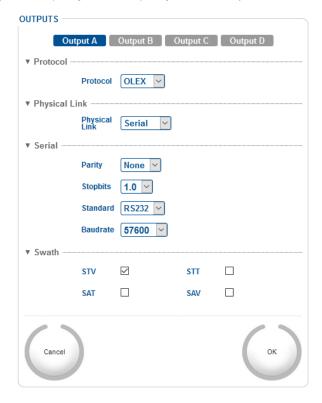


- If **None**: SeapiX is the master and there is no synchronization of its internal clock.
- If **External**: SeapiX is a slave and cannot ping unless it receives a TTL signal.
- If RTC: SeapiX is the master and it sets its internal clock through PPS and timeframe (only \$xxZDA protocol is available). Better use it for all applications needing precision bathy.



# 6.3 Setting the Outputs

The output tabs (**Output A** to **D**) let you edit the protocols associated to each one:



The outputs available as a stream from SeapiX are:

- OLEX: protocol read by OLEX software, system for navigation and charting developed by the norwegian company OLEX AS
- DELPH: XTF protocol read by DELPH software



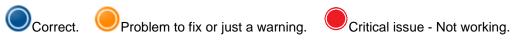
**Caution**: If the port you choose has been already configured as an INPUT, there could be a compatibility issue.

If this happens, choose another output.

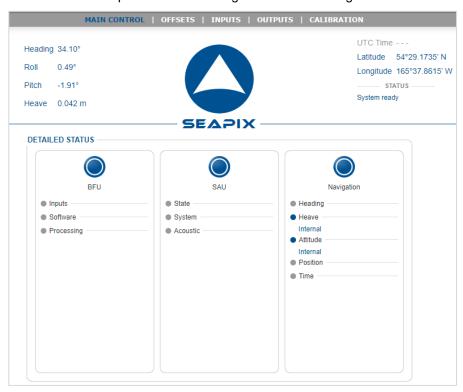


# 6.4 Checking Status through Main Controls

Once all settings have been done, click **MAIN CONTROL** to check the BFU, SAU and navigation status:



Below are examples without warnings then with warnings:





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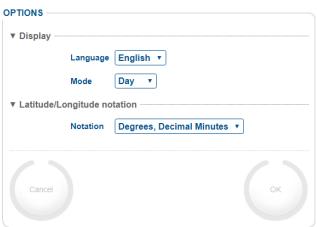
# 6.5 Software Version & Units

To the right side of the top menu, Maintenance | Options let you:

<u>When clicking Maintenance</u>, you can check the software version, reset the calibration, or check the temperature and high voltage hardware status:



<u>When clicking **Options**</u>, you can change different basic parameters (language, day/night mode, latitude/longitude notation):



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# **7** Shutdown Procedure

If you need to shutdown SeapiX system, follow the step-by-step shutdown process described below:

### Step Action

- 1. Stop pinging (pressing Start button in SeapiX Software, on the VPU)
- 2. Shut down the BFU (press the push-button)



Note: At that stage, the ITU & SAU should be shut down too.

- 3. Check that the ITU is not powering the SAU (the blue LED is off).
- 4. If any long stop (dry dock, ...) or maintenance operation, switch off the ITU



- 5. Close SeapiX program.
- 6. Shut down the VPU.



# **8** Software Upgrades

SeapiX software is continuously improved with bug fixes and new features development. To make sure you are running the latest software version, visit our Downloads section on iXblue web site then click **Downloads** button:



#### Each release usually consists in:

- An Upgrade Note to explain how to upgrade your SeapiX. Please note that the procedures might change depending on which version you are currently running.
- A VPU Software Setup File to update the VPU software.
- A BFU Software installation File to update the BFU software.

Download the software upgrade pack then follow the process.



# 9 Preventive Maintenance

The tables below summarize when and how the different items of the SeapiX system shall be maintained – with typical values.

### **Important**

Please note that harsh environmental conditions can increase the maintenance tasks and shorten the periodicity.



**Caution**: Always perform the maintenance tasks requested. Otherwise, it could impact the SeapiX operation as well as its warranty.

### **SAU ANTENNA CLEANING**

Place	Periodicity	Time needed	Maintenance task
Dry dock	Every year	2 hours needed	Clean the SAU front face using vinegar-type liquid and a scraper: remove seaweeds, shells,  Caution  While scraping the stainless-steel part, be careful when approaching the cross - clean it carefully as the black rubber part is fragile.

### **ANODES**

Place	Periodicity	Time needed	Maintenance task
Dry dock or Underwater	Every 6 months	5 mn to check, 2 hours to change	<ul> <li>Inspect the anodes and change them if necessary</li> <li>Check the witness anode on the SAU front face:</li> <li>if its integrity is &gt; 30%: no action.</li> <li>if it is worn out (integrity ≤ 30%), change the witness anode then change the anode located on the rear side of the SAU:</li> <li>&gt; Take new anodes from the spare parts.  [witness anode]  [main anode]</li> <li>&gt; Unscrew each anode.</li> <li>&gt; Replace it by a new one.</li> <li>&gt; Screw it again.</li> </ul>



## **ANTIFOULING**

Place	Periodicity	Time needed	Maintenance task
Place Dry dock	At commissioning then at every dry docking	Time needed	<ul> <li>Maintenance task</li> <li>Apply antifouling Gummipaint A/F 6435</li> <li>(.153 white, or .714 grey, or .708 black).</li> <li>Degrease the SAU surface to be treated with an appropriate solvent or detergent (e.g. Detersil™); if necessary, sand down using abrasive paper P150-180 (or G150), apply primer on all the surface then blow with fresh and dry air.</li> <li>Mix the antifouling for a few minutes to have a complete homogeneity.</li> <li>Apply the antifouling (4 coats recommended, at least 8h. overcoating interval) by:</li> <li>&gt; Brush. Dilute it with Thinner 6380 up to 5-10% in volume. Brush it by making horizontal strokes with a uniform and constant thickness.</li> <li>&gt; Spray. Dilute it with Thinner 6380 between 20-30% in volume. Spray it.</li> </ul>
			Wait at least 24 hours before launching the SAU.



## SAU ANTENNA AND TRANSDUCER CABLE

Place	Periodicity	Time needed	Maintenance task
Dry dock or Underwater	Every time the transducer cable is disconnected from the SAU		If SAU maintenance operation with transducer cable disconnection:  • Grease the connectors with Molykote 44 Medium (or Novagard Versilube G624) before mating.  A layer of grease corresponding to approximately 1/3 of the socket depth should be applied to the female connector.  All sockets should be completely sealed, and a transparent layer of grease left visible on the connector face.  • After greasing, fully mate the male and female connectors and remove any excess grease from the connector joint.

## <u>ITU</u>

Place	Periodicity	Time needed	Maintenance task	
Aboard the	Every 3	10 min.	Clean the filter on the ITU front face:	
vessel, in a	months		unclip and remove the filter cover.	
dedicated sonar room or in a technical room			undip and remove the litter cover.	
			Remove the filter and dust it with a brush.	
			Clip the cover.	
		5 min.	Check the control-command DE-9 connection on the	
			ITU rear face: tighten the screws if loosened.	



# <u>BFU</u>

Place	Periodicity	Time needed	Maintenance task	
Aboard the vessel, on the bridge	Every 3 months	10 min.	<ul> <li>Clean the filter on the BFU front face:</li> <li>unclip and slide the filter cover.</li> <li>Remove the filter and dust it with a brush.</li> <li>Slide and clip the cover.</li> </ul>	
		5 min.	Check the control-command DE-9 connection on the ITU rear face: tighten it if loose screws.	

## <u>VPU</u>

Place	Periodicity	Time needed	Maintenance task
Aboard the	Every 3	5 min.	Clean the VPU front face with a soft cloth.
vessel,on the months bridge	months	5 min.	Check the connections on the VPU rear face.



# 10 Troubleshooting

If you encounter a problem when using SeapiX, please refer to the following table:

Problem	Possible cause	Solution
SeapiX Software does not start correctly.	The SeapiX VPU dongle is not connected.	<ol> <li>Connect the SeapiX VPU dongle. It may take a few minutes for the driver to install.</li> <li>If it still doesn't work, try another USB port.</li> </ol>
	The license files are not correctly set.	If you updated your software recently, check that you have copied the license files in the new software installation folder.
SeapiX Software <b>Start</b> button  is not available (appears	BFU-VPU connection problem:	From SeapiX menu, click Service Information item: No Connections lines show up.
in grey and is not clickable).	The Ethernet link between VPU and BFU is broken.	<ol> <li>Check that the BFU is powered.</li> <li>Check that the BFU LAN board is connected to the VPU: it shall be blinking.</li> <li>Check that the Ethernet cable between VPU and BFU is connected.</li> <li>Reset the BFU.</li> </ol>
	The BFU system has encountered a fatal error.	<ol> <li>Reset the BFU.</li> <li>If it is still not working, connect a screen at the rear of the BFU for error and status monitoring.</li> </ol>



Problem	Possible cause	Solution
	Problem other than BFU-VPU connection:	From SeapiX menu, click Service Information item: no No Connections lines show up.
	The Ethernet link between BFU and SAU is broken.	Check that the ITU is     powered and that the blue     LED is ON.
		Check the Ethernet cable between ITU and BFU.
		Check the transducer     cable connection into the ITU.
		4. Reset the BFU.
	The SAU does not start	Check that the ITU is     powered and that the blue     LED is ON.
		2. Check that the current meter is showing a consuming device. If any doubt, restart the ITU – you shall see a 10A peak consumption a few seconds after startup.
SeapiX Software <b>Start</b> button is blue but SeapiX is not pinging.	SeapiX is set in slave mode and does not receive TTL signal.	If slave mode is expected,     check the signal entering     the ITU.
		<ol> <li>If slave mode is not desired, go to SeapiX         Configuration: check the status on Main Control window, then edit the inputs in question.</li> </ol>



Problem	Possible cause	Solution
The ITU (blue) LED does not light up.	The ITU main switch is off.	Turn on the ITU main switch:
	The BFU is off.	Power on the BFU.
	The control-command cable is not correctly plugged in or wired. This can be tested by switching on the ITU MAINTENANCE ONLY button:  If the ITU (blue) LED lights up, the problem is related to the control-command link.	If the control-command cable is new and has never been tested, check its pinout.  If the cable was working before, check its ITU and BFU connections and check its integrity: you should get a +12VDC voltage between pin 9 and pin 1.
	The ITU internal AC/DC power supply is faulty.	Contact iXblue Support.
The Echogram is not showing progression.	The Echogram is set in History mode.	Click the <b>History</b> button (it shall be unselected for the echogram to be in real time configuration).
	The selected swath is not pinging.	Open swaths view and activate the swath or change echogram source.
The Bathymetry map is not generated.	The Range setting is not sufficient.	Increase the swath range.
	The Pulse Power setting is too low.	Increase the swath pulse power.
	The selected Bathymetry swaths sources are not pinging.	Check the bathymetry sources in Seapix > Settings > Sources
	The system is in degraded mode - as can be seen on display:	Refer to <u>SeapiX Configuration</u> :  1. Check the status on <b>Main</b> Control window.



Problem	Possible cause	Solution
	Swetts View SV   100.0 dB  0.0 dB	2. Edit the inputs in question.
	The Bathymetry display is set to OFF.	Click the BATHY button.
	The Acquisition is not selected.	Click the ACQUISITION button.
	The map is not well centered.	Click the own ship button.
	Bathymetry data from SeapiX is not selected.	Check <b>SeapiX</b> box from <b>Bathy&gt;Bathy Data</b> menu.
	The seabed is too deep.	Verify that the expected depth is not out of SeapiX specifications.
No biomass data is shown.	Biomass data is not selected.	Click the BIOMASS button.
	The selected Biomass swaths sources are not pinging.	Check the sources of biomass in Seapix > Settings > Source
	The 2D chart is not displaying in the biomass data location.	Center or zoom out the 2D view in order to display the Biomass location.
	The filters are not set correctly.	Check the applied filters in the distribution window accessible by clicking (TS/SV range, layers depths)



If you cannot solve the problem, please contact either your SeapiX retailer/dealer or IXblue support – Preferably through TeamViewer (see <u>Support through TeamViewer</u>).



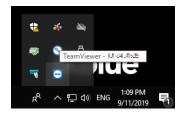
# 11 Support through TeamViewer

iXblue Support is available through **TeamViewer**. Free of charge, this service has been installed on your SeapiX VPU. Your ID and password have been recorded by iXblue Support.

# 11.1 Using TeamViewer

if you need iXblue support, you can directly use **TeamViewer** interface and follow the process:

1. From Windows® desktop on the VPU, go to the notification area and click the **TeamViewer** icon:



2. The Host interface opens:



As you can see, your ID and password (blurred here for confidentiality reasons) automatically show up.

Have a look at the lower part of the window:

If Ready to connect (secure connection) shows up, as in the example above, click **Help me**.

If Not ready. Please check your connection shows up, it means that no internet connection is available: you will have to fix it. When it is ready, click **Help me**.



3. The Get help window opens:



After entering your name (blurred here for confidentiality reasons), fill in the **Description** field as follows:

- Vessel's name / TeamViewer ID
- Email address / Telephone number
- Description of the problem.

Then click Request support.

### **Important**

At step 3, fill in the **Description** field completely to ensure you will be contacted soon by iXblue support team.



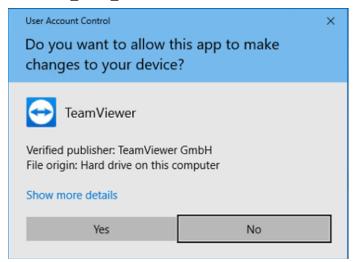
# 11.2 Reinstalling TeamViewer

If needed, TeamViewer can be reinstalled through the following network link:

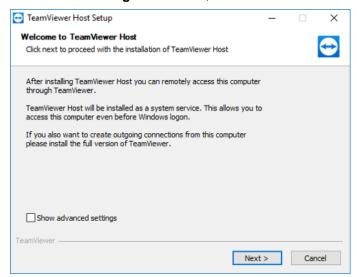
https://get.teamviewer.com/seapix.

You will have to follow the process described below.

- 1. Connect [USB 1] into the VPU.
- 2. In the C:\IXBLUE\SeapiX\ folder, copy the TeamViewer\_Host\_Setup.exe file from [USB 1]
- 3. Run the TeamViewer Host Setup.exe file, then click Yes.

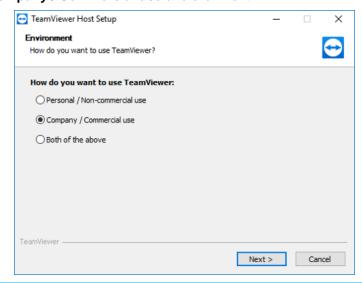


4. Leave Show advanced settings unchecked, then click Next:

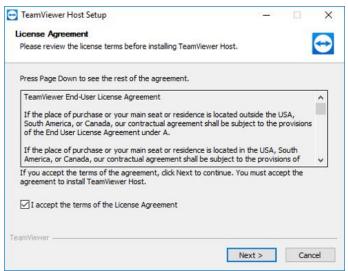




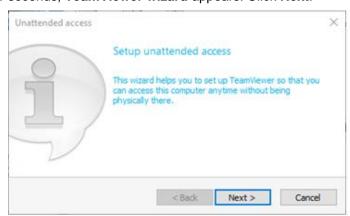
5. Select Company / Commercial use and click Next:



6. Check I accept the terms of the Licence Agreement and click Next:



7. After a few seconds, **TeamViewer wizard** appears. Click **Next**:

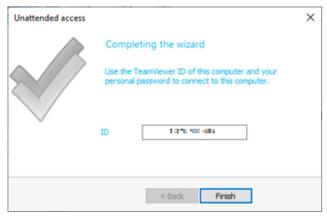




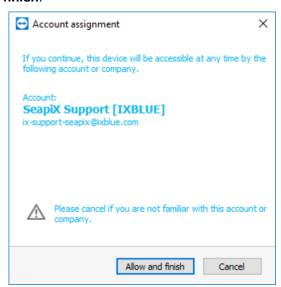
8. Fill in the fields: Computer name with the vessel name, and Password / Confirm password with ixblue; then click Next:



9. The vessel ID (blurred here for confidentiality reasons) is displayed. Click **Finish**:



10. Click Allow and finish:





11. Main **TeamViewer** host window appears. Click **OK**:



12. A pop-up informs you that **TeamViewer** is still running: click this message to disable it in the future:





Next time the VPU is switched off then on, the following window will open:



Check the Don't show this dialog again box then click OK.

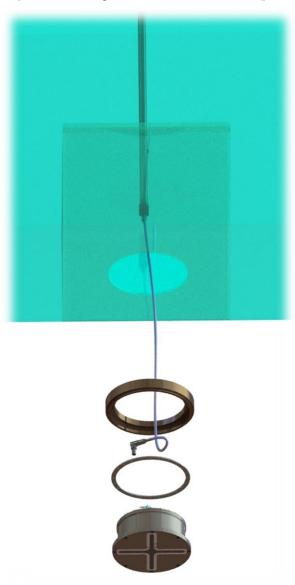
Once TeamViewer has been reinstalled, go to Using TeamViewer.



# **Appendices**

# **A** MECHANICAL AND ELECTRICAL DRAWINGS

Here is an exploded drawing of a hull-mounted SAU (permanent installation):



Item	Drawing nb	Reference
SAU Interface Control	<u>PLA12021 AA</u>	MDI08307
Cable Gland	PLA05712 AA	MDI05698
Cable Gland Assembly	PLA06149 AA	SME00573
Mounting Flange	<u>PLA10550 AA</u>	MDI07607
Transducer Cable	<u>00162207-A</u>	SCA00162206-A
SAU Ring (interface plate)	<u>PLA02649-AD</u>	MDI04776
SeapiX Antenna Unit (SAU)	PLA02664 AG	SMI01628

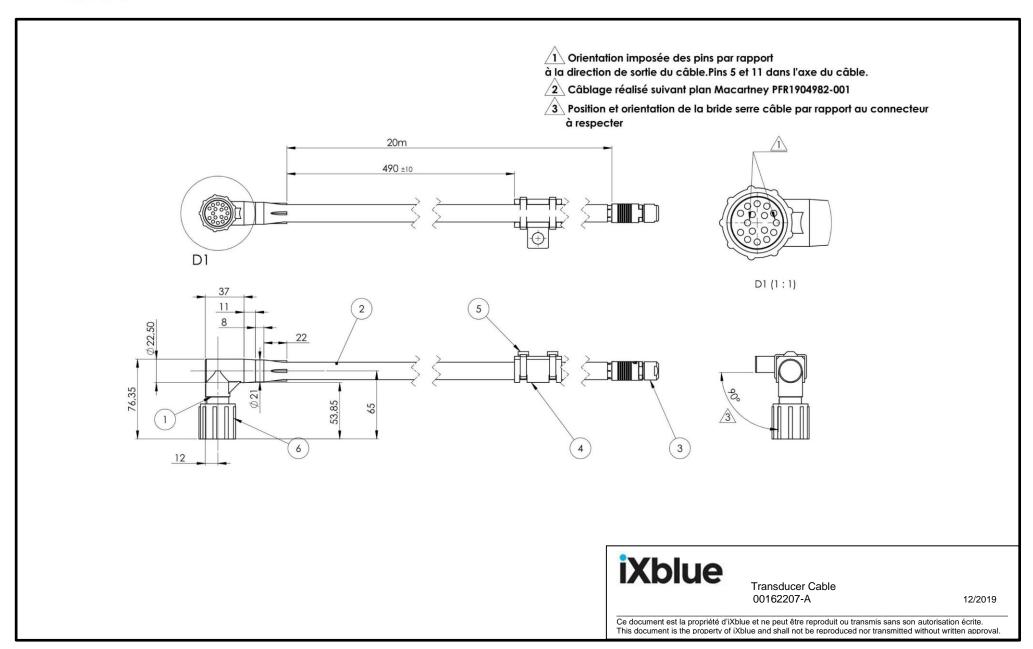


Here is an exploded drawing of a **pole-mounted SAU** (provisional installation):

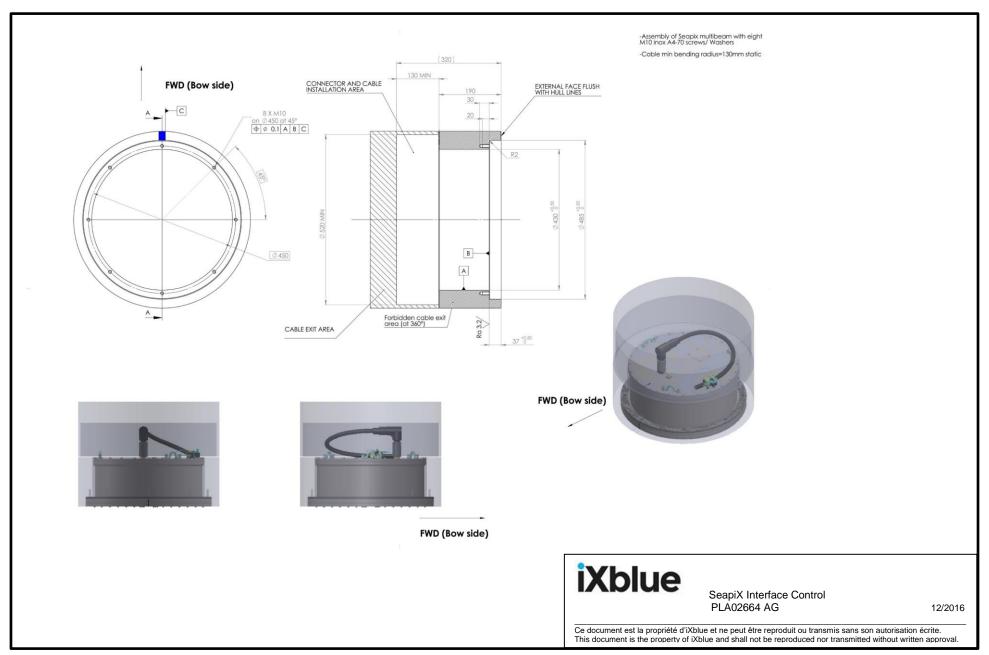


Item	Drawing nb	Reference
Pole	Not provided	
Transducer Cable	<u>00162207-A</u>	SCA00162206-A
Interface	Not provided	
(optional) Bracket	-	-
Light-weight SeapiX Antenna Unit (SAU)	PLA14711-AA	SMI04796

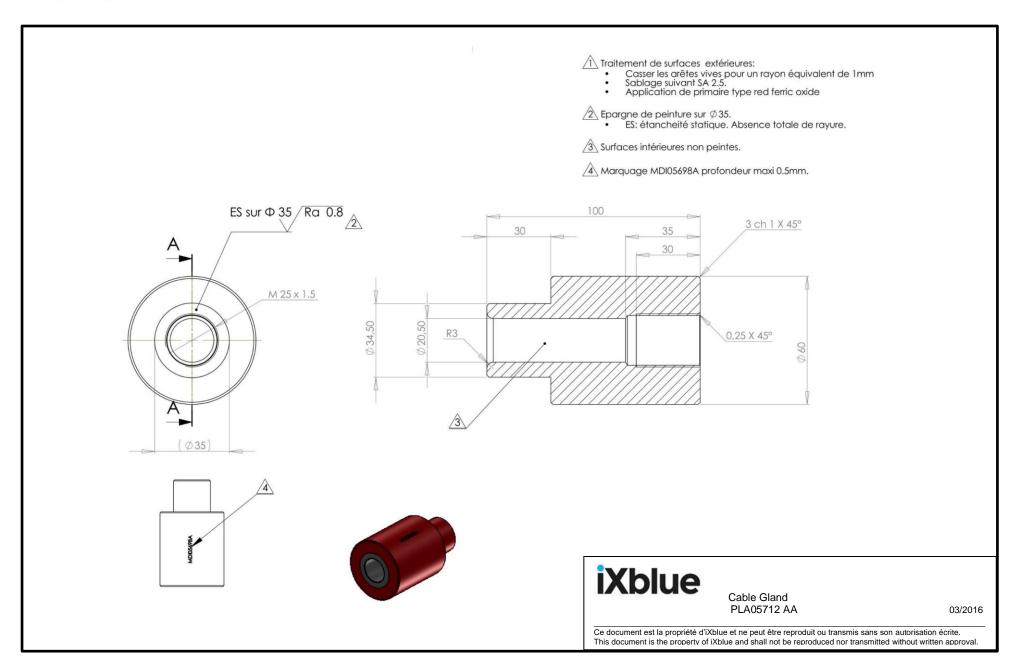




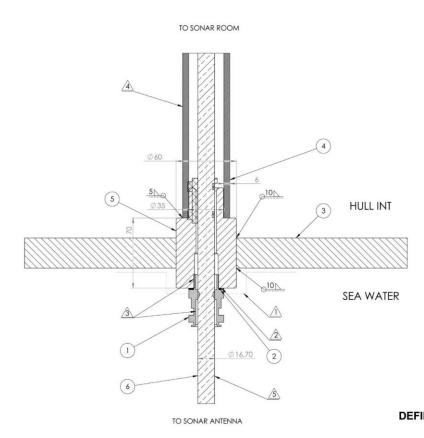












1\ Surface treatment after welding:

- Sand blast the part to SA 2.5.
- Protect part with one coat of red ferric oxide primer.
  Cover the seal landing during the surface treatment.

2 Before cable gland assembly:

- Clean and inspect carefully the seal landing area. It must be free from any stripes, dust or paint.
  Check the seal condition.

3 Cable gland installation according to CAPRI ADE1-F2 requirements.

4 Sonar room extremity of the inner pipe must extend over the waterline

5 Wire arrangement not shown. Refere to manufacturer data sheet for details

#### WARNING:

CABLE GLAND HULL ASSEMBLY PRINCIPLE.

DEFINITIVE INSTALLATION IS NOT IN ANYWAY UNDER IXBLUE RESPONSIBILITY, AND MUST BE VALIDATED BY CERTIFIED SURVEYOR ACCORDING TO LOCAL SHIP APPLICABLE RULES

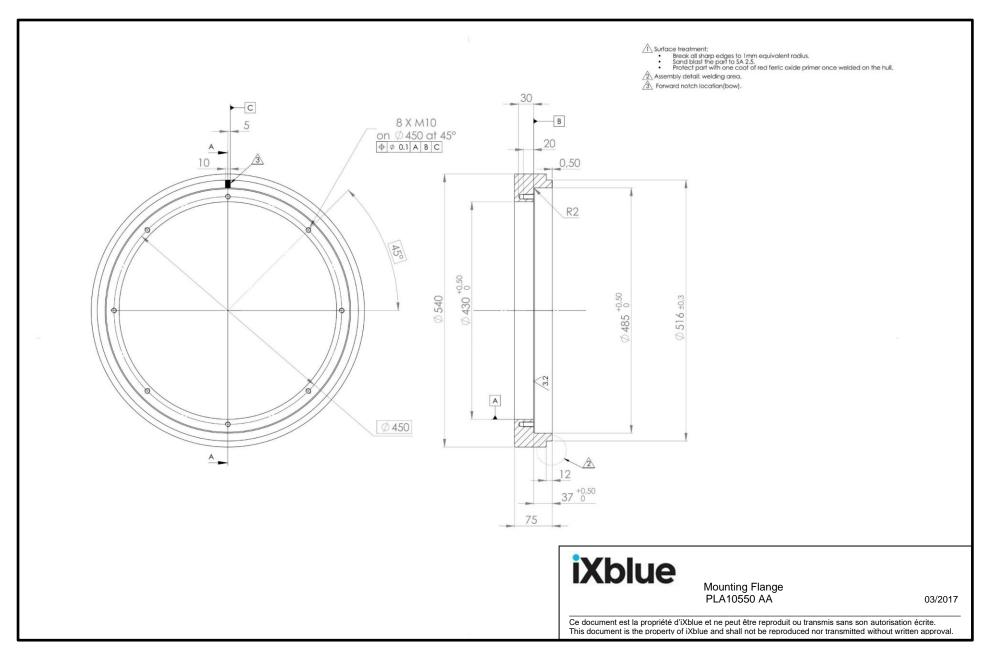


Cable gland assembly PLA06149 AA

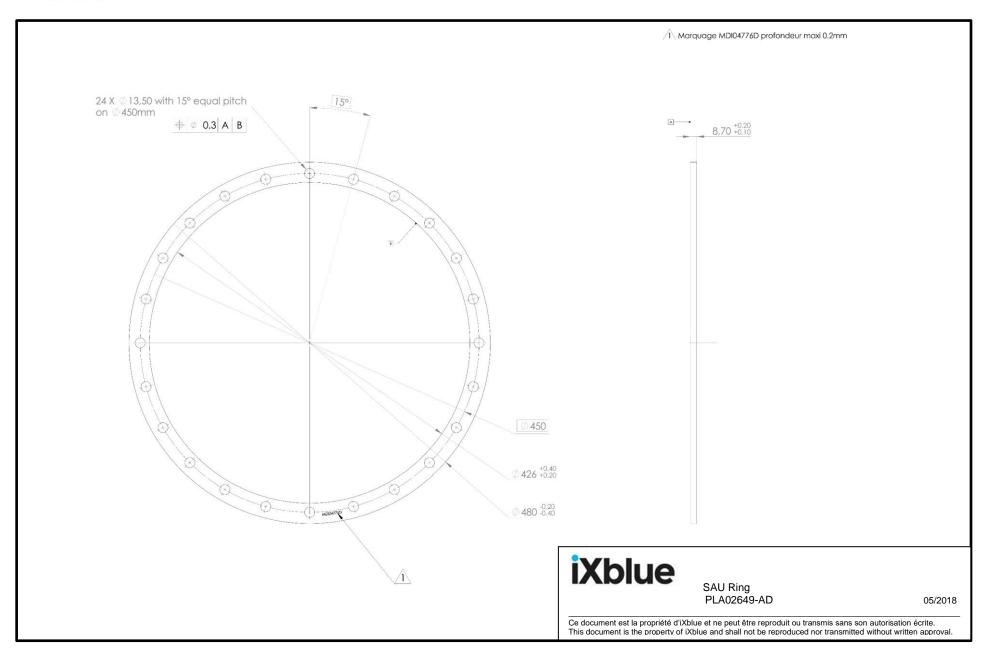
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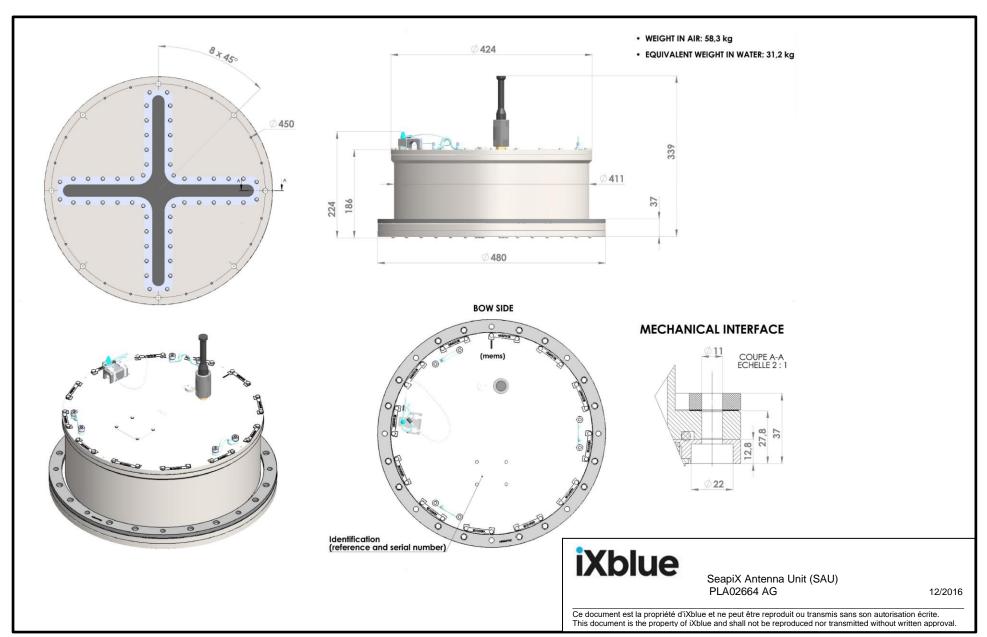
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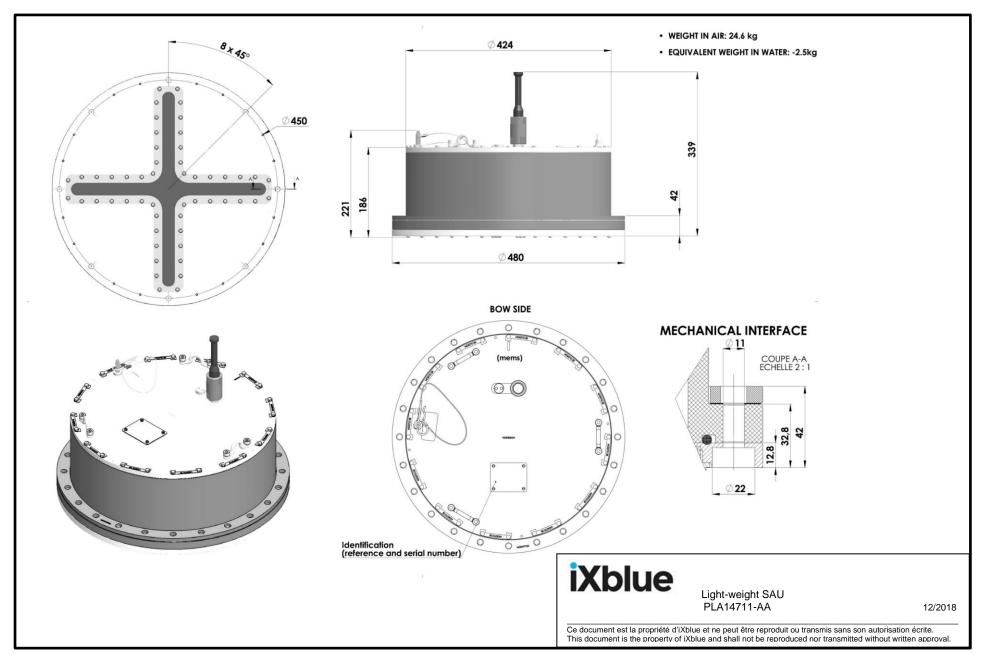














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