



ADCP OS150 Issue

> Situation:

- Discovery of problems on ADCP OS150 on board Atalante April 2011, confirm in July 2011.
- New installation of ADCP on board Thalassa in July 2011. ADCP OS150 doesn't follow furnisher specifications at sea trials on august 2011.







> Detail of issue

After sea trials on board Atalante in July 2011 and Thalassa in August 2011 (after installation of new ADCPs), we noted that:

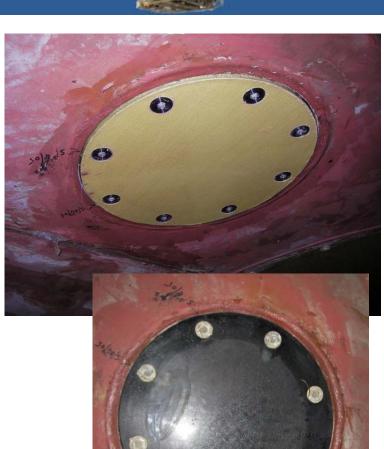
 \Rightarrow difference between speed GPS and bottom track

⇒ sound range too short

 \Rightarrow first speed current layers proportional to vessel speed

➤ Idea: issue of ADCP OS150 acoustic windows

Is it only an acoustic windows issue or is it more complex?







➤ Investigation – sept/oct 2011

Tests in acoustic tank of several acoustic windows.

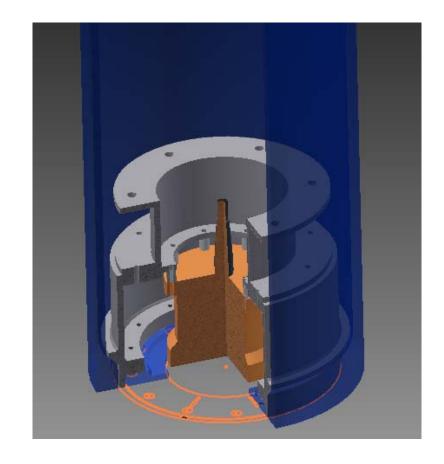
We tested different materials and several thickness.

⇒ choose material to test at sea

> Sea trials - oct 2011

First trials of ADCP OS150 with 2 new acoustic windows on TVO, on board Thalassa.

⇒ results are better than in August. Need to continue in this way.







> Sea trials - fev 2012

We plan to do more trials next February on TVO, on board Pourquoi pas?.

Objective of these new sea trials:

- ⇒ Find the right couple material/thickness for our acoustic windows
- ⇒ Be sure that it's only a problem of acoustic windows and nothing else

