

WET Labs manufactures a line of optical tools for determination of bio-optical and physical parameters within natural waters. These instruments are designed as a modular suite of sensors with special features for specific application support. The *Environmental Characterization Optics (ECO)* series incorporates a common set of options with a single basic design to make the sensors ideal for a wide variety of deployments. Features include:

- Compact size
- Integrated self-logging
- Configurable output
- High precision and stability
- Optional integrated anti-fouling

WET Labs, Inc. produces a single-angle sensor for determination of optical backscattering. Based upon recent work by Drs. Emmanuel Boss and Scott Pegau of Oregon State University*, the ECO BB measures scattering at 117 degrees. This angle was determined as a minimum convergence point for variations in the volume scattering function (VSF) induced by suspended materials and water itself. As a result, the signal measured by this meter is less determined by the type and size of the materials in the water, and is more directly correlated to the concentration of the materials. Conversely, the meter provides unparalleled accuracy, for any single-angle measurement, in determining the optical backscattering coefficient—an important parameter for remote sensing and in-water bio-optical applications.



New!

**Now available
with turbidity
(NTU) calibration!**

*E. Boss and W. S. Pegau, "Relationship of light scattering at an angle in the backward direction to the backscattering coefficient," *Applied Optics*. **40**(30):5503–5507 (2001).

Specifications

ECO BB(RT)—Provides analog or RS-232 serial output with 4,000-count range. This unit provides continuous operation when power is supplied.

ECO BB(RT)D—Provides the capabilities of the BB(RT) with 6,000-meter depth rating.

ECO BB—(Standard configuration) Provides the capabilities of the BB(RT) with periodic sampling.

ECO BBB—Provides the capabilities of the BB with internal batteries for autonomous operation.

ECO BBS—Provides the capabilities of the BB with an integrated anti-fouling *Bio-wiper™*.

ECO BBSB—Provides the capabilities of the BBS with internal batteries for autonomous operation.

Mechanical

<i>Diameter</i>	6.3 cm (std)
<i>Length</i>	12.7 cm (std)
<i>Length</i>	25.6 cm (deep)
<i>Weight in air</i>	0.4 kg (std)
<i>Weight in air</i>	1.3 kg deep
<i>Weight in water</i>	0.02 kg (std)
<i>Weight in water</i>	0.75 kg (deep)
<i>Pressure housing</i>	Acetal copolymer (std)
<i>Pressure housing</i>	Titanium (deep)

Optical

<i>Wavelength</i>	470, 532, 660 nm
<i>Sensitivity, 470</i>	$1.2 \times 10^{-5} \text{ m}^{-1} \text{ sr}^{-1}$
<i>Sensitivity, 532</i>	$7.7 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^{-1} \text{ sr}^{-1}$
<i>Sensitivity, 650</i>	$3.8 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^{-1} \text{ sr}^{-1}$
<i>Range, typical</i>	$\sim 0.0024\text{--}5 \text{ m}^{-1}$
<i>Linearity</i>	99% R ²

Electrical

<i>Digital output resolution</i>	12 bit
<i>RS-232 output</i>	19200 baud
<i>Analog output signal</i>	0–5 V
<i>Internal data logging</i>	optional
<i>Internal batteries</i>	optional
<i>Connector</i>	MCBH6M
<i>Input</i>	7–15 VDC
<i>Current, typical</i>	80 mA
<i>Current, sleep</i>	85 μ A
<i>Data memory</i>	65,000 samples
<i>Sample rate</i>	to 8 Hz
<i>Anti-fouling Bio-wiper™</i>	optional
<i>Bio-wiper™ cycle</i>	140 mA

Environmental

<i>Temperature range</i>	0–30 deg C
<i>Depth rating</i>	600 m (std)
<i>Depth rating</i>	6000 m (deep)
<i>Pressure/temperature sensor</i>	optional

Specifications subject to change without notice.

ECO BB

Specifications Sheet

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Revision History

Revision	Date	Revision Description	Originator
A	11/02/01	New Spec Sheet (DCR 158)	C. Moore
B	11/16/01	Correct reference to shuttered unit (DCR 163)	H. Van Zee
C	11/28/01	Add ABB Deep unit (DCR 165)	J. Kitchen
D	03/13/02	Add DMSB unit (DCR 200)	H. Van Zee
E	04/10/02	Correct logging and output specs (DCR208)	J. Kitchen
F	05/01/02	Change references from SM to BB (DCR 219)	H. Van Zee
G	07/08/02	Add internal battery option to spec table (DCR 228)	H. Van Zee
H	10/15/02	Update specifications (DCR 248)	H. Van Zee
I	11/12/02	Add analog capabilities to (RT) model (DCR 254)	I. Walsh
J	02/24/03	Change "shutter" to "bio-wiper™" (DCR 280)	H. Van Zee
K	03/10/03	Correct BBD to BB(RT)D (DCR 287)	A. Derr
K1	9/10/03	Update specifications	H. Van Zee
L	11/24/03	Finalize updated specifications (DCR 338)	H. Van Zee
L1	6/16/04	Update specifications	H. Van Zee, I. Walsh
M	6/29/04	Updates approved (DCR 400)	H. Van Zee, I. Walsh
N	2/8/05	Add turbidity calibration option (DCR 450)	H. Van Zee, I. Walsh
O	9/26/06	Update photo to show copper faceplate, update specifications (DCR 507)	M. Johnson, H. Van Zee
--	2/12/09	Update format	H. Van Zee
P	1/5/10	Change LED from 660 to 650 (DCR 685)	M. Johnson, H. Van Zee